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Zhenyang Zhang and Lifeng Ye, the brother and mom of Yingying Zhang, hold hands at the Peoria federal courthouse.

Attorney admits client killed Chinese scholar

Admission made as trial in which accused could face death begins

BY JAMIE MUNKS
Chicago Tribune

PEORIA — Before a word of testimony was heard, any questions about Brendt Christensen's guilt in the abduction and murder of a Chinese scholar at the University of Illinois were answered.

"Brendt Christensen is responsible for the death of

Yingying Zhang," defense attorney George Taseff said Wednesday in his opening statement to jurors in a Peoria federal courtroom. "Brendt Christensen killed Yingying Zhang, and nothing we say or do during this phase of the trial is intended to sidestep or deny that Brendt Christensen was responsible for the death of Yingying Zhang."

Christensen, 29, faces the death penalty if he's convicted of abducting and murdering Zhang, a visiting researcher at the university's Urbana-Champaign campus. Taseff told the jury that Christensen "is on trial for his life in this case," indicating his efforts will focus on sentencing.

If Christensen is found guilty in Zhang's 2017 disappearance, a second



Christensen

phase will begin and the same jury will be asked to decide on the death penalty. Capital punishment was abolished in Illinois state courts in 2011 but remains an option in federal court.

In their opening statement, prosecutors alleged that Christensen was captured on tape bragging that Zhang was his 13th victim,

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Abortion now a 'fundamental right' in Illinois

Pritzker signs into law sweeping protections for women, doctors

BY LOLLY BOWEAN
Chicago Tribune

Surrounded by dozens of female lawmakers, women's rights organizers and reproductive health activists, Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Wednesday signed into law sweeping abortion rights legislation that establishes the procedure as a "fundamental right" for women in Illinois.

"In a time when too many states across the nation are taking a step backward, Illinois is taking a giant step forward for women's health," Pritzker said in remarks at the Chicago Cultural Center before signing the bill. "Today, we proudly proclaim that in this state, we trust women."

Entitled the Reproduc-

tive Health Act, the law repeals the Illinois Abortion Law of 1975. It eliminates felony penalties for doctors that perform abortions, removes waiting periods and removes the requirement that a married woman get consent from her husband.

The bill establishes the "fundamental right" of a woman to have an abortion and states that a "fertilized egg, embryo or fetus does not have independent rights." The law also requires that the cost of an abortion be treated like any other medical procedure for insurance purposes.

Illinois lawmakers approved the legislation in the recently ended spring

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Disbarment urged for lawyer's conduct

'Astonishing amount of harm' done, says panel

BY TODD LIGHTY
Chicago Tribune

A prominent Chicago lawyer should lose his law license for engaging in a "calculated scheme" of misconduct centered on the yearslong legal battle of a 7-year-old girl who watched her mother get run over by a Greyhound bus, a state panel has concluded.

The Illinois Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission panel suggested the somewhat rare action be taken against veteran lawyer

David Novoselsky for causing an "astonishing amount of harm" to clients and opposing lawyers as he tried to take over the Greyhound case "to reap large fees for himself."

For instance, Novoselsky agreed to settle the wrongful death bus lawsuit for millions of dollars less than it was actually worth, the panel said in a 79-page report.

The panel also found that Novoselsky made frivolous filings that had no purpose other than "to embarrass, delay and burden" individuals, engaged in misconduct and made false statements. As a result, lawyers in the case

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House oversight panel backs contempt vote

Committee OKs measure in census question dispute

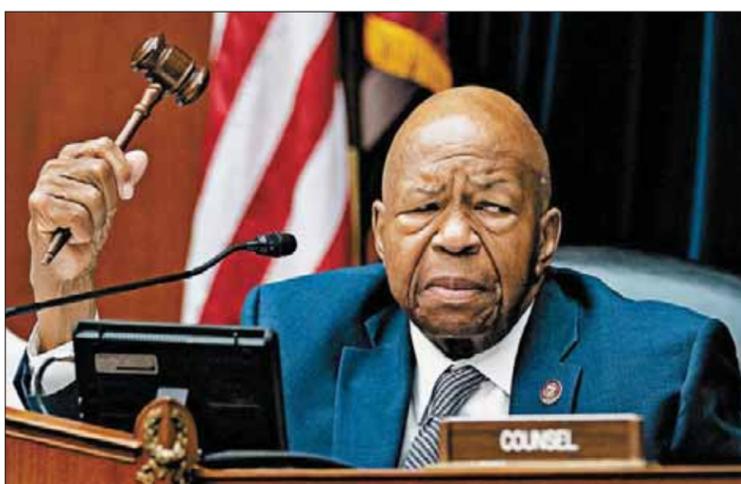
BY MATTHEW DALY
AND MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A House committee voted Wednesday to hold two top Trump administration officials in contempt of Congress for failing to comply with subpoenas for documents related to a decision adding a citi-

zenship question to the 2020 census.

The Democratic-controlled House Oversight Committee voted 24-15 to advance contempt measures against Attorney General William Barr and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross. Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan, who has said he supports an impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump, was the sole Republican to join with Democrats.

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Rep. Elijah Cummings said the vote was needed to assert Congress' authority.

Fairlife, Fair Oaks Farms owners hit with fraud lawsuit

The suit comes as an animal welfare nonprofit continues to release more videos from its undercover investigation. **Business**

Police fire tear gas at protesters in Hong Kong

The city fell into scenes of crackdowns and defiance over a bill that would allow extradition to China. **Nation & World**, Page 10



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JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker signs the Reproductive Health Act into law at the Chicago Cultural Center on Wednesday.



JOHN KASS

Pritzker cheered as he signs abortion bill, but at what cost?

Desperate politicians are apt to do desperate things, and the other day, Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's desperation led her to something truly remarkable:

She spoke the truth of how Democrats view those who oppose abortion. If you oppose abortion, then you're equivalent to a racist, Gillibrand said. Other Democrats didn't denounce her. Her bigotry was met with silence. And silence is consent.

"I think there's some issues that have such moral clarity that we have as a society decided that the other side is not acceptable," Gillibrand said, the presidential candidate from New York, told the Des Moines Register the other day.

"Imagine saying that it's OK to appoint a judge who's racist or anti-Semitic or homophobic," she continued. "Telling — asking someone to appoint someone who takes away basic human rights of any group of people in America, I don't think that those are political issues anymore."

In her world, babies don't have rights. Even thinking of them as human would get in the way of politics that grant power to those who would end their lives.

The high priests of culture — in media and entertainment — are in lockstep with her. And the secular dogma speaks loudly within them.

It says that religious faith is in the way of power over life, and therefore such faith must be marginalized, condemned and viewed as sinister, as something deplorable, like racism.

"There is no moral equivalency when you come to racism," she said, "and I do not believe there is a moral equivalency when it comes to changing laws that deny women reproductive freedom."

This isn't mere biology we're talking about. It's power politics. The power to commit violence upon babies in the womb.

And by babies I don't mean "a collection of cells" or some other euphemism, like "fetus."

Gillibrand has the decency to speak

in unvarnished terms, so let's establish what lives we're talking about here: the lives of the unborn.

There is a great and profound confusion in our culture when it comes to babies. Just recently, in Chicago, there was that infant abandoned on a garbage can lid and saved by paramedics. And that scene in the hospital emergency room of cops and paramedics cheering the baby as he struggled to survive and begging the boy, loudly, to live.

He lived. And a story of the mother caught in the crossfire of a street gang shooting, the woman holding her baby out and away from the shooters. The baby survived. The mother didn't.

And then there was that other horrific account, about the infant cut out from its 19-year old mother, allegedly by two women intent on stealing a child.

The mother was killed. The two women have been charged with her murder. The baby, Yovani Lopez, is still fighting for life.

When we hear such stories in the news, we stop and marvel at life, and we worry about the infants. That's human of us. But we also hear something else, from state legislatures including Illinois': cheers and applause from politicians of the left, congratulating one another for the passage of bills allowing women to control their own bodies, with little if any mention about the consequence to the lives inside those women.

Some might object to Gillibrand's dehumanizing of Americans for the sin of believing that life is sacred. But she's done everyone a favor. She's spoken her truth, and loudly.

It certainly wasn't quiet in Illinois around Gov. J.B. Pritzker, surrounded by an enthusiastic throng of Democratic women congratulating him on signing what may be the most liberal abortion bill in the country.

There was much cheering and applause. He'd sign part of his name, hold up his pen and smile, his eyes twinkling, and there would be more

applause. He gave out his pens as souvenirs of a great victory.

It was a celebration. "There is a war against women," said state Rep. Kelly Cassidy, a Chicago Democrat who sponsored the bill. "A war on bodily autonomy, and our opponents are using hateful, untrue and outright misogynist rhetoric, which escalates daily and endangers women everywhere."

Under the legislation, gone is a provision for spousal consent or waiting periods. And soon, the next target will be to end parental notifications to parents of minor children, all but assuring an increase in abortions.

At least the language of the bill establishes who doesn't have rights and who doesn't. It says: "A fertilized egg, embryo or fetus does not have independent rights."

The one without rights is the baby in the womb, the baby with a heartbeat, the baby who is viable at around 20 weeks and even the baby carried through the third trimester to the moment of birth.

In the womb, they have no rights, but they can hear their fathers and mothers talking to them, reading to them, playing music for them as they wait to be born.

From the womb, they can hear politicians applauding and cheering and celebrating a great victory over them. And those who weep for them or try to protect them are condemned roundly as religious zealots and akin to racists.

I don't know how we reconcile the two, our desire to celebrate life and the celebration of the power to end it in the womb. I don't know how the future will judge us, but I suspect the future won't be kind.

There is nothing without cost.

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Less sex? Millennials are just doing it differently.



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Media outlets have spent the past few years warning us that millennials are killing sex (along with cars, the American Dream, mayonnaise and napkins), but another voice just joined the conversation to say, “Not so fast.”

That voice is Cosmopolitan, the magazine that became politically bold and culturally relevant when you weren't looking. A new article for the July issue, headlined, “The millennial sex recession is bull---,” offers a counterpoint to the young-people-aren't-having-sex narrative reported in The Atlantic, The Washington Post and The New York Times, among others.

Cosmo looked at the data behind the sex-recession stories and interviewed a handful of experts and a bunch of millennials. The result is an instructive read, offering a gentle reminder that every generation has its own way of living and relating, and data don't always tell the whole story.

“We millennials happen to know we're killing it in the bedroom (and in our cars, and in our showers, and on our couches),” writes Julie Vadnal, “and we want credit for it (we are millennials, after all).”

Data collected from the General Social Survey, which asks about everything from religion to wealth inequality to sex, found that 18- to 29-year-old respondents reported having sex an estimated 78.5 times per year from 2010-2014. That's a slight (very slight, in fact) dip from the 81.29 times per year that was reported between 1989 and 1994.

Couple that with the fact that from 1991 to 2017, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Youth Risk Behavior Survey found the percentage of high school students who'd had intercourse dropped from 54% to 40%, and the fact that teen pregnancy rates have been steadily declining since the '90s, and suddenly you have a whole lot of theorizing about young people and their inability and/or unwillingness to put down their dang



PETRI OESCHGER/GETTY

A Cosmopolitan article looks beyond the sex recession data and offers a gentle reminder that every generation has its own way of living and relating.

It's not that we're necessarily having less sexual contact overall, we're just having different kinds of sexual contact than have traditionally been measured.

— Justin Lehmler, Kinsey Institute researcher

phones, look each other in the eye and get it on.

Cosmo says the General Social Survey questions didn't specify what type of sex people were or were not having, leaving out a whole range of activities that may not fit a conventional script.

“Our definitions are expanding,” Kinsey Institute researcher

Justin Lehmler, tells Cosmo. “It's not that we're necessarily having less sexual contact overall, we're just having different kinds of sexual contact than have traditionally been measured.”

(I'll leave the specifics to your imagination. Or you can read the Cosmo article.) Biological anthropologist Helen Fisher told Cosmo the new data represent, to her, a rise in “sexual intelligence.”

Millennials are less likely to say yes to sex they don't want to have, thanks to shifting notions of gender roles and better understanding of consent. And, Cosmo reports, a 2016 Singles in America survey commissioned by Match.com, where Fisher is a scientific adviser, found that millennials are 40 times more likely than other generations to believe an emotional connection makes sex better.

“It's not like we're less horny,” Remy Kassimir, 29, told Cosmo. “We're not, like, robots. We're just being smarter about stuff and asking, ‘Is this going to be worth my time and emotion?’”

#MeToo has played a part in that rise in sexual intelligence, Cosmo maintains.

“When you think of all the stories we've heard since (the movement) exploded in 2017 about bad sex, coerced sex, harassment and rape,” the article states, “the idea that millennials are mostly having the sex we really want to have seems even less like a sad dry spell and more like mass empowerment.”

Amen to that. Kristie Overstreet, a psychotherapist and clinical sexologist who works with millennials, told the magazine, “I'm a Gen Xer, and back then, you didn't feel as empowered to say no.”

Ian Kerner, a sex counselor and author of “She Comes First,” told the magazine there's much to celebrate about millennials' approach to sex.

“This is a generation, more than any other generation, that can really fuse the relational with the recreational to create sex that feels intimate, emotional and connected, in which pleasure is

really front and center,” he said. Hard to see that as anything but good news.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she continues the conversation around her columns and hosts occasional live chats.

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Mayor Lori Lightfoot speaks to the media following a City Council meeting at City Hall in Chicago on Wednesday.

Mayor: 'No question' city will need more tax money

Says residents will need to pay more to plug shortfall

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Wednesday said there's "no question" residents will need to pay more in taxes or fees to plug a looming city budget shortfall estimated at more than \$700 million.

Lightfoot made the comment, without elaborating on specifics, after her second City Council meeting, when she was asked about a campaign promise to find budget cuts before seeking a property tax increase. The city's next budget will be presented in the fall.

"There's no question we're going to have to come to the taxpayers and ask for additional revenue. What that ask is, I think remains

an open question because we're still trying to get our arms around how big is the deficit for next year and what can we do to winnow it down," Lightfoot said. "But I think we've got to demonstrate to taxpayers in the city that we are taking a different approach to running city government much more efficiently."

Lightfoot took office last month facing a gaping budget hole in the next fiscal year, the first spending plan she'll have to propose and push through the City Council.

It had been expected that when Lightfoot took office and prepared her 2020 budget, she would have to come up with a combined \$528 million in tax increases and budget cuts. But last month, officials in former Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration said the shortfall would be worse because of

costs previously covered with expensive borrowing practices and the city's pension investments performed badly at the end of 2018 as the stock market took a dive.

Lightfoot has previously disputed the Emanuel administration's \$700 million estimate, saying, "It's worse than that," though her administration has not provided its own estimate.

By 2023, Lightfoot will need to come up with nearly \$1 billion in additional annual pension payments.

Lightfoot said her administration already has "started a running list of things we can do to save money and resources."

Lightfoot said the city needs to get "a handle on these settlements, judgments and attorneys' fees," referring to the high cost of lawsuits against the city, particularly police miscon-

duct cases that often result in multimillion-dollar payouts.

Lightfoot did not specify what sort of revenue she expects to raise — whether it would come in the form of new taxes, a property tax hike or increased fees. During the campaign, Lightfoot frequently said the city's fees in particular need to be re-evaluated to eliminate measures that are considered regressive, like red-light cameras that aren't there for safety reasons.

But referring to her campaign promise to seek cuts before asking taxpayers for more money, Lightfoot added, "I meant what I said on the course of the campaign: We have a lot of hard choices we're going to have to make regarding city finances."

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Lightfoot: Council must back reform

'It's a new day,' says new mayor as she pushes ethics plan

BY JOHN BYRNE,
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Chicago Tribune

Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Wednesday predicted pushback from aldermen on her proposal to allow the city watchdog to investigate City Council committees but said it's a new day in Chicago, and if they aren't doing anything wrong they shouldn't worry about the added oversight.

Lightfoot introduced a package of ethics reforms to the City Council, including allowing Inspector General Joseph Ferguson to audit the work done by the council's 18 committees.

Speaking about the ordinances — which also include measures to tighten the rules for aldermen holding outside jobs, require nonprofits lobbying City Hall to register as lobbyists and increase fines for ethics violations — the mayor highlighted the auditing authority as a point that will lead to debate.

"I recognize that we are pushing people out of their comfort zone, which we will continue to do. But we can't continue to do business as usual," she said. "One of the proposals in particular, which is extending oversight of the IG's authority over City Council committees, is one I'm sure will spur animated discussion. But I think these are necessary steps toward reform and really giving people confidence that the government and City Council stand for in-

tegrity."

It's a safe bet aldermen will fight giving Ferguson more power to look into their work, as they have a long history of fending off him and his predecessors. When then-Mayor Richard M. Daley created the Office of Inspector General in 1989, aldermen exempted themselves from its oversight.

In 2010, the City Council created its own own inspector general position rather than caving to further pressure to give the city IG broader authority. The City Council Inspector General's Office was saddled with inadequate funding and limitations on its authority.

And aldermen watered down a 2016 ordinance to give Ferguson greater reach into their business. They allowed him to investigate specific allegations made against them and their staffs, but not audit their programs.

On Wednesday, Lightfoot said it's time for council members to acknowledge the will of Chicagoans and get on board with her proposal "because it's a new day."

"Voters in this city, residents in this city, want a city government that is fully accountable, that is transparent, that is responsive to the needs of the voters," she said.

As for aldermen who argue that most of them aren't crooks, Lightfoot said, "If you're not doing anything that's improper, transparency should be your friend."

Lightfoot argues her overwhelming victory in the April mayoral runoff election has given her a strong mandate for ethics reform. She won all 50 of

the city's wards waging a campaign based in large part on a promise to do away with the kind of insider politics she said was exemplified by embattled Southwest Side Ald. Edward Burke, 14th.

Burke was indicted last month on federal public corruption charges alleging he used his City Hall power to extort work for his law firm and other favors from people doing business with the city. He has denied wrongdoing.

Lightfoot's comments came after a meeting where she sparred with Chicago Fraternal Order of Police Vice President Patrick Murray on the council floor. Murray spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting and called on her to seek input from the union. "You will have difficulty achieving your goals if you do not include us and our members' support," Murray said. "False rumors are spread when there's a lack of communication."

Lightfoot appeared on an episode of the CAN-TV cable program "Chicago Newsroom" that aired last month in which she mentioned a rumor she had heard about the police union's supposed instruction to officers not to be aggressive in fighting crime over Chicago's violent Memorial Day weekend. FOP President Kevin Graham released a statement on the union's Facebook page, calling the rumors false.

Earlier this week, Lightfoot attempted to make the case that her remarks were taken out of context, while insisting the source of the rumor was a credible one.

Also Wednesday, Ald. Sophia King, 4th, intro-

duced an ordinance to hike Chicago's minimum wage to \$15 by 2021. Lightfoot stopped short of endorsing the King ordinance but reiterated her backing of a move to \$15 and promised public vetting of the plan.

Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez, 25th, called for an investigation of permits and licenses approved by his predecessor, disgraced Ald. Daniel Solis. Sigcho-Lopez said it's evident Solis, who disappeared from the City Council in January after it came to light he was wearing a wire while cooperating with federal investigators, played favorites on issuing liquor licenses and other permits, and the ward needs a reckoning on the extent of the corruption.

And Near North Side Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, brought forward an ordinance to allow off-duty Chicago police officers hired as security guards for business districts in the city to wear their police uniforms in those roles.

And a day after Lightfoot's handpicked Finance Committee chairman, Ald. Scott Waguespack, suffered a setback when aldermen on the committee rejected a proposed \$3.7 million settlement in a 2014 River North car crash where a woman was paralyzed when the vehicle in which she was riding plunged through a barricade and down an embankment, the committee reversed course and approved the deal 22-3. The full City Council later passed it.

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Mother, daughter indicted in slaying of pregnant teen

Pair allegedly cut baby from womb, badly injuring him

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

A mother and daughter have been formally indicted on charges they lured a pregnant teenage mother to their home with promises of free baby clothes, then strangled her and cut her baby from the womb in a desperate bid to raise the child as their own.

Clarisa Figueroa, 46, and her daughter, Desiree, 24, were indicted by a Cook County grand jury in the killing of 19-year-old Marlen Ochoa-Lopez. The bizarre scheme left Ochoa-Lopez's baby boy with severe brain injuries.

The elder Figueroa's boyfriend, Piotr Bobak, 40, also was indicted, on at least one count of concealing a homicidal death.

About half a dozen sheriff's deputies surrounded the three defendants in court Wednesday as prosecutors announced the indictment. The exact charges weren't immediately made public.

All three are scheduled to return to the Leighton Criminal Court Building later this month to enter pleas of not guilty.

Family advocates said they were eager to see what charges would be filed in connection with Ochoa-Lopez's baby, who remains in intensive care.

"He suffered irrevocable brain damage," Julie Contreras, an activist working with the family, told reporters after court. "There's no medicine, no pill that can fix that. Only a miracle."

The case's gruesome details stunned the city and drew national attention.

Prosecutors said the elder Figueroa had announced in October that she was pregnant — a surprise to family who knew she had her fallopian tubes tied. Over the next several months, she posted photos

on Facebook of an ultrasound and a decorated nursery, complete with a crib. She said she would name the baby Xander after a 20-year-old son who died last year, prosecutors said.

As her phony due date drew near, prosecutors said, she and her daughter plotted to kill a pregnant woman to steal her baby.

Prosecutors have alleged that Ochoa-Lopez, a mother of a young child who was nine months pregnant, reached out and touched the nose of the family dog as Figueroa, sitting atop her, took an agonizing four to five minutes to strangle her with a cable.

After killing Ochoa-Lopez and cutting her baby from her womb, prosecutors said, Figueroa continued to claim the infant as her own, even seeking money on a crowdfunding site for the critically injured boy.

The three defendants were first charged last month and were ordered held without bond.

Ochoa-Lopez's decaying body was found in a garbage can outside the Figueroa home on May 14 with the coaxial cable used to strangle her still

around her neck. Police and prosecutors said the younger Figueroa gave "a full video-recorded confession" to assisting her mother in strangling Ochoa-Lopez.

Prosecutors said Bobak helped clean the scene after Ochoa-Lopez's killing and later shared the crowdfunding site on his Facebook page.

After court Wednesday, Bobak's attorney, Hal Garfinkel, said he expects Bobak will be acquitted.

"Mr. Bobak had absolutely no knowledge at all of the fact that the Figueras were involved or planning a murder," Garfinkel told reporters. "... Absolutely no knowledge there was a victim of a homicide on the premises

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Police seek person who drove into, killed 19 geese

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Mundelein police are looking for the person who drove into and killed a family of 19 Canada geese as they attempted to cross Midlothian Road late Sunday afternoon.

A post on the police department Facebook page Tuesday afternoon asked the public for tips. The incident occurred at approximately 5:15 p.m. Sunday and involved a vehicle of unknown description traveling southbound near Cambridge Road.

Police Chief Eric Guenther on Wednesday morning said no one has since claimed responsibility and no tips have materialized.

"We used social media for two reasons: in hopes that someone did see something and then to start the conversation that this is a pretty significant crime," Guenther said. "I want people to know that these animals are protected."

State and federal law protect the geese, especially during migrating seasons. Guenther said a "hefty, hefty fine" would be issued for each of the dead birds. He said a similar incident in the past involving "only a few" geese resulted in \$5,000 in fines.

"The Illinois Department of Natural Resources would consider this hunting out of season, hunting without a

permit, and hunting in a non-designated hunting zone," Guenther said. "Locally, some driving offenses could be applied."

Police do not believe Sunday's crash was an accident. "When you look at the volume, from my perspective, it's pretty hard to accidentally hit 19 geese," Guenther said.

No bystanders witnessed the crash, but Guenther said several people who were passing by called 911 shortly thereafter. Although some of those people reported that a few of the geese were still alive, Guenther said none as of Wednesday were in custody receiving treatment.

Guenther speculated the geese had a nest at the Village Green Country Club or near the pond at Asbury Park.

A Lake County Division of Transportation intersection camera is mounted a few blocks away at Midlothian and Winchester roads. Guenther said the camera provides motorists with real time traffic footage to gauge their trips, but footage is not stored for long, if at all.

Anyone with information on the crash or vehicles in that vicinity on Sunday are asked by Mundelein police to call (847) 968-4600 or email MPD@mundelein.org.

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Trans activists hailing push for hate-crime data

Accurate collection urged by AMA vital to aid community

By KATE THAYER
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Transgender advocates say a call from the American Medical Association for improved awareness and data collection of hate crimes against transgender individuals, especially those most affected — transgender women of color — is a step in the right direction for a community that has been ignored.

At the Chicago-based AMA's annual meeting earlier this week, members voted for a policy calling for better data collection of hate crimes against transgender and nonbinary individuals. The group also asked the AMA and other medical organizations and stakeholders to "immediately increase efforts to educate the general public, legislators and members of law enforcement" of the problem, which disproportionately affects African American trans women.

"According to available tracking, fatal anti-transgender violence in the U.S. is on the rise and most victims were black transgender women," Dr. S. Bobby Mukkamala, AMA board member, said in a press release. "The number of victims could be even higher due to under reporting, and better data collection by law enforcement is needed to create strategies that will prevent anti-transgender violence."

The policy also listed several areas for improvement, including strengthening training among law enforcement to prevent bias, access to mental health treatment, and including not only "birth sex" but also "gender identity" in national crime reporting databases.

Accurate data collection



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Reyna Ortiz, a social worker who works with transgender individuals, said lack of data hampers mental health services for transgender violence victims.

is vital to addressing the problem of hate crimes toward the transgender community, said Reyna Ortiz, vice chair of Equality Illinois' board of directors.

"It's a terrible barrier that we face because people don't really know" about the problem, she said, adding that a better understanding could lead to solutions for the trans community.

Ortiz, a social worker who works with transgender individuals, including those who are incarcerated, said she attends professional training sessions for victims of violence and there's no mention of the trans community. When she

asks why, she said, "I get the same response: There's not enough data."

And part of the problem in correctly reporting hate crimes against transgender individuals is "mis-gendering," Ortiz said. When someone reports a crime, police officers will often record a gender listed on an ID, she said. And if victims haven't changed their name legally, their preferred name isn't used, Ortiz said.

"Advocating and enlightening ... is what is going to minimize the discrimination," she said. "People need to normalize our experience."

The AMA's recognition of the growing violence toward trans women and

the obstacles faced by victims is a positive step that's "making up for lost time," Ortiz said. It's a growing trend in a time when other stakeholders are trying to make strides in improving awareness. The Chicago Police Department is under a federal consent decree that, in part, addresses improvement in policies affecting the trans community. And Illinois legislators, earlier this spring, passed legislation that, if signed into law, would add a nonbinary category on driver's licenses and state identification cards.

"There is a new level of attention paid to transgender and gender-nonconforming people," said Aisha

N. Davis, vice president of the Affinity Community Services board of directors. She said the AMA's latest recognition also demonstrates this is a health problem. "This isn't just about violence."

"You have a group of people targeted for who they are," she said. "And when it comes time to report or talk about it and looking for resources and assistance, they're interacting with agencies that might not have the training or experience."

The trans and nonbinary communities have lagged behind in the progress in attitudes toward the LGBTQ community, Davis said, adding she sees the

AMA directive as "a good sign."

"The more we have agencies, especially professional groups, acknowledging the disproportionate violence, it can only be positive," she said.

Despite the progress, there's still more to do, said Ortiz, who often hears about discrimination against trans women of color.

"When it comes to trans issues, this country, this city, this state are decades behind. I am grateful these entities are starting to understand that," she said. "It is as dire as it seems."

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Lawyer

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had to spend time and money defending themselves against "spurious allegations" and saw their malpractice insurance premiums increase.

"Several courts were burdened, progress in numerous cases was delayed, unnecessary fees were incurred, professional anxiety was induced, and professional and personal time was stolen," the panel said.

The hearing panel, which serves as a trial court for the disciplinary commission, made its recommendation to disbar Novoselsky to the Illinois Supreme Court this week, saying he needed to lose his law license to "protect the public and the integrity of the profession."

On Wednesday, Novoselsky told the Tribune he was "shocked" by the panel's recommendation, saying he was a changed lawyer from the one outlined in the report. Novoselsky said the panel failed to consider medical evidence that would help explain why he acted out in court.

"I had a combination of high blood pressure, high blood sugar and medication that caused me to, at times, fly off the handle," Novoselsky said.

He said he plans to appeal to a review board, which serves as the disciplinary commission's appellate court. "I'm not going to nitpick the decision, but I believe it's wrong," he said.

According to the commission, Illinois has about 96,000 licensed lawyers, and last year 22 of them lost their licenses to practice law — the most severe form of punishment.

Novoselsky, whose father was a longtime Cook County judge, has been a lawyer since 1973. He has specialized in appellate work — attempting to uphold multimillion-dollar jury verdicts for major Chicago law firms. He also has done work in commercial litigation and legal malpractice cases.

He had run his own law firm in the Loop since 1980 but said he closed it in 2014 after suffering a stroke. He

now has an office in Waukegan and said he stopped doing trial work. He said he primarily does research, writes legal briefs and makes an occasional oral argument in court.

"I can't threaten the public, if you will," he said.

Novoselsky, 71, was disciplined once before when his law license was suspended for six months beginning in October 2015. He also was ordered to attend a course in professionalism. He was disciplined for allegedly neglecting clients' cases, failing to communicate with clients and making statements intended to "embarrass, burden or delay two opposing attorneys and a deputy sheriff."

As part of that disciplinary matter, Novoselsky was found to have engaged in misconduct stemming from the Greyhound lawsuit for calling two lawyers derogatory names. In fact, Novoselsky said the hearing panel was wrongly trying to take his law license away with new misconduct charges based on the same set of facts he had already been disciplined for.

The three-member panel handling the latest accusations held 10 days of hearings and took testimony on two court cases involving Novoselsky — one relating to a guardianship matter and the other to the Greyhound lawsuit first reported by the Tribune in 2013.

In the guardianship issue, the panel found that Novoselsky filed frivolous motions to get a judge removed from the case and made unproven allegations.

But the bulk of the accusations against Novoselsky stem from the Greyhound case, a protracted legal battle involving Cristina Zvunca, a Romanian woman who was 7 when she watched her mother get run over by a bus in 2002.

In the years since Claudia Zvunca was killed, the case followed a tortuous trail through the courts, spawning more than a dozen lawsuits, more than 25 appeals and a series of questionable decisions by Cook County judges, the Tribune has reported. The case was eventually settled in 2016 for \$5 million.

The panel's report said Novoselsky tried to take



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Attorney David Novoselsky, said he was shocked by a disciplinary panel's finding that he be disbarred.

over the suit to win large legal fees. Novoselsky was accused of filing frivolous federal and state lawsuits in 2008 and 2009 against the Zvunca estate's lead lawyer, Jeanine Stevens, and two other lawyers. Novoselsky alleged legal malpractice and fraud, and that Stevens had abused Cristina Zvunca.

"The repeated filing of the legal malpractice claims was particularly egregious, as the lack of factual support for that claim should have been apparent to" Novoselsky, according to the panel's report.

The panel also took issue with Novoselsky's allegation that Stevens, who had let Cristina Zvunca live with her for a time, "virtually" kidnapped the girl.

Those allegations "were asserted in furtherance of his own personal plan to delay the wrongful death proceedings and drive Stevens out of the case," the panel wrote.

Stevens, who testified against Novoselsky, told the panel that his motions prevented her from taking on new cases; her law partner retired "because he wanted no part" of Novoselsky's behavior; and her premiums for malpractice insurance "rose dramatically" because of the costs of defending herself against meritless claims. Two other lawyers had similar tales.

In an interview Wednesday, Stevens said she was pleased with panel's findings but said she still does not see the lengthy saga ending anytime soon. She said Novoselsky's conduct had taken a personal and financial hit.

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Abortion

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session amid an increased sense of urgency among advocates looking to protect abortion access as a series of states recently passed laws essentially banning the practice.

Pritzker has said the law makes the state the most progressive in the U.S. for reproductive health care.

"I promised that Illinois would become a national leader in protecting reproductive rights," Pritzker said. "Illinois is demonstrating what it means to affirm the rights of individuals to make the most personal and fundamental decisions of their lives no matter their income level, no matter their race, ethnicity or religion. ... This law puts the decision making where it belongs — in the hands of women and their doctors."

Pritzker's news conference was marked by whoops, cheers and hugs, but a much more somber mood prevailed on the ground floor of the cultural center, where abortion opponents gathered to issue their response.

"We're already the bankruptcy capital and the corruption capital, now we add abortion to that list," said Peter Breen, a former state representative who is now vice president of the Thomas More Society, a religious advocacy nonprofit group.

Breen called the law "a new death penalty," and said it removes necessary regulations and licensing requirements and eliminates the rights of unborn children.

"We in Illinois have a history, including in recent years, of filthy, dirty abortion clinics being shut down based on inspections done by the state of Illinois," Breen said. "As of today, the statutory sections that supported those shutdowns have been wiped off the books ... parental notice has now been put at risk. We are looking forward to trying to defend that in court."

Across the country, states have been passing laws that limit the use of private and public insur-

ance to pay for abortion and instituting long wait periods to discourage women from getting the procedure. Six states have only one abortion clinic, so it requires women to travel long distances if they want to terminate a pregnancy.

Among the states limiting access to abortion is Missouri, making the state's border with Illinois a front line in the abortion rights battle. It took court action to keep the state's one operating abortion clinic in St. Louis open.

Mary Kate Knorr, spokeswoman for Illinois Right to Life Action, called the Illinois law an extreme action and said "we anticipate that the daily rate of abortions in Illinois will increase."

"We also anticipate that the rate of injury to women as the result of negligent clinics will increase. We suspect more clinics will open and more dollars will be made by the abortion industry which capitalizes on our loose laws."

A number of the measures in the current Illinois abortion law are not enforced because of court injunctions. But proponents argued that several court cases that are in the pipeline to the Supreme Court could provide a path to overturning the landmark 46-year-old Roe v. Wade case, which legalized abortion nationwide.

Pritzker said the bill he signed Wednesday is a preventive measure that "ensures that women's rights do not hinge on the fate of Roe v. Wade, or the whims of an increasingly conservative supreme court in Washington."

State Rep. Kelly M. Cassidy, a Chicago Democrat, was a sponsor of the bill and among those who spoke at Wednesday's signing.

"There is a war against women, a war against bodily autonomy," Cassidy said. "Our opponents are using hateful, untrue and outright misogynistic rhetoric which escalates daily and endangers women everywhere."

"We are building a firewall around Illinois to protect access," she said.

Cassidy introduced Sen. Melinda Bush, a Democrat from Grayslake, who was a

sponsor of the bill in that chamber, as "my sister in badassery."

"When you elect women that are here to make a difference, that's what they do and that's what they did. I want to be clear: the freshmen women in the house, they really did move this bill," Bush said. "Without their help, without their commitment, without them saying, 'not on our watch ... we ran when a president ran and told us it was OK to grab our body parts. And we're saying no more.' So I just want to thank them so much."

At a news conference held by opponents of the bill, both Knorr and Breen stood surrounded by supporters who carried signs, some with babies and young children.

Emily Kelly, a neonatal ICU nurse at a Chicago hospital, said many women don't know how early an unborn fetus can survive outside of the womb.

"I, myself, was born at 32 weeks gestation, about two months before my projected due date. I was on a ventilator for numerous days, I couldn't breastfeed due to my lungs being underdeveloped," she said. "My parents fought for my life. The doctors and nurses that care for me fought for my life. And in my own way, I fought for my life."

"I'm a woman against abortion. That does not make me a woman against women. On the contrary, it makes me a woman who cares for women," she said. "I tell them the truth about what's growing inside them. This growing fetus is a baby, a living member of our human family."

Illinois has more abortion clinics based on population than most of its Midwest neighbors. Jennifer Welch, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Illinois, called the new law "an important step to remove the stigma around a simple medical procedure that one in four women in the United States will have in their lifetime."

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Trial

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though they gave no indication there was any credence to the claim. They described Christensen as a man who had become infatuated with serial killers and had plotted a kidnapping and killing in the months before he lured the 26-year-old Zhang into his vehicle on the university campus.

As the investigation gained steam, Christensen's then-girlfriend wore a wire for the FBI. In one recording, Christensen described in detail how he had choked Zhang, split her head open with a baseball bat and then decapitated her, Assistant U.S. Attorney Eugene Miller told jurors.

"He claimed they will never find her," Miller said after recounting the grisly details of Zhang's death.

During a recording made as Christensen and the girlfriend took part in a memorial walk for Zhang in late June 2017, he said Zhang was his 13th victim and "bragged" that the last serial killer "at his level was Ted Bundy," Miller said.

Taseff cast doubt on those claims, saying his client was drunk at the time and noting there is no evidence linking Christensen to other killings.

"The evidence is going to show that's just false," Taseff said. "It's not just false, there is no way that can be proven."

The defense painted Christensen as a "brilliant" graduate student who was dealing with substance abuse issues, a failing marriage and an increasingly troubled academic record. Taseff said Christensen reached his lowest point on June 9, 2017, the date of the alleged abduction.

Earlier that day, Christensen pulled up next to a graduate student and identified himself as an undercover police officer, according to Miller. He asked her if she would answer some questions and she said yes, but when he asked her to get into his car, she said no.

He drove off, and the

woman called police to report the encounter and also described it in a Facebook post, Miller said.

Later, Christensen pulled up alongside Zhang, who had missed a bus. Again, he posed as an undercover police officer, the prosecutor said.

Rather than taking her to the apartment complex where she was headed to sign a lease, Christensen took Zhang back to his apartment and disabled her iPhone, Miller said. Christensen raped and beat Zhang in his bedroom, then choked her and carried her to the bathroom, where he hit her in the head with a baseball bat — "in his words, as hard as he could," Miller said.

A surveillance camera captured Zhang talking to a man driving a Saturn Astra and then getting into the car. As one of roughly two dozen registered owners of an Astra in Champaign County, Christensen was questioned by police in the days after Zhang's disappearance.

He initially told police he couldn't remember where he was between 2 and 3 p.m. on the day Zhang went missing and asked if he could check his text messages, Miller said. Christensen then told police his girlfriend texted him around 1 p.m. and he didn't respond until 4 p.m., so he must have been sleeping during that time, the prosecutor said.

Christensen ultimately said he stayed at his apartment all day Friday, sleeping and playing video games. Officers left but later returned when it was noted that the Saturn Astra captured by a security camera showed a defect, revealed earlier as a cracked hubcap. The officers then found the same piece missing from the hubcap on Christensen's vehicle.

Questioned further, Christensen told police he'd mixed up the days and had picked up a girl but didn't know it was Zhang. When he made a wrong turn, she "freaked out" and

got out of the car, Miller said.

A cadaver-sniffing dog detected the presence of a dead body in the bathroom of Christensen's apartment. Investigators seized mattresses, duct tape and Christensen's laptop, and they found a dark stain under the carpet, Miller said. Zhang's DNA was identified on swabs taken from a baseball bat, carpet, drywall and mattresses in Christensen's apartment.

After opening arguments, witnesses who took the stand included Zhang's long-term boyfriend, who said he planned to marry her in October 2017, and a police officer who visited Zhang's apartment after she was reported missing.

Xiaolin Hou, who traveled from China for the trial along with Zhang's parents, said he began dating Zhang in 2009, during their first year of college in China. He was first and she was second in their class when they graduated, he said Wednesday, testifying in English.

He last saw her in April 2017, before she left China for the U.S. The two talked almost every day, so Hou was alarmed when he couldn't reach her on what in China was June 10, 2017. One of her colleagues at the university alerted him that she was missing, he said.

Hou called her phone repeatedly and tried to contact her other colleagues and friends, he said.

Zhang wasn't the type to worry others, Hou said. "In my point of view, she must face some difficulty," he said of his thinking when she went missing.

In his opening statement, Taseff told jurors that after three successful semesters in a prestigious doctoral program, "things began falling apart" for Christensen. In the summer of 2016, he dropped his doctoral program path and instead began pursuing a master's degree. The following fall, Christensen's grades were "straight F's," the attorney said.

Christensen was devas-

tated when his wife began seeing another man and told him she wanted a divorce, Taseff said. Christensen didn't have any friends locally and did not keep in close touch with friends or family in his native Wisconsin, the attorney said. He went online for companionship and met a woman, with whom he entered a consensual dominant-submissive sexual relationship, the attorney said.

On the day Zhang disappeared, his wife was in the Wisconsin Dells with her new partner, and Christensen's new girlfriend was also "occupied" with another man, Taseff said. Christensen woke up that morning and went to a Schnucks grocery store to buy rum, the lawyer said.

"A perfect storm has converged," he said.

Christensen spent the day drinking and driving around, before he "did the unthinkable," Taseff said.

Also testifying Wednesday were several University of Illinois police officers who investigated Zhang's disappearance, Zhang's professor and a marketing manager at the university housing complex where she was going to sign a lease. Prosecutors showed video in court Wednesday of Zhang missing a bus and running after it, captured by a camera on the bus.

They also showed security camera footage from a parking garage that showed a black Saturn Astra slowing down next to where Zhang stood on the sidewalk, and Zhang approaching the passenger-side door. She appeared to talk to the driver for several moments before she got in the car and closed the door, and the car drove away.

Upcoming witnesses include the woman who wore a wire and recorded conversations with Christensen. Taseff said the jury will see a recorded counseling session of Christensen from the spring of 2017, when he sought help for substance abuse after his wife said she wanted a divorce.

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America's 1st black Catholic priest closer to sainthood

By ZAK KOESKE
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A Chicagoan who was the first acknowledged black Catholic priest in the United States moved one step closer to sainthood Tuesday after Pope Francis issued a decree recognizing his "heroic virtues," Archdiocese of Chicago officials said.

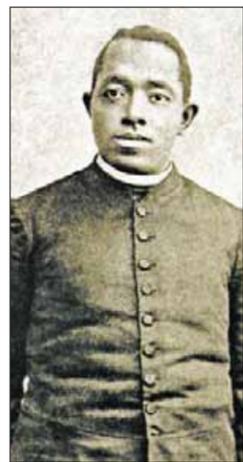
The Rev. Augustus Tolton, who was born into slavery in Missouri in 1854 and later escaped to Illinois with his mother and siblings after the outbreak of the Civil War, received the title of "venerable," which archdiocese officials said "formally recognizes he lived the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity and the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance at a heroic level."

Tolton, who moved to Chicago from Quincy in 1889, pastored to black Catholics in the basement of Old St. Mary's Church in the South Loop and later established Chicago's first black Catholic church, St. Monica, at 36th and Dearborn streets.

His recognition as "venerable" comes four months after a theological commission voted unanimously to advance his candidacy for canonization to the pope and less than 10 years after Cardinal Francis George announced his cause for sainthood in March 2010.

"Fr. Tolton's holiness comes from his patient suffering, his brave spirit and his pastoral heart for all who came to him," Cardinal Blase Cupich said in a statement. "His struggles to become a priest and his remarkable service to God's People are admirable examples, particularly in these times, of the value and dignity of every person."

Tolton's next hurdle on the long road to sainthood



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The Rev. Augustus Tolton was decreed "venerable" by Pope Francis Tuesday.

will occur when he is declared "blessed," which happens after a miracle granted through Tolton's intercession is confirmed. Ordinarily, but not always, a second miracle is then required to achieve sainthood.

The Rev. A. Gerard Jordan, who is helping Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry advocate on behalf of Tolton's canonization, said in March that they had found evidence of two alleged medical miracles attributable to Tolton, but were still looking for more.

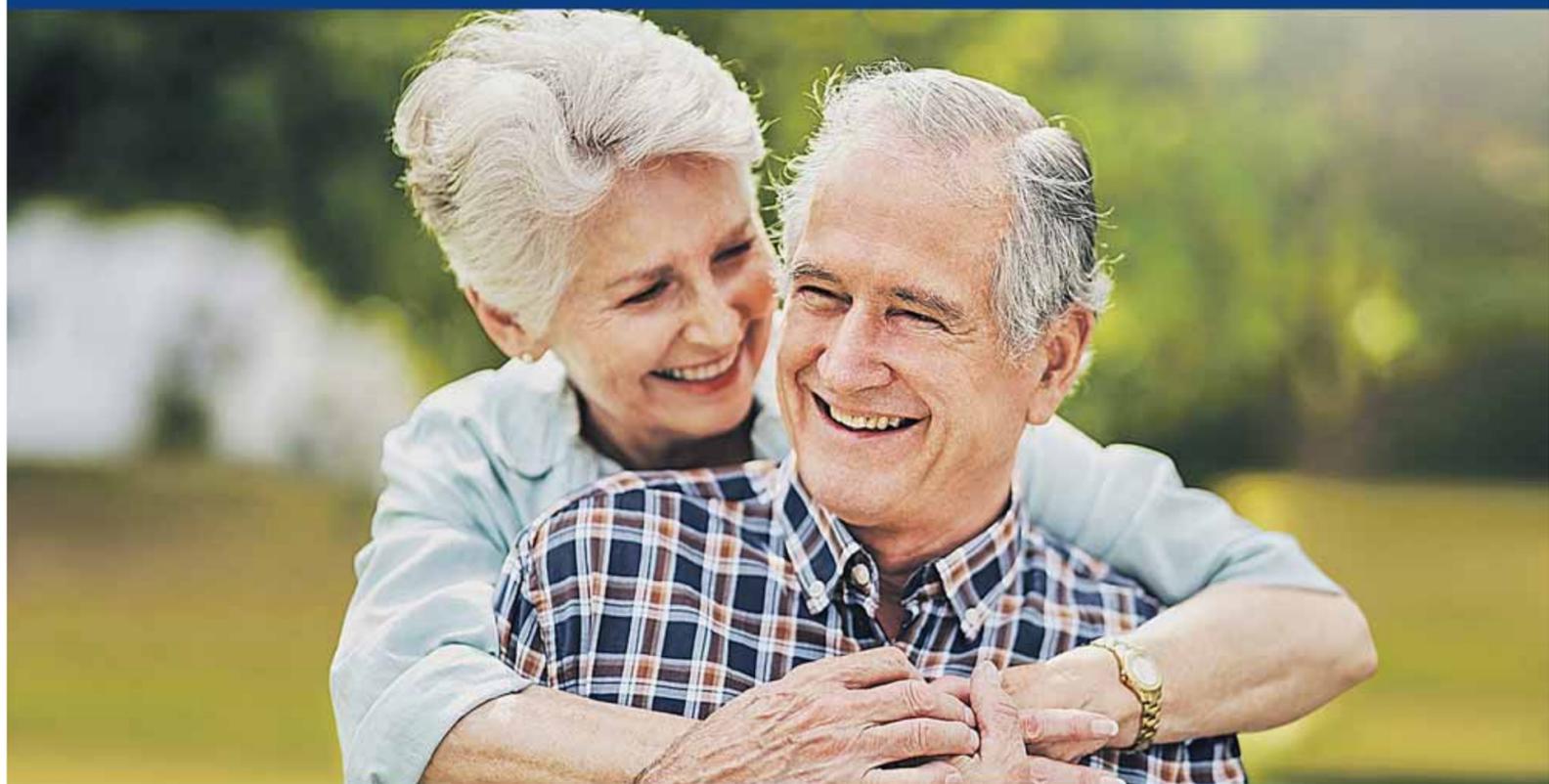
Jordan, who is black and credits Tolton with inspiring him to become a priest, said he did not have the authority to share either of the alleged miracles, but explained that they were miracles of intercession, meaning they allegedly happened after someone prayed to Tolton.

Jordan, who is in his early 50s, said he believed Tolton's candidacy had "great momentum" and was hopeful he'd be canonized before he dies.

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Alderman seeks inquiry into Solis' use of prerogative

Successor wants probe of all license, permit decisions

BY JOHN BYRNE
Chicago Tribune

The alderman who succeeded Daniel Solis in representing Pilsen and other neighborhoods wants an investigation into all license and permit decisions his predecessor made for years before it came to light he was wearing a hidden wire and cooperating with federal investigators.

Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez, 25th, introduced a resolution to the City Council Wednesday, saying the investigation of Solis' decisions is needed because "for over two decades the constituents of the 25th Ward have been subject to an unchecked pattern of patronage especially with zoning." Solis, who did not seek re-election this year, was chairman of the council's Zoning Committee until he stepped down earlier this year.

Sigcho-Lopez said that in his few weeks in office, business owners have been coming in asking for help with permits they were already promised before going through the City Council approval process. "People say there were promises for liquor licenses or permits that have already invested money, without the permits, without the proper channels," he said.

Those are examples of Solis' use of aldermanic prerogative that need to be reviewed, he said. Sigcho-Lopez said he initially may focus just on those permits and licenses awarded by Solis' office starting in January, when Solis' involvement in the federal investigation came to light and he disappeared from public view.

But Sigcho-Lopez's resolution calls for "all 25th Ward permit and license requests made prior to May 20, 2019, including those currently in committee, be subject to extensive review by the aldermanic office and relevant city agencies, as well as follow any standards and procedures henceforth introduced by the Office of the Mayor."

Solis' name came up in federal prosecutors' 59-page indictment of Ald. Edward Burke — the city's longest-serving alderman and a vestige of the old Democratic machine who's facing a number of public corruption charges including racketeering and federal program bribery. Solis is a longtime Burke ally.

Burke, who was re-elected to another term earlier this year, has pleaded not guilty.

Among other accusations, Burke allegedly tried to capitalize on the massive \$800 million renovation of the old main Chicago post office in the West Loop, according to the indictment.

A key part of the evidence against Burke on that project comes from Solis' secret recordings. In one conversation included in the indictment, Burke allegedly told Solis he wasn't going to help the chief developer on the post office project, New York-based Harry Skydell's 601W Cos., until Skydell agreed to hire Burke's law firm for tax work.

"The cash register has not rung yet," Burke allegedly told Solis in the January 2017 conversation.

Four months later, Burke was again recorded asking Solis about the developers. "So did we land the, uh, the tuna?" he said to Solis in May 2017, according to the indictment. He also lamented that the post office developers would "only work with Jewish lawyers" to appeal their property taxes unless he could offer special assistance, the indictment alleges.

That October, Solis recorded a meeting at City Hall when Burke allegedly expressed his displeasure over the way the developers continued to stonewall him.

"As far as I'm concerned, they can go f--- themselves," Burke told Solis, according to the indictment. When Solis noted the developers would soon be before Burke's Finance Committee requesting \$100 million in tax increment financing for the project, Burke responded, "Well, good luck getting it on the agenda," the indictment alleges.

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South Side Ald. Sophia King, 4th, says her measure would affect about 400,000 Chicago workers.

City's minimum wage to \$15 in '21 under proposal

BY JOHN BYRNE
Chicago Tribune

Chicago's minimum wage would increase to \$15 in 2021, four years earlier than in the rest of the state, under a proposal aldermen introduced to the City Council on Wednesday.

South Side Ald. Sophia King, 4th, said the higher cost of living in the city than downstate makes the quicker bump necessary. "That is why we are here today," King said at a news conference to announce the ordinance.

The "Raise Chicago" ordinance would increase the city's minimum wage to \$14 on July 1, 2020, and to \$15 on July 1, 2021.

New Mayor Lori Lightfoot has been supportive of the idea of a \$15 Chicago minimum wage.

On Wednesday, she reiterated her support for increasing the minimum wage, but stopped short of throwing her weight behind the "Raise Chicago" ordinance. She promised a public process to vet the wage plan and a proposed ordinance requiring new rules on employee scheduling.

"I haven't had an opportunity to review the particulars of the ordinance that was introduced by Ald. King," Lightfoot said at a news conference after the City Council meeting. "But we're going to be working — here's the thing that's going to be different. ... What's important to me is to make sure that on issues like the fair workweek and the minimum wage that we actually have a public deliberative process."

While business groups have argued that the higher wages could lead to layoffs, King said studies have shown no impact on employment levels as minimum wages go up.

King's proposal eliminates the lower minimum wage for workers who get tips and also raises wages for city sister agencies like the Chicago Transit Authority. She said it would affect about 400,000 Chicago workers. Chicago's minimum wage will hit \$13 this July under an ordinance the City Council passed several years ago.

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Democratic presidential candidate and Montana Gov. Steve Bullock at the Billy Goat Tavern in Chicago on Wednesday.

Montana governor hopes style plays well in Midwest

Steve Bullock left out of 1st Dem presidential debate

BY BILL RUTHHART
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Amid a pit stop in Chicago for campaign cash and a handful of media interviews, Montana Gov. Steve Bullock learned Wednesday that he won't be among the 20 Democratic presidential candidates appearing on stage for the party's first debates in two weeks.

Bullock, who didn't officially enter the race until last month when his state's legislative session ended, failed to garner support from 1 percent of voters in three polls or receive campaign contributions from at least 65,000 donors. That leaves Bullock out for the two 10-candidate debates on back-to-back nights in Miami later this month.

In a visit to Chicago's venerable Billy Goat Tavern on Wednesday afternoon, Bullock didn't seem too concerned about the development, spending about as much time pondering which beer to order as he did discussing the debate snub. And for the record, he went with a Billy Goat IPA.

"That is what it is, and there is no way I could have gotten into the race earlier. I had a job to do," Bullock said. "We're still some 235 days away from the first man or woman casting any kind of a decision. There is still a long way to go."

In a field of 23 candidates, Bullock is quick to emphasize his unique attribute: He's the only one to win a state President Donald Trump carried in 2016, securing re-election by four points on the same night Trump dominated Montana by 20.

"Twenty-five to 30 percent of my voters voted for Donald Trump. If we can't win those voters back and we can't get them on our side, we're not going to win this election," Bullock said. "There are a whole lot of folks who, if they're voting their economic interests, their health care interests, their education interests, they ought to be voting Democrat, but they didn't. We've got to ask why, and win those people back."

On a day when Vermont U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders delivered a speech making the case for Democratic socialism, Bullock argued his across-the-aisle sensibilities that have allowed him to govern effectively with a Republican-controlled state legislature make him a strong presidential contender in Midwestern states such as Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio that were key to Trump's 2016 win.

Bullock, a 53-year-old attorney, said he didn't enter the race until Montana's once-every-two-years legislative session concluded because he was busy working with Republicans to preserve Medicaid expansion to 95,000 low-income adults for another six years and freezing college tuition. Bullock has made a name for him-

self back home by protecting public land and more broadly for his fight against so-called dark money in politics, shepherding state legislation that requires transparency from non-profits that engage in Montana campaigns and suing to block the Trump administration's attempt to end a 40-year requirement that unions, business groups and other nonprofits disclose the identity of big-dollar donors.

Viewed nationally as a moderate, Bullock bristles at the description, suggesting that he prefers the "label of gettin' stuff done that matters in people's lives." And he said a candidate need not reside in the party's far left wing to be viewed as transformative.

"If you look at my fight against outside spending and dark money, I've done more progressive things than anyone else in the field. I'm more conservative than a whole lot of the field, because I've actually had to balance a budget," Bullock said as he took a swig of beer. "You can be sufficiently aspirational, recognize we need to make some big changes in this country, but you also have to actually get them done."

Bullock won't get the chance to convey that message before a national audience this month. Wednesday marked the deadline for Democratic presidential candidates to meet the Miami debate requirements. Bullock had polled at 1 percent in two polls, but failed to reach that number in a third. A Monmouth University Nevada

poll released Wednesday afternoon sealed Bullock's fate, as he didn't register high enough in that survey before the deadline.

The governor's campaign sought to capitalize on the news of him missing the first debate as a way to increase his national name ID. For his part, Bullock noted his operation is still ramping up.

A key factor to whether the little-known governor can establish a message that cuts through the crowded field of contenders rests on whether Bullock can attract the tens of thousands of donors needed to continue to qualify for debates down the road, a threshold that reaches 130,000 by September. He went to work on that front Tuesday night at a private fundraiser in the tony North Shore suburb of Highland Park.

Wealthy Democratic activist Wendy Abrams and her husband Jim Abrams, chief operating officer of Medline Industries, hosted a fundraiser for Bullock at their home. Also serving as hosts for the fundraiser was prominent Chicago attorney Sidney "Skip" Herman and his wife Meg. Herman owns a home in Montana and for years has hosted former Mayor Rahm Emanuel on an annual fly fishing trip there.

More than 50 people attended the fundraiser, according to the campaign, which did not disclose how much money Bullock raised.

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Brodsky's suspension from federal court cut

Can petition for reinstatement in early October

BY JASON MEISNER
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An administrative panel of federal judges cut attorney Joel Brodsky's suspension from practicing in federal court in Chicago in half — to six months — after he expressed some contrition for his conduct in a lawsuit and paid a \$50,000 fine imposed by the judge who oversaw that case.

The federal court order — signed by U.S. District Chief Judge Ruben Castillo on Tuesday — said Brodsky can petition for reinstatement before the executive committee decides at its meeting in early October whether he can resume practice at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse.

The executive committee — composed of a revolving panel of judges overseen by the chief judge and including the clerk of the court — suspended Brodsky in April for one year after finding he violated the rules of professional conduct in a mundane lawsuit involving a used Infiniti SUV.

Brodsky's bizarre antics in the case — all but accusing a witness of inventing a



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A panel of judges reduced cut Joel Brodsky's suspension from practicing in federal court in Chicago to six months.

son and saying his rival attorney was running a "criminal enterprise" — had already garnered a stiff \$50,000 fine from U.S. District Judge Virginia Kendall and an order to undergo anger management training.

Brodsky is also the subject of an ongoing investigation by the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, the state regulatory agency responsible for disciplining lawyers, records show.

The order not only banned Brodsky from practicing in the Northern District of Illinois but also

disabled his password to electronically file case documents and required him to notify all of his current federal court clients of his suspension by registered mail.

At the time, Brodsky said the suspension was "a bit harsh" but would not affect his practice much since most of his business is in state court. Still, Brodsky said he "got the message loud and clear" that he needs to clean up his behavior.

Long known for his brash style, Brodsky garnered national attention for his representation of Drew

Peterson, the former Bolingbrook police sergeant convicted in 2012 of murdering his third wife, Kathleen Savio, in 2004. Peterson also was a suspect in the 2007 disappearance of his fourth wife, Stacy Peterson, who has never been found.

At a sanctions hearing last year before Judge Kendall, Brodsky made an emotional apology to the court and the men whose reputations he had attacked, acknowledging that he had "gone too far."

"I sincerely apologize to this court for anything that I have done that caused distress in this case," Brodsky said. "I know that I have to be better in controlling my frustrations."

In imposing the \$50,000 fine — believed to be the largest ever issued in Chicago's federal court — Kendall said Brodsky had engaged in "unprofessional, contemptuous, and antagonistic behavior" that "culminated in an unhinged attack."

Brodsky later sued the attorney who represented him in the sanctions hearing for malpractice, alleging the attorney failed to call a single witness on his behalf.

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NATION & WORLD

Police, protesters clash in Hong Kong

Rally against China extradition escalates into street battles

BY TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN
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HONG KONG — Hong Kong descended into scenes of crackdowns and defiance Wednesday as demonstrators occupied main boulevards and faced down tear gas and rubber bullets in a widening crisis over a bill that would allow extraditions to China.

The unfolding images across the global financial hub — violent street battles, car drivers abandoning vehicles and blocking roads in a show of solidarity — suggested both sides were digging in at another potentially pivotal moment for the former British colony.

For the protesters, the extradition plan amounts to the latest erosion of Hong Kong's freedoms and special status more than two decades after returning to Chinese control. Critics fear that it would effectively bring China's justice system — and its harsh rules against dissent — to the semiautonomous enclave.

Hong Kong's administration, meanwhile, is packed with pro-Beijing officials who appear intent on pushing through the measure.

Amid the chaos, however, the legislature postponed a scheduled second reading of the bill. A final vote is expected by June 20.

Some demonstrators had come prepared with umbrellas, harking back to the 2014 Umbrella Movement pro-democracy protests in which young demonstrators had to shield themselves against police pepper



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A protester in Hong Kong gestures at a rally Wednesday against a proposed law allowing extradition to mainland China.

spray.

Those protesters five years ago occupied the streets for 79 days, calling for a greater voice in selecting Hong Kong's leadership — demands that were not met. The extradition bill has re-energized residents and galvanized a wide cross-section of Hong Kong.

"We are trying to tell the government that the more they suppress us, the more we will fight back," said Justin Tang, 25, an airline employee who was sitting on a road that would normally be filled with Hong Kong's red-and-white taxis and transit buses.

"Being the last city in China that is able to do that, we are going to hold on to that right," he said.

And though the protests apparently delayed a reading of the bill, Beijing-backed leader Carrie Lam on Wednesday insisted that the law would be pushed through. That left tense questions as to the next steps on both sides.

The Hong Kong Police Force said as of Wednesday night it did not yet have a figure on the number of arrests.

An unconfirmed number also suffered injuries from police-fired rubber bullets, bean bag rounds and tear gas.

Local news reports, citing hospital figures, said 72 people suffered injuries from police-fired rubber bullets and tear gas, including a van driver from public

broadcaster RTHK who was shot in the head. The reports could not be independently verified.

The unrest weighed on markets. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index ended the day down 1.7 percent. The political fallout also expanded.

Britain's foreign secretary, Jeremy Hunt, urged the Hong Kong administration to "pause and reflect" on the extradition bill. In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Morgan Ortogus took a job at Beijing. The protesters, she said, "don't like being subjugated ... as it relates to some of their fundamental rights."

Since Sunday — when hundreds of thousands of people took to the streets —

the demonstrators have grown increasingly confrontational.

Throughout the day, the protesters — some wearing goggles and yellow construction helmets — pushed against police lines to force them back. Police eventually deployed tear gas, rubber bullets and batons.

"Police reiterate that any acts endangering public order and public safety will not be tolerated," the Hong Kong Police Force said in a statement. "Police will take resolute actions to restore social order and protect public safety."

At one point, a group of protesters streamed onto major roads near Hong Kong's main government offices, the Legislative

Council complex.

Demonstrators removed metal barricades, commandeering them to block key intersections and expressway ramps.

Other barricades were used as makeshift ladders to assist people climbing over large concrete road dividers.

Hong Kong's Harcourt Road, a major thoroughfare tying the city together, erupted into anarchy in the afternoon, until the rally was briefly dispersed and pushed back to central areas of the city.

At nightfall, the area around the legislature was deserted, but protests flared elsewhere in central Hong Kong, occupying some of the most well-known areas of the city. Thousands of people walked the car-free streets.

Riot police remained stationed across the city. On the sidewalks, demonstrators stockpiled supplies preparing for what appeared to be a lengthy occupation. Drivers jackknifed their cars across main roads to halt traffic.

Hong Kong was handed back to China in 1997 after more than a century of British colonial rule. Under the handover agreement, China promised that the territory would remain politically independent, able to enact its own laws, and would keep its judicial and immigration systems and its economic framework.

But the territory's autonomy has been eroding at a hastening pace for years, and critics say the extradition measure could be the final nail in the coffin: the effective end of the "one country, two systems" framework, by extending mainland law into Hong Kong.

Hicks will meet House panel; Trump: Open to foreign dirt

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK AND ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former White House communications director Hope Hicks has agreed to a closed-door interview with the House Judiciary Committee, the panel announced Wednesday, a breakthrough for Democrats who have been frustrated by President Donald Trump's broad stonewalling of their investigations.

The Judiciary panel subpoenaed Hicks, a close and trusted Trump aide who worked for the presidential campaign and in the White House, last month as part of its investigation into special counsel Robert Mueller's report and obstruction of justice. Her June 19 interview will mark the first time a former Trump aide has testified before the panel as part of its probe.

Hicks was a key witness for Mueller, delivering important information to the special counsel's office about multiple episodes involving the president. That includes the president's

role in the drafting of a misleading and incomplete statement about a 2016 Trump Tower meeting at which Donald Trump Jr. expected to receive dirt on Democrat Hillary Clinton from Russians with ties to the Kremlin.

The president further stirred those waters Wednesday when he told ABC News that if a foreign power offered dirt on his 2020 opponent, he'd be open to accepting it and that he'd have no obligation to call in the FBI.

"I think I'd want to hear it," Trump said, "There's nothing wrong with listening."

Hicks and another former White House aide, Annie Donaldson, both defied subpoenas last week to provide documents to the committee after the White House directed them not to cooperate. That came after former White House counsel Don McGahn also defied subpoenas for documents and testimony at the direction of the White House. McGahn was mentioned frequently in Mueller's report, in addition to Donaldson, who was his aide.

While the interview will be behind closed doors, the committee chairman, Rep. Jerrold Nadler, said the interview transcript will be released to the public.

Democrats hope that Hicks' interview will be the first of many related to Mueller's report. They are expected to go to court soon to enforce a subpoena against McGahn, and negotiations are ongoing for Mueller's own testimony. Mueller has made it clear that he doesn't want to testify and will not go beyond the substance of the report in any questioning, but Democrats want to talk to him anyway.

On Wednesday, the House intelligence panel heard from former FBI officials who told lawmakers that Russian meddling in the 2016 election bore some of the textbook tricks of the trade of Kremlin spycraft, including the volume and breadth of contacts with Trump associates.

The two witnesses at the hearing, Robert Anderson and Stephanie Douglas, highlighted aspects of the Mueller report they said showed Russian efforts to screen and test Trump



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Former White House aide Hope Hicks will talk to the Judiciary Committee.

campaign associates, to establish backchannels of communications and to spread their contacts around in hopes of maximizing their chances of getting what they wanted.

Also Wednesday, Trump Jr. spoke with the Senate intelligence committee for about three hours to clarify an interview with the committee's staff in 2017. Senators wanted to talk to him again about the Trump Tower meeting with a Russian lawyer and a real estate project in Moscow.

The president's former lawyer, Michael Cohen,

told a House committee in February that he had briefed Trump Jr. approximately 10 times about a plan to build a Trump Tower in Moscow before the 2016 election. But Trump Jr. had told Congress he was only "peripherally aware" of the real estate proposal.

As he left the interview, Trump Jr. said he was happy to clarify his answers, but "I don't think I changed any of what I said because there was nothing to change."

FBI Director Christopher Wray had told law-

makers that Trump Jr. should have called his agency to report the offer.

But Trump, who nominated Wray to the role in 2017, said in his ABC News interview that he disagrees. "The FBI director is wrong," the president said. He added, "Life doesn't work like that."

Asked whether his advisers should accept information on an opponent from Russia, China or another nation or call the FBI this time, Trump said, "I think maybe you do both," expressing openness to reviewing the information.



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Former Stanford sailing coach John Vandemoer speaks outside of court.

Ex-Stanford sailing coach avoids prison, admits guilt

BY ALANNA DURKIN RICHER
Associated Press

BOSTON — A former head sailing coach at Stanford avoided prison time when a judge sentenced him Wednesday for his role in a sweeping college admissions scam at elite U.S. universities.

John Vandemoer is the first person to be sentenced in the case that exposed the lengths that some wealthy parents will go to get their children into the nation's

top schools.

Vandemoer admitted to agreeing to help students get into Stanford as recruited athletes in exchange for money for his sailing program.

U.S. District Court Judge Rya Zobel sentenced him to one day in prison, which he was deemed to have served. He will pay a \$10,000 fine and serve two years of supervised release, including six months of home confinement with electronic monitoring.

Zobel said she believed it

was important that Vandemoer be punished because "it's too easy to do this kind of thing." But she said she didn't believe he needed to serve time behind bars, noting the powerful letters of support he received and calling him probably the "least culpable" of those charged in the case because he didn't take any of the money for himself.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric Rosen told the judge that a prison sentence was necessary to send a message to other defendants charged

in the case and other people considering on cheating the college admissions system.

"If we fail to take these crimes seriously, if you give just a slap on the wrist instead of real punishment, we are short-punishing not only the criminal justice system, but all those kids in high school who are working hard every day in an effort to improve their own lives and to get into the best school they can honestly and through hard work," Rosen said.

Prosecutors had sought

more than a year behind bars. Vandemoer pleaded guilty in March on the same day that charges were announced in the "Operation Varsity Blues" case against 50 people, including business executives and Hollywood actresses.

Vandemoer stood to apologize to the judge and apologized to his family, friends, the sailing team and Stanford. "I am devastated that the program and the sport would be looked at poorly because of my actions," he said.

2020 raises S.C. official's profile

Backing by 1st black mayor of Columbia is sought by Dems

BY MEG KINNARD
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Mayor Steve Benjamin stood with former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke before a packed University of South Carolina campus in March. The next day, Benjamin was on a downtown Columbia stage with South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg and, hours later, introduced New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker for an economic inequality forum. More recently, he welcomed former Vice President Joe Biden for the first South Carolina visit of his 2020 campaign.

As mayor of South Carolina's capital city, Columbia, Benjamin is becoming a popular — and influential — figure in the Democratic presidential primary. As candidates bulk up their travel to the state that hosts the first southern primary, Benjamin says he's met with or spoken to nearly every candidate — no small feat in a field that spans two dozen contenders.

"I have made myself available to any candidate who wants to talk to me," Benjamin told The Associated Press. "I use it as an opportu-



MEG KINNARD/AP

As mayor of South Carolina's capital, Steve Benjamin has become influential in the Democratic presidential primary.

nity to discuss with the candidates the issues that are important, help them understand our culture."

As president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and one of the most high-profile black politicians in South Carolina, Benjamin is becoming not only one of the state's most sought-after endorsements but also a name mentioned for a potential slot in a Democratic administration.

The 49-year-old lawyer became the first black mayor in Columbia's history in 2010 and easily won two

more terms. He spoke during the 2016 Democratic National Convention and was considered for Hillary Clinton's running mate, according to campaign chairman John Podesta's hacked emails released by WikiLeaks in 2016.

As the two dozen Democratic hopefuls wind their way through South Carolina, Benjamin said he's happy to help them feel at home, offering advice he jovially said includes counsel on which barbecue sauce fits which region. He's mum on whom he'll support but

says he'll make an endorsement later this year. That backing is widely seen as one of the top to get in South Carolina, second to U.S. House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn.

"Some people rely on their elected officials to do the grunt work, to help talk to and learn more about the candidates and sharing our views about them," Benjamin said. "The endorsement process is way overblown. But it helps, all things being equal."

Benjamin's influence on South Carolina's politics

goes beyond his own imprint. During his tenure as mayor, he's helped train dozens of staffers and fellows who have gone on to work throughout Democratic politics. Adviser Lauren Harper is leading O'Rourke's South Carolina operation, a role longtime Benjamin adviser Kendall Corley is fulfilling for Biden. Alycia Albergottie, a veteran of Benjamin's 2013 reelection campaign, is Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren's state director in South Carolina. Staffers with Buttigieg's and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' South Carolina campaigns are also Benjamin alums.

Sam Johnson, who has worked with Benjamin for half a dozen years, says the mayor's experience and personal approach, uniquely positions him to help outsiders navigate the state.

"He's got that kind of relatability, and he's got that kind of humbleness to where he's sophisticated enough that he gets the complex issues," Johnson said. "He can understand high finance, or how to cover debt, but he also gets the human side of it, which is rare."

Part of that ability may have been forged in leading Columbia through tragedies, like the historic 2015 flood that left wide swathes

of the city underwater and endangered the drinking water supply. For days on end, Benjamin was the face of the effort to recover from the disaster, which killed 19 and caused more than \$1 billion in damage.

In 2017, following a mass shooting in Las Vegas, he led the charge for Columbia to become the first city in the country to ban the sale of "bump stock" devices that allow semi-automatic weapons to mimic fully automatic guns. Last June, he and about 20 other mayors gathered at a holding facility for immigrant children in El Paso, Texas, saying President Donald Trump had failed to address a humanitarian crisis of his own making.

In his chats so far with Democratic candidates, Benjamin said he's stressing that it takes far more than drawing massive crowds to win over South Carolina's voters.

"I just want to encourage the candidates to come and visit South Carolina often, to get out of the conference rooms and the boardrooms and get out and meet the people of the state," he said. "If you can't get on grandma's front porch and talk to her about what's important, then I don't think you really deserve the votes of the people of South Carolina."



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Kamala Harris: "Everyone should be held accountable ... the president is not above the law."

As president, Harris would pursue case against Trump

BY ELANA SCHOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris said Wednesday that if she wins the White House, her Justice Department "would have no choice" but to pursue an obstruction of justice case against President Donald Trump after he leaves office.

The California senator and some other Democrats in the 2020 race are pushing their party to initiate the impeachment process after special counsel Robert Mueller's report on Russian interference in the 2016 election.

Mueller has said he was unable to exonerate Trump of obstruction but couldn't pursue potential charges because of a Justice Department policy that bars the indictment of a sitting president — a policy Harris has said she would ask her Justice Department to re-examine.

"Everyone should be held accountable," Harris told NPR in an interview broadcast Wednesday. "And the president is not above the law."

Harris, a former California attorney general who also was San Francisco's district attorney, later said she would not dictate the outcome of any prospective efforts to charge

Trump. "The facts and the evidence will take the process where it leads," she said.

Suggesting that Trump face prosecution after he leaves office is a fine line for any Democrat after the party has excoriated him for politicizing the Justice Department, as when he threatened during the 2016 campaign to prosecute his rival, Hillary Clinton, once becoming president.

Impeachment remains popular with Democrats' base voters, but the party's congressional leaders are more cautious because the Republican-controlled Senate probably doesn't have the votes to remove Trump from office.

Harris is not alone among 2020 Democratic presidential hopefuls in criticizing the Justice Department policy that Mueller cited in declining to look at obstruction charges in his nearly two-year investigation of Trump. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, the first candidate to fully endorse the start of impeachment proceedings after Mueller's report, pledged last month to end that policy if she's elected president.

Nearly half of the more than 20 Democratic primary candidates are calling for the start of an impeachment inquiry, Harris and Warren among them. Few contenders, though, are

making that stance a centerpiece of their campaigns.

But Harris, who is running in part on the strength of her legal and law enforcement experience, appears to have taken a step farther than her opponents in affirming that a Justice Department in her administration "should" look at charging Trump with obstruction once he no longer is president.

"I do believe that we should believe Bob Mueller when he tells us, essentially, that the only reason an indictment was not returned" was because of the current policy that bars indictment of a president while in office, Harris told NPR. "But I've seen prosecution of cases on much less evidence."

Another Democratic presidential hopeful, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, said in New Hampshire on Wednesday that the Justice Department has a responsibility to look into whether Trump should be charged but that process "should not be under the control of the president."

Former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke, who's also in the race, recently said his Justice Department would ensure "accountability and justice" but he did not commit his administration to pursuing a case against Trump.

Census

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The vote sends the contempt measures to the full House, although congressional leaders could go directly to court to try to force compliance with the subpoenas under a resolution approved earlier this week.

The committee's action marks an escalation of Democratic efforts to use their House majority to aggressively investigate the Trump administration.

The vote came as the White House asserted executive privilege on the matter Wednesday. The Justice Department said officials had "engaged in good-faith efforts" to satisfy the panel's oversight needs and labeled the contempt vote "unnecessary and premature."

It was not clear what would happen next. A resolution approved by the House on Tuesday empowers committee chairs to sue top Trump administration officials to force compliance with congressional subpoenas without a vote of the full House, as long as they have approval from a bipartisan group of House leaders.

Action to hold Barr and Ross in contempt on the census issue would be a political blow but would not necessarily result in real punishment since the men are unlikely to go to jail or be arrested.

Democrats fear the citizenship question will reduce census participation in immigrant-heavy communities and result in a severe undercount of minority voters. They say they want specific documents to determine why Ross added the question to the 2020 census and contend the administration has declined to provide the documents despite repeated requests.

The oversight panel's chairman, Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., said he was saddened by the vote, but called it an important step to assert Congress' constitutional authority to serve as a check on executive

power.

"The census is something that is so very, very important," Cummings told reporters after the vote. "It goes to the bedrock of our very society and our democracy. We need to make sure the census is counted and counted accurately."

A spokeswoman for Barr said the committee's vote defied logic and undermined Congress' credibility with the American people. "Despite the committee's political games, the department will remain focused on its critical work safeguarding the American people and upholding the rule of law," spokeswoman Kerri Kupiec said.

Ross said in a statement that the committee's vote "demonstrated its scorn for the Constitution." He accused Democrats of "refusing to engage in the constitutionally mandated accommodation process."

The administration has turned over more than 17,000 pages of documents and Ross testified for nearly seven hours in March. The Justice Department said two senior officials were interviewed by committee staff and that officials are working to supply tens of thousands of additional relevant pages.

Cummings disputed that account and said most of the documents turned over to the committee had already been made public.

"We must protect the integrity of the census and we must stand up for Congress' authority under the Constitution to conduct meaningful oversight," Cummings said before Wednesday's vote.

The administration's refusal to turn over requested documents "does not appear to be an effort to engage in good-faith negotiations or accommodations," he said. "Instead, it appears to be another example of the administration's blanket defiance of

Congress' constitutionally mandated responsibilities."

Trump has pledged to "fight all the subpoenas" issued by Congress and says he won't work on legislative priorities until Congress halts investigations of his administration.

Ross told the committee the March 2018 decision to add the question was based on a Justice Department request to help it enforce the Voting Rights Act.

Cummings disputed that, citing documents unearthed last week suggesting that the real reason the administration sought to add the citizenship question was to help officials gerrymander legislative districts in overtly partisan and racist ways.

Computer files from North Carolina redistricting expert Tom Hofeller include detailed calculations that lay out gains Republicans would see in Texas by basing legislative districts on the number of voting-age citizens rather than the total population.

Hofeller, a Republican operative who died last year, said in the documents that GOP gains would be possible only if the census asked every household about its members' immigration status for the first time since 1950.

The Supreme Court is considering the citizenship question. A ruling is expected by the end of June.

"I think it's totally ridiculous that we would have a census without asking" about citizenship, Trump said Wednesday, "but the Supreme Court is going to be ruling on it soon. I think when the census goes out you have the right to ask whether or not somebody is a citizen of the United States."

Some of the documents the committee is seeking are protected by attorney-client privilege and other confidential processes, Assistant Attorney General Stephen Boyd said.



Barr



Ross

Feds seek national security case against Mar-a-Lago intruder

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Miami Herald

MIAMI — For the first time, federal prosecutors have disclosed they are developing a potential national security case against Yujing Zhang, the 33-year-old Chinese woman charged with unlawfully entering Mar-a-Lago with a stash of electronic equipment.

They asked a federal judge to allow them to file "classified information"

under seal without the public — or the defendant — seeing it. If the motion is granted, prosecutors will present the evidence directly to the federal judge in Zhang's trespassing case during a private, closed meeting in the judge's chambers.

The prosecution's motion indicates that she is a focus of a widening U.S. probe of possible Chinese espionage and suggests that authorities have evidence she was likely not simply a "bumbling tourist" who ac-

identally found her way into President Donald Trump's private estate in Palm Beach.

The motion by a counterintelligence prosecutor with the U.S. attorney's office suggests that authorities have relevant classified evidence that could pose a risk to national security should anyone, including Zhang, ever see it.

Zhang's case is part of a broader federal investigation into possible Chinese spying at Mar-a-Lago that the Miami Herald revealed

is also focused on Republican donor Li "Cindy" Yang, who sold access to the president and his family on Chinese social media. Yang is also under investigation by the Justice Department for bundling contributions from Chinese nationals to Trump's reelection campaign, despite a ban on such foreign contributions.

On Tuesday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Sherwin asked U.S. District Judge Roy Altman to allow the government to seal the sensitive evidence in the

Zhang case under Section 4 of the Classified Information Procedures Act. The law, designed to protect matters and methods of national security, allows the government to present evidence directly to the judge without disclosing it to the defendant or public.

Zhang, who was arrested attempting to enter Mar-a-Lago with a trove of electronics on March 30, was charged by indictment with two federal crimes: unlawful entry and lying to a federal agent. Although no

charges have been brought under the Espionage Act, prosecutors for the U.S. attorney's office have always hinted that the case involved matters of national security.

At a hearing on Tuesday, Zhang — against the judge's recommendation — was allowed to fire her defense attorneys and represent herself at trial after her lawyers with the federal public defender's office said she was mentally competent to do so. Trial is tentatively set for mid-August.

Should 'Barbecue' be feted or feared?

Ex-cop, self-styled guardian eyed in Haiti massacre

By DANICA COTO
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — He's known as Barbecue, an ex-cop suspected in the massacre of dozens of men, women and children in the Haitian capital — and a hero in his neighborhood, followed by crowds of adoring residents who consider him their protector.

Authorities say men like Barbecue, whose real name is Jimmy Cherizier, are increasingly taking charge of areas across Haiti as public safety disintegrates and the government loses its grip on a country facing one of its most violent periods in recent history despite a 15-year U.N. peacekeeping operation there.

"Gangs are multiplying because the government is weak," said Haiti's attorney general, Paul Eronce Villard, who estimates there are more than 50 gangs now operating in the country.

Armed gangs, sometimes with links to corrupt police and believed financed by local politicians and businessmen, battle each other for control of Port-au-Prince's lucrative outdoor markets, the source of a steady flow of cash from so-called "protection" fees from vendors, as well as drug deals and arms sales.

Among them is Base Delmas 6, which local human rights groups say is led by Cherizier in Port-au-Prince's impoverished Lower Delmas neighborhood. Cherizier denies that, describing himself as a community leader who doles out cash to residents when they're in need, clears garbage from the streets and protects the neighborhood from rival gangs.

He's also a suspect in the country's worst massacre in years, accused by police and witnesses of helping to or-



The La Saline slum in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, was the site of a weeklong massacre last year. Homes were also destroyed.

chestrate the slaughter of up to 59 men, women and children in the nearby neighborhood of La Saline last year.

But despite being named in a police report and in two local human rights groups' investigations of the killings, Cherizier, remains free and the most powerful man in Lower Delmas.

A police badge tattooed on his right forearm and a 9 mm pistol in his waistband, the 42-year-old Cherizier sleeps during the day and spends nights scanning the streets for enemies. He enforces a nightly curfew and has a small army of lookouts who bang on drums to alert residents that rival gangs are approaching.

Another suspected gang leader, Joel Noel, calls himself the community leader of La Saline, where the massacre began on Nov. 13 as men armed with guns and machetes broke into homes, killing and torturing dozens and raping several



Jimmy Cherizier, an ex-cop known as "Barbecue," is suspected in the massacre that left dozens dead.

women. Victims' bodies were then burned or cut into pieces and thrown to pigs and dogs. Among the dead was a 4-year-old girl shot in the head in her mother's arms, according to authorities.

An internal investigative report by the Haitian police Bureau of Criminal Affairs, obtained by The Associated Press, has called for the arrest of Cherizier and 68 others on charges including murder and rape. It is now being reviewed by a judge, but more than six months

after the carnage none have been charged.

Cherizier is implicated in two killings in the report: One by a woman who accused him and 13 others of fatally shooting her cousin and dragging his body into a swamp, and another by a woman who accused him of colluding with others to kill her son.

Noel also accused Cherizier in the slayings and said people in La Saline now sleep on the streets because they're too scared to spend the night at home.

"We need security, we need help for the people, we need justice," he said, adding that he fears more people will be killed. "The people who can't fight are going to be the victims."

Cherizier denied any connection to the massacre and said his enemies have linked him to the killings out of revenge. He said he got the nickname Barbecue as a child because his mother was a street vendor

who sold fried chicken, not because he is accused of setting people on fire.

"I would never massacre people in the same social class as me," declared Cherizier, who says he takes inspiration from late dictator Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, who ruled Haiti with a bloody brutality as "president for life" from 1957 to 1971.

"I was born next door to La Saline. I live in the ghetto. I know what ghetto life is," added Cherizier, the youngest of eight children, whose father died when he was 5.

Weeks after the massacre, police accused Cherizier of being away without leave and expelled him from the force. Cherizier contends he was asleep when the attack began and never abandoned the force.

Marie-Yolene Gilles, executive director of the human rights group Fondasyon Je Klere, accused politicians of condoning and encouraging gang activ-

ity. La Saline has long been known as a rallying point for anti-government protests, and the massacre occurred just days before scheduled nationwide protests over corruption allegations.

"Haiti's security situation is very, very alarming," she said. "It seems that the country doesn't have a leader."

The spike in violence prompted the U.S. State Department to pull out all nonemergency personnel in mid-February and issue a "no travel" advisory that remains in effect.

Villard, the attorney general, said the violence is worse now than in 2004, when former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was toppled by a rebellion that led to the intervention by the U.N. peacekeeping force, whose operation will end in October.

Serge Therriault, U.N. police commissioner in Haiti, said the peacekeeping force addressed gang problems in the early stages of its mission, but he worries about the resurgence and believes it is linked to the economic downturn.

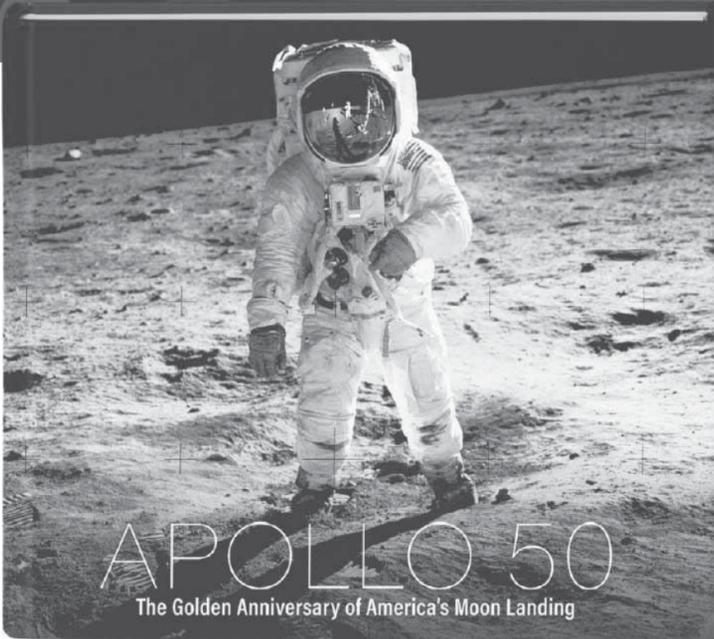
"There are limited things the police can do," he said. "We can try to stop the gang activity, but until these people have employment it's very difficult."

The Haitian police are also dealing with gangs infiltrating the force: Last month, they referred five cadets suspected of gang involvement to authorities as outrage grew over brazen daylight killings, including a police detective slain in a high-end neighborhood and a university professor fatally shot after leaving a bank.

The surging violence concerns Jean-Pierre, a business owner who declined to give his last name for safety reasons.

"I don't think we've reached rock bottom yet," he said. "It's going to get harder in the months to come. It's going to reach a breaking point."

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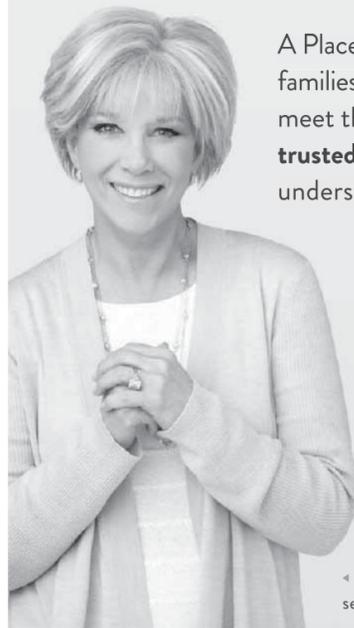
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Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, left, and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani greet each other Wednesday at the Saadabad Palace in Tehran.

Japan premier warns US, Iran 'accidental conflict' possible

BY AMIR VAHDAT,
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Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe traveled to Tehran on Wednesday to warn that an “accidental conflict” could be sparked amid heightened tensions between Iran and the U.S., a message that came hours after Yemen’s Iranian-backed Houthi rebels attacked a Saudi airport, wounding 26 people.

Abe’s trip is the highest-level effort yet to de-escalate the crisis as Tehran appears poised to break the 2015 nuclear deal it struck with world powers, an accord that the Trump administration pulled out of last year. It’s also the first visit of a sitting Japanese premier in the 40 years since the Islamic Revolution.

But success may prove difficult for Abe, as the Houthi rebel attack on Saudi Arabia’s Abha regional airport underscored. The attack is just the latest in a wave of rebel drone and missile attacks targeting the kingdom, which has been mired in a yearslong war in Yemen that has killed an estimated 60,000 people and pushed the Arab world’s poorest nation to

the brink of famine.

Iran is threatening to resume enriching uranium closer to weapons-grade level on July 7 if European allies fail to offer it new terms. While President Donald Trump says he wants to talk to Tehran, the U.S. has piled on sanctions that have seen Iran’s rial currency plummet along with its crucial oil exports.

The U.S. also has sent an aircraft carrier and B-52 bombers to the region, along with hundreds more troops to back up the tens of thousands already deployed across the Middle East. The U.S. blames Iran for the Houthi assaults, as well as a mysterious attack on oil tankers off the coast of the United Arab Emirates.

Abe called for “more patience” on all sides in the crisis, which he warned could spiral out of control.

“At the moment tension is rising. We should do anything we can to prevent an accidental conflict from happening and Iran should play its constructive role,” Abe said in an address after talks with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani.

Rouhani warned that Iran would offer a “crushing” response if attacked by the U.S. He also claimed that Japan wanted to again buy Iranian crude oil,

something it had stopped under threat of U.S. sanctions. Abe did not acknowledge expressing that in their talks.

“Whenever the economic war stops, we will see a very positive development in the region and the world,” Rouhani said.

Abe will see Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Thursday.

Middle East peace is a must for Japan, which gets most of the oil fueling its economy from there. Recent threats from Iran to close off the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth through which a third of all oil traded by sea passes, have raised concerns.

The looming threats to regional security could be seen just hours earlier in the attack on Abha. The Houthis said they launched a cruise missile at the Saudi airport while the kingdom said 26 people were hurt.

Though there were no fatalities, it was the largest number of civilians to be wounded in Saudi Arabia as a result of an attack by the rebels since the start of the Saudi-led war in Yemen more than four years ago.

A Houthi spokesman, Mohammed Abdel-Salam, said the attack was in response to Saudi Arabia’s “continued aggression and blockade on Yemen.”

Lawmakers challenge Trump official over Saudi arms sale

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers on Wednesday grilled a State Department official over President Donald Trump’s decision to sell arms to Saudi Arabia without congressional review, with the top Democrat on the House panel describing the move as a “slap in the face” and Republicans also voicing objections.

Using a loophole in the Arms Export Control Act, the Trump administration sidestepped Congress to authorize the sale of \$8.1 billion in arms to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

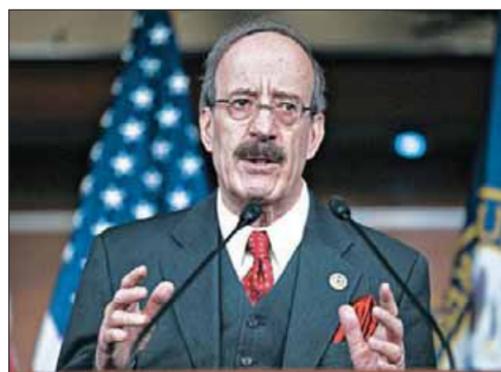
House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., accused the Trump administration of pointing to threats from Iran as a “convenient excuse” to push through the deal. The top Republican on the panel, Michael McCaul of Texas, said “the recent use of this emergency authority in my judgment was unfortunate” and warned, “we certainly hope this is a one-time exception.”

R. Clark Cooper, assistant secretary of state for political-military affairs, defended the sale, saying it was necessary to protect U.S. allies. He insisted that Secretary of State Pompeo remains committed to working with Congress.

The hearing on the arms sales prompted the latest display of anger in Congress over Trump’s foreign policy and his administration’s close ties to Saudi Arabia.

Concern over U.S.-Saudi policy has been building for some time, in part due to the heavy civilian casualties from the Saudi-led war in Yemen. The anger reached a new level last year after the killing of U.S.-based columnist Jamal Khashoggi.

Lawmakers had previously put portions of the



Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., accused the administration of using threats by Iran as an excuse to bypass Congress.

arms sale on hold over concerns with Saudi Arabia’s human rights record, and some are mounting an effort to thwart Trump’s move. In the Senate, a bipartisan group of lawmakers has introduced more than a dozen resolutions to block the sales, but it remains to be seen whether they can pass Congress and then overcome a likely Trump veto.

As they questioned Cooper on Wednesday, lawmakers sought more details on the discussions leading up to the emergency declaration and the individuals who were involved. Pompeo declared the emergency just days after he delivered classified briefings to the full House and Senate, where he made no mention of the arms sale.

“I want to know whether or not Congress was kept in the dark,” said Democratic Rep. Colin Allred of Texas. “It seems like an attempt just basically to circumvent Congress because we did not agree with the decision to sell these arms to Saudi Arabia.”

Cooper said the decision-making process “developed with the threat streams,” but Pompeo has always known that the emergency declaration was an item in his “tool kit.”

Republican Rep. Ted

Yoho of Florida also voiced frustration with Trump’s decision to bypass Congress, saying the consequences of such a move “take a long time to go back and correct.” Yoho also requested a follow-up classified briefing.

Lawmakers pressed Cooper on who was involved in the decision over the sale, and whether Trump’s son-in-law and senior adviser, Jared Kushner, was among them. That line of questioning prompted a number of sharp exchanges.

“You’re dismissing us!” Rep. William Keating, D-Mass., told Cooper in exasperation during a line of questioning about Kushner’s role. Cooper said Kushner was not involved in the emergency declaration, but said “there are a number of lines of communication with our partners.”

Cooper told lawmakers the State Department values Congress’ role in the arms transfer process and pledged that Pompeo intends for the emergency declaration to be “a one-time event.”

“This is gaslighting,” said Democratic Rep. David Cicilline of Rhode Island. “You’re claiming that your ignoring this provision is your way of affirming the role Congress plays. That’s an absurdity!”

US resident freed by Iran to Trump: ‘Get ... your hostages’

BY BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

BEIRUT — A Lebanese man and permanent U.S. resident who was released after spending years in an Iranian prison called on President Donald Trump and Western countries to “please get back your hostages from Iran,” adding that he saw American detainees during his nearly four-year imprisonment.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Nizar Zakka said he was subjected to “all kinds of torture,” both physical and mental, during his detention in the notorious Evin prison in Tehran, including being forced to stand on one leg for hours, extended periods of interrogation and lack of food.

“Nobody on Earth deserves such suffering,” he said in the interview, during which he broke down in tears at one point.

Zakka, an information technology expert, was arrested in Iran in September 2015 while trying to fly out of Tehran. He had just attended a conference there at the invitation of one of the country’s vice presidents. The following year, he was sentenced to 10 years in prison in a closed-door trial after authorities accused him of being an American spy — allegations he and his associates vigorously reject.

He was released Tuesday and flew back to his native Lebanon, amid heightened tensions between the U.S. and Iran. Last year, the Trump administration decided to withdraw from the 2015 nuclear deal and reimpose heavy sanctions on Iran. The past weeks have witnessed a flurry of diplomatic activity to ease tensions and salvage the landmark deal.

Zakka is one of several prisoners with either dual nationality or links to the West held in the Islamic Republic’s prisons. It was not clear why Iran decided



Nizar Zakka, a Lebanese citizen and permanent US resident freed by Iran, speaks to a reporter in Beirut, Lebanon.

to act now, after years of Lebanese officials asking for his release. The White House said it was “thankful” for Zakka’s release but wants to see other Americans who are detained there released as well.

“In my opinion, it was a good timing for the Iranians, and especially they had a request from the President of the Lebanese Republic,” Zakka told the AP. “They took this opportunity to send also a message de-escalating tensions within the region.”

Zakka said that during his detention he met several Westerners held in Iran, and for two years shared a cell with Chinese-American Xiyue Wang, a Princeton University graduate student sentenced to 10 years behind bars after being accused of “infiltrating” the country and sending confidential material abroad.

He said Wang suffered from a skin disease and it took authorities months to get him medication.

Wang’s wife, Hua Qu expressed in an email her happiness for Zakka’s release adding: “I welcome any help to free Xiyue who was also sentenced to 10 years and I keep praying for the day when our families can welcome him to Beijing and give him a hug with our son Shaofan, who has lived half of his life without his father.”

Zakka also said Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, an Iranian-British woman, was held in the same building where he was until she was moved to the women’s section inside Evin prison. She is currently serving a five-year prison sentence for allegedly planning the “soft toppling” of Iran’s government.

Asked whether he met former FBI agent Robert Levinson, who vanished in Iran in 2007 while on an unauthorized CIA mission, Zakka said: “We heard some stories. Some people told me that they saw him. It wasn’t confirmed stories.”

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A new kind of 'scorched earth' policy

Crop fires are latest weapon of war in Iraq and Syria

By SALAR SALIM AND SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press

IRBIL, Iraq — It was looking to be a good year for farmers across parts of Syria and Iraq. The wettest in generations, it brought rich, golden fields of wheat and barley, giving farmers in this war-torn region reason to rejoice.

But good news is short-lived in this part of the world, where residents of the two countries struggle to cope with seemingly never-ending violence and turmoil amid Syria's civil war and attacks by remnants of the Islamic State group. Now, even in areas where conflict has subsided, fires have been raging in farmers' fields, depriving them of valuable crops.

The blazes have been blamed on defeated IS militants seeking to avenge their losses, or on Syrian government forces battling to rout other armed groups. Thousands of acres in both Syria and Iraq have been scorched by the fires during the harvest season, which runs until mid-June.

"The life that we live here is already bitter," said Husain Attiya, a farmer from Topzawa Kakayi in northern Iraq. "If the situation continues like this, I would say that no one will stay here. I plant 500 to 600 acres every year. Next year, I won't be able to do that because I can't stay here and guard the land day and night."

IS militants have a history of implementing a "scorched earth policy" in areas from which they retreat or where they are defeated. It's "a means of inflicting a collective punishment on those left behind," said Emma Beals, an independent Syria researcher.

IS militants claimed responsibility for burning crops in their weekly newsletter, al-Nabaa, saying they targeted farms belonging to senior officials in six Iraqi



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People put out a crop fire on May 28 in Syria. IS militants and Syrian government forces are blamed for a spate of blazes.

provinces and in Kurdish-administered eastern Syria, highlighting the persistent threat from the group even after its territorial defeat.

IS said it burned the farms of "the apostates in Iraq and the Levant" and called for more.

"It seems that it will be a hot summer that will burn the pockets of the apostates as well as their hearts as they burned the Muslims and their homes in the past years," the article said.

Hundreds of acres of wheat fields around Kirkuk in northern Iraq were set on fire. Several wheat fields in the Daquq district in southern Kirkuk burned for three straight days last month.

Farmers in the village of Ali Saray, within Daquq's borders, struggled to put out the blazes. The militants had laid land mines in the field, so when help arrived

in the village of Topzawa Kakayi, the explosives went off and seriously wounded two people, according to the local agriculture department and farmers.

In eastern Syria's Raqqa province, farmers battled raging fires with pieces of cloth, sacks and water trucks. Piles of hay burned and black smoke billowed above the fields.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said more than 74,000 acres of farmland in Hassakeh, Raqqa and all the way to Aleppo province to the west, were burned.

Activist Omar Abou Layla said local Kurdish-led forces failed to respond to the fires in the province of Deir el-Zour, where IS was uprooted from its last territory in March, deepening the crisis.

Other residents accuse

the Syrian government, which used to earn millions from the wheat trade in eastern Syria, of sparking the fires to undermine the Kurdish-led administration, which now operates independently of the central government.

Kurdish authorities acknowledge they have few capabilities to deal with the arsons.

In Raqqa, where most of the residents rely on agriculture, farmers were preparing for a good harvest. Ahmed al-Hashloum heads Inmaa, Arabic for Development, a local civil group that supports agriculture. He said rainfall levels were more than 200% higher than last year, causing many to return to farming.

But what promised to be a good year turned into a "black one," said al-Hashloum, who said west-

ern Raqqa was worst hit by the fires. All it takes is a cigarette butt to set haystacks on fire, he pointed out.

"It doesn't need a bomb or fuel," he said.

Estimates based on local farmers suggest that nearly 25,000 acres in Raqqa province were set on fire, valued at \$9 million, he said.

But state media blamed the raging fires, including in government controlled areas, on rising temperatures. In Raqqa, the state-run Ikhbariya TV alleged Kurdish-led authorities prevented firefighters from reaching the raging fires, without explaining why.

In western Syria, a government military offensive against the country's last rebel stronghold has also left thousands of acres of farms in ashes, in what activists and experts say is a

calculated move to deny the locals livelihood and force them to leave the enclave, home to 3 million people.

Beals, the Syria expert, said the government used similar tactics when it besieged Daraya and eastern Ghouta, other rebel areas outside of the Syrian capital, Damascus, eventually forcing the fighters to surrender as early as 2015 and 2016. Throughout the conflict, various warring parties have used food crops as a way of controlling the population.

Beals said crop burning in rebel-held Idlib province in northern Syria is likely the latest chapter in this playbook and "will impact food security and the ability to eke out a small living for some." She added that the scale of crop burning is much larger in Idlib than other areas.

One Idlib activist, Huthaifa al-Khateeb, estimated that as much as 60% of 185,000 acres of wheat and barley have been burned. Olive and pistachio groves have largely been spared, he said.

Satellite images provided by the Colorado-based Maxar Technologies show significant damage to crop fields in Idlib and Hama, calling it a "scorched earth campaign."

The U.N. said the fires are threatening to disrupt normal food production cycles and potentially reduce food security for months to come. Whether intentional or collateral damage, crop burning on this scale will damage soil and have adverse effects on the health of civilians in the province, where respiratory diseases are already high in the overcrowded western Syrian enclave.

Syria had suffered a dire prewar draught that left the country and the region that traded with it in a worsening food insecurity. The crop burning remains localized and can't be compared to pre-war devastation, Beals said.

"However, it is only the beginning of the summer and if the fires continue it could lead to a crisis," she said.

Secret raises rile Palestinians

Lavish pay hikes for Cabinet came as public suffered

By MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH
Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The Palestinian labor market in the West Bank was limping along in 2017, with unemployment stubbornly high and economic growth slowing.

But that didn't stop the Palestinian Cabinet from secretly giving itself a series of lavish payouts and perks, highlighted by a 67% salary hike.

The payments and perks were kept quiet for the past two years, but news of the Cabinet decision leaked this week in a series of documents posted anonymously to social media.

The revelations have rocked the West Bank, where the cash-strapped government has been forced to slash the salaries of its employees because of a financial crisis. Coming during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, a time of high expenses for struggling families, the report

renewed outrage among Palestinians who have long seen their leadership as out of touch and rife with corruption.

"The Cabinet members behaved as if the government is their private shop and they can take as much as they want without being held accountable," said political commentator Ehab Jareri.

According to one leaked document, the monthly salaries for Cabinet ministers spiked from \$3,000 to \$5,000, while the prime minister's salary was raised to \$6,000.

The raises were kept secret from the public and approved by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, two senior officials said, overriding a 2004 law that fixed ministers' salaries. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the issue with the media.

The pay raise was made retroactive to 2014, when the Cabinet took office, giving the ministers an extra bonus of tens of thousands of dollars, the officials said.

The benefits did not end there. Ministers who live

outside the West Bank city of Ramallah, the seat of the Palestinian Authority, received \$10,000 a year to rent a house there, another document showed. Officials who already owned Ramallah homes also reaped the lucrative bonus. And in an extra boost, the government inflated the exchange rate, giving them a roughly 17% premium when converting the salaries to Israeli shekels. Cabinet members already enjoy government compensation for personal drivers and international travel expenses.

The documents were viewed by The Associated Press and authenticated by the Palestinian officials.

After years in office, Abbas has seen his popularity plummet. People are disillusioned by his failure to deliver an independent state, his loss of the Gaza Strip to the rival Hamas movement and general economic malaise. Unemployment in the West Bank is near 20%, and a typical salary for those who do work, such as civil servants, is roughly \$700 to \$1,000 a month.

The leaked documents have sparked widespread

outrage. Amid the outrage, the Palestinian Authority has been forced to respond.

Newly appointed Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh, a longtime adviser to Abbas, has suspended the pay raises and referred the issue to Abbas "to review it and take legal measures." While the issue is investigated, ministers will receive half their salaries, like most other government employees, according to government spokesman Ibrahim Milhim.

Former Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah, whose technocratic government enacted the benefits, defended them, saying in a statement: "Cabinet ministers requested the raise in 2017 from President Abbas, who approved it while taking into consideration the rising costs of living."

The leaks coincide with a report by Aman finding that the government has improperly filled senior government jobs without advertising them, appointed officials' relatives to senior posts and refused to disclose budgets of the presidential office and security forces.

Much of the Palestinian



MAJDI MOHAMMED/AP

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas approved the secret raises for members of the Cabinet in 2017.

Authority's financial woes stem from a power struggle with Israel over its withholding of \$138 million in key tax revenues it collects on behalf of the Palestinians.

Israel decided to halt the transfers to penalize the government for paying stipends to families of Palestinians who carried out attacks against Israel, contending the money rewards violence. The Palestinians describe the payments as social welfare to families

affected by conflict, and have refused to accept any tax transfers unless the funding is fully restored. To steady its finances, the authority has enacted austerity measures.

Against this backdrop, the litany of leaked findings has deepened public disillusionment. Opinion surveys conducted by the prominent Palestinian pollster Khalil Shikaki reveal that over 80 percent of Palestinians consider their leadership corrupt.

Feeling blue? Man's best friend might be feeling it too

Your worries could affect your dog, a new study suggests

By JEREMY REHM
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When dog owners go through a stressful period, they're not alone in feeling the pressure — their dogs feel it too, a new study suggests.

Dog owners experiencing long bouts of stress can transfer it to their dogs, scientists report in a study published in Scientific Reports.

Swedish researchers focused on 58 people who own border collies or Shetland sheepdogs. They examined hair from the dog owners and their dogs, looking at the concentrations of a hormone called cortisol, a chemical released into the bloodstream and absorbed by hair follicles in response to stress.

Depression, excessive physical exercise and unemployment are just a few examples of stress that can influence the amount of cortisol found in your hair, said Lina Roth of Linköping University in Sweden.

Roth and her team found that the patterns of cortisol levels in the hair of dog owners closely matched that found in their dogs in both winter and summer months, indicating their stress levels were in sync.

She thinks the owners are influencing the dogs rather than the other way around because several human personality traits appear to affect canine cortisol levels.

Researchers don't know what causes the synchronization in cortisol levels between humans and their pups. But a hint might lie in

the fact that the link is stronger with competitive dogs than in pet pooches.

The bond between owner and competitive dogs during training may increase the canines' emotional reliance on their owners, she said. That in turn could increase the degree of synchronization.

But why do people influence their dogs rather than vice versa? Perhaps people are "a more central part of the dog's life, whereas we humans also have other social networks," Roth said.

The study results are no surprise, said Alicia But-

tner, director of animal behavior with the Nebraska Humane Society in Omaha.

"New evidence is continually emerging, showing that people and their dogs have incredibly close bonds that resemble the ones that parents share with their children," she said in an email.

But she said there isn't enough evidence to assume that the influence goes only one way; it may go both ways.

"It's not just as simple as owner gets stressed, dog gets stressed," she said.

Buttner said cortisol levels don't necessarily indicate "bad" stress. They instead can indicate a good experience like getting ready to go for a walk, she said.

Roth and her team plan to investigate whether other breeds will react to their owners the same way.

In the meantime, she offered advice to minimize how much stress dog owners may be causing their pets. Dogs that play more show fewer signs of being stressed, she said.

So "just be with your dog and have fun," Roth said.

Fla. marks anniversary of nightclub rampage

BY MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Three years after a gunman massacred 49 people and wounded many others at a gay nightclub in Florida, the anniversary was observed Wednesday with somber memorial gatherings and proclamations, including one that had to be issued twice.

In a proclamation, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis ordered state flags to be lowered to half staff and asked Floridians to pause to remember the victims of the 2016 shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando. But he initially made no



Participants read the names of victims during a tolling of the bells at First United Methodist Church in Orlando.

mention of the gay or Hispanic communities in the proclamation honoring the 49 clubgoers who were

killed on Latin night. Democratic state Rep. Anna Eskamani of Orange County criticized the Re-

publican governor for the omission, calling the proclamation, “straight-washed.”

DeSantis later tweeted that the state mourns the loss of life from the attack that “targeted the LGBTQ and Hispanic community, and Florida as a whole.”

Several hours later, his office issued a “corrected version” of the proclamation that said Florida wouldn’t tolerate hate toward the LGBTQ and Hispanic communities.

“Staff made an error in the previous version. The governor has directed that the proclamation be re-issued, including a direct reference to our LGBTQ

and Hispanic communities,” said Helen Aguirre Ferre, the governor’s communications director, in an email accompanying the revised proclamation. “The governor stands in solidarity with the LGBTQ and Hispanic communities who were attacked during this horrific act of violence at Pulse three years ago today.”

In the U.S. Senate, Florida’s two Republican U.S. senators introduced a resolution honoring the 49 people killed on Latin night. The resolution, which passed with unanimous consent, noted that the massacre was “an attack on LGBTQ community, the

Hispanic community, the city of Orlando, the state of Florida and the United States.”

The gunman was killed after a three-hour standoff by SWAT team members. He had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State.

In Orlando, churches were ringing bells 49 times at noon and a Wednesday night memorial service was planned outside the Pulse nightclub, which has been closed since the shooting in June 2016.

Some survivors and friends gathered at the club shortly after 2 a.m. Wednesday to mark the exact time the shooting started.

Popular plants pique poachers’ pursuit

Calif. succulents are prized status symbols in Asia

BY ANTONIA NOORI FARZAN
The Washington Post

The men traveled Highway 101 in budget rental cars, stopping at remote state parks with stunning vistas as they snaked their way along the Northern California coast.

To a casual observer, Byungsu Kim, Youngin Back, and Bong Jun Kim, all in their mid-40s, might have seemed like yet another group of road-tripping tourists on the famously scenic highway, marveling at the towering redwoods and the waves crashing against dizzying bluffs.

But wildlife detectives who had been tracking the three South Korean nationals since they arrived at Los Angeles International Airport in October 2018 noticed that their rented minivan was full of boxes and rubber totes — not the typical gear for a weeklong vacation. The men chatted on handheld radios as they explored the parks, and always seemed to wear bulky backpacks. Watching from a distance, wardens saw what they were stuffing inside: *Dudleya* succulents, which have spiky blue-green leaves immediately recognizable to anyone on Pinterest and Instagram.

On May 31, the three men were charged with stealing more than \$600,000 worth of wild succulents from public lands and attempting to smuggle them into Asia, where a lucrative black market for the trendy houseplants is flourishing. The bust, which led to the seizure of more than 3,700 plants, was part of a larger crackdown on succulent poachers who are believed to be part of international smuggling rings. Overseas, the plants retail for as much as \$50 each, according to wildlife officials, and are a highly prized consumer good among the growing middle class.

“Right now these plants are a boom in Korea, China and Japan,” Patrick Freeling, a game warden with the California Department



Ashley McConnell, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service/Washington Post

Dudleya, a genus of succulent plants found on the California coast, are prized by poachers. The plants are popular in Asia.

of Fish and Wildlife, told the Guardian last year. “It’s huge among domestic housewives. It’s a status thing.”

According to the Guardian, the plants have become so popular in South Korea and China that they are sold in stores the size of multiple basketball courts.

Dudleya, a genus encompassing dozens of species native to the West Coast, plays a crucial role in the delicate ecosystems of California’s wind-battered cliffs, where they help to fight erosion. Some of those species are considered threatened or endangered, and the population has recently been devastated by wildfires. Now, experts worry that the rarest types of *Dudleya* could be driven to extinction if poachers keep ripping out thousands at a time.

Though *Dudleya* can be grown in nurseries, they take years or even decades to mature, and commercial growers have struggled to keep up as succulent mania spreads from South Korea to China. Kang Suk-Jung, who owns a nursery in Hojawon, South Korea, told NPR last year that once Chinese customers started buying succulents, “even

tens of thousands of plants would not meet the demand.” Besides, he said, it was tough to replicate the look of the most sought-after species.

“Those plants had survived in their natural habitats for decades through rain and wind,” he said. “That’s what makes them beautiful. You can’t grow succulents like them with artificial measures.”

Until December 2017, authorities had no idea that thousands of succulents were being stolen from state parks. Then, a frustrated postal customer called the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s hotline with an anonymous tip. The woman had grown exasperated while waiting to mail a Christmas package at the tiny post office in Mendocino, California, the Mercury News reported. A man ahead of her was shipping 60 packages to China, and the line snaked outside the door. Curious, she asked what was in the boxes.

“Shhhh, something very valuable,” the man responded, putting one finger to his lips.

“Where did you get them?” the woman asked. The man pointed to the

ocean.

Freeling, the game warden who received the tip, asked U.S. Customs and Border Protection to X-ray the packages. The tipster had suspected that the boxes held abalone, a type of edible sea snail often illegally harvested by divers in Northern California.

Instead, they turned out to contain dozens of succulents, he told NPR. That on its own wasn’t necessarily illegal, but Freeling had a hunch he had stumbled onto something bigger. Sure enough, within a month, he got a call about a suspicious man wandering the cliffs with a backpack. It was the same man he had seen on surveillance footage from the Mendocino post office, and the pack was stuffed with succulents.

“I confronted him and asked what he was doing, and he said it was for his garden. He had another person as a lookout,” Freeling told the South China Morning Post’s magazine. “This was my first time dealing with plant poaching and I didn’t know what I was doing, and I didn’t search his vehicle for more plants. I believe now that there were more.”

Other busts followed, though the fact that poachers typically work in remote and isolated spots gave them plenty of cover.

In 2018, as they became aware of the scale of the threat to natural succulent habitats, wardens started looking closely at Byungsu Kim, who operated a nursery in San Diego County, and who they suspected was exporting *Dudleya* plants to South Korea. Customs officials tipped them

off to his arrival when he flew into Los Angeles International Airport in October 2018, and investigators began conducting surveillance as he drove north with the two other men, according to a criminal complaint filed in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

The trio allegedly made repeated trips to three state parks in Northern California, filling up their two rental cars with *Dudleya* plants before returning to the nursery to unload their harvest. They had just dropped off approximately 3,715 succulents at a commercial exporter’s warehouse when the wardens pulled them over.

When questioned, Youngin Back and Bong Jun Kim admitted to illegally collecting wild plants, according to a probable cause statement.

But while Bong Jun Kim is in federal custody, prosecutors said last month that Back and Byungsu Kim fled the country after their arrests and are considered fugitives. The men also face charges in Del Norte County Superior Court in California, and it wasn’t immediately clear how two of them had been able to leave the United States.

If convicted on federal charges of conspiracy to export plants that were taken in violation of California law, and attempting to export plants in violation of state law, each of the men faces 10 years in prison.

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Ex-Michigan State dean guilty of neglect in handling Nassar

LANSING, Mich. — A former dean who had oversight of now-imprisoned sports doctor Larry Nassar at Michigan State University was found guilty Wednesday of neglect of duty and misconduct but acquitted on a more serious criminal sexual conduct charge.

William Strampel, 71, the ex-dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine, faces up to five years on a felony misconduct conviction for abusing his power

to sexually proposition and harass female students and not enforcing patient restrictions imposed on Nassar, a former USA Gymnastics team physician who pleaded guilty to molesting female athletes and possessing child pornography.

Jurors acquitted him of felony criminal sexual conduct in the second degree, a charge that could have sent him to prison for up to 15 years, for grabbing a student's buttocks.

House committee votes to replenish 9/11 victim fund

WASHINGTON — The House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday voted unanimously in support of a bill that would give fresh money to a compensation fund for those who are sick or dying from illnesses linked to their work amid the toxic debris at 9/11 attack sites.

The vote comes a day after an emotional hearing in which ailing first responders and former "Daily Show" host Jon

Stewart lambasted lawmakers' inaction on the issue.

Anger and frustration have been growing since February, when it was announced that payouts will be cut as much as 70% to offset surging claims from those who are ill and the families of those who have died.

The bill is expected to pass easily in the House, but its prospects are less certain in the Senate.

5-year-old boy dies of Ebola as outbreak crosses Congo border

KASINDI, Congo — A 5-year-old Ugandan boy vomiting blood became the first cross-border victim in the current Ebola outbreak on Wednesday, while his 3-year-old brother and grandmother tested positive for the disease that has killed nearly 1,400 people in Congo.

With the outbreak's spread into Uganda, a World Health Organization committee will meet Friday to revisit whether

the second-largest Ebola epidemic in history should be declared a global health emergency.

The boy's mother had taken him and his brother into Congo, where her father was ill. WHO said he died of Ebola, and officials believe mourners became infected too.

The family went back into Uganda, bypassing official border crossings where health workers screen travelers.



AJIT SOLANKI/AP

In India: A fishing boat in the Arabian Sea coastal town of Veraval in Gujarat province is moved to safer ground Wednesday. Authorities issued an evacuation order for tens of thousands of people ahead of a severe cyclone expected to brush the coast Thursday.

Majority of immigrants in US illegally no longer from Mexico

WASHINGTON — The number of Mexican immigrants in the U.S. illegally has declined so sharply over the past decade that for the first time, they no longer make up the majority of that category, according to an estimate by the Pew Research Center on Wednesday.

But the number of Central Americans in the country illegally is increasing — from 1.5 million in 2007 to 1.9 million in 2017, the study found.

Pew, like other researchers, cited declining Mexican birthrates as a major reason. In 2015, Pew re-

ported that more Mexicans were leaving the U.S. than arriving, another milestone marking the end of one of the greatest waves of immigration in U.S. history, dating back to 1965 and ending around the time of the Great Recession.

The numbers reflect the conundrum the U.S. is facing at the southern border: The number of Central American migrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border is rising dramatically, and they are not easily returned over the border — unlike in previous years, when the majority of the border crossers were single men

from Mexico.

There were about 4.9 million Mexicans in the U.S. illegally in 2017, down 2 million from 2007. The decrease was the major driver in bringing down the overall population of immigrants in the country illegally. In 2017 it was about 10.5 million — the lowest since 2004. The research group found the peak was in 2007 at about 12.2 million. Previously, Mexican nationals made up most of that population. Now, it's a combination, with Central America having the second-largest, and Asia following with 1.4 million.

Hundreds detained in protest of reporter's case

MOSCOW — Hundreds of people were detained Wednesday as they marched in the Russian capital to protest what they called police fabrications in the wake of the arrest of an investigative journalist on drug charges that later were dropped when the government admitted

there was no evidence he committed a crime.

The mass arrests at the unauthorized rally provided a harsh coda to the elation of journalists and other supporters of Ivan Golenov a day after Russia's interior minister announced the unprecedented move to drop the

charges and seek punishment for the police officers involved.

The Interior Ministry said about 1,200 people took part in the Moscow demonstration, and those arrested face charges that could bring up to 20 days in jail, state news agency Tass reported.

Trump says he's sending 1,000 more GIs to Poland

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Wednesday that he will send 1,000 more U.S. service members to Poland as part of his broadening security and economic alliance.

Trump made the announcement during a White House news conference with Poland's president, Andrzej Duda. Trump said the Polish government will pay for the infrastructure to support the additional troops, and he praised Poland for increased military spending to meet its NATO commitments.

Earlier in the Oval Office, Trump said the United States has based tens of thousands of troops in Germany and that he probably would move a "certain number" of those personnel to Poland, "if we agree to do it."

Polish leaders have lobbied for additional forces for months.

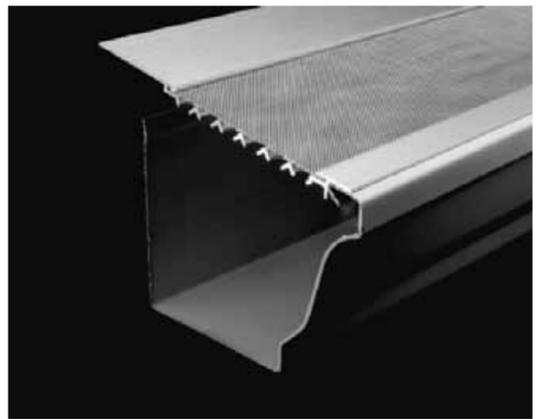
In Louisiana: The U.S. Justice Department says hate crime charges have been filed against a Louisiana man in connection with three fires that destroyed African American churches this year.

A news release from the department says Holden Matthews, 21, faces three counts of "intentional damage to religious property," which are hate crime charges. He's also charged with three counts of "using fire to commit a felony."

The indictment says the fires were set "because of the religious character" of the properties. Matthews has pleaded not guilty to related state charges.

Three African American churches were burned over 10 days, beginning in late March, in and around the city of Opelousas.

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EDITORIALS

Would One Central be good for Chicago? Let's find out.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot says she wants to get Chicago's population back to 3 million, from its current mark of 2.7 million and falling. How do you reverse the tide of people leaving the city? One answer is jobs. Create legions of jobs.

That's one reason why the proposed One Central project is worth a good look. It's a Wisconsin developer's \$20 billion vision to build One Central, a transit nexus and mixed-use neighborhood near Soldier Field. The developer, Bob Dunn, says One Central eventually will create 70,000 permanent jobs. His pitch includes a projection of \$120 billion in new state, county and city tax revenue over the next three decades.

That's certainly ambitious. Can it actually happen?

Gov. J.B. Pritzker got the ball rolling on One Central by including it in the budget implementation bill that the General Assembly passed last weekend. Tucked into the bill was a measure to earmark a future \$3.8 billion for the construction of the

transit hub, which would serve Metra, Amtrak and CTA train service. No cash would change hands now. Dunn and his investors would front the money for the hub, and then the state would, over time, help pay it off using tax revenues that One Central generates.

Dunn's track record is impressive. He has built or revamped NFL stadiums for the Green Bay Packers, Detroit Lions, Minnesota Vikings and the New York Giants. One Central may be his biggest challenge yet.

The 34-acre parcel that he wants to build on is a rail yard that yields just \$23,000 in property taxes every year. Dunn would use the property's air rights to build a deck over the rail yard that would support the project. If One Central gets built, Dunn projects that it would generate 42 million new transit riders every year. He also wants to make getting from A to B along the lakefront easier, via a "circulator"

transit link between McCormick Place, the Museum Campus and Navy Pier.

Given the scale of what Dunn's company, Landmark Development, wants to do, buy-in from the city, and particularly the neighborhoods surrounding the proposed One Central site, is necessary. On that point, Dunn is off to a rough start.

State lawmakers whose districts surround the site complained the project is being rushed along without their input, or the input of their constituents. "I'm not anti-development," Democratic State Rep. Kam Buckner told Crain's Chicago Business. "I just want to make sure the right community process is gone through."

Lightfoot met recently with Dunn and made it clear she didn't like the way he got Springfield to, "under the cover of darkness," authorize the \$3.8 billion, the Sun-Times reported.

Buckner and Lightfoot make a valid point. One Central's scale is massive. It could radically affect traffic flow and the

overall quality of life for Chicagoans in nearby South Loop neighborhoods. Community residents need to be part of the process of discussing One Central's fate.

There's still more to scrutinize before One Central seeks the required city government approvals. Dunn hasn't laid out details about those skyscrapers. How many housing units? How much density? What scale of building heights? What do the CTA, Metra and Amtrak have to say about the need for a South Loop transit hub?

Dunn, the city and the state need to move forward responsibly, which means examining whether this project makes sense for Chicago and for residents who live in the neighborhood.

One Central is a potential game-changer for the South Loop. It could bring investment, jobs, tax revenues, new transit options, a modest population influx and a huge jolt of human energy. It's also a long way from a done deal.

China bullies, Hong Kong protests

In 1997, Hong Kong relinquished its status as a British colony to accept an uncertain future as a semiautonomous region of China.

The shift was never going to be seamless, or painless, because Hong Kong leans Western and open in its identity. That makes it a strange and annoying beast to China's Communist Party rulers.

Most of the time things do run smoothly in Hong Kong, a global center for finance and business. But political tension is always present because China is powerful and its leadership is impatient to assert full control of Hong Kong. That won't happen until 2047, according to the deal Britain struck to return Hong Kong to Chinese rule.

The conflict with Chinese control is playing out this week through a series of angry protests in the streets of Hong Kong. Residents are demonstrating against a proposed law in Hong Kong that they see as a threat to their legal protections against Chinese meddling.

Their worries are justified because — no surprise — China is encroaching.

Hong Kong's legislature, controlled by a pro-Beijing majority, wants to pass legislation to give authorities an expanded ability to send criminal suspects abroad for trial. Hong Kong has a limited number of extradition agreements, and ostensibly the government is taking this action because a murder suspect in custody currently can't be sent to Taiwan.

But this legislation also would allow extradition to the Chinese mainland, and that's the rub. Two bedrock principles of Hong Kong's semiautonomy are that it maintains an independent judiciary and respects free speech. The Chinese govern-



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Protesters in Hong Kong move barricades during a demonstration Wednesday over a proposed extradition law with China.

ment may hold sway over Hong Kong politicians, but it isn't supposed to interfere in the territory's daily affairs or its Western practices.

This law represents a potential breach. That's why there were 1 million people at a demonstration Sunday and reports Wednesday of rioting. Because Hong Kong residents know that Chinese President Xi Jinping brooks no dissent. Given the chance, the Chinese security apparatus would seek to detain and extradite not just criminal suspects but political

dissidents or other foes back to China, where the courts are answerable to the party.

Hong Kong residents who may run afoul of the Chinese authorities already feel vulnerable. In 2015, five staff members of a Hong Kong bookstore and publisher disappeared into the Chinese legal system. Just the threat of extradition on trumped-up charges would be enough to stifle democratic actions in Hong Kong. A week ago, for example, thousands of Hong Kong residents held a vigil to commemorate the 30th anniversary of China's Tiananmen

Square massacre. No such protests are permitted on the mainland, of course.

Hong Kong's leader, Carrie Lam, was chosen by Beijing for the job. Even so, she has a chance to pull back and rewrite this legislation in order to assure residents, and the world, that her vibrant city will protect its freedoms.

If she lets the proposal become law in the face of grave local concerns, Hong Kong would be less autonomous. That would put 7.5 million people further under the thumb of Beijing.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

A broad swath of private colleges across the Northeast and mid-Atlantic regions are expected to miss their enrollment goals for the fall semester. ... "I do get the sense that more than a handful of highly selective colleges missed their enrollment targets this year," said Robert Massa, who still talks with enrollment professionals across the country after a 45-year career in financial aid and admissions. ...

On average, private colleges now discount tuition by more than 50 percent for freshmen, according to the latest annual figures in a report from the National Association of College and University Business Officers. But there's a limit to that business model. Even if they attract more students, most colleges are getting less tuition money, the report said. In the 2017-18 academic year, net tuition revenue from freshmen fell 3.6 percent compared with the previous year.

In some cases, the business model has broken down entirely. Since 2018, several colleges in New England have shut their doors or announced plans to close. ...

Nanci Tessier, senior vice president at the Art & Science Group, a consulting firm, said it's not yet clear which colleges will emerge from the current trend as winners or losers. But they should not expect to overcome the challenge just by spending more on financial aid or conducting better marketing. "There's a tendency for institutions to say, 'We will market our way out,'" she said. "That's tactical, but redesigning programmatic offerings is the harder and more essential work to do."

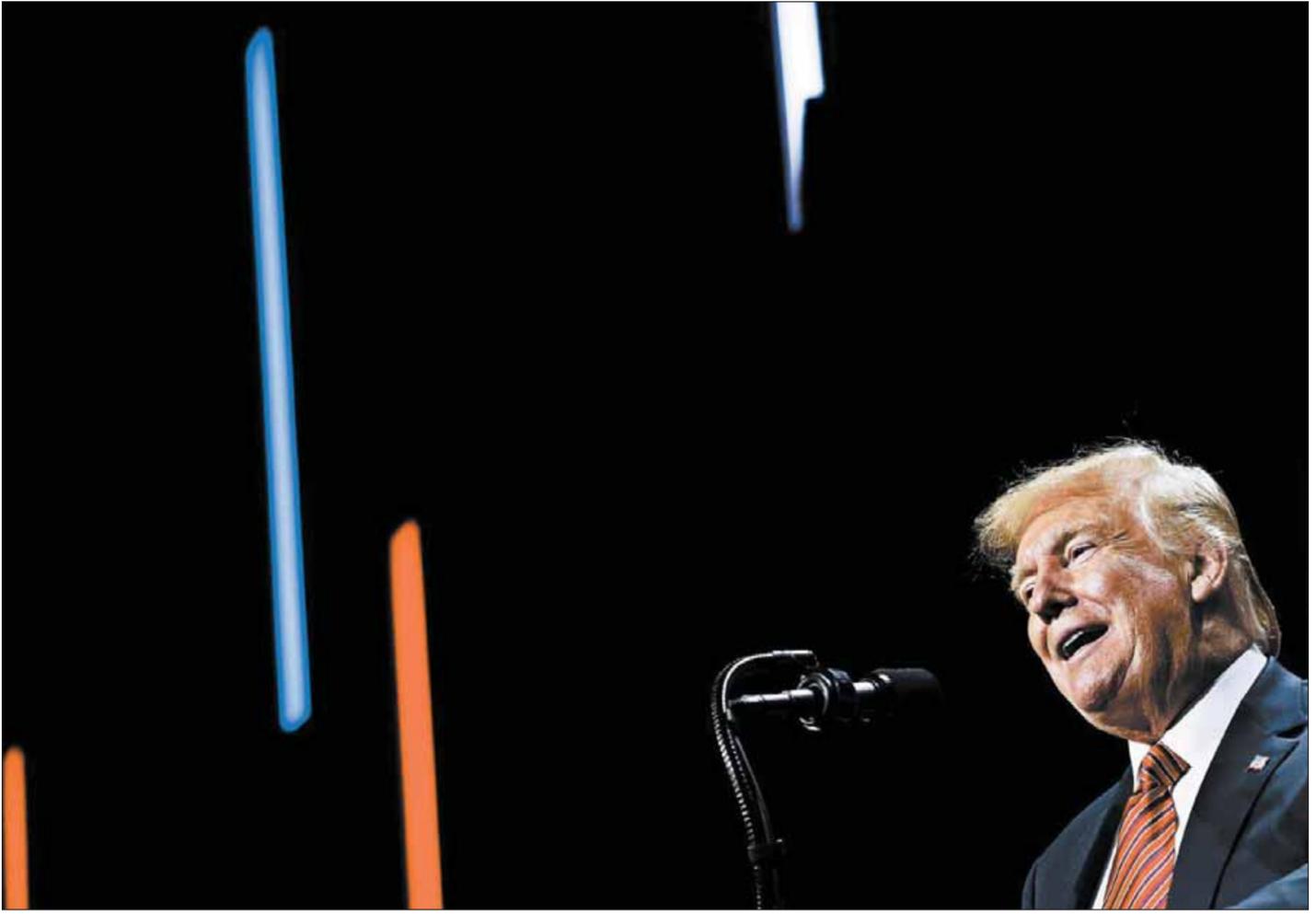
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President Donald Trump speaks Tuesday at the Republican Party of Iowa's annual dinner in West Des Moines. The president continually stokes bad feelings.

Trump needs conflict like normal people need oxygen



STEVE CHAPMAN

A decade ago, America was in crisis. The economy was battered by the worst downturn since the Great Depression. Seven million jobs had vanished. Our military was mired in two costly, futile wars, with no end in sight. Terrorism, a constant specter, erupted in a mass shooting that left 13 dead and 32 wounded at Fort Hood, Texas.

Compared with that, the America of 2019 is the land of milk and honey. The economy has been growing for 10 years in a row. The unemployment rate is the lowest it's been in 50 years, accompanied by low inflation. We are almost entirely out of Iraq and only 14,000 troops remain in Afghanistan, down from the peak of more than 100,000. Americans worry far less about terrorism than they used to.

But the national mood doesn't reflect the usual indicators. In June 2009, according to the RealClearPolitics polling average, 49% of Americans thought the country was on the wrong track, with 45% saying it was on the

right track. Today, 56% say we're on the wrong track, with only 38% saying we're on the right track. In May 2009, Gallup found, 62% were "dissatisfied with the way things are going in the United States." In May 2019, the number was 63%.

We are doing better. So why are we feeling worse?

The obvious answer is Donald Trump, who got nearly 3 million fewer votes than Hillary Clinton and has not expanded his appeal since. Political scientist Jonathan Bernstein noted in Bloomberg Opinion that "there's never been a president, at least from Harry Truman on, as consistently unpopular as Donald Trump."

A common dislike can bring people together. But Americans are not united even in their feelings about the president. In fact, 87% of Republicans like him, compared with 33% of independents and 8% of Democrats. The margin is even more lopsided (in reverse) than it was for Barack Obama at this stage of his presidency.

The likely explanation for why Trump provokes such bad feelings is that he strives so relentlessly to provoke them. No president in memory has made such a point, virtually every day, to find ways to stimulate conflict.

Who else would precede a visit to the Queen of England by smearing a

member of the royal family as "nasty" for something she said three years ago? What president would publicly mock the speaker of the House as "crazy"? (But then, Trump had previously dissed a Republican House speaker.) It's impossible to imagine Ronald Reagan calling a rival politician "a loser" plucked "off the trash heap," as Trump referred to Joe Biden.

He picks fights with allies — Germany, Japan, even Canada. (Canada!) He stokes tensions with enemies, including Iran and Venezuela. He rails against trade partners, notably Mexico and China. About the only leaders he gets along with are a handful of autocrats whose brutality entrances him.

He even smears people he appointed to high office. His first secretary of state, Rex Tillerson, was "dumber than a rock." Attorney General Jeff Sessions was "VERY weak." Former economic adviser Gary Cohn? "I could tell stories about him like you wouldn't believe."

Most presidents spend a lot of time trying to soothe the fear and defuse controversy. Not this one. Trump needs conflict like normal people need oxygen. It's his way of keeping himself in the spotlight. It's his way of trying to intimidate people. It's his way of dictating the storyline of his administration. It's his way of binding his

followers more tightly to him.

The practice serves his purposes by creating the illusion that he's in control and dominating the world. But it creates broad anxiety, alarm and resentment in the citizenry.

This affects not just his critics but his admirers. His nonstop attack campaign delivers the message that they can never relax, lest the enemy — in the form of invading immigrants, nefarious Chinese, violent nonwhites, angry feminists or radical socialists — destroy our way of life.

Trump got into office by exploiting fear and false nostalgia. He pledged to make America great again, restoring it to some better time. But even when objective conditions improve, he can't let people enjoy them, lest they turn to a different type of president. He has to continually pump toxins into the national bloodstream. He can't let a sense of normalcy settle over the land.

Reagan won reelection in 1984 by proclaiming, "It's morning in America." With Trump, it's always wildfire season.

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker, seated, signs the state budget and graduated-rate income tax legislation at the Thompson Center on June 5.

A 'real balanced budget'? Not in Illinois — despite what Pritzker says.

BY SHEILA WEINBERG

When Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a \$40 billion spending bill into law June 5 it was supposed to usher in a new era of good government and transparency in Illinois history. “We achieved something that has eluded state government for decades. We passed a real balanced budget,” Pritzker said at a news conference. “Just a few years ago, simply passing a budget was considered nearly impossible, and for years before that, the budget included gimmicks and tricks and was balanced in name only. Those days are over.”

In reality, taxpayers are only getting more obfuscations and dishonesty. For decades Illinois governors and legislatures have claimed balanced budgets while the state has accrued billions in bills. Despite rhetoric to the contrary, Gov. Pritzker and the current legislators are continuing the very same budget games that have gotten us into this calamity.

The largest budget ruse involves the \$134 billion in unfunded pension benefits that Illinois has promised to its public servants. Springfield lawmakers are claiming that the budget “fully” funds the pension payments. To explain how misleading this is, let’s discuss this at a personal level. A couple who is in debt could decide to ignore the minimum payments that their credit card companies tell them

they should pay, and foolishly set up a schedule to pay smaller amounts now and then ramp up the payments in the future. Such a plan would result in their credit card debt continuing to increase dramatically.

In 1994, lawmakers reckoned with the state’s looming pension debt, and instead of agreeing to make the minimum payments that actuaries calculate as the annual required contribution, the legislators and Gov. Jim Edgar established the “Edgar Ramp.” Under this statutory plan the state made smaller pension payments in the beginning, but now the law requires ramped-up payments, including \$8.4 billion included in the current budget.

Unfortunately, even this year’s ramped-up payment does not meet the minimum level that pension plan actuaries suggest as fiscally responsible. Therefore the current budget is at least \$4.9 billion out of balance, despite speculative media reports of a \$150 million surplus.

In 2013 the state of Illinois was charged with securities fraud, with the Securities and Exchange Commission noting that “the schedule proved insufficient to cover both the cost of benefits accrued in a current year and a payment to amortize the plans’ unfunded actuarial liability. The statutory plan structurally underfunded the state’s pension obligations and back-loaded the majority of pension contribu-

tions far into the future.”

While some lawmakers have publicly claimed that the Illinois pension plans are in fine health, the SEC requires them to use more forthright language when communicating with bondholders. (This came after the state settled charges of securities fraud in 2013.) For example, an April 2019 general obligation bond offering admits that “the funding levels for the State’s retirement systems have deteriorated dramatically and are among the lowest in the nation with respect to state pension plans. The State’s contributions to the retirement systems, while in conformity with State law, have been less than the contributions necessary to fully fund the retirement systems as calculated by the actuaries of the retirement systems.”

While the SEC requires Illinois lawmakers to be more transparent with potential bond buyers, the commission has no legal authority to prevent elected officials from misleading their constituents. Pay no heed to Gov. Pritzker’s latest budget victory lap or the “new era of fiscal stability” Illinois’ alarming budget gap speaks for itself.

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Jon Stewart just reminded us how outrage is supposed to work

BY BRIAN BOYLE

Jon Stewart returned to TV this week just as we left him: sitting behind a desk, anxiously clicking his pen as he carefully crafted an argument and called for justice. It could’ve been a monologue aired on any episode of “The Daily Show.” Almost. But instead of Comedy Central, Stewart appeared on our screens via C-SPAN. Instead of laughter, he instilled despair; his one-liners now cutting to our hearts rather than our funny bones. He’s still angry as ever, but he’s moved from the peanut gallery into the front row.

We should all take notes: This is what outrage looks like done right. This is how to use shame with purpose and precision, not as a blunt-force tool.

If you’ve been following the political comedian’s post-retirement life, his appearance in front of Congress may have been unexpected but not entirely surprising. Since leaving television in August 2015, Stewart has pursued a passion project to secure health coverage and benefits for the surviving 9/11 first responders, many of whom have been stricken with cancer and disease in the 18 years after breathing in the toxic fumes of the wreckage. The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund, which supplies first responders with health care, is set to expire next year. It should be a stain on all of us that these heroes could die without the help or care that they need.

Stewart knows this. But he knows who shares the burden of the blame too.

His anger as incisive as it was indiscriminate, he took the entirety of Congress to task. He — like always — spoke truth to power, rather than point fingers at pawns or the powerless. He avoided partisan potshots to avoid lowering the argument to partisan terms. He didn’t condescend and he never breathed an air of arrogance. Appealing to equal measures of pathos and logic, Stewart did what he always has done: put a spotlight on feckless cynicism and made sure we all saw.

In many ways, Stewart left TV at the worst possible time. The long, furious



ZACH GIBSON/GETTY

Former “Daily Show” host Jon Stewart testifies Tuesday during a House Judiciary Committee hearing on reauthorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund.

burn of the 2016 primaries had just begun. Donald Trump — the frequent butt of many a Stewart joke — began to see a road to the White House. And if any lefty had the cachet to comment on and critique the Clinton-Sanders race, it would have been Stewart. Surely the man who mastered righteous indignation would have spoken a guiding word or two on the dawning age of internet call-out and cancel culture.

Still, his departure is admirable. This is a man who could have had anything. He could still be on Comedy Central every night. He probably could’ve moved to HBO for a weekly show, or cashed in on Netflix. CNN would surely have hosted his talking head a few times a week. Any publication would welcome regular op-eds under his byline. He could sell out arena after arena on a national stand-up tour. He could command an army of social media followers. But he doesn’t. He graces our lives only in moments of dire need, every 10 months or so, tackling a problem surely all Americans can stand behind yet which still goes unaddressed.

In his wake, Stewart left a respectable family tree of disciples. His “Daily Show” successor, Trevor Noah, and alumni such as John Oliver and Samantha Bee get Emmy acclaim and seem to go viral every other week. Longtime collaborator Stephen Colbert took over the reins from late night godfather David Letterman. NBC’s Seth Meyers’ entire shtick is in debt to Stewart. And yet, that voice of clarity and authority is mostly absent.

It’s easy to watch Stewart today and think, “Man, we could really use him right now.”

Instead, let’s learn from him. This is how you spark change: not through blind rage or by punching down, but rather through unending commitment, arguing with wit, reason and humanity. And valuing, above all else, the truth.

If we do that, maybe then he can find his Moment of Zen.

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Judge in Obama center case should have recused

U.S. District Judge John Robert Blakey dismissed the lawsuit filed by Protect Our Parks against the city and the Chicago Park District, a challenge aimed at keeping the Obama Presidential Center out of Jackson Park. As this case involved President Barack Obama, who in 2014 nominated Blakey to serve as a U.S. district judge, Blakey should have recused himself. I believe his judgment would have been influenced by his relationship with President Obama, and I suggest Blakey could have felt obliged to President Obama for his sponsorship. Protect Our Parks should have a good chance in its appeal of this judge’s decision.

— Carol Hitchie, Chicago

Accessing mental health services in Cook County

As Cook County Board president and Cook County Health CEO, we see firsthand the impact of mental illness in our jail, our juvenile detention center, our health centers and our emergency rooms. We see the impact it has on individuals, families and communities and we are committed to treating it, removing its stigma and creating multiple paths to treatment and support.

The expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act has provided access to comprehensive behavioral health services for tens of thousands of individuals who previously had no coverage. The network of providers in our Medicaid health plan, CountyCare, operates throughout the county, including in the city of Chicago.

Individuals detained in the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center or Cook County Jail receive mental and physical health care through Cook County Health. People in crisis are welcomed into county-funded triage centers 24 hours a day.

We are sympathetic to people who feel change is disrupting their lives. However, we agree with Joel Johnson, who chairs the Behavioral Health Consortium of Illinois, a network of 12 community mental health providers that Cook County Health convened, Cheryl Potts, executive director of the Kennedy Forum Illinois, and many other experts that the city of Chicago should not maintain its stand-alone counseling centers. We have been working with the city and others for several years to build additional capacity — public and private — as well as developing unique programs like the triage centers and tele-psychiatry services.

There is more to do, particularly in the areas of trauma-informed care, housing and employment, to support county residents with mental illnesses. Through our Healthy Communities initiative, we are committed to addressing the root causes of mental health inequities. We are providing performance indicators so that every resident can track our progress in improving health and outcomes in every community.

As Mayor Lightfoot contemplates the challenges ahead, we stand ready to work together to improve the lives of the residents we all serve.

— Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Cook County Health CEO Dr. John Jay Shannon

Don’t shelve Civil War Days in Lake County

This is in reference to whether Civil War Days, hosted by Lake County Forest Preserves, is inappropriate.

In my opinion, it is not. An event that focuses on our country finally outlawing slavery, that demonstrates the lengths it had to go to to reach that end, that honors the sacrifice of the people who accomplished the abolition of slavery, must proceed. Is it painful? Yes. Is the sight of the Confederate battle flag detestable? Absolutely. Is remembering necessary to keeping slavery abolished? Without question, yes.

Please, let’s not whitewash history. As Lincoln said after the battle at Gettysburg: “The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.” What was true then is true now. We can never forget the cost of racism nor the sacrifice paid in the first painful step to start us on the path to wipe it out.

— James Walsh, Round Lake Beach

U.S. women’s soccer performance deserves attention

I was disappointed to see that the U.S. women’s soccer team’s record-breaking World Cup opener was relegated to Page 6 of the Sports section. The stunning achievements of the women’s team are worthy of enthusiastic reporting or, at the very least, a teaser on Page 1. The U.S. women’s team continues to dominate on the world stage and deserves to be highlighted. I would love to see the Tribune aspire to some gender equity in sports reporting; you missed a rather obvious opportunity here.

— Lisa Scanio, Libertyville

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1 arrested in Fair Oaks Farms animal abuse case

Fairlife, farm owners hit with lawsuit as activists release video

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

Chicago-based Fairlife, under fire after the release of a video showing animals being mistreated at one of its supplying dairy farms, is being sued for fraud for promoting the “extraordinary care and comfort” of its cows on its milk labels.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday in Chicago federal court by a California man who was a consumer of Fairlife milk, seeks class-action status. It names Fairlife as well as



MICHAEL CONROY/AP 2015

Fairlife milk products promote the “extraordinary care and comfort” of its cows on its milk labels, according to a lawsuit.

Mike and Sue McCloskey, owners of Fair Oaks Farms in northwest Indiana where the alleged abuse took place, as defendants.

The suit comes as Animal

Recovery Mission, an animal welfare nonprofit based in Miami, released more videos from its undercover investigation of Fair Oaks Farms, which runs a popu-

lar agritourism business that draws families and school groups. On Wednesday the animal welfare group released a new video showing cows struggling to stand while being milked and contrasts it to the way the milking process is portrayed to visitors on the farm’s Dairy Adventure tour.

In his suit, Alain Michael, of Thousand Oaks, California, alleges he paid a premium for Fairlife milk because of the “promise” listed on the labels, with the signatures of the McCloskeys, that its supplying farmers provide “extraordinary animal care” and “extraordinary care and comfort for our cows.”

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Hospital system offering buyouts

Advocate Aurora Health program available to 300 employees

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

Hospital system giant Advocate Aurora Health is offering early retirement buyouts to as many as 300 management employees — a move that comes a little more than year after the system’s creation through a merger.

The system, which has 28 hospitals in Illinois and Wisconsin, is offering a voluntary early retirement program to eligible management employees, said spokesman Adam Mesirow, in an email.

The program is available to managers over the age of 60 with more than 10 years of experience. Those who are eligible have already been notified. The system has about 70,000 employees in Illinois and Wisconsin.

“Aligned with our commitment to transform care and accelerate affordability, we offered a voluntary early retirement program to management who meet certain eligibility requirements based on age and years of service,” Advocate Aurora said in a statement.

Mesirow did not immediately respond to a questions about whether layoffs could follow the

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Matthew Linder, an autonomous vehicle software developer and analyst with VSI Labs, sits in the driver’s seat as the self-driven vehicle is steered with HERE Technology’s HD Live Map program along the Kennedy Expressway on Monday in Chicago.

Self-driving car hits the road

Autonomous vehicle tests tech in Chicago’s thick morning traffic

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

Autonomous vehicles conjure visions of futuristic machines that lack steering wheels, but the first driverless cars probably won’t actually be driverless.

Instead, manufacturers will likely start out with low levels of automation and gradually increase the technology.

Most of the self-driving car technologies under development now involve lower levels of automation, in which the car does not have complete control, said Mary Moore, strategic marketing director at automotive engineer association SAE International.

“There’s still a driver, there’s still a steering wheel in the car

and at any point that driver can take over control of that car,” she said.

Chicago-based Here Technologies, which creates high-definition maps for vehicles, displayed the autonomous functions its tech enables this week in a drive up and down Interstate 90 in a Ford Fusion.

The company’s mapping technology creates a 3D construction of the world that tells a car what it needs to know about the road around it: reading directional information from the signs, examining the curves of lanes, scanning for upcoming exits and more.

Imagine that it’s snowing and the lines on the road are covered, said Sanjay Sood, head of highly automated driving at Here. As a driver, you read the signs and recognize the surroundings enough to know the rules of the road. Similarly, this mapping

technology helps a driverless car understand enough about its surroundings to react.

“It’s kind of like memory,” Sood said. “It helps the vehicle position itself, understand where it is on the roadway.”

This is a step in the direction of automation from the lane change assistance technology in most vehicles today. Those features typically use sensors or cameras to monitor the perimeter of the car — which self-driving vehicles likely will incorporate as well — but Here’s mapping technology provides the maps for the vehicle to make those decisions.

Behind the wheel during Monday’s test drive was Matt Linder, an autonomous vehicle software developer at Minneapolis-based VSI Labs, which partnered with Here to enable the autonomous test drive. Linder drove the car onto the Kennedy Expressway at Fullerton Avenue and merged

into traffic.

When Here’s mapping technology switched on, Linder took his hands off the wheel, letting the technology do the work. As he rested his hands in his lap, the steering wheel moved just slightly in either direction, keeping the car in the lane. When it came to changing lanes, all Linder had to do was flip the turn signal and wait for the car to ease into the next lane.

All the time, Linder was accelerating and braking as needed in the still-heavy 10 a.m. traffic.

Here works with automakers around the world, including Mercedes-Benz and BMW, to incorporate its technology into vehicles. Sood said he expects the mapping technology to roll out in higher-end vehicles first and become more common over time. He compared it to the spread of

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Bill Daley heading back to Wall Street

Politician heading to BNY Mellon following Chicago mayoral bid

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ
Chicago Tribune

After an unsuccessful Chicago mayoral bid, Bill Daley is heading back to Wall Street.

BNY Mellon announced Wednesday that Daley will serve as its new vice chairman overseeing government affairs, communications, philanthropy and corporate social responsibility.

Daley is the latest Chicago politician to return to the financial world. Just last week former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel joined Centerview Partners, a Wall Street investment firm, serving as an adviser.

Before running for mayor, Daley was a managing partner for Swiss hedge fund Argentiere Capital and also spent seven years at JPMorgan Chase. He has served two former presidents — as commerce secretary for Bill Clinton and as Barack Obama’s chief of staff from January 2011 to January 2012.

The position is based in New York, where Daley will work on

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Nurses union files complaints against U. of C. Medical Center

Allegations include hospital risking patient safety with staffing

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

A nurses union says it has filed complaints against University of Chicago Medical Center with state and federal government agencies, alleging the hospital is putting patient safety at risk with its nurse staffing and other practices.

The National Nurses Organizing Committee/National Nurses United said it filed the complaints Tuesday. In its complaint to the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the union

alleges that the hospital isn’t properly recording all required information about patient attacks on nurses and isn’t following the union’s proposals to help nurses handle violent patients.

The union alleges, in its complaint to the Illinois Department of Public Health, that the hospital has failed to provide adequate nurse staffing and illegally mandates that nurses work overtime.

The Illinois Department of Public Health does not confirm or deny receiving complaints until the department actually goes to inspect a hospital after a complaint, said spokeswoman Melaney Arnold. A spokesman for the U.S. Department of Labor also couldn’t confirm or deny that a complaint had been filed as of

Tuesday afternoon.

The U. of C. Medical Center noted that it’s been engaged in bargaining sessions with the union in recent months and said in a statement: “Distributing sensational allegations through press releases is consistent with a national NNOC/NUU playbook that prioritizes media attention over productive dialogue.”

The hospital said that it does not have mandatory overtime for nurses and it touted its A grade for safety from the Leapfrog Group.

The U. of C. Medical Center “takes issues of nurse staffing and workplace safety very seriously, and is consistently adapting and finding solutions that best serve

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A nurses union says it has filed complaints against the U. of C. Medical Center, above, which said it “takes ... nurse staffing” issues “very seriously.”

Business groups tiring of 'Mr. Tariff Man'

Unpredictability has some reconsidering support of GOP

BY PAUL WISEMAN
AND STEVE PEOPLES
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's aggressive and wildly unpredictable use of tariffs is spooking American business groups, which have long formed a potent force in his Republican Party.

Corporate America was blindsided last week when Trump threatened to impose crippling taxes on Mexican imports in a push to stop the flow of Central American migrants into the United States.

The two sides reached a truce Friday after Mexico agreed to do more to stop the migrants. But by Monday, Trump was again threatening the tariffs if Mexico didn't abide by an unspecified commitment, to "be revealed in the



Steel rods produced at the Gerdau Ameristeel mill in St. Paul, Minn. await shipment.

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too distant future."

Such whipsawing is now a hallmark of Trump's trade policy. The president repeatedly threatens tariffs, sometimes imposes them, sometimes suspends them, sometimes threatens them again. Or drops them.

Business groups, already uncomfortable with Trump's attempts to stem immigration, are struggling to figure out where to stand in the fast-shifting political climate. They have happily

supported his corporate tax cuts and his moves to loosen environmental and other regulations. But many are concerned about the president's mercurial approach to tariffs.

The Business Roundtable, an association of CEOs, opposes the use of tariffs and has made the case to the administration about the risks they pose to economic growth. But Trump has remained a fervent advocate of the import

taxes anyway.

"They are going to do what they do—it's not up to us," Jamie Dimon, chairman of the Business Roundtable and CEO of JPMorgan Chase, said Wednesday. "Business is losing," said Rick Tyler, a Republican strategist and frequent Trump critic. "He calls himself 'Mr. Tariff man.' He's proud of it. It's bad news for the party. It's bad news for the free market."

Just last week, the

sprawling network led by the billionaire industrialist Charles Koch announced the creation of several political action committees focused on policy—including one devoted to free trade—to back Republicans or Democrats who break with Trump's trade policies. A powerful force in Republican politics, the network is already a year into a "multi-year multimillion dollar" campaign to promote the dangers of tariff and protectionist trade policies.

The Chamber of Commerce, too, is in the early phases of disentangling itself from the Republican Party after decades of loyalty. The Chamber, which spent at least \$29 million largely to help Republicans in the 2016 election, announced earlier this year that it would devote more time and attention to Democrats on Capitol Hill while raising the possibility of supporting Democrats in 2020.

Few expect the Chamber

or business-backed groups like the Koch network to suddenly embrace Democrats in a significant way. But even a subtle shift to withhold support from vulnerable Republican candidates could make a difference in 2020.

Trump's boundless enthusiasm for tariffs has upended decades of Republican trade policy that favored free trade. It has left the party's traditional allies in the business world struggling to maintain political relevance in the Trump era.

Myron Brilliant, head of international affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, went on CNBC on Monday to decry "the weaponization of tariffs" as a threat to the U.S. economy and to relations with trading partners.

Trump responded by phoning in to the network to declare "I guess he's not so brilliant" and defend his trade policies.

"Tariffs," he said, "are a beautiful thing."

Abuse

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"But Fairlife's and its founders' promise is a sham," the lawsuit alleges, and describes footage released last week by Animal Recovery Mission allegedly showing some workers at Fair Oaks Farms abusing calves.

"As a matter of routine and practice, Fairlife's cows are tortured, kicked, stomped on, body slammed, stabbed with steel rebar, thrown off the side of trucks, dragged through the dirt by their ears, and left to die in over 100-degree heat," the lawsuit alleges. "Calves that do not survive the torture are dumped in mass graves. To add insult to injury, the abuse is rampant even at Fairlife's 'flagship farm in Indiana' that customers are urged to visit on the Products' labels."

The suit claims Fairlife and McCloskeys engaged in fraud and unjust enrichment and violated numerous state consumer protection laws. It seeks to include anyone who purchased Fairlife milk nationwide in a class.

Fairlife is aware of the lawsuit and is reviewing it, CEO Mike St. John said in a statement.

"Fairlife is committed to the humane and compassionate care of animals," St. John said. "As we shared last week, we are taking immediate actions to ensure our high standards of animal welfare are being executed at each of our supplying farms."

Fair Oaks Farms and the McCloskeys did not immediately respond to a request for comment about the lawsuit or the newly released video. Last week Mike McCloskey blamed the abuse on a few bad workers and announced numerous measures to prevent such conduct from occurring again.

Last week's video, shot by an Animal Recovery Mission investigator who posed as a calf care employee at Fair Oaks from August to November of last year, prompted backlash against the farm and its flagship product. About a dozen retailers have pulled Fairlife from their shelves, including Jewel-Osco, Tony's Fresh Market and Pete's Fresh Market. Animal welfare activists organized protests in several cities, including outside Fairlife's West Loop headquarters, where they chanted for the company to be shut down. More than 50 people work at Fairlife's Chicago office.

Suspect arrested

The Newton County Sheriff's Office on Monday announced charges against three workers in the video authorities identified as participating in abuse. One suspect, Edgar Gardozo-Vasquez, 36, of Brook, Indiana, has been arrested and is being held at the Newton County Jail. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has placed a hold on Gardozo-Vasquez, the sheriff's office said. The



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Animal welfare supporters demonstrate Monday outside Fairlife's Chicago headquarters. Fairlife and Fair Oaks Farms, one of its suppliers, have been sued in Chicago federal court for allegedly making fraudulent claims about animal care.

other two men had not been located or arrested. The office said its investigation was continuing.

Newton County Prosecutor Jeff Drinski, in an emailed response to questions, said he has filed both misdemeanor and felony charges of beating a vertebrate animal. The felony carries a sentence of 6 months to 2½ years behind bars and up to a \$10,000 fine, while the misdemeanor is punishable by up to 1 year in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

The founder of Animal Recovery Mission, Richard Couto, said that charging low-level workers falls short and that authorities should prosecute the owners of the farm. But Drinski said Fair Oaks Farms is not the subject of the investigation.

There have been allegations that the undercover employee working for the animal rights group encouraged the mistreatment, Drinski said. "Once the investigation has been completed, I will make the decision as to his criminal culpability along with any other individuals that are involved," he said.

At a news conference Wednesday in Chicago, Couto denied that his investigator was involved in mistreatment. "I want to be very clear: Our worker took no part in any type of abuse in any of the locations," said Couto, who was clad in military fatigue pants. "None of the workers were hired or staged by Animal Recovery Mission."

Couto targeted Fair Oaks Farms after attending its Dairy Adventure tour, which he said presents a rosy image of how cows are treated that doesn't reflect the behind-the-scenes reality. Investigators applied for jobs at 12 different dairies under the Fair Oaks Farm umbrella and shot undercover video at the ones where they were hired, he said.

Video released

The new video released Wednesday was shot by an ARM investigator posing as an employee at Fair Oaks' rotary milking system in Jasper County from February to April of this year. It shows workers punching and pushing adult cows with their feet as they struggle to get them into the milking carousel, and some cows falling and being pinned as the system rotates. According to the animal welfare group, frustrated workers would bend and break cows' tailbones when they wouldn't cooperate.

Some cows appear to still have afterbirth hanging from their bodies as they are milked and others are seen with eyes that appear infected. The video also shows cows crowded into tight pens and piles of dead cows and calves in the dirt. According to ARM, the carousel is equipped with surveillance cameras that are overseen by management.

"This abuse is systematic, not just at Fair Oaks Farms, but throughout the Fairlife family all over the country and the entire dairy industry throughout the world," said Couto, whose group has also conducted undercover dairy operations in Florida. He declined to say how many investigators infiltrated Fair Oaks and if there are any more videos forthcoming.

The sheriff's office in Jasper County, which neighbors Newton County, said it received the video and report Wednesday and will review it.

Fairlife said last week that it was "devastated" by footage of the calves being mistreated and that it immediately suspended deliveries from Fair Oaks Farms. It said it is auditing all 30 of its supplying farms and will require that all employees be recertified in animal welfare training annually. Fairlife also said it would increase the number of unannounced animal welfare au-

ditions at its supplying dairies from one to 24 per year. Fair Oaks, the company added, represents just 5% of its milk supply.

Fairlife was launched in 2012 as a partnership between Coca-Cola, which distributes its products, and the McCloskeys' Select Milk Producers, a co-op of dairy farms that includes Fair Oaks. The product is a form of "ultrafiltered" milk that is lactose-free and has more protein and calcium and less sugar than traditional milk.

Coke investigating

Coca-Cola released a statement saying that the company is conducting its own investigation and taking action with Fairlife to "make this right."

Mike McCloskey, a veterinarian-turned-farmer, has posted several videos to the Fair Oaks Farms website and Facebook page expressing sadness about the treatment of calves depicted in the undercover footage and taking responsibility. He said he had identified five people who engaged in the abuse, four of them employees who have been fired and one a third-party truck driver who would not be allowed back on the premises.

McCloskey, whose farm promotes its sustainability and animal welfare practices, vowed to install security cameras anywhere on the property that animals interact with people and showcase the live feed as an exhibit visitors can view during tours of the property. He also said he had arranged for an animal welfare group to conduct frequent, unannounced audits of the farm and plans to hire an employee dedicated to monitoring and educating employees on proper treatment of the animals daily.

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Buyouts

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early retirement buyouts. The system's two co-CEOs are not being offered the deal, he said.

The news was first reported by Crain's Chicago Business.

In April 2018, Advocate Health Care merged with Wisconsin's Aurora Health Care, creating the 10th-largest not-for-profit hospital system in the country. Prior to that merger, in 2017, Advocate laid off about 75 of its roughly 35,000 employees after announcing \$200 million in cuts due to missing a revenue target.

At the time of the merger, Advocate CEO Jim Skogsborg said no job cuts were expected as a result of the deal. Skogsborg and Nick Turkal are co-CEOs of the merged system. The system had operating income of nearly \$359 million for the nine months ended Dec. 31, 2018, according to a financial statement filed earlier this year.

The system also announced in November that

it planned to raise its minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2021, affecting as many as 15,000 employees. Advocate Aurora said at the time that it planned to raise its starting wage to \$13 an hour by mid-2019 and \$14 an hour by early 2020. Union SEIU Healthcare Illinois Indiana criticized that announcement, saying that the hospital system was only raising wages because it had to and should have raised its minimum wage to \$15 an hour immediately. The union said in a news release that the system remained "one of the region's largest poverty-wage employers."

The city of Chicago already requires employers to pay at least \$13 an hour to nontipped employees, and Cook County is requiring employers to pay a minimum wage of \$13 an hour by 2020, though many suburbs have opted out of that ordinance.

Mesirov said Wednesday the system's plans to raise wages have not changed.

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Union

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our nurses and patients," the hospital said in the statement. "Workplace safety has been a point of emphasis for (the hospital), and we have partnered with nurses to enhance our security, create regular safety and security training, and build better privacy protections for our clinical staff."

The nurses' contract with the hospital expired April 15, said Marti Smith, Midwest director with National Nurses United. But she said the complaints are not a bargaining tactic.

"This is sort of a nuclear option for us," Smith said. "This isn't how we want to work with the University of Chicago. We want to work in a hospital that allows us to take the best care of patients. Unfortunately, we were forced to take this drastic step after years of

trying to work collaboratively with the university."

The complaint to the Illinois Department of Public Health says that registered nurses working at the hospital have filed 1,431 "assignment despite objection" forms reporting unsafe patient care conditions to the nursing administration since January 2017.

The union also alleges mandatory overtime for the hospital's nurses has led to "fewer on-call teams being available for true emergencies and to RN fatigue which endangers patient care."

The Illinois Department of Public Health investigates complaints "on a priority basis," and investigations can take anywhere from a few days to several months depending on the nature of the complaint, according to the department.

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Traffic

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lower levels of automation, like cruise control.

"Cruise control, that took a while to become ubiquitous, but nowadays it's like a standard function," Sood said. "Anything that can help with safety or comfort, there's demand for that."

In October, then-Gov. Bruce Rauner signed an executive order creating the Autonomous Illinois Initiative, which sets guidelines for testing autonomous vehicles. The tests require a driver to remain behind the wheel, capable of taking control of the vehicle at all times. According to the program's website, there are three tests being conducted around the state.

Features in today's vehicles, like parallel parking assistance or backup cam-

eras, can be helpful in getting people accustomed to deeper levels of automation, said Brian Uzzi, a professor at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

"Eventually, the whole idea of driving a car that's driverless will become normalized," he said.

The technology still faces major roadblocks, such as infrastructure that can't support it or regulations that haven't caught up. But the allure of freeing up time in the car to do something other than stare at the road is strong, Uzzi said, and that could speed up adaptation.

"The aim is to have people feel like they're a passenger in a car that is being driven by another human being except it's not," Uzzi said. "Once we get there, our embrace of that technology will be complete."

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Job seekers don't flood FEMA

Strong local employment markets hurt disaster agency's hiring in flood-hit states

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Federal Emergency Management Agency is facing an unexpected challenge in meeting the needs of the many people affected by this spring's widespread flooding and violent storms: a strong economy.

Tasked with responding to natural disasters that seem ever more frequent and destructive, the agency finds itself further challenged by the robust job market and an inability to match what the private sector can offer, in many cases. FEMA officials are turning for help to retirees, recent college graduates and those who lost their jobs to the disasters, though they're finding few available workers in many of the rural communities that are in some of the hardest-hit areas.

In no place is that clearer than Nebraska and Iowa, which were ravaged by floods and have some of the nation's lowest unemployment rates. Iowa's had the third-lowest unemployment rate in April, at 2.4 percent, while Nebraska's was the ninth-lowest, at 2.9 percent.

"The low unemployment rate certainly makes it a little more of an uphill battle, as it is for everyone in the state trying to attract workers," said Herb Doering, a FEMA human resources manager who runs the hiring program in Nebraska.

FEMA has gone to job fairs and sent emails to about 20 local colleges, with a focus on students who might be interested in an emergency management career, Doering said. He said the agency tries to focus on hiring students, retirees, veterans and those

who lost their jobs or homes in the natural disasters. The agency also is working with the Nebraska Department of Labor to recruit employees.

"We're trying to get the word out to attract as many applicants as we can, whether it's students, retired folks or veterans," he said.

FEMA officials are dealing with the same problem nationally, though they say it hasn't hindered their ability to respond to disasters.

"With record low unemployment and rising wages, it can be difficult to recruit and retain talented workers — particularly in the leadership positions requiring technical, supervisory and programmatic experience — for intermittent positions," said FEMA spokesman Michael Hart.

The agency maintains a large workforce to respond to disasters, but it is constantly looking to hire new employees, Hart said. It has increased its national incident management workforce by 25 percent since Hurricane Harvey in 2017 and has hired more than 1,000 local, temporary workers to help respond to disasters in their communities, he said.

FEMA provides a variety of assistance after disasters, including money for home repairs, temporary housing and home replacement in cases where owners are uninsured. Additionally, the agency helps to rebuild and repair public infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, sewer lines and public buildings. Those duties also require workers who can inspect properties, review and keep track of paperwork, and communicate with the public.

FEMA is advertising a variety of temporary jobs in Nebraska, from administra-



NATI HARNIK/AP

A husband-and-wife couple talk to a FEMA representative in April about available positions at a job fair in Lincoln, Nebraska, a state with the ninth-lowest unemployment rate.

tive assistants who would earn \$16 an hour to an engineering and architecture specialist who would get \$29 an hour. The positions supplement full-time FEMA staffers who travel to disasters around the country. Many temporary employees eventually become full-time staffers.

In Grand Island, which is in a part of central Nebraska

that was hit hard by flooding along the Platte River in March, FEMA is seeking a temporary site inspector job to document flood damage to homes and businesses.

FEMA is likely to face its biggest challenge filling technical, high-skill jobs because private employers are trying to hire the same people, said David Swenson, an Iowa State Uni-

versity economist. In the current regional economy, Swenson said most of the unemployed don't have the skills to fill the jobs that are available and they're unable to move elsewhere.

Swenson said FEMA's salary offer for the engineering specialist is also at the low end of what those professionals can make in Nebraska. The average sala-

"We do have low unemployment ... (but for some of those technical categories, unemployment is virtually zero."

— David Swenson, an Iowa State University economist

ry for a civil engineer in Nebraska was nearly \$41 an hour last year, not counting benefits, well above FEMA's advertised rate. And unlike FEMA's disaster-site positions, most of the private-sector jobs are permanent.

"They are going to be at a decided disadvantage," Swenson said. "We do have low unemployment, and that in and of itself is going to create a labor shortage. But for some of those technical categories, unemployment is virtually zero."

Swenson said FEMA is in a tough spot because different disasters require different experts to respond, and the problem is exacerbated by climate change and more extreme weather.

In Iowa, emergency management officials face a similar predicament, with 58 of the state's 99 counties now eligible for FEMA public disaster assistance.

"We do recognize the possibility that it could be a challenge," said John Benson, the chief of staff at the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, which he said is competing with FEMA for qualified workers with experience in government, engineering and road construction.

Benson said the department needs to hire employees who can work directly with local governments to help maximize their federal aid and rebuild flood-damaged roads and bridges.



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg is the subject of a fake video created by artists.

Facebook's Zuckerberg is the focus of latest doctored video

BY MAE ANDERSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Three weeks after Facebook refused to remove a doctored video of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi slurring her words, Mark Zuckerberg is getting a taste of his own medicine: fake footage showing him gloating over his one-man domination of the world.

It's the latest flap over deviously altered "deep-fake" videos as Facebook and other social media services struggle to stop the spread of misinformation and "fake news" while also respecting free speech and fending off allegations of censorship.

The somewhat crude video of the Facebook CEO, circulating on Facebook-owned Instagram over the past few days, combines news footage of Zuckerberg with phony audio.

"Imagine this for a second, one man with total control over billions of people's stolen data, all their secrets, their lives, their futures," Zuckerberg seemingly intones in a voice that does not sound very much like Zuckerberg's. "I owe it all to Spectre. Spectre showed me that whoever controls the data controls the future." (Spectre is the evil organization in the James Bond movies.)

The video was created by artists Bill Posters and Daniel Howe with help from artificial intelligence companies and displayed over the past week or so at an art show in Britain on the influence of technology. Powers also put the footage on Instagram and Vimeo.

Posters said he targeted Zuckerberg as "one person governing control of 2 billion people's personal private data. He's at the center of the debate that asks questions whether that is a safe place for our data to be."

When the Pelosi video turned up on Facebook, the social network said it did not violate any of its policies. Pelosi criticized Facebook at the time for leaving the video up. Zuckerberg tried to reach out to her to explain the situation, but she did not take his call, according to a person familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity. Facebook and Pelosi's office declined to comment Wednesday.

Facebook said the Zuckerberg video likewise doesn't violate its Instagram policies and will be left up.

"We will treat this content the same way we treat all misinformation on Instagram," the company said in a statement.

Facebook does not prohibit false information from being shared on Instagram

or its main Facebook service. If third-party fact checkers flag an item on the main service as false, the company "downranks" it to make it more difficult to find. Facebook has been testing a way to extend that approach to Instagram.

The Zuckerberg video uses a form of artificial intelligence in which a computer is fed image and audio files of a person to learn how to mimic his or her facial expressions. An actor supplies the voice, and the computer then syncs up the image with the sound.

Last year, in another case of altered footage, the White House tweeted what an expert determined was a speeded-up video of CNN reporter Jim Acosta that made him look more aggressive than he actually was when an intern tried to take his microphone away as he was asking President Donald Trump a question.

Wedbush Securities analyst Dan Ives said that even though the Zuckerberg video is an art piece and not actual disinformation meant to deceive, it highlights the challenges of policing content on Facebook and Instagram.

"It just shows that it is still an uphill battle for the company as they try to rectify these issues that continue to plague the platform," he said.

Daley

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developing the bank's corporate social responsibility strategy.

"BNY Mellon, given its role in the global capital markets, is uniquely positioned to offer a perspective on issues that blur the lines between business, economics, society and community engagement. Fundamental shifts in the world's business landscape are redefining the future, and I look forward to working with the many talented executives within the business, our clients and our policymakers around the world to make a positive impact, strengthen and protect the reputation of the company and be a strong corporate citizen," Daley said in a statement.

In the same statement, BNY Mellon Chairman and CEO Charles Scharf praised Daley, the son of one Chicago mayor and the brother of another.

"I have known Bill for



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Former Chicago mayoral candidate Bill Daley will be based in New York as he works for BNY Mellon.

many years and know the great value he will bring to BNY Mellon. Bill is a seasoned executive who has spent his entire career at the intersection of business, government and public service," Scharf said. "Bill's role is critical to ensuring we remain a global leader in our industry and a trusted corporate citizen, and we are thrilled to attract a leader of his

caliber to our organization."

The pair met back in 2004 while they were working at JPMorgan, where Daley served as the Midwest chairman. His new role is a similar one to what he had at Chase, leading the bank's corporate responsibility office.

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Savings Update

How to protect your bank account from loan scammers

Fraudsters have honed numerous ways to separate you from your money, from outright theft of your personal information to sneaky ways of getting you to divulge it voluntarily. Since one of their deceptive tricks is posing as a loan provider, look for these signs of a legitimate lender if you're looking to borrow money.

The Federal Trade Commission enforces numerous regulations on lending operations, including requiring all lenders to register in states where they do business. So one of the first things you can verify is whether the lender is registered in your own state.

The FTC also prohibits soliciting loans by telephone. So a marketing call for loan products is a strong tip-off that you're dealing with a loan scammer. Also beware of offers mailed to you or pitched at your front door.

Legitimate lenders are keenly interested in your credit history when determining whether to approve your loan. So watch out for anyone touting guaranteed ap-

proval. Also beware if the lender never discloses that they'll be pulling your credit report.

Another red flag of loan scammers is requiring you to pay application fees by providing them a prepaid debit card, a gift card, or a wire transfer. Although legitimate lenders are likely to charge fees, they typically add them to your loan balance rather than require upfront payment.

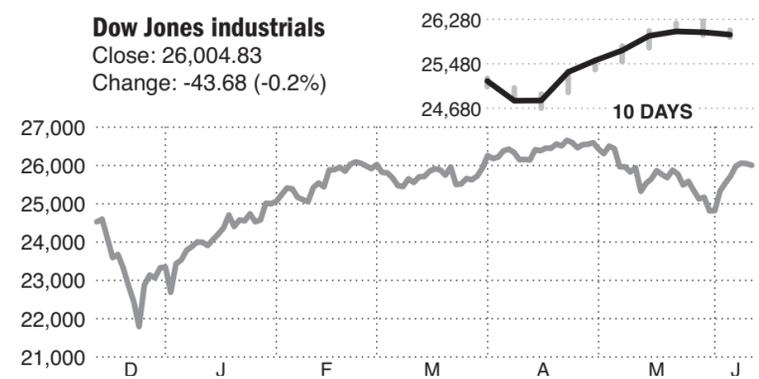
Lastly, any pressure to act very quickly before the offer expires is reason to pause. Legitimate loans may indeed have limited windows, but they will be sufficiently long to allow you to weigh options and make a careful choice.

A primary goal of loan scammers is extracting your bank account and social security numbers. So if you notice any of the warning signs above, be sure to keep your information private and move onto a lender you can verify.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 26,082.10 Low: 25,958.66 Previous: 26,048.51



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-29.85 (-.38%)	-5.88 (-.20%)	+0.68 (+.04%)
Close: 7,792.72	Close: 2,879.84	Close: 1,519.79
High: 7,819.16	High: 2,888.57	High: 1,522.00
Low: 7,773.97	Low: 2,874.68	Low: 1,512.40
Previous: 7,822.57	Previous: 2,885.72	Previous: 1,519.11

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.02 to 2.12%	+5.50 to \$1,331.90	-0.02 to 108.48/\$1	+0.0036 to .8860/\$1	-2.13 to \$51.14

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.82	NASD +2.87	S&P +1.90	DOW +1.39	NASD -.38	S&P +1.01	DOW +3.19	NASD +1.26	S&P +3.75

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	519.75	528	513	526.25	+8.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	427.75	434.50	424	430	+2.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	857.25	883.25	853.25	878	+18.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jul 19	27.26	27.64	26.93	27.56	+0.34
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jul 19	313.20	323.20	312.00	319.50	+5.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jul 19	53.04	53.05	50.72	51.14	-2.13
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jul 19	2.397	2.406	2.367	2.386	-0.13
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jul 19	1.7466	1.7484	1.6753	1.6861	-0.0702

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	81.95	+0.83	Equity Commonwith	N	33.58	-0.01
AbbVie Inc	N	78.57	+0.40	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	122.96	+0.49
Allstate Corp	N	100.61	+0.18	Equity Residential	N	77.65	+1.24

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	1.76	-0.14
Gen Electric	10.28	+0.16
Sprint Corp	6.63	+0.05

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	160.04	-2.61
Alphabet Inc C	1077.03	-1.69
Alphabet Inc A	1079.10	-1.94

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.48	-0.12	+6
American Funds AmrnBAlA x	26.87	-0.24	+4.2
American Funds CptWldGrInca	247.75	-0.63	-2.1

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Legacy Reserves Inc	.12	+0.01
Insys Therapeutics	.34	+0.20
Adv Micro Dev	32.18	-0.23

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.16	2.20
6-month disc	2.13	2.15
2-year	1.90	1.93

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1331.90	\$1326.40
Silver	\$14,722	\$14,706
Platinum	\$810.50	\$814.30

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.74

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

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Argentina (Peso)	43.6748
Australia (Dollar)	1.4437
Brazil (Real)	3.8535
Britain (Pound)	.7881
Canada (Dollar)	1.3333
China (Yuan)	6.9178
Euro	.8660
India (Rupee)	69.403
Israel (Shekel)	3.5823
Japan (Yen)	108.48
Mexico (Peso)	19.1935
Poland (Zloty)	3.77
So. Korea (Won)	1184.42
Taiwan (Dollar)	31.42
Thailand (Baht)	31.27

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2909.38	-16.3/-0.6
Stoxx600	379.74	-1.2/-0.3
Nikkei	21129.72	-74.6/-0.4
MSCI-EAFE	1893.42	+12.8/+0.7
Bovespa	98320.88	-639.1/-0.7
FTSE 100	7367.62	-30.8/-0.4
CAC-40	5374.92	-33.5/-0.6

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OBITUARIES

JOHN MCEVOY 1936-2019

Daily Racing Form editor and author of horse track mysteries

By NEIL MILBERT
Chicago Tribune

When John McEvoy was 10 years old, he won a Father's Day essay contest with a description of his dad that suggested McEvoy had the potential to become a writer.

His mother was an avid horse racing fan, and the boy would accompany her and the rest of the family on the three-hour drive down Highway 41 from their home in Kenosha to Washington Park in south suburban Homewood, and there he got hooked on the horses.

As an adult, McEvoy's passion for horse racing enabled him to achieve his potential as a journalist, as a longtime editor with the Daily Racing Form and as an author of mystery novels centered around a horse track.

McEvoy, 83, died of heart failure Monday while in hospice at Evanston Hospital, said Judy, his wife of 60 years.

In 1964 he was hired to work as a copyreader and writer for the Chicago-based Midwest Edition of the Daily Racing Form, and he was promoted to editor in 1979. He remained editor until 1994, when the 100-year tradition of a Chicago-produced Midwest Edition for the national publication ended as a new owner, Prime Media, shifted operations to Phoenix, Ariz.

McEvoy chose not to leave his longtime home in Evanston and assumed a new role as senior correspondent for the Hall of Fame jockeys Earlie Fires and Randy Romero, Hall of Fame trainer Jack Van Berg and Ernie Poulos, the colorful Chicago-based trainer of 1991 Horse of the Year Black Tie Affair.

"John was that rare combination of expert editor and superb writer," said Ira Kaplan, who has spent three decades as an editor and a reporter for the Form after being hired by McEvoy to work on the copy desk in 1989. "I never heard him raise his voice at any of the editors or writers he supervised. John would calmly and kindly make his point, and you would leave his office or hang up the phone feeling good — and a little bit smarter. That kindness earned him respect from his colleagues and devotion from his employees."

After he ended his career with the Form in the late 1990s, McEvoy immersed himself in his second career as an author of fiction and nonfiction horse racing books.

"He was like a poor man's Dick Francis, and I mean that in a very complimentary way," said retired Los Angeles Times racing writer Bill Christine, likening McEvoy



BLOODHORSE PHOTO
John McEvoy earned two Ben Franklin Awards from the Independent Book Publishers Association.

to the renowned author of mysteries with a horse racing motif. "He wrote in that way. John had quite a career as a novelist after leaving the Form."

McEvoy was born in Kenosha on May 10, 1936, and grew up there. He was a talented high school basketball player and editor of the school paper.

He went on to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where he was the sports editor of the student newspaper, The Daily Cardinal.

After college, McEvoy and his wife moved to Columbia, Mo., where he taught English at Stephens College for three years. His wife said he decided that a career in academia wasn't for him, so they returned to Wisconsin where he worked for the Milwaukee Journal and Kenosha News.

"Then he got a call from the Racing Form offering him a job in Chicago," Judy remembered.

He took the job, and it became a labor of love. Coinciding with his promotion to editor in 1979, he oversaw the complicated conversion of the Form's Midwest Edition from a hot type (molten metal typesetting) publication to a cold type (photo composition) publication.

McEvoy was a student of racing and a racing historian. He loved to handicap the races in the office and then bet on the horses when he went to the track.

"He was a small-time bettor, but he would spend hours handicapping each card," Kaplan said. "I don't think John cared so much about money when he won. He just loved the fact that he had solved the puzzle."

McEvoy was fascinated by the racetrack melting pot of intriguing individuals and colorful characters — the inveterate horseplayers, the trainers and jockeys who brought out the best in the thoroughbreds, the horse owners at the top of the socioeconomic ladder and the grooms and hot-walkers on the bottom rung in the backstretch.

That keen awareness of their diversity manifested itself in his six horse racing mystery novels published by Poison Pen Press.

His novel "Close Call" had an Illinois racing backdrop. A review in the Tribune described it as an "insightful depiction of the daily ebb and flow of racetrack life."

In reviewing "Riders Down" for Booklist, Dennis Dodge wrote that McEvoy "gives us characters we can care about and suspense enough to make the blood race like a stakes winning sprinter."

Before focusing on mystery novels, McEvoy wrote a few nonfiction books, the most notable of which is "Great Horse Racing Mysteries: True Tales from the Track." He chronicled the career of the Hall of Fame horse Round Table in the Eclipse Press Legends series, and collaborated with his daughter, Julia, an editor at the San Francisco public radio station KQED, on "Women in Racing."

Two of his books won Ben Franklin Awards from the Independent Book Publishers Association.

McEvoy also was an award-winning poet. His wife was the subject of his love poem, "The Beholder" and he penned "Poem for Radiology Ladies" in 2007 after a bout with esophageal cancer.

Sometimes he wrote poems with his tongue firmly tucked in his cheek, as was the case with "The Horseplayer's Prayer," which begins: "Dear God, and you, too, Moses/don't let me get beat by so many noses."

When he was in his mid-70s the one-time college English teacher went back to the classroom, only this time on the elementary school level, serving as a volunteer reading tutor for second graders at Washington School in Evanston.

His daughter said he loved telling the story of a second grade boy who asked McEvoy how old he was, and when he answered "75," the boy looked at him wide-eyed and asked, "Aren't you dead yet?"

"What a gentleman and smart, great guy," said Alan Henry, a former Sun-Times editor now working as a freelance writer. "We went to lunch about once a year for the past 10 to 15 years. I always really, really enjoyed his company."

In addition to his wife and daughter, McEvoy is survived by another daughter, Sarah; a son, Michael; two sisters, Bernadette and Mary; and nine grandchildren.

A funeral Mass is set for 10 a.m. June 29 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1012 Lake St., Evanston.

Milbert is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices
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Death Notices

Adamson, James R

James R. Adamson, MD, PhD, 69, of Deerfield, IL, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on June 10, 2019. Jim was the beloved husband of Suzanne for 34 years. He is survived by brother John Adamson of Columbus, OH; sister-in-law, Patricia Van Velsor; brother-in-law, Stanley Van Velsor; niece, Sarah Van Velsor, and nephew, Ross Van Velsor, all of San Francisco, CA. Jim graduated from MIT and the University of Chicago and was a neurosurgeon in the Chicago area for many years. Funeral services will be held on Saturday June 15, 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield, 824 Waukegan Rd. Deerfield, IL, at 2:00 pm with visitation preceding at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Journey Care Hospice at journeycare.org. For info or directions please contact Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Albers, William H. 'Bill'

William H. "Bill" Albers, age 72; beloved husband of Diane L. Albers, nee Bowyer; loving father of Matthew R. (Sarah) Albers, Brian R. (Kristen) Albers and Adam P. Albers; cherished grandfather of Noah, Jacob and Zenna; dear brother of Robert (Cindy) Albers and Jeanne (Richard) Moseley; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday 10:00 AM until time of Funeral Service 1:00 PM at Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home, 4343 Main (1 blk. So. of Ogden Ave.) Downers Grove. Interment Private. 630/968-1000 or www.adams-winterfieldsullivan.com

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Backstrom, Ulf

Ulf Backstrom, May 22, 1931 - June 10, 2019
Ulf Backstrom was a fun loving and adventure seeking guy. He passed away peacefully after a long and arduous battle. He was an extraordinarily talented and internationally acclaimed film maker. His achievements included Oscar nominations and 42 Golden Globes as well as other international awards. In addition to his professional accomplishments, family was his pride and joy. His mission in life was to imbue his children and grandchildren with a love of art and nature. These lessons were ceremoniously conducted with a mischievous flair. Ulf was passionate in his activism. His work with the Civil Rights Movement, championing the injustices faced by American Indians and culminating in his exposure of the struggles depicted in the artwork made in the Holocaust camps. Ulf is survived by his loving wife Ia and his adult children; son Orn and daughters Annica (Bill Heymann) and Helena (Scott Weiser). His grandchildren include: Sara and Ben Heymann, David, Rachel, Danielle and Ashley Weiser. His sister Agneta Backstrom, Gothenburg, Sweden as well as many nieces and nephews in the Nordic Countries. Ulf was blessed to have many life-long friends around the world that enriched him. He lived a good and long life and will be deeply missed by all who knew him. A visitation will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019 from 11:00 am until time of memorial service 12:00 pm at Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home, 1787 Deerfield Rd. Highland Park, IL 60035. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Dr. Skokie, IL 60077. For info or directions please contact Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Bisso, Edward Meldon

Edward M. Bisso, age 81, of Naperville, IL passed away surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. He was born on October 6, 1937 in Chicago, IL. Ed is survived by his loving wife; Gayle (nee Hoffman) Bisso, children; Douglas (Laura) Bisso, Donna (Frank) Pompilio, Deanna (Darren) Collins, 14 grand-children, 5 great-grandchildren, many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Otto and Della Emily (nee Gale) Bisso and his daughter Deborah Janda. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 14, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Visitation Saturday, 9:00 a.m. until the time of service 10:00 a.m. at Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory, 24021 Royal Worlington Drive, Naperville. Private family interment at River Hills Memorial Park. Memorials in Ed's name may be made to: American Lung Association or American Heart Association. Info: 630-922-9630 or www.beidelmankunsch.com

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Bratt, Kenneth W

Kenneth W. Bratt, age 70, passed away after a brief illness on June 8, 2019. Preceded in death by his parents Kreon and Alice Bratt. Loving husband of Janice, Cherished father of Nicole (James) Hilliard, Ryan and Angela (Rowan) Smy. Beloved grandpa of Olivia, Lucas, Avery and Madison. Dear brother of Burt (Gilda) and the late Phil (Gerry) Bratt. Ken was a dear uncle and a friend to many.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 260 N Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., funeral arrangements entrusted to Green Burials of Love, Ltd., Marion Friel - Funeral Director. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Andrews Lutheran Church and School, 260 N Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Info at (847) 581-0536 or www.colonialfuneral.com.

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Burke, Phillip F.

Proud U.S. Army Veteran & dedicated employee for 38 years at People's Gas. Beloved husband of Jean A. (nee Witry). Loving father of the late John P. (Maryanne), Thomas F. (Karen Klein-Burke), Robert M. (Susan) & Joseph R. (Mary Carol) Burke. Cherished grandfather of Elizabeth (Michael) Schmitt, Katherine, Alexander, William, Lauren, Robert, Catherine, Patrick & Margaret. Dear brother of the late; William, Roger, Elizabeth & Edward. Visitation Friday, June 14th from 4 until 8 p.m. Chapel prayers Saturday, June 15th, 11:00 a.m. at the KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Saint Alexander Church, Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral

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Creech, Terrence J.

Terrence J. Creech, 73, of Lombard. Beloved husband of Elizabeth (nee Kavanagh); father of Daniel (Lehua), Andrew (Kendra), Paul (Breanna), and Carol (Brock) Kostelny; grandfather of Jared, Carter, Brady, Jackson, Lily, Bennett, and Hannah; brother of Sally Creech-Welter; brother-in-law to Carol Casey and Fred (Dawn) Kavanagh. Memorial Mass Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 9:30 am at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 134 Arthur St., Elmhurst, IL 60126. Memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For info and condolences, visit www.PedersenRyberg.com or call 630-834-1133.

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Durkin DPM, John J.

Dr. John J. Durkin DPM; Beloved husband of the late Joan Durkin; Devoted father of the late John (Angie) Durkin, Kay (Mickey) Raimondi, Michael (Joannie) Durkin and Barb (Ed) Lester; Loving son of the late John and Anna Durkin; Devoted grandfather of Angelo Raimondi, Michael (Melissa) Durkin, Peter (Carol) Durkin, Adam Roggi Durkin, and great grandfather of Jack and Charlie Durkin; Dear brother of the late Thomas (Margaret) Durkin and Margaret (late Don) O'Connor; Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews; Preceded in death by Mary Durkin, nee Dougherty, mother of his children; Memorial Visitation to be held at Salerno's Galewood Chapels, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago on Friday, June 14, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Family and friends are asked to gather at St. Celestine Church, Elmwood Park on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. for the celebration of Mass. Interment will be held privately. In lieu of flowers donations made to the Misericordia Home, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago 60660 or www.misericordia.com is greatly appreciated. For info (773) 889-1799

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Duslak, Barbara 'Barb'

Barbara Rabej Duslak, 70, of Chicago passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 9th. She was born in London, the daughter of Alojzy Rabej and Helena Rabej. She came to the United States as a small child, and was a graduate of The University of Illinois. She received her degree in 1970 and specialized in biochemistry.

She was a proud supporter of the Polish community, and enjoyed yoga, meditation, and gardening. Surviving are a son, Mark Paul Duslak, a daughter-in-law, Nicole Duslak, a grandson Avery Duslak and granddaughter, Julia Duslak, all of Fruitland Park, Florida. Also surviving is a brother, John Rabej of North Carolina, brothers and sisters-in law, and nieces and nephews. She was particularly close to Richard "Rick" Duslak, who was the identical twin of her husband, Robert "Bob" Duslak, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by a brother, "Andy" Duslak. Friends may attend from 2:00-3:00 on Saturday, June 15th at the Barr Funeral Home, 6222 N. Broadway, Chicago. A service will be held at Barr at 3:00, and friends and family are invited back to the home afterward for a celebration of life. Memorial contributions may be made to the Peterson Garden Project.

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Fetzer, Molly M.

Molly Margaret Fetzer 38, June 11, 2019 of Westfield Ind. Loving mother of Brayden and Charley Head. Beloved daughter of Brian (Carolyn nee Duffy) and the late Debbie (nee Rubey). Cherished sister of Matthew (Dayna), Charley (Liz), Kacky and Danny. Stepsister to Mollie, Casey and Abbie Rowan. Adored aunt of Graham, Brooks, Brody, Robbie and Thomas. Dearest cousin and niece to many Rubey's, McShane's, Fetzer's and Duffy's. Treasured friend to many. Molly was a devoted and admired Special Education Teacher at Maple Glen Elementary School in Westfield. Funeral Saturday 10:00 a.m. from Donnellan Funeral Home 10525 S. Western Ave to St. Cajetan Church 2445 West 112th St. Chicago. For Mass at 11:00 a.m. Int. Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Head Children's Education Fund 11156 S. Fairfield Ave. Chicago, IL. 60655. Info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.

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In 1927, aviation hero Charles Lindbergh was honored with a ticker-tape parade in New York.

In 1944, Germany began launching flying-bomb attacks against Britain during World War II.

In 1966, the Supreme Court issued its landmark Miranda decision, ruling that criminal suspects had to be informed of their constitutional rights prior to questioning by police.

In 1971, The New York Times began publishing the Pentagon Papers, a secret study of America's involvement in Vietnam.

In 1977, James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of civil

rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., was recaptured following his escape three days earlier from a Tennessee prison.

In 1983, the U.S. space probe Pioneer 10, launched in 1972, became the first spacecraft to leave the solar system as it crossed the orbit of the system's outermost planet.

In 1995, President Bill Clinton proposed a 10-year plan for balancing the federal budget, saying in a televised address his proposal would cut spending by \$1.1 trillion.

In 2005, a jury in Santa Maria, Calif., acquitted Michael Jackson of molesting a 13-year-old cancer survivor at his Neverland ranch.

In 2013, the Supreme Court rejected patents for human genes in a 9-0 ruling.

In 2014, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko vowed to punish pro-Russian rebels after a military transport plane was shot down and exploded near the industrial city of Luhansk, killing all 49 aboard.

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Grand, Ellen Marie

Ellen Grand (nee Baikie) passed away peacefully in her sleep June 8, 2019 at the age of 83. Ellen's death was preceded by her ever loving husband, Lester after 49 happy, fun years of marriage. They lived a happy, loving life together. Throughout their 49+ years as a couple, they celebrated each day "My Way". Ellen was the loving, proud mother of the late Cathy, son Thomas (Karen) and daughter Nancy Jakubco (John). Ellen, along with Les, installed the importance of family, a passion for travel and having fun in the moment in her children. Ellen was the proud, unconditional loving grandmother of Eric (Trisha), Leslie and Lauren Wolcott, Allison and Jonathan Jakubco, Kaitlyn and Ryan Grand. Ellen was always happy to attend sporting events, graduations, school events and enjoyed every visit with her grandchildren. Being a great grandmother to Alexandra, Luke, Grace and Claire truly made Ellen feel blessed and she loved and treasured them. Their sweet faces melted her heart. Ellen was the matriarch of the Baikie family at the time of her passing. She had many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews who loved her, and she in turn loved each of them as well. Ellen was preceded in death by all of her brothers, her sister Madeline, who was her best friend and all of her brother and sister in laws on the Baikie side; along with a brother and sister in law on the Grand side, all of whom she loved dearly. Ellen left behind two in-laws, Ed and Carol Grand, who brought many laughs and adventures into her and Les' lives. One could say her nieces Diane Jacobson and LuAnne Tarvid were also like daughters to her, as they always had her best interests at heart and she loved them as her own. While there will be no official services for Ellen, please remember her by raising a toast in her honor. She is happily reunited with the love of her life, Les and is looking down on us all, sending her love and hoping you remember her fun, loving spirit.

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Greenwald, Lorraine A.

Lorraine A. Greenwald, nee Niziolek, age 95 of LaGrange, GA, formerly of North Riverside. Beloved wife of the late Martin A. Jr., loving mother of Cheryl (Charles) Harring, Timothy (Laura) and the late Martin A. III (Jeanne), cherished grandmother of 8 and great grandmother of 4. Visitation Friday, June 14th, 9:00am until time of funeral service 11:00am at **Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home**, 2447 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.KuratkoNosek.com. Info: (708) 447-2500



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Grossenbacher, Heidi

Heidi was born on 21 June 1976 in Charleston, South Carolina and left us on 25 May 2019 in Evanston, Illinois.

Reflective, thoughtful extraordinarily kind and empathetic, she was an idealist who always chose to serve others. She was a living example of the "better Angels" of human nature.

A graduate of St Johns College in Annapolis, Maryland and Loyola University of Chicago Heidi most recently worked as a social worker at Thresholds in Chicago. Her work history also included the United Services Organization where she recruited entertainers to perform for American service members around the world. She also worked at Northwestern University School of Law and the Better Government Association of Chicago and Cook County. Born into a Navy family, Heidi moved frequently while growing up and lived in Charleston, South Carolina, Honolulu, Hawaii, Virginia Beach Norfolk and Fairfax, Virginia. She moved to Chicago as an adult, joining her brother Mike there.

Artistic, creative and an avid singer, she frequently volunteered in support of worthy causes and charities.

The loss of Heidi is felt deeply by her Mother Katherine, her Father John, her brother Mike and his wife Monica. Born a few weeks before she left us, Heidi's nephew Julian will rely on Mike and Monica to teach him what true kindness was as Heidi practiced it. Tracy and Ryan, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, colleagues, clients and friends miss her very dearly.

Two of Heidi's favorite quotes were: "In a world where you can be anything, be kind" and "Don't quit your daydream".

Those whose lives were touched by Heidi are better for it. The world is poorer unless we who knew her show that we learned from her great kindness.

Visitation Thursday June 13th from 4-8 PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home** 6150 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, IL 60646. Friends and family will meet Friday June 14th for a 3 PM memorial service at the Unitarian Church of Evanston 1330 Ridge Ave. Evanston, IL 60201. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to one of Heidi's favorite charities, Lydia Home Chicago are appreciated: <https://give.lydiahome.org/give/113526/#/1/donation/checkout/info> 773-736-3833 or www.smithcorcoran.com

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Haas, Thomas E.

Thomas "Coach" Haas, Sr. age 79. Proud Vietnam War Army Veteran passed away on Monday, June 10, 2019. Beloved husband of Maureen (nee Sullivan); loving father of Thomas, Jr. (Allison) and Michael (Bernadette) Haas; cherished Papa of Noah, Mia, Ellie, Ian and Anna; dear brother of the late Jim, the late Bill and the late twin sister Nancy; fond uncle to many. Thomas was a Hall of Fame Baseball Coach, PE and AD coach at CVS Chicago for over 35 years and a great friend to the Amigos at the End Zone Tap. He will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019 prayers from Kenny Brothers at 9:15 a.m. to St. Barnabas Church 10134 S. Longwood Dr. Chicago, Mass at 10:00 a.m. Visitation Friday, June 14, 2019 at **Kenny Brothers Funeral Directors** 3600 W. 95th St. Evergreen Park, IL, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to Disable American Veteran Charity at dav.org would be greatly appreciated. For more information 708-425-4500 or visit www.kennybrothersfuneral.com

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Hershenhorn, Judith Holmberg

Judith Holmberg Hershenhorn, age 57, of Naples, Florida and Lake Forest, Illinois. Beloved wife of Robert Gene Hershenhorn; loving mother of Sarah Holmberg Hershenhorn and the late Benjamin Holmberg Hershenhorn; devoted daughter of Inez and the late Thomas Holmberg; dear stepmother of Lindsay Hershenhorn and Alexis Ross; proud grandmother of Oliver Hershenhorn and Ford Ross; dear sister of Thomas, Michael (Louise) and Peter Holmberg; fond aunt of Annie, Hope, Tommy, Billy, Johnny and Danny, Rebecca, Louisa, Bobby and Max Holmberg. Visitation Saturday, June 15, 2019, 9:30 a.m. until time of the Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. at Saints Faith, Hope & Charity Church, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka, IL 60093. Private family interment, Lake Forest Cemetery. Info: 847-675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.



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MacDonald, Ralph A.

Ralph A. MacDonald, age 82, of Glencoe, IL. Survived by his 5 children Laura Aime, Dawn Ignatius, Laurie Luke, Missy Raymond, Ralph MacDonald, Jr; and nine grandchildren TJ and Tony DiGloria, Taryn Ketels, James Ignatius, Kelli Stephenson, Tyler and Trevor Luke, Lily and Collin Crown; and Nancy. Graveside Service Friday, June 14, 2019, 3:00 p.m. at Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60076. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Mahoney, Philip A

Philip A. Mahoney, Jr. Beloved husband of Kathleen Mahoney, nee Dawson. Loving father of Daniel, Therese (Daniel) Fagher, Patrick (Tracy), Jennifer (Matt) Skoog. Devoted grandfather of Megan (Justin), Daniel, Erin (Alex), Shannon, Ryan, Riley, Kevin, Katie, Emily, Jack, Mia, and Bailey. Dear brother of Denis (Kathy), Michael (Mary), Erin, Lucy Ann (Bill) Brennan, John (Gayle), Kieran (Joe) Lyons, Maureen (Brad) Stenson, Sheila (Tom) Campbell, and Brian (Kathryn). Fond uncle and great grandfather of many. Former member of Plumbers Local 130. "He did it his way" Memorial visitation Saturday, 9:00 A.M until Funeral Mass 10:00 A.M. at St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Elmhurst Rd. (Rt. 83) at Lincoln St., Mt. Prospect. Interment private. Information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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McDermott, Lawrence James

Lawrence James McDermott, June 9, 2019, age 88. Late of Flossmoor, formerly of Chicago Heights. Beloved husband of Ellen M. McDermott, nee O'Shea. Dear father of John (Caryn) McDermott, Patrick (Lizzie) McDermott and Mike (Brooke) McDermott. Cherished grandfather of Megan, Nicholas, Michael and Maddie McDermott. Loving brother of Thomas (the late Vicki) McDermott and the late Mary (the late Clyde) White. Memorial visitation Monday, June 17, 2019 at St. Joseph Church, 17951 Dixie Hwy., Homewood from 9:30 a.m. until the time of memorial mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Assumption Cemetery. www.info@tews-ryanfh.com or 708 798-5300.



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Miller, Gloria

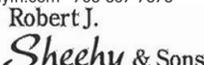
Gloria Miller, nee Goodman, 88, beloved wife of the late Norman; cherished mother of Teri (Ned) Chamlin, Mitchell (Rhonda) Miller and the late Alan Miller; proud and loving grandma "G.G." of Adam (Diana) Chamlin, Amy (Jeff) Sherman, Ryan (Genevieve) Chamlin, Ellie Chamlin and Mandi, Elyse, Haley, Lauren and Alexis Miller; doting great grandmother of Henna, Jacob, Camille, Eden, Shayna and Rexton; dearest mother-in-law of Jayne Miller Berman and the late Kitty Miller; adored daughter of the late Mary and Joseph Goodman; dear sister of Fred Goodman; treasured aunt, cousin and friend of many. Chapel service Friday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation and Kidney Cancer Foundation. For information and condolences (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Milles, Virginia I.

(nee Johnson). Age 89, late of Orland Park, IL, passed away on Monday, June 10, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Raymond A. Milles. Loving mother of Diana (Dwight) Erickson and Karen (Donald) Dufour. Cherished grandmother of Alison and Kirstin Dufour. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Lying in state on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at Beverly Evangelical Covenant Church, 10545 S. Claremont Avenue, Chicago from 10:30 a.m. until time of Services at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Donald K. Nelson, Pastor officiating. Interment Oak Hill Cemetery. Memorials to Beverly Evangelical Covenant Church appreciated. (773-445-4319). www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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Moore, Dolores Katherine

Dolores K Moore (nee Jaster), age 87, beloved wife of the late Andrew; beloved sister of the late Marvin Jaster, Irene (Smaglik), and Albert Jaster; loving mother of Patrick (Judith) Moore, Andrea (Mike) McGuin, Michael (Marion) Moore, Donald (Kathy) Moore, and Janis (George III) Waddell; proud grandmother of Andy, Sarah, Lonnie, Donovan, Becky, Lydia, Patrick, Mara, John, Mary Claire, Nora, Tom, Joe, Matt, Donny, Allison, Jack, George IV, Lauren, and Evan; and great-grandmother of fifteen; was actively involved at both St. Ita Parish, as a member of the choir, and at St. Gregory the Great Parish, as a long-time teacher. Visitation from 10am-11am, followed immediately by a memorial mass at St. Ita Catholic Church, 5500 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL. 60640. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association. For information call **Barr Funeral Home** (773) 743-4034 or sign the guest-book at BarrFuneralHome.com.

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Morrissy, Gloria Kennedy

Gloria Kennedy Morrissy, age 90, former longtime resident of Oak Park, passed away June 12, 2019. Beloved wife of the late John F. Morrissy; loving mother of John, Barbara (Michael) McElherne, Michael (Lisa), Jamee (Adrian) Alperovich and Anne Morrissy; loving Gigi of Michael, Emmet and Elizabeth (fiancé Luke Bailey) Morrissy, Molly (Daniel) McElDowney, Anne, Emma, Maggie (fiancé Justin Patino) McElherne, Agnes and Emma Alperovich and Jeanne and Barbara Morrissy; dear sister of Barbara (the late William) Walsh and Stephen (the late Elizabeth) Kennedy; devoted daughter of the late Raymond and Agnes Kennedy; fond aunt of many. Former manager of the Oak Park Mall. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Friday, June 14, 2019 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday 10:45 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Francis Xavier Church for 11:30 a.m. Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Planned Parenthood, 1200 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60610 appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Peter B. Kennedy, Director. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Pizza, Michael A.

Michael A. Pizza, retired after 30 years with the Chicago Police Department. Served in the U.S. Marine Corp during the Korean War. Cherished husband of Michele nee McMahon, fond father of Mari Bauer Geri (James) Bolin, Lisa (Steve) Boone, Mike (Shari), Donna (Joerg) Schulze, Erica (Todd) and Catherine (Jimmy) Kohl. Loving grandfather of 12 Nicholas, Zachary and Shawn Bolin, Stephanie and Seth Boone, Jason (Allison) Pizza and the late Nicole (Jon) Brodzik, Andrew Schulze, Matthew and Connor Lehman, Jessica (Don) Steffan and Christopher Kohl. Gratefully adopted by Geoff (Monica) Kieres. Adoring great grandfather of 7. Avid golfer, volunteer football coach, great but sometimes exasperating neighbor and firm believer that duct tape fixes anything. Another Italian who lived his life his way. Visitation Friday 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the **SKAJA Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles. Funeral Saturday 12:15 pm to St. Juliana Church Mass 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers donations to the Triple Negative Cancer Foundation or the Buddy Foundation.



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Rago, Michael J.

Michael J. Rago, beloved husband of the late Stacy Rago; loving father of Matthew Rago; dear brother of John P. (Maureen) Rago and Mary Ellen (Daniel) Inendino; fond uncle, cousin and friend of many. A Memorial Visitation will be held on Saturday from 12:00-4:00 p.m. at **Salerno's Galewood Chapels, Sciaraffa Funeral Directors**, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago, 60707. For information call: (773) 889-1700.

Reljac, Leo J.

Leo J. Reljac, age 95, of Morton Grove. Veteran, U.S. Army, World War II. Beloved husband of the late Jean, nee Schelsky; dear father of Leo Jr. "Chip", Pegie (Chris) Price, and Jeannie (John) Karol; loving grandfather of Mark (fiancée, Stefanie) Withrow Price, Mary, Jack and Brian Karol; fond brother of the late Anton (Frances), Philip, Joe (Lois), Frank (Lenore), Adam (Mary), and Frances; also survived by dearest sisters-in-law, Evelyn and Loretta Schelsky. Visitation, Friday, June 14, 2019, from 3 to 8 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral, Saturday, June 15, at 10:15 a.m., from the funeral home, for Mass of Christian Burial, 10:30 a.m., at St. Peter Catholic Church, 8100 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Interment, All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Des Plaines. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign online guestbook.



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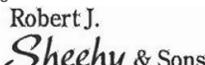
Robbie, Klein

Robbie Klein passed away peacefully, powerfully on May 22nd, 2019, age 62. She is survived by her son Brice Klein, brother Max Spilka, and many beloved friends and family members. She will forever be remembered for the strength and exuberance with which she lived life, and the grace with which she greeted death. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

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Steele, James A.

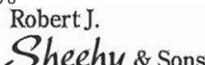
of Joliet, formerly of Hometown. U. S. Army Veteran. Beloved husband of 49 years to the late Kathleen A. (nee Mitchell). Devoted father of the late James (Amy) Steele and Jennifer (Steve) Ivey. Proud grandfather of Joey, Abby, Andrew, Steven, Caroline, Mitchell, and Grace. Loving son of the late Hugh Steele and LaVerne Provenzano. Dear brother of Pamela (Ed) Lammell, Bonnie (Gary) Tallon, and John (Debbie) Steele. Cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews and friend of many. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Saturday 8:45 a.m. from the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Jude Catholic Church, New Lenox, Mass 10:00 a.m. Private interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to NWCSCRA, 10 Montrose Dr., Romeoville, IL 60446 would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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Steele, Kathleen A.

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Tomiser, Lillian

Lillian Tomiser, 90, June 8, 2019, devoted daughter of the late Victor and Bertha Willischitz Tomiser; dearly beloved sister of Erna R. Tomiser, the late Frieda A. Edward J., Irma, and Victor Tomiser, Jr.; dear cousin of Irene Binder, of Austria, the late Margaret Ploch and the late Ann Maguire; kind and dear friend of many. Services at **CENTRAL CHAPEL**, 6158 S. Central Ave., Chicago, IL, where family and friends will gather on Friday, June 14, from 3 to 8 p.m. Funeral Saturday, June 15, 9:15 a.m., at chapel, to St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, 6435 S. Kilbourn Ave., Chicago. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Please visit **LILLIAN TOMISER BOOK OF MEMORIES**. To express your thoughts or memories in the online guest book, visit www.chapel.com or www.facebook.com/centralchapel. For information call 773-581-9000.



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Turbov, Michael

Age 63 beloved husband of Sally loving father of Elizabeth and Victoria. Join us in celebrating his life at St. Joseph's Church 1747 Lake Ave, Wilmette, IL 60091 Thursday, June 13, 2019. Visitation is 3:30 to 4:30. A memorial mass at 4:30. Dinner to follow at the Coarse Italian at the Glenview Park Golf Club, 800 Shermer Rd. Glenview. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Sisters of Christian Charity, Transportation Fund: 2221 Elmwood Ave, Wilmette, IL 60091.

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William M. Uhler, DDS. Beloved husband of Roberta, nee Soll. Loving father of Jaclyn (Rob) Ackerman and Lenie (Glenn) Jett. Adored "Das" of Annabelle and Raiden. Cherished son of Cynthia and the late George Uhler. Dear brother of Susie (Chuck) Cutler, Terry (Alan) Gault and Neil (Stephanie) Uhler. Proud uncle of Bradley, Daniel, Nicole, Greg, Gabriel and Michael. Will be missed by many friends. Service Friday 12 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road (One block north of Lake Cook Road) Buffalo Grove. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory to American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, www.pancan.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove, 847.229.8822, www.cjfnfo.com



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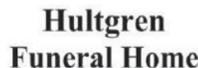
Welch, Anne R.

Anne R. Welch, nee Cosentino; Loving wife of the late Clyde; Dearest mother of Richard "Rick" and the late Marianne; Dear sister of five brothers and four sisters which all preceded her in death; Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; Visitation at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 14, 2019 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, 1224 W. Lexington, Chicago. Funeral mass to follow at 10:00 a.m. Entombment to follow at Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. Please omit flowers. **Ralph Massey Funeral Director**. For info (773) 889-1700

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Williams, Jr., Dr. George 'Bud'

Dr. George "Bud" Williams, Jr., age 77, who taught at Wheaton College since 1963, died peacefully with his family at his bedside on June 12, 2019. He was born in Philadelphia, PA on May 28, 1942, and was raised in New York and Pennsylvania. He attended Penn State University where he was a gymnast on the Nittany Lions Division I national championship gymnastics team. He was also a ROTC battalion commander and a runner up for a Rhodes Scholarship. He received a full scholarship to Yale to pursue a Ph.D. but decided to first study one semester at Wheaton College. By 1963, he was teaching a full load as a graduate T.A. and coached the men's gymnastics team, which eventually won a Division III national championship in 1976. With gymnastics, he initiated the first sports ministry program at Wheaton College by taking the gymnastics team to Haiti in 1965. The rest of his teaching career was to be at Wheaton except for a three year interlude from 1966-69 to fulfill his military obligation. During this time, Captain Williams was a professor and coach at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point where he met his wife, Edie, and married in the cadet chapel in 1967. He then returned to Wheaton College. He was also a long-time teacher, staff member, program director and board member at Wheaton's HoneyRock Camp in Three Lakes, WI. At HoneyRock, he developed the Vanguard program which later became Passage. He served for 12 years as chair of the board of trustees for Christian Camping International with a membership of 5,000 camps worldwide, was the organization's historian, and helped start the Brazilian association in 1983. Dr. Williams served as board member and chair of Dickson Valley Camp for many years. He has been a member of College Church since 1973. He is survived by his wife Edie, his sons Nate (Ginny) and Cameron (Christine) Williams, daughter Noelle (Greg) Hogan and 9 grandchildren. He is also survived by some 14,000 students who benefited from his teaching and mentoring since 1963. A visitation will be held on Sunday, June 16, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Hultgren Funeral Home, 304 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL. Burial will be private at Wheaton Cemetery. A memorial service is being planned for a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to HoneyRock, 8660 Honey Rock Road, Three Lakes, WI 54562 or Dickson Valley Camp & Retreat Center, 8250 Finnie Road, Newark, IL 60541.



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Wolff, Geraldine "Gerry"

Geraldine "Gerry" C. Wolff, nee Belcher, 87, of the far northwest side of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Robert H. Wolff. Loving mother of Sandra (Henry) Czyz, Robin (David) Schabes and Cheryl Wolff. Proud grandmother of Lauren (Paul) Lotz, Melissa (Andy) Parada and Lindsay (fiance Gregory Johnston) Czyz. Great grandmother of Henry Lotz. Dear sister of Betty Ann (Victor) Faraci, Bernice (the late Kenneth) Pekarek, Susan (the late Bruce) Newton, Leon (Barb Foster) Belcher, Jerome (Karen) Belcher, Tom (Diana) Belcher, the late Beverly (the late Kenneth) Kobus, the late Eddie and the late Jim Belcher. Fond aunt of many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Visitation Friday, June 14, 2019, at the M J Suerth Funeral Home, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago from 4 until 8 pm. Funeral Saturday, 9:30 am prayers at funeral home to St. Tarcissus Church for Mass at 10:00 am. Memorials appreciated to your favorite charity. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. For further information 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.



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Said bids will be received up to the hour of 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, on the 24th day of June 2019, as directed in the posted RFP.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. Central Standard Time, on the 17th day of June 2019 located at 69 W Washington St., Suite 2200 Conference Room D, Chicago, IL 60602. Attendance is required in order to have a qualified bid submission. A bid opening meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Central Standard Time, on the 26th day of June 2019 located at 69 W Washington St., Suite 2200 Conference Room C, Chicago, IL 60602.

The RFP package and all related documents are available at:
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It should be noted that CCLBA does not own the subject parcels and demolition is being completed under the authority of an Order by the Circuit Court of Cook County. Entrance upon the subject parcels by Proposer is at Proposer's own risk.

The bidder is specifically advised that the CCLBA is a Subrecipient of the County of Cook of a grant pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, pursuant to an agreement entered into between the County of Cook and the CCLBA. Payments to the contractor will be made by the CCLBA as outlined in the RFP.

APPLICABLE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS
All laborers and mechanics employed by the Contractor or Subcontractor(s) on construction work for this Project shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended, (U.S.C. Sections 76-276a-5), and shall receive overtime compensation in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. Sections 327-333), and the Contractor and Subcontractor(s) shall comply with all regulations issued pursuant to these Acts and other applicable Federal laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards. The Secretary of Labor has, with respect to the labor standards specified in this Section, the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Number 14 of 1950 (5 U.S.C. Section 1332-15) and Section 2 of the Act of June 13, 1934, as amended, (40 U.S.C. Section 276c).

All contracts and Subrecipients for the project shall include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback Act" (18 U.S.C. Section 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR Part 3). Each bidder is required to comply with Equal Employment Opportunity for the Community Development Block Grants, a copy of which is on file with the CCLBA and is available for inspection. Compliance with "Section 3", which calls for affirmative action by the Contractor to train and hire lower income residents of the Project area and to subcontract with local, small businesses is required on this Project. An explanation of the applicable federal requirements previously mentioned is provided in the Cook County CDBG Special Provisions Section of the RFP. The successful bidder for the project will be required to file a performance bond equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the bid, with sureties to be approved by the CCLBA, which performance bonds shall be conditioned upon proper and faithful performance by the Contractor of the work specified in accordance with the specifications therefore, according to the time and terms and conditions of the contract; and also that the bidder and contractor shall properly pay all debts incurred by the Contractor in the execution of the work, including those for labor and materials furnished. The Contractor shall be required to furnish sufficient insurance or guaranty of indemnity to the Cook County Land Bank Authority, and the County of Cook, Illinois, against any and all claims which might arise for damages to persons or property due to the negligence of the Contractor or Subcontractor(s), or their officers, agents, employees or servants, during the project and until the said project has been finally accepted as complete by the CCLBA. The right to reject any and all proposals or bids is reserved. Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 6th day of June, 2019.

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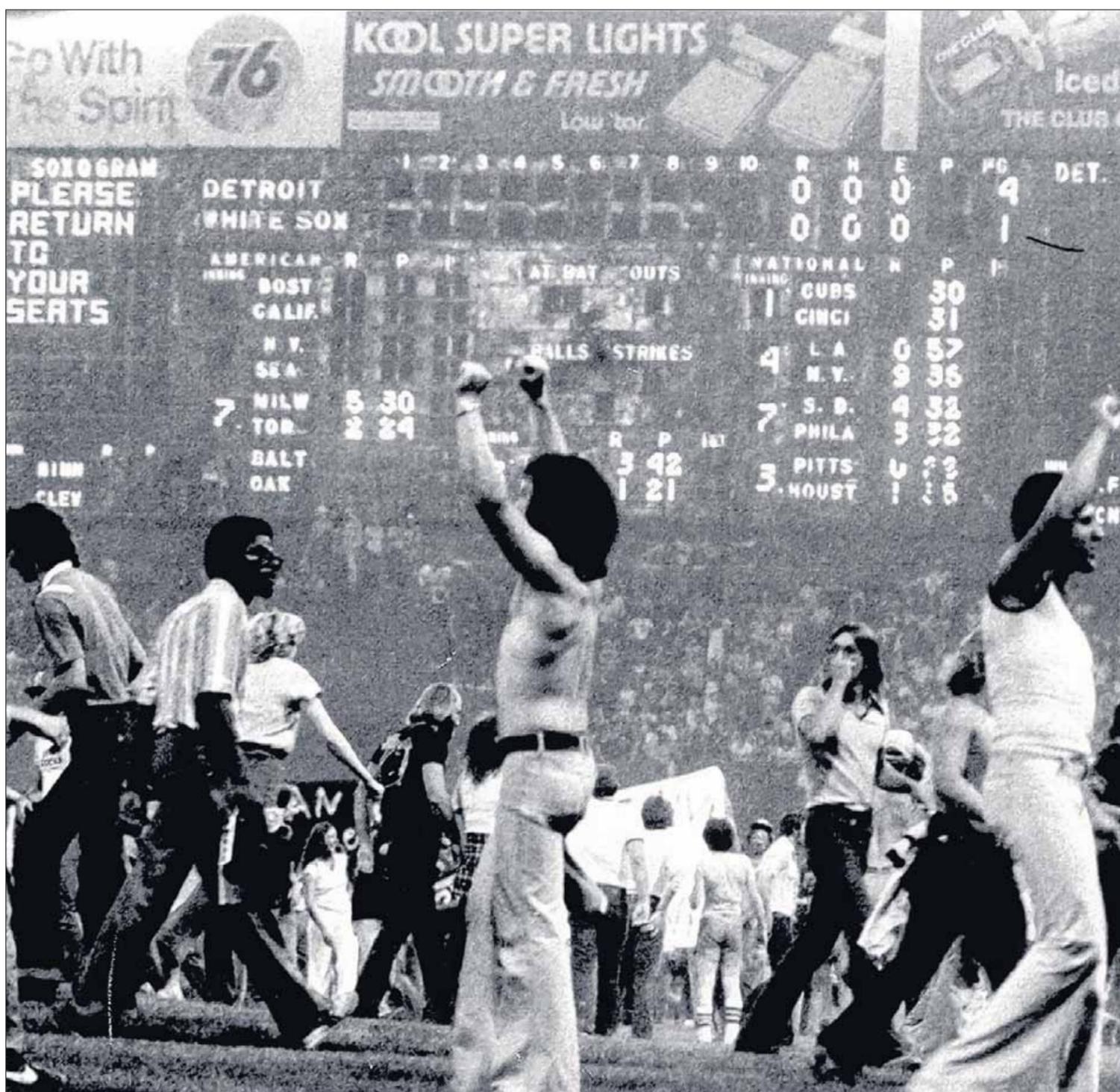
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WHITE SOX DISCO DEMOLITION NIGHT AT 40



Explosive anniversary



The Tribune's Paul Sullivan and Phil Rosenthal reflect on the White Sox's wacky Disco Demolition Night four decades ago

Sports teams rarely celebrate the forfeiture of a game, but the White Sox are handing out 10,000 T-shirts at Thursday's Yankees game commemorating next month's 40th anniversary of Disco Demolition Night.

Like radio personality Steve Dahl's July 12, 1979, event itself, the giveaway is not without controversy. For one thing, it has reopened old debates about whether there were deeper, uglier undercurrents to the rejection of a musical genre extending to the segments of the population that first embraced it.

The Sox issued a statement Tuesday saying "this year's Disco Demolition T-Shirt giveaway was intended to recognize the anniversary of a historic off-the-field moment that has been connected to the organization over the past 40 years."

Whatever the larger picture of what happened, they were harder to discern at ground level 40 years ago beyond the fact a lot of things went wrong when Dahl, then 24, and his so-called Insane Coho Lips Anti-Disco Army packed old Comiskey Park.

Admitted for 98 cents and a disco record, Dahl's rock-loving listeners were promised their disco singles and albums would be blown up on the field between games of a twinnight doubleheader with the Tigers.

It was playing off a recurring on-air bit Dahl had developed since landing at The Loop after his ouster from WDAI-FM, which had axed him months earlier when it changed to an all-disco

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Radio personality Steve Dahl (above, right) led Disco Demolition Night nearly 40 years ago at Comiskey Park that led to the forfeiture against the Tigers. UPI (TOP PHOTO), ELMHURST HISTORY MUSEUM (DAHL)

White Sox, Dahl defend anniversary T-shirt promotion. Page 2
UP NEXT: Yankees at White Sox, 7:10 p.m. Thursday, NBCSCH

Growth spurt could lead to payday for Trubisky

If QB continues ascent, new deal could be awaiting

Looking ahead to a season packed with optimism and soaring expectations, the Bears on Thursday will begin a six-week break before training camp, and the most improved player from this time last year has to be Mitch Trubisky.



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

his eyes and instincts, the kind of thing that can lead to improved play a year after he set the franchise record for completion percentage at 66.6.

"I've got a lot better grasp of the offense," Trubisky said. "We're way ahead as far as timing, operation, getting to the line of scrimmage, getting in and out, adjustment on all of our plays and just knowing where to go with the ball, especially against all of these different looks that the defense is throwing at us. So I feel like we've done really well. We just have to keep getting better."

General manager Ryan Pace made a concerted effort to overhaul the wide receiver corps last

Turn to *Biggs*, Page 8



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Javier Baez drops his bat as he glares at the Rockies' Phillip Diehl after his two-run homer in the eighth inning Wednesday.

RANKING THE BEST BEARS PLAYERS EVER



Our pick at No. 85, Kyle Long, has played 73 games with the Bears, and made the Pro Bowl in his first three seasons, then came the injuries. Now he is trying to stay healthy. **Back Page**

CUBS 10, ROCKIES 1

Baez's late blast a little extra special for Cubs

Infielder's majestic homer follows series filled with beanballs

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

DENVER — In the midst of Cubs and Rockies pitchers exchanging plunking Wednesday afternoon at Coors Field, Javier Baez delivered the biggest statement.

After Rockies reliever Phillip Diehl hit Anthony Rizzo with a pitch with two outs and the bases empty in the eighth inning, Baez followed with a 460-foot home run to left field. The shortstop took a few extra seconds to admire his 17th blast of the season, then glared at the rookie left-hander before starting his deliberate trot around the bases that put the finishing touches on

a 10-1 Cubs victory.

It snapped a five-game road losing streak and prevented the Rockies from sweeping the three-game series.

"I would say he watched that one a little extra, which is nice," Rizzo said. "When you think something is intentional and you get them back, it feels a little bit better."

Baez — who nearly was hit by a head-high pitch from starter Antonio Senzatela in the third inning — didn't speak with reporters after the game. But he was tempted to preserve the shutout with one out in the ninth when he realized he didn't have a play on Tony Wolters and threw to first to retire Chris Iannetta.

"I know Javy," said catcher Victor Caratini, who was ready

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TOP OF THE SECOND



PAUL SULLIVAN

Sox-Yanks intriguing series

The Yankees make their only appearance of the season on the South Side this weekend, beginning Thursday night when Ivan Nova faces his former team.

Though they haven't been classic rivals since baseball split into a divisional format in 1969, the Yankees traditionally have been one of the biggest draws in Chicago — six of the top nine regular-season attendance totals at old Comiskey Park were Yankees-White Sox games.

They come to town only once a year now because of the unbalanced schedule, and the Sox are expecting strong crowds for the four-game series. Here are three things to look for during Yankees weekend:

1. Strange things tend to happen when the Sox and Yankees meet.

In the 1950s the rivalry was at its apex, with the Sox frequently challenging the Yankees for American League supremacy and usually falling short, with the glaring exception of 1959, when the Sox won their first pennant in 40 years — and their last until the 2005 championship.

Whitey Ford and Billy Pierce frequently hooked up in low-scoring affairs, and the teams staged an epic brawl at old Comiskey in 1957 after Yankees pitcher Art Ditmar threw a pitch behind the head of Sox outfielder Larry Doby.

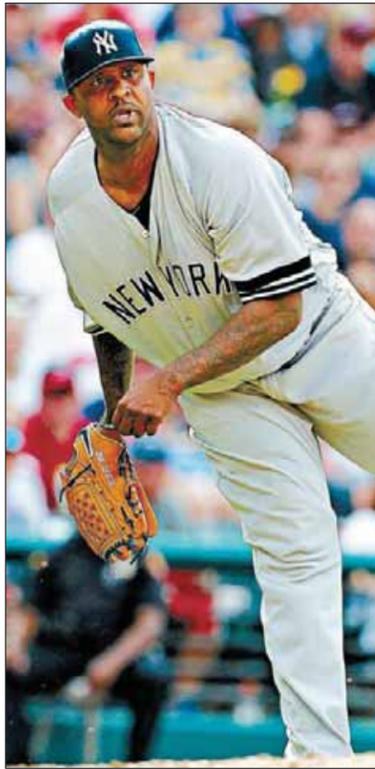
The rivalry hit a lull in the late 1960s but heated up again in the 1970s when Sox fans showered millionaire slugger Reggie Jackson with bills and coins in the outfield, only to watch Jackson scoop them up and put them in his back pocket.

One of the crazier games in the rivalry took place on July 1, 1990, at Comiskey when the Yankees' Andy Hawkins threw a no-hitter but lost 4-0 on three errors and two walks in the eighth inning. The game's official scorer, Bob Rosenberg, will be back in his familiar perch this weekend.

2. Eloy Jimenez is channeling his inner Dick Allen.

Sox rookie Eloy Jimenez hit his first two home runs April 12 at Yankee Stadium and is starting to display his much-hyped power now that he's getting more comfortable and the weather is warming up.

Jimenez's prodigious homer Tuesday off the Nationals' Patrick Corbin landed on the plaza under the home-run deck in center field and bounced up a staircase.



DAVID MAXWELL/GETTY-AFP

CC Sabathia is scheduled to start against the White Sox's Lucas Giolito on Friday at Guaranteed Rate Field.

"I'm going to put it in my room and I'm going to watch it every single day," Jimenez said.

Statcast estimated the shot at 462 feet, the longest at Guaranteed Rate Field this year.

But it wasn't even the longest by Jimenez this week. He hit a 471-foot shot off the Royals' Glenn Sparkman on Sunday at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

The Sox said Jimenez's homer Tuesday was the sixth-longest at Guaranteed Rate, but where it rates in Sox history will forever be a mystery because of inaccurate measurements at old Comiskey Park.

Jimenez's shot was reminiscent of one Sox slugger Dick Allen hit off Yankees

reliever Lindy McDaniel on Aug. 23, 1972. The ball landed deep in the center-field bleachers, where announcer Harry Caray was broadcasting a game while shirtless and tried to catch it with his net.

"(Allen) hit a two-run homer a distance of 460 feet," Tribune baseball writer Richard Dozer wrote. "Or was it 480? No matter. The ball landed in the elevated center-field bleachers, which only three others have reached."

Allen also hit one of the most famous home runs in the Sox-Yankees rivalry on June 4, 1972, the so-called "chili dog homer" off closer Sparky Lyle in the second game of a doubleheader.

Allen, who had been given a rest in the second game, was in the clubhouse eating a chili dog when summoned to pinch hit with two on and two outs in the bottom of the ninth with the Sox trailing 4-2. After dribbling chili on his shirt, he had to quickly change into a new jersey. Allen had not taken batting practice for a couple of weeks and didn't even warm up before he got to the plate.

"You don't warm up to chop down trees, do you?" he said afterward.

Allen hit a three-run, walk-off home run, giving the Sox a 5-4 win and a sweep of the doubleheader, temporarily putting them in first place.

3. Lucas Giolito faces CC Sabathia on Friday night.

At 9-1 with a 2.28 ERA, Giolito seems like a cinch for an All-Star selection and has become appointment viewing for Sox fans.

Giolito beat the Yankees 9-6 on April 12 in New York in a rain-shortened affair when he didn't have his best stuff but gutted his way through five innings in the rain. He said facing the Yankees is nice but no different than pitching against anyone else.

"It was really cool when I was able to pitch against the Yankees in Yankee Stadium," he said. "The conditions were miserable, but we ended up coming out on top. Had a bunch of family out, and that's always been a little dream of mine, to pitch in Yankee Stadium."

Sabathia, 38, is retiring after this season, making this his final start in Chicago. He's 10-2 with a 3.40 ERA in 19 starts on the South Side.

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NBA	8 p.m. Raptors at Warriors	ABC-7
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ASK THE REPORTER

K.C. JOHNSON

I have heard the Bulls are interested in trading the No. 7 pick for Lonzo Ball. Do you think they would consider coming in as a third team in an Anthony Davis trade with the Lakers and Pelicans? — George, Elk Grove Village

They absolutely would try to get in on a three-team deal serving as a facilitator in any Davis deal. And in John Paxson's 15 drafts as head of basketball operations — the Bulls had no pick in 2005 — he has made eight draft-day trades.

An explosive anniversary

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format.

Dahl, a future inductee in the Radio Hall of Fame, would start to play some dance number only to interrupt it with a record scratch and an explosion sound effect.

But with an actual explosion promised, the number of Dahl fans who showed up for the Sox promotion far exceeded expectations and manageability.

The Sox lost the first game 4-1. They never got to the nightcap. The reverberations of the on-field stunt still resonate.

(You may be wondering why the Sox's Disco Demolition T-shirt giveaway is not closer to the actual July 12 anniversary. For one thing, the Sox will be visiting the A's that night. For another, they give away T-shirts at Thursday home games, and the only other opening before the anniversary is Independence Day. The Sox have a patriotic-themed shirt planned for fans that day.)

Future Tribune sports writer Paul Sullivan was at Disco Demolition Night 40 years ago, and Phil Rosenthal was close.

Here they share their recollections of what they experienced ...

Rosenthal: I had the date for Disco Demolition circled on my calendar. I was taking some classes that summer to get ahead and worked part time at a deep-dish pizza joint in Lake Bluff called the Silo as a busboy and barback.

I was supposed to play in a late-afternoon softball game that day. But a friend who was a couple of years older still figured we could make it to Comiskey before the end of the first game against the Tigers. That would leave plenty of time for Dahl's between-game stunt and the entire second game.

But even before we got near the ballpark, we could tell something was amiss. Sox announcer Lorn Brown was on the radio talking about how dangerous it was that some in the crowd were throwing records like Frisbees.

Then we had to park a lot farther from the ballpark than even for the bat giveaways that usually packed the place.

It turned out the crowd was so much bigger than anyone expected, and they stopped taking the records from people going into Comiskey because they no longer had any place to put them.

But you were in the ballpark at that point, right?

Sullivan: I was working at a steel mill in East Chicago and headed to Comiskey after work, arriving in about the third or fourth inning. My dad was a season ticket holder, so he gave me and my friends his box-seat tickets behind the visitors' dugout.

When we arrived, we saw fans whipping records at Tigers outfielder Ron LeFlore, who wore his batting helmet in the field.

My friends and I really did want to see

some baseball, but truthfully we were more interested in seeing Dahl blow up the records to find out what would happen next. I wasn't expecting a riot, but I did expect chaos.

Once the first person jumped out of the stands onto the field and security didn't stop him, it was a signal for everyone to join in.

It went from one to a couple hundred in about three minutes. I leaped off the top of the Tigers' dugout onto the field. It was an exhilarating feeling, to say the least.

Rosenthal: Better than the long walk to the ballpark from the closest place we could park, I'm sure. Before long, I detected a certain acrid smell in the air I remembered from seeing Kiss at Chicago Stadium the year before.

That was probably exhilarating inside the ballpark too.

Sullivan: Back then illicit activities were usually confined to the empty reaches of the right-field upper deck.

We had smuggled in pints of Jack Daniels and Southern Comfort. Unfortunately the J.D. I had brought down to the field was quickly confiscated by an old Tigers coach, who asked me to please leave his dugout. I complied.

I thought it was Alex Grammas, but Baseball Reference informs me he didn't join Sparky Anderson's staff until the next year.

Anyway, the Tigers players were all in the dugout tunnel watching the riot unfold, seemingly enjoying it. My favorite player, Mark Fidrych, was one of them. I wanted to get his autograph, but it seemed like an inappropriate time.

Rosenthal: Might have been cool to be flipped the bird by The Bird, but you're probably right.

At least you were inside. We got there late in the first game, but the gate was already shut down. Chicago police officers on horseback, wearing baby blue helmets and riot gear, saw to it that we got no closer than 10 or 20 yards from an entrance.

I wanted to use a payphone to call my mom and let her know I was OK, and the police made it clear this was not going to be allowed. My friend started yelling how this was America and they had no right to stop us, which seemed to me unwise.

I grabbed my friend and started to drag him back toward the car. We paused by where someone had a TV on. We could see the fans running amok. It scared me, and I was kind of relieved we didn't get in.

Sullivan: You should've been in there. It was historic and, though it was termed the "disco riot," it was actually just a big party.

It was crazy running around on a Major League Baseball field, sliding into the bases and standing on the pitcher's mound. I grew up going to games at old Comiskey and never dreamed I'd ever be on the field.



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Fans roam Comiskey Park at will, carrying anti-disco placards and chanting during a promotion gone wrong on July 12, 1979.

Some guy pretended he was an umpire at home plate, calling people safe and out as they slid home one after another. Everyone just looked at each other like, "Can you believe this is happening?"

Most of us were just running around, but someone managed to drag a batting cage out from center field and lit it on fire. People were jumping over the fire, which was fairly big. It's amazing no one got burned.

Harry Caray and the owner, Bill Veeck, got on the public address system and tried to coax us to go back to our seats, and I seem to recall them trying to get everyone to sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." But nothing was going to work.

It was actually starting to die out when all of a sudden dozens of cops came in on horseback, making a gauntlet and marching out toward the outfield. I was well aware of the '68 convention riot, so that's when I decided to get off the field.

I did grab a chunk of turf before I left. I've apologized profusely to Roger Bossard, the Sodfather, for that ever since. We completely tore apart his field, which caused the forfeiture of the second game.

Rosenthal: Looking back, I definitely wish my friend and I had skipped our softball game and gone straight to the park. Disco Demolition has become a cultural touchstone and a part of baseball lore.

Although controversial in some circles, it's more fondly recalled than the Indians' 10-Cent Beer Night in 1974 and the Dodgers' Ball Night in 1995, both of which also famously ended badly.

Sox announcer Jimmy Piersall may have called it "one of the saddest sights I've ever seen at a ballpark in my life," but how many things at Comiskey Park from 1979 are we still talking about?

Sullivan: Agreed. And the only time anyone mentions disco these days is when they're talking about Disco Demolition, so it outlasted the genre. Congrats, Steve Dahl.

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Sox, Dahl defend shirt promotion

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

Chicago Tribune

Amid objections to Thursday's T-shirt giveaway commemorating the 40th anniversary of Disco Demolition Night, a radio stunt gone awry, the White Sox issued a statement saying the promotion is "only meant to mark the historical nature of the night 40 years later."

An on-field melee broke out at packed Comiskey Park on July 12, 1979, following an on-field stunt exploding thousands of disco records presided over by future National Radio Hall of Fame honoree Steve Dahl, then 24. The field became unplayable and the Sox were forced to forfeit the second game of their scheduled doubleheader with the Tigers.

While many view what happened that night as horseplay run amok, other ascribe less benign sentiments to what transpired and what fueled it. Some see the event as not just a demonstration against disco music but against the groups that first embraced it, namely African Americans, Latinos and gay people.

"We blew up disco records, made fun of the Bee Gees and 'Saturday Night Fever.' It goes no deeper than that," Dahl said in an email Wednesday. "Perception is not always reality. Especially when that perception uses the prism of today to look at events 40 years ago."

"Sometimes a stupid radio promotion is just a stupid radio promotion."

Of Thursday night's T-shirt giveaway, he said: "I was just looking forward to having a fun night at the park with my family, my grandkids and my friends and fans. What happened?"

Criticism of the giveaway has spread on social media, however. Here's a sampling from Twitter:

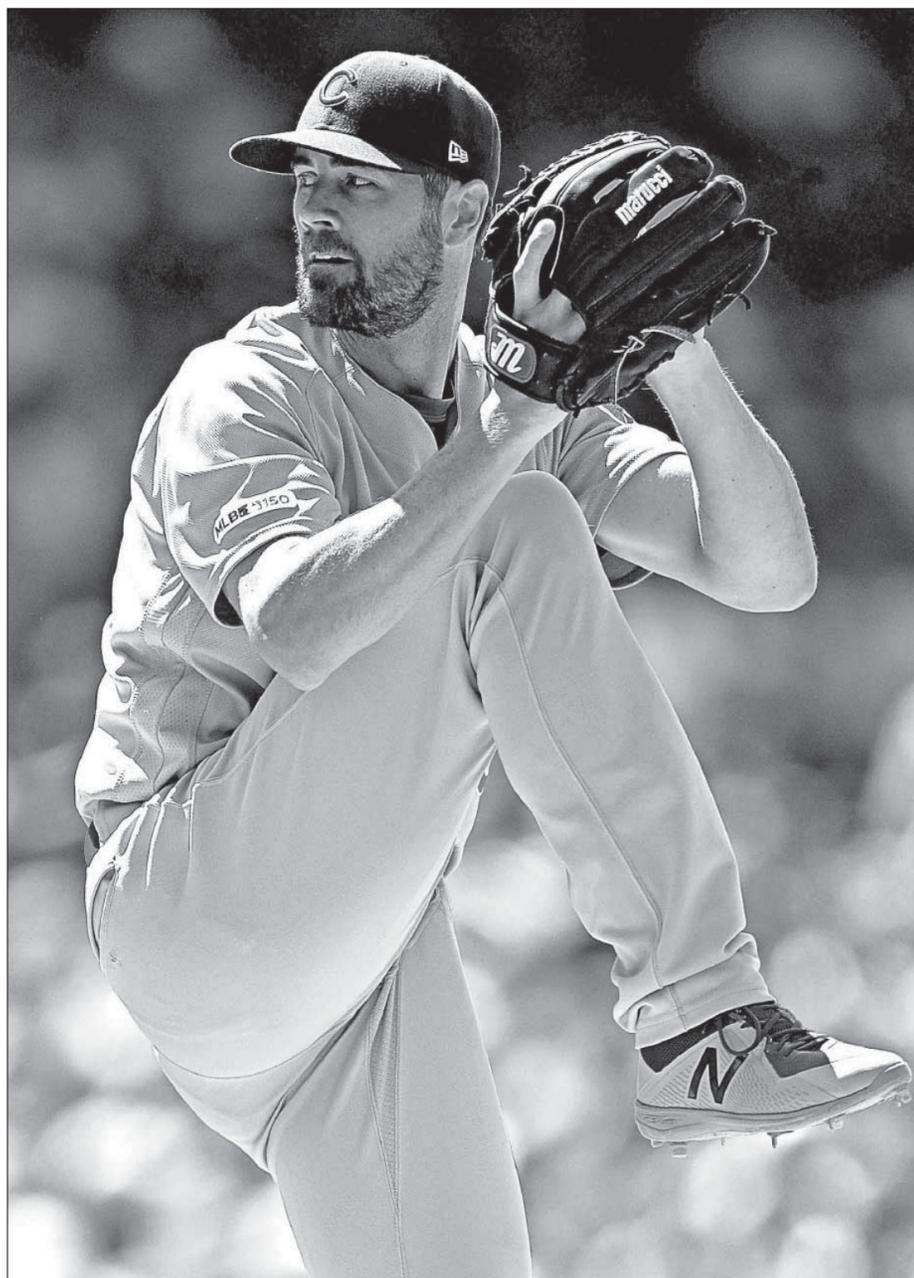
"Disco Demolition was crazy and countercultural — I totally understand why it's stuck around as rock history. But it was punched down on another counterculture, and gave cover to bigotry. @whitesox shouldn't be celebrating it!" — @me3dia

"Disco Demolition Night was the original Straight Pride Parade!" — @Venssae

"During Pride Month and in the year 2019, the team would be better suited celebrating its diverse fanbase rather than commemorating angry white teens tearing something down that paved the way for hip-hop, house music, and so many other important movements" — @Slim-Hendrix

The Sox, citing the "franchise's longstanding record on advocating for inclusion and diversity," said "they are reviewing feedback" they have received since announcement of the giveaway.

CUBS



MATTHEW STOCKMAN/GETTY-AFF

Cubs starter Cole Hamels scattered six hits and struck out in nine in seven shutout innings Wednesday.

HR extra special

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for a throw even with the Cubs comfortably ahead.

The Cubs took care of unfinished and unspoken business before heading to Los Angeles for a four-game series against the Dodgers, who at 45-23 have the best record in the National League.

Cole Hamels (6-2) became the fourth pitcher to pitch at least seven scoreless innings with at least nine strikeouts against the Rockies at Coors and extended his streak of not allowing an earned run to 22 innings.

Hamels also singled in the second, setting up a Kyle Schwarber three-run home run to cap a five-run rally. Hamels then poked a two-run single to highlight a three-run fifth.

The Cubs salvaged the series finale without slugger Kris Bryant, who sat out a day after Rockies rookie Peter Lambert hit him twice with pitches. Last week, Bryant was struck by a pitch from German Marquez, who also beamed him in April 2018, causing him to miss four games.

On Wednesday, tension initially heightened in the third

inning. With the Cubs leading 5-0, Hamels hit Rockies slugger Nolan Arenado with a pitch on the left forearm, prompting Arenado to yell at Hamels and the Cubs dugout before walking slowly to first.

"If you were here for the series, you saw what was going on," Arenado told reporters.

Manager Joe Maddon said pitchers must throw inside effectively to succeed in hitter-friendly parks such as Coors and stressed that he didn't believe Bryant was hit intentionally Tuesday. But Maddon also confirmed that Arenado was displeased.

"I just know he wasn't happy," Maddon said. "I can confirm that."

Hamels pleaded innocence and downplayed Arenado's displeasure directed at him.

"It's just baseball," Hamels said. "People yell at me all the time — good and bad. It's the nature of trying to get guys out."

Hamels also downplayed getting hit on the ankle by a Bryan Shaw breaking ball in the seventh with the Cubs leading 8-0. Hamels walked with a slight limp but is expected make his next start Tuesday night against the

White Sox at Wrigley Field.

Meanwhile, plate umpire Roberto Ortiz issued warnings to both teams after Rizzo was hit. But Cubs reliever Brad Brach wasn't ejected in the ninth after he drilled Wolters in the back. Rockies manager Bud Black — with the support of his bench — argued that Brach should have been ejected.

Maddon praised Ortiz for his handling of the situation and stressed there's no automatic ejection in the event of a batter getting hit after a warning. Maddon added that Cubs batters have been hit 36 times, tied for the most in the NL entering Wednesday's night games.

"Rizzo gets hit a lot (a league-leading 12 times)," Maddon said. "(Bryant) gets hit a lot (nine). I've always had a (policy) as a hitting coach. You have two options: Go to the mound or go to first base. But don't sit there and jabber. Make up your mind and do one or the other and either one is fine. But you have two choices."

"For the most part to this point, our guys have gone to first base, and I respect that."

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CUBS NOTES

Preparing to clear Dodgers hurdle

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

The prospect of facing the National League's best rotation this weekend hasn't discouraged the Cubs.

"I don't think we're intimidated by who is across the field," infielder Addison Russell said Wednesday before the Cubs open a four-game series against the two-time defending National League champion Dodgers.

"I get fired up when I play. That's how I play. I'm not scared of anyone."

The Cubs will face, in succession, three-time Cy Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw, crafty left-hander Rich Hill, hard-throwing Walker Buehler and NL ERA leader Hyun-Jin Ryu (1.36), who has a 1.01 ERA at Dodger Stadium and hasn't allowed a walk to a left-handed hitter in 83 plate appearances.

That foursome is largely responsible for a 2.81 ERA by the starters and limiting opponents to a .219 batting average.

"It's really hard to dent their starters," manager Joe Maddon said. "So you got to pitch better than they're pitching while you're there."

The Cubs took two of three games from the Dodgers at Wrigley Field on April 23-25, but the Dodgers possess the majors' best home record (25-7).

But neither Maddon nor Rizzo seemed fearful of their task.

"I know these people and know (what) they're going to do," said Maddon, who worked with Dodgers President Andrew Friedman with the Rays. "It's not going away."

"They are that good. I love it. That's what you understand. When you do this and have done it for a long time, you love the competition."

"You want to play good games. You want to be challenged by the best. I think it's awesome."

Said Rizzo: "Every day it's a new test. It's good to face that every day because you don't get over-amped for one guy and downplay another guy because everyone is so good."

The Cubs' 10-1 victory Wednesday over the Rockies kept them within striking distance of the lead in the NL Central.

"We're still in a pretty good spot right now," Russell said. "I think we're right there from clicking."

Odd pregame accident sidelines Cishek: Cubs reliever Steve Cishek believes he'll miss only one or two games after being carted off the field before Wednesday's series finale against the Rockies.

Cishek was diagnosed with a deep bruise after getting struck inside his right knee while playing catch with teammate Brandon Kintzler.

"I feel a lot better," Cishek said after the Cubs' win. "I can walk and put weight on it. It just got me in the perfect spot."

"It's probably the most pain I've been in (in) a while."

Cishek was expecting Kintzler's throw to cut, but the ball sank.

"I was trying to (downplay) it because it's Kinz," Cishek said. "He came over, and I was kind of grimacing in pain. He said if he threw that pitch in a game, no one would hit it."

Cishek, who has a 3.21 ERA in 29 appearances, needed assistance just to stand before he was placed on a cart and taken off Coors Field.

"I was thankful once the ice calmed things down," Cishek said. "I was able to put weight on it."

WHITE SOX

Jimenez won't be forgetting homer

Ball retrieved from 1st one hit at home, will be on display at own home

BY PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune

Eloy Jimenez couldn't stop smiling, his grin stretching almost as far as his 462-foot shot to center field.

The great home-run drought at Guaranteed Rate Field was over. The White Sox's rookie left fielder hit his first homer at home Tuesday, just one of his highlights during a 7-5 win over the Nationals.

"I tried to hit it, like, the first day I got here, but it happened today and I feel really excited after that," said Jimenez, who launched a solo shot on Patrick Corbin's 1-1 pitch to lead off the fourth. He has homered in three of his last four games.

Wellington Castillo hit a grand slam in the first inning and somehow took a backseat in the limelight.

Not only did Jimenez get a significant milestone out of the way, but his blast was the sixth-

longest by a Sox player at the ballpark. The longest belongs to Joe Borchard, a 504-footer on Aug. 30, 2004, versus the Phillies.

Jimenez initially didn't see where the ball landed, but he did retrieve it.

"I'm going to put it in my room and I'm going to watch it every single day," he said.

Jimenez — who also doubled in the fifth and scored three runs — may have been pressing a little to knock one out for the home crowd, but it didn't seem to be an issue, manager Rick Renteria said.

"Maybe he's trying to show everybody what he's about, but I don't think he's thinking about it too much," Renteria said. "I think he's just settling in. Is it probably a relief? It's possible."

"I feel his improvement across the board is starting to show a little bit."

Said Jimenez: "I've been getting good at-bats, and you see what happens. That's what I started to do — not think about hits or homers. It's just get a good pitch to hit and take a hack."

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Eloy Jimenez receives a water bath from Jose Rondon after the White Sox's 7-5 victory over the Nationals on Tuesday.

Show of kindness being paid forward by McCann

Sox catcher, wife visit, bring gifts to families with hospitalized babies

BY PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune

It was a small gesture from Tim McGraw and Faith Hill, and White Sox catcher James McCann is positive country music's most famous married couple had no clue that McCann and his wife, Jessica, received it — let alone how it touched them.

The McCanns had twins boys in December 2017 — born two months premature — and little Christian and Kane had to spend the holidays and beyond at Vanderbilt Children's Neonatology Intensive Care Clinics in Nashville.

"Being stuck in the hospital with babies wrapped in cords and being pricked and prodded is not really your definition of the holidays," McCann said. "While we were there, Tim McGraw and Faith Hill donated some gift cards to us (and) to every room. It was a little gesture that meant so much to us, knowing that someone who had been in the NICU unit before knew what we were going through."

"That's something my wife, Jessica, and I decided to do for Mother's Day and Father's Day and Christmas: just let families ... know there are people that are thinking of them."

Last year, when McCann was with the Tigers, he and his wife began visiting and giving out gift cards to families of NICU patients in Detroit, and they continued the practice Wednesday morning at Chicago's Lurie Children's Hospital and its neonatal intensive care unit.

McCann said he hopes to meet McGraw and Hill, "especially being that we live in the same town in the offseason. There's really no words to describe what kind of pick-me-up that was coming from someone like that."

McCann and Jessica learned in June 2017 that they were having twins but later were told it would be a high-risk pregnancy.

Jessica was hospitalized Dec. 4



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox catcher James McCann and his wife are reaching out to families who have babies in neonatal intensive care units.

and delivered by C-section two days later.

"It happened really quickly," McCann said. "It's hard to remember all the emotions we felt."

Christian and Kane each weighed about 3 pounds. Early on, the McCanns could only hold them for short periods.

"A typical thing you want to do with a baby is hold them and rock them and rub their back," he said. "But because they were born so early and their nervous systems not having been fully developed, you're not supposed to do that because it could cause issues with their development."

The boys are 18 months old. McCann looks at fatherhood now with a sense of gratitude.

"There's nothing better than being a father, especially in this game ... of baseball where you live and you die by your results," he said. "You go home to two little boys that could (not) care less if you're 0-for-4 or 4-for-4. You see the smiles on their faces and it's a different perspective on life."

"You're no longer the most important thing. You've got two little babies that are fully dependent on you and it's a feeling like nothing else."

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NHL & NBA



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Jump for joy: Blues' Jaden Schwartz, left, and Brayden Schenn hug goalie Jordan Binnington after the Blues' Cup-clinching victory.

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Finally, Blues heaven

With decisive Game 7 win, they cap stunning turnaround to secure franchise's 1st Cup

BY JIMMY GOLEN

Associated Press

BOSTON — Blues goalie Jordan Binnington was waiting patiently, as NHL rookies learn to do, while the Stanley Cup was passed from teammate to teammate across the recently conquered ice of the new Boston Garden.

Thirteen Blues took their turn with the iconic trophy, raising it above their heads, lowering it for a kiss, posing for a picture.

Finally, understudy Jake Allen gave the starter a little shove, and the Game 7 star timidly skated forward to receive the Cup and cap off one of the great rookie runs in

NHL history.

Binnington stopped 32 shots, and Ryan O'Reilly scored for the fourth straight game Wednesday night to lead the Blues to a 4-1 victory over the Bruins in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Final and their first NHL championship.

Alex Pietrangolo added a goal and an assist and Brayden Schenn and Zach Sanford also scored for the Blues, who had the worst record in the league in early January but won 30 of their final 49 regular-season games, then soared through the playoffs to reach the final for the first time since 1970.

Binnington, who was pulled from a 7-2 loss in Game 3, took a shutout into the final minutes, and the Blues were never really in danger after scoring twice in the final few minutes of the first period.

"He bounced back. We knew he would,"

Pietrangolo said. "Unbelievable first period. His confidence, his swagger, his belief in himself — unbelievable."

Coach Craig Berube, who took over when Mike Yeo was fired in November, is the fourth coach in the last 11 years hired in midseason to lead his team to the NHL title.

"Once we pulled it together, we were tough to beat," Berube said.

Matt Grzelcyk scored the Bruins' only goal, and Tuukka Rask stopped 16 shots.

The Bruins outshot the Blues 33-20, but the visitors went ahead at the end of the first period on goals from Reilly and Pietrangolo about three minutes apart. The second period was scoreless, then Schenn put it out of reach with 8:35 to play and Sanford made it 4-0 before the Bruins spoiled Binnington's bid for a shutout.

St. Louis can stop singing the blues.

It's time to play "Gloria."

NBA FINALS

Either great or checkmate

Still trailing, Warriors must do everything right in Game 6

BY BEN GOLLIVER

The Washington Post

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Warriors were so moved by their brilliant Game 5 comeback Monday, that Draymond Green declared it "the greatest" performance of their stellar five-year run in the NBA Finals.

Trailing the Raptors by six points with less than three minutes to play, Klay Thompson and Stephen Curry combined to hit three 3-pointers, Green blocked a potential game-winner at the buzzer, and the two-time defending champs celebrated the improbable end to a tragic night that saw Kevin Durant lost to an Achilles injury.

The Warriors staved off elimination, narrowing the Raptors' series lead to 3-2 and forcing a Game 6 at Oakland's Oracle Arena on Thursday.

"We could have thrown in the towel," Green said. "We could have folded, but we didn't. I said it before: I've never seen this group fold. And that stands true still."

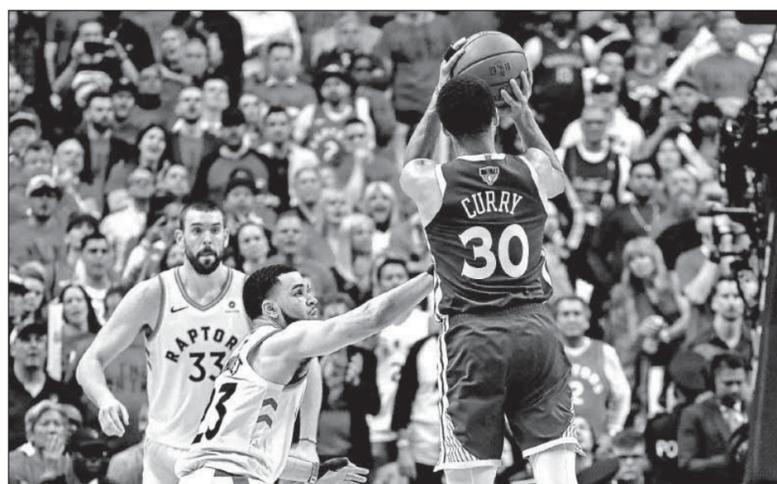
The tricky thing about digging out of a 3-1 deficit, though, is that it takes a lot more than one legendary performance. LeBron James needed three masterpieces to lead the 2016 Cavaliers to the only 3-1 finals comeback in league history. In Game 5, he posted 41 points, 16 rebounds and seven assists. In Game 6, 41 points, eight rebounds and 11 assists. In Game 7, 27 points, 11 rebounds, and 11 assists, plus an all-time chase-down block on Andre Iguodala for good measure.

The Warriors, in other words, still have plenty of work to do.

The natural inclination following Game 5 was to focus on the huge thing that went wrong for the Warriors, namely Durant's devastating injury. On the eve of Game 6, it's instructive to note how many little things went right for the Warriors during their 106-105 victory.

Curry and Thompson were both red hot, combining for 12 3s. Durant's first-half cameo was crucial to re-instilling the Warriors' customary swagger. DeMarcus Cousins offered strong contributions for the first time since Game 2. Green, in addition to his timely stop, hit two huge 3s after enduring a cold postseason. And they skirted disaster when the Raptors couldn't make them pay for an inexplicable over-and-back violation in the final minute.

The Warriors also benefited from numerous Raptors shortcomings. Kawhi Leonard nearly sealed the Raptors' first title



GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY

Stephen Curry's clutch shooting helped the Warriors stave off elimination in Game 5.

by hitting four straight shots in the fourth quarter, but he shot poorly from the field and uncharacteristically committed five turnovers. Forward Pascal Siakam looked bothered by Durant's length early and never got on track. The Raptors shot just 8 of 32 on 3s. And their late-game execution on both ends lagged.

If even one of those factors had broken differently, the Raptors would have popped champagne and started to plan the parade. Raptors coach Nick Nurse will remind his team that they have been steadier and more dominant in this series, and that both of their losses were largely the result of self-inflicted wounds.

With that in mind, the Warriors' comeback formula includes no margin for error. Curry, like James three years ago, must be spectacular. Thompson too. The Warriors must get quality outside shooting from their supporting cast, and Cousins must continue to pick his spots scoring inside. A Green-led defense must keep Leonard off the free-throw line and continue to challenge the Raptors' shooters.

Taken together, that's exhausting work in a series that has already left the Warriors juggling multiple injuries, including Kevon Looney's fracture in his chest/rib cage, and obvious fatigue. It wasn't surprising, then, that the Warriors quickly turned to Durant's injury as a rallying point.

"We do it for Kevin," Thompson said. "It obviously inspires you to play harder knowing your best player can't be out there. You think of him every time you dive for a loose ball or go for a rebound."

Durant undergoes Achilles surgery

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kevin Durant confirmed what everyone most feared: He underwent surgery for a ruptured right Achilles tendon.

Durant posted on social media Wednesday the severity of his injury two days after getting hurt during Game 5 of the NBA Finals in Toronto in his return from a strained right calf that sidelined him a month.

The Warriors said later Wednesday that Durant had the surgery at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York, performed by Dr. Martin O'Malley.

Kerr said everyone in the organization is "devastated," including Dr. Rick Celebrini, the team's director of medicine and performance. The Warriors made a "collaborative" decision to clear Durant to play — with the input of Durant and his representative — and had no idea that Durant risked a serious Achilles injury by returning from a strained calf, Kerr said.

The two-time reigning finals MVP was injured Monday night in the second quarter of the Warriors' win. Durant initially was injured May 8 against the Rockets, then missed the next nine games. — AP

BLACKHAWKS

AHL goalie 'dynamite' at worlds

Prospect Lankinen eyes NHL after leading Finland to title

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Chicago Tribune

The goal hasn't changed. Neither has the goaltender.

Kevin Lankinen's priority is still to make it in the NHL, and if that happens, he'll do it having also led his native Finland to a world championship.

A little more than a month after quietly ending his first season in the Blackhawks organization with Rockford, Lankinen was in Slovakia last month celebrating a gold medal at the world championship that touched off a weeklong celebration in Finland.

"The country's gone crazy," Lankinen said. "Out of 5 million people more than 3 million (watched) the game. We had a couple big celebrations and both had more than 50,000 people. It was all over the news."

At one point, Lankinen found himself on stage in front of 50,000 people singing with the popular Finnish rap group JVG.

"That was pretty fun," he said.

The Finnish team had just two players with NHL experience — the Hawks' Henri Jokiharju and the Panthers' Juho Lammikko — yet beat Russia 1-0 in the semifinal and Canada 3-1 in the gold-medal game. Lankinen had 43 saves in the shutout of Russia and stopped 32 shots against Canada.

The Hawks prospect came to North America last year after four successful seasons in Finland's top pro league. Lankinen's plan was to march in the footsteps of other great Finnish goalies — Tuukka Rask, Pekka Rinne and Antti Niemi, to name a few — and begin his NHL career. Instead, he essentially was the third-string goalie with the Ice Hogs.

Lankinen lagged behind Anton Forsberg and Collin Delia on the depth chart and played in a mere 19 games after signing with the Hawks last summer.

"Honestly, I was a little bit frustrated at times because as a goalie you always want to be the starting guy," Lankinen, 24, said. "But we had really good goalies in the organization and I had to battle for playing time. I made the best out of the situation and I think I did a good job whenever I got the call. But I still of course wanted to be the first guy."

IceHogs developmental goaltending coach Peter Aubry could see how unfulfilled Lankinen was during the season but came away convinced the experience will help Lankinen get to the NHL.

"There was definitely a sandpaper component for the season with Kevin," Aubry said. "But even though there may have been some difficult days for him, there were some really good days and useful lessons for him and that challenge to get the most out of his mental strength, to get the most out of his desire to be a full-time NHL player. And not everyone gets an opportunity to show where that goes."

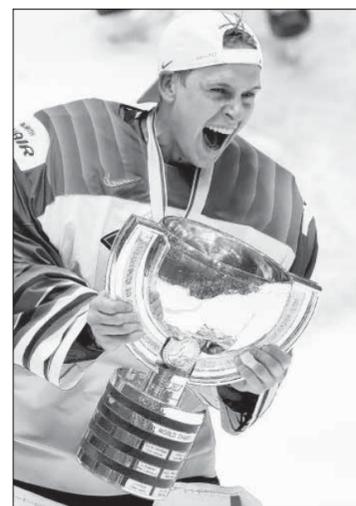
"But fortunately he got a little bit of a second wind here at the end of his season and (was) flat-out dynamite at a high-end tournament."

The Hawks appear to be coming to a transition point at goalie with Corey Crawford, 34, in the final year of his contract. Delia and Lankinen will battle for the backup job this fall — Forsberg is a restricted free agent and likely will not be re-signed — though Delia would appear to have the upper hand after playing 16 games with the Hawks last season and earning a three-year, \$3 million contract.

Lankinen, who will be a restricted free agent after this season, isn't ceding the backup job to Delia.

"My goal is to play in the NHL," Lankinen said. "I really haven't thought about it that much, but that's my biggest goal — to get some NHL action. We'll see what happens at training camp."

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PETR DAVID JOSEK/AP

Finland goaltender Kevin Lankinen celebrates with the trophy after his country beat Canada 3-1 in the world hockey championships gold-medal match.

SCOREBOARD

NBA FINALS

Toronto 3, Golden State 2
 May 30: Toronto 118-109
 June 2: Golden State 109-104
 Wednesday: Toronto 123-109
 June 7: Toronto 105-92
 June 10: Golden State 106-105
 Thursday: at Golden State, 8 p.m.
 x-Sunday: at Toronto, 8 p.m.

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

SERIES STATISTICS

	TOR	GS	W	L	PTS
Toronto	133	143	145	134	555
Golden State	133	130	140	122	525

RAPTORS

	G	RB	A	SBK	PTS
Kawhi Leonard	5	53	22	10	6 149
Pascal Siakam	5	34	19	2	3 93
Kyle Lowry	5	17	33	7	3 71
Marc Gasol	5	35	12	3	2 69
Fred VanVleet	5	14	13	6	0 62
Serge Ibaka	5	28	4	5	10 53
Danny Green	5	20	4	6	3 44
Norman Powell	5	5	4	2	0 11
Patrick McCaw	4	0	2	0	0 3
Jeremy Lin	1	0	0	0	0 0
Jodie Meeks	1	0	0	0	0 0
Malcolm Miller	1	0	0	0	0 0
Totals	5	206	113	41	27 555

WARRIORS

	G	RB	A	SBK	PTS
Stephen Curry	5	28	29	7	0 162
Klay Thompson	4	19	12	2	0 100
Draymond Green	5	46	43	7	4 64
DeMarcus Cousins	5	23	12	4	5 38
Andre Iguodala	5	25	22	6	8 33
Quinn Cook	5	4	5	1	1 27
Kevon Looney	4	13	2	1	0 23
Shaun Livingston	5	9	9	3	1 22
Jonas Jerebko	3	5	1	0	0 14
Alfonzo McKinnie	5	7	2	0	0 13
Andrew Bogut	4	14	3	1	1 12
Kevin Durant	1	2	0	0	0 11
Jordan Bell	4	5	1	0	2 6
Jacob Evans	3	0	0	0	0 0
Damian Jones	1	0	0	0	0 0
Totals	5	200	141	32	23 525

WNBA

EASTERN

	W	L	PCT	GB
Connecticut	6	1	.857	
Washington	4	2	.667	1½
Chicago	3	2	.600	2
Indiana	3	3	.500	2½
New York	2	4	.333	3½
Atlanta	1	4	.200	4

WESTERN

	W	L	PCT	GB
Los Angeles	3	2	.600	
Minnesota	4	3	.571	—
Seattle	4	3	.571	—
Las Vegas	2	3	.400	1
Phoenix	2	3	.400	1
Dallas	0	4	.000	2½

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT

New York 75, Minnesota 69

THURSDAY'S GAME

Indiana at Dallas, 7 p.m.

GOLF

119TH U.S. OPEN TEE TIMES

Thursday (1st tee)-Friday (10th tee)

8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m.: Sam Saunders; Carlos Ortiz, Marcus Fraser.

8:56 a.m.-4:31 p.m.: Scott Piercy; Erik Van Rooyen; a-Chun An Yu.

9:07 a.m.-2:52 p.m.: Ryan Fox, Thorjorn Olesen, Emiliano Grillo.

9:18 a.m.-3:03 p.m.: Scottie Scheffler; a-Matt Parziale; Nick Taylor.

9:29 a.m.-3:14 p.m.: Patton Kizzire; a-Jovan Rebulja; Jason Dufner.

9:40 a.m.-3:25 p.m.: Li Haotong; Bubba Watson; J.B. Holmes.

9:51 a.m.-3:36 p.m.: Zach Johnson; Martin Kaymer; Ernie Els.

10:02 a.m.-3:47 p.m.: Si Woo Kim; Rickie Fowler; Jason Day.

10:13 a.m.-3:58 p.m.: Shane Lowry; Tyrrell Hatton; Gary Woodland.

10:24 a.m.-4:09 p.m.: Cameron Smith; Matt Wallace; Xander Schauffele.

10:31 a.m.-4:20 p.m.: C.T. Pan; Abraham Ancer; a-Brandon Wu.

10:46 a.m.-4:31 p.m.: Chan Kim; Justin Walters; Harris English.

10:57 a.m.-4:42 p.m.: Nick Hardy; a-Noah Norton; Andreas Halvorsen.

Thursday (10th tee)-Friday (1st tee)

8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m.: a-Luis Gage; Sepp Straka; Julian Ertel.

8:56 a.m.-2:41 p.m.: Dean Burmester; Bernd Wiesberger; Kyoung-Hoon Lee.

9:07 a.m.-2:52 p.m.: Clement Sordet; Tom Hoge; Adri Amaus.

9:18 a.m.-3:03 p.m.: Brian Davis; a-Kevin O'Connell; Billy Hurler III.

9:29 a.m.-3:14 p.m.: Brendon Todd; Luke Donald; Mike Weir.

9:40 a.m.-3:25 p.m.: Kyle Stanley; Billy Horschel; Danny Willett.

9:51 a.m.-3:36 p.m.: Jon Rahm; Marc Leishman; Rory McIlroy.

10:02 a.m.-3:47 p.m.: Justin Thomas; Kevin Kisner; Bryson DeChambeau.

10:13 a.m.-3:58 p.m.: Dustin Johnson; Phil Mickelson; Graeme McDowell.

10:24 a.m.-4:09 p.m.: Hideki Matsuyama; Sergio Garcia; Tommy Fleetwood.

10:35 a.m.-4:20 p.m.: Jhonattan Vegas; Patrick Reed; Louis Oosthuizen.

10:46 a.m.-4:31 p.m.: Rob Oppenheim; Rhys Enoch; Richard Lee.

10:57 a.m.-4:42 p.m.: Andy Pope; Ryan Sullivan; Matt Naume.

Thursday (1st tee)-Friday (10th tee)

2:30 p.m.-8:45 a.m.: Rory Sabbatini; Sam Horsfield; Roberto Castro.

2:41 p.m.-8:56 a.m.: a-Cameron Young; Marcus Kimhill; Brian Stuard.

2:52 p.m.-9:07 a.m.: Luke Guthrie; Joseph Bramlett; Charlie Danielson.

3:03 p.m.-9:18 a.m.: a-Austin Eckroat; Alex Noren; Charles Howell III.

3:14 p.m.-9:29 a.m.: Thomas Pieters; Chesson Hadley; a-Stewart Hagestad.

3:25 p.m.-9:40 a.m.: Paul Casey; Patrick Cantlay; Lucas Glover.

3:36 p.m.-9:51 a.m.: Keith Mitchell; Kiradech Aphibarnrat; Shugo Imahira.

3:47 p.m.-10:02 a.m.: a-Viktor Hovland; Francisco Molinari; Brooks Koepka.

3:58 p.m.-10:13 a.m.: Tony Finau; Jimmy Walker; Ian Poulter.

4:09 p.m.-10:24 a.m.: Jordan Spieth; Justin Rose; Tiger Woods.

4:20 p.m.-10:35 a.m.: Daniel Berger; Matt Jones; Kodai Ichihara.

4:31 p.m.-10:46 a.m.: Matthieu Pavon; a-Chandler Eaton; Callum Tarren.

4:42 p.m.-10:57 a.m.: Eric Dietrich; Guillermo Pereira; Brett Drewitt.

Thursday (10th tee)-Friday (1st tee)

2:30 p.m.-8:45 a.m.: Nate Lashley; Renato Paratore; Lee Slattery.

2:41 p.m.-8:56 a.m.: Joel Dahmen; Collin Morikawa; Aaron Wise.

2:52 p.m.-9:07 a.m.: Merrick Bremmer; Chip McDaniel; Cody Gribble.

3:03 p.m.-9:18 a.m.: a-Michael Thorbjornsen; Chez Reavie; David Toms.

3:14 p.m.-9:29 a.m.: Rafa Cabrera Bello; Kevin Na; Keegan Bradley.

3:25 p.m.-9:40 a.m.: Jim Furyk; Henrik Stenson; Brandt Snedeker.

3:36 p.m.-9:51 a.m.: Luke List; Lucas Bjerregaard; Brandon Grace.

3:47 p.m.-10:02 a.m.: Webb Simpson; Adam Scott; Matt Kuchar.

3:58 p.m.-10:13 a.m.: Byeong Hun An; a-Devon Bling; Matt Fitzpatrick.

4:09 p.m.-10:24 a.m.: Justin Harding; Aaron Baddeley; Andrew Putnam.

4:20 p.m.-10:35 a.m.: Mikuru Horigawa; Ollie Schniederjans; Anirban Lahiri.

4:31 p.m.-10:46 a.m.: a-Daniel Hillier; Alex Prugh; Zac Blair.

4:42 p.m.-10:57 a.m.: Hayden Shieh; a-Spencer Tibbits; Connor Arendell.

NHL STANLEY CUP FINAL

St. Louis 4, Boston 3
 May 27: Boston 4-2
 May 29: St. Louis 3-2 (OT)
 June 1: Boston 7-2
 June 3: St. Louis 4-2
 June 6: St. Louis 2-1
 June 9: Boston 5-1
 Wednesday: St. Louis 4-1

BLUES 4, BRUINS 1

	STL	BOS	W	L	PTS
St. Louis	2	0	2	—	4
Boston	0	0	1	—	1

FIRST PERIOD: 1, St. Louis, O'Reilly 8

(Bouwmester, Pietangelo), 16:47. 2, St. Louis, Pietangelo 3 (Schwartz), 19:52.

Penalty: Parayko, STL, (delay of game, puck over glass), 7:57.

SECOND PERIOD: No scoring.

THIRD PERIOD: 3, St. Louis, Schenn 5 (Tarasenko, Schwartz), 11:25. 4, St. Louis, Sanford 1 (Perron, O'Reilly), 15:22. 5, Boston, Grzelczyk 4 (Krejci), 17:50.

SHOTS ON GOAL: St. Louis 4-6-10—20. Boston 12-11-10—33.

POWER PLAYS: StL 0-of-0, Bos 0-of-1.

GOALIES: St. Louis, Binnington 16-9 (30 shots-29 saves). Bos, Rask 14-9 (20-16). A: 17,565.

Refs: Kelly Sutherland, Chris Rooney.

Lines: Pierre Racicot, Scott Cherrey.

MVP: Ryan O'Reilly, C, St. Louis

RECENT STANLEY CUP SERIES

2018: Washington 4, Vegas 1

MVP: Alex Ovechkin, LW, Washington

2017: Pittsburgh 4, Nashville 2

MVP: Sidney Crosby, C, Pittsburgh

TENNIS

ATP/WTA LIBEMA OPEN

Den Bosch, Netherlands; outdoor-grass

MENS SECOND ROUND SINGLES

#2 Borna Coric d. T. Fritiz, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

#3 Alex de Minaur d. A. Seppi, 7-5, 6-3.

Jordan Thompson d. #6 F. Tiafoe, 6-3, 6-2

#7 Cristian Garin leads Robin Haase, 7-5, 2-3 (0-40), susp., rain.

WOMEN'S SECOND ROUND SINGLES

Kirsten Flipkens d. #4 Lesia Tsurenko, 7-6 (8), 7-5.

Elena Rybakina leads #9 Alison Van Uytvanck, 2-1, susp., rain.

Greet Minnen d. M. Gasparyan, 6-4, 6-4.

Veronika Kudermetova leads Destanee Aiava, 4-2, susp., rain.

Ri: Natalia Vikhlyantseva d. Anna Kalinskaya, 6-2, 6-3.

ATP MERCEDES CUP

R2: Stuttgart, Germany; outdoor-clay

Lucas Pouille d. #3 Daniil Medvedev, 7-6 (6), 4-6, 6-2.

Marton Fucsovics d. #4 Nikoloz Basilashvili, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 7-5.

#6 Milos Raonic d. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (1).

Jan-Lennard Struff d. Miomir Kecmanovic, 6-2, 6-2.

WTA NATURE VALLEY OPEN

R1: Nottingham, England; outdoor-grass

#1 Caroline Garcia d. N. Bains, 6-1, 6-2.

#2 Donna Vekic d. Dalila Jakupovic, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 6-0.

#4 Maria Sakkari d. H. Watson, 6-4, 6-3.

#6 Ajla Tomljanovic d. D. Lao, 6-2, 6-3.

Jennifer Brady d. #7 Z. Shuai, 7-5, 6-3.

#8 Kristina Mladenovic d. Magdalena Frech, 7-5, 6-2.

#9 Tatjana Maria d. Monica Niculescu, 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (3).

Elena-Gabriela Ruse d. #10 Evgeniya Rodina, 6-3, 6-3.

Viktoria Golubic d. Ludmila Samsonova, 6-1, 6-7 (2), 6-3.

Chloe Paquet d. A. Raina, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Harriet Dart d. V. Lapko, 7-6 (7), 3-6, 6-3.

Bernarda Pera d. Katie Swan, 7-6 (5), 6-1.

Maia Lumsden d. T. Moore, 6-3, 7-6 (3).

Ivana Jorovic d. Ellen Perez, 6-3, 6-4.

Astra Sharma d. M. Rybakova, 6-1, 0-0 ret.

Sara Sorribes Tormo d. Shelby Rogers, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (4).

ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE THURSDAY

at Minnesota-180 Seattle +165

Toronto -141 at Baltimore +131

at Boston -215 Texas +195

at Tampa Bay off LA Angels Off

Detroit -137 at Kansas City +127

NY Yankees -160 at Chi White Sox +150

NATIONAL LEAGUE

pregame.com

at Atlanta -150 Pittsburgh +140

Arizona -117 at Washington +107

at NY Mets -140 St. Louis +130

at Colorado -145 San Diego +135

at LA Dodgers -190 Chi Cubs +175

Game 6 THURSDAY

at Golden State 3 Toronto

SOCCER

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

GROUP A W T L PT GF GA

France 2 0 0 6 6 2 0

Norway 1 0 1 3 4 2 2

Nigeria 1 0 1 3 2 3 3

South Korea 0 0 2 0 0 6 6

GROUP B W T L PT GF GA

Germany 2 0 0 6 2 0 0

Spain 1 0 1 3 3 0 1

China 0 0 1 0 0 0 1

South Africa 0 0 1 0 1 3 3

GROUP C W T L PT GF GA

Brazil 1 0 0 3 3 0 0

Italy 1 0 0 3 3 2 1

Australia 0 0 1 0 1 2 2

Jamaica 0 0 1 0 1 0 3

GROUP D W T L PT GF GA

England 1 0 0 3 2 1 0

Argentina 0 1 0 1 0 0 0

Japan 1 0 0 1 0 0 0

Scotland 0 0 1 0 1 2 2

GROUP E W T L PT GF GA

Canada 1 0 0 3 1 0 0

Netherlands 1 0 0 3 1 0 0

Cameroon 0 0 1 0 0 1 0

New Zealand 0 0 1 0 0 1 1

GROUP F W T L PT GF GA

U.S. 1 0 0 3 13 0

Sweden 1 0 0 3 2 0 0

Chile 0 0 1 0 0 2 2

Thailand 0 0 1 0 0 0 13

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Nigeria 2, South Korea 0

Germany 1, Spain 0

France 2, Norway 1

THURSDAY'S MATCHES

Brazil vs. Australia, 11 a.m. (Montpellier)

China vs. South Africa, 2 p.m. (Paris)

MLS

EASTERN W L T PT GF GA

Philadelphia 9 4 4 31 31 20

Montreal 8 7 3 27 21 28

D.C. United 7 4 6 27 23 18

RANKING THE **BEST BEARS** PLAYERS EVER

No. 85 Kyle Long

Standout lineman tries to put injuries in past in 7th season as a Bear

BY WILL LARKIN | Chicago Tribune

When he selected guard Kyle Long with the 20th pick in the first round of the 2013 draft, it seemed as if Bears general manager Phil Emery had reached again.

Unlike some of Emery's still-maligned moves — such as hiring head coach Marc Trestman from the Canadian Football League, drafting Shea McClellin in the first round and releasing Julius Peppers to make room for Jared Allen — it's hard to complain about Long, who will play his seventh season for the Bears in 2019.

It seems odd to say that the son of Hall of Famer Howie Long and the brother of 2008 No. 2 pick Chris Long flew under the radar, but that's what Kyle Long did. He moved into the starting lineup halfway through his only season at Oregon to complete a post-prep path that saw him drafted by the White Sox in the 23rd round in 2008 as a left-handed pitcher, attend Florida State to play baseball but leave school after one semester because of drinking and grade issues, then switch to football at Saddleback Community College in Mission Viejo, Calif., before joining the Ducks and becoming the first guard taken by the Bears in the first round since Roger Davis in 1960.

After all that, Long rewarded Emery's faith. By Pro Football Reference's approximate value metric, Long has been the seventh-best player of the 32 taken in the first round in 2013, a little behind No. 4 pick Lane Johnson and a bit ahead of No. 5 pick Ziggy Ansah.

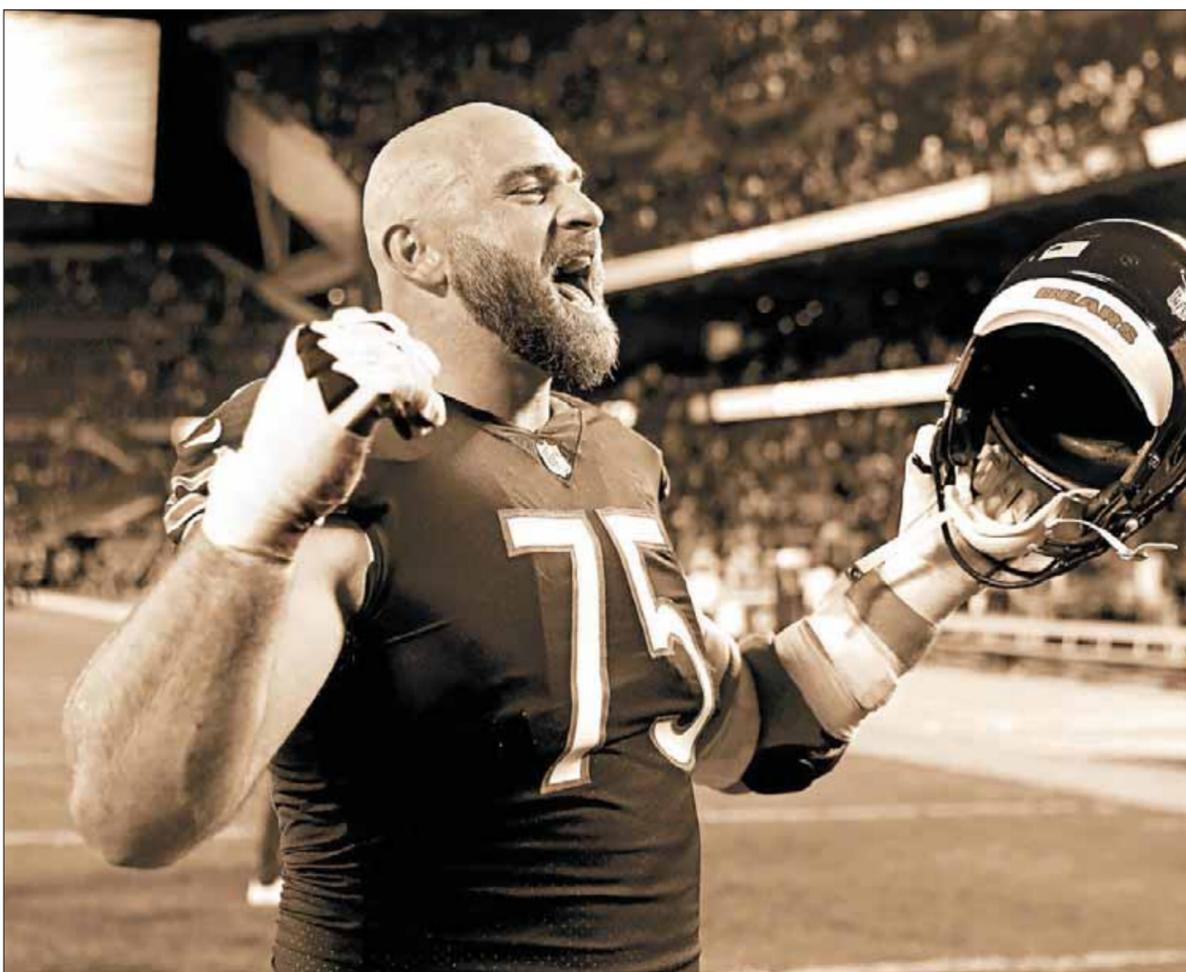
Most of that value was produced in Long's first three seasons, when he played in 47 of the Bears' 48 games and was named to three Pro Bowls. In the last three seasons, Long has suffered a long list of injuries, limiting him to 26 of 48 games.

In 2016 he suffered a torn labrum, a strained triceps and a gruesome right ankle injury. The next year he was bothered by ankle and finger injuries, aggravated his shoulder injury and underwent postseason surgeries on his shoulder, neck and elbow. In 2018 he injured his foot again and missed eight games before returning for the regular-season finale and the playoff loss to the Eagles. Before all that, Long was on a special path. He is the first Bears offensive lineman to make the

Pro Bowl after each of his first three seasons. The other Bears to do so are Brian Urlacher, Gale Sayers, Dick Butkus, Mike Ditka, Rick Casares and Harlon Hill.

Those players all appear higher on the Tribune's top 100 list. So do the team's 10 other offensive linemen who have made at least three Pro Bowls, led by Stan Jones' and Jay Hilgenberg's seven apiece.

Long is coming off his first winning season — the Bears went 8-8, 5-11, 6-10, 3-13 and 5-11 in his first five years before 2018's 12-4 breakthrough — and for the first time in three years he's not recovering from surgery heading into the season.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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More winning and fewer missed games could get Long's career back on the track he traveled in 2013-15. When he's healthy, there's no arguing Long's effectiveness.

"When he's at full go, he's one of the best in the league," left tackle Charles Leno told the Tribune's Rich Campbell before the 2018 season. "Honestly, I saw that my rookie year (in 2014). And it's a special thing to see. When he's fully healthy and ready to go, he puts on a show at that position."

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LONG AS A BEAR

2013-present | 6 seasons | 73 games
Bears record: 39-57 (.406).

Playoff appearances: 1.

Acquired: First round (20th overall pick), 2013 draft from Oregon.

THE LIST

85. Kyle Long	93. Ed Brown
86. Brandon Marshall	94. Gary Famiglietti
87. Lee Artoe	95. Akiem Hicks
88. Alshon Jeffery	96. Joey Sternaman
89. Beattie Feathers	97. Hugh Gallarneau
90. Kevin Butler	98. Tom Thayer
91. Bill Karr	99. William Perry
92. Matt Suhey	100. Patrick Mannelly

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BEARS NOTES

Bears waive Blewitt, 2 kickers left

BY DAN WIEDERER

Chicago Tribune

At the end of Wednesday afternoon's practice inside the Payton Center in Lake Forest, Bears kickers Elliott Fry and Eddy Pineiro each had opportunities to take advantage of a closing-seconds, tie-game scenario.

Fry missed his first "game-winning attempt" from 53 yards, pushing a kick wide right and a bit short. But he rebounded a few minutes later by drilling a second 53-yard attempt. Pineiro's lone attempt in that situation — also from 53 yards — sailed through.

Sigh of relief. Sort of.

For now.

The Bears' hunt for a kicker is a long way from over, obviously, a reality that was clear again Wednesday morning when the team cut Chris Blewitt with two minicamp practices remaining. Blewitt was signed in March after showing promise at an open tryout and was one of eight kickers who participated in the team's competition during rookie minicamp last month.

At this point, though, seven of those kickers are no longer around. Fry is the lone survivor from that original group. And while he is joined on the 90-man roster by Pineiro — who came over in a conditional trade with the Raiders in May — it would be grossly inaccurate to say the Bears' kicking competition is down to two.

To the contrary. The search remains wide open. And coach Matt Nagy emphasized as much after practice, acknowledging that a new face or two could be in the mix when the Bears get to training camp later this summer.

"If we don't feel like we have the answer, we're always going to look," Nagy said. "We're going to do that with every single player. ... We're going to keep moving with this thing and let (our kickers) know that we're going to keep supporting them. But in the end, it's about production. So with every position, we're always going to try to stay open."

Blewitt was waived a day after he, Pineiro and Fry all missed kicks at practice from just beyond 40 yards. Following that practice, Nagy expressed his frustration and impatience.

"Whatever went through your mind went through my mind," Nagy said of those three consecutive misses. "... They went back-to-back-to-back and all three missed. So they are being evaluated not just by the



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Bears on Wednesday waived Chris Blewitt (2), who was one of three kicker candidates on the roster.

media), not just by me but by their teammates. Again, do you make it or do you miss it?"

Blewitt went undrafted out of Pitt in 2017 after becoming the Panthers' all-time leading scorer. He had heard all the obvious jokes about his last name and understands it is a tad ironic, maybe the worst possible name for a kicker outside of Charlie Brown.

But now he will have to try to revive his pro career elsewhere. And the Bears will press on in their ongoing and increasingly desperate search for a reliable kicker.

Nagy reiterated that he plans to continue creating pressure situations for Fry and Pineiro and whomever else joins the competition. Such pressure, Nagy added, will go up a notch at training camp.

"We have two guys right now with us who are very, very inexperienced," the Bears coach said. "So we have to keep that in mind. Again, that's where we're at, so we have to just make sure we're evaluating this as best we can just knowing that come Week 1, that's a big hole that we have to fill."

Indeed it is. And to this point, the efforts to fill it have not gone very well.

Swing fever: For fans looking to see the Bears in action before training camp begins in July, the next opportunity comes Saturday evening in Schaumburg. On the softball diamond.

All-Pro safety Eddie Jackson will host his inaugural Offense vs. Defense Softball Game for charity at Boomers Stadium. There also will be a home-run derby.

"This is going to be fun," Jackson said. "Just something where we can connect and put on a show in front of the fans."

Jackson's foundation, Remain to Reach, is the main beneficiary of the event. Remain to Reach's mission is to inspire and provide resources to at-risk youth who have found themselves in trouble with the law at a young age. Some proceeds also will go to Goodwill.

Saturday's event begins at 5:05 p.m.

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Growth spurt could lead to big payday for Trubisky

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offseason and added to it again in April with the selection of Riley Ridley in the fourth round of the draft. Pace also has rebuilt the backfield with the signing of Mike Davis and selection of David Montgomery. The moves have surrounded Trubisky with more talent, raising expectations for the quarterback and the offense as a whole with more explosive results expected this season.

"It is literally night and day in all the right ways," offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich said of the quarterback. "Our standard for him is extremely high. But just as far as the operation of not only what he's supposed to do, what the defense is doing, manipulating protections, just the air about him, it's way different. And everybody's noted that, observed that in various ways.

"Therefore, people around him are playing better, and that helps too. Everybody else, they not only know everybody's name, but they know, hey, when we say this, it means that, when we go to this drill, all that stuff adds up. We just need to keep him making those strides."

Nagy has described the process of a freshman becoming a more confident sophomore, there are fewer unknowns and a greater confidence in the huddle, in the locker room and throughout the building.

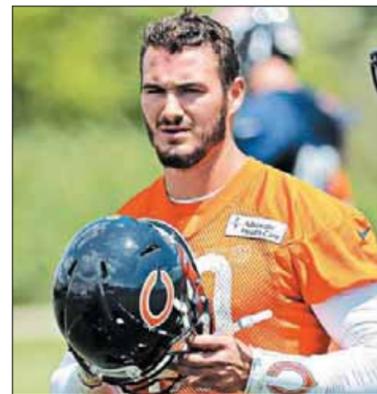
"Us having a second year under our belt, the terminology is expanded," wide receiver Taylor Gabriel said. "It's more detailed. We know what Mitch wants. Mitch can feel our speed, the tempo of what we're doing. So we're connecting and we're going outside the playbook of what Nagy has (drawn) up. We've been going to what Mitch wants us to do, 'OK, you want us to do a back shoulder, you want us to do this.' It's kind of turning into our offense.

"It's confidence. Mitch is confident back there. He's confident in switching the play calls. He's confident in giving us a double move. We've got a lot of double moves out there. He's confident in what he's looking at. He's not just trying to figure out what the play is. Now he gets to look up and look at the coverage. It's just a drastic change from last year."

Where things head from here, no one knows. It will be a telling season for Trubisky, Nagy and the team.

Interestingly, the Eagles extended the contract of quarterback Carson Wentz last week. Wentz was the No. 2 pick in the 2016 draft, a year before the Bears chose Trubisky with the same pick. Wentz's four-year extension is worth \$132 million with more than \$107 million guaranteed — including \$66 million at signing.

It's not out of the realm of possibility for



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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— Mitch Trubisky

the Bears to be working on an extension for Trubisky at this time next year. In fact, that's a best-case scenario for the organization because it will mean he would be coming off a blockbuster season. Trubisky is represented by Rep1 Sports, the same agency that advises Wentz. Every young quarterback playing on a rookie contract — Jared Goff, Dak Prescott, Patrick Mahomes and Trubisky — took notice of Wentz's deal.

"It was pretty cool to see," Trubisky said. "He got it done. We have the same agent, so I got to hear a little more about how they got it done, and from what I heard it was beneficial to the player and the organization. They're very happy with it, and I know my agents were pumped with it as well. I'm not very good with the numbers and details and the language of contracts. I just want to play football."

If Trubisky plays to the level the Bears envision him reaching, a deal after only three seasons would make sense from the standpoint that the sooner it's done, the more palatable the numbers will be for the team moving forward.

There's no rush to reach a second contract for Trubisky and there is a lot of football to play, but like the quarterback and Helfrich say, things look a lot different as the team heads into summer break.

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Tom Quick loves being a referee, but he says it's not for everyone. Those who do it face relentless, often uninformed, criticism as well as attacks on their credibility.

'This isn't for everyone': A labor of love for refs

Demands high, but passion drives officials to endure criticism, inconvenience

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — It has never been more difficult to be an official in college football.

Those who do it face relentless, often uninformed criticism and attacks on their credibility. Complaints from fans armed with DVRs, fueled by sports-talk instigators and amplified by social media, have become so intense the Southeastern Conference is exploring ways to publicly push back.

And the job — a part-time job at that — has never required more time and effort.

"This isn't for everybody," said Tom Quick, entering his 20th season as a Division I official, the last eight in the SEC after 12 seasons in the Big 12. "The level of scrutiny you have to deal with, the preparation it takes to succeed isn't for everybody."

Yet Quick is back for more, and he joined Grantis Bell, Phillip Davenport and five other veteran football officials this spring in Athens to give members of the media a crash course in how the job actually works. Quick, Bell and Davenport talked about what seems like the worst gig in sports and why they keep coming back to what is clearly a labor of love.

When Quick started, crews were seven people. Now there are eight on the field, two in the replay booth and three more manning the video center review at the conference office.

College football officials travel to the site of a Saturday game on Friday. Dinner and meetings Friday night last four to five hours. On Saturday, the crew does another two to three hours of prep and film in the morning before heading to the stadium two hours before kickoff. They survey the field, make sure players behave during warmups and meet briefly with head coaches.

After a game that can last three hours or more comes what could be the toughest part of the day: the review session with a game-day observer on site that can take 45 minutes to two hours.

"So if you have a 7:30 kick, the



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Officials Phillip Davenport, left, and Grantis Bell pose with Georgia mascot Uga at Georgia's spring game last April in Athens.

game ends at 11. When you shower, your postgame starts at midnight," said Quick, who is part-owner of a company that sells bonds and insurance to businesses. "You have a 5:30 departure out of Atlanta (Sunday) morning. That's a typical weekend."

Davenport quickly adds: "Then you get up and go to work on Monday."

Most officials have full-time careers that have nothing to do with football, but the work doesn't stop from Monday to Thursday. Film study and rules review throughout the week is a must.

"Yes, it's more stressful, but if you prepare for these situations, that generally takes the stress level off," said Bell, a former West Virginia football player who has been officiating in the SEC for six years.

The challenge is both mental and physical.

"Well, because you know players are faster and play is faster, we've got to be quicker," Bell said. "So mentally we've got to be

tougher. Physically we've got to be more fit."

Over-the-top scrutiny of officials in the youth and high school ranks appears to be pushing people away from the job, but the SEC officials said they don't believe the same dynamic is at play in the upper levels of officiating.

"You analyze and reframe every year with where everybody is health-wise and the amount of time it takes to achieve at the highest level because it's a commitment for your family," Quick said. "And you weigh that against being away from your family and flying every Friday and going to clinics and going to scrimmages in the offseason and doing what you need to do to be successful and you have to figure out: Is it a good balance in my life?"

"And that's what drives more officials away than anything is the commitment it takes. Perhaps because of the scrutiny, but the commitment made is increasing on us every year."

Pay is determined by experi-

ence and conference. A Power Five game can net an official about \$3,000 after expenses. A game in the so-called Group of Five conferences generally pockets an official about \$1,900. The numbers vary because officials book and pay for their own travel and lodging. They usually double up in hotel rooms.

Officials are graded weekly on every play, and those grades ultimately determine what conference they work in. SEC officials have often worked their way up from the Sun Belt. Bowl assignments are determined by regular-season grades, and poor grades can lead to demotions. Steve Shaw, the national coordinator of football officials and the SEC's head of officiating, said eight officials won't be returning to the SEC this season. One moved on to the NFL, and seven either retired or were not retained, Shaw said, declining to elaborate.

Shaw said personal integrity and behavior is emphasized with officials more than ever.

"Keep your background check clean," he said. "No social media activity. No gambling."

The rising number of states with legal wagering on sporting events, including college football games, has heightened awareness in that area. FBI agents are brought in to speak to officials about how they can be targeted for inside information.

"They scare us to death," Shaw said.

Still, a check of Twitter on any fall Saturday shows many fans have little confidence in officials and the conferences that employ them.

"(Commissioners) all believe our fans think we've got the worst officiating in the country," Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott said. "Each of our fans tell us so."

The Pac-12 is awaiting results of an outside review of its officiating, prompted by a conference executive inappropriately involving himself in the centralized replay review process.

The SEC wants to be more transparent when officiating mistakes are made but also more aggressive about getting the message out when officials get the calls right. That won't mean officials holding news conferences after games. Neither officials nor conference leaders want that. But "no comment" is not an acceptable answer anymore, Shaw said.

Quick thinks that kind of communication needs to come from league officials.

"It's just you're never going to convince everybody what you did or didn't do," Quick added. "Oh, look, they're holding here. No wonder they win all the time. That's not a true assessment, but that's the world. That's why I don't read any of it."

The officials said they welcome a show of support from the conference, but it won't determine whether they stay or go.

"For all of us, it's a passion," Quick said. "Because the game's still about somebody's son playing. It's not a team or jersey or fan. The game's still No. 1 about somebody's son out there, playing his life out. And that's the driving force for us."

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COMMENTARY

NATIONAL TREASURE

U.S. women's soccer team members are proving a point about their worth. Pay them a bounty.

By SALLY JENKINS | The Washington Post

Picture the expressions of U.S. Soccer Federation officials every time Alex Morgan went lightly skipping down the pitch and scored another goal in the Americans' opening match of the women's World Cup. The falling faces, the slack mouths, the groans and the fingertips pressed to their creased foreheads, as their legal position became ever more indefensible.

Just imagine how that record-setting 13-0 victory over Thailand will play at a jury trial. It's going to be a lot of fun watching lawyers for the soccer federation try to justify why the U.S. Women's National Team, with their air rifles for legs, are paid 38 cents on the dollar compared to their male counterparts and had to sue for fair wages. It's going to be pure entertainment listening to federation president Carlos Cordeiro stammer out an explanation on the witness stand of why this team, which is nothing short of an American damn treasure, isn't worth equal coin to a men's squad that can't beat Jamaica.

I don't want to hear another word about whether the Americans scored too much or over-celebrated. This is a team in full attack mode, fighting not just to win a World Cup, but to prove a larger point about their worth. They've been denied fair pay compared to their men's team for years and they're out to make a statement about just how good they are, both on the pitch and in the court of public opinion. You don't make up a chronic pay gap with ladylike restraint. You do it by kicking through a wall.

I also don't want to hear another word about the bigger size of revenue in the men's World Cup. You think American networks and corporations are paying large rights fees and sponsorship deals for a USA men's team that couldn't even qualify for the World Cup field and hasn't won an Olympic medal since 1904? You think Fox and ESPN got into a bidding war for the English language rights to the 2018 and 2022 World Cups all for a men's squad that gets whipped by Venezuela?

No. The women's program is the entire backbone and inspiring force of soccer in the United States — and has been since 1996. "A crown jewel," is what one Fox executive called its telecast of this women's tournament.

You think Nike committed \$120 million to USA soccer back in 1997 because of a men's team that finished 10th in the Atlanta Olympics with a 1-1-1 record? Or do you think the company's interest had something to do, just maybe, with Mia Hamm and Julie Foudy and Michelle Akers commanding an audience of 90,000 at the Rose Bowl and 40 million on TV?

Every dime of largesse that the American soccer federation now enjoys can, in some way, be traced to the apple-seeding done by the women's team.

If you watched them against Thailand, saw the nifty foot-sparring of Morgan, whose toework seems learned at the ballet barre, and Megan Rapinoe, who sprints like a languid jaguar, how Carli Lloyd kept accelerating long past the point that the game was won and the point proved, then you know that there is simply no adequate explanation for the gap in their pay. It's just a baked-in disparity from the bad old days.

Twenty years ago, a few women who really cared about the game were willing to put up with just about anything to compete. They were isolated outliers, so committed to playing for their country that they were willing to accept just \$10 a day — that was their per diem in 1996. That year, the federation promised the American men a bonus for every game they won in the Olympics. They told the women they'd only get one if they won a gold medal. And that's been the lopsided tone, and lousy proportional pay standard, ever since.

It has persisted despite a steady continuum of success on the pitch from Beijing to Athens to Reims, three World Cup titles, and four Olympic gold medals, a No. 1 ranking in 10 of the last 11 years. They played the game so well for so long, a steady drum-beat of success, in hopes their sheer excellence would wear down the obstacles to some basic equity in pay and treatment. Only it didn't.

Along the way with every step they've broadened the worldwide soccer market. The early returns on Fox's ratings are astounding — the ratings for the first two days were up by 79% over 2011, and that was before the USWNT even took the field in Reims. Streaming is up 375%. The England vs. Scotland opener commanded a 37.8% share of the U.K. audience, the most-watched women's football game of all time in that country.

So imagine what the ratings will do after the USWNT came out with that staccato scoring blitz of 13 goals — more goals than the U.S. men's team has managed in total over the last four World Cups (counting 2018, for which the USMNT failed to qualify).

At this point, USA soccer officials should reach into their own pockets to cover the pay gap, because the USWNT hasn't just lifted the entire sport in this country. They've lifted the women's game globally, and that has benefited all of FIFA.

More and more countries are taking the women's game seriously, because there's money in it — and the reason there's money in it is the USWNT. Nike predicts the 2019 tournament will be a "tipping point" for an explosion in the women's game and is flooding it with sponsorship money. Companies want growth — and guess where the USWNT revealed a huge new pocket of available growth?

The U.S. men's team, American soccer in general, the women's game universally, and FIFA residually, have all profited from the consistent performance, character and charisma of the American women, with their unflagging handoff of values from generation to generation.

The only entity getting shorted is the one floating all of these boats ever higher in the water.

So I don't give a rip about FIFA revenue generated by men's teams in Germany or Brazil. American soccer officials answer to American laws on equal pay for equal work. FIFA's worldwide revenue is irrelevant — except to male officials who use them to make a phony circular argument that this spectacularly performing women's team is somehow not quite earning its keep compared to the men. What an utter fallacy. The issue is not whether Alex Morgan should be paid like Lionel Messi. The issue is that she's played more games, won more medals, commanded more viewers, and produced more revenue than her chronically disappointing American brother, and yet is paid a fraction of what he makes for his poorer, lesser performance. It's discrimination, pure and simple — insupportable, unpardonable.

The United States has been slow to fully embrace soccer. The world has been slow to embrace the women's game. Over the last two decades, only one team has converted both audiences. Pay them for it.

Megan Rapinoe, right, and Alex Morgan celebrate during the United States' record-breaking 13-0 win in its World Cup opener.

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Milos Stehlik, the founder of Facets Multi-Media, poses with bookshelves of videos in 2009.

NEXT PHASE FOR FACETS

Stehlik looks to continue legacy, history of film during time of transition



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Tribune movie critic

The voice is higher now, and fainter. There's a rasp unfamiliar to those who know it from Milos Stehlik's wide-ranging film commentary over the years on the WBEZ-FM public affairs program "Worldview."

His voice has been pushed into an upper register by illness and fatigue and the effects of chemotherapy. "First round didn't work," Stehlik says. "So. We'll see what happens. Mostly it's depleted strength, and it's hard to tell how much is the chemo and how much is the illness."

He pauses. "But little by little I'm regaining."

On Sunday I visited the Lincoln Park rowhouse owned by Stehlik, founder and executive director of the long-standing nonprofit arts organization known as Facets, and his wife, Elizabeth Najda. They have known each other for 30 years.

"We had a very long engagement," she says, smiling. "But we knew."

In recent days, she says, "Milos is sleeping better, eating better." His in-home hospital bed, near the front door, is a few feet from a gorgeous, richly saturated abstract painting by Polish artist Marian Waldemar Kuczma, ripe with Chagall-like blues. "I think maybe his body is still fighting for life," Najda says. "And that, who knows...that may balance the cancer, in a way."

Stage 4 lung cancer: That's the diagnosis Stehlik, now 70, received in January. Five months later he remains sharp, engaged, full of insights and more than the usual amount of long-range philosophy and reflection.

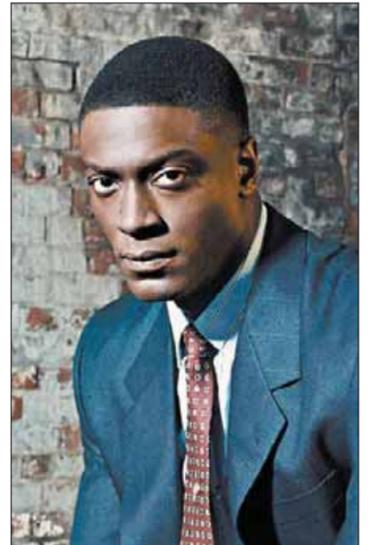
Together through thick and thin (or,

as the old Mel Brooks line puts it, "through thin") Stehlik and Facets have served as Chicago's most valiant champions of international cinema for decades. When he and avant-garde theatrical entrepreneur Nicole Dreiske incorporated as Facets Multimedia in 1975, they began an itinerant, scrambling, fruitfully adventurous existence. (They later married, for a time.)

Facets was housed by one Lutheran church (in Lakeview) followed by another (in Lincoln Park). The film projector — this was when projectors routinely projected actual 16 or 35 millimeter film — was plunked in place up in the choir loft, according to a 1995 Tribune magazine profile by Grant Pick.

In 1977, for \$40,000, they bought Facets' first and lasting home, at 1517 W. Fullerton Avenue. The building formerly housed a German-language publishing house, whose magazines included "Die Hausfrau." Stehlik

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ERIC OGDEN/SHOWTIME

Aldis Hodge stars as district attorney Decourcy Ward on the Showtime series "City on a Hill."

MY WORST MOMENT

Hodge can't forget being trapped as a child actor

'City on a Hill' star recalls on-stage moment when a large adult fell atop him

By NINA METZ | Chicago Tribune

"It's grimy, grungy and raw," Aldis Hodge said of the new Showtime series "City on a Hill," on which he stars opposite Kevin Bacon. It premieres Sunday.

"We're dealing with Boston in the early '90s, so crooked judicial figures, crooked cops, everybody (is) playing their hand to get ahead in life," Hodge said. "My character is from Brooklyn and he comes to town as an assistant district attorney. He's trying to do the job the right way until he realizes in Boston they play by a different set of rules."

That leads to some moral compromises to get the job done.

"Enter Jackie Rohr — that's Kevin Bacon's character, an FBI agent who is as crooked as it gets," Hodge said. "He has Boston under this thumb. He knows where all the bodies are buried. And they pair up on this crazy case dealing with armored car heists that keep happening around town."

"We're polar opposites. It's the craziest odd couple you've ever seen."

Hodge's credits span TV ("Friday Night Lights," "Leverage," "Underground") and film (memorably as MC Ren in "Straight Outta Compton").

It's a career that began early — he's been in front of the camera since he was 2. His first TV gig was "Sesame Street" with older brother Edwin. They were on the show for a couple of years and then: "Once you aged out, you aged out."

Next came films, including "Die Hard with a Vengeance."

"Oddly enough, it was on that movie that Sam Jackson pulled my mom aside and said, 'Look, if your kids want to learn the craft of acting, you should get them in theater.'" Hodge said. "Not long after that my brother had an audition for 'Show Boat' — my mom didn't even realize it was a Broadway musical. We thought it was an audition for a commercial at first — and he booked it. I joined him later and did a year-and-a-half with the show on Broadway."

When asked about a worst moment in his career, Hodge shared a few, starting with a gaffe that occurred while performing in "Show Boat."

My worst moment ...

"I was about 9 years old and my brother and I were doing 'Show Boat' on Broadway (the 1994 revival), which is about a performance boat that travels down the Mississippi River. There was a group of five kids in the play."

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NU medical research building isn't world-class architecture

Even by the blood-sport standards of Chicago, the battle waged over the future of old Prentice Women's Hospital was unusually bitter.

Top architects, including Pritzker Prize winner Frank Gehry, urged Northwestern University to save the powerfully sculpted structure designed by Chicago's Bertrand Goldberg, best known for the corncob-shaped towers of Marina City. Northwestern shot back that it was impossible to convert old Prentice into the medical research center it wanted to build on the site and promised to replace it with a "world-class building."

Adding a dose of absurdity to the broth, the city's ever-pliant landmarks commission in 2012 found old Prentice worthy of preliminary designation — and rescinded the decision at the same meeting based on an economic impact report. In 2013, the wrecking crews moved in.

Now, six years later, Northwestern is poised to open the Simpson Querrey Biomedical Research Center. Designed by



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

Ralph Johnson of Perkins+Will, one of the architects who chose not to sign the save-Prentice petition, the 13-story building at 303 E. Superior St. is the first phase of a tower that will, when its second phase is built, stretch to 31 stories. That makes it difficult to

judge the first phase, which Northwestern is billing as the nation's largest free-standing medical research building. Yet certain conclusions can be drawn — and they do not favor either side of the once-raging debate.

The design is ambitious, carefully detailed and mostly sensitive to its surroundings. But it is world-class? Not yet.

The building is its current state, is stumpy, like the bottom of a tree without a soaring trunk. The proportions will improve if the second phase is built, using foundations that anticipate its construction. That would repeat the vertical expansion of 300 E. Randolph St., which began in 1997 as

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Northwestern's new Simpson Querrey Biomedical Research Center in Chicago.

5 things about '16 Shots' doc

The 2014 slaying of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald is the subject of a Showtime documentary about the case airing Friday. Director Rick Rowley talks to the Tribune's Tracy Swartz about the film and his hopes for it. Page 4

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Ariana Grande is reportedly contributing the proceeds of a recent concert in Atlanta to Planned Parenthood.

Grande puts up for Planned Parenthood

Ariana Grande is the latest high-profile star to either make or promise a sizable donation to the fight against restrictive abortion laws.

The pop star is contributing the proceeds of her June 8 concert in Atlanta — which total around \$250,000 — to Planned Parenthood, People reported.

A bill was recently passed in Georgia that would outlaw abortions once a heartbeat is detectable in a fetus, which can occur as early as six weeks into a pregnancy.

“Ariana Grande’s generous donation comes at a critical time — in Georgia and across the country, (as) anti-women’s health politicians are trying to ban all safe, legal abortion,” Planned Parenthood’s Action Fund President Leana Wen told People in a statement.

“Thanks to inspiring support like hers, Planned Parenthood can continue to fight back — in the courts, in Congress, in state houses, and in the streets — against these dangerous attacks on people’s health and lives.”

Last month, Jordan Peele and J.J. Abrams vowed to donate all of their episodic fees for the HBO show “Lovecraft Country,” which is being produced in Georgia, to the ACLU of Georgia and Fair Fight Georgia.

Meanwhile, Ron Howard and Brian Grazer — who are moving forward with the film “Hillbilly Elegy” in Georgia — said they will make a donation to the ACLU and promised to boycott the state if the abortion law goes into effect in January.

Grande, 25, has publicly supported Planned Parenthood in the past. She posted a photo to Twitter featuring the hashtag #StandwithPP in 2015.

“Women need to be educated, healthy, and empowered,” she wrote in the tweet.

— New York Daily News



INVISION/AP

Peace cookies: The bad blood between superstars Taylor Swift, left, and Katy Perry has further dissipated, according to an Instagram photo Perry posted Tuesday showcasing a platter of chocolate chip cookies with the words “PEACE AT LAST” written in icing. Perry tagged renowned baker Swift in her “feels good” caption. She also geo-tagged the image with “Let’s Be Friends.” And Swift replied with a baker’s dozen’s worth of growing heart emojis.

Diagnosis: Singer Steve Lawrence has revealed he has been diagnosed with the early stages of Alzheimer’s disease. In a letter sent by his spokesman, Lawrence, 83, confirmed the diagnosis, saying he doesn’t want pity or sympathy: “I’m living my life, going out in public and trying to spend as much time as possible with my family and friends while I am still able to engage and enjoy,” he wrote.

Broadway-bound: Dave Chappelle will make his Broadway debut this summer with five shows at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, July 9-13. Producers issued a warning about anyone trying to film: All phones will be put in a locked pouch during the show and anyone smuggling one in will be ejected.

June 13 birthdays: Magician Siegfried is 80. Actor Malcolm McDowell is 76. Actor Richard Thomas is 68. TV anchor Hannah Storm is 57. Singer David Gray is 51. Actor Chris Evans is 38. Actress Kat Dennings is 33. Ashley and Mary Kate Olsen are 33.



ASK AMY

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Dad horrified there’s a gun in house

Dear Amy: This week, I discovered that my intelligent, hard-working, responsible 24-year-old daughter (who lives with me) is a gun owner! And it’s not a normal gun either — it is a 40 caliber semi-automatic, and she has hollow point bullets.

Amy, this is the kind of weapon a criminal would possess! She says it is for emergencies. There have only been two home invasions in our neighborhood in the last 11 years.

I’ve given her three choices: Either give her weapon to me, sell it or move out in three weeks.

I love my daughter and would be so sad for her to move to a place she could hardly afford, but I have to lock my bedroom door at night because I don’t know what she’s going to do.

She says I don’t trust her, and is barely speaking to me.

How can I convince her to stop endangering us?
— *Dumbfounded Father*

Dear Dumbfounded: According to my research, possessing hollow point bullets is illegal in 11 states; is it legal in your state to own this sort of exploding ammunition?

In a 2015 report, the University of Chicago found that 31% of households reported having a firearm in 2014, down from about 48% in 1980.

According to this study, there are more guns but concentrated in fewer households. Why must yours be one of them?

Where did your daughter get this weapon and ammunition? Has she received any safety training or certification? (Accidental gun death is a sub-

stantial risk of owning a gun.) Is she engaged in an activity that exposes her to increased risks and makes her believe she needs to have a weapon?

I have news for you: A locked bedroom door is no match for this weaponry; recently, a father in South Carolina shot and killed his own 23-year-old daughter through a closed door — when he mistook her for an intruder.

I agree with your ultimatum; and weep that there is another (likely unsafe) gun owner in this country.

Dear Amy: My older brother committed suicide about two years ago.

He was not married and did not have children. He struggled with alcohol addiction for most of his adult life. We were unsuccessful in helping him to kick his addiction.

I still see my brother’s profile whenever I use Facebook, and it is incredibly painful for me. I get notifications and reminders, see his photos and wall posts, and get reminded to wish him a happy birthday or to contact him.

I want to have his profile gone forever, but my younger sister wants to “memorialize” his page, so we can still see it.

I don’t want to see it as it’s a painful reminder of our failure to help him, and that he’s no longer here.

Any recommendations?
— *Grieving Sibling*

Dear Grieving: I vote for memorializing your brother’s page. Instructions on how to do this are available through the Facebook “Help” section (search “deceased”). The process is

somewhat involved and requires proof of death, and a request to Facebook.

A “memorial” page will be a way for your brother’s friends and family members (including you, if you ever chose) to remember him, view photos and continue to feel connected, but you would not receive birthday reminders or recommendations regarding his page. These are very difficult and painful points of contact for you, and anyone can understand why you would be upset by these reminders.

Being a survivor of a family member’s death by suicide conveys a unique and terrible sort of grief. But, please, I hope you won’t let your brother’s death (and your painful associations and memories of his struggles) erase his presence from your life.

Dear Amy: I loved your answer to “Disgusted,” who did not want to attend his great-nephew’s bar mitzvah.

While his strong feelings are very meaningful to him, his desire to control his family’s thinking and behavior around this has a fundamentalist feel to it (i.e., We must get on the same page and not have divergent thinking). I hope he can reflect on that.
— *Seattle Deb*

Dear Deb: I appreciate your sentiment, but disagree, to some extent. Divergent thinking is good, as long as we lead from a place of respect.

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“We were running around on stage, doing our thing, and I’m running up the plank to exit the stage and there’s a woman (a fellow cast member) running behind me. I’m a very small child and she’s a rather large woman. And I trip and fall, then she trips and falls on top of me. Now you couldn’t see none of me — I completely disappeared!”

“And for those 15 seconds when I was underneath her, I wasn’t sure if I was dead or not. I just remember it being pitch black — like if you’ve ever been knocked out and then you wake up two seconds later and you don’t know what happened. I know I didn’t see Jesus, so I thought: I might still be good. But when I first fell and I was under her — trying to fight for my life vigorously! — I was think-

ing, ‘Aw crap. Did everybody see that?’ Oh, I was nervous.

“We both got up, dusted ourselves off and ran off stage, and I think she told me, ‘It’s OK, baby. Don’t worry about it.’ There was no time to even talk about it because we had to run from one side of the stage to the other and get changed for the next setup.

“But I’m 9 and I’m sitting there thinking: Oh crap, I really messed up. It almost crushed me — well, literally and figuratively (laughs) — because there were all those people in the audience and they just saw this huge mistake.

“But they thought it was part of the show, and I realized as long as you keep playing the confidence of it all, the audience will never know. The audience doesn’t know how, when or why you mess up — unless you show them. ... The audience reaction told me it was OK. And then I start realizing all these adults I’m working with make mistakes too!



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Alano Miller, left, Aldis Hodge and Theodus Crane in a scene from “Underground.”

(Laughs) They were professionals, don’t get me wrong. But people trip and fall or miss cues. It happens.

“For me, that was a great push into finding my confidence as an actor. I remember my very first show, I missed my cue and forgot to run out on stage and I

cried after that. But you kind of get used to taking the bumps and you keep pushing. It helped that my brother was there. My brother was very confident and I was just trying to be like him.

“At 9, I was carefree, but I was also quite shy and I was not confident when it came to communication. I was so much of an introvert. So this was something new for me to figure out because when you’re an introvert and you feel like you’re being publicly ridiculed on a grand scale (in front of an audience), it can really play up your anxiety.

So it was like either you’re going to get up and brush yourself off and keep pushing — or you’re not. But there really is no choice. You have to keep going.”

How did this shape Aldis’ mentality going forward?

“As an adult, I’m learning that the idea of failure is not actually failure — nor is it bad (or) wrong. Really, it’s just part of the process. You need a little bit of a setback to teach you something.

“When I was 19, I was recurring on a TV series for a couple of years called ‘Girlfriends’ and they were doing a spinoff called ‘The Game’ and cast me as the lead male in the spinoff. My whole thing at this point in my career was I just wanted to be a regular on a

TV show. And I finally got it. Yay! I can take care of my family and my bills. We shoot the pilot and the show gets picked up.

“Then they go to up-fronts (the annual network TV presentation of the new season to advertisers), but I wasn’t asked to go — and I’m like, this is weird. Why am I not going? I’m one of the leads! Well, OK, cool. Maybe they didn’t have enough space.

“Then I get a call from the actor who ended up getting the role! He and I were friends and I actually appreciated this call from him. He said, ‘Hey man, I’m auditioning for your role — why am I going in for your role?’ And I said, ‘I don’t know. Let me look into it.’ And they had replaced me but didn’t tell me.

“That kind of crushed me. Granted, this was the second time I had been fired from a job and I was like, what in the world is going on? I was so angry.

“I had maybe three or four months without work. And then I went on an audition for ‘Friday Night Lights’ — and I booked that first season. And right after that season, I got cast in ‘Leverage.’

“So what that taught me was: When I was fired, something was being moved out of my path so that I could walk toward the thing that was meant for me. So regardless of how angry I felt about

losing that job on ‘The Game,’ it wasn’t for me — it was for the actor who got the role.

“The first time I got fired, I was 12 years old. I was doing this Nickelodeon TV show — I’ll keep that one unnamed — and I played the lead character’s best friend. They shot the pilot and then they tested it nationally, and myself and two other cast members tested higher in popularity than the lead. So instead of training the lead — or getting a better lead — they fired us.

“So me and a couple of other kids get fired for doing our jobs too well. And at 12 years old I’m sitting there like: Oh wow. I really am just a commodity. This was a feeling I never wanted again. I didn’t want to be somebody’s can of soup on the shelf — pick me up when you need me, put me back when you don’t want me. It feels terrible.

“But it forced me to think about what I wanted in this business and it took me a little while to understand it. But when I see where my career is now, I’m not sure if I had stayed on those other shows if I would have the same opportunities I have now.

“So I can’t be mad at it. It’s a perspective I have to keep because these things happen even at this point in my career when people think it should be easy. Something just happened a few months ago where I was like, all right, you know what? It’s just business and I can’t take it personally.”

The takeaway ...

“I learned at a very young age that when it comes to performing, you just have to keep going.

“You are going to make mistakes, so you have to figure out how to give those mistakes purpose and meaning because they’re necessary for your growth. So figure out how to give the mistakes in your life purpose, as opposed to letting them hold you back.”

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'Strip Joker' bares all in body-positive comedy

BY NICOLE BLACKWOOD
Chicago Tribune

Stand-up comedy demands exposure: a joke lives or dies in the seconds before a laugh, and the comedian lives or dies with it. High-stakes vulnerability, a performer laid bare — there's nowhere to hide in a cast of one.

Comedic convention exists as a makeshift safety net. For a long time, comedian Brittany Meyer said, it was common practice for every stand-up comic to make a joke about their appearance when they first walked onstage — a performance of vulnerability. "Now, I know what I look like." Cue laughter.

"It was almost like an easy way to get your audience to connect with you, because you could see what they see, and you guys were both almost on the same plane," Meyer said.

This construct, well-known among Chicago comedians, became one of the winking backbones of Strip Joker, a body-positive stand-up show founded by Meyer in 2016. Meyer, tired of attending stand-up that always included "something that was racist or sexist or homophobic," wanted to start a show for individuals who weren't well-represented in Chicago comedy, including queer individuals, to have a space of their own. Like swapping jokes with friends, comedians' sets could be both raucous and specific, riffing to a community that was eager to listen.

Now an established outfit hosted monthly in Mary's Attic (its next show is Saturday), Strip Joker is known for its well-tested comedy and variety performers, one-off variety shows, donations to local organizations



SARAH LARSON

The producers of Strip Joker, from left, Asia Martin, Le Aboav, Brittany Meyer, Kaitlyn Grissom and Spencer D. Blair.

and its central hook: that during their sets, comedians are at liberty to take off their clothes. Nakedness made literal, vulnerability made tangible — it's easier to accept your body, Meyer said, when you can laugh at it. The difference between Strip Joker and tired convention is the absence of mortification.

"A lot of women and a lot of queer people and a lot of anything that's outside the norm of a cis white dude, they feel like they have to make the room comfortable with them being there by shaming themselves," said Le Aboav, one of Strip Joker's five producers, all of whom have performed in the show. Strip Joker is shame-free — what Meyer described as not a safe

space, necessarily, but a brave one.

"The appeal to the audience is that they are going to see performers at their most vulnerable," said producer Spencer D Blair. "They're going to be telling jokes, which is already pretty vulnerable, but they're also going to be taking their clothes off if they choose to."

The concept is rooted in what it means to perform for others — the convention of picturing an audience naked, flipped on its head and made kinder. Still, Blair admitted that when he first heard the idea, he was worried that the audience wouldn't want to see comedians' bodies. He had "to take a step back," to remind himself that the show is "so much about body positivity

that the things we've been trained to not find attractive become more beautiful."

This mental rewiring is intentional: nudity means intimacy, and intimacy is its own kind of humor. Though material doesn't always center around bodies in a one-to-one relationship, performers' sets are often ready-made for the occasion. "Naked bodies are hilarious, have you seen them?" said comedian Kaitlyn Grissom, another producer. "They're absolutely absurd structures that we're walking around in. A lot of comedians are like, I already have this routine about how absurd my body is, now I get to actually show you that in graphic detail."

The execution, Grissom said, can vary; some per-

formers are excited to take off their clothes, some are nervous, some unwilling — which, all the producers were quick to specify, is respected — and some have no idea how to fit it into their set. The fumble, hesitant and unsure, sometimes involving just a removed shoe, can be the best part.

"There are some people who do their jokes and they're like, 'Uh, that was a joke, I'm going to take off my shirt now,'" Grissom said. "And the audience always goes nuts and you can see the comedian be really tickled about that. That's not a thing you get to see that often, comedians blushing onstage."

That audience, according to Meyer, skews queer and femme. Regular audience

When: 10 p.m. Saturday

Where: Mary's Attic, 5400 N. Clark Street

Tickets: \$18; stripjoker-comedy.com

member and self-described "groupie" Britt Shearin often brings friends to the show, who will remark that Strip Joker is one of the first times they felt seen at a stand-up show, part of the joke as well as the punchline.

"Where else are you going to go where there are jokes about strap-ons?" Shearin said.

While the show has grown in scale since its inception — it's partnered with You Are Beautiful, a Chicago-based movement — it is, if anything, at its most intimate now. After moving in January from Uptown Underground, audience members now sit closer to the stage, able to ball up loose dollars and chuck them at performers, money collected later for Strip Joker's partnered organization of the month (this month, it's Black & Pink). After-parties are hosted frequently, though the space, according to the producers, always feels like a party — full of friends who understand each other. Saturday's show will be no exception.

"A lot of other shows can be really self-deprecating: oh, I'm sad, I don't ever have sex, I'm a loser, blah blah," said Grissom. "This show is the complete opposite. This show is: this is my body, I live in it, I have sex whenever I want, and these are my jokes."

No need to cue laughter. It just comes.

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a 32-story office building and added 23 floors in 2010.

Functionally, though, Simpson Querrey reveals the truth of Northwestern's argument that it needed to take down old Prentice to build a new structure that would connect with adjacent buildings and serve as a linchpin of biomedical research. Important research already is going on, which could increase survival rates for children who suffer leukemia or bio-engineer kidneys for those who need a transplant.

Measured against such things, it's not that preserving a distinguished work of architecture and engineering, which old Prentice was, isn't important. But the prospect of life-altering medical advances clouds the picture in a way that people who wanted to save old Prentice, me included, didn't properly acknowledge.

Who's on the side of the angels? Those who want to save buildings or those who want to save lives? It's not an easy choice, as the new building shows.

Named for Northwestern alumnus Louis Simpson and his wife Kimberly Querrey, Simpson Querrey consists of a two-story base with a steel-and-glass atrium along Superior; nine lab floors for researchers and their teams; and two double-height mechanical floors. The building's lobby and lab floors link directly to those next door at Northwestern's Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center. A skybridge connects Simpson Querrey to the university's Searle Medical Research Building across Superior.

In their bid to save old Prentice, preservationists argued that Northwestern should build the center on another site, like a cleared block just to the south. In reality, no other site could have matched the operational convenience of this one.

Likewise, it is hard to find fault with Simpson Querrey's relationship to the city around it.

Unlike most of Northwestern's medical buildings, this one gives something to the public realm. Its atrium, an airy indoor room more



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A switchback stairway on the 8th floor and the lab area at Northwestern's new Simpson Querrey Biomedical Research Center, as seen from Huron Street.

than 30 feet tall and punctuated by one of Johnson's trademark elliptical skylights, provides dazzling transparency via its glass ceiling and walls. Once furnished with seating, it should offer a peaceful respite from the urban grind.

Johnson and Perkins+Will design principal Thomas Mozina also has improved pedestrian flow on the east side of the new building by creating an extension of the narrow outdoor open spaces, or "fingers," that architect James Gamble Rogers laced between Northwestern's Collegiate Gothic medical buildings in the 1920s.

The architecture, on the other hand, fails to match the power of old Prentice, which was completed in 1975. The cloverleaf-shaped concrete structure, which rose above a rectangular, steel-and-glass base, was a structural tour de force, its floors extending beyond the building's core without support columns. The arches that sprang from the core helped to hold up the building's outer concrete shells. Even though old Prentice wasn't especially tall, it was a powerful architectural object — a status Simpson Querrey has yet to achieve.

At this stage, the new, 265-foot-tall structure is what architects call an "infill building," meaning it fills an empty space between buildings that's comparable to a gap in a row of

teeth. In other words, Simpson Querrey doesn't stand out. That will only happen if it grows to its planned height of 598 feet.

Renderings promise a handsomely proportioned glass tower of gently folded planes and dramatic recesses. There's nothing wrong with the design, but it probably won't match old Prentice's structural and sculptural oomph. According to Eric Neilson, dean of Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern needs to raise another \$400 million to build the vertical expansion. The first phase, he said, cost \$560 million.

In the meantime, what we get is a solid but not stirring design that departs from the Collegiate Gothic style without abandoning it. The curving glass walls of its S-shaped facade along Superior provide much-needed lightness and reflectivity to a canyon of hospital and medical research blockbusters. Glass fins lend the exterior depth, texture and a sense of verticality in tune with the Collegiate Gothic buildings. The fins also provide a modicum of sunshading, part of the building's commendable drive to be energy-efficient.

It is a coincidence, Johnson says, that the curving glass exterior echoes old Prentice. The curves, he persuasively points out, grew from the desire to preserve views from labs inside the Lurie Building.

A compelling functional

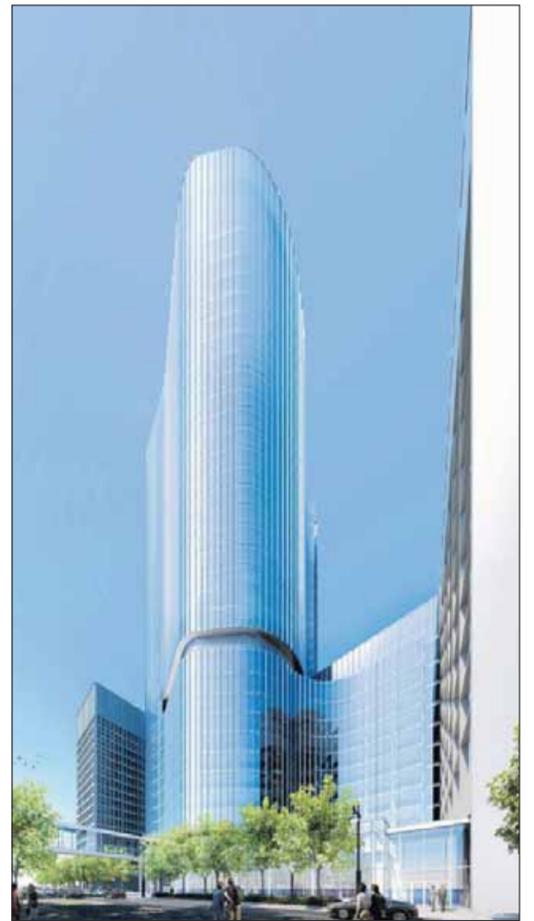
logic also drives the intricate, double-layered glass wall of Simpson Querrey's Huron facade. The wall, with its adjustable metal shades and a mechanical system that can exhaust hot air, promises to cut down on heat gain and energy bills. A slot in the facade draws natural light into two-story interior gathering spaces that encourage scientists from different disciplines to interact.

Just about every academic science building these days strives to promote serendipitous meetings and collaboration. But this one should deliver.

Its carefully-laid-out lab floors consist of three "neighborhoods" that put researchers, their labs and teams of graduate student assistants in close proximity — an advance over the Lurie Building, where those functions are more segregated.

Natural light borrowed from researchers' perimeter offices filters into labs lined with floor-to-ceiling glass. A neutral palette of light-colored wood and white walls forms an orderly backdrop for the clutter of machines and tubes within the labs.

Support spaces, like those housing refrigerators where researchers store their experiments, are wisely placed in the middle of each floor, removing distracting noise from the labs. The labs, which are not encumbered by interior columns or walls, should be able to adapt to shifting



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An architectural rendering of the Simpson Querrey Biomedical Research Center.

research priorities.

The interior also benefits from the aforementioned two-story gathering spaces, which are outfitted with precisely-honed switchback stairs that encourage scientists to walk between floors. If all works as planned, these spaces will serve as interior plazas that draw scientists together. The light-filled corridors and conference rooms should do the same.

"The best science happens in the hallways," said Susan Quaggin, director of the Feinberg Cardiovascular and Renal Research Institute, whose team is growing miniature kidneys and other organs from human and mouse cells.

Could all this have been done in a new building that did not result in the demolition of old Prentice? Yes, but the easy connections with the neighboring medical research buildings would have been lost. In addition, as Mozina points out, old Prentice's floors didn't line

up with those in the Lurie building. Its floor-to-floor heights were too low, Neilson said, to accommodate the ample ductwork and tubing the new building requires.

It is hard to argue with such logic and the humanistic impulses behind it. A great biomedical research building can have an incalculable impact on the world, but it's unfortunate that the need to fulfill this mandate resulted in the destruction of one of Chicago's most distinctive structures. The new building significantly aids the science of biomedical research, but is it the promised world-class structure that advances the art of architecture?

The results of that experiment remain very much incomplete.

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5 things to know about '16 Shots'

Director hopes documentary will open minds

BY TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

Eight months after a jury found former Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke guilty of second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery in the 2014 slaying of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald, the Showtime network will air a new documentary about the case.

The 99-minute film "16 Shots," which director Rick Rowley hopes will be the "defining document of this moment," is scheduled for a TV debut at 8 p.m. on Friday. The documentary reflects on the political fallout from the killing, which dominated Chicago headlines for years, and the historic guilty verdict.

Rowley talked to the Tribune by phone about the documentary's origins and the difficulties his team endured.

How this documentary came about

"I was in Chicago filming another project several years ago, and I met (journalist) Jamie Kalven. It was soon after the video (of McDonald's killing) had been released, and he unwound for me the story of how this whole cover-up and all of the aftermath unfolded, and it was clear immediately that it was an incredible story," said Rowley, who directed the Epix network limited series "America Divided," which included a 2016 episode that followed actor-rapper Common as he visited his hometown of Chicago after McDonald was shot to death on the Southwest Side.



A still from the documentary "16 Shots" airing Friday on the Showtime network

Added Rowley: "We're in the middle of a national reckoning around race and justice, and it's not just Chicago. It's every major city in America. This case really cuts to the heart of all of that."

Why there are two versions of the film

Rowley said he began filming in 2016. His 76-minute documentary — then titled "The Blue Wall" — premiered at a film festival in Toronto in May 2018. "When we originally started this, we didn't have any clarity on how the judicial process would unfold," Rowley said. "We jumped in, and we're going to finish a film in a year or so. And we came out with the film, and it was great and it was polished. It ended before we knew anything about how the trial was going to unfold. "But then, once it was done and we showed it to

Showtime, and Showtime was excited about it, finally we had clarity on when the trial was going to happen. So we asked to hold on to it, open it back up again and keep shooting so that we could include the entire scope of the story."

The trial began in September 2018, and the verdict was announced the following month. Van Dyke was sentenced to 6 3/4 years in prison in January. Rowley said he filmed into February. The title of the documentary was also changed to "16 Shots," a common refrain from protesters to denote the number of times Van Dyke fired at McDonald.

"It became clear that that had to be the name of the film," Rowley said.

"Sixteen Shots" is the headline of the article Kalven wrote in 2015 for Slate that challenged the police narrative of the McDonald shooting. Kalven is interviewed for the film and is listed as a producer. A WBEZ/Chicago Tribune

podcast, also called "16 Shots," was a separate project.

Who is featured in the film

Those interviewed include Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx and her predecessor, Anita Alvarez; former police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, who recently ran for mayor; former Fraternal Order of Police spokesman Pat Camden; former FOP President Dean Angelo Sr.; community activist William Calloway, who campaigned to be alderman of the 5th Ward; shooting witnesses Xavier and Jose Torres and Alma Benitez; and WMAQ-Ch. 5 political editor Carol Marin.

Who was not interviewed

Rowley was unsuccessful in getting former Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who left office last month, to speak to him.

"He never made himself available to respond, to talk about this case or what it meant or his role in it all," Rowley said. "We spent a year it feels like waiting around in his office, talking to his press people."

"Not only that he wouldn't talk to us, even his press spokesman refused to speak to us — a person whose literal job it is to speak to journalists about important issues of the city at the time, refused to do exactly that."

Emanuel was unavailable for comment for this story, though he has insisted that neither he nor his administration covered up the video or the shooting.

Rowley also couldn't get Van Dyke on the record, but he did speak to Van Dyke's attorney, Dan Herbert.

"We obviously interviewed his lawyer multiple times, and we were talking to the people who were handling press for Van Dyke, and there was interest," Rowley said. "It seemed like there was a

possibility in getting an interview after the trial happened. But then once the sentencing happened and it was clear they were no longer going to appeal the verdict, they were no longer interested in speaking."

McDonald's mother, Tina Hunter, has never spoken publicly about her son's death and did not sit for the film. The Rev. Marvin Hunter, McDonald's great-uncle and a family representative, and Jeffrey Neslund, an attorney who negotiated a \$5 million payout from the city for the McDonald family even though a lawsuit was not filed, are featured in the documentary.

What Rowley hopes viewers take away from the film

"What becomes visible here is just this whole machinery that makes these cases disappear and that includes hundreds of people who all, in their small ways, believe that they are just doing their job," Rowley said. "Not just in the police department, but in the prosecutor's office, in the mayor's office, in the media itself, in the general public. And it's only at the end (of the film) when you're able to step back and see ... this totality that we all realize that we participated in some way in the atrocity."

"Being able to see the whole sweep of this is an amazing thing that this case allows me to do. I just hope that after watching this, when people read the next article in the police blotter in the back of the paper about a police shooting in Chicago, or anywhere else in this country, that they will take another second before they turn the page."

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smiles at the memory, noting sardonically that "Die Hausfrau" "had a very big audience in Argentina."

A year before that, Stehlik says, things were tough, as they often were. That year, 1976, he says the French filmmaker Louis Malle sent Stehlik a note reading, simply: "I will do anything for Facets."

The era of 16 and 35 mm projection gave way to the videocassette era, followed by the DVD era. Chicago film critic Roger Ebert convinced Stehlik that video was the future, which, for a time, it surely was. Facets bought its first 140 videocassettes from a distributor. Stehlik always credits Ebert as being the technological early adopter he needed to thrive. Ebert died in 2013; publisher, entrepreneur and film champion Chaz Ebert serves on the Facets advisory board.

At Ebert's memorial service at the Chicago Theatre, Stehlik read an open letter to Roger, via the audience: "The embrace of your illness gave us courage. You showed us what movies and life can teach us."

In recent generations the constant mutation of film platforms has made life unpredictable and uneasy for film programmers around the world. "Just after the turn of the century," Stehlik claims, referring to the early 2000s, Facets did \$8 million in revenue from sales and rentals of videos and DVDs. In an age plainly dominated by Blockbuster Video, which never had much use for anything other than America's multiplex fare, that's a remarkable figure.

Each year, in the late 20th century and the early 21st, the arrival of a new Facets video catalog in the mail was literal big news, accompanied by a *thwop* as the catalog hit the nearest table. Facets members, who rented regularly,

included heavy hitters on both coasts: Martin Scorsese, Stephen Sondheim and Cher among them.

"I never thought it would go so fast," Stehlik says now of the traditional cineaste film culture, embodied by pre-digital film itself. "I thought it would happen progressively, but the way Hollywood dumped the old formats and forced digital projection on everyone, that was the turning point."

And yet Facets persists. Guided by longtime Facets Cinematheque programmer Charles Coleman, the organization's theatrical presentation of all sorts of independent and art house titles continues. In recent years Facets has devoted more and more time and effort toward educational programming and activities, anchored by the annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival.

Just last month, Stehlik hosted two fundraisers: the Screen Gems Benefit at the Arts Club, benefiting Facets' educational programs, and a master class, at the venue on Fullerton, taught by visiting filmmaker and longtime Facets champion Werner Herzog.

"I love what Herzog said that night," Stehlik remembers with a smile. "He said: 'I guarantee you'll be a better filmmaker by walking from Chicago to Guatemala than by spending a year in film school.' He's right! Production-oriented film school is not enough. It's why you're making a film that's important."

In many ways, he says, "we're still doing what we've always done, only now it's also on our streaming platform: connecting people to films they don't know yet."

Plans for a succession are in place, he says. There's a capital campaign being launched to renovate the facilities and shore up the finances of the organization. It will be known as the Milos Stehlik Legacy Fund.

On Sunday I asked him about the first film to lodge

in his psyche as a child.

"I haven't thought about this since I was a kid, back in Czechoslovakia." The film was "King of the Sumava," also known as "Smugglers of Death," a 1959 spy thriller from director Karel Kachyna, one of the Czech new wave filmmakers alongside Milos Forman and Jiri Menzel. Set along the Czech border, it deals with illegal border crossings and conflicted nationalistic loyalties. Stehlik remembers it being "very polished, very impactful." Not to mention timely.

Once he got to Chicago in the early 1960s, his "foundation," as he calls it, was the rotating repertory calendar of the downtown Clark Theater. The Clark dazzled Stehlik with Fellini, Bergman, Ozu, Hitchcock and so many more. "My foundation," he says.

At this stage in their lives together, Najda says, "I believe Milos and I have more space for understanding. We know now that you don't always have to come to a conclusion about something. But you do have to have communication. Openness. That's very important, for your creativity. And for your peace."

Later, by email, Stehlik wrote to say more about the future of Facets.

"For the positive spin — and it's not spin, really, because it's really happening — the Facets staff has been in place a long time, and they're really stepping up in a big way. We are all committed to making this transition a big leap forward. A succession search for a new executive director is underway.

"This," he says, "above all is most heartening."

To contribute to the Milos Stehlik Legacy Fund, and more information, go to facets.org or call 773-281-9075, ext. 114.

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Zach Galifianakis

"Baskets" (9 p.m., 10:01 p.m., FX): After 49 years, Chip (Zach Galifianakis) finally decides it's high time he move out of his childhood home as Season 4 launches with a premiere called "Cat People." As Chip tries to steel himself for that transition, Christine and Ken (Louie Anderson, Alex Morris) find a new home of their own. Martha Kelly co-stars.

"iZombie" (7 p.m., CW): Investigating the murder of a chef at a high-end restaurant, Liv (Rose McIver) consumes the victim's brain and almost immediately turns into a relentless perfectionist with the power to break a person beyond repair in the new episode "Filletted to Rest." Meanwhile, Major (Robert Buckley) tries to learn who is betraying the commander.

"Siren" (7 p.m., FREE): While the mermaids get re-acclimated to their sea home, Ben, Maddie (Alex Roe, Fola Evans-Akingbola) and the other humans grapple with fallout from the attack on the oil rig in "No North Star," the summer premiere. Ryn (Elaine Powell) returns to land to honor an agreement with the military, although their objectives are murky.

"Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta" (8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m., 12 a.m., 2 a.m., WE): Season 3 launches with a reboot that shakes up the cast a bit. Da Brat is furious when Bow Wow's arrest blows up in the tabloids. Elsewhere, R. Kelly's arrest ignites a stormy child support battle with ex-wife Drea Kelly, while Waka Flocka Flame and wife Tammy Rivera find their wedding renewal vows sorely tested.

"Abby's" (8:30 p.m., NBC): After Bill (Nelson Franklin) sheepishly confesses that he lost his prime Padres season tickets in the divorce, his barmates immediately coerce him into inviting his ex to Abby's so they all can meet her — and, you know, figure out a way to force her to surrender the tickets. Natalie Morales also stars in the Season 1 finale "The Fish."

"The Name of the Rose" (9 p.m., 2:15 a.m., SUN): Season 1 of this medieval mystery series adapted from Umberto Eco's novel concludes with two back-to-back episodes. Remigio (Fabrizio Bentivoglio) finds himself betrayed by a close friend when the trial against him commences under Bernardo Gui's (Rupert Everett) command. Adso and William (Damian Hardung, John Turturro) face a catastrophe as they enter the library to solve the case.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Don Cheadle.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Sienna Miller; actor Josh Charles; singer-songwriter Ryan Tedder; One Republic performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Kevin Bacon; Mark Ronson talks, and performs with Lykke Li.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:05 p.m., ABC): Actor Tom Hanks; actress Pamela Adlon; Koffee performs.*

* Subject to change

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THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 13

MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	CBS	2	The Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	(8:01) Mom	Life in Pieces (N)	Elementary: "Red Light, Green Light." (N) ©	News (N) ♦	
	NBC	5	Superstore ©	A.P. Bio ©	A.P. Bio (Season Finale) (N) ©	Abby's: "The Fish." (Series Finale) (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: "Mea Culpa."	NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
	ABC	7	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	NBA Countdown (N) ©	2019 NBA Finals: Toronto Raptors at Golden State Warriors. Game 6 action. (If necessary). (N) (Live) ©				
	WGN	9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna	9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	3's Comp.	
	This TV	9.3	Throw Momma From the Train (PG-13,'87) *** ©	Men at Work (PG-13,'90) ** © ♦					
	PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Encore Programming				Encore Programming	
	The U	26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I	26.4	Star Trek: "The Apple."	Star Trek: Next				Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦
	Bounce	26.5	The Game	The Game	Kevin Hart's	In the Cut	Baggage Claim (PG-13,'13) * © ♦		
	FOX	32	*(6:30) 2019 U.S. Open Golf Championship: First Round. From Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, Calif. (N) (Live) ©				Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		
	Ion	38	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago ♦	
	Telem	44	Un poquito tuyo (N) ©	Betty en NY (N) ©	La reina del sur (N) ©		Chicago (N)	Chicago (N)	
	CW	50	iZombie (N) ©	In the Dark (N) ©	The Good Wife ©		Chicago ♦	Chicago ♦	
	UniMas	60	* Inseparables		Jesús	Noticiero Uni		Nosotr. Copa ♦	
	WJYS	62	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument
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	CABLE	AE	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam (N)	PD Cam (N)	Hero Ink (N)	Hero Ink (N)	PD Cam ♦
AMC		Moneyball (PG-13,'11) ***	Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill. ©	Sandlot ♦					
ANIM		River Monsters ©	Fish or Die ©	Monsters ♦					
BBCA		Focus (R,'15) **	Will Smith, Margot Robbie. ©	Looper (R,'12) *** © ♦					
BET		black-ish	black-ish	Games People Play	Ladies' Night		Players ♦		
BIGTEN		♦ Coll. Golf	Penn State	Big Ten Elite ©		Minnesota ♦			
BRAVO		*(6:30) Project Runway	Project Runway (Season Finale) (N) ©	Watch (N)	Watch What				
CLTV		News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics		
CNBC		Shark Tank ©	Shark Tank ©	Shark ♦					
CNN		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦			
COM		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ♦		
DISC		Naked and Afraid (N) ©	Naked and Afraid XL: "Episode 1." (N) © ♦						
DISN		Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Coop	Sydney-Max	Big City	Big City	Bunk'd ©	
E!		Botched ©	Botched ©				E News (N) ♦		
ESPN		MLB Baseball: Detroit Tigers vs Kansas City Royals. (N) (Live)	SportCtr (N)						
ESPN2		The Jump	NFL Live ©	Professional Fighters League					
FNC		Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©	The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News			
FOOD		Chopped: "Say Cheese!"	Chopped ©	Beat Play (N) Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby			
FREE		Siren: "No North Star." (N)	(8:01) A Bug's Life (G,'98) ***	Voices of Dave Foley.		700 Club ♦			
FX		*(6) Logan (R,'17) ***	Hugh Jackman. ©	Baskets	Baskets ©	Baskets ♦			
HALL		All of My Heart: The Wedding (NR,'18) ©	Golden Girls				Golden Girls		
HGTV		Beach	Beach	Christina (N) Unspouse	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters		
HIST		Mountain Men ©	Mountain Men (N)				Mnt. Men ♦		
HLN		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
IFC		*(5:30) Hall Pass ('11) **	National Lampoon's European Vacation ('85) ** ©		Nat. Lamp ♦				
LIFE		Little Women: Atlanta (N)	Little Women: Atlanta (N)	Ms. T's Music Factory (N)				Little ♦	
MSNBC		All In With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)		
MTV		Double Shot at Love (N)	Tattoo (N)	Tattoo (N)	Tattoo Far?	Tattoo Far?	Dbl Shot ♦		
NBCSCH		MLB Baseball: New York Yankees at Chicago White Sox. (N) (Live)	Postgame						
NICK		Star Trek Beyond (PG-13,'16) ***	Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto. ©	Friends ©					
OVATION		Vegas Vacation (PG,'97) *	Chevy Chase. ©	No Reservation		Bourdain ♦			
OWN		20/20 on OWN ©	20/20 on OWN: "Captive."	20/20 on ID ©		20/20 ♦			
OXY		Snapped ©	Snapped: "Anne Trovato."		Snapped ©				
PARMT	*(6:30) Men in Black (PG-13,'97) ***	Will Smith ©	Lip Sync (N)	Men in Black ('97) *** ♦					
SYFY	♦ Mummy	Volcano (PG-13,'97) **	Tommy Lee Jones, Anne Heche. ©	Krypton ♦					
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)			
TCM	Sands of Iwo Jima (NR,'49) ***	John Wayne. ©	(9:15) Toral! Toral! Toral! (G,'70) *** ♦						
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Supersized: Lee & Rena & Sarah." (N)	Dr. Pimple Popper ©				Stories ER ♦			
TLN	Humanit	Wretched	Remember the Goal	Life Today	Like You	Humanit			
TNT	Blended (PG-13,'14) *	Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore. ©	How to Be Single (R) ** ♦						
TOON	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy			
TRAV	The Dead Files (N) ©	The Dead Files (N) ©				Dead Files ♦			
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men			
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Queen of the South (N)				Law-SVU ♦		
VH1	ATL (PG-13,'06) **	Tip Harris. Four Atlanta teens face challenges. ©	Love Don't ♦						
WE	Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop (Season Premiere) (N)		Growing Up Hip Hop	Hip Hop ♦				
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man			
PREMIUM	HBO	A Star Is Born (R,'18) ***	Bradley Cooper, Lady Gaga. ©	Big, Lies		Gentleman ♦			
	HBO2	Native Son (NR,'19) Ashton Sanders.	(8:45) Gentleman Jack	Axios ©					
	MAX	The Last Seduction (R,'94) ***	Linda Fiorentino. ©	(8:50) The Thomas Crown Affair *** ♦					
	SHO	*(6:45) XY Chelsea (NR,'19) ©	(8:25) Mile 22 (R,'18) ** ©						
	STARZ	*(6:58) Vida (7:31) Vida	(8:05) Jumping the Broom (PG-13,'11) ** ©	Vida © ♦					
STZENC	♦ I Now Pronounce You	Basic Instinct (R,'92) ***	Michael Douglas. ©	Proposal ♦					

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (June 13): Collaboration is your golden ticket this year. Apply dedicated efforts to build long-lasting value. Cash flow surges this summer, before changes with shared accounts. Family fortunes flower next winter, before a personal financial twist. You can get what you need. Share and grow together.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Attend to shared finances. Plan for an upcoming job. Let your partner take the lead. Prepare well so you can move quickly later.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Collaborate on practical projects with your partner. Share ideas and resources. Have patience with temporary confusion. Strengthen foundational matters. Celebrate together.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Physical action gets results. Keep your objective in mind. Listen to your intuition. Prioritize your own health and wellness. Sometimes the best move is stillness.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Follow your heart where it leads. Take action to realize a romantic dream. Explore your passions. You can make things happen. Make a love connection.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Tend your garden with love. Nurture growth and harmony. A domestic dream is within reach. Get family on board. Many hands make light work.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. You're especially brilliant. Study, write and research about a fascination. Present your argument tactfully. Anticipate some resistance or controversy. Get creative with a challenge.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. A surprising opportunity could be worth pursuing. Focus on profitable actions and practical priorities. Check work orders for changes.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Use your power responsibly. You have what you need, if you can find it. Things may not go as planned. A personal dream seems attainable.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 6. Slow down and sidestep a controversy. Avoid stepping on anyone's sensitivities. Hide out in your private cocoon. Enjoy time in nature.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Confer with friends and allies. Conversation provides insight. Teamwork makes a complex job easy. Monitor a situation in real time to navigate changes.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Consider a professional opportunity. Keep practical objectives. Begin a testing period. Figure out what you need. Make a lovely, magical, spiritual connection.

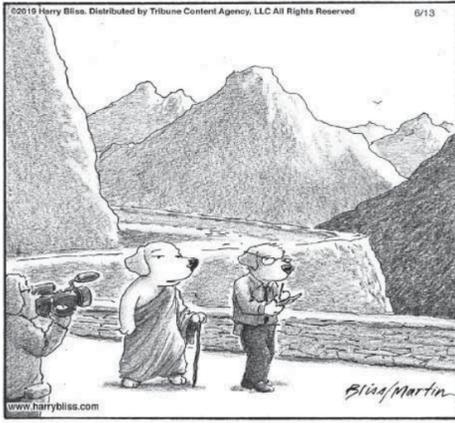
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. An adventure takes shape. Imagine your route and destination. Explore off the beaten path to discover hidden treasure. Study maps and charts.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



"Then one day, as I caught a tennis ball in midair, I asked myself, 'Is this all there is?'"

Bridge

Both vulnerable, North deals

North		East	
♠ A Q 10 8 5 4	♥ 4 3	♠ J 7 2	♥ 8 6 2
♦ J 8 2	♣ K 8	♦ 6 5 3	♣ Q 7 5 4
South		West	
♠ K 9	♥ K J 9	♠ A Q 10 7 5	♥ 6 3
♦ A K 7 4	♣ A J 3 2	♦ Q 10 9	♥ A 10 9 6
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We have featured many stories of lead-directing doubles gone bad and no success stories for the tactic. We suspect that the tactic is sound, but that sad endings make for better reading.

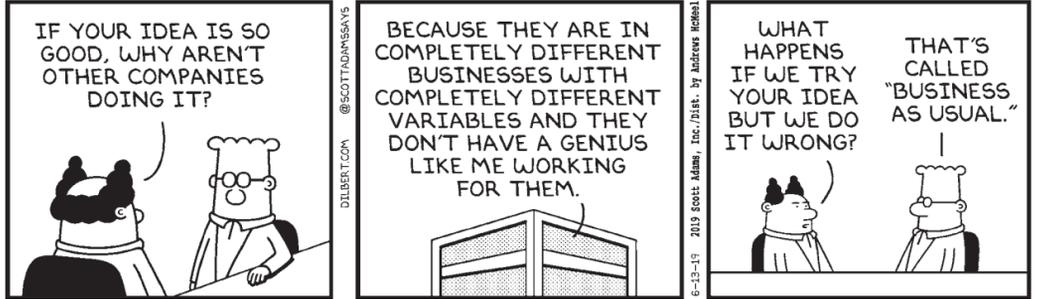
West made a lead-directing double of South's five-heart asking bid. North would have bid five spades without the queen, so any other action, including his pass, promised the queen. South bid the slam in no trump, rather than spades, to protect his heart holding. He might have done that anyway, without West's double, but the double helped him a great deal in the play. South won the opening club lead with his jack, led a club to the king, and ran off six spade tricks. He led a diamond to the king, leaving this position:

North		East	
♠ Void	♥ 4 3	♠ Void	♥ 8
♦ J 8	♣ Void	♦ 6 5	♣ Q
South		West	
♠ Void	♥ K	♠ A Q 10	♥ Void
♦ A 7	♣ A	♦ Q 10	♥ Void
♣ A		♠ Void	

West was forced to discard the queen of hearts on the ace of clubs, so South led a heart to West's now singleton ace. A diamond lead from the queen gave declarer his contract. Nice listening and good playing!

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

Dilbert By Scott Adams



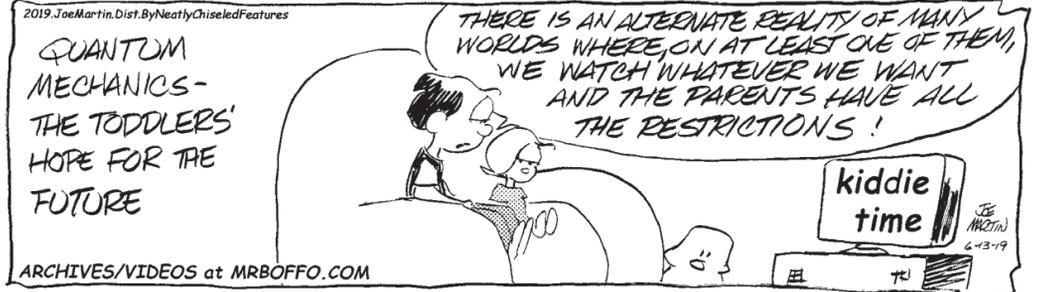
Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



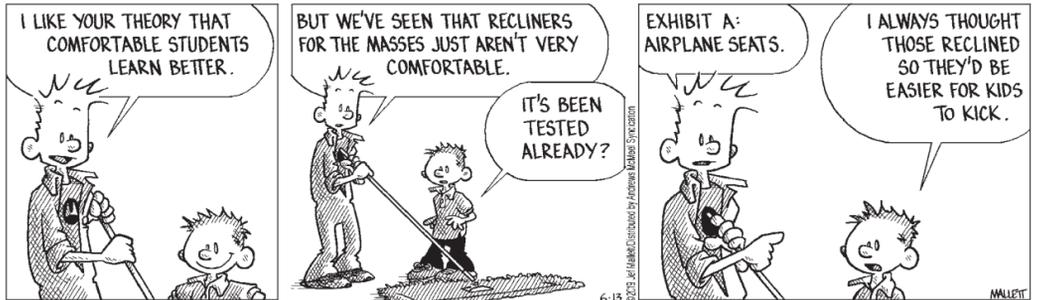
Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



Frazz By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



Pickles By Brian Crane



Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn



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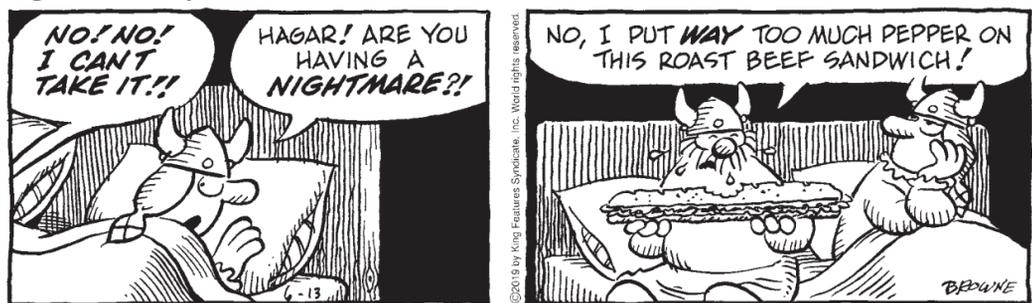
For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



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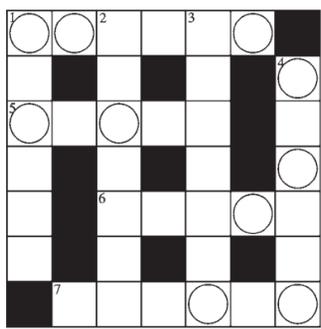
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

Who was the first catcher to be named Major League Baseball's rookie of the year?
 A) Johnny Bench
 B) Carlton Fisk
 C) Thurman Munson
 D) Earl Williams
Wednesday's answer: Cardinal Richelieu was a character in "The Three Musketeers" by Alexandre Dumas.
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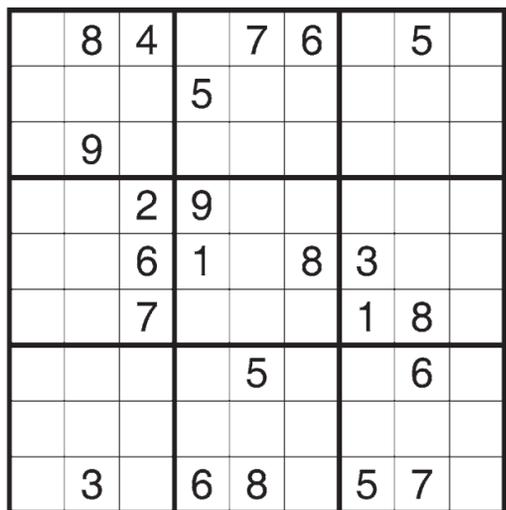
Jumble Crossword



CLUE: Even though he's one of the highest paid actors in Hollywood, _____ has never won an Oscar.
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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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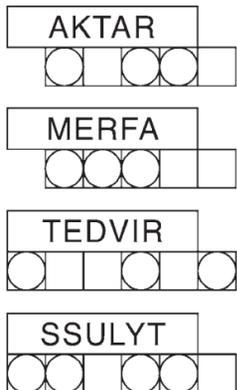
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Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



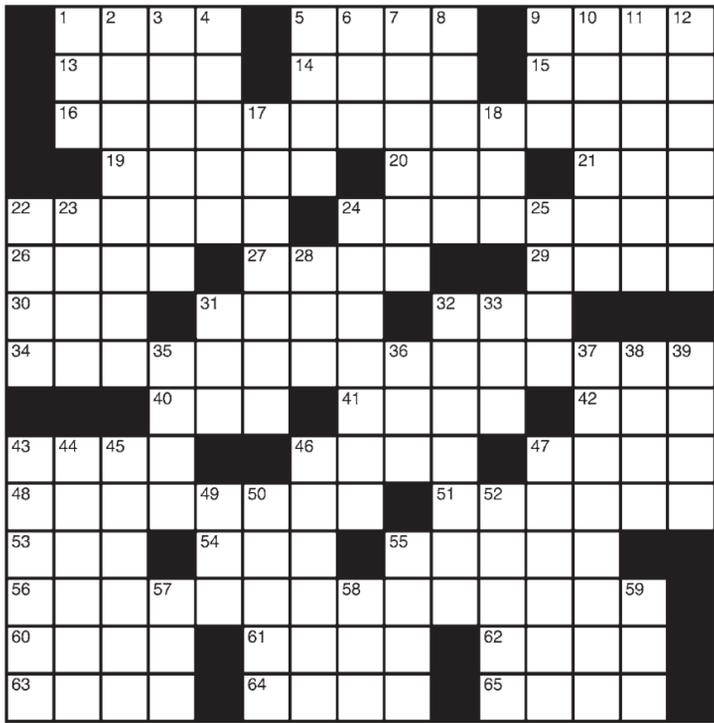
Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: CIGAR THINK GLOBAL ONLINE
 Answer: King Arthur's meeting at the Round Table was turning into an — ALL—"KNIGHTER"

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Crossword

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Across

- 1 Story trajectories
- 5 Wild pig
- 9 Pulitzer columnist Maureen
- 13 Winter expense
- 14 Soothing botanical
- 15 Great Lake bordering four states
- 16 Data-entering devices
- 19 Brouhahas
- 20 Semi unit
- 21 Document to protect confidential info: Abbr.
- 22 "Really?"
- 24 Like bread knives
- 26 Sinful habit
- 27 Chin-up targets, for short
- 29 Brontë heroine
- 30 Creative writing deg.
- 31 [I'm shocked!]
- 32 Dim sum go-with

- 34 August Wilhelmj's arrangement of a movement from Bach's "Orchestral Suite No. 3"
- 40 Scheduled to arrive
- 41 "Really"
- 42 Pigeon sound
- 43 Prefix meaning "god"
- 46 Einsteinhaus locale
- 47 Zebra's mother
- 48 Part of the Texas/Oklahoma border
- 51 Concert venues
- 53 "— the Walrus"
- 54 Peeples of "Pretty Little Liars"
- 55 Horse-and-buggy group
- 56 Layered lunch orders ... or a hint to 16-, 24-, 34- and 48-Across
- 60 Sicily's tallest mountain
- 61 Word with fishing or party
- 62 Con's room
- 63 Many profs
- 64 Usually choppy expanses
- 65 Guessing game

- 6 "Bravo!"
- 7 Main arteries
- 8 Do more lawn work
- 9 Scout group
- 10 Like a bad spray tan
- 11 Not as tame
- 12 Marquis of note
- 17 "You missed it"
- 18 Suffix with elephant
- 22 "Homeland" rating
- 23 Old audio system
- 24 Pearly gates greeter
- 25 Sweetie
- 28 Cigar remnants
- 31 Serengeti antelope
- 32 Word on an "evacuation route" sign
- 33 Sorbonne summer
- 35 Trash barge emanation
- 36 Boxer's warning
- 37 "Let me give you a hand"
- 38 Screenwriter Ephron
- 39 "Here — nothing"
- 43 — dips: upper-arm workout
- 44 Toast topic
- 45 Mountaineer Hillary
- 46 Head-hugging brimless cap
- 47 Beats winner
- 49 Seat wells
- 50 Lab containers
- 52 "Now and Then" actress
- 55 Bowls over
- 57 —relief
- 58 Genetic letters
- 59 Underhanded

Wednesday's solution



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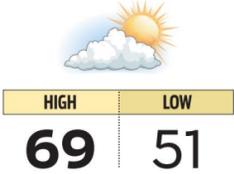
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THURSDAY, JUNE 13 NORMAL HIGH: 79° NORMAL LOW: 57° RECORD HIGH: 95° (1956) RECORD LOW: 40° (1985)

Strong northerly winds bring brief cool-down

LOCAL FORECAST

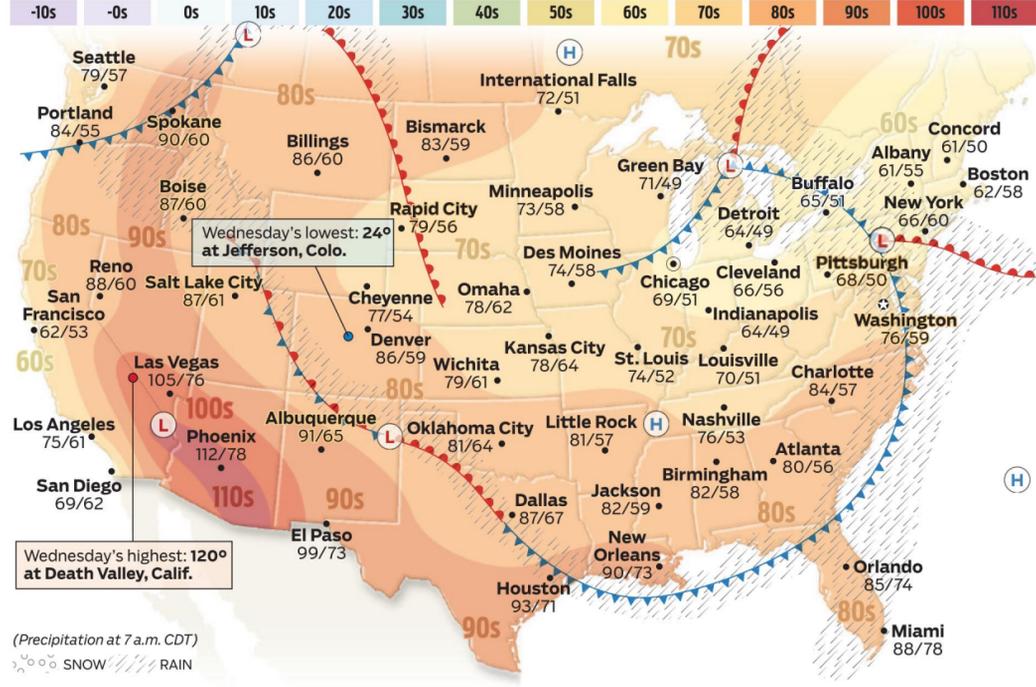


Very strong northerly winds gusting at times in excess of 35 mph flow over our area on the back side of intense low pressure moving out of Lower Michigan into the Ontario province.

A few remnant showers early from Chicago south and east. Becoming partly sunny by midday. Beach Hazards for rip currents and dangerous swimming along with a Lakeshore Flood Advisory for Illinois/Indiana counties adjacent to Lake Michigan.

High temps hold in the upper 60s except much cooler along the lakefront and especially NW Indiana. Winds diminish late.

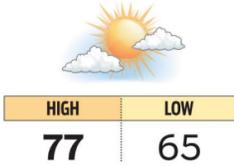
NATIONAL FORECAST



As an intense center of low pressure recedes off to the east, strong northerly winds gusting at times over 30 mph on the back side of the retreating low pressure will keep Chicagoans entrapped in a cooler air mass Thursday.

A quick switch to strengthening southwest winds overnight will bring a warm-up back to near normal temperatures Friday. However, low pressure will approach our area from the Central Plains, bringing a good chance of showers and thunderstorms Saturday into Sunday.

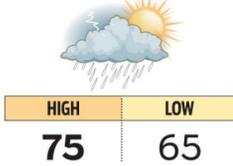
FRIDAY, JUNE 14



Winds pick up out of the southwest gusting at times over 30 mph and along with sunny skies helping boost afternoon temps into the upper 70s.



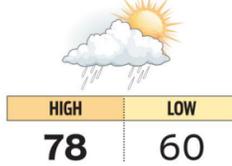
SATURDAY, JUNE 15



Increasingly humid air, considerable cloudiness and periodic showers/t-storms persist into the overnight hours.



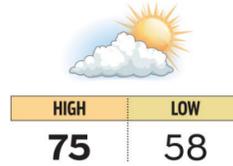
SUNDAY, JUNE 16



Father's Day. Cold front pushes south of the area - Most concentrated showers/storms settle south of Interstate 80.



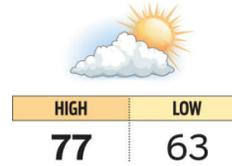
MONDAY, JUNE 17



Partly cloudy and seasonably mild. A slight chance of showers for southern sections.



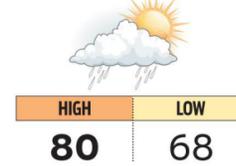
TUESDAY, JUNE 18



Partly sunny and mild. Afternoon highs approach the 80 degree mark well inland but an on-shore flow keeps readings in the 60s along the lakefront.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19



A gradual increase and thickening of clouds. A chance of thunderstorms developing late in the day with a better chance of t-storms overnight.



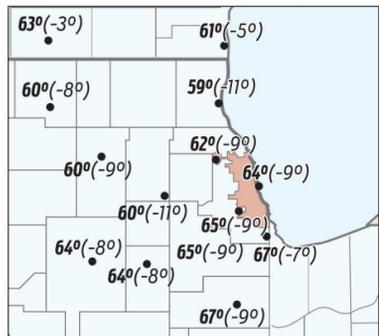
ASK TOM

Dear Tom, "Slight" and "marginal" risk of severe weather used on your weather maps. What's the difference? Thanks. Carol Hausmann Tinley Park

Dear Carol, The Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma, issues several daily severe weather outlooks assessing the severe weather risk, not only for the current day, but for up to eight days in advance. The risk is evaluated on a graduated scale from no risk at all to a high risk that a severe weather event will occur within 25 miles of a location.

Colder air peaks Thursday along with lakeshore dangers

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON'S COLD FRONT Chicago area's 5 p.m. readings a couple of hours after the day's high temp

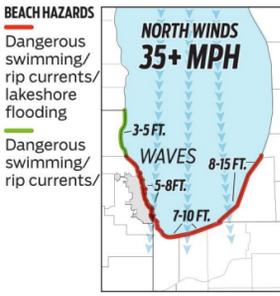


CHICAGO SUNSHINE UPDATE June 1-12, 2019 sunnier than last year—but not near as sunny as the year before

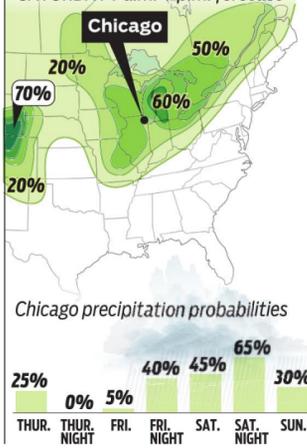


THURSDAY BEACH HAZARDS AND LAKESHORE FLOODING Strong northerly winds gusting to 35 mph will build 5 to 15-foot waves along the southern Lake Michigan shoreline

With the lake already near record high levels, this will cause dangerous swimming (rip/structural currents) conditions and lakeshore flooding



PRECIPITATION PROBABILITY Weekend to see the area flirting at times with showers/t-storms SATURDAY 7 a.m.-7 p.m. forecast



CHICAGO DIGEST

Table with 3 columns: LOCATION, HI, LO. Lists temperatures for various Chicago locations.

Table with 2 columns: PERIOD, NORMAL. Shows precipitation trends for Wednesday, June to date, and Year to date.

Table with 2 columns: TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS. Lists burn risk for different times of day.

Table with 2 columns: WIND, WAVES. Shows current and forecast wind and wave conditions.

Table with 2 columns: POLLEN, LEVEL. Lists pollen levels for various types of plants.

Table with 2 columns: WEDNESDAY READING, THURSDAY FORECAST. Shows air quality readings and forecasts.

Table with 2 columns: SUN, MOON. Shows sunrise and moon phase information.

Table with 2 columns: PLANET, RISE SET. Shows planet rise and set times.

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MIDWEST CITIES

Table listing weather forecasts for various Midwest cities.

OTHER U.S. CITIES

Table listing weather forecasts for various other U.S. cities.

WORLD CITIES

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HOME REMEDIES

Improve curb appeal to increase home's value

BY PAUL F.P. POGUE
Angie's List

You only get one chance to make a first impression, and your home's first look makes a big difference. Whether you're trying to sell your home or make a splash in the neighborhood, curb appeal plays a big role in your home's value. Here are five effective ways to boost your home's curb appeal this spring.

Clean the exterior: The first step to achieving great curb appeal is to start with a hose. Power washing the exterior is a great way to remove accumulated dirt, grime and moss. Clean the windows and make sure they're all clear and sparkling. If you can't reach them all, consider hiring a pro to help. Get into the gutters and the roofline to remove all dirt, leaves and branches.

Repair masonry: If your home's masonry is showing signs of age, it may be time to call out an expert to repair or restore it to its



IRIANA SHIYAN/DREAMSTIME

Outdoor lighting, driveway upgrades, landscaping and a clean exterior boost curb appeal.

original pristine glory. Concrete, stucco and brick masonry often can be restored without major disruption to household activities. These repair services can also protect against continuing water damage due to cracks or gaps.

For exterior stone walls, keeping them in good repair will ensure the beauty

and elegance of your home's landscaping. Adding a fireplace, barbecue pit or a new brick or stone walking path will make outdoor living more enjoyable.

Replace or refinish the driveway: A well-maintained driveway can create an inviting and appealing first impression. Cracks,

weeds and other damage can significantly diminish its appeal, so replacing or repairing your driveway can make a major difference in your home's curb appeal.

Replacing your existing driveway with a new concrete drive can create a fresh, updated look for your home. For asphalt driveways, resurfacing is es-

sential in order to maintain its integrity and prevent further damage. If your driveway is already showing small cracks or signs of settling, it may be time to apply a new coat of asphalt sealer.

Improve outdoor lighting: Outdoor lighting can create powerful visual and

functional impact. Highlighting the entrance to your house with a post light is a great place to start. All too often, the walkway leading to the house entrance is not illuminated, establishing a feeling of uncertainty when traversing the area.

The power of light has the ability to highlight the texture of the walkway and provide a welcoming feeling after dusk. A carefully placed light post adjacent to the walkway illuminates the immediate area and provides a structural element to your front-yard landscaping ideas.

Make over your mulch: A fresh bed of mulch tidies up the look of your yard in a hurry. And because mulch comes in so many shades and varieties, it's an effective way to change your yard's appearance with little effort. And of course, mulch retains moisture and suffocates weeds. You can buy mulch in bags or in bulk to do it yourself, or you can hire a professional landscaper to install it.

Checklist can help you spruce up for summer

BY CATHY HOBBS
Tribune News Service

It's time to say goodbye to spring and hello to summer. As the warmer temperatures set in, so do a number of should-do items for the home. Whether you live in a warm climate year-round or an area where you see a change of seasons, these maintenance items should make it onto your summer checklist.

Replace windows: While this may sound like a win-

ter checklist item, proper windows and doors can be just as important in the summer, when looking to keep hot temperatures out and cool temperatures in.

Plant a garden: There is nothing quite as wonderful as growing your own vegetables.

Landscape cleanup: Typically fall, late spring or early summer are ideal times for a cleanup and sprucing of items such as mulching and weeding.

Fill the potholes: Whether it is your driveway or sidewalk, summer is a good time to fill in any and all potholes.

Add lighting: Although the days are longer in the summer, lighting is still just as important as children and adults extend outdoor activities.

Install an outdoor kitchen: Now is the time when many families look to dine al fresco. Installing an outdoor kitchen can be the

ideal addition to any outdoor experience.

Check fixed elements on your home: Fixed elements include stone and brickwork, which should be properly maintained.

Repaint: The summer is a time of year when many homeowners may choose to repaint or refresh their home's exterior.

Check detectors: Replace and/or check detectors such as smoke alarms and



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A kitchen can enhance any outdoor experience.

carbon monoxide detectors.

Service HVAC equipment: This is the time air

conditioning equipment will be pulling double duty, so you want to make sure all equipment is capable of working at full capacity.

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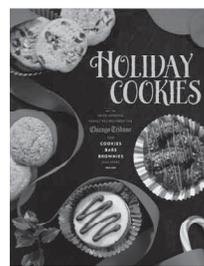
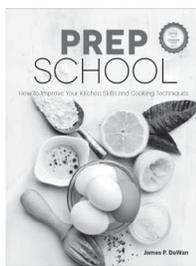
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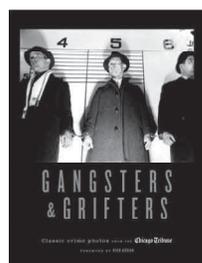
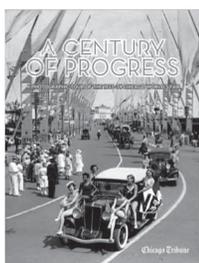
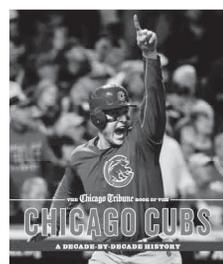
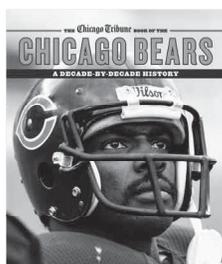
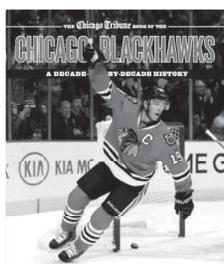


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By **MELISSA RAYWORTH**
Associated Press

What if your home had a spare room you'd never noticed before? Your garage, even if it has one or more cars in it, can pull double-duty as a gym, a crafting room and even a place to socialize.

Designers and architects tell us that gaining more living space without putting an addition on your house can make the effort worthwhile, even if it means investing in things like upgraded lighting, flooring and heating.

We shouldn't be "treating the garage as a big box," says Bethesda, Maryland-based architect Jim Rill. "Make it another room. It's a lost opportunity if you don't."

Marina Case, founder of the Warwick, New York-based design firm The Red Shutters, agrees: "A garage," she says, "can be anything you need it to be."

We've asked Rill, Case and interior designer Anna Maria Mannarino of New Jersey-based Mannarino Designs for advice on creating a well-organized garage that can also function as a flexible spare room.

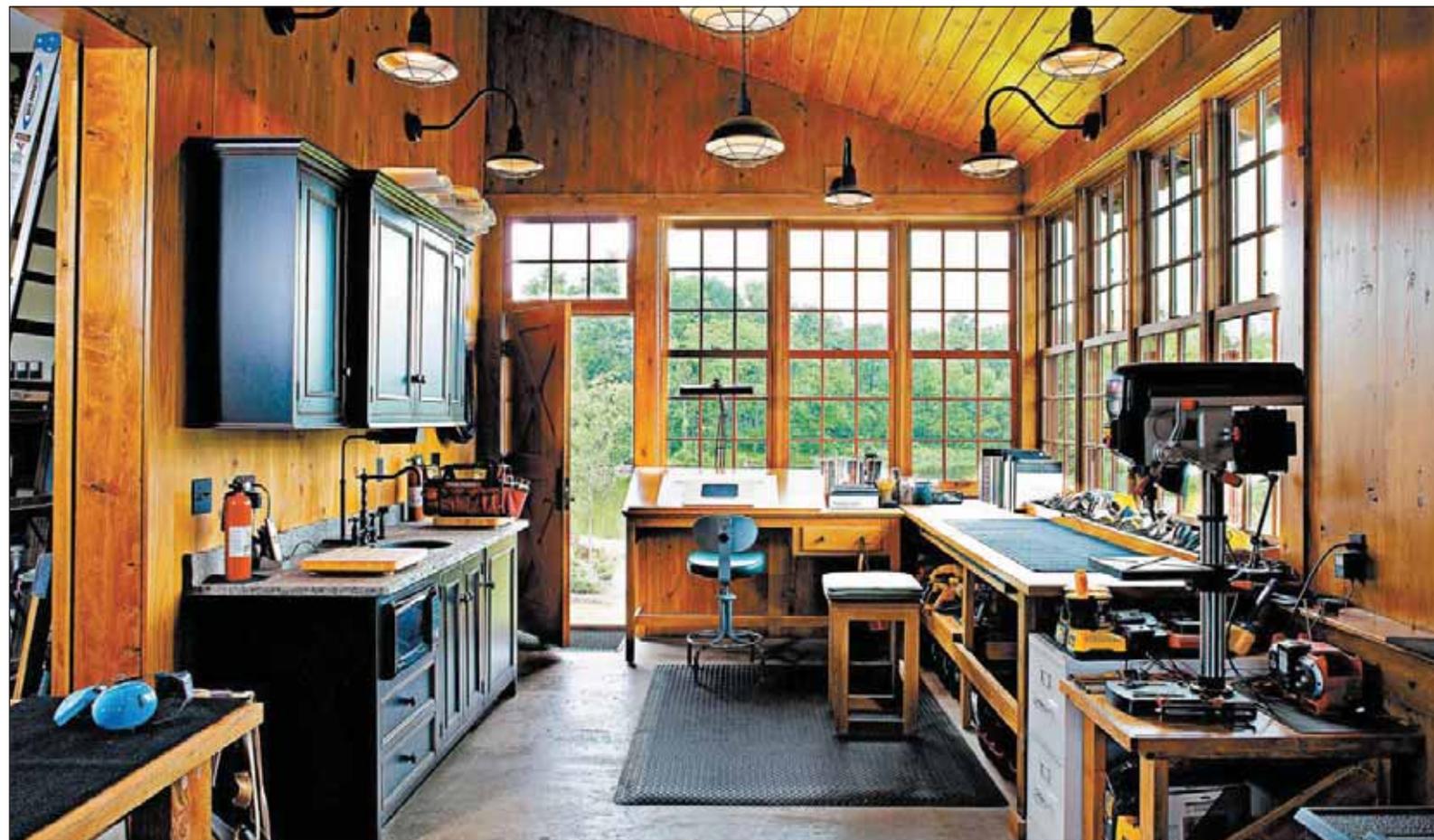
Floors and walls

Upgrading the look and feel of your garage can start at the bottom: Paint the floor, says Case.

Painting a cement floor a dark taupe or gray can have a big impact, she says, or choose an even bolder color. "You'll feel like you're in this fresh, fun space," she says.

But do test the color by painting a piece of foam core that's at least a few square feet, she says, and leaving it on the garage floor for a few days to make sure you like it.

Another option: Show-



JAMES RAY SPAHN/RILL ARCHITECTS

If a garage is large enough, it can house a full workshop, shown here, or a home gym, an increasingly popular option.

room flooring is available for as little as \$5 per foot, says Rill. And if you won't be parking cars in the garage and are instead using it as a "man cave or a shed," Mannarino says, consider upgrading the flooring with something you'd normally use inside the house.

Walls come next: "Why is the garage always just a drywall box?" Rill asks.

If your garage walls aren't sheet-rocked, Mannarino says you can add that and give it a coat of paint. Or put up paneling, Rill says, making it easier to hang items like rakes or hoses. You can add a flat hanging system that includes space for hanging baskets and brackets for shelves. Many closet-design brands offer flat systems that will hold heavy outdoor items.

If you prefer freestand-

ing storage along the walls, add several tall, sturdy shelving units. You can line them with large, clear bins neatly labeled, or fancier storage bins, Case says.

Or go an extra step and have built-in cabinetry installed.

And if your garage ceiling is high and has ample space away from where the garage door opens, consider adding storage on the ceiling, Mannarino says.

"It gives you that much more real estate," she says. But don't cut corners: Have ceiling shelving or storage racks mounted properly by a professional.

Heating and lighting

If your garage gets cold in the winter, you can add a separate heating system that's inexpensive to run. These "mini-split" heating systems can be turned on only when you're spending

time in the garage. Adding insulation also helps control the climate, making the garage feel more like an indoor room.

And don't settle for a bare bulb in the ceiling. Replacing it with a larger, more attractive fixture can dramatically change the way a garage feels.

Entertaining options

Although it's common to have a workshop in a garage, and many people use the space for messy crafting projects or as a home gym, a garage can also become an entertainment space.

If you're a car enthusiast who works on a vintage car or hot rod, Rill says, why not use part of your garage as a place to hang out with friends talking about cars?

Case suggests adding a bar area with comfortable seating, even if it's small, to make the garage an inviting

place to hang out with guests. You can also hang a flat-screen TV and add a refrigerator.

Rill has a vintage cooler, reclaimed from a supermarket, in his garage for soft drinks, water and beer. It's used all summer when the family is outdoors.

Along with year-round entertaining inside a garage, these designers point out that an open garage can be a great place to set up a buffet table during an outdoor summer party.

Case suggests adding ceiling-mounted tracks for curtains in an indoor/outdoor material like Sunbrella, so you can draw them behind a serving table in your open garage.

Barn doors or other types of upgraded garage door can make the space more attractive and accessible during parties.

And upgrading your

garage door does more than just add beauty to the exterior of your home, Mannarino says. It also gives you the option of adding more windows, bringing natural light into your garage.

Is there an attic?

Many detached garages have a tiny second-floor attic or loft space, Rill says. Even if its ceiling is low, that space can become a furnished clubhouse for younger kids, a place to practice musical instruments or even a cozy guest suite.

On one garage project, Rill replaced the solid wooden ceiling in a large detached garage with a perforated metal floor. That gave added natural light to the attic space above, which was then transformed into a kids clubhouse.



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

There is a considerable amount of winter damage to shrubs this year, including to this doublefile viburnum. In some cases, pruning can restore the plants' health.

It's time to prune branches killed by the harsh winter

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

I would like some guidance as to what to do about the winter damage on my shrubs — some branches appear to be dead, while others are leafing out very sparsely.

— Beth Harrison, Evanston

There is a considerable amount of winter damage to shrubs this year. Any branches that do not have any leaves starting to grow yet are most likely dead, though if in doubt, you should wait another week or so before pruning them.

Some fragrant viburnums that I had dramatically cut back to 1-foot-tall stems late in winter to rejuvenate them just started pushing leaves out last week. So look closely to see if the buds are showing any development on your shrubs. Scratch the stem to see if there is any green under the bark; if none, then that confirms the branch is dead.

If your shrubs have a lot of dead on the top and thin growth, then look at the base of the shrub to see if there is any new growth flushing up. If the top of the shrub is dead or very thin in its leaf development

and there is a good flush of new growth at the base, then it will be best to cut all of the old stems out now and restart the shrub from the base. Then the shrub will focus its energy on the new foliage developing from the base.

I have seen a lot of dieback and thin foliage on doublefile viburnums, with many flushing up new growth from the base. These would benefit from this pruning, even though you would be removing some live branches.

If the shrubs are leafing out sparsely now and there is no new growth at the base, then it will be best to only prune out the dead branches and give it more time to leaf out and fill in. At some point later this summer, you will need to make a decision as to whether it should just be replaced, depending on how much it fills in and what your aesthetic standards are.

You could also wait until late next winter and cut the shrub back to 1 to 2 feet to try to force new growth from the base. Considering the weak condition the shrub is in, the response of the shrub will likely be weak and then it will need to be removed.

You may also have some shrubs that just need to be cut back to where there is healthy growth. The Chicago Botanic Garden has been cutting back dead wood and thin growth on cranberry cotoneaster to clean up winter damage. Your pruning approach will depend on the condition of the plant and how it is growing. This is the time to prune to correct the winter damage.

Japanese maples are small trees, and I have seen a lot of dieback on these too. Prune out dead wood, once you are sure it is dead, and then assess whether the tree is worth saving. I have a weeping Japanese maple at home with one small live branch left, so it's not worth trying to save.

Kousa dogwoods that are leafing out slowly and thinly should be given more time to fill in. I have a kousa dogwood standard (single stem) that is about 15 feet tall that is only leafing out on a few interior branches. When a tree like this is only leafing out on the interior branches or the main trunk, then you will need to replace it.

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Act quickly to fight bagworm caterpillars

BY BETH BOTTS
Chicago Tribune

The rich, green foliage that cloaks trees after a long, wet spring is more than a treat for the eyes. It can also be a feast for bagworm caterpillars, according to Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

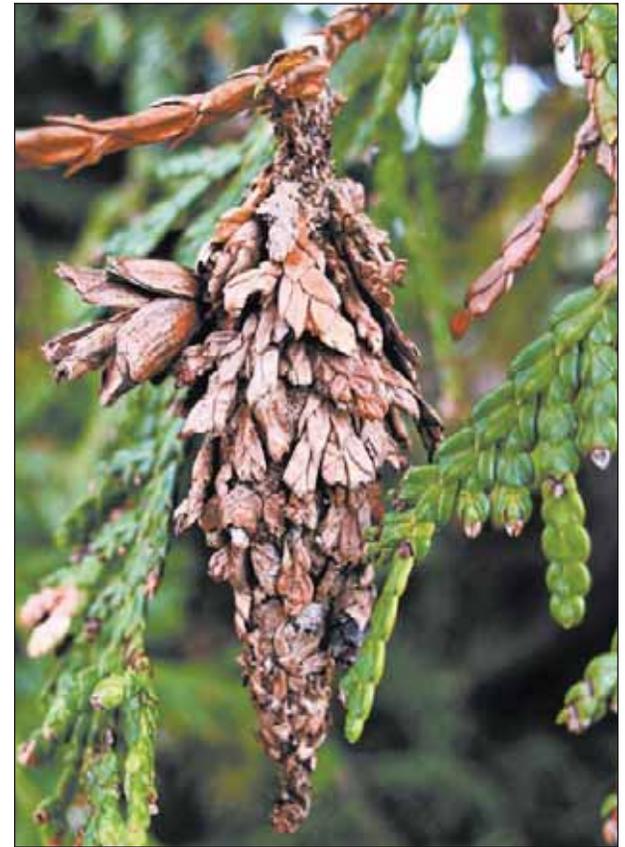
These caterpillars emerge in mid- to late June and start feeding on a wide variety of trees, most commonly junipers and arborvitae. In three months of feeding, the caterpillars can sometimes strip a tree of most or all of its leaves.

Bagworm caterpillars are a greater threat to evergreens than to deciduous trees. If a deciduous tree's leaves are eaten, it can often produce a new set of leaves in the same season and survive. Evergreens, which operate differently, can't replace their lost needles as easily.

The caterpillars are hard to spot, Yiesla said, because they're dark brown and start out less than 1/4 inch long. Homeowners are more likely to see the bags, which become conspicuous in late summer.

Each bag is roughly the size and shape of a milkweed pod, about 1 1/2 to 2 inches long. It is spun from silk and covered with whatever material the caterpillar found handy. In an arborvitae, a bagworm bag will be covered with dried, brown arborvitae needles; in another tree it might be covered with small twigs. "People tend to notice the bags in evergreens because the brown shows up against the green foliage," Yiesla said. "On an oak or a maple, they blend in better."

Inside each bag, a caterpillar will mature into an adult moth. The female moths lay up to 1,000 eggs, which overwinter in the



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The bags made by bagworms are most conspicuous against the dark green foliage of evergreens, such as junipers and arborvitae.

bag and hatch the next year to feed on the tree.

With hundreds of caterpillars emerging from each bag, "a major bagworm infestation can stress or kill a tree," Yiesla said.

If you suspect a tree is infested with bagworms, call the Plant Clinic to confirm the identification and get advice about control options. For any treatment, you'll need to act soon, Yiesla said. Insecticide sprays and biological controls are only effective against the caterpillars in late June or early July, while they are still small and vulnerable. "Once they've matured and built themselves a bag for protection, a spray won't do any good," she said.

Another way to fight bagworms is to pluck the bags off the tree, so the

eggs never get a chance to hatch. Remove bags any time you spot them, from late summer through the winter. Be sure to remove the silk that attaches the bag to make sure it doesn't bind and kill the branch. For bags hanging too high to reach from the ground, try a pole pruner — a tool consisting of a pair of pruners at the end of an extendable pole.

Soak the bags in soapy water to kill the eggs, Yiesla said, and dispose of the bags in the trash.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic, 630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org.

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Clinker bricks make unique structures

BY TIM CARTER
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Q: I was on a tour of the Gamble house in Pasadena, California, and saw the most unusual deformed brick in a garden wall. The brick was twisted and looked more like random rocks than brick. How are these bricks formed and where can I buy them? Are they durable and will they last a long time?

A: These bricks are called clinkers, and I saw them too when I toured the stunning Gamble house about 10 years ago. I don't know if it was the architect or the clients who specified the use of this unique building material, but it was genius. If you ever have the chance to tour this mansion, be sure to wander through the outdoor gardens to see the walls built with this strange brick.

Clinker bricks are made just like any other bricks. They start out as clay and are put into a kiln where the temperature of the clay is raised significantly. It's important to realize that not all clay has the same chemical composition. As the temperature rises in the kiln the clay actually softens and melts. This changes the internal structure of the clay such that it comes out of the kiln more like a rock than a soft material you can form with your hands.

Some bricks in the kiln melt and deform. These become clinker bricks. Keep in mind that the odd colors you sometimes see in bricks, and especially clinkers, result from the small amount of oxygen in the kiln as the bricks are heated.

The absence of oxygen almost always produces darker colors such as black and even blue. You



TIM CARTER PHOTO

Clinker bricks create a unique look and can be extremely durable, depending on the minerals in the clay. Use them on houses and in gardens.

can create all sorts of different colors depending on when you reintroduce oxygen as the bricks start to cool. It's all very complex, but the key point is that clinkers can be the most colorful and unusual brick you've ever seen.

Clinker bricks, depending on the minerals in the clay, can be extremely durable. There are many factors, but realize some clinkers transform to a material much like glass if the clay happens to have a high silica content. The odds are clinker bricks will perform quite well in just about all outdoor applications, includ-

ing garden walls and outdoor pillars.

You purchase clinker bricks at businesses that sell brick. Not all brick suppliers stock them, but you should have great luck ordering them as the brick manufacturers would rather sell clinkers than throw them away.

No matter where you use the clinker bricks, I recommend you spend some time thinking about the mortar that will be used in between each brick. I recommend creating a mortar blend that contains three parts Portland cement and one part hydrated

lime. If you can source a special volcanic sand that's high in silica, that would be ideal. Otherwise, use medium or loamy sand that's very clean.

Q: My husband and I can't agree on the best way to repair some cracks in our concrete. We have long random cracks about 1/16-inch wide in our garage and basement floors. This concrete has a smooth finish. My husband wants to squirt caulk into the cracks. I feel this will look like a scar on someone's face. How would

you repair these so they look good and the repair is durable?

A: Concrete crack repair is a very common problem. I receive questions like this each week.

The first thing to realize is any repair you attempt may be temporary if the concrete is still moving or moves seasonally. I live in central New Hampshire, and each winter the ground freezes. The frost in the ground causes concrete sidewalks, driveways, and patios to lift. If the lift is uneven, the cracks will reopen.

Interior concrete slabs like you find in a garage and basement are the easiest to repair, and the concrete rarely moves. It's important to realize if the concrete is brand-new, you'll get shrinkage cracks as the concrete loses the extra water that was used when it was mixed. This shrinkage can take up to a year, so don't try to fix a new crack, as it will most likely continue to widen as the months pass by.

Interior crack repair on smooth slabs can be done using regular unsanded ceramic tile grout. This works best for cracks 1/8 inch or narrower. Unsanded grout can be bought in different shades of gray to match your existing concrete color. Match the grout color by pouring a little bit of the dry powdered grout on the concrete. The grout gets much darker once you add water, but it will dry the color it is straight from the bag.

I have a series of four videos at my AsktheBuilder.com website that shows the exact process of grouting floor tile. These videos show you how to achieve a perfect match when patching a crack in concrete. The biggest mistake you can make is using the wrong tools to make the repair and pressing too hard when you wipe away the excess grout.

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Don't ignore essential filters

BY DAN DICLERICO
HomeAdvisor

You can't see most of the filters in your home, but they're there, keeping toxins and other bad stuff from the air that you breathe and the water that you drink. Besides their obvious health benefits, filters keep your home's systems and appliances shipshape.

That is, unless they become seriously clogged or damaged, in which case they can do more harm than good — dumping contaminants back into your drinking water, for example.

So, which filters are the most critical to maintain? Here are the five essentials, according to the pros at HomeAdvisor:

Central heating and cooling systems: If your home uses forced-air heating and/or cooling, the systems' filters need to be changed at least once a year. The filter is usually located in the blower compartment or it could be built into the nearby ductwork. New filters are available at the home center, or you can order them online. Be sure to turn the system off before making the switch. And note that air flows only in one direction through a filter, so it's important to insert it the right way. Check the filter frame for arrows indicating which side should face the furnace.

Pro tip: Window AC units also have filters that need to be cleaned. Use the upholstery brush on your vacuum to suck away dirt and dust, then wash with soap and water.

Clothes dryers: You're probably good about cleaning your dryer's lint screen. But it's also critical to check for lint build-up in and around the dryer duct and vent filter. Of the 2,900 home dryer fires that are reported each year, failure to clean the unit is



STEVE HEAP/DREAMSTIME

Forced-air heating and cooling system filters need to be changed at least once a year.

the leading cause, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. For best results, invest in a dryer vent cleaning kit, which makes it easy to access the vent filter through the dryer's ductwork.

Pro tip: If your clothes are suddenly taking longer to dry than normal, there's a good chance you have a clogged filter.

Drinking water: Water filters remove harmful contaminants such as lead and chlorine, as well as impurities that can give tap water an off taste. But if you leave the filter too long it will clog up, potentially resulting in water with higher levels of contamination. Carafe-style filters usually need to be changed monthly, while large countertop or under-sink systems might only require an annual changing.

Pro tip: Don't forget to change the filter on your refrigerator. That will lead to safe, better-tasting water and ice cubes, and it will also help prevent ice maker failures.

Vacuum cleaners: If your vacuum's filter gets dirty enough it will eventually start to lose suction, but even before it reaches that point it might start to spew dust and other tiny particulates back into the air. That can seriously affect

the indoor quality in your home, especially for allergy sufferers.

Pro tip: When shopping for a new vacuum, look for a model with a washable filter. It will save you a lot of time and money over the long haul.

Air purifiers and dehumidifiers: These devices have filters that can be cleaned quickly and easily to maintain performance and minimize the risk of equipment failure. Many air purifiers have a second HEPA filter that needs to be replaced every six to 12 months, depending on frequency of use and the quality of your home's air. Since dehumidifiers often sit in dank areas, always check the filter for signs of mold, mildew and dust mites. If any are present, it's time for a new filter.

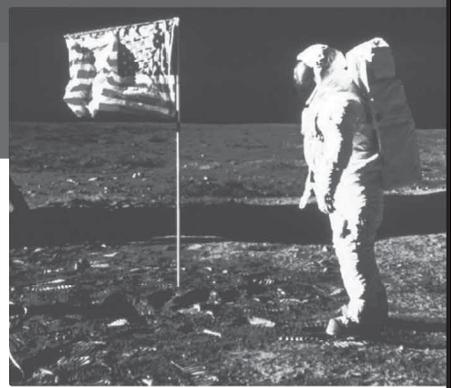
Pro tip: Air purifiers and dehumidifiers both can improve air quality, but there are usually underlying issues that need to be addressed. For example, poor indoor air quality might be caused by insufficient exhaust fans in the home. Dank basements, meanwhile, are often the result of water reaching the foundation walls. While a dehumidifier can keep the basement dry, dealing with the foundation problem will be a more permanent solution.

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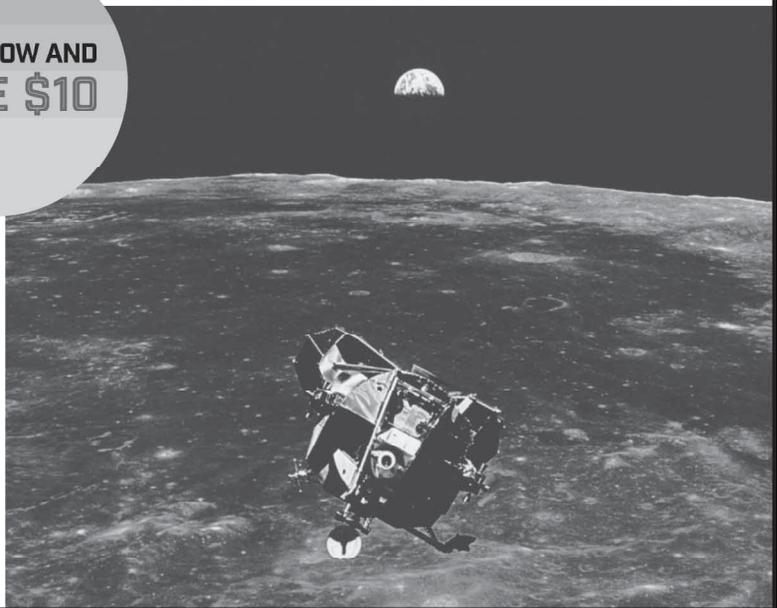
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How to protect your bank account from loan scammers

Fraudsters have honed numerous ways to separate you from your money, from outright theft of your personal information to sneaky ways of getting you to divulge it voluntarily. Since one of their deceptive tricks is posing as a loan provider, look for these signs of a legitimate lender if you're looking to borrow money.

The Federal Trade Commission enforces numerous regulations on lending operations, including requiring all lenders to register in states where they do business. So one of the first things you can verify is whether the lender is registered in your own state.

The FTC also prohibits soliciting loans by telephone. So a marketing call for loan products is a strong tip-off that you're dealing with a loan scammer. Also beware of offers mailed to you or pitched at your front door.

Legitimate lenders are keenly interested in your credit history when determining whether to approve your loan. So watch out for anyone touting

guaranteed approval. Also beware if the lender never discloses that they'll be pulling your credit report.

Another red flag of loan scammers is requiring you to pay application fees by providing them a prepaid debit card, a gift card, or a wire transfer. Although legitimate lenders are likely to charge fees, they typically add them to your loan balance rather than require upfront payment.

Lastly, any pressure to act very quickly before the offer expires is reason to pause. Legitimate loans may indeed have limited windows, but they will be sufficiently long to allow you to weigh options and make a careful choice.

A primary goal of loan scammers is extracting your bank account and social security numbers. So if you notice any of the warning signs above, be sure to keep your information private and move onto a lender you can verify.

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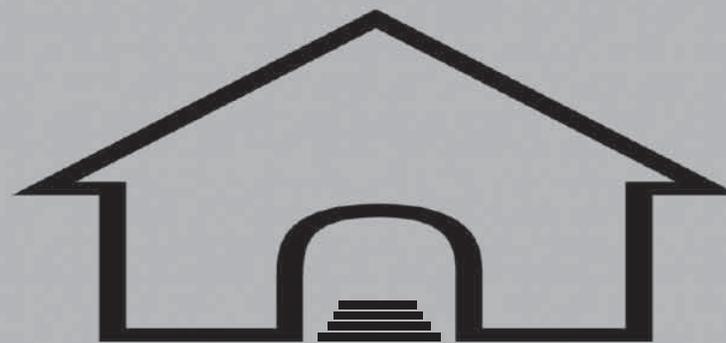
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