



CLIMATE TRENDS



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In top photo, a farmer in Kaskaskia, Illinois, drives through July floodwaters. In photo below, school-age youths slog home through their flooded neighborhood along the Rock River on Edgemere Terrace in Roscoe in March.

Record rain and floods brought financial pain

2019 disasters cost state, Midwest \$6.2B and more soggy days loom

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL AND TONY BRISCOE

Flooding on the Mississippi River and its tributaries throughout Illinois and the Midwest caused an estimated \$6.2 billion in damage in 2019, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Wednesday. The floods, which overwhelmed towns, farms, roads, bridges, levees and dams, contributed to the deaths of four people across 13 states.

The annual report comes as scientists reported that the U.S. continues to experience rising temperatures, and frequent, drenching rains are becoming more commonplace throughout the Midwest and the country. There is no immediate end in sight to these trends, scientists said. The \$6.2 billion figure puts the 2019 Midwest flooding as the 51st costliest climate disaster since NOAA began tracking the cost of floods, hurricanes, severe storms, droughts, wildfires and winter storms in 1980.

According to Deke Arndt, chief of climate monitoring for NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information, 2019 was the second wettest year on record. Only in 1973 did the U.S. receive more precipitation over the course of a year. In 2019, Chicago was pelted by 49.54 inches of precipitation, which ranks as the third wettest year on record and more than 12 inches greater than nor-

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mal, according to the National Weather Service. Since Illinois meteorologists began collecting precipitation records in 1871, four of the Top 5 wettest years in Chicago have occurred in the last decade.

Conditions are tilting toward the possibility of more flooding in 2020 because much of the soil in Illinois is already heavily

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Plan floated to ban foam food packaging

Alderman wants to cut out single-use usage by eateries

BY JOHN BYRNE AND SOPHIE SHERRY

Is Chicago ready for its hot dogs to be swaddled in a more environmentally friendly manner?

A City Council ally of Mayor Lori Lightfoot introduced a plan Wednesday to get rid of plastic food packaging in local restaurants and reduce the use of plastic utensils, stirrers, straws and condiment containers in a bid to cut down on pollution.

Placing Chicago in the context of other major cities, Northwest Side Ald. Scott Waguespack said it's time to act.

"The (European Union) is moving, they've already moved to ban single-use plastics. That's 28 countries," Waguespack said. "So any of us that travel, that think Chicago's a global city, a cosmopolitan city, we're going to go to Europe, we're going to go to Asia, and we're going to be in the position of asking for a straw, asking for single-use plastics at restaurants throughout the rest of the

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Food is served in a polystyrene foam container Wednesday at a downtown Chicago restaurant.

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— Ald. Scott Waguespack

2 more get their numbers called

Jimbo Covert and Ed Sprinkle were selected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The Bears now have 30 members — the most of any team. **Chicago Sports**

Push for national ban on seclusion

Lawmakers on Wednesday urged the nation's top education official to tell schools to stop putting students in seclusion rooms. **Chicagoland, Page 4**

House takes impeachment to the Senate

Chief justice to be summoned as Trump trial starts to take shape

BY LISA MASCARO
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a dramatic procession across the U.S. Capitol, House Democrats carried the formal articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump to the Senate late Wednesday, setting the stage for only the third trial to remove a president in American history.

Trump complained anew it was all a "hoax," even as fresh details emerged about his efforts in Ukraine.

The ceremonial pomp and protocol by the lawmakers prosecuting the case against Trump moved the impeachment out of Speaker Nancy Pelosi's Democratic-run House to the Republican-majority Senate, where the president's team is mounting a defense aiming for swift acquittal.

"Today we will make history," Pelosi said as she signed the documents, using multiple pens to hand out and mark the moment. "This president will be held accountable."

Moments later the prosecutors walked solemnly through the stately



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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi signs the articles of impeachment Wednesday against President Trump.

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hall, filing into the Senate back row as the Clerk of the House announced the arrival: "The House has passed House Resolution 798, a resolution appointing and authorizing managers of the impeachment trial of Donald John Trump, President of

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Aldermen debating LGBTQ study ripped

'Our children are watching,' warns Mayor Lightfoot

BY JOHN BYRNE AND GREGORY PRATT

Saying she bears the shame of staying silent earlier in her life when insults were hurled at black and gay people, Mayor Lori Lightfoot took the City Council to task Wednesday for the tone of the debate over a study into possible contract set-asides for gay- and transgender-owned businesses.

"I will be silent no more on any issue where people say and do things that are offensive and racist," Lightfoot said. "I feel like I have an obligation to speak, and so I am."

A seemingly innocuous resolution sponsored by the mayor for the city to

conduct a yearlong study into whether LGBTQ-run companies face discrimination when vying for city work turned into a contentious exchange in a council committee and on the floor Wednesday, as some black aldermen and others worried the findings will lead the city to carve out contract goals for those companies.

Doing so could lead to fraud, such as it did in Chicago's notoriously scandal-ridden program for women- and minority-owned businesses, they said, because it would be tough to prove whether someone bidding for such work is gay.

Some aldermen complained that they believed that most gay business owners are also white men and don't need the leg up.

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John Kass' column Wednesday included incorrect information about Illinois Senate Republicans choosing a minority leader. There is no change to Sen. Bill Brady's status as Senate Republican leader. Senate Democrats are set to choose a Senate president on Sunday. The Tribune regrets the error.

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Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders talk after Tuesday's debate in Des Moines, as Tom Steyer looks on.



JOHN KASS

CNN's shameful treatment of Bernie Sanders

What CNN did to Bernie Sanders in the Iowa Democratic presidential debate — stabbing him with the gender card on behalf of a weakened Elizabeth Warren — was cheap and unfair.

And it was shameful.

I'm probably the last guy to defend Sanders. He is a man of the far left and I most certainly am not.

But even a conservative like me can see that Sanders was cheated out of the Democratic presidential nomination the last time, with the Democratic National Committee rigging the whole thing for Hillary Clinton. And now it's happening again.

No wonder the Sanders supporters are angry.

What happened on CNN in Iowa was bad for journalism. But it sure was good for Elizabeth Warren and Joe Biden.

Sanders, the authentic candidate on the left in this cycle, as he was in the last, was surging in the Iowa polls. Warren, also on the left, was fading, desperate and in full panic. She began waving her gender card on that dangerous Intersectionality Highway where Democrats, addicted to identity politics, often crack up.

Just before the debate, CNN ran a story portraying Sanders as misogynist who thinks a woman couldn't be elected president. That's ridiculous. He doesn't believe that.

And at the CNN debate, moderator Abby Phillip took Warren's gender card, fashioned it into a knife and stabbed Sanders just weeks before the Iowa caucuses.

"Sen. Sanders, CNN reported yesterday, and Sen. Warren confirmed in a statement, that in 2018 you told her that you did not believe that a woman could win the election. Why did you say that?" Phillip asked of Sanders.

"Well," Sanders said, "as a matter of fact, I didn't say it."

"I don't want to waste a whole lot of time on this, because this is what Donald Trump and maybe some of the media want," Sanders added. "Anybody knows me knows that it's incomprehensible that I would think that a woman cannot be president of the

United States.

"Go to YouTube today," Sanders said. "There's a video of me 30 years ago talking about how a woman could become president of the United States."

Phillip asked it again. And again, Sanders denied he ever said it. Phillip turned to Warren.

"Sen. Warren, what did you think when Sen. Sanders told you a woman could not win the election?" Warren was asked.

Excuse me? Sanders just denied it. But Phillip didn't ask if Warren if Sanders was telling the truth.

Instead, Phillip repeated the Warren camp accusation as fact.

And this is how votes are herded.

Warren said she disagreed with Sanders, adding sweetly, "Bernie is my friend and I am not here to try and fight with Bernie."

What a phony. He's your friend? Of course, he is. Who doesn't engineer the public stabbing of their friends?

Before Sanders was shived, Democratic establishment candidate Biden looked lost and frail and unsure.

Biden was like some elderly Uncle Joe retiree in line at 4 p.m. for the early bird dinner with the free Jell-O.

But who remembers that after Warren pointedly refused to shake her "friend" Bernie's hand? Biden wasn't even touched by CNN's debate moderators. His questions were wrapped in pillows.

You might think all this is a coincidence, but then, you might be a moron. And you're not a moron. Trust me.

And now, after weeks of stalling, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has finally brought the impeachment of President Donald Trump to the Senate.

This means Democratic presidential candidates who are also senators, Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, Warren of Massachusetts and Sanders of Vermont, are stuck in Washington as jurors.

And Joe? With Bernie on Trump jury duty in Washington, Biden is left to wander around Iowa with (former) Mayor Pete — who also was not challenged by CNN — and that radical billionaire environmentalist who

made his gold in fossil fuels.

No wonder Sanders' supporters are upset. They've seen this before. They watched the same game play out three years ago, when the Democratic nomination was almost his, and establishment media handmaidens of the Democratic National Committee protected Hillary Clinton, who lost to Trump.

A Sanders vs. Trump campaign in 2016 would have been a clash of populist titans. Sanders could have won. We might see this matchup in 2020. Establishment Democrats are panicked, and conventional wisdom suggests Trump would smash him, but I'm not so sure.

The electorate has been primed by relentless media attacks on Trump, who attacks them back. Americans are unsettled and worried about their future in a world undergoing economic upheaval. Bernie could win.

The Democratic base is energized for 2020. Sanders, who suffered a heart attack weeks ago, looks positively vital when compared to Biden. Conventional wisdom also once said Republican Jeb Bush couldn't be beat. How did that turn out?

Joe is the new Jeb. I suppose it would be much easier to focus instead on Trump impeachment theater in Washington. But the script has been written, the Senate won't convict Trump. It's all posture and gesture and fundraising.

I disagree with Sanders' policies, but at least he's honest about what he wants to do. Establishment Democrats see Sanders' base as full of energy and know they must stop him in Iowa and New Hampshire.

They feed Warren so Sanders doesn't defeat Biden. And they'll use friendly media to shape a stiletto and slip it between Bernie's ribs.

Sanders' voters have seen this one before.

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GOP must acquit Trump before truth leaks out



REX W. HUPPKE

As a staunch supporter of President Donald Trump, I demand that Republican senators in charge of the upcoming impeachment trial swiftly acquit the commander in chief before any more truth leaks out.

On Wednesday, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi named seven impeachment managers and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has said he expects the trial to begin next week. But we learned Tuesday, in documents handed over by an associate of Trump's personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani, that Giuliani was working with the president's "knowledge and consent" to press Ukrainians for political dirt on former Vice President Joe Biden.

The document cache from Soviet-born Florida businessman Lev Parnas, who is facing federal charges of illegally funneling foreign donations to U.S. political candidates, also suggests that Trump-aligned Americans might have been electronically surveilling the U.S. ambassador in Kyiv around the time the administration was trying to oust her.

Look, I remain convinced Trump did nothing wrong and is totally great and innocent, but that's only because, like most in the MAGA community, I'm smart enough to ignore evidence that might otherwise change my mind.

But the release of these documents is, to use a legal term, "not good." A letter from Giuliani to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy sent shortly before Zelenskyy's inauguration, makes clear that Giuliani was representing Trump "as a private citizen, not as President of the United States." It was sent before a planned trip to the Ukraine in which Giuliani said he would be pushing Ukrainian officials for an investigation that would be "very, very helpful to my client."

If one was to pay attention to this "evidence," it might seem to draw into question President Trump's defense that he held up military aid to Ukraine because it was in America's interest. It might



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President Donald Trump speaks at a rally at the UW-Milwaukee Panther Arena on Tuesday in Milwaukee.

seem like further evidence the president was leveraging congressionally approved military funding to an ally to extract dirt he could use against a potential political opponent.

I will not allow this evidence to draw anything into question, but I will allow it to make me not want to see any more evidence. So again, Republican senators need to step to the plate and shut this impeachment thing down.

The appropriate response to these truth leaks is to not hold a proper trial that includes witnesses and documentary evidence but to simply clear the president of wrongdoing before any more examples of so-called wrongdoing surface. I mean, if the dam is leaking, you don't call witnesses, you stick your finger in the dam and pray that it holds. That's just common sense.

The last thing we need is to see a great president, who we Trump supporters have built up to be an avatar of American strength and

decency, get knocked down by stupid things like facts. Next thing you know we'll be hearing evidence that suggests Trump-aligned actors were plotting against a U.S. ambassador using language that sounds like they watched too many episodes of "The Sopranos" while drunk!

Why do I fear such a ridiculous thing? Because that very situation is revealed in electronic messages turned over by Parnas to House impeachment investigators, and now we Trump supporters have more items to add to our "Things to Ignore" list.

Several messages are between Parnas and Robert Hyde, a hardcore Trump supporter running for a U.S. congressional seat in Connecticut. They make it sound like Hyde had people in Ukraine surveilling Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch.

One message from Hyde to Parnas reads: "She's talked to three people. Her phone is off. Computer is off." Hyde also re-

ferred to Yovanovitch as "that bitch" and wrote cryptically of the people he was dealing with in Ukraine: "They are willing to help if we/you would like a price. ... Guess you can do anything in the Ukraine with money."

Now look, I'm sure there's a perfectly patriotic and hilarious explanation for those exchanges, but the Democrats and those information-obsessed media types are bound to spin some idle bro-on-bro chitchat that might sound vaguely like putting a hit on a U.S. ambassador into something negative.

Which is why we have to act fast before any more truth leaks out. We, the Trump fans, might have the inner strength to look away from details that point to a massive abuse of power and the sanctioning of dime-store-thug behavior on an international stage, but the weakling liberals out there are too chicken to wear our truth blinders.

And that's a real threat to our

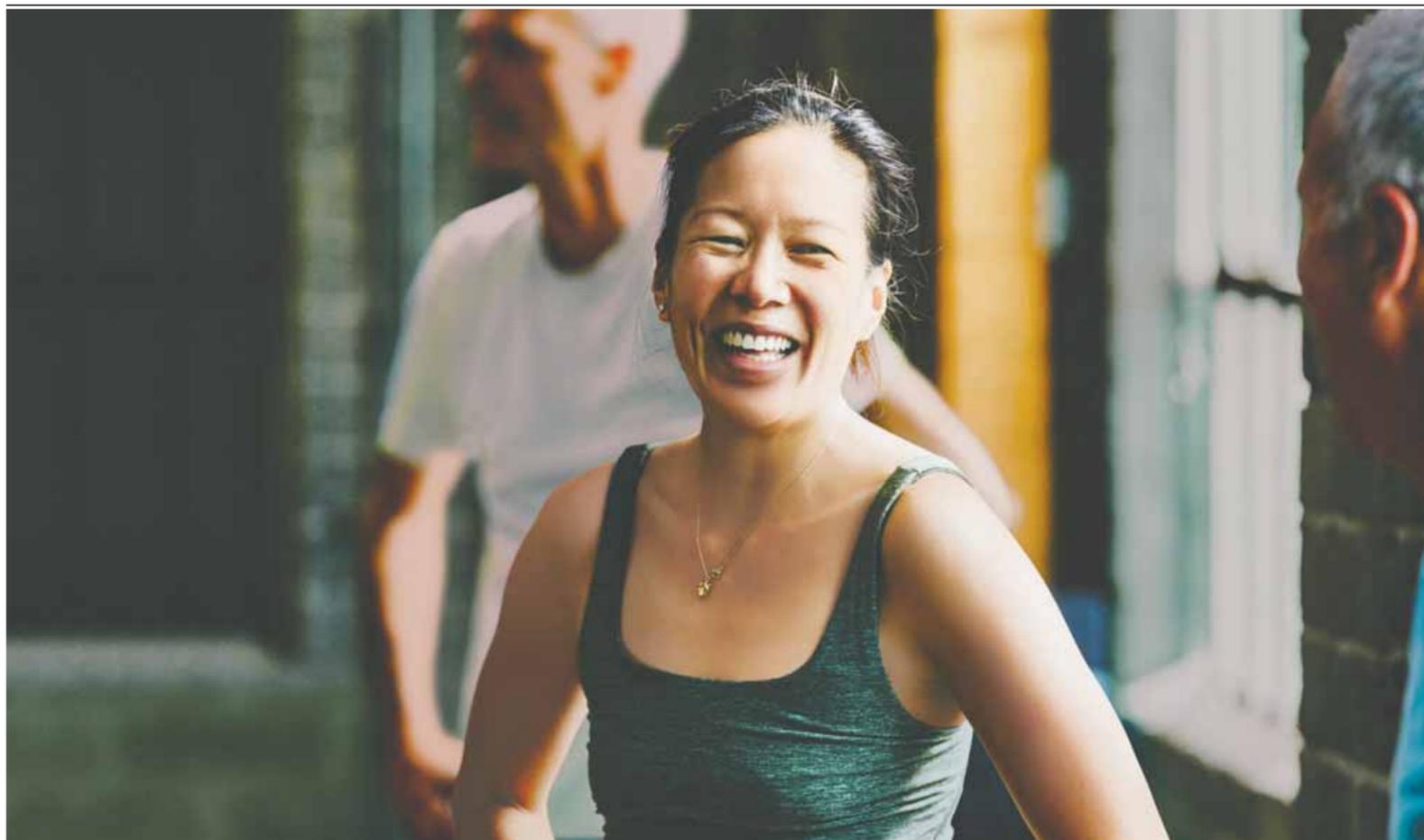
president, who just Tuesday night was at a rally in Milwaukee doing all he can for the forgotten men and women of America by railing against the injustice of low-flow faucets, toilets and showers.

"Sinks, toilets and showers — you don't get any water!" Trump said. "So we're getting rid of the restrictors, you're going to have full shower flow!"

Clearly, we need this man in office. House investigators say there are more Parnas documents to come, and who knows what other information might surface with each passing day. It's imperative that we not learn that truth. We need a restrictor on information that makes the president look bad. We need low-flow truth.

So do your job, Republican senators. Quickly end this ridiculous impeachment trial. Before the full shower of facts becomes impossible to ignore.

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DeVos is urged to ban seclusion in schools

Illinois lawmakers, others pushing to end misused procedure

By JENNIFER SMITH RICHARDS AND JODI S. COHEN
ProPublica Illinois

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Saying tens of millions of children are at risk, two U.S. senators and 10 members of the House of Representatives, all but one of them from Illinois, on Wednesday urged the nation's top education official to tell schools to stop putting students in seclusion rooms.

They also asked Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to issue federal guidance to prohibit physical restraints that restrict breathing and instead promote "evidence-based alternatives" for dealing with challenging behavior that don't involve hands-on contact.

"We are gravely concerned by harmful student seclusion and restraint practices occurring in schools around our country," reads the letter, spearheaded by U.S. Rep. Sean Casten, a Democrat who represents the 6th Congressional District in Chicago's west and northwest suburbs. "The use of seclusion and dangerous restraints is putting the psychological well-being and lives of children at risk every day and must be addressed at the federal level immediately."

The letter cites a Chicago Tribune-ProPublica Illinois investigation, "The Quiet Rooms," that found public schools put children in seclusion, known in Illinois as isolated timeout, every day for reasons that violated the law. Reporters also found that school employees were physically restraining children — sometimes facedown on the floor — when there was not an emergency safety

risk, also a violation of state law. Most of the children who were secluded had intellectual or behavioral disabilities.

The day after the first story published in November, the Illinois State Board of Education banned locking students in isolation rooms, restricted the use of restraints and required public and private schools to alert the state when they use the interventions. Proposed rules that would take effect this spring would ban facedown restraints. State lawmakers have also introduced legislation to ban seclusion.

Four states — Georgia, Hawaii, Nevada and Pennsylvania — ban seclusion. Sixteen others, now including Illinois, ban seclusion in certain circumstances or for certain types of students. "There are tens of millions of American children still at risk of experiencing this detrimental practice," according to the letter sent Wednesday.

The Education Department had not commented about the letter by late Wednesday.

Casten said the misuse of the rooms is widespread throughout the country and action is necessary to update 2016 federal guidelines on the issue. In the 2015-16 school year, the most recent year data was collected nationally, schools reported having used seclusion more than 73,000 times.

Casten acknowledged that school employees need training in alternatives to seclusion and restraint but said in an interview Wednesday, "I have not heard from anyone that they would be very disappointed if we took away this frankly inhumane practice."

"This shouldn't be controversial," he added. "I have no doubt that with the Department of Education leading this and the Congress behind it, we can put an end to this practice."

Seclusion rooms are typically small, sometimes padded, spaces meant to be used only in a safety

emergency. Some have heavy doors that lock and most are bare inside. Once reserved for residential or psychiatric facilities, some public schools began using them decades ago as they began serving more students with disabilities. While families and disabilities advocates say they are inhumane and cause lasting trauma, some school officials say they need the option to educate students with significant behavioral challenges.

Congressional efforts to prohibit seclusion and limit physical restraint in public schools that receive federal funds have repeatedly stalled since 2009. But after "The Quiet Rooms" was published, U.S. Rep. Don Beyer, D-Virginia, said he plans to reintroduce the most recent bill to ban seclusion, the Keeping All Students Safe Act.

Casten said the ProPublica Illinois-Tribune investigation mobilized members of the Illinois delegation. He said they didn't actively seek support from lawmakers from other states, but U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley, a Massachusetts Democrat, signed the letter.

U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth said she signed the letter to DeVos with the hope that she would "immediately ban this disturbing practice."

"As a mother to two young girls, it makes me physically ill to hear stories about children being locked up in isolation rooms as part of their school's seclusion program," Duckworth, a Democrat, wrote in a statement. "This is a horrifying practice that is dangerous and detrimental to the well-being of all young students, especially those with disabilities."

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin wrote: "The practices of life-threatening student seclusion and restraint should be banned from our schools. We are calling on the Department of Education to respond."

The Tribune-ProPublica Illi-

nois investigation, based on records from more than 100 school districts, documented more than 35,000 times when students were put in seclusion or restrained. While state law allows seclusion and restraint only when there's a safety issue, workers put children in isolation as punishment for spilling milk, not doing work or refusing to put toys away, the analysis found.

In one-third of the seclusion incidents, the law was violated, the investigation found; for restraint, the violation rate was one out of four.

Advocates for people with disabilities long have called for a ban on seclusion and dangerous types of restraints. "We believe that the Department of Education needs to be more vocal against these harmful and unnecessary practices," said Annie Acosta of The Arc, a national group that works on behalf of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. "We hear from parents from across the country about the lasting effects on their children, such as anxiety, depression, trouble sleeping and a fear of school. This does not need to happen."

The U.S. Education Department last issued guidance about seclusion and restraint in December 2016, focusing on concerns that the interventions could result in discrimination against students with disabilities. The federal government defines seclusion as involuntarily confining students alone in a room or area they can't leave. That wouldn't include times when a student chooses to take a break from class to calm down or go to a sensory room.

In January 2019, DeVos said the department would "address the inappropriate use of restraint and seclusion" by conducting compliance reviews of school districts and working to improve data reporting. Schools' self-reported data on the use of seclusion and

restraint is flawed, the ProPublica Illinois-Tribune investigation found; an education spokesman said Wednesday that the department has worked with hundreds of school districts this year to ensure accurate reporting and has received corrected data, including from Illinois.

The department has not opened any compliance reviews involving restraint and seclusion at Illinois school districts in the past year, the spokesman said. The department's Office for Civil Rights has been investigating a seclusion and restraint-related complaint at Valley View School District 365 in Bolingbrook since May 2016.

Casten said he hopes there will be federal guidance soon to end seclusion and limit restraints, followed by a law to "cement that in place."

Miranda Johnson, a professor at Loyola University's law school who studies school discipline reform, said research shows that practices that prevent students' behavior from escalating are effective and keep students safe.

"What I haven't seen in research is any evidence that seclusion and restraint do help to keep young people and adults safe at school. In fact, they come with great risks, including the risk of death," she said.

"We need to go back and reflect on our assumptions on practices that are keeping students safe in schools."

The other members of the Illinois delegation who signed the letter are U.S. Reps. Cheri Bustos, Mike Quigley, Danny Davis, Brad Schneider, Jan Schakowsky, Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, Raja Krishnamoorthi and Bill Foster. All are Democrats.

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Hundreds of students from Hillcrest High School lined up along 175th Street as U.S. Army Specialist Henry "Mitch" Mayfield Jr.'s body was returned to Hazel Crest.

Remains of fallen Hazel Crest soldier are returned home

Procession passes high school of Spc. Henry Mayfield Jr.

By MIKE NOLAN

The remains of fallen Army Spc. Henry "Mitch" Mayfield Jr. came back to his hometown of Hazel Crest on Wednesday in a procession that also went by the high school he attended.

Mayfield, 23, died in a Jan. 5 attack at an airfield in Kenya and was brought back to the Chicago area by military transport before being carried in a procession that swung past Hillcrest High School in Country Club Hills before arriving at Hazel Crest Village Hall.

Students at the school, from which Mayfield graduated in 2014, held flags and signs and gathered outside the school, at the northeast corner of Pulaski Road and 175th Street.

Clutching flags outside Village Hall waiting for the procession to arrive, were Clara Patten

and her daughter, Nicole, both Hazel Crest residents, who came "out to show our support," Nicole said.

Clara Patten said she didn't even know Mayfield Jr., but "I was about to cry seeing (the news of his death) on the TV."

Harvey Henry, of Markham, said that Mayfield Jr.'s dad is his cousin and that he had known the younger man all his life.

"He was very outgoing," Henry said.

Henry said his son and his son's wife spent more than two decades in the military, often deployed overseas, and that as a parent he wasn't always sure where they were or how they were faring.

"Once in awhile they could send word telling you they were OK," he said.

Howard Robinson, a former longtime Hazel Crest resident, said he felt he had to be at Village Hall when the procession arrived.



Mayfield Jr.

"This young man was truly proud of his service and we were proud of him," he said.

Robinson was former state command sergeant major for both the Army and Air branches of the Illinois National Guard, retiring in 2013. During his more than three decades with the guard he was involved in the training of thousands of soldiers, he said.

"I had soldiers who did not come home," he said. "(Being here) was the right thing for me to do."

People holding flags awaited the procession, which included dozens of police vehicles from suburbs including Deerfield, Lansing, Northlake, Oak Forest, Orland Park, South Holland and Summit.

Afterward, members of Mayfield Jr.'s family bowed their heads as the Rev. Robert Arnold, pastor of Look Up and Live International Ministries in Hazel Crest, said a brief prayer.

"We are praying for strength on this day," he said. "We are praying for healing for this family."

Tuesday, Hazel Crest handed out yellow ribbons to hundreds of attendees and asked that they tie them around trees in the community to commemorate Mayfield Jr.'s sacrifice.

Hazel Crest Mayor Vernard Alsberry, a military veteran, said that although the ribbons typically represent support for the homecoming of military personnel, they are intended to be a "welcome home" gesture for Mayfield Jr., who joined the Army in 2017.

Al-Shabab, an Islamic extremist group based in Somalia, has claimed responsibility for the assault at Manda Bay Airfield that killed Mayfield Jr. and two U.S. defense contractors.

Mayfield Jr. joined the military after struggling to afford college tuition, according to his family. Before enlisting, he worked fueling and deicing planes at O'Hare International

Airport, where a military transport carrying his remains had arrived earlier in the day.

Mayfield Jr. served as an air traffic services mechanic with the 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group of the Army's 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, the military said.

He had been stationed at Fort Rucker in Alabama prior to deploying to Kenya last October, where he worked installing and maintaining heating and cooling systems, according to his family.

A visitation will be held from noon to 8 p.m. Friday at Doty Nash Funeral Home, 8620 S. Stony Island Ave., Chicago. A wake for Mayfield Jr. begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the House of Hope, 752 E. 114th St., Chicago, followed by a Purple Heart Service at 10:30 a.m. and funeral at 11 a.m.

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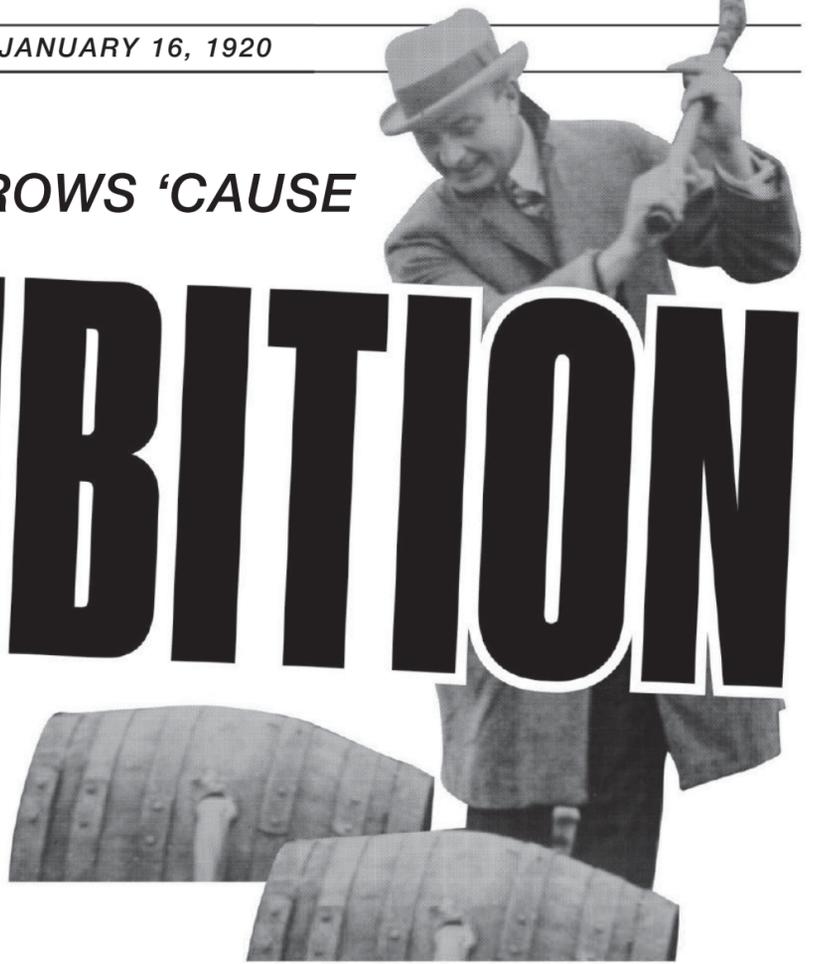
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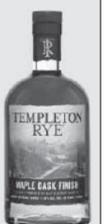
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Former first lady Michelle Obama and former President Barack Obama are introduced at the inaugural Obama Foundation Summit in 2017, in Chicago.

Obamas give \$1M to their foundation

The former first couple among new big-money donors

BY LOLLY BOWEAN

For the first time since they started their foundation more than six years ago, former President Barack Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama donated more than \$1 million to support the development of the Obama Presidential Center and to pay for its many programs, officials said.

The couple are just one of nine new big-money contributors that gave to the South Side-based Obama Foundation in the last quarter of 2019, records show.

The Nike Foundation gifted \$5 million to the foundation to help pay for constructing the athletic and recreational facility that will be located on the campus.

In addition, the most generous contributors included the philanthropist and wealthy art collector Agnes Gund; the private equity giant and billionaire Hamilton James, who is listed with his wife, Amabel; and the founder of a private money management firm Jeff Ubben, who

is listed with his wife, Laurie, who is the founder of the Bird School of Music in San Francisco.

The popular Chicago-based corporate executive Les Coney and his family agreed to give between \$250,001 and \$500,000 to the foundation, the updated list shows. And the former NBA player and sports commentator Charles Barkley donated between \$10,000 and \$100,000.

The Obama Foundation updates its list of donors every three months. The list shows donors by a monetary donation range, but it usually does not disclose exact figures for how much each donor gave.

The foundation raised about \$233 million in 2017 from private donors and about \$165 million in 2018, according to its annual reports. Officials have not released totals for 2019. While the group's annual report gives a peek into the fundraising, it does not reveal specific details on how close the group is to paying for construction of the Obama Presidential Center.

The foundation released its most recent list of contributors Wednesday morning.

There were 27 new donors that gave more than \$10,000 to the foundation in the last three months of the year. There were nine donors from Chicago that either gave for the first time or upgraded their donations significantly. Eight of the foundation's supporters agreed to give even more money than they initially pledged.

The Obamas have a history of making large-dollar contributions to charity, records show. In December, Michelle Obama committed to giving \$500,000 of proceeds from the sale of her book "Becoming" to her Girls Opportunity Alliance, which is a collective of smaller, grassroots organizations that work to get girls formally educated.

In 2017, the Obamas donated \$2 million to the city of Chicago to help pay for youth summer jobs programs on the South Side. And when he was president, Barack Obama gave more than \$1 million to charities, mainly to groups that serviced children, an analysis of his tax records showed.

It is unknown how much Obama's successor in the White House, President Donald Trump, donates to charity because he has refused to release his tax

returns.

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The center is expected to cost more than \$500 million and will be paid for

with private funds. But as part of its contract with the city, the foundation has to demonstrate an ability to raise the hundreds of millions of dollars to construct the facility and keep it operating for years to come.

Besides constructing the Obama center, the foundation supports a fellowship program, a scholarship program for graduate students and hosts summits, training conferences and workshops around the world.

The foundation has received city approval for the center, but it is currently engaging in a federal review process that has to be completed before construction can begin. Next week, the review process will resume when city, state and federal agencies will host a webinar for stakeholders.

In the past, foundation officials have said the center would be completed in 2022, but there the foundation has not publicly updated its projected timeline for the project.

The list of contributors can be viewed at www.obama.org/contributors.

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Nike's foundation gives \$5M to Obama's for athletic facility

BY LOLLY BOWEAN

The Nike Foundation has gifted \$5 million to the Obama Foundation to help support the construction of the athletic and recreational facility that will be located on the campus of the Obama Presidential Center, officials announced Tuesday.

The announcement came just a day before the foundation is expected to reveal its fourth-quarter big-money donations. It is unclear if the donation will be listed among the 2019 donors or if it's the first major donation for 2020.

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Son recalls discovering badly beaten body of mom in family home

BY CLIFFORD WARD

The son of homicide victim Andrea Urban testified that he didn't recognize the body he found in their Hinsdale home as that of his mother because she was so badly beaten, as the murder trial of the man charged in Urban's slaying began.

Sasha Kuznetsov was the first witness Wednesday in the DuPage County trial of Dominic Sanders, 32, of University Park. Sanders is charged with first-degree murder in the slaying of

Urban, who died May 4, 2017.

Kuznetsov, then a Hinsdale Central High School student, described coming home after school and seeing what he described as something that looked like spilled red paint on the kitchen floor. He then walked down the hall into the kitchen where he found his mother's body in a pool of blood.

"I didn't really recognize her at first," Kuznetsov, 20,



Sanders

said. He described running upstairs in fear that his younger sister was in danger. Finding the house empty, Kuznetsov said he re-entered the kitchen and recognized his mother's reading glasses on the chest of the body.

In their opening statement, DuPage prosecutors told the jury that Sanders killed the divorced mother of two during a home invasion, slashing her throat

with a kitchen knife and then stabbing her repeatedly in the head.

Sanders was charged three weeks later after police identified him as the man they had seen on security footage in the area around the time of the slaying. Later they found that Sanders had sold wedding rings at a pawnshop that same day as the murder; Urban's relatives identified them as family heirlooms.

Kuznetsov said his mother had shown him the

rings in the past and told him they would be given to him to make a future marriage proposal.

In his opening statement, First Assistant State's Attorney Bernie Murray told jurors that Sanders told "fabulous tales" and "whoppers" in an effort to distance himself from Urban's slaying. Murray also said blood spots found on Sanders' shoes were a match for Urban.

Sanders' attorney, Assistant Public Defender Teresa Rioux, flatly denied that Sanders killed Urban. She

Voters could see new vote machines

Plan would divert \$19M in lights program funds

BY JOHN BYRNE

Chicago voters are poised to see updated voting machines that election officials said will provide more security in the March primary election, thanks to nearly \$19 million Mayor Lori Lightfoot wants to move from the city's street-light replacement program to pay for the new equipment.

Under the spending plan aldermen advanced Monday, the bond money will be transferred to the Chicago Board of Elections to buy new touchscreen voting machines that will generate a paper ballot that voters will feed into ballot readers when they're done voting.

The city has borrowed money for the "smart street-light" program that Mayor Rahm Emanuel championed through his public-private Infrastructure Trust as a way to save energy costs and speed the replacement of broken lights.

Chief Financial Officer Jennie Huang Bennett on Monday said the city has about \$69 million in bond money left in the streetlight fund that won't be spent for a couple of years. Instead, \$18.7 million of that will be diverted to pay for the election equipment.

The city will come back and borrow money again to complete the replacement of the city's 270,000 streetlights "at a later date," Bennett said.

Some aldermen on Monday questioned why the transfer wasn't handled as part of the city's 2020 budget process, but the Finance Committee ultimately approved the move. The full City Council will consider the change Wednesday.

The touchscreen machines are heavily used during early voting, so voters can get the ballots they need in locations across the city, according to Chicago Election Board spokesman James Allen.

On Election Day, voters will continue to mostly use paper ballots, Allen said, though touchscreen machines also will be available for audio ballots and translations of the ballots into several languages.

The new machines are coming after a summer request for proposals for the equipment, according to Allen. The city last bought new voting machines in 2005, Allen said. The new touchscreens also will be used in suburban Cook County in the March primary.

"This is the optimum and most secure way to provide voters at all locations access to every ballot style," Allen said.

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Helpers of girl shot on Halloween are hailed

Police honor Little Village people who came to her aid

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN

Lali Lara's children had just passed by her workplace in Chicago's Little Village on Halloween night when gunfire broke out on a bustling 26th Street. Soon, Lara heard the screams of a father saying his 7-year-old daughter had been shot.

"I did what my heart told me to do," Lara said Wednesday, recalling that evening.

Lara and her co-worker, Yulissa Ruiz, let the family inside the store. They tended to the girl's wound, tried to stop the bleeding and kept everyone else out until paramedics and police arrived.

Nearby, Mike Moreno reviewed surveillance video from his liquor store after hearing the shots to see if anything was captured on video.

The steps all three took in the moments after the girl, Gisselle, was shot helped save her life and helped police quickly bring charges against the alleged shooter, said Chicago police Sgt. Ildefonso Lara, who presented them with plaques



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Halloween-costumed children view the scene where a 7-year-old girl was shot while trick-or-treating in Chicago.

for their efforts.

"The bravery and the compassion you showed that night is why Gisselle is still here with us," the officer told the crowd that gathered Wednesday afternoon inside the Little Village Chamber of Commerce.

In the months since Gisselle was wounded, she has been released from the hospital and has returned to school. Still, she sometimes feels pain and other times gets tired and wants to go to bed, said Delfina Lagunas, the girl's mother, who added that, later this week, Gisselle will undergo another surgery so doctors can

remove bullets from her body.

"Whenever she became disheartened, it would lift her spirits to get a visit from someone," Lagunas, who was present at Wednesday's gathering, said in Spanish.

On Christmas Day, those visitors included Mayor Lori Lightfoot, who stopped by with presents for the girl and her siblings. Lagunas said her daughter was quiet during the visit, but she was smiling and playing with the toys as soon as the group left.

"We aren't alone," Lagunas said. "Someone is always looking out for us, and that helps us."

The shooting happened on Halloween night as the 7-year-old girl was treat-or-treating on 26th Street with her father and brothers. A 15-year-old boy and several others — including at least one person wearing a mask — spotted a 32-year-old man who happened to be near the girl. The teens, alleged Gangster Two-Six members, tried to shake the man's hand and then chased him while yelling, "Two-Six!" and "King killa!" according to prosecutors.

The boy fired seven times, striking the girl twice and wounding the 32-year-old man, authorities said.

Lara works at a nearby cellphone store near the shooting scene, and she previously told the Tribune she heard the girl's father screaming, "My little girl's been shot!" Lara rushed the girl and her family inside the store.

She held the girl's hand and pressed against her chest to stop the bleeding. The girl was dressed up in a red and black Minnie Mouse costume.

"I was pressing on her and calling her name so she won't close her eyes," Lara previously told the Tribune. "She was looking at me, and I was calling her name. She was holding my hand for

three minutes and then she let me go. I have kids — I would go crazy if something happened to my kids."

The girl was rushed to Stroger Hospital, where she spent weeks recovering.

The 15-year-old boy faces charges in juvenile court of attempted first-degree murder, aggravated battery through discharge of a firearm and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon. He remains in custody.

On Tuesday, the boy, wearing a navy blue shirt and sweatpants, appeared in front of Cook County Juvenile Judge Darron Bowden for a pretrial hearing. The teen did not speak during the proceedings but, before leaving the courtroom, he looked back at his mother and stepfather, who were present.

He will appear in court again Feb. 24, when prosecutors will argue for an extended juvenile jurisdiction case, meaning that, if the teen is convicted, he could face the possibility of an adult sentence if he violates his juvenile sentence or faces new charges.

In the days after the shooting, Lara said she found herself crying. She visited the girl twice and keeps in touch with Lagunas to check on the girl's

progress. Ruiz said she felt speechless about the recognition. Both were happy to hear the girl was doing better.

The Chicago Police Department has credited the Little Village community for coming forward and helping officers secure charges in the case less than 48 hours after the shooting.

Chicago police Capt. Gilberto Calderon, who works in the Ogden District where the shooting occurred, said the three who were honored Wednesday were part of a shift in the community of people having faith over fear.

Moreno, the owner of Moreno's Liquors, urged other business owners in the area to get surveillance cameras and cooperate with the police. He thinks a strong business community helps create a strong community.

His store has operated in Little Village for more than 40 years, and he isn't worried about any backlash because he tries to show respect to everyone.

"Our agenda is not just to be a business. Our agenda is also to help the community," Moreno said.

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Flooding

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saturated and cannot retain much additional moisture from rain or melting snow, said state climatologist Trent Ford.

To the north, some states have received a heavy snowfall that will eventually melt into swollen tributaries that feed into the Mississippi River along Illinois' western border or a Lake Michigan that is already nearing record high levels.

"Here, in Illinois, we're the catchall for all of Midwest water," Ford said.

Warming world

NOAA also reported Wednesday that 2019 was the second warmest year ever since records began to be collected in 1880. The warmest ever was 2016, aided by El Nino events. Rising temperatures and increased precipitation are linked, scientists said.

For every 1 degree of warming, the atmosphere can hold 4% more water vapor that can turn into precipitation. Illinois has already warmed about 1.2 degrees statewide in the last century, and the state could warm by about 4 degrees by midcentury, said former Illinois state climatologist Jim Angel.

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

The costliest floods over the past 40 years occurred in 1993, when persistent heavy rains and thunderstorms deluged the Midwest, establishing new river height records and leaving extensive damage to farms, homes and businesses throughout the region. The floods that summer caused an estimated \$377 billion worth of damage, NOAA calculated, the eighth costliest climate disaster in the U.S. since the agency began compiling the data.

"A warmer atmosphere can convey more moisture to meteorological systems that develop, meaning they can deliver more rainfall potentially," Arndt said Wednesday during a conference call with reporters. "We see the largest events getting larger."

The Top 6 costliest climate disasters were all hurricanes, with 2005's Hurricane Katrina, which caused \$168.8 billion in damage and 1,833 deaths, as the costliest. No. 7 on the list was a drought and heat wave throughout the country in 1988, conditions that also contributed to the combined direct or indirect deaths of 5,000 people, NOAA calculated.

Since 1980, there have been 258 disasters in the U.S. that cost more than \$1



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An aerial view of the damaged Len Small levee on the Mississippi River near Cairo, Illinois, seen on Nov. 6, 2019.



Stranded barges are seen near Miller City Road north of Cairo in November of last year.

"We see the largest events getting larger."

— Deke Arndt, chief of climate monitoring for NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information

billion. The estimated total costs from these catastrophes exceed \$1.75 trillion.

In four decades of tracking these events, the number has trended upward. There have been some half-dozen billion-dollar disasters each year on average. But the last four years have each witnessed at least 14.

During that time, almost every region of the country has been gripped by extreme weather that captured the nation's attention. In 2017, a barrage of mon-

strous hurricanes battered the country's Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic coastlines. In 2018, a series of wildfires spread across California. In 2019, historically heavy spring rains in the Midwest combined with a melting thick snowpack that overwhelmed the region's waterways.

The flooding in Illinois and the surrounding states last year was the costliest since 2008, when Midwest states suffered \$12.1 billion in damage.

Flooding began to plague Illinois in late spring. Persistent rains caused widespread damage to cities and towns along the Mississippi and Illinois rivers, particularly in the western and southern parts of the state. The flooding left communities waterlogged for months, delaying or wiping out the planting season of corn and soybeans for far-

mers, washing over critical roadways and leaving the state's first-ever capital of Kaskaskia, essentially an island in the Mississippi, cut off from the rest of Illinois.

NOAA also noted that the flooding had ramifications for river barge traffic and "negatively impacted a variety of dependent industries."

In addition to the flooding that affected Illinois, states that border the Mississippi River as well as Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska were included in the damage total. NOAA also noted that persistent heavy rainfall affected Indiana and Ohio.

NOAA separately classified 2019 flooding caused by a powerful storm that dropped lots of precipitation and led to intensified snowmelt in the Upper Midwest, primarily on the Missouri River and its trib-

utaries. This flooding throughout March caused \$10.8 billion in damage across states from South Dakota to Michigan.

"When you get more of your rain in fewer larger doses, you have to manage things differently," Arndt said.

Flooding on the national stage

Midwest flooding came up as a topic in Tuesday night's Democratic debate in Des Moines, when the presidential candidates were asked whether they had a plan for communities affected by flooding. Former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg was asked about how to help people who live in high-risk flood areas. After hedging on specifics, Buttigieg eventually spoke about what the government's role might be.

"We are going to have to use federal funds to make sure that we are supporting those whose lives will inevitably be impacted further by the increased severity and the increased frequency," Buttigieg said.

Tom Steyer, the billionaire who has made climate change central to his campaign, also weighed in.

"Look, what you're talking about is what's called managed retreat," he said. "It's basically saying we're going to have to move things because this crisis is out of control. And it's unbelievably expensive. And of course we'll come to the rescue of Americans who are in trouble."

The near-record precipitation throughout the year also boosted water levels in the Great Lakes, Arndt said. A cold start to the year,

combined with a wet spring across the Upper Midwest and southern Ontario and Quebec, led to high water levels across the Great Lakes, Arndt said. Lake Michigan crested nearly 2 feet between January and July.

Precipitation has notably increased in winter and spring. But it's not only the rise in precipitation that has increased flood risk, it's also due to the form in which it's falling.

As Illinois winters become more mild, more precipitation is falling as rain rather than snow, which is more conducive to flooding. When the winter snowpack melts, the water gradually seeps into the soil. When rainfall sweeps over frozen soils, it makes it way into the region's streams and rivers.

"When soil is frozen, there's very small infiltration, and rain runs over it like a concrete slab and goes into our streams and creates flooding downstate," said Ford, the climatologist.

Scientists also are studying the interplay between ocean temperatures and the seasons, examining how warming seas affect precipitation levels and "climate variability," swings in changes from one year to the next. In general, climate change is exacerbating extremes.

"In the long run, a warmer atmosphere can convey more water vapor, and generally speaking, looking at the observed record ... the wet places and wet seasons are getting wetter," Arndt said. "And the dry places and dry season are experiencing more intense drought."

"There's not a large reason," he said, "to expect that to change."



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot cautioned aldermen Wednesday that there are enough resources to go around for numerous disenfranchised communities.

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Ald. Walter Burnett Jr., 27th, said transgender business owners likely do face discrimination, but “white gay males, I don’t think they’re discriminated against.”

In the end, the resolution passed 47-1, with only South Side Ald. David Moore, 17th, voting no.

Lightfoot criticized the tenor of the aldermen’s questions, which included Burnett during a committee hearing about the ordinance on Tuesday invoking the Adam Sandler film “I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry,” in which two straight firefighters pretend to be gay so one can earn health benefits.

“It’s not the questions that are the problem, it is the content of the questions and the offensive nature of the tone and the questions and the ‘concerns’ in quotes that were expressed,” Lightfoot said. “As a leader, as a black gay woman proud on all fronts, I have to say I’m disturbed by the nature of the committee discussion and the nature of the discussion here today.”

As mayor, Lightfoot has not been shy about responding to comments she finds objectionable, sparring with Ivanka Trump

and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz over Chicago’s gun violence and shutting down Ald. Edward Burke when he challenged her City Council rules by saying they weren’t gender neutral.

But Wednesday’s display marked Lightfoot’s strongest words during a floor debate and harked back to a March incident during which her political opponents spread homophobic flyers around the South Side denigrating her candidacy.

“Simply put, hate has no place in Chicago,” Lightfoot said at the time.

On Wednesday, Lightfoot cautioned aldermen that there are enough resources to go around for numerous disenfranchised communities and criticized minority aldermen for their language about the issue.

“It’s also shameful for any member of a discriminated community to give indulgence to offensive words spoken by someone else,” Lightfoot said. “In some ways, that’s even worse. My friends, the pie is big enough to slice it in lots of other ways.”

Closing her speech, Lightfoot appealed to aldermen to be responsible, saying: “Our children are watching.”

“Please choose your words carefully in this body. We are leaders. People look to us. They will take our word seriously, as they

should, and I will just say be careful in how you express yourself,” Lightfoot said. “Of course ask questions, that’s what a deliberative body does, but do it in a way that doesn’t demonize or victimize anyone else.”

Also at City Council on Wednesday:

■ Aldermen passed a scaled-back proposal instituting a six-month moratorium only for demolitions of residential buildings along The 606 trail to combat gentrification.

■ They approved longer hours for food trucks and permanent licenses for mobile vendors on nonfood products.

■ Aldermen agreed to allow the Chicago Cubs to sell liquor in the Cubs-owned Gallagher Way plaza in addition to the beer and wine that have been sold there for the past three years. And it will be easier for the team to host smaller events there without needing permits, under the ordinance approved Wednesday.

■ Aldermen approved an ordinance further limiting the city from helping federal immigration authorities. Lightfoot hailed the city’s work in hindering immigration agents working in Chicago, declaring: “Mission accomplished.”

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Ban

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world, even in Canada.”

Starting in 2021, Waguespack’s ordinance would ban the use of plastic foam packaging.

At the Thompson Center food court, where hot dogs, beefs and fries often come nestled in the squeaky boxes or other plastic packaging, the proposed change met with some resistance.

Cornell Forch, a Chicago resident who works in the Loop, said he doesn’t care if foam containers are banned in city restaurants, as long as it does not result in higher prices.

“If they come up with something that’s somewhat similar to it, then I don’t have a problem with it either way,” Forch said. “But how would people carry out? I mean, what would they use? God, they would probably charge them extra for anything that’s not paper.”

Other residents were strongly in favor of keeping foam containers. Trevor Hackman, who works downtown and often eats out in the area, said the boxes do a lot of work.

“I’m in favor of Styrofoam; it’s convenient,” Hackman said. “It keeps the food warm, it contains the food, it’s portable, it’s nice — it’s cheap.”

Daniel Andrade, a third year student at Harold Washington College, said foam is the most convenient option, especially for those on the go.

“I’m a student so they (the foam containers) do help me, especially when I have to go quickly on the run, just to go get something and go back to class — these do help me,” Andrade said.

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Trevor Hackman, Chicago resident

Waguespack’s ordinance wouldn’t eliminate disposable forks and spoons, drink tops, spill plugs and stirrers, and similar single-use products. But diners could get them “only upon request of the customer or at self-serve stations,” it reads. Disposable products would need to be compostable or recyclable, according to the measure.

Disposable straws, which advocates for disabled people have said are important to helping some drink from restaurant cups, would still be available. “Plastic drinking straws must be provided when specifically requested,” the ordinance says.

Fines for violating the standards would start with a written warning and rise to \$500 the fourth time inspectors find a problem in a restaurant.

Waguespack’s plan has the backing of various environmental groups, including the Shedd Aquarium and the Alliance for the Great Lakes. Though people might not love the change, the alderman told reporters Wednesday it’s a small price to pay.

“When I take my kayak

or canoe down to the lake or down to the river, one of the things I’m constantly doing is looking at the piles of trash, especially small plastics like straws and bottles that collect in the levies, collect on the sides of the beaches, things that our children are feeding off of every day, unfortunately,” Waguespack said.

He said Lightfoot is in favor of moving toward more sustainable options. But after Wednesday’s City Council meeting, the mayor was noncommittal on the measure. “I don’t know enough about it to be able to comment at this point,” she said.

The plan will face push-back from the restaurant industry and could undergo substantial changes as hearings on the plan take place over the next several months.

Tanya Triche Dawood, vice president of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, said recyclable products often cost considerably more than plastic ones, a serious problem with restaurateurs getting squeezed by the city on so many fronts. And she questioned the environmental benefits.

“The thing about polystyrene foam is, it’s very light, and frankly it’s very good at what it does,” Dawood said. “And the alternatives are heavier, and they take more energy to produce. And so they’re going to use more resources in the making of them, more resources in the transporting of them. So you have to think of the entire life cycle.”

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Amid bid to ban lobbyists, defining one definitely hard

Pritzker pushes to prohibit public officials in role

By DAN PETRELLA

With federal investigators scrutinizing the activities of lobbyists at City Hall and the state Capitol, Gov. J.B. Pritzker wants the General Assembly to pass legislation banning public officials from working as lobbyists at other levels of government.

But to do that, lawmakers will have to decide what, exactly, counts as lobbying and who would be required to register as a lobbyist. The difficulty lawmakers face in answering those questions became apparent Wednesday at the second meeting of a state ethics commission created late last year in response to the issues raised during the ongoing federal investigation.

Aside from state government, only a handful of Illinois’ nearly 7,000 units of government have any kind of disclosure requirements for those seeking to influence decision-making by public officials. Both the city of Chicago and Cook County require lobbyists to register and have active online databases making that information public.

In DuPage County, lobbyists have been required to register for decades, but the county government’s online database shows only seven registered lobbyists, the last of whom registered in 2017.

State Sen. Elgie Sims, a Chicago Democrat who co-chairs the Joint Commission on Ethics and Lobbying Reform, said the challenge for lawmakers is finding a cohesive way to define and track lobbying across units of government without “chilling the interactions between constituents and their governmental officials.”

“I believe it would be naive of us to think that’s



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker says he opposes people in public offices lobbying other levels of government.

not happening, that these discussions aren’t happening and those interactions aren’t happening outside of Chicago, outside of Cook County?” Sims said.

Sims, an attorney, has been registered as a lobbyist at City Hall and has reported being paid nearly \$13,000 in the past two years by consulting firm Gartner for lobbying city officials, according to city records. He’s said that work always took a back seat to representing his constituents in Springfield.

Under a Chicago ordinance approved late last year, Sims and other elected officials will no longer be allowed to lobby at City Hall and city officials will no longer be allowed to lobby other units of government.

The fact that state lawmakers could lobby on behalf of clients at City Hall was thrust into the spotlight by the arrest of state Rep. Luis Arroyo in October. The veteran Northwest Side Democrat, who subsequently resigned, was charged with allegedly bribing a state senator to support sweepstakes gambling legislation that would have benefited one of Arroyo’s lobbying clients at City Hall.

“I’m opposed to people who hold public office lobbying other levels of government,” Pritzker said last week. “That doesn’t sound right to me. There’s too much undue influence that a mayor can have on a state legislator or vice versa. And so we’ve got to look into: How do we

effectuate that?”

Good-government groups that testified at Wednesday’s hearing said the Chicago ordinance, which takes effect in April, can serve as a model for the state.

“At a minimum, Illinois should implement a ban on state legislators lobbying other localities,” said Alisa Kaplan, policy director at Reform for Illinois. “This would reduce conflicts like the one in Arroyo’s case and eliminate the possibility that state legislators will use their public position to exert inappropriate pressure on local officials for the benefit of their private clients.”

Kaplan and other advocates also pushed lawmakers to institute a “cooling-off period” for retiring lawmakers before they can become lobbyists. It’s a fairly common practice in Springfield for lawmakers to begin working as paid lobbyists shortly after leaving the legislature.

Others who testified at the hearing — including Steve Berlin, executive director of Chicago’s Board of Ethics — encouraged lawmakers to consider crafting legislation so that individuals would only have to register if they were paid more than a certain amount for lobbying work or devoted a certain percentage of their time to lobbying public officials.

“When you’re regulating lobbying and the influencing of government decisions, I think you really ought to be focusing on those people who are doing it for a living — that’s my personal opinion,” Berlin said.

The ethics commission has until March 31 to deliver recommendations to the General Assembly on changes to the state’s lobbying and government ethics laws.

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Preckwinkle seeks curbs on health board

Proposal would give her final say in hiring of new CEO

BY HAL DARDICK

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle is seeking veto power over the selection of the public health system's next leader, a move that comes after a \$542,000 severance package and generous pension for the ousted CEO raised eyebrows.

On Wednesday, Preckwinkle and several key commissioners proposed amending the 12-year-old ordinance that created the independent health board. The changes would give the County Board, which Preckwinkle largely controls, final say in the hiring of a new CEO, as well as that person's bonuses and severance package.

In addition, Preckwinkle would get the power to directly appoint the chair of the health system's board of directors. The new CEO also would be required to meet monthly with her, and the Preckwinkle-controlled Human Resources Bureau would wield the power to negotiate union contracts.

In a memo to commissioners explaining her proposal, Preckwinkle maintained that the board cannot do its work "alone and that enhanced collaboration with Cook County and its experienced departments will further improve (health system) operations."

The move comes after the Tribune first reported that Dr. John Jay Shannon, whose tenure ended with the New Year after the board voted unanimously to end his contract, would receive a \$542,000 severance package and an annual

pension of more than \$250,000.

The proposal is backed by several Democratic commissioners, including John Daley of Chicago, who chairs the Finance Committee; Larry Suffredin of Evanston, who wrote the law creating the independent Health and Hospitals System; and Dennis Deer of Chicago, who also sits on the health board.

Suffredin already was backing a proposal, which he now expects to be incorporated into Preckwinkle's changes, to rein in the health board's ability to offer outsized severance packages for its employees.

Shannon's severance package included a full year's pay plus a year's worth of health insurance benefits, which has been criticized as a golden para-



Preckwinkle

chute that goes against the spirit of a 2019 state law that limited severance payouts for public officials to 20 weeks salary.

On Monday, the state's attorney's office issued an opinion that the health system is not subject to the law because it shares county government's so-called home rule powers that exempt it from many state limitations. Those powers are conferred on many larger cities and suburbs, as well as Cook County government.

Documents obtained by the Tribune show two deputies to the CEO also would get a year's severance if they are dismissed without cause.

Another 20 system executives are entitled to six months' severance if fired without cause. That's under

a policy designed "to facilitate the recruitment and retention of qualified, experienced individuals for critical leadership positions."

The proposal by Suffredin and Bridget Degnen of Chicago would strip the health system of home rule powers, make system employees subject to the state limitation of 20 weeks severance and require any system contract that includes a severance clause be submitted to the County Board for approval.

"Severance in a public job requires reasonable limits," Suffredin said.

The changes would give the county human resources chief, who is selected by Preckwinkle, veto power over job classifications, pay and hiring.

Executive search firm Heidrick & Struggles is expected to help find a new

executive, health system spokeswoman Caryn Stanick said Wednesday. The firm will be paid one-third of the new CEO's salary and expenses, plus an administrative fee that is still being negotiated, she said.

Shannon was dismissed without cause, with the board of directors simply indicating it wanted a change in leadership of the health system, which has a \$2.8 billion budget and about 6,700 employees.

But Shannon had come under fire from the county inspector general over the board's financial management, including how it doled out raises, and there was growing concern by Preckwinkle and the County Board over ballooning health system costs.

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A rider waits to board as a passenger steps off a westbound bus near the CTA Blue Line station on Chicago Avenue.

CTA plans study to improve bus system

Ridership has fallen almost 23% since 2012

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

After years of falling bus ridership, the head of the CTA said Wednesday the agency is planning a first-of-its-kind major study to look at ways to improve the system.

CTA President Dorval Carter announced the plan at the agency's monthly board meeting, at which the board approved two pilot programs to expand bus service on the #157 Streeterville/Taylor route, and realign service on the #52 Kedzie/California and #94 California routes to reduce crowding on the Blue Line.

Bus ridership on the CTA has dropped almost 23% since a record high in 2012. The agency has blamed a variety of factors for the losses, including the increase in ride-share use and falling gas prices. Bus ridership also has fallen nation-

ally, and other transit agencies are looking at ways to improve service and turn the trend around.

"We haven't seen a holistic look at our entire bus system ever, as far as I know," Carter said in an interview after Wednesday's meeting. "It's a unique opportunity for us to take a look at how our service is operating, how it's meeting the needs of our customers and having conversations with them about how that service should look."

Carter said the study would start sometime later this year, and will include customer surveys and focus groups. He emphasized that the study was not about decreasing service, but making it work better.

The CTA is already taking steps to speed up service on some of its busiest routes by creating dedicated bus lanes during rush hour and giving buses priority over other vehicles at some intersections. The Chicago Department of Transportation has already created bus-priority zones on por-

tions of Chicago and Western Avenues, and more are planned for Halsted, 63rd and 79th streets, Belmont Avenue and Pulaski Road.

On Wednesday, the CTA board approved a pilot to expand bus service on the #157 route from California Avenue to Pulaski in North Lawndale, to accommodate economic growth along the Ogden Avenue corridor, CTA Chief Planning Officer Michael Connelly told the board. The year-long test of the expanded route will start April 20 and cost the CTA \$550,000.

The other change will start April 19, and will extend the #94 California route north from Chicago to Addison Street. Currently, the route cuts off at Chicago. The parallel #52 Kedzie/California will stop at Chicago, instead of going east and then north along California.

The idea behind the cost-free change is to make it easier for residents of Logan Square and Humboldt Park to choose to ride the California bus south to the

California stop of the Green Line station, instead of going north to the O'Hare branch of the Blue Line. The Blue Line, which runs through neighborhoods seeing extensive residential development, is extremely crowded during rush hour, while the Green Line has more room, Connelly said.

CTA spokesman Brian Steele said the realignment would give travelers a "more direct, more convenient" way to get to a less crowded train line. He noted that the current Kedzie and California routes date back to street car days, 100 years ago.

Carter said the CTA's plan for a comprehensive study was inspired in part by a similar study conducted by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, also known as SEPTA. The study looked at topics like duplicative service and congestion issues, according to SEPTA.

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Bloomberg spends a bullish \$4.4M on TV ads in Chicago

He's spent some \$200M nationally in Democratic bid

BY RICK PEARSON

Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg has saturated Chicago's airwaves with nearly \$4.4 million in local television advertising since announcing his latecomer bid for the Democratic presidential nomination in late November, federal reports show.

The Chicago ad buys are part of an unprecedented \$200 million that Bloomberg has spent out of his own pocket on network and local television stations nationwide, advertising reports showed.

In Chicago, where the campaign has purchased time on four network-affiliated stations as well as independent WGN-TV and the city's two Spanish-language network affiliates, Bloomberg has aired more than 2,700 half-minute and one-minute ads since Nov. 25.

From Jan. 1 through this week, reports showed Bloomberg has aired 1,168 TV ads at a cost of nearly \$1.9 million. Not included in the totals are cable TV ads the campaign has purchased.

The mayor of New York from 2002 to 2013, Bloomberg, 77, is the founder, CEO and majority owner of Bloomberg L.P., a financial news and media company. Forbes ranks him as the eighth wealthiest American, with a net worth of \$53.4 billion.

Self-funded campaigns by wealthy politicians who buy extensive and expensive airtime are nothing new in Illinois. Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker, a Hyatt Hotels heir whose wealth is estimated at \$3.4 billion, spent about \$80 million on advertising to win the 2018 election and defeat Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, who spent \$45 million in TV ads in his unsuccessful bid for reelection.

It's also not the first time Bloomberg has bought significant Chicago airtime. In 2017, he spent an estimated \$10.2 million on ads in an unsuccessful effort to combat a repeal of the Cook County soda tax, including nearly \$1 million on cable alone for two weeks in late September of that year.

Bloomberg has said he will spend an estimated \$10 million for a 60-second spot in this year's Super Bowl on Feb. 2, a day before Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucuses, though he is not an active participant in that contest. President Donald Trump's campaign also plans a Super Bowl ad.

The spending by Bloomberg in Chicago and nationally was emblematic of a man who has not ruled out spending \$1 billion of his own money to defeat Trump.

On Tuesday, Bloomberg's campaign said it had more than 700 campaign staffers on the ground in 33 states as it



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Michael Bloomberg has aired more than 2,700 ads since Nov. 25 in Chicago.

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— Kara Highfill, Illinois state director for Bloomberg

focuses on the Super Tuesday list of states as a formal campaign launchpad. Illinois' March 17 primary comes two weeks later.

"Our campaign here in Illinois is part of the most robust national organization and infrastructure to beat Donald Trump," Kara Highfill, Bloomberg's Illinois state director, said.

"We will compete everywhere and take our case directly to voters across the state with person-to-person conversations," she said.

But the power of television remains strong.

In Chicago, Bloomberg has spent \$1.2 million on ads on ABC-Ch. 7, \$1 million on NBC-Ch. 5, nearly \$830,000 on CBS-Ch. 2, and more than a half-million dollars apiece on Fox-Ch. 32 and WGN-Ch. 9. After the start of the new year, Bloomberg also began placing Spanish-language ads on Univision-Ch. 66 and Telemundo-Ch. 44.

Another billionaire in the race, Tom Steyer, has spent more than \$140 million nationally to promote his bid for the Democratic nomination, though the money appears to be more focused on national network spending.

In Chicago only one station, WGN, reported Steyer purchasing ads — 26 spots for \$44,100 and none since Jan. 1.

Bloomberg and Steyer filed for the Democratic presidential nomination, but did not file an accompanying slate of candidates for the national convention in Milwaukee in July.

Under state Democratic Party rules, convention delegates would be appointed by the state party if either man qualifies with enough of the popular vote from each of the state's 18 congressional districts.

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Ald. Burke fined max \$2K by ethics board

BY GREGORY PRATT

The Chicago Board of Ethics has fined Ald. Edward Burke \$2,000 after determining the embattled alderman wrote a letter to another city official "in a matter involving a client of his law firm within 12 months of when the alderman's law firm represented this client."

Burke properly recused himself from the matter, which involved a property tax classification break, but the board found "he failed to do a 'due diligence check' before writing the letter to another city official in the matter, which involved a client of his law firm — even though his law firm did not represent the client in this matter."

The board fined Burke the maximum it could for the violation, which was \$2,000. The Daily Line first reported the fine.

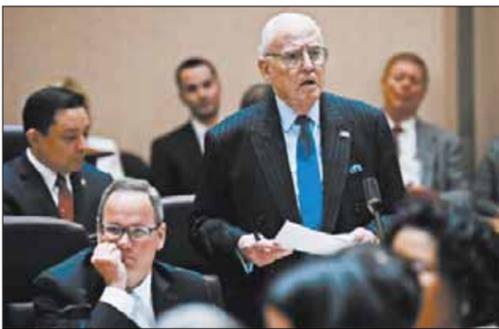
Ethics officials dealt with three total issues regarding Burke at their January board meeting. In one, the ethics board also requested an inspector general investigation into another unspecified matter involving Burke.

The board dismissed an allegation that Burke cast a vote benefiting a client of his law firm after Burke proved he was not there and did not vote.

Burke declined to comment about the fine.

Federal prosecutors filed a sweeping federal racketeering indictment against Burke in May. The 59-page indictment outlined a series of alleged schemes in which prosecutors say Burke abused his City Hall clout to extort private legal work from companies and individuals doing business with the city.

Federal prosecutors recorded a meeting between



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Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, is the city's longest-serving alderman. He is also currently under indictment.

Burke and then-Ald. Daniel Solis in October 2017, where Burke allegedly expressed his displeasure over the way developers of the old main Chicago post office had so far failed to throw any business to his private law firm.

"As far as I'm concerned, they can go f--- themselves," Burke told Solis, who was working undercover for the FBI and secretly recording the conversation, according to the indictment.

In addition to the attempted extortion of the old post office developers, the 14-count indictment accused Burke — the city's longest-serving alderman and a vestige of the old Democratic machine — of trying to muscle developers of two smaller projects into hiring his law firm as well.

He has pleaded not guilty and was reelected in February.

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Dems to investigate 'alarming' texts

Messages suggest Ukraine ambassador was being watched

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK AND ERIC TUCKER
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WASHINGTON — A House committee chairman said his panel will investigate what he says are “profoundly alarming” text messages that have raised questions about the possible surveillance of former Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch before she was ousted by the Trump administration last spring.

House Democrats on Tuesday night released a trove of documents they obtained from Lev Parnas, a close associate of President Donald Trump’s personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani. The messages show that a Trump donor named Robert Hyde disparaged Yovanovitch in messages to Parnas and gave him updates on her location and cellphone use.

Rep. Eliot Engel, a New York Democrat who chairs the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said Wednesday that the messages are “profoundly alarming” and “suggest a possible risk” to Yovanovitch’s security in Kyiv before she was recalled from her post.

“These threats occurred at the same time that the two men were also discussing President Trump’s efforts, through Rudy Giuliani, to smear the ambassador’s reputation,” Engel said.

He said the committee staff flagged the informa-



Trump donor Robert Hyde and President Trump. Attention is on Hyde, whose messages with Lev Parnas seem to reflect an attempt to track then-Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch.

tion for the State Department’s Bureau of Diplomatic Security and is seeking assurances that proper steps have been taken to ensure the security of Yovanovitch and committee staff. He said he also wanted to know what, if anything, the State Department knew about the situation.

“This unprecedented threat to our diplomats must be thoroughly investigated and, if warranted, prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law,” Engel said.

Democrats released the files Tuesday as they prepared to send articles of impeachment to the Senate

for Trump’s trial. The documents add new context to their charges that Trump pressured Ukraine to investigate Democrats as he withheld military aid — and could add pressure on the Senate as it debates whether to hear witnesses in the trial.

They show Parnas communicating with Giuliani before Yovanovitch’s removal, and that he appeared to be pushing unfounded claims that Democrat Joe Biden and his son Hunter Biden were somehow engaged in corruption in Ukraine. The documents include a handwritten note that mentions asking

Ukraine’s president to investigate “the Biden case.”

Among the documents is a screenshot of a previously undisclosed letter from Giuliani to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy dated May 10, 2019, which was shortly after Zelenskyy was elected but before he took office. In the letter, Giuliani requests a meeting with Zelenskyy “as personal counsel to President Trump and with his knowledge and consent.”

One of the documents released by Democrats is a handwritten note on stationery from the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Vienna that says “get Zelensky to Announce

that the Biden case will be Investigated.” Trump asked Zelenskyy in a July 25 call to investigate the Bidens. Hunter Biden served on the board of a gas company based in Ukraine.

Democrats said Parnas’ attorney confirmed that Parnas wrote the notes.

The documents — including phone records, texts and flash drives turned over by Parnas — were sent to the House Judiciary Committee by three other House panels “to be included as part of the official record that will be transmitted to the Senate along with the Articles of Impeachment,” according

to a statement.

Parnas and his business partner, Igor Fruman, both U.S. citizens who emigrated from the former Soviet Union, were indicted last year on charges of conspiracy, making false statements and falsification of records. Prosecutors allege they made outside campaign donations to Republican causes after receiving millions of dollars originating from Russia. The men have pleaded not guilty.

In several of the documents, Parnas communicated with Giuliani about the removal of Yovanovitch. The ambassador’s ouster, ordered by Trump, was at the center of the Democrats’ impeachment inquiry. Yovanovitch testified in the House impeachment hearings that she was the victim of a “smear campaign.”

Trump on the July call told Zelenskyy that Yovanovitch was “going to go through some things.”

Parnas also received messages from Hyde, who referred to Yovanovitch as a “bitch.” Hyde is now running for a U.S. House seat in Connecticut.

After texting about the ambassador, Hyde gave Parnas detailed updates that suggested he was watching her.

In one text, Hyde wrote: “She’s talked to three people. Her phone is off. Her computer is off.” He said she was under heavy security and “we have a person inside.”

Hyde at one point texted Parnas that “they are willing to help if we/you would like a price,” and “guess you can do anything in Ukraine with money is what I was told.”



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Boys walk through a dried patch of Chandola Lake in Ahmedabad, India. The 2010s averaged 58.4 degrees worldwide, or 1.4 degrees higher than the 20th century average.

2010s brought the high heat as hottest decade on record

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The decade that just ended was by far the hottest ever measured on Earth, capped off by the second-warmest year on record, two U.S. agencies reported Wednesday. And scientists said they see no end to the way man-made climate change keeps shattering records.

“If you think you’ve heard this story before, you haven’t seen anything yet,” Gavin Schmidt, director of NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies, said at the close of a decade plagued by raging wildfires, melting ice and extreme weather that researchers have repeatedly tied to human activity.

Schmidt said Earth as a whole is probably the hottest it has been during the Holocene — the past 11,500 years or so — meaning this could be the warmest period since the dawn of civilization.

But scientists’ estimates of ancient global temperatures, based on tree rings, ice cores and other telltale signs, are not precise enough to say that with certainty.

The 2010s averaged 58.4

degrees Fahrenheit worldwide, or 1.4 degrees higher than the 20th century average and more than one-third of a degree warmer than the previous decade, which had been the hottest on record, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The decade had eight of the 10 hottest years on record. The only other years in the Top 10 were 2005 and 1998.

NASA and NOAA also calculated that 2019 was the second-hottest year in the 140 years of record-keeping. Five other global teams of monitoring scientists agreed, based on temperature readings taken on Earth’s surface, while various satellite-based measurements said it was anywhere from the hottest year on record to the third-hottest.

Several scientists said the coming years will be even hotter, knocking these years out of the record books.

“This is going to be part of what we see every year until we stabilize greenhouse gases” from the burning of coal, oil and gas, Schmidt said.

“It’s sobering to think that we might be breaking

global temperature records in quick succession,” said Georgia Tech climate scientist Kim Cobb. “2020 is off to a horrifying climate start, and I fear what the rest of the year will bring to our doorsteps.”

NASA’s Schmidt said that overall, Earth is now nearly 2.2 degrees hotter since the beginning of the industrial age, a number that is important because in 2015 global leaders adopted a goal of preventing 2.7 degrees of warming since the rise of big industry in the mid- to late 1800s. He said that shows the global goal can’t be achieved.

Other explanations that rely on natural causes — extra heat from the sun, more reflection of sunlight because of volcanic particles in atmosphere, and just random climate variations — “are all much too small to explain the long-term trend,” Princeton University climate scientist Michael Oppenheimer said.

Scientists said the decadelong data is more telling than the year-to-year measurements, where natural variations such as El Niño, the periodic warming of the Pacific Ocean, come into play.

Russian shake-up could keep Putin in power past 2024

BY VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin engineered a surprise shake-up of Russia’s leadership Wednesday, proposing changes to the constitution that could keep him in power well past the end of his term in 2024.

Hours after he made the proposals, Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev resigned and Putin named the little-known head of Russia’s tax service to replace him.

Medvedev’s entire Cabinet also resigned, The New York Times reported.

Putin, 67, kept his longtime ally Medvedev in the Kremlin’s leadership structure by appointing him to the newly created post of deputy head of the presidential Security Council. But the duties and influence of that position are unclear.

The shake-up sent shock waves through Russia’s political elites who were left pondering what Putin’s intentions were and speculating about future Cabinet appointments.

Putin’s proposed constitutional changes, announced in a state of the nation address, indicated he was working to carve out a new governing position for himself after his term ends, although the suggested changes don’t immediately specify what path he will take to stay in charge.

The former KGB operative has led Russia for more than 20 years.

Alexei Navalny, the most prominent Russian opposition leader, tweeted that Putin’s speech signaled his desire to continue calling the shots even after his presidential term ends.

“The only goal of Putin and his regime is to stay in charge for life, having the entire country as his personal asset and seizing its riches for himself and his



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President Vladimir Putin, left, and Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev head to a meeting Wednesday in Moscow.

friends,” Navalny said.

The Kremlin said Tax Service chief Mikhail Mishustin was nominated to replace Medvedev, who has been prime minister for nearly eight years. Approval by the Duma on Thursday is virtually certain.

Mishustin has no political experience, indicating he will carry out the Kremlin’s wishes as head of the Cabinet. He is credited with modernizing Russia’s tax system.

Analyst Gleb Pavlovsky, a former Putin adviser, told the Interfax news agency that Mishustin is “a splendid bureaucrat, in the best sense of the word.”

The move is the third time in the Putin era that major leadership changes have come from the top. Putin came to power in the first one, when he became acting president after Boris Yeltsin’s surprise resignation on New Year’s Eve 1999.

In 2007, as his second term neared its end, he anointed Medvedev to succeed him. Medvedev then said Putin should be prime minister — moves that critics decried as an imposed job-swap without input from the electorate. Medvedev was president in 2008-12, but Putin, as premier, appeared to be effectively in charge.

Under Medvedev, the constitution was amended

to lengthen the president’s term from four years to six, although it limits the leader to two consecutive terms.

In televised comments Wednesday, Medvedev said he needed to resign in light of Putin’s proposed changes in government.

Putin suggested amending the constitution again to allow lawmakers to name prime ministers and Cabinet members. The president holds the authority to make those appointments.

“It will increase the role of parliament and parliamentary parties, powers and independence of the prime minister and all Cabinet members,” Putin told top officials and lawmakers.

At the same time, Putin argued that Russia would not remain stable if it were governed under a parliamentary system. The president should retain the right to dismiss the prime minister and Cabinet ministers, to name top defense and security officials, and to be in charge of the Russian military and law enforcement agencies, he said.

Putin emphasized that the constitutional changes must be put to a nationwide vote.

Putin has been in power longer than any other Russian or Soviet leader since Josef Stalin, who led from 1924 until his death in 1953.

Then and now, Senate steeped in partisanship

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There's every chance that the impeachment trial of Donald Trump will look much like Bill Clinton's did 21 years ago.

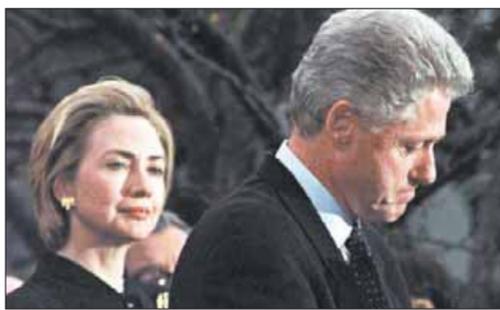
There's little chance the Senate will take the same path to get there.

The third impeachment trial of a president in U.S. history is expected to start on a sharply partisan vote, breaking from the unanimous bipartisan tally that set the tone at the start of Clinton's trial.

It's a different Senate now, with the transformation of the parties over the past 20 years leaving fewer moderates to seek consensus. The hyperpolarization has led to steps deemed unthinkable in Clinton's time, like the end of the filibuster for Supreme Court nominees, a sentiment that has now migrated to one of the Senate's gravest constitutional responsibilities.

"In my view, I think what's happening is that politics has taken over," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., whose 24-year Senate career is coming to a close this year.

Twenty-one years ago, then-Senate leaders Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Tom Daschle, D-S.D., were able to start Clinton's trial on a 100-0 vote. A decision on



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Then-first lady Hillary Clinton watches as President Clinton thanks members of the House who voted against his impeachment. He became the second president impeached.

testimony, which created a partisan split, came later.

"I was determined from the get-go — I was not going to let the Senate lose all its decorum," Lott recalled.

Today, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has invoked the "precedent" of the Clinton trial resolution to unite his party, operating under rules that give him the advantage. His resolution is expected to lay out a schedule for opening arguments and questions, but push off until later a decision on calling witnesses like former national security adviser John Bolton.

"If that unanimous bipartisan precedent was good enough for President Clinton, it should be our template for President Trump," McConnell said. "Fair is fair."

But by cloaking himself in the Clinton model, McConnell is also opening himself and his fellow Republicans to charges of inconsistency — even obstructionism — if they vote to block witnesses once Trump's trial is underway.

Democrats, led by Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York, say allowing testimony is the only way to have a fair trial.

The wrangling over Senate procedure is just a sampling of how the political past has been exhumed, vote by vote and statement by statement, as the parties have fought through Trump's impeachment on charges of abuse of office and obstruction of Congress.

Republicans supported witnesses the last time because they wanted to give the GOP lawmakers prose-

cuting Clinton a fair shot. In Trump's trial, the momentum toward calling witnesses is coming from a core group of moderates led by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, that have been given great latitude by McConnell and other GOP leaders.

One obvious reason is voter opinion.

A recent Quinnipiac Poll found two-thirds of voters would like to see Bolton testify, with many Republicans favoring the idea. About 7 in 10 independent voters back the idea.

Both McConnell and Schumer were in the Senate for the Clinton trial, and fought on opposite sides when it came to testimony.

Twenty-one years ago, as a newly-sworn senator, Schumer was adamant against calling witnesses like Monica Lewinsky.

"This is not a fishing expedition to be conducted on the floor of the Senate," he said.

Schumer also voted in 1999 for the unanimously approved resolution that got the Clinton trial started.

The script is similarly flipped for McConnell, who was an advocate for hearing from witnesses like Lewinsky, the White House intern with whom Clinton had an extramarital affair.

"It's not unusual to have a witness in a trial. It's certainly not unusual to

have a witness in an impeachment trial," McConnell said on CNN's "Larry King Live" in January of 1999. "The House managers have only asked for three witnesses. I think that's pretty modest."

Now McConnell's not so sure, saying it's not the Senate's job to bolster a House impeachment case he considers "slapdash."

Yet there are clear differences between the Clinton experience and the case ensnaring Trump. Independent counsel Kenneth Starr compiled the case for Clinton's impeachment, handing Congress boxes of sworn testimony and evidence.

Trump's actions toward Ukraine, by contrast, have not been investigated outside the political process. The White House ordered witnesses not to appear before the House and refused to turn over documents, leading Democrats to approve an article of impeachment against Trump for obstruction of Congress.

Democrats say the Senate should use the power of the impeachment trial to bust through Trump's blockade.

"We know that certain key witnesses haven't provided any testimony and that critical documents have been withheld," Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said.

NC driver had knack of cashing in on mail

Man gets 3½ years after victimizing over 1,300 people

BY JONATHAN DREW
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — A North Carolina man was sentenced this month to more than three years in prison for roaming neighborhoods after dark, stealing mail from mailboxes and then cashing thousands of dollars in pilfered checks, prosecutors said.

Since at least 2016, Erik Magana's scheme targeted affluent neighborhoods in several North Carolina cities, including Charlotte, Davidson and Gastonia, as well as Fort Mill, South Carolina, according to court documents.

Authorities say he would drive up to mailboxes, reach his hand through the window of the car and take mail that residents had failed to bring inside after daytime delivery.

Authorities documented mail stolen from at least 1,300 victims.

Magana, 34, of Charlotte, who pleaded guilty in April to mail theft and aggravated identity theft, was sentenced to 42 months in prison in federal court. He also was ordered to pay \$77,000 in restitution, which represents documented losses to banks he defrauded, though the actual cost of his fraud is likely much higher, prosecutors said.

"Contained within the defendant's apartment were undelivered 'Hamilton' tickets, Christmas or-

Erik Magana, 34, of Charlotte, North Carolina, also was ordered to pay \$77,000 in restitution.

naments, merchandise, passports, state and federal income tax refund checks, credit and debit cards, and business and vendor payments, amongst others," prosecutors wrote in court documents. "The time and energy many of these victims expended to obtain replacement tax refund checks from the IRS or North Carolina, canceling and replacing credit cards, and reissuing checks to vendors for payments cannot be underestimated."

U.S. Postal Inspector Anton Jones wrote in a court document that his investigation of Magana began in late 2018 after authorities received numerous reports from the Charlotte area of people having mail stolen from residential mailboxes during early morning hours. The victims also reported that checks or credit cards were used without their consent.

The inspector wrote that he obtained a warrant and began tracking the blue 2017 Mercedes sedan driven by Magana during early morning runs through affluent neighborhoods.

Prosecutors wrote that over an approximately one-week period "he was tracked during the overnight hours driving through Charlotte-area neighborhoods almost every day that mail was delivered. Postal Inspectors also personally observed the defendant stealing mail by reaching his arm through the open window of his vehicle."

Magana would then take stolen checks, sometimes forging the recipient's signature, and deposit them into bank accounts, then quickly withdraw cash before the banks had time to notice the funds were stolen, according to court documents.

Magana sometimes dumped unwanted mail in public places but kept much of it at his home, filling rooms and creating unsanitary conditions that left much of it soiled by bugs or maggots, according to a news release from prosecutors.



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Clerk of the House Cheryl Johnson and Sergeant-at-Arms Paul Irving lead seven impeachment managers through Statuary Hall to the Senate.

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United States."

The Senate will transform itself into an impeachment court Thursday. The Constitution calls for Chief Justice John Roberts to preside at the trial, administering the oath to senators who will serve as jurors and swear to deliver "impartial justice."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell pledged to have the Senate "rise above the petty factionalism" and "factional fervor and serve the long-term, best interests of our nation."

Technically, the House was simply notifying the Senate of its delivery of the articles, with a more formal presentation Thursday. Opening arguments are to begin Tuesday after the Martin Luther King Jr.

holiday.

Earlier Wednesday, the House voted 228-193, almost entirely along party lines to deliver the charges. The split reflected the deeply divided nation at the start of this presidential election year. It came one month after the House impeached Trump alleging he abused his presidential power by pressuring Ukraine to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden, using military aid to the country as leverage. Trump was also charged with obstructing Congress' ensuing probe.

Trump's political campaign dismissed the House effort as "just a failed attempt to politically damage President Trump leading up to his reelection."

The president's team expects acquittal with a Senate trial lasting no more than two weeks, according to senior administration officials.

That's far shorter than the last presidential impeachment trail, of Bill Clinton, in 1999, or the first one, of Andrew Johnson, in 1868.

As McConnell sets the rules for the trial, Trump has given mixed messages about whether he prefers lengthy or swift proceeding, and senators are under pressure with the emerging new evidence to call more witnesses for testimony.

Ahead of Wednesday's session, Schiff released new records from Lev Parnas, an associate of Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani, about the Ukraine strategy, including an exchange with another man about surveilling later-fired Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch.

Schiff said the new evidence should bring more pressure on McConnell, who is reluctant to allow witnesses to testify and prefers swift acquittal.

"The challenge is to get a fair trial," Schiff said. "It shouldn't be a challenge — if the senators are really going to live up to their oath to be impartial, they'll want a fair trial. That's obviously not where Mitch McConnell is coming from."

Trump's trial comes against the backdrop of a politically divided nation in an election year.

For the roll call, all but one Democrat, Rep. Collin Peterson of Minnesota, voted to transmit the articles. All Republicans voted against. One former Republican-turned-independent, Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan, joined Democrats.

McConnell faces competing interests from his party for more witnesses, from centrists who are siding with Democrats on the need to hear testimony and conservatives mounting Trump's defense.

Senate Republicans signaled they would reject the idea of simply voting to dismiss the articles of impeachment against Trump, as Trump himself has suggested.

Sen. Susan Collins of Maine is leading an effort among some Republicans, including Mitt Romney of Utah, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Lamar Alexander of Tennessee to consider Senate witnesses. Romney said he wants to hear from John Bolton, the former national security adviser at the White House, who others have said raised alarms about the alternative foreign policy toward Ukraine being run by Giuliani.

Those four senators could force votes. Republicans control the chamber 53-47 and are all but certain to acquit Trump. But it takes just 51 votes to approve rules or call witnesses.

Pelosi picks 7 Democrats to press case against president in Senate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has chosen seven lawmakers to prosecute the House's case that President Donald Trump abused his office and obstructed Congress' probe into his actions. The managers bring institutional and subject matter expertise to the task, as well as geographic diversity.

The House confirmed the managers 228-193.

Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, 59: The California Democrat led the impeachment investigation into

Trump's pressure on Ukraine to announce an investigation into the family of Joe Biden, even as the president held up military aid to the U.S. ally. Schiff is a former federal prosecutor.

Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler, 72: The New York Democrat wrote the impeachment articles against Trump based on Schiff's investigation report. He also led hearings into former special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russia's 2016 meddling. Pelosi noted that Nadler was the top Democrat on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil

Rights and Civil Liberties for more than a dozen years.

Rep. Zoe Lofgren, 72: The California Democrat is a veteran of three presidential impeachment inquiries. She was on the Judiciary Committee during the 1998 and 1999 proceedings against President Bill Clinton. She was a Judiciary Committee staffer during the impeachment inquiry against President Richard Nixon, who resigned before he could be impeached.

Rep. Val Demings, 62: The Florida Democrat is a member of both Schiff's and Nadler's committees,

making her one of the House's foremost experts on the case against Trump. She served in the Orlando Police Department for nearly three decades, becoming the first woman to lead it as chief.

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, 49: The New York Democrat is the chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, putting him in close touch with the sentiment of Pelosi's troops and giving him a seat at her leadership table. He is a corporate lawyer and former state assemblyman.

Rep. Sylvia Garcia, 69: The Texas Democrat gives the team a manager from a

red state and is a member of the freshman class that helped flip the House from Republican control last year. She is a former presiding judge of the Houston Municipal System and a former state senator.

Rep. Jason Crow, 40: The Colorado Democrat is a lawyer and veteran. He was one of the seven Democratic freshmen with national security credentials who signed an op-ed last year calling for impeachment proceedings, clearing the way for Pelosi to launch them.

Los Angeles Times contributed.

#MeToo takes literary turn in France

Book exposing child-sex writer sparks outcry

BY JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

PARIS — He was a middle-aged French author becoming known, even celebrated, for writing about sex with children. She was a fragile 14-year-old, too young to foresee the damage she says was done to her life by his predatory grip on her body and mind.

Now a grown woman, Vanessa Springora is causing a literary, legal and cultural storm in France with her explosive tell-all book that alleges — in cutting detail — an underage and destructive sexual relationship with French writer Gabriel Matzneff, now in his eighties.

The publication this month and quick commercial success of “Consent” is also being hailed by child-protection activists as a possible watershed moment for France. The book has ignited renewed debates about the country’s permissive attitudes toward sex with minors and soul-searching about why Matzneff was long celebrated in Paris.

“This is a very important book. It’s France’s #MeToo moment,” says Homayra Sellier, an advocate for child victims of sexual violence with the group Innocence in Danger.

Matzneff is rapidly becoming a pariah in the wake of the book’s publication and is the target of a new rape probe by Paris prosecutors. Yet for years, Matzneff was a frequent guest on French TV and radio. He was awarded a prestigious literary prize in 2013 and honored by the French government with medals and an annual allowance.

But for the teenage Springora, Matzneff was the 50-year-old for whom she developed a schoolgirl crush after her mother, who



The book “Le Consentement” (Consent) by Vanessa Springora was in its seventh printing after one week.

worked in publishing, dragged her to a dinner party. There, she met and was bowled over by the writer who seemed to have eyes only for her. She alleges he then set about grooming her until he was habitually waiting at her school gates so he could take her away for sex in his flat or a hotel.

Matzneff has defended himself in an essay, which L’Express magazine published in full. He wrote that he will not read Springora’s book, describing it as “a dagger to the heart” that is “intended to harm me, to destroy me” and which “tries to make me out as a pervert, a manipulator, a predator, a bastard.” He described his relationship with Springora when she was “my young lover” as one of the “passionate loves” of his life.

Springora says it was Matzneff’s own writings that helped break his hold on her.

While he was away on a trip, she read his fetid descriptions of having sex with other children, works he had told her not to look at. They punctured her illusions that their relationship was a special romance.

“His books were populated by other 15-year-old Lolitas,” Springora writes, recalling how the blinders fell from her eyes. “This man was no good. He was, in fact, what we are taught to fear from childhood: an ogre.”

Many other prominent French figures — belatedly — now say likewise.

Jacques Toubon told a talk show that he regrets his decision as culture minister in 1995 to decorate the writer with France’s Arts and Letters medal. The current culture minister, Franck Riester, now says Matzneff should no longer receive the annual state allowance for which he is eligible as a renowned author, calling him “the eulo-

gist of pedo-criminality.”

While Springora’s book is flying off the shelves — already in its seventh printing after a week on sale — publishers who for years backed Matzneff are running in the other direction. They are withdrawing his writings, including “The under 16s,” a shock essay first published in 1974.

That essay came in the wake of France’s intellectual ferment and social upheaval unleashed by May 1968 riots and strikes, when protesters sought to break free of the country’s old political and social order and build anew, behind the slogan “it is forbidden to forbid.”

For some, those changes included permissive attitudes to sex, even with minors.

France’s trailblazing 20th-century thinkers Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir, future Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner and dozens of

others joined Matzneff in signing a 1977 petition, published in the Le Monde newspaper, that defended three men detained for three years ahead of their trial for sexual activity with minors.

“Three years of prison for caresses and kisses, that’s enough,” said the petition, which Matzneff later claimed he wrote.

Child-protection activists want to believe that the revulsion sparked by Springora’s book shows that French attitudes are changing. They’re also gratified by the refocused attention on Matzneff, a writer who had been allowed to slowly slide into relative obscurity, becoming unknown to many younger readers and seemingly freed of the risk of the legal and financial entanglements he now faces.

“It was very hard to watch him being praised to the skies by everyone,” says Sellier, who wrote to then-

President Francois Hollande in protest after Matzneff won the prestigious Renaudot literary prize, in its essay category, with few complaints in 2013. “It was shocking. It is shocking. Everyone looked the other way for 30-40 years.”

Springora says that award was “unbearable” for her and was one of the triggers that prompted her to write about her experiences and the adults she blames for not protecting her as a vulnerable adolescent. They include her mother, who knew of the relationship, her absentee father, the French police and others. Now working as a literary editor, the 47-year-old says she also struggles to understand why Matzneff’s publishers marketed his most nauseating writings.

Child rights activists hope the outcry over her book could boost efforts to toughen child protections in France. They have been unsuccessful so far in getting a statutory rape law that would remove rapists’ ability to argue that children consented to sex. Some French courts have refused to prosecute men for rape because authorities couldn’t prove that children were coerced, cases that have exposed legal loopholes that are still open to abusers.

“May ’68 shouldn’t have been a license to rape children, and yet that is what it became,” says Sellier. “This book helps us because it’s the first time that a victim of Gabriel Matzneff is expressing themselves. The huge interest of this book is that it’s pinpointing France’s problem with consent.”

For Springora, the book is her way of turning the tables and having the final word.

“What has changed today,” she writes, “is that after the liberation of moral standards, the words of victims are also liberating themselves.”

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Wildcat miners slowly dying to survive

Poisoning is the trade-off for better life in Indonesia

By RICHARD C. PADDOCK
The New York Times

TALIWANG, Indonesia — The wildcat miner had something to prove: processing gold ore with liquid mercury was perfectly safe. So he drank some of the toxic chemical, choosing the promises of gold fever over the pain of mercury poisoning.

“I have no worry about mercury,” bragged the fast-talking Syarafuddin Iskandar, 58. “I drank it. We gave it to the cows and the buffaloes. They drank it. Nothing happened. There’s no problem.”

His stunt has made him famous in the gold fields of Sumbawa, an Indonesian island 100 miles east of Bali where makeshift mining camps dot the jungle hills. But it also illustrated the stark choice the illegal miners here face. To earn a living they effectively poison themselves, their communities and the environment by using mercury, an outlawed but popular way to extract gold from ore.

For decades, Syarafuddin and thousands of small-scale miners like him have worked illegally in West Sumbawa on land the government leases to large mining companies. The outlaw miners pay nothing for rights to the land but reap as much as \$6 million a month in gold.

About 1 million small-scale gold miners operate across Indonesia, the world’s largest island nation, and the outlaw industry presents a vexing paradox.

The use of mercury in the wildcat camps results in devastating effects on health and the environment. The heavy metal is well known as a slow-acting poison that seeps into the food chain, causing birth



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Wildcat miners dig for gold near Taliwang, Indonesia. About 1 million small-scale gold miners operate in the island nation.

defects, neurological disorders and death. But because the mines are a short-term boon to the economy — employing people who might otherwise live in crushing poverty — the government is reluctant to shut them down.

The competing interests of the local people, the government, environmentalists and large mining companies that control land where wildcat miners operate are now coming to a head in West Sumbawa. This time a large mining company is taking steps, which it says are meant to protect the environment.

Last year, officers from a feared Police Mobile Brigade Corps, armed with assault rifles, climbed through dense jungle to shut down the mountaintop camps of dozens of outlaw miners.

The miners had squatted

there for years, using mercury that poisoned the soil and a nearby stream. The site was previously controlled by Newmont Goldcorp, an American company and one of the largest mining businesses in the world.

The police ordered the miners to dismantle their camps, cut up their equipment with a chain saw and block the mine entrances with debris. The wildcaters seethed as the miners were forced to destroy their operations.

“We are crushed that they are closing this mine because we have no other way to make a living,” said one outlaw mine operator, Zaenal Abidin, who had employed two dozen men to work his claim.

The environmental group Nexus3 Foundation estimates that 850 gold mining sites have become mercury contaminated hot

spots and that half a million people suffer from mercury poisoning nationwide.

The rare police crackdown was prompted by the mining company, PT Amman Mineral Nusa Tenggara.

Amman Mineral acquired the vast land concession and huge Batu Hijau open-pit copper mine from Newmont in 2016 during a push by the government to assert national control over mineral resources.

With a pipeline that dumped massive amounts of mine waste into the sea, Newmont gained a reputation for damaging the environment.

Closing the unauthorized mines is part of a campaign by Amman Mineral to stop illegal mining and uncontrolled mercury use on the former Newmont concession and another, known as Indotan, that it oversees 20

miles north.

“Initially, we thought of it as just illegal pillaging of resources,” said Amman Mineral’s director, Alexander Ramli. “But when we looked deeper at it, we realized it is a more serious social problem. They are creating an environmental disaster.”

The vast majority of West Sumbawa’s 7,000 wildcat miners are on the Indotan site, which Amman Mineral’s partners recently took over in a separate deal.

Much of the mining takes place in the hills above Lake Taliwang, a shallow lake northeast of Taliwang town.

A 2016 study found that so much of the miners’ mercury reached the lake that eating just one lake fish could exceed a person’s mercury allowance for a week. A second study that surveyed miners found that many had high mercury

levels and some were experiencing early symptoms of mercury poisoning, such as finger tremors and sleep disturbances.

But in the absence of government warnings or enforcement of the ban on mercury use, it is easy for miners to dismiss the idea that it is hazardous.

Wildcat miners have been operating for decades on the Indotan concession, where they have established permanent communities and an industrial-scale village for processing ore. The miners operate openly without fear that the police will interfere. On one road, they have set up a checkpoint to control access to their diggings.

Some government, police and military officials also are said to profit from the illicit gold trade, which is estimated at \$5 billion a year.

The miners will fight any attempt to drive them off the land without providing other jobs, said Anton, a Sumbawa native who owns mines and mills. Like many Indonesians, he uses one name.

Wearing flashy 22-carat necklaces made from gold his mine produced, he questions why big companies like Newmont and Amman Mineral get lucrative mining concessions while he and his fellow miners are branded as illegal.

“Why do you allow the outsiders to operate while we, the locals, are forbidden from doing the work?” he asked.

The mine bosses and their workers have good reason not to give ground. Miners in the Taliwang region reported making an average of 15 times more from gold mining than from other occupations, according to the survey of 55 miners.

Officials said the illegal operations are the second-largest contributor to the economy of West Sumbawa Regency, after Amman Mineral’s legal operation.

In Trump we still trust, say white evangelicals

Poll finds their support for his abortion, LGBT agenda even firmer

By ELANA SCHOR AND EMILY SWANSON
Associated Press

White evangelical Protestants stand noticeably apart from other religious people on abortion restrictions and LGBT discrimination protections, two of the most politically divisive issues at play in the 2020 presidential election, according to a new poll.

The findings point to an evangelical Protestant constituency that’s more firmly aligned with President Donald Trump’s agenda than other Americans of faith. White evangelicals were also more likely than members of other faiths to say religion should have at least some influence on policymaking.

The Rev. Franklin Graham, son of the late Rev. Billy Graham and one of Trump’s most stalwart evangelical allies, pointed to the president’s record on abortion as a key driver of support from his religious community.

“I don’t think evangelicals are united on every position the president takes or says, but they do recog-

nize he is the most pro-life-friendly president in modern history,” Graham said in a recent interview. “He has appointed conservative judges that will affect my children and grandchildren’s lives, long after he’s gone.”

Asked about significant restrictions that would make abortion illegal except in cases of rape, incest or to threats to a mother’s life, 67% of white evangelical Protestants responded in support. Those abortion limits drew 39% support from white mainline Protestants, 33% support from nonwhite Protestants, 45% support from Catholics and 37% of all Americans, according to the poll of more than 1,000 American adults from various faith backgrounds conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

A similar divide emerged over whether the government should bar discrimination against people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender in workplaces, housing or schools. About 6 in 10 Catholics, white mainline Protestants and non-

white Protestants supported those protections, compared with about a third of white evangelical Protestants.

The differences between white evangelicals and other religious Americans, as well as the nonreligious, were less stark on other policy issues examined in the poll.

Indeed, white evangelical Protestants’ preference for a religious influence on abortion policy surpassed most other issues examined in the poll. About 8 in 10 white evangelicals said religion should have at least some influence on abortion policy. A similar share said that of poverty, compared with about 7 in 10 saying the same about education and roughly 6 in 10 saying that about income inequality, immigration and LGBT issues.

Trump has embraced a staunch anti-abortion agenda, and his administration has opposed legislation supported by Democrats seeking to challenge him in 2020 that would extend broad anti-discrimination protections for LGBT individuals.



EVAN VUCCI/AP

Religious leaders pray with President Donald Trump in the Oval Office after he signed a proclamation for a national day of prayer to occur on Sept. 3, 2017.

“There is nobody, except a few wackos who are one-half of 1%, that would ever want to discriminate against some of these groups,” said Stephen Strang, founder of the Christian magazine Charisma and author of a forthcoming book backing Trump’s reelection.

“But what happens is, this legislation is criminalizing long-held beliefs that we believe are scriptural,” Strang added, referring to conservative evangelicals’ opposition to same-sex marriage.

About 8 in 10 white evangelical Protestants approve of the president’s job performance, according to the poll, which asked re-

spondents to self-identify as born-again or evangelical.

Trump’s reelection campaign showcased that support Friday in Miami, where the president unveiled an “Evangelicals for Trump” coalition.

But not every Trump-backed policy found strong support in the poll from white evangelical Protestants. A majority of white evangelicals opposed an immigration policy that separates children from parents who are detained entering the country illegally.

“I disagree with the president on that one,” said Dorothy Louallen, 87, of Dunlap, Tennessee, who described herself as a born-again Christian opposed to

abortion. “I really don’t think government and churches should be involved.”

Americans without any religious affiliation registered stronger opposition in the poll than people of specific faiths to abortion restrictions (72%) and stronger support than people of specific faiths for government action to shield people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender from discrimination (83%). About one-quarter of Americans currently align with no religious faith, a figure that’s risen notably over three decades, according to the General Social Survey.

Epstein abused, trafficked girls in Caribbean until 2018, suit alleges

Virgin Islands AG says financier kept database of victims

By ALI WATKINS
The New York Times

New evidence shows Jeffrey Epstein sexually abused and trafficked hundreds of young women and girls on his private Caribbean island as recently as 2018, significantly expanding the scope of his alleged conduct, a top law enforcement official said in a lawsuit filed

Wednesday.

Epstein, a wealthy financier who died by suicide in a Manhattan jail last year, was bringing girls as young as 11 and 12 to his secluded estate in the Virgin Islands, known as Little St. James, and kept a computerized database to track the availability and movements of women and girls, the lawsuit said.

The lawsuit, which was filed by Denise George, at-



Epstein

torney general of the Virgin Islands, broadened the dimensions of the wrongdoing in which Epstein was said to have engaged. He had been charged by Manhattan prosecutors in July with sexually exploiting dozens of women and girls in New York and Florida, but they did not point to any actions beyond 2005.

In August, Epstein hanged himself at the Met-

ropolitan Correctional Center, where he was being held awaiting trial on federal sex trafficking and conspiracy charges. The circumstances surrounding his death are now the subject of at least three federal investigations.

In the weeks before Epstein killed himself, he and his lawyers vigorously denied the criminal charges. His lawyers had previously

said he had been law-abiding since his 2008 conviction in Florida for solicitation.

The new accusations argue that Epstein ran a decadeslong sex trafficking scheme that had a primary nexus in the Virgin Islands.

Epstein used a ring of associates to rotate the women and girls in and out of sexual servitude, using fraudulent modeling visas to transport them across

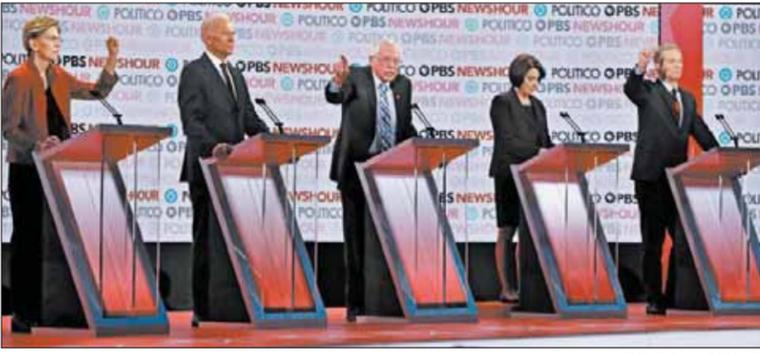
state lines and international borders, the lawsuit said. He tracked their availability and proximity using the database, court documents said.

In one instance, according to the lawsuit, one young girl attempted to swim off Epstein’s island and escape after she was forced to engage in sex acts with one of his co-conspirators.

The girl was found and held hostage on Epstein’s island after he confiscated her passport, the suit said.



George



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

Democratic hopefuls Elizabeth Warren, Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Amy Klobuchar and Tom Steyer debate at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles last month.

The desire to beat Trump fuels online surge of small donations

By BRIAN SLODYSKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats' online fundraising behemoth ActBlue routed more than \$1 billion in campaign contributions to the party's candidates and causes in 2019, a groundswell that dwarfs what it helped raise during the same period of any past election cycle.

The platform allows grassroots activists and big-dollar donors alike to chip in \$5 to their favorite presidential contender or give large sums to party committees, all with just a few taps of a smartphone or computer mouse.

It played an instrumental role in routing record-breaking sums to Democratic contenders during the 2018 midterms, which helped the party retake the U.S. House. And it has long been eyed with envy by Republicans, who have sought to replicate the model — with less success.

But the surge in online donations routed through the platform in 2019 far outstrips the volume and dollar amounts it has handled in the past, speaking to the level of Democratic enthusiasm to oust President Donald Trump in 2020 and drive his fellow Republicans from office.

"It's an indication of what's to come and the

excitement we are seeing from the grassroots," said Erin Hill, ActBlue's executive director. "It's empowerment of our small-dollar universe, who feel like they are playing a very vital role, backing candidates and causes they believe in. It will have an impact on our country."

In 2019, the platform more than doubled what it helped raise at this point during the 2018 elections, while reaping fivefold what it received during the same period in the 2016 cycle.

That breaks down to \$1.05 billion spread out across 34.6 million contributions that were routed to 13,314 political committees, campaigns and organizations, according to year-end figures provided by ActBlue. The average contribution size last year was \$30.50.

Use of the platform by Democrats has increased exponentially since the same period in the 2016 cycle, when just 3,590 committees and groups used the platform. The same goes for donations, which have rocketed up from the \$206.9 million collected by the end of 2015.

Yet in the era of Trump, whose presidency has further polarized an already divided country, Republicans, too, have seen a surge in online contributions from grassroots donors.

WinRed, the GOP's long awaited answer to ActBlue, reported raising \$101 million during the second half of last year. And most of the money was raised after the House's Oct. 31 party-line vote that paved the way for Trump's impeachment.

Still, WinRed was unveiled last year. ActBlue has been in existence for well over a decade. And unlike on the GOP side, where there are multiple online donation providers competing, ActBlue is almost universally adopted by the party.

And while Trump's reelection effort may have benefited from impeachment, so, too, have Democrats. For some, Trump has incited them to give more.

Mary Joan Oexmann, a Democratic donor and ActBlue user, said a critical mass of people giving small contributions can be a major force for change.

"I can't even say his name — it just churns my stomach," said Oexmann, who splits her time between Florida and South Carolina, referring to Trump. "We are at a time in history where we really have to be engaged and participate."

"It's the power of small changes over time. And I think we have to think of these small donations as significant, real and important."

Video: 20 seconds of terror as missiles down jet in Iran

By JON GAMBRELL
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Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iran's top diplomat acknowledged Wednesday that Iranians "were lied to" for days after the Islamic Republic accidentally shot down a Ukrainian jetliner. The admission came as new surveillance footage purported to show two surface-to-air missiles 20 seconds apart shred the airplane and kill all 176 people aboard.

The downing of the Ukraine International Airlines flight last week came amid heightened tensions between Iran and the U.S. over its unraveling nuclear deal. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani for the first time Wednesday threatened Europe by warning its soldiers in the Mideast "could be in danger" over the crisis as Britain, France and Germany launched a measure that could see United Nations sanctions reimposed on Tehran.

The crash — and subsequent days of Iranian denials that a missile had downed the airplane — has sparked angry protests in a country already on edge as its economy struggles under crushing American sanctions.

Tensions between Washington and Tehran reached a fever pitch two weeks ago with the American drone strike in Baghdad that killed the powerful Revolutionary Guard Gen. Qassem Soleimani. The general had led Iranian proxy forces abroad, including those blamed for deadly roadside bomb attacks on U.S. troops in Iraq.

Iran retaliated with a ballistic missile strike targeting Iraqi military bases housing U.S. forces early on Jan. 8, just before Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard shot down the Ukrainian airliner taking



GETTY-AFP

Recovery teams work amid debris after a Ukrainian plane carrying 176 people was shot down last week in Iran.

off from Tehran's Imam Khomeini International Airport.

Iran for days afterward insisted a technical fault downed the 3-year-old Boeing 737-800. It wasn't until Western governments, including Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, went public with their suspicions the plane had been shot down that Iran admitted it fired on the plane.

Not admitting the plane had been shot down "was for the betterment of our country's security, because if we had said this, our air defense system would have become crippled and our guys would have had doubted everything," said Gen. Amir Ali Hajizadeh, the head of the Revolutionary Guard's aerospace program, in television footage aired Wednesday.

Hajizadeh only days earlier apologized on state television and said: "I wish I were dead."

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, speaking at a summit in New Delhi, became the first official to describe Iran's earlier claims as a lie. "In the last few nights, we've had people in the streets of Tehran demonstrating against the fact that they were lied to for a couple of days," Zarif said.

Zarif went on to praise Iran's military for being "brave enough to claim

responsibility early on."

However, he said he and Rouhani only learned that a missile had downed the flight Friday, raising new questions over how much power Iran's civilian government has in its Shiite theocracy.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is expected to preside over Friday prayers in Iran for the first time in years over anger about the crash.

The new surveillance footage obtained by The Associated Press showing the missile fire was filmed off a monitor by a mobile phone. It appears to be taken near the town of Bidkaneh.

The two minutes of black-and-white footage purportedly shows one missile streaking across the sky and exploding near the plane. Ten seconds later, another missile is fired. Some 20 seconds after the first explosion, another strikes near the plane. A ball of flames then falls from the sky out of frame.

Amid all of this, Britain, France and Germany on Tuesday launched the dispute mechanism pertaining to Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers. Iran has been breaking limits of the accord for months in response to President Donald Trump's decision to unilaterally withdraw the U.S. from the deal in May 2018.

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Judge halts Trump's order letting states block refugees

SILVER SPRING, Md. — A federal judge on Wednesday halted President Donald Trump's executive order that gave state and local officials the ability to refuse refugees, and ignited a fierce debate in communities about how welcoming the United States should be.

U.S. District Judge Peter Messitte in Maryland said in his ruling that the president's order "flies in the face of clear Congressional intent" of the 1980

Refugee Act by allowing state and local governments to block the resettlement of refugees in their jurisdictions.

Messitte said the process should continue as it has for nearly 40 years, with refugee resettlement agencies deciding where a person would best thrive.

Church World Service, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and HIAS — a Jewish nonprofit — filed the lawsuit Nov. 21 in Maryland.

ICE subpoenas police agencies in Denver, a 'sanctuary city'

WASHINGTON — U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has subpoenaed Denver law enforcement for information on four foreign nationals wanted for deportation and may consider expanding the unusual practice to other locations if necessary. It's an escalation of the conflict between federal officials and so-called sanctuary cities.

If the city officials don't respond, ICE, the Home-

land Security agency responsible for arresting and deporting people in the U.S. illegally, could take the subpoena to a federal judge, who can order compliance and find them in contempt if they refuse.

Curbing legal and illegal immigration is a priority for President Donald Trump, who claims immigrants are a safety threat, despite studies showing they commit less crime than non-immigrants.

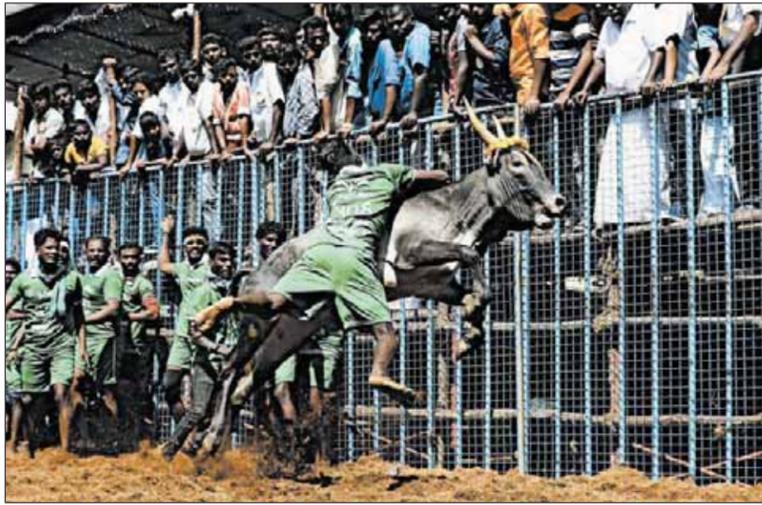
Pakistan: 21 more bodies found in avalanche-hit Kashmir

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan — Search teams aided by Pakistani troops pulled out 21 more bodies from homes destroyed by this week's avalanches in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, raising the overall death toll due to severe winter weather to 160 for Pakistan and Afghanistan, officials said Wednesday.

Rescuers were racing to reach scores of people believed to be trapped in

homes, buried under avalanches triggered by heavy snowfall in Pakistan-administered Kashmir.

The worst affected area was Kashmir's Neelum Valley, where the 21 bodies were retrieved. Officials say 76 people have been killed in Pakistan-administered Kashmir in weather-related incidents since Sunday. Another 45 people were killed in Pakistan's Baluchistan and Punjab provinces.



R.PARTHIBHAN/AP

A man tries to control a bull Wednesday during the Jallikattu near Madurai in India's Tamil Nadu state. The religious ritual returned to Tamil Nadu in 2017 after a ban imposed by the Supreme Court in 2015 was overturned in the wake of extensive protests.

Filing suggests Thomas Markle may testify in Meghan lawsuit

LONDON — The estranged father of Meghan, Duchess of Sussex could be called to testify against the royals in her lawsuit against the Mail on Sunday newspaper, court papers reveal.

The prospect of a court battle is more bad news for a British royal family already shaken by Meghan and Prince Harry's decision to drop out of full-time royal duties.

Meghan is suing the newspaper and its parent company, Associated Newspapers, for publishing a letter she wrote to her father, Thomas Markle. The civil lawsuit accuses

the newspaper of copyright infringement, misuse of private information and violating the U.K.'s data protection law with the publication of the letter.

Documents filed at the High Court in London show the newspaper plans to rely on evidence from Markle, stating that he "had a weighty right to tell his version of what had happened between himself and his daughter, including the contents of the letter."

Papers drawn up by lawyers for the newspaper also argue that the letter's publication was in response to a "one-sided" article in Peo-

ple Magazine in February 2019 featuring an interview with five unnamed "close friends" of the duchess which referenced the letter, meaning its existence was in the public domain.

The revelation that Thomas Markle would be prepared to testify against his daughter raises the unseemly and potentially explosive possibility of a courtroom showdown in which Meghan would face cross-examination about her dealings with the news media. Other royals, such as her husband, Harry, might be called as witnesses.

Avenatti's bail revoked; new crime evidence cited

SANTA ANA, Calif. — A California judge revoked attorney Michael Avenatti's bail Wednesday, forcing a delay of his New York extortion trial set for next week after prosecutors said he was hiding assets from creditors to live lavishly.

U.S. District Judge James Selna said Avenatti,

best known as the brash lawyer for porn actress Stormy Daniels, likely committed the new financial crimes and was a threat to engage in other crimes.

In the New York trial, Avenatti is charged with trying to extort up to \$25 million from the Nike athletic company.

Selna was asked to revoke Avenatti's \$300,000 bail and he did.

Prosecutors described several schemes orchestrated by Avenatti to hide his assets from a client, a former legal partner and an ex-wife while living in an \$11,000-a-month apartment.

Prosecutor: Texas teen mistakenly killed friend

HOUSTON — A 16-year-old student mistakenly shot his friend in their Houston-area high school's ROTC room, officials said Wednesday.

The two were in a room at Bellaire High School with four other students but no adult Tuesday afternoon when the 16-year-old took a semi-automatic pistol out of his waistband and pulled the trigger, killing 19-year-old Cesar Cortes, police said.

The suspect, whose name wasn't released, fled the scene and was arrested about 3½ hours later, authorities said, and was charged as a minor with manslaughter.

"They were friendly. They were friends," District Attorney Kim Ogg said. "Pulling a trigger on a gun, whether you know if it's loaded or not, is an intentional act. But he did not, based on the evidence we have right now, intend to kill his friend."

In Venezuela: Government security forces and armed motorcycle groups loyal to Venezuela's president forcefully blocked opposition lawmakers from entering the National Assembly building Wednesday, prompting them to hold their session on the outskirts of the crisis-torn nation's capital. It's the second time this month that lawmakers have been barred from the building that houses the only branch of government that remains out of control of President Nicolas Maduro's socialist government.

The incident was part of a struggle for control of the opposition-dominated National Assembly and once oil-wealthy Venezuela as a whole, a nation suffering economic and social collapse.



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EDITORIALS

Keep a sharp lookout: Lincoln Towing will continue to prowl Chicago streets

In a dramatic U-turn of fates Wednesday, a Cook County judge ruled that the widely reviled Lincoln Towing Service, whose fearsome trucks have cast a predatory shadow across Chicago for decades, can stay in business.

Judge Neil Cohen said the Illinois Commerce Commission “violated fundamental fairness and ... due process rights” in an earlier ruling by failing to advise Lincoln Towing that it could lose its license as a result of a hearing process, reports Robert Channick in the Tribune.

The phrases “fundamental fairness” and “due process” aren’t ones that immediately come to mind when thinking about Lincoln Towing, given its shady reputation. But if it is to remain in business, then Chicago needs to see a new-year-new-you version of the company, one that operates with integrity.

Let you think the horror stories are exaggerations, the stuff of urban legend and parody, recall this one: In 2015, a construction worker doing roof work noticed Lincoln Towing workers hauling away his truck. When he began climbing down, the workers allegedly knocked him from his ladder. He fell and broke his leg.

Lincoln also broke the spirits of hundreds of drivers with tactics that were not only overly aggressive but just plain wrong. Workers removed cars from apartment building parking spaces when the correct people’s vehicles were in the spots. They snatched up cars from parking lots where Lincoln



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A tow truck in the Lincoln Towing lot in 2018. A judge ruled on Wednesday that the notorious company can stay in business.

wasn’t authorized to operate. They brought grief, expense and inconvenience to untold numbers. An audit found evidence of 831 unauthorized tows in one span of eight months.

Lincoln Towing “has not con-

ducted its business with honesty and integrity,” pronounced Brien Sheahan, then ICC chairman, in issuing the ruling revoking its license in September 2018. We agreed. Chicago cheered.

If this is the end of the story, we

are left to hope that recent events, including the investigation into its practices and the empowerment of witnesses with smartphones and social media accounts, impress upon Lincoln Towing that its drivers aren’t the only ones

with an eagle eye.

Perhaps more than a year of having to file daily logs to the attorney general, as it did while continuing to operate during the appeal, helped the company appreciate clean living and legal parking.

Pot smoking in a tobacco shop? Let’s not rush to expand the cannabis experience.

Illinois began allowing recreational cannabis sales on New Year’s Day, and the experience has been enough to induce the sort of giddiness users have been known to exhibit.

Long lines confirmed a lot of pent-up demand for legal weed, and sales the first week amounted to \$12.9 million — higher than (um, in excess of, we mean) the first week’s revenue in any other state. “It is a really strong indication that the market is going to be very, very healthy here,” Bethany Gomez of cannabis research firm Brightfield Group told the Tribune’s Ally Marotti. In the first 12 days, the total was \$19.7 million.

The downside is that many dispensaries soon ran out of recreational supplies. Some have had to turn away customers or limit purchases.

The sales surge is reassuring in a way. It suggests that lots of people were eager to get their pot from regulated sellers, despite the higher prices, rather than from the illicit dealers who previously



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Dispensary agent Lea Oblena sports a temporary tattoo while helping a customer at Dispensary33 in Chicago on Jan. 1.

had the market to themselves. All those purchases yield a harvest of sales tax revenue. They should also prevent the harms to health caused by adulterated products from black-market dealers.

Hopeful indicators are no rea-

son to get carried away, however. Illinois is conducting a large social experiment, and it will take time to find out exactly how positively or negatively it will play out. A few weeks into the legal weed era is way too early to relax the rules.

That’s why we’re relieved that Mayor Lori Lightfoot has decided not to push forward with a proposed ordinance to allow onsite consumption. In her plan, in accordance with limits in the state law, tobacco shops, hookah lounges and other such shops could let patrons smoke pot. They would have to provide appropriate ventilation in stand-alone buildings; they’d have to pay \$4,400 for a license every two years and most of downtown Chicago would be off-limits.

The alleged problem onsite consumption would address is the shortage of places where people can smoke cannabis. Toking isn’t allowed in public places, including parks, schools, government buildings, buses, trains and anywhere minors are present. Landlords are allowed to ban it as well. Smoking of any kind is illegal in restaurants, bars, stores, theaters and most hotel rooms. The only place you can be sure of getting to blaze a blunt in peace is in a home you own.

The city has plenty to worry about right now without taking on that issue. Only two states, Alaska and Colorado, have elected to permit pot consumption sites, both recently. Illinois could benefit greatly from waiting to see their results there before deciding whether to follow suit by authorizing more establishments to allow pot smoking.

These states may find that such venues produce headaches for neighbors, as rowdy bars do. It may be that most users are content to partake in their rec rooms or on their patios. On the other hand, it may turn out that lots of people will pay to smoke weed in places designed for communal enjoyment. We just don’t know.

Learning from the experience of other states can save us from mistakes. Illinois, including Chicago, is just getting the chance to learn for itself what legal pot means. With time, we’ll find if adjustments to the rules are needed. For now, the best policy is patience.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Only two people, Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders, were in the room where it happened. Or didn’t. The Massachusetts senator says it did: that her colleague from Vermont, at a summit meeting called to discuss their dueling presidential ambitions and Warren’s plans to enter the race, expressed the view that a woman could not win the presidency, not in 2020 anyway. ... Yet Sanders’ own recollection of the encounter is, in fact, only a few shades of nuance different from Warren’s. In Sanders’ telling, he didn’t say a woman couldn’t win, only that Donald Trump would unleash the full and ugly force of the Trumpian arsenal onto his opponent. ...

What Sanders copped to saying, and the more pointed version that Warren credibly claims to have heard, is not very far removed from what the female presidential candidates have themselves said about the hurdles they face, in the form of both overt sexism and less conscious bias. ...

What is the difference between acknowledging the reality of sexism in politics by calling it out — and acknowledging the reality of sexism in politics by making a clear-eyed assessment of what it will take to prevent Trump from winning a second term? The answer, I think, is that the first, identifying sexism, is pushing back against the unacceptable. The second is, or would be, giving in to it. Supposedly sophisticated voters murmured that an African American couldn’t be the nominee, an African American couldn’t be elected president — until he was. Same with a woman. Gender is a purported negative, until it isn’t.

Ruth Marcus, *The Washington Post*

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U.S. soldiers cheer as President Donald Trump arrives at Bagram Air Field for a Thanksgiving visit last year. It was the president's first trip to Afghanistan.

Trump loves the military? Don't believe it



STEVE CHAPMAN

Many women are acquainted with a certain type of boyfriend. He's generous with gifts, meals and compliments. In public, he's the picture of devotion. But when you need him, he's not there. When you have a problem, it's your fault. Eventually, you have to accept: He's just not that into you.

For the U.S. military, Donald Trump is that kind of boyfriend. He claims to be their greatest champion. But by now it should be clear he doesn't really love our men and women in uniform. He's merely using them.

He's even open to renting them out. He explained his deployment of troops to Saudi Arabia: "I said, 'Listen, you're a very rich country. You want more troops? I'm going to send them to you, but you have to pay us. They're paying us. They've already deposited \$1 billion in the bank.'"

The drone attack that killed Iranian commander Qassem Soleimani was not really about protecting Americans. The Wall Street Journal reported that after the strike, Trump "told associates

he was under pressure to deal with Gen. Soleimani from GOP senators he views as important supporters in his coming impeachment trial in the Senate." Soldiers who survived a subsequent Iranian missile attack on their base in Iraq now know they could have died to help Trump survive impeachment.

His latest breach of faith is taking funds from our armed forces to build his border wall. The Washington Post reports that he intends to divert \$72 billion this year. After he did the same thing last year, the Post noted, the Pentagon had to postpone or suspend an array of projects, "including road repairs, a waste treatment plant and school construction projects on military bases." The children of soldiers bear the burden of the wall that Mexico was supposed to pay for.

When it comes to supporting our troops, Trump is reliably unreliable. It took him nearly three years to make his first visit to Afghanistan — something Barack Obama did three months into his first term. On Veterans Day 2018, Trump didn't bother visiting Arlington National Cemetery, claiming he was "extremely busy on calls for the country."

That no-show came after he skipped a ceremony in France honoring Americans killed in World War I. He blamed the rain, though French

President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel braved the elements to be there.

The signals of disrespect are big and small. During the campaign, Trump mocked John McCain's credentials as a war hero and insulted a Gold Star family. He sent troops to the southern border just before the 2018 elections — which former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey called "a wasteful deployment of overstretched soldiers and Marines."

He offered a crass account of family members at Dover Air Force Base when the bodies of those killed in action are returned: "They'll break through military barriers, they'll run to the coffin and jump on the coffin. Crying mothers and wives, crying desperately." Retired Adm. James Stavridis rebuked him for this violation of their privacy: "It's inappropriate. That's why we don't have cameras in situations like that."

Trump has no use for the rules that our service personnel have been trained to follow. He proved that in the case of Eddie Gallagher, a Navy SEAL commander court-martialed on charges of murder and attempted murder after being accused by members of his team, who called him "freaking evil" and a "psychopath."

Gallagher was convicted only of posing with a corpse, but Trump par-

doned him and extolled him as a hero. When the Navy moved to demote Gallagher, Trump intervened to protect him.

The president treats accomplished, battle-tested military leaders as if they were caddies at Trump National Doral. During the campaign, he boasted, "I know more about ISIS than the generals do." After a SEAL was killed during a 2017 raid in Yemen, he blamed military leaders. "This was something they wanted to do," he said. "And they lost (him)."

But when missions go well, Trump rushes to take credit. After the raid that led to the death of Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, he bragged: "I've been looking for him for three years." The Delta Force commandos who risked their lives were turned into supporting players in Trump's brassy theater of self-glorification.

They should not have been surprised. When Trump looks at the military, he's not thinking: "What can I do for our troops?" He's thinking, "What can our troops do for me?"

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PERSPECTIVE



Georg and Anna Rothgiesser, Howard Witt's father's grandparents, in an undated photo. They were killed in the Holocaust.



Heinrich and Edith Rothgiesser, Howard Witt's father's parents, circa 1930. Edith escaped to the U.S. and Heinrich was killed.

WITT FAMILY PHOTOS

The Nazis murdered my ancestors. So why do I want to become a German citizen?

BY HOWARD WITT

August 1942 was a catastrophic month for my German ancestors.

On Aug. 5, the Nazis herded my great-grandfather onto a train in Berlin bound for the Theresienstadt concentration camp. Five days later and 650 miles away in Paris, they rounded up my grandfather, who had tried to escape to France, and forced him onto a transport headed to Auschwitz.

Both were exterminated at their final destinations, along with my great-grandmother, great-aunt and a distant cousin.

I am a Jewish American. And on Jan. 21, my 60th birthday, I plan to visit the German Embassy in Washington, D.C., to be naturalized as a German citizen, along with my three African American children.

Why am I making this unlikely choice, a Jew coming full circle on a bitter German history?

Therein lies a story about Germany's terrible past, America's troubling present and what I hope will be my children's promising future.

My father was born in Berlin in September 1932. His German father, Heinrich Rothgiesser, was a prosperous Jewish businessman who owned a printing company; his mother, Edith, was a Jewish American citizen of German descent who was living in Germany at the time.

As Hitler rose to power during the first months of my father's life, my grandmother Edith grew increasingly concerned about the safety of Jews in Germany. With her American perspective, she perceived the threat more clearly than my grandfather Heinrich, who, like so many German Jews at the time, believed that Adolf Hitler surely couldn't last in the enlightened society of Germany's Weimar Republic.

In the spring of 1933, after the Reichstag burned and the Nazis opened the first concentration camp at Dachau, my grandmother made a brave and momentous decision. Unable to persuade her husband to flee Germany, she boarded a ship bound

for America with her infant son. She never saw Heinrich again.

Three years ago, I happened across an article about a unique provision in Germany's constitution that was included as part of the nation's efforts to make restitution to victims of the Holocaust. This provision, known as Article 116 (2), allows Germans (and their descendants) who "were deprived of their German citizenship on political, racial or religious grounds" during the Nazi era from 1933-45 to apply to have their German citizenship restored. The ultimate deprivation of citizenship, of course, was being murdered in a concentration camp.

So I put in an application for myself and my children (unfortunately, spouses of descendants are not eligible). That meant gathering evidence about my ancestors and finding proof of their persecution. Because the Nazis kept meticulous records of the Jews who were sent to the camps — records that can be accessed at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington — I was able to find evidence of the actual transport that carried my grandfather to Auschwitz (Train No. D 901/12), the date my great-grandfather's corpse was shoved into a furnace at Theresienstadt (April 18, 1943), and many other grim details.

My decision to apply for German citizenship was not a political statement: I submitted the paperwork at the German Embassy in Washington four days before the November 2016 presidential election. But it was a decision borne, at least in part, of my growing unease about the racism that feels like it's been steadily worsening in our country ever since Barack Obama was elected in 2008 and the reactionary backlash against our first African American president began.

Certainly racism is nothing new in America; it's our original sin. Slavery is a living memory for my wife's family. She is as close to it as her late grandmother, whose own great-grandparents were enslaved.

That bitter legacy of white supremacy

infests our legal, social, and commercial institutions to this day, although for much of my life, social norms at least suppressed the most public expressions of hatred in our civic dialogues. But lately that racism has come roaring back into the open. The Charleston, South Carolina, church massacre in 2015, the August 2017 attacks in Charlottesville, Virginia, the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre, repeated police killings of black men — these are only a few of the most headline-grabbing examples.

I understand that Germany is hardly immune from these trends. Racist and neo-Nazi attacks on Muslim immigrants and German Jews have risen in recent years, especially in cities in the former East Germany.

Yet it seems to me, from my occasional visits to the country, that Germany is at least attempting to forthrightly confront these exposed veins of illiberal, white supremacist, and nationalist sentiments. Which is more, alas, than I can say for my own country today.

Our family is not actually intending to move to Germany. We are first and foremost Americans, committed to trying to make our nation a better place. But I would be lying if I did not admit that we can now take some comfort in knowing we have a place to go if our democracy, lately wobbling under profound strains, were ever to actually collapse — a prospect that no longer seems so unimaginable.

And on a much brighter note, now that my kids are citizens of the European Union, the doors are wide open for them to choose someday to live and work in Germany or any one of the other EU nations.

That's a rare privilege, one we will never forget, that we now enjoy only because my ancestors were forced into cattle cars during a terrifying week in August 78 years ago.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Impeachment trial and the rule of law

I woke up one morning recently looking at the picture of my 9-year-old granddaughter taken on her first day of third grade. Looking at her smiling, trusting face, I just knew I had to write this letter in the hope of protecting her and our nation's future.

In this upcoming impeachment trial, the potential removal of a president is not the most critical issue. What is at stake is our very democracy. Democracy is a system of rule by laws, not by individuals. The "rule of law" is concerned with how power is exercised and implies that everyone in society is bound by the law, including all of government. If the rule of law is allowed to be broken, then so our democracy will be because they must coexist.

Just why is the rule of law so critical? Organized sports is a instructive example. It, too, only exists if the four principles of rule of law (clear, publicized, stable, applied evenly) are enforced. Can you imagine the home team being able to change rules at will?

Many of our senators apparently have decided that the rule of law does not apply to this president. The result of this decision is that witnesses and documents deliberately withheld directly by the president will not be allowed at trial. We, as the ultimate jury, will never be able to learn all the pertinent facts that are being deliberately withheld.

The potential loss of our democracy is not a Republican, Democratic or independent party issue, it's universal. Decisions made for this trial will affect the future of our country. Call your senators, both Republicans and Democrats. Tell them the rule of law is critical to the survival of our democracy. Withholding the testimony of key witnesses and supporting documentation can not be allowed to stand.

— John Wolaver, Glen Ellyn

Red-light cameras increase rear-enders

Regarding the editorial "Politicians exploit red-light cameras. But the cams do make travel safer" (Jan. 13): The truth is that red-light cameras do tend to reduce right angle crashes, but they tend to increase rear-enders, and those rear-enders tend to increase the overall crash rates.

The editorial's opening paragraph describes yellow-light moments of stress very well, but so much has changed in that scenario since the good old days. Decades ago, yellow meant stop unless it's too late to do so safely without entering the intersection. Today, a combination of factors has resulted in the common belief that yellow means cruise on through. Quick stops at yellow lights nowadays are rare, so when they do occur, there is a crash. It seems that red-light cameras increase the number of quick stops, thus increasing the number of rear-enders.

In the end, it is all about human nature. We have longer yellow-light durations, four-way red signals, protected left turns and even cameras to reduce intersection crashes, yet the problem is far from solved.

There is an answer — driving! That, however, requires a major paradigm shift and real driver education.

— Kenneth L. Zuber, Homewood

Tickets for right turn on red

The editorial extolling the virtues of red-light cameras spoke only of citing motorists who drive through red lights. The 1,000-pound elephant in the room that the editorial ignored was right-turn-on-red violations. Suburban municipalities are making millions of dollars citing drivers who do not come to a 100% perfect stop for "failing to stop before turning right on red." On my most recent "violation," I put a magnifying glass up to the computer screen to see that my wheels were just barely moving at the intersection before I turned right on red. The hearing officer ruled against me, and I was fined \$100. This type of violation, especially on a first offense, is appalling.

I urge the Tribune to ask each suburb for a breakdown of red-light camera violations. I'm guessing that failure to make a 100% complete stop before turning right at a red light would make up the majority of tickets issued. The suburbs that do this are stealing money from hardworking citizens.

I urge all drivers to do what I now do: Stop and do not make your right turn until the light turns green.

— Mark Renz, Oak Lawn

I'm trying to declutter, but my husband wants to save too much stuff — and none of it 'sparks joy'

BY JULIE OWSIK ACKERMAN

Marie Kondo and her now-familiar theories of tidying up have introduced some conflict into my marriage. I can't be the only one. Her idea is simple: First, pick a category, like clothes; next, put all of them into the middle of the room; finally, pick out and keep only the ones that "spark joy."

Setting aside the fact that making time for such a project is enough to make me want to bury my head under one of my many unnecessary pillows, what I want to ask Marie is: What about all of my husband's things that don't spark joy? That instead spark intense, dark, brooding hatred? What to do with those?

My husband feels sentimental attachment for things he has no business being attached to. Case in point: My grandmother lived for 60 years in a house on our block, and when it was time to sell her house, I managed to avoid taking almost anything, even the silver, which had an "O" engraved on it. After her 10 children had a chance to choose items they wanted, what remained went to the dumpster.

Except for the things my husband insisted on keeping.

Like a globe from circa 1960. "It has the USSR on it!" he said.

Or the series of decorative tin plates

from states my grandparents visited. "Under no circumstance are those plates coming into my home," I said.

"I'll bring them to school," he said, his frequent rejoinder to my objection about keeping things.

Several great-aunts have died in the last 15 years, leaving behind lives of accumulated stuff. Aunt Adelaide gifted us her gigantic ceramic Nativity set, which I swear I will give away this year, so help me baby Jesus. Aunt Maureen left us a series of five drawings, framed in gold, with instructions that the collection remain together. Although they could be valuable, I don't see an "Antiques Roadshow" trip in my future. Can't I just put them on the curb?

Finally, there is Aunt Minnie. We bought Aunt Minnie's house 14 years ago. Because we had little furniture, I agreed to keep the dining room set even though I detested it, until we got something else. Twelve years later, I managed to give the table and chairs to our neighbor's daughter, but the hulking china cabinet remained until this year, taunting me.

But of all the hand-me-down objects, perhaps my least favorite was the bull-fighter painting that hung in Aunt Minnie's red wallpapered bedroom. My husband loved it. Why did my aunt have such a painting? She had no connection to Spain or to bullfighting that I knew about.

And neither do we. Yet it hung in my living room until last year, when I had a full-blown tantrum about it, and my husband, unable to part with it, moved it to the basement.

My recent discovery of the Buy Nothing Project has helped us let go of things more easily. Buy Nothing is a website for hyperlocal Facebook groups with the purpose of keeping things out of landfills and building community through meeting neighbors. Members post items they want to pass along, and people who want them respond, no money exchanged. Through Buy Nothing, I have gifted desks, bureaus, china, clothes, shoes, a rug, dog costumes. I have also received a bassinet, a crib, a baby swing and a baby wrap. It feels great to give people things they want and need, and to receive the same.

But I'm still confounded when it comes to deciding with a spouse what stays and what goes. It seems fair that each partner should have a few things they love displayed in the house, so maybe the trick is to look for the things you can agree on and find hidden spaces for the rest. We may need a professional referee. I wonder if Marie Kondo does consultations.

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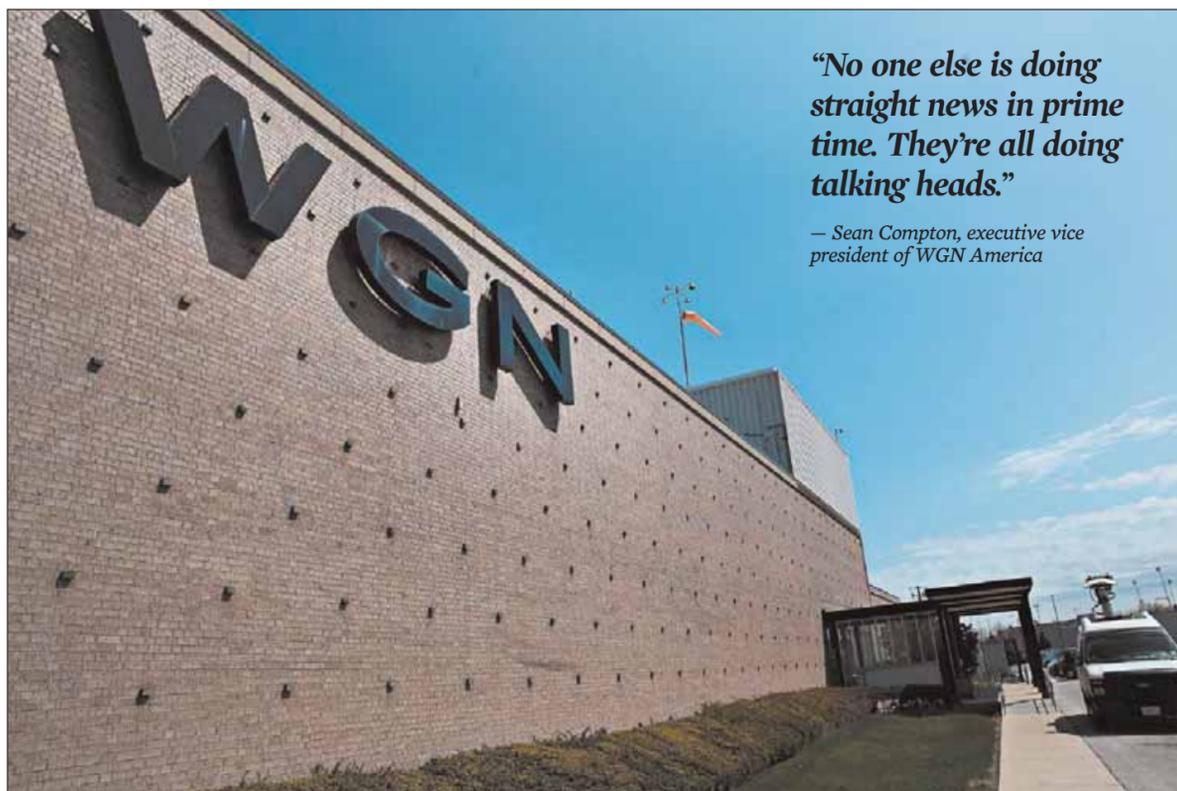
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“No one else is doing straight news in prime time. They’re all doing talking heads.”

— Sean Compton, executive vice president of WGN America

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Nexstar has been shaking up the Chicago properties it acquired as part of its \$4.1 billion purchase of Tribune Media, which includes WGN.

Prime-time alternative

Nexstar to launch national newscast on cable network WGN America out of Chicago as alternative to Fox, CNN

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Nexstar Media Group, which bought Tribune Media in September, is launching a nightly three-hour national newscast on cable channel WGN America based in Chicago.

Competing with established cable news networks such as CNN and Fox, “News Nation” will be broadcast to more than 75 million homes from new studios being built at WGN’s facilities on West Bradley Place in Chicago. The program will air nightly from 7 to 10 p.m. Central time beginning this summer, employing reporters from local Nexstar TV newsrooms across the country to provide content.

Dallas-based Nexstar is positioning the network as an “unbiased national news” alternative to the current offerings on cable.

“The opportunity is great,” Sean Compton, executive vice president of WGN America, said Wednesday. “No one else is doing straight news in prime time. They’re all doing talking heads.”

The new network will make Chicago a national news center, Compton said, bringing jobs, providing a platform for local experts to weigh in on stories and highlighting news events from across the country that may “get lost in the shuffle” on other cable news outlets.

Anchors for the national newscast have yet to be named. Nexstar plans to hire 120 new employees in Chicago dedicated exclusively to producing the newscast, Compton

said. In addition to the nightly newscast, “News Nation” will update stories 24/7 online. Jennifer Lyons, news director at WGN-TV in Chicago, has been promoted to vice president of news for WGN America, and will oversee the new cable news broadcast.

Dominick Stasi, executive producer of WGN-TV’s local newscasts, was named Wednesday to replace Lyons as news director at the station.

Nexstar has been shaking up the Chicago properties it acquired as part of its \$4.1 billion purchase of Tribune Media, which created the nation’s largest TV chain, with



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197 local stations. The deal moved “Chicago’s very own” WGN-Ch. 9, national cable channel WGN America, WGN-AM 720 and CLTV under the Dallas company’s ownership.

In December, Nexstar pulled the plug on CLTV after nearly 27 years as a local Chicago cable news network, citing increased competition from digital news sites and national cable news networks as factors in the decision.

The “News Nation” studio will be built on the soundstage that previously housed the CLTV set, Compton said.

“We’ll build out a very robust set with huge monitors, so we can jump from city to city,” Compton said.

Nexstar also replaced WGN Radio morning man Steve Cochran with another well-known Chicago air personality, Bob Sirott, who started on air earlier this month. WGN promoted Mary Sandberg Boyle to

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Website owner accused of fraud

SEC freezes assets of pitchman of investing site The Income Store

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

As owner and chief pitchman for The Income Store, Kenneth Courtright promised investors annual returns of up to 20% a year — forever — in return for a six-figure “upfront fee” used to build and operate websites.

Forever ended in December, according to federal investigators, when Courtright, 49, who operates the business out of his home in southwest suburban Minooka, informed investors of a “temporary moratorium” on payouts due to cash flow problems, as the website revenue failed to keep up with promised returns.

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced Tuesday that Courtright’s assets have been frozen amid allegations that Today’s Growth Consultants, better known as The Income Store, was a Ponzi-like scheme that raised at least \$75 million from more than 500 investors since 2017.

“Courtright’s alleged fraud promised a guaranteed return when the company’s business model and financial condition could not possibly support it,” Antonia Chion, associate director in the SEC’s enforcement division, said in a news release Tuesday. “To avoid further harm to investors and preserve the misused assets that have not already been dissipated, we have sought and obtained emergency relief.”

In a complaint filed Dec. 27 in Chicago federal court and unsealed Tuesday, SEC investigators allege The Income Store promised to use the investors’ funds exclusively to develop and operate websites, but instead diverted millions in upfront fees to pay investor returns and Courtright’s personal expenses, including his mortgage and private school tuition for his family.

On Dec. 30, the court issued a temporary restraining order freezing Courtright’s assets and appointed a receiver for The Income Store, which he ran with his wife.

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Courtright



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Shoppers descend on the escalator at the Walgreens at State and Randolph streets.

Advocate to close 7 Walgreens clinics in suburban Chicago

Action prompting nurses union to allege unfair labor practices

BY LISA SCHENCKER

Advocate Medical Group plans to close seven of its clinics located in Chicago-area Walgreens stores next month, prompting a nurses union to allege unfair labor practices.

The health care provider will close clinics in Walgreens stores in Carol Stream, Joliet, Naperville, Oak Park, River Forest, Sycamore and Yorkville, according to a letter from

Advocate to the Illinois Nurses Association, which was obtained by the Tribune.

“The company found overlap in available healthcare services in the communities where Advocate Clinic at Walgreens are located, which has resulted in volumes that are unsustainable,” Bonnie Kriescher, vice president of human resources for Advocate Medical Group, wrote in the letter. “Specifically, the company found that the communities’ health care needs are well served by other providers.”

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Court pulls Lincoln Towing out of peril, allowing it to stay in business

Judge reverses state decision following 8-month investigation

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Lincoln Towing Service may be off the hook for years of alleged towing violations after a Cook County judge Wednesday reversed the state’s decision revoking its license.

In his ruling, Cook County Circuit Judge Neil Cohen said the Illinois Commerce Commission “violated fundamental fairness and ... due process rights” by failing to advise Lincoln Towing that it could lose its license as a result of the hearing process.

“We prevailed and we’re happy that the judge made the correct ruling,” Allen Perl, an attorney representing Lincoln, said Wednesday. “All we want to do is continue to relocate vehicles within the laws of the Illinois Commerce Commission.”

The ICC voted unanimously in September 2018 to revoke Lincoln Towing’s license in the wake of a 2016 investigation that found 831 alleged violations over an eight-month period. It ordered Lincoln to immediately cease towing operations and park its fleet of trucks.

Lincoln was granted a temporary restraining order that allowed it to still tow vehicles while appealing the ICC’s ruling in



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A tow truck outside of Lincoln Towing in 2016. On Wednesday, a judge reversed a state decision to revoke the towing service’s license.

Cook County Circuit Court. The firm was required to put up a \$100,000 bond and file daily towing logs with the Illinois attorney general’s office, which represented the ICC in the case.

At the time, Cohen put Lincoln Towing on a short leash, threatening to pull the towing firm’s license if there were any transgressions during the interim.

“There weren’t any transgressions,” Perl said Wednesday. “The case is over now.”

The judge’s order is final, but the ICC has the right to appeal.

“We are disappointed in the ruling and are exploring all of our options with our legal counsel,” ICC spokeswoman Victoria Crawford said in an emailed statement Wednesday.

Dubbed the “Lincoln Park Pirates” in a popular 1972 song by Chicago folk singer Steve Goodman, Lincoln is the largest relocation towing service in the state.

The infamous towing service has prowled Chicago’s parking lots for nearly 60 years, finding itself at the center of lawsuits, consumer horror stories and political pressure throughout its history. Last spring, it splashed its once-obscure corporate name, Protective Parking Service, on the sign at its Chicago headquarters, fueling rumors that Lincoln Towing was rebranding.

Perl said Wednesday the towing firm’s name remains the same, as does its mission.

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Viking invades the Great Lakes

Europe-based cruise line launching voyages in North America in 2022

BY LORI RACKL

A big player in the cruise industry is diving into the Great Lakes market.

Switzerland-based Viking, which built its name plying the rivers of Europe, is extending its reach into North America in 2022 with voyages exploring the largest surface of fresh water in the world.

The announcement was made Wednesday night at an event in Beverly Hills, California, where Viking founder and chairman Torstein Hagen rolled out details about the cruise line's upcoming "expedition" voyages. These include trips to far-flung locales like Antarctica and the Arctic, as previously reported, as well as newly revealed itineraries in the closer-to-home Great Lakes — an increasingly popular cruise destination.

"We began as Viking River Cruises; then we evolved into Viking Cruises with the addition of ocean cruises," Hagen said in a written statement announcing the news. "Today we stand singularly as Viking, offering destination-focused voyages on more than 20 rivers, five oceans and five Great Lakes, visiting 403 ports in 95 countries and on all seven continents."

The company is in the process of building two ships specifically tailored to expedition-style cruising.

The first vessel, Viking Octantis, is scheduled to make its maiden voyage in January 2022. It will be assigned to the Great Lakes and Antarctica. Its sister ship, Viking Polaris, is slated to come on board later that year, in August. Polaris will sail in the waters around Antarctica and the Arctic.

Both ships have capacity to hold 378 guests in 189 staterooms. The vessels are designed to be small and nimble enough to navigate remote polar areas and the St. Lawrence River, but big enough to handle potentially rough waters and not sacrifice passenger comfort.

The cruise line's initial Great Lakes offerings don't include Chicago as a port of call. But most of the itineraries allow customers to tack on a two-night trip in

the city as a pre- or post-cruise option for an additional charge.

Viking has four types of Great Lakes cruises in 2022:

■ **Undiscovered Great Lakes** is an eight-day voyage from Thunder Bay, Ontario, to Milwaukee, with a passage between Lake Superior and Lake Huron via the Soo Locks. Passengers visit the Apostle Islands in Wisconsin and Michigan's car-free Mackinac Island, among other stops. Trips run between May and September. Pricing starts at \$6,695 per person.

■ **Great Lakes Explorer** travels from Milwaukee to Thunder Bay over eight days. It has some of the same ports as Undiscovered Great Lakes. But this one also spends time in Canada's Georgian Bay, often referred to as the sixth Great Lake, where passengers can opt to kayak around some of the bay's 30,000-plus islands. Sailing dates between May and September; starting at \$6,495.

■ **Niagara & the Great Lakes** is another eight-day voyage, this one hitting Niagara Falls en route between Toronto and Milwaukee. Other stops include Detroit and Michigan's Sleeping Bear Dunes. It's offered in April, May, June, July and September with prices from \$5,995.

■ **The longest voyage of the bunch, Canadian Discovery** is a 13-day excursion that starts in New York and meanders along Canada's southeast coast to the St. Lawrence River. Passengers explore the marine-life rich Saguenay Fjord and can test their luck salmon fishing in Quebec's Moisie River. This trip ventures into only one of the Great Lakes: Lake Ontario, where the voyage caps off in Canada's biggest city, Toronto. Sailing dates are in April and October, with a minimum price tag of \$8,995.

Prices include shore excursions, meals, some alcoholic beverages, Wi-Fi and port fees.

The inaugural rates listed above are good through the end of February on 2022 and 2023 voyages. During that introductory booking period, Viking is throwing in free roundtrip airfare to



VIKING

A rendering of Viking's new expedition ship. Two of the vessels are under construction in Norway, and one of them will be dispatched to the Great Lakes.

and from major gateways in North America. Reservations can be made at viking.com/expeditions.

Unlike some expedition ships that are refurbished research vessels, Octantis and Polaris are being built with soaring windows to maximize views. A retractable glass dome covers an area with three different temperature pools. Each of the 665-foot-long ships has multiple dining venues, a spa and a fitness center.

Modern, Scandinavian-style staterooms range in size from a snug 222 square feet to the sprawling 1,223-square-foot owner's suite with a large, private garden.

All of the cabins have king-size beds, heated bathroom floors and what's called a Nordic balcony, where the top portion of the floor-to-ceiling glass wall can be lowered to elbow level to mimic a traditional balcony.

The expedition vessels, which are under construction in Norway, feature an enclosed marina dubbed The Hangar, where guests can board and disembark smaller, high-speed excursion boats from a stable surface protected from the elements.

In a glass-covered mezzanine above The Hangar, Viking's team of "resident scientists" will be conducting environmental research during the voyages. Passengers can visit the lab to learn more about the work and even lend a hand.

For the Great Lakes trips, Viking has partnered with the National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), whose scientists will join expeditions to study changes in the region's weather, climate and ecosystems.

Each ship will be equipped with two submarines that can seat six guests for underwater exploration.

Seas can get rough in the polar regions — even in the Great Lakes. The Octantis' and Polaris' longer hulls, straight bows and what's billed as state-of-the-art fin stabilizers are designed for smoother sailing. The company says U-tank stabilizers should decrease rolling by up to 50 percent when the ships are stationary.

Viking's foray into expedition-style cruising marks the latest expansion for the fast-growing cruise line. In recent years, the proud "Downton Abbey" sponsor added small-ship ocean voyages to its lineup. The current fleet consists of 79 river and ocean vessels. Plans call for rolling out seven new river ships this year. Half a dozen ocean vessels are on order, with the option to add four more. That could bring Viking's ocean fleet to 16 ships by 2027.

Viking's move into the Great Lakes is yet another sign that the drumbeat for cruising in the heart of North America is getting louder. Some customers like the idea of sticking closer to home as they age, while veteran cruisers are simply hungry for fresh destinations.

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Assets

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An attorney representing Courtright did not respond to a request for comment Tuesday, and efforts to reach Courtright were unsuccessful.

The alleged scheme began in January 2017, with The Income Store marketing its website investment offering through satellite radio ads, online ads and through its own website, among other platforms, according to the complaint. Investors generally paid \$100,000 or more in upfront fees for purchasing or building, hosting, maintaining and marketing websites, with guaranteed annual returns of 13% to 20% in a revenue-sharing agreement.

As website revenues ramped up, Courtright would split the proceeds with the investors. Website revenues, however, were "insufficient to make guaranteed investor payouts," according to the complaint.

While the websites generated about \$9 million in advertising and product sales revenue through October 2019, The Income Store paid out more than \$31 million in guaranteed returns to investors, according to the complaint. To make up the more than \$20 million shortfall, Courtright "turned to other funding sources," diverting a material portion of new investor fees to pay existing investors — essentially running a Ponzi-like scheme, investigators allege.

In May 2019, The Income Store apparently added a second source of funding to pay investors, taking out \$11 million in loans, including some

from distressed lenders, according to the complaint. During that same period, The Income Store also raised more than \$12 million from new investors, depositing the funds into the same commercial bank account as the loan proceeds, according to the complaint.

From May to October, The Income Store used the co-mingled funds to make about \$8 million in investor payouts and \$3 million in payments to lenders, according to the complaint.

Courtright also continued to pitch new investors through advertising and online videos. In July, The Income Store posted several YouTube videos featuring Courtright touting his success, tracking The Income Store's path from website builder in 2009 to investment vehicle in 2017.

In one video, Courtright tells an enthusiastic audience of ostensible entrepreneurs how to accelerate their businesses.

"I believe when you make the decision... providence will move the right people, ideas, inspiration, money and everything will come in front of you, and you will ride that sucker so freaking fast and break through to hyper-growth," Courtright said in the video, which remained online as of Tuesday.

The SEC complaint charges Courtright and The Income Store with violations of antifraud and registration provisions of the federal Securities Act. It is seeking a permanent injunction preventing the solicitation or acceptance of new investor funds, the return of "ill-gotten gains" and civil penalties.

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Clinics

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The closures will affect 13 advanced practice nurses, said Chris Martin, a spokesman for the union. Advanced practice nurses have more training and education than registered nurses.

The nurses association said it filed a complaint against Advocate with the National Labor Relations Board on Wednesday. The union alleges that Advocate "failed and refused to bargain in good faith with the union as the collective bargaining representative of its employees by making unilateral changes in terms and conditions of employment" according to the filing.

It also alleges Advocate failed to give it certain information related to the closures.

The union wants Advocate to hold off on any clinic closures until bargaining can take place over the matter. It would like to see the clinics remain open and the nurses keep their jobs, Martin said.

Advocate said in a statement Wednesday that it remains "committed to making health care more affordable, which includes reducing duplication of

services in our communities."

The system also denied the unfair labor practice allegations.

Advocate Aurora Health leaders said at a health care conference in San Francisco on Monday that the system seeks to cut costs by \$1.1 billion and more than double its revenue, to \$27 billion, by 2025. Advocate Aurora also plans to continue a strategy of mergers and acquisitions.

Last year, the health system, based in Downers Grove and Milwaukee, gave early retirement buy-outs to about 200 employees and didn't offer an annual bonus to workers. The system had revenue of \$9.4 billion for the first three quarters of 2019, up from just below \$9 billion during the same time period in 2018.

When the seven Advocate clinics close Feb. 15, Advocate still will have 48 other Walgreens in-store clinics in Illinois, mostly in the Chicago area, said Walgreens spokesman Scott Goldberg. SSM Health runs four Walgreens clinics in Illinois in the St. Louis area, he said.

There are no plans for another health system to take over the seven Advocate clinics that are closing, he said.

WGN

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general manager, replacing Todd Manley, who was cut loose by the station as part of the September sale of Tribune Media to Nexstar.

The debut of "News Nation" will mark the end of nightly syndicated entertainment programming on WGN America, another transformation of the cable channel that was once best known for airing Cubs games and "Andy Griffith" reruns.

WGN America, which started as a superstation in the 1970s by uploading WGN's broadcast schedule to satellite, dropped Cubs

baseball and Chicago news several years ago, converting to a full-fledged cable channel with original and syndicated programming.

The shift to a prime-time news network puts WGN America in a crowded but potentially lucrative field. In a news release Wednesday, Perry Sook, the chairman and CEO of Nexstar, said "News Nation" is positioned to compete against established news networks "without incurring incremental operating expenses" by leveraging the 5,400 journalists already employed at local Nexstar TV stations.

"We get to the scene of important breaking news first and provide live coverage delivered by local reporters who know the local

community and can provide the proper context for what's happening," Sook said.

The new broadcast will air seven nights a week, filling a void on cable, when news networks often turn to specialty programming. It may also serve as a launching pad for WGN America to eventually expand into a full-time news network, Compton said.

"If we're successful, we'd certainly want to expand it," Compton said.

The Nexstar-Tribune Media merger created the largest TV station group in the U.S., unseating Maryland-based Sinclair Broadcast Group, which was forced to abandon its own takeover attempt for Tribune Media in 2018 after the proposed

\$3.9 billion transaction drew the ire of regulators.

The proposed deal sparked speculation that Sinclair might convert WGN America into a conservative news network to rival Fox News Channel.

Nexstar is promising its national cable news offering will be different — by running straight down the middle.

"This will be a newscast that serves as a refuge for viewers across the country who are disenchanted with current news offerings and looking for fact-based news that's delivered without bias or opinion," Lyons said in the news release.

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US, China sign phase one trade deal, easing tension

Pact includes agreement to buy \$200B of American goods

BY ANA SWANSON
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The New York Times

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump signed an initial trade deal with China on Wednesday, bringing the first chapter of a protracted and economically damaging fight with the world's second-largest economy to a close.

The pact is intended to open Chinese markets to more U.S. companies, increase farm and energy exports and provide greater protection for U.S. technology and trade secrets. China has committed to purchasing an additional \$200 billion worth of U.S. goods and services by 2021 and is expected to ease some of the tariffs it has placed U.S. products.

But the agreement preserves the bulk of tariffs that Trump has placed on \$360 billion worth of Chinese goods, and it maintains the threat of additional punishment if Beijing does not live up to the terms of the deal.

"Today we take a momentous step, one that has never been taken before with

China, toward a future of fair and reciprocal trade with China," Trump said at a ceremony at the White House. "Together we are righting the wrongs of the past."

The deal caps more than two years of tense negotiations and escalating threats that at times seemed destined to plunge the United States and China into a permanent economic war. Trump, who campaigned for president in 2016 on a promise to get tough on China, pushed his negotiators to rewrite trade terms that he said had destroyed American industry and jobs, and he imposed record tariffs on Chinese goods in a gamble to get Beijing to accede to his demands.

The resulting pact marks a significant turning point in U.S. trade policy and the types of free trade agreements that the United States has typically supported. Rather than lowering tariffs and other economic barriers to allow for the flow of goods and services to meet market demand, this deal leaves a record level of tariffs in place and forces China to buy \$200 billion worth of specific products within two years.

To Trump and other supporters, the approach corrects for past trade deals that enabled corporate outsourcing and led to lost jobs and industries. To critics, it is the type of managed trade approach that the United States has long criticized, especially with regard to China and its control over its economy.

Rather than trying to change China's approach, it leans into it by requiring Beijing to buy set amounts of certain goods and services.

And it does not resolve more pernicious structural issues surrounding China's approach, particularly its pattern of subsidizing and supporting key industries that compete with U.S. firms, like solar and steel. U.S. businesses blame those economic practices for allowing cheap Chinese goods to flood the U.S. market, putting domestic firms out of business.

But the agreement has plenty of critics in both parties, who say that Trump's tactics have been haphazard and economically damaging and that the agreement leaves many important economic issues unresolved.

Nissan adds nearly 346K vehicles to Takata recall

Associated Press

DETROIT — Nissan is recalling nearly 346,000 vehicles worldwide to replace dangerous Takata air bag inflators that can explode and hurl shrapnel.

The Nissan front passenger inflators are among 10 million from 14 different automakers that Takata is recalling. It's the last recall that the bankrupt Takata agreed to in a 2015 settlement with U.S. safety regulators.

The Nissan recall covers certain 2001 through 2003 Maximas, 2002 through 2006 Sentras, 2002 through 2004 Pathfinders, and 2007 through 2011 Versas. Also included are 2001 through 2004 Infiniti I30 and I35s, 2002 through 2003 QX4s, 2003 through 2008 FX35 and FX45s and 2006 through 2010 M35 and M45s.

Owners will be notified and dealers will replace the inflators starting around Feb. 10, at no cost to owners.

Most of the recalled vehicles are in North America, but some are in Europe, the Middle East and Latin America, Nissan said in a statement.

The Nissan inflators are part of a recall that Takata announced earlier this month. They were sold to 14 different automakers, who will conduct their own recalls. Ford, Fiat Chrysler, Honda, Subaru, Ferrari and Mazda already have made recall announcements.

The 10 million inflators are part of the approximately 70 million in the U.S. that Takata was to recall as part of the agreement with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Takata used ammonium nitrate to create a small explosion to inflate air bags. The chemical can deteriorate over time when exposed to high heat and humidity and burn too fast, blowing apart a metal canister and hurling shrapnel.

At least 25 people have been killed worldwide and hundreds injured by Takata inflators.



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Tales from Apple encryption

Tech giant, government facing another battle over opening iPhones

BY JACK NICAS AND KATIE BENNER
The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple is privately preparing for a legal fight with the Justice Department to defend encryption on its iPhones while publicly trying to defuse the dispute, as the technology giant navigates an increasingly tricky line between its customers and the Trump administration.

Timothy Cook, Apple's chief executive, has marshaled a handful of top advisers, while Attorney General William Barr has taken aim at the company and asked it to help penetrate two phones used by a gunman in a deadly shooting last month at a naval air station in Pensacola, Florida.

Executives at Apple have been surprised by the case's quick escalation, said people familiar with the company who were not authorized to speak publicly. And there is frustration and skepticism among some on the Apple team working on the issue that the Justice Department hasn't spent enough time trying to get into the iPhones with third-party tools, said one person with knowledge of the matter.

Apple declined to comment on the issue Tuesday. Late Monday, after Barr had complained that the company had provided no "substantive assistance" in gaining access to the phones used in the Pensacola shooting, Apple said it rejected that characterization. It added that "encryption is vital to protecting our country and our users' data."

At the heart of the tussle is a debate between Apple and the government over whether security or privacy trumps the other. Apple has said it chooses not to build a "backdoor" way for governments to get into iPhones and to bypass encryption because that would create a slippery slope that could damage people's privacy.

Cook publicly took a stand on privacy in 2016 when Apple fought a court order from the FBI to open the iPhone of a gunman involved in a San Bernardino, California, mass shooting. The company said it could open the phone in a month, using a team of six to 10 engineers. But in a blistering, 1,100-word letter to Apple customers at the time, Cook warned that creating a way for the authorities to gain access to someone's iPhone "would undermine the very freedoms and liberty our government is meant to protect."

The San Bernardino case was bitterly contested by the government and Apple until a private company came forward

with a way to break into the phone. Since then, Cook has made privacy one of Apple's core values. That has set Apple apart from tech giants like Facebook and Google, which have faced scrutiny for vacuuming up people's data to sell ads.

The Pensacola gunman's phones were an iPhone 5 and an iPhone 7 Plus, according to a person familiar with the investigation. Those phones lack Apple's most sophisticated encryption.

Security researchers said tools from at least two companies, Cellebrite and Grayshift, have long been able to bypass the encryption on those iPhone models.

Cellebrite's and Grayshift's tools exploit flaws in iPhone software that let them remove limits on how many passwords can be tried before the device erases its data, the researchers said. Typically, iPhones allow 10 password attempts. The tools then use a so-called brute-force attack, or repeated automated attempts of thousands of pass codes, until one works.

Security researchers speculated that in the Pensacola case, the FBI might still be trying a brute-force attack to get into the phones. They said major physical damage may have impeded any third-party tools from opening the devices. The Pensacola gunman had shot the iPhone 7 Plus once and tried destroying the iPhone 5, according to FBI photos.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Amazon to invest \$1 billion in India

NEW DELHI — Amazon founder Jeff Bezos said Wednesday that his company plans to invest \$1 billion in digitizing small and medium businesses in India.

Bezos, who is on a three-day visit, also said Amazon is going to use its size, scale and global footprint to export \$10 billion in goods made in India by 2025.

He addressed representatives of small and medium businesses in New Delhi. Amazon.com launched e-commerce in India through Amazon India in 2013.

Bezos's visit comes at a time when the government-appointed Competition Commission of India is investigating alleged deep discounts, preferential listing and exclusionary tactics adopted by Amazon India and its e-commerce rival Flipkart.

GM to hire 1,350 temps full time

DETROIT — More than 1,350 temporary workers at 14 General Motors facilities in the U.S. will get full-time positions before the end of March, GM said.

The workers will start at \$21 to \$24 per hour depending on seniority and will receive improved health care benefits with dental and vision, company 401(k) contributions and annual profit-sharing.

Eventually they'll reach the top wage for a full-time production worker of \$32.32 per hour. The plants and other sites are in Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, New York and Tennessee, GM said Wednesday.

The workers got a path to full-time status through contract negotiations between the United Auto Workers and the company.

Gas mileage proposal a sign of compromise

BY TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

DETROIT — The Trump administration is signaling that it could increase fuel economy standards, possibly compromising on its push to freeze them at 2020 levels.

In one of the administration's hardest-fought battles to roll back Obama-era environmental regulations, two federal agencies submitted a final rule on gas mileage and greenhouse gas emissions Tuesday.

But they would not give details until the rule is reviewed and formally published by the Office of Management and Budget.

Still, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said in a statement

that it believes the rule, written jointly with the Environmental Protection Agency, will improve gas mileage and reduce emissions from the U.S. fleet of new vehicles.

The statement also said the rule would make new vehicles more affordable for Americans, thereby putting more new vehicles on the road that are safer than the ones they replaced.

"When finalized, this rule will be a win for all Americans," the statement said.

When the Trump administration released its proposed "Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient Vehicles Rule" in August 2018, it was panned by environmental groups that said the calculations were flawed.

Even the EPA's Science Advisory Board,

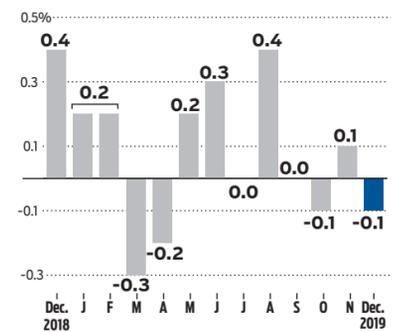
mainly appointed by Trump, questioned the rationale in a draft report late last year. "There are significant weaknesses in the scientific analysis of the proposed rule," the board wrote.

The administration's preferred option to Obama-era fuel efficiency standards was a freeze at 2020 levels, which it contended would save 12,700 lives from car crashes during the life of new vehicles through model year 2029. The logic was that relaxed fuel mileage standards would cut the cost of vehicles, making them more affordable and increasing sales. Since new vehicles are safer, lives would be saved.

In 2018, EPA staffers privately challenged the rationale for the freeze, saying the proposal would actually increase U.S. highway deaths.

Real earnings down

Monthly percent change in real (adjusted for inflation) average hourly earnings for all employees

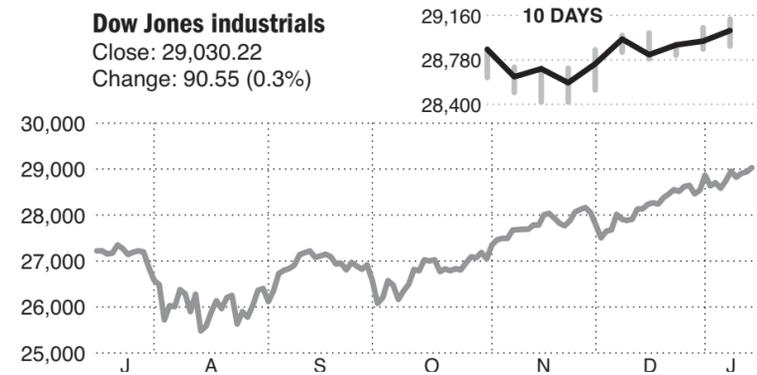


SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 29,127.59 Low: 28,897.35 Previous: 28,939.67



Nasdaq
Close: 9,258.70
High: 9,298.82
Low: 9,231.14
Previous: 9,251.33
Change: +7.37 (+0.08%)

S&P 500
Close: 3,289.29
High: 3,298.66
Low: 3,280.69
Previous: 3,283.15
Change: +6.14 (+0.19%)

Russell 2000
Close: 1,682.40
High: 1,688.12
Low: 1,673.40
Previous: 1,675.74
Change: +6.66 (+0.40%)

10-yr T-note -0.03 to 1.78%	Gold futures +9.70 to \$1,552.10	Yen -0.09 to 109.91/\$1	Euro -0.0018 to .8968/\$1	Crude Oil -0.42 to \$57.81
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Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +0.99	NASD +1.42	S&P +1.11	DOW +2.80	NASD +4.88	S&P +3.08	DOW +19.92	NASD +31.61	S&P +25.73

FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	569	578.75	568.25	573.25	+4.75
		May 20	570.50	579.25	570	574	+3.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	388.75	390.25	386.50	387.50	-1.50
		May 20	395.75	397	393.50	394	-2
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	942	943.25	928.25	928.75	-13.50
		May 20	955	956.50	941.50	942	-13.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 20	34.08	34.11	33.25	33.30	-0.77
		May 20	34.38	34.43	33.58	33.64	-0.76
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 20	302.50	303.90	300.00	300.10	-1.90
		May 20	306.90	308.40	304.60	304.80	-1.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Feb 20	58.20	58.36	57.36	57.81	-0.42
		Mar 20	58.23	58.41	57.42	57.84	-0.42
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Feb 20	2.181	2.189	2.104	2.120	-0.067
		Mar 20	2.146	2.152	2.080	2.083	-0.068
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 20	1.6605	1.6617	1.6262	1.6368	-0.0176
		Mar 20	1.6668	1.6701	1.6364	1.6492	-0.0150

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	87.38	+1.64	Envestnet Inc	N	74.53	+0.27	McDonalds Corp	N	209.77	+2.45
AbbVie Inc	N	89.26	+1.06	Equity Commonwith	N	32.71	+0.22	Middleby Corp	O	108.85	+0.49
Allstate Corp	N	114.26	+0.46	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	70.43	-0.16	Mondelez Intl	O	54.74	+0.55
Aptargroup Inc	N	116.71	+0.58	Equity Residential	N	82.07	+0.91	Morningstar Inc	O	158.10	+0.96
Arch Dan Mid	N	44.39	-0.11	Exelon Corp	O	46.55	+0.74	Motorola Solutions	N	170.55	+2.21
Baxter Intl	N	89.56	+0.35	First Indl RT	O	42.57	+0.77	NISource Inc	N	28.69	+0.51
Boeing Co	N	329.80	-2.55	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	69.07	+1.05	Nthn Trust Cp	O	107.02	-0.98
Brunswick Corp	N	59.34	+0.24	Gallagher AJ	N	95.81	-0.72	Old Republic	N	22.54	+0.08
CBOE Global Markets	N	116.87	+1.38	Grainger WW	N	339.27	-1.01	Packaging Corp Am	N	108.24	+1.59
CDK Global Inc	O	56.16	-0.06	GrubHub Inc	N	55.19	+0.51	Payloadly Hldg	O	136.35	+1.20
CDW Corp	O	144.60	+0.64	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	115.68	-0.34	RLI Corp	N	91.58	+1.66
CF Industries	N	45.65	+0.23	IAA Inc	N	47.45	-0.82	Stericycle Inc	O	62.32	+1.31
CME Group	O	205.01	+1.45	IDEX Corp	N	173.12	+0.66	TransUnion	N	91.69	+1.10
CNA Financial	N	44.67	+0.05	ITW	N	178.41	-0.23	US Foods Holding	N	41.17	+0.35
Cabot Microelect	O	151.26	-1.09	Ingredion Inc	N	91.23	-0.77	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	276.20	-6.42
Caterpillar Inc	N	145.57	-1.11	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	171.21	+0.57	United Airlines Hldg	O	88.29	+0.44
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	31.93	-0.22	Kemper Corp	N	77.99	-0.53	Ventas Inc	N	57.70	+0.70
Deere Co	N	172.92	-0.75	Kraft Heinz Co	O	31.60	-0.13	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	54.43	-0.19
Discover Fin Svcs	N	83.32	+0.28	LKQ Corporation	O	33.92	-0.42	Wintrust Financial	O	68.07	-1.14
Dover Corp	N	117.61	+0.49	Littelfuse Inc	O	191.41	-1.97	Zebra Tech	O	247.80	-0.27

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Aurora Cannabis Inc	2.05	+0.26
Bank of America	34.67	-0.65
Ford Motor	9.19	-0.10
Chesapeake Energy	68	+0.01
Wells Fargo & Co	48.32	-0.98
Gen Electric	11.87	-0.16
Teva Pharm	10.54	+0.50
Pinterest Inc	21.76	+0.25
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.28	-0.18
Target Corp	117.00	-0.26
AT&T Inc	37.87	-0.22
Snap Inc A	18.19	+0.20
Pfizer Inc	40.67	+0.60
Mallinckrodt plc	4.49	+0.91
McDermott Intl	0.78	+0.08
Nokia Corp	4.06	+0.05
PG&E Corp	12.75	+0.83
Canopy Growth Corp	24.90	+1.05
Uber Technologies	35.01	+1.17
Freepoint McMoran	12.98	-0.23
Petrobras	14.87	-0.50
Ambev S.A.	4.46	-0.12
US Steel Corp	10.50	-0.41
Yamana Gold Inc	3.82	+1.14

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	225.06	-1.43
Alphabet Inc C	1439.20	+8.32
Alphabet Inc A	1439.20	+8.61
Amazon.com Inc	1862.02	-7.42
Apple Inc	311.34	-1.34
Bank of America	34.67	-0.65
Berkshire Hath B	228.35	+1.18
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.09	-0.11
Facebook Inc	221.15	+2.09
HSBC Holdings prA	26.97	-0.08
JPMorgan Chase	136.72	-2.08
Johnson & Johnson	147.01	+0.49
MasterCard Inc	314.25	+3.61
Microsoft Corp	163.18	+1.05
Procter & Gamble	125.96	+1.27
Taiwan Semicon	58.39	-1.93
Unitedhealth Group	296.41	+8.17
Visa Inc	199.80	+3.75
WalMart Strs	115.28	-0.90

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	34.41	+0.13	+23.5
American Funds AmcnBala m	28.83	+0.07	+17.9
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	m53.00	+0.09	+22.4
American Funds CptIncBldrA m	63.79	+0.14	+18.8
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	63.10	+0.11	+24.5
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	52.65	+0.17	+24.7
American Funds InvCAMrca m	23.42	+0.02	+17.2
American Funds InvCAMrca m	40.22	+0.14	+22.1
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	48.38	+0.05	+27.3
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	48.68	+0.17	+23.0
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.12	+0.02	+10.0
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	43.75	-0.20	+17.4
Dodge & Cox Stk	197.23	-0.45	+21.3
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.71	+0.01	+6.6
Fidelity 500ldxInSPrm	114.14	+0.21	+28.6
Fidelity Contrafund	14.22	+0.05	+27.6
Fidelity InvMGrdeBd	11.65	+0.02	+10.4
Fidelity TlMktldxInSPrm	92.31	+0.18	+27.5
Fidelity USBldxInSPrm	11.99	+0.02	+9.3
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.35	---	+12.0
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	11.00	+0.01	+9.6
PIMCO Inc2	12.09	---	+7.9
PIMCO IncInstl	12.09	---	+8.0
PIMCO TlRetltns	10.41	+0.01	+8.8
Schwab SP500ldx	50.33	+0.10	+28.5
T. Rowe Price BCGr	129.35	+0.45	+27.4
T. Rowe Price GrStk	76.31	+0.23	+28.3
Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	303.77	+0.57	+28.5
Vanguard BalldxAdmrl	39.81	+0.07	+20.2
Vanguard DivGrInv	31.17	+0.17	+30.4
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	80.02	+0.11	+22.3
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	97.30	+0.26	+35.6
Vanguard HCAdmrl	89.72	+0.69	+20.2
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.58	+0.02	+7.3
Vanguard InslldxIn	295.71	+0.56	+28.5
Vanguard InslldxInSPlus	295.73	+0.56	+28.6
Vanguard InstlSMInSPlus	69.99	+0.15	+27.5
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	105.98	-0.01	+29.2
Vanguard MtlCpldxAdmrl	224.69	+0.53	+26.5
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	146.78	-0.37	+24.6
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.75	+0.01	+5.9
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	80.45	+0.20	+20.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.88	+0.04	+16.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	20.08	+0.02	+17.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	36.92	+0.05	+18.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	22.82	+0.02	+20.0
Vanguard TtBldxAdmrl	11.12	+0.01	+9.5
Vanguard TtBldxIn	11.12	+0.01	+9.5
Vanguard TtInBldxAdmrl	22.72	+0.04	+8.1
Vanguard TtInBldxIn	34.10	+0.06	+8.8
Vanguard TtInSldxAdmrl	30.17	-0.03	+17.8
Vanguard TtInSldxIn	120.65	-0.11	+17.8
Vanguard TtInSldxInSPlus	120.68	-0.11	+17.8
Vanguard TtInSldxInv	18.04	-0.01	+17.7
Vanguard TtSMldxAdmrl	81.23	+0.17	+27.4
Vanguard TtSMldxIn	81.24	+0.16	+27.4
Vanguard TtSMldxInv	81.20	+0.16	+27.3
Vanguard WngtAdmrl	75.75	+0.15	+21.5
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	66.80	+0.15	+16.3
Vanguard WndrllAdmrl	65.59	-0.05	+25.9

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MATTY MAHER 1939-2020

Patriarch was steward to New York City institution, McSorley's

By **SAM ROBERTS**
New York Times

Matty Maher, the patriarch of only the third family to steward the venerable dive bar McSorley's Old Ale House since it opened in the East Village of Manhattan in the mid-19th century, died Saturday in Queens. He was 80.

The cause was lung cancer, his daughter Teresa de la Haba said.

Maher, who could trace his career at McSorley's to a bit of end-of-the-rainbow serendipity in Ireland, began by tending bar at the saloon in 1964 as an Irish immigrant.

He graduated to manager as the beer hall, surrounded by neighborhood blight near the Bowery, tottered at the brink of bankruptcy; survived the loss of a gender discrimination case in 1970 that forced McSorley's to delete the last two words of its durable slogan vowing "Good Ale, Raw Onions, and No Ladies"; and endured a Health Department ordinance that, while it banned smoking, had the unintended consequence, Maher said, of encouraging customers to drink more.

The bar was immortalized early in the 20th century by the paintings of John Sloan of the Ashcan School (one, displayed at the 1913 Armory Show, was said to have been priced at \$500 and failed to sell) and by Joseph Mitchell's 1940 profile in *The New Yorker* titled "The Old House at Home," the bar's name when it was opened by John McSorley about 1854.

Mitchell had distinguished McSorley's as a "dark and gloomy," unpretentious and "utterly democratic" place where malt and wet hops contributed to "a thick musty smell that acts as a balm to jerky nerves."

Maher was perfectly cast as the publican.

"He was a five-foot-eight spark plug," author and

journalist Rafe Bartholomew wrote in a memoir, "Two and Two: McSorley's, My Dad, and Me" (2017), "with the Irish gift of gab, a belly laugh that could fill the front room and an explosive temper when he needed it."

When an amateur historian challenged McSorley's reputation as New York's oldest Irish pub, Maher commissioned a regular customer, Bill Wander, to turn the tables and prove the bar's date of birth, which he did.

In 1936, the McSorley family sold the bar to Daniel O'Connell, a patron and police officer, who left it to his daughter, Dorothy Kirwin. In 1964, while vacationing near Kilkenny, Ireland, Kirwin's husband, Harry, was stranded with a flat tire when who should come along to offer help but 25-year-old Matty Maher.

Harry Kirwin promised Matty a job at McSorley's if he ever moved to New York. He accepted the offer, set off for America and ultimately, in 1977, bought the bar and the building it occupies, at 15 East Seventh St. near Cooper Square, from the Kirwins' son.

Matthew Dennis Maher was born Nov. 8, 1939, in Kilkenny to Patrick and Ellen (Fogarty) Maher. His father was a farmer, his mother a cook.

After leaving school at 14, he worked for a farmer, drove a delivery truck for a local meat company and caught foxes, providing them to wealthy landowners for hunts.

He married Teresa Mary Brady of County Meath, Ireland. She and de la Haba survive him, along with four other daughters, Ann Marie Pullman, Kathy Isaakidis, Adrienne Noyes and Maeve McNamara, and 12 grandchildren. Maher, who died at Flushing Hospital, lived in the Malba section of northern Queens.

Though he retired years ago, Maher, like McSorley's

itself, was a font of froth and fact about the bar and its memorabilia, which includes a sawdust-sprinkled floor, a pair of Harry Houdini's escape-proof handcuffs, a wanted poster for "the Murderer" John Wilkes Booth and an icky accumulation of wishbones that dangles from a gas lamp over the bar.

Maher would explain that the turkey furcula tradition dated to World War I, when departing doughboys, after finishing their last full meal stateside, would hang the bones above the bar as a good luck wish that they would return safely.

As a bartender, manager and owner, he was philosophical, often reminding family and friends, "It's not what you become in life but what you overcome."

In 1970, after Mayor John V. Lindsay signed legislation barring discrimination in public places because of gender, altercations erupted at McSorley's between longtime customers and female newcomers.

"I'm afraid it will be this way for a few days," Maher told *The New York Times*. "They're a little upset, you see."

It took a little longer, until 1986, in fact, until McSorley's added a women's restroom. Still, Maher said, the bar somehow survived.

"That was the end of an era," he said, "but it hasn't changed McSorley's." If anything, he said, publicity over the lawsuit benefited business.

"When I started working for him full time 26 years ago, I was McSorley's first female bartender and a little nervous going in — wondering what the old-timers would say or think," his daughter Teresa said. (Her husband, Gregory, is an artist and bartender there, too.) "But my father said these words to quell my concerns: 'Teresa, just tell them you're about your father's business.' And so, I am. And continue to be

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Alexander, Kenneth C. 'Kenny'

Kenneth C. "Kenny" Alexander, Veteran U.S. Army Korean War, Retired Commander of C.P.D. 024 with 38 years of service. Beloved husband of 60 years to Barbara nee Kudabeck. Loving father of Chuck, Gail (Phil) Loizon, Eve (Steve) Bonneau. Devoted grandfather "Uncle Papa" of Alexandra, Noah and Joshua Loizon and Luke Bonneau. Dear brother in law of the late James (Maureen) Kadubek. Visitation Saturday 9:00 a.m. at Beverly Ridge Funeral Home; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave. until time of prayers 10:30 a.m. to St. Christina Church Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers memorials to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, 6300 N. Ridge, Chicago IL 60660 appreciated. 773-779-4411

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Cordon, Jr., Thomas M.

Thomas M. Cordon, Jr., retired CFD; beloved husband of Marilyn nee Tallacksen; loving father of David (Karen), Donna, Dianne (Daniel) O'Brien, Donald and the late Dennis; cherished grandfather of Lauren (Brenden) Root, Brendon Cordon, Elizabeth and Aileen O'Brien, Ryan and Christopher Cordon; adoring great grandfather of Liam Root; fond brother of Joan Masterson; dear uncle to many. Retired Chicago Firefighter of 32 years and proud Army and Korean War Veteran. Funeral Saturday 9:30 AM from Gibbons Family Funeral Home, 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (1/2 Block East of Austin) to St. Pascal Church. Mass 10 AM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Friday 4-8 PM. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the American Heart Association. For info 773-777-3944 or www.gffh.com

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Coudal, Edgar Franklin 'Ed'

Edgar Franklin "Ed" Coudal, 84, died Saturday, December 21, 2019, in Sarasota, Florida. Ed leaves behind his longtime partner and love, Martha Montague; his five children and their spouses: James Coudal (Heidi), Mary Beth Coudal (Chris Jones), John Coudal (Laurie), Brendan Coudal (Nicole), Mary Kate Sweeney (Jed), and Martha's children, Kristin (Jack) and Scott (Irene). He was lovingly known as "Bestefar," to his 12 grandchildren. Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, Ed was the son of Nels and Jenny (Halsor) Coudal. He graduated from Chicago's Steinmetz High School in 1952, and Northwestern University in 1956, earning a B.A. in Journalism. He married Mary Lou Wade of Chicago in 1957 and they lived in Baltimore and San Francisco while he served in the U.S. Army. Ed later joined the Chicago American newspaper as a reporter and went on to serve as an editor and writer for the Chicago Today newspaper. He worked for the Young & Rubicam advertising agency and the Pullman Corporation as a public relations executive. He founded Coudal & Associates, a public relations consultancy. The Coudals started family life in Skokie, IL, St. Joan of Arc parish, and then settled in Park Ridge, IL, Mary Seat of Wisdom parish. After divorcing, Ed moved to the Sarasota area 30 years ago, where he met Ms. Montague. He was a long time resident of Siesta Key. Edgar's love for Chicago and its history never wavered, nor did his passion for the Chicago Cubs. He was an active member of the Mensa community and had countless friends in common with Bill W. A life-long writer, painter and voracious reader, Ed was known for his sense of humor, intellect and good counsel. A private memorial service will be held.

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In 1996, gunmen in Trabzon, Turkey, hijacked a Black Sea ferry with more than 200 people on board and demanded that Russian troops stop fighting Chechen rebels in Pervomayskaya.

In 1997, entertainer Bill Cosby's only son, Ennis, was shot to death in Los Angeles in an apparent roadside robbery attempt. (Mikhail Markhasev was later convicted in the murder and sentenced to life in prison.)

In 2001, Laurent Kabila, president of the Democratic Republic of Congo, was killed in a shooting at his home.

In 2002, Richard Reid was indicted in Boston on federal charges alleging he had tried to blow up a U.S.-bound jetliner with explosives hidden in his shoes.

In 2003, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off with Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon. (The mission ended in tragedy Feb. 1, when the shuttle burned up during its return, killing all seven crew members.)

In 2005, the U.S. military freed 81 detainees in Afghanistan, ahead of the Muslim feast of Eid al-Adha.

In 2006, Africa's first elected female head of state, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, was sworn in as Liberia's new president.

In 2013, President Barack Obama proposed a package of gun proposals, including 23 executive orders, aimed at reducing gun violence.

In 2016, Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian and three other Americans were freed from Iranian jails in exchange for U.S. prosecutors pardoning or dropping cases against 21 Iranians.

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ON JANUARY 16 ...

In 27 B.C., Caesar Augustus was declared the first Emperor of the Roman Empire by the Senate.

In 1547, Ivan the Terrible was crowned czar of Russia.

In 1883, the U.S. Civil Service Commission was established.

In 1919, Nebraska, Wyoming and Missouri became the 36th, 37th and 38th states to ratify Prohibition, which went into effect a year later.

In 1920, Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect, one year to the day after its ratification. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.)

In 1935, fugitive gangster Fred Barker and his mother, Kate "Ma" Barker, were killed in a shootout with the FBI at Lake Weir, Florida.

In 1942, actress Carole Lombard, her mother and about 20 other people were killed when their plane crashed near Las Vegas while returning from a war-

bond promotion tour.

In 1944, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower took command of the Allied Invasion Force in London.

In 1957, three B-52's took off from Castle Air Force Base in California on the first nonstop, round-the-world flight by jet planes.

In 1969, two manned Soviet Soyuz spaceships became the first vehicles to dock in space and transfer personnel.

In 1981, in Northern Ireland, Protestant gunmen shot and wounded Irish nationalist leader Bernadette Devlin McAliskey and her husband.

In 1985, Reuben Anderson was sworn in as Mississippi's first black justice on the state Supreme Court.

In 1989, three days of rioting erupted in Miami when a police officer shot a black motorcyclist, resulting in the death of the cyclist and a passenger.

In 1991, the White House announced the start of Operation Desert Storm to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait.

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Jan. 15
Powerball 39 41 53 55 68 / 19
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Lotto jackpot: \$3.5M
Pick 3 midday 941 / 0
Pick 4 midday 7959 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto midday 11 19 27 35 36
Pick 3 evening 341 / 4
Pick 4 evening 9616 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto evening 04 19 28 43 45
Jan. 17 Mega Millions: \$103M

WISCONSIN
Jan. 15
Megabucks 01 09 14 15 19 40
Pick 3 502
Pick 4 0391
Badger 5 09 11 15 18 22
SuperCash 02 03 13 28 30 32

INDIANA
Jan. 15
Lotto 09 11 15 22 29 34
Daily 3 midday 007 / 3
Daily 4 midday 7575 / 3
Daily 3 evening 608 / 0
Daily 4 evening 6172 / 0
Cash 5 03 05 13 33 35

MICHIGAN
Jan. 15
Lotto 02 21 25 33 36 37
Daily 3 midday 991
Daily 4 midday 2977
Daily 3 evening 752
Daily 4 evening 6826
Fantasy 5 03 04 21 27 36
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Groen, Henry D.

Henry D. Groen, age 68, U.S. Naval Air Reserves Veteran. Beloved husband for 20 years to Paula, nee Lukasik. Loving father of Timothy John Groen, Carrie Ann Byrdak and Stephanie Lyn Groen. Cherished grandfather of Joseph Byrdak. Devoted son of the late Donald O. and Janice (nee VanderLaan) Groen. Dear brother of Evelyn (Shawn) Norton, Dennis (Mary Kay) Groen and the late Leroy (Julie) Groen and the late Linda (Bill) Healy. Dearest uncle of many nieces and nephews. Co-owner with his brother Dennis of Groen's Heavy Towing & Truck Repair since 1976. Henry loved to travel and was an avid scuba diver. Visitation Sunday, January 19, 2020 from 2-7 p.m. Funeral Service Monday, January 20, 2020, 10:00 a.m. at **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Evergreen Park, IL. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400



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Guschwan, Andrew Francis 'Andy'

Dr. Andrew F. Guschwan, MD, passed from this life on January 9, 2020, after a long period of illness. He was 82 years old. Raised in Parma, OH, he was a graduate of St. Ignatius High School, Xavier University (on a Classics scholarship), and Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. Andy completed his psychiatry residency at the Illinois State Psychiatric Institute and was a research fellow in biological psychiatry at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA, and The University of Chicago. Andy served as a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service in the 1960s. He was a staff psychiatrist at St. Joseph Medical Center and Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet for 35 years. He spent many years in private practice and completed his career at Will County Mental Health Clinic. Andy was a devoted Roman Catholic, a Life Master in bridge, a talented piano player and a lover of language, puns, puzzles, and word games. He will be remembered as a gentle soul and will be dearly missed by his family, friends, as well as countless patients and colleagues. He is survived by his wife of 31 years Barbara Guschwan; children (mother Mary Bresingham McLean): Capt. Sheila (Michael) McMahon, Andrew (Laura) Guschwan III, Dr. Marianne Guschwan, Prof. William Guschwan, Dr. Nora Guschwan, Dr. Matthew (Maggie) Guschwan; stepchildren: Brian (Amy) Gavin, Dan (Susan) Gavin, Sean (Paulette) Gavin; siblings: Jean (Dick) Patterson, George (Anne) Guschwan, Mary McBarron, Betty (Joe) Pitstick, Susan Joy (Roy) Van Keuren; grandchildren: Henry, Benjamin, Caitlin, Abigail, Tara, Winifred, Ginger, Grover; step-grandchildren: Amanda, Jacob, Lucas, Nathan, Elise, Ryan, Conor; and many nieces and nephews. Andy was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Anne (nee Olejnyk) Guschwan, and siblings Ann Marie Gehring and Frances Simecek. A memorial visitation will be held at Lago Vista Clubhouse, 16800 Lago Vista Blvd., Lockport, IL, on Sunday, January 19 from 3pm to 8pm. A Funeral Mass will be held Monday, January 20, 10am, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 410 S. Jefferson St., Lockport, IL. Reception to follow immediately. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Andy's name to: The Abigail Alliance or NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

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Hallie, Milton M.

Milton M. Hallie, age 93. Beloved husband for 65 years to Joan, nee Golden; devoted son of the late William and Nettie; dear brother of the late Phillip. Funeral Friday, 11 am at the Lawrence Funeral Home, 4800 N. Austin Ave., Chicago. Interment private. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH 630-648-9824, or www.mitzvahfunerals.com



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Korn, Dorothy L.

Dorothy L. Korn, age 94, of Chicago, passed away Jan. 11, 2020. Dear wife of the late Hugo; loving mother of Kathryn Korn, Sue Korn and Thomas (Mary) Korn; proud grandmother of Grant and Corinne Ullrich; fond sister of the late Roland (Elizabeth) Kurth. Prior to retirement Mrs. Korn was a longtime Lutheran School Teacher. Memorial Visitation Saturday, Jan. 18 from 9am until time of Memorial Service 10am at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1500 W. Belmont, Chicago. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorials to St. Luke Ministries or the Chicago Public Library Foundation appreciated. For info: (773) 545-5420 or www.matzfuneralhome.com

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Kuciver, Michael W.

Michael W. Kuciver, Retired Chicago Police Officer; Age 72; Loving husband of Gale, nee Capper, for 47 years; Dear father of Amy (Tim) Piatkiewicz and Allison (Tremayne) Price; Cherished Papa of Michael, Bryan, Aila, Lilia and Autumn; Fond brother, brother-in-law, uncle and cousin; Proud veteran of the United States Army, Military Police; Visitation Friday January 17, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge; Funeral Saturday, family and friends will meet directly at St. Cajetan Church, 2445 W. 112th St. Chicago IL.; Mass 11:00 a.m.; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; in lieu of flowers Michael's family would appreciate donations to the Chicago Police Chaplains Ministry, 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL. 60607, www.chicagopcm.org; For Funeral info: (708) 422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Leaf, Dr. Gary Kristian

Renowned Applied Mathematician and Physicist Dr. Gary Kristian Leaf, an employee of Argonne National Laboratory, passed away on January 13, 2020 at the age of 84. Gary was born on October 25, 1935 to Joseph Albin Leaf born in Småland Sweden and Lillian Linnea Carlson Leaf born in Daggett, Michigan. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. In 1948, after graduating from Nicholas Senn High School, on the North Side of Chicago, Gary went on to study Mathematics and Physics at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. It was there that he met his wife Diane Marian Deeg. Gary and Diane were married on June 6th of 1959. The couple had two children, Karen Sue Leaf and Susan Ayn Leaf. After graduating with a Doctorate in Mathematics and a Masters in Physics from the University of Illinois, Gary accepted a position as a Professor of Mathematics at the University of Chicago. From there he went to work at Argonne National Laboratory in the field of Physics and Applied Mathematics. Later in his career he worked in the field of Computer Science as well. Despite battling Retinitis Pigmentosa, a condition that rendered him legally blind, Gary published many scholarly papers with his colleagues at Argonne. Gary worked at Argonne for 56 years. The field of Mathematics was truly his life's passion. He worked at Argonne until the end of his life. Gary belonged to SIAM, the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics. He was also a member of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Honor Society.

On the personal side, Gary was loved and respected by his family members. He was fiercely patriotic and loved his country. He always kept abreast of current events and could speak knowledgeably about history and many other subjects. He was a true conversationalist. Gary was always expanding his knowledge by listening to audio books. His intellect was amazing! Gary loved to work with German Shepherd dogs and Three Day Event horses. Having owned 13 German Shepherds over a period of 50 years, he was a lifetime member of the German Shepherd Dog Training Club of Chicago. He also owned two Dressage horses that his daughter, Karen, competed in shows. He was very loved and respected by all of his family members. Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Lillian, and his siblings: Doris Virginia Leaf, Joseph Kenneth Leaf, Gordon Conrad Leaf, Lt. General Howard Wesley Leaf, Ralph Eugene Leaf, and Elaine Carlson Hiller. He is survived by his wife Diane M. Leaf, his two daughters Karen S. Leaf (Svab) and Susan A. Leaf (Jeffrey), son-in-law Richard C. Jeffrey, his four grandchildren, Jennifer Ayn Jeffrey, Jacqueline Marie Svab, Peter Benjamin Svab and Jessica Noelle Jeffrey, his great grandson Jayce Bennett Svab and his cousin Delores (Carlson) Wright of Daggett, Michigan.

A traditional wake and funeral service for Dr. Gary K. Leaf will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at the **Adolf Funeral Home**, 7000 S. Madison Street, Willowbrook, Illinois. The wake will take place from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM. After the wake, a prayer service will begin at 7:00 pm at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to one or both of the following organizations in memory of Gary K. Leaf: Fighting Blindness Organization: fightingblindness.org/webdonation and Military Working Dog Team Support Association: mwdtsa.org

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Manton Larson, Mary

Mary Lupe Manton Larson, age 91, of Bellwood, passed away on January 11, 2020. Funeral on Saturday, January 18, 2020, lying in state from 9:00 a.m. until time of mass 10:00 a.m. at St. Cyprian Church, 2601 Clinton, River Grove, IL. Visitation, Friday at Bormann Funeral Home, 1600 Chicago Ave., Melrose Park, IL from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. 708-344-0714 or www.bormannfuneralhome.com for further information.

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Muldoon, John "Jocko"

John "Jocko" Muldoon age 89; Beloved husband of the late Rosemary nee Kirby; Loving father of John (Laura), Michael (Lisa), Mary (Jim) O'Kane, Sheila, Kevin, Maureen and Patrick (Elizabeth); Cherished grandfather of Kirby, Cailey, Jimmy, Jackie, Devlin, Maddie, Caitlin, Malachy and Eamon. Mr. Muldoon will lie in state Saturday January 18, 2020 at Holy Family Catholic Church 1080 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago from 10:00 a.m. until Mass of Christian Burial 12:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations appreciated to <https://invest.ignatius.org/johnmuldoon>. Arrangements entrusted to Peterson-Bassi Chapels 708.848.6661 or www.petersonfuneralhome.com



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Murvihill, Claire

Claire Murihill, January 12, 2020, age 83. Late of Chicago Heights. Beloved wife of the late James E. Murihill; dear mother of Michael Joseph, William Davis (Patricia), David Allan (Lisa), Ronald James and Tisha Marie Murihill; proud grandmother of nine; Former teacher and realtor, Bible Study Leader of M. & M.'s Bible Study. Avid Bridge player. Visitation at the Living Springs Community Church, 19051 S. Halsted St., Glenwood, IL 60425, Sunday, January 19, 2020 2:00 p.m. until the time of service at 3:00 p.m. Memorials to Great Commission Fund, c/o Living Springs Community Church, 19051 S. Halsted St., Glenwood, IL 60425 would be appreciated.

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Olson, Robert Edward

Robert Edward Olson, 98, of Evanston and formerly of Mt. Prospect. Robert was born on August 18, 1921 to the late Algot and late Ella Olson and passed away January 13, 2020. Robert was the beloved husband of Lydia (nee Steigerwald) Olson; loving father of Eric and Keith (Anna Marie) Olson and the late Sheryl Olson; caring grandfather of Benjamin and Jeffrey Olson; Robert was preceded in death by four siblings. Visitation Saturday from 12:00pm until time of service 1:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church 675 E Algonquin Rd. Des Plaines, IL 60016. Entombment Ridgewood Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church. Funeral info 847-824-5155 or oehlerfuneralhome.com



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Opfergelt Gorski, Patricia Ann

Patricia Ann Opfergelt Gorski passed away the morning of January 11, 2020 in Naperville, IL after a formidable battle with cancer. She was born June 30, 1940 a city girl from St. Sylvester's Parish in Chicago. She migrated to the then small town Naperville, IL with her family in 1973. A selfless, kind, considerate, caring woman. She was blessed with a loving husband of 60 years, a large extended loving family, an extraordinarily wonderful circle of neighbors and friends. Patricia is survived by her devoted husband Bernard, loving sons Charles, James (Michele), Daniel (Catherine), sister's Jeanne Fredlund, Linda (Kenneth) Halvorsen, grandson's Nicholas, Mark (Fiancee Amy), Nathan, Matthew and Samuel, great granddaughter Nora Eden Gorski. She is preceded in death by her parents Jean and Edward Opfergelt, sister Isabel, many cousins, in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2020 11:00am, Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church 36 N. Ellsworth, Naperville IL 60540. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Patricia to American Cancer Society of Illinois (https://donate3.cancer.org/?lang=en_ga=2.147604341.310796598.1579107613-1841897839.1579107613).



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Perry, Hope K.

Hope K. Perry - Age 94 passed away on January 9, 2020. She was the loving mother and best friend of Barbara Hermann (Dennis Layton), and the late Candace Arvai, and had a very loving and special bond with Dennis. Born in Chicago, IL on June 26, 1925 she was the devoted daughter of the late William and late Beatrice (Nee Fidler) Kaplan, Fond sister of Maynard Kaplan and the late Morton Kaplan. Dearest and always loving, fun Grandmother of Michael (Julie) Hermann, Tracey (Mike) Roess, Juliana (Sean) McBride and Eric (Jenny) Arvai. Dear Great Grandmother of Annie and Jack Hermann, Brianna and Kylie Roess, Audrey and Scarlett McBride and Charlie Arvai. Hope joined the WAC (Women's Army Corp) on her 20th birthday in 1945 and after basic training in Fort Riley, KS she was deployed to Munich Germany where she met and married her husband Roy Perry. Hope returned to Fort Riley, KS to finish her tour of duty before coming back home to Chicago, IL. Hope and Roy divorced but remained lifelong friends. Hope loved to travel both local and abroad. Her favorite local travel of choice was always Door County, WI, where she once had a vacation home and continued to visit there three to four times a year well into her 90's.

Hope was a very social person who loved spending time with her family and friends and loved meeting new people. Hope's smile was genuine and warm and people tended to gravitate towards her, constantly commenting on her smile and her beautiful name that fit her so well. Visitation for Hope will be Friday, January 17th from 4-9 PM at Leonard Memorial Funeral Home, 565 Duane St., Glen Ellyn, IL. 60137 (www.leonardmemorialhome.com or 630-469-0032). Funeral service Saturday, 10 AM at the Funeral Home to Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie, IL. In lieu of flowers please make donations to St Jude Foundation. <https://www.stjude.org/donate/>

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Peterson, Mildred Caroline 'Milly'

Mildred "Milly" Caroline Peterson passed away at the age of 88 on January 13, 2020 surrounded by family as gentle snowflakes whispered outside the window. We should all be so lucky to go so peacefully. Like her beloved game of Bridge, Milly played her hand of life deliberately, always decisive and sharp. She had zero tolerance for bluffing. She observed everything and never missed a tell.

Milly was a philanthropist, gardener and golfer. She made huge investments in potential growth and had the patience to nurture things and watch them bloom. Her generosity cultivated from her farming roots in Alpha, Illinois. After high school, she took off for Washington D.C. to work at the FBI under J. Edgar Hoover. Milly then did the one thing she swore she would NEVER do, marry Alan Peterson. Over 65 years later, it's safe to say that turned out to be the right call. After tying the knot, the couple spent several years in Michigan before settling down to build a life in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. On their anniversary, Alan would joke that he planned to renew her contract for another year. But it was Milly who kept that contract current. She was more than just the wind beneath his wings, she was his true North. "Having them was the best thing that ever happened to me," Milly once said of her two children, Mark and Doug. Milly didn't miss wrestling meets or marching band performances. She also didn't mince words or accept excuses, but if there were medals for support, Milly would have always been atop the podium. Despite being partially deaf, Milly had a super power for listening. Her hugs were almost as strong as her wit. Milly was a fantastic mother to Mark and Doug, and their wives Marcie and Edviana. She'll always be Grandma to Erin, Patrick and his wife Rachel, Kristen, Matthew, Haley and Benjamin Peterson. She also got to spend a few years as Gigi to Lucy, Meredith and Stanley Peterson.

In death, she joins a son who did not survive childhood, her sister and best friend, Jean Lauer and her brothers Glenn W. and Sidney Anderson. Visitation for Milly will be held Saturday, January 18th starting at 2:00 PM at Leonard Funeral Home, 565 Duane St., Glen Ellyn. A service and remembrance will follow at 5:00 PM. (www.leonardmemorialhome.com or 630-469-0032)

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you consider honoring her spirit of service by donating to one of Milly's beloved charities: Metropolitan Family Services of DuPage, College of DuPage Foundation or The National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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Smith, Ronald P.

Age 66; Suddenlly; Cherished son of the late Valma and Cornelius; Loving twin brother of Donald (late Rose Ann) Smith; Beloved uncle of Natalie (Pete) Rodriguez, and Nicholas Smith (fiancé Brie Pugh); Proud great-uncle of Jacob and Alyssa; Fond friend of many; Former D.J., radio host, and music director for WCCQ Joliet, Q101, Magic 104 WJMK, and Real oldies 1690; Author of five books, including "Eight Days a Week"; Executive Producer of several movies; Longtime investigator of paranormal activity; Visitation Friday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. with Orthodox Memorial Service at 7:00 p.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge; Funeral Saturday, all family and friends will meet directly at St. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 6980 S. County Line Rd. Burr Ridge, IL; Service 10:00 a.m. Interment Fairmont Willow Hills Memorial Park; in lieu of flowers, donations to St. Luke Orthodox Church, 10700 S. Kean Ave. Palos Hills, IL 60465 would be appreciated; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Szlak, Keith E.

Keith E. Szlak, age 68, of Morton Grove. Veteran, U.S. Navy. Beloved husband of the late Mary E., nee Egan; dear father of Sean (Kim), Kelly (Paul Aimone), and Shannon (Jimmy) Stoneberg; devoted son of Dorothy and the late Konrad; loving grandpa "Bear" of Shayn, Skylar, Jake, Mary Ellen, Madelynn, Rylan, and Griffin; fond brother of Diane (Jim) Kasper and the late David; best friend of the late John Murray; adored brother-in-law of Anne Egan-Haughey, James (Nikki) Egan, Noreen Quinn, Kathleen (Tom) Touhy, Timothy (Alene) Egan, and the late Veronica O'Neill; prized uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was a man of few words, but when he spoke everyone listened. Truly loved by all who knew him. He will be missed by all and never forgotten. Mom, he is on his way! Visitation, Saturday, January 18, 2020, from 2 to 7 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral Service, Sunday, January 19, at 11 a.m., at the funeral home. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN, 38148. Info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.



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Upton, Joyce C

Joyce C. (Broo) Upton. Born July 11, 1933. Died January 10, 2020. Son Brad, sister Jean Roos, nephews Bret Roos, Perry Roos, niece Amy Turner (Eric). Graduate of Hirsch High, Michigan State University and her Masters from Governor's State. A 30 year employee of South Suburban Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (E. Hazel Crest, IL) She loved the Chicago Cubs. Service Saturday January 18 Flossmoor Community Church 2218 Hutchison Rd. Flossmoor, IL. 1p.m. visitation - 1:30 p.m. service



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Whellan, Floyd

Floyd Whellan, age 82. Beloved husband of Judy nee Wright. Loving father of Michael (Margaret Menicucci), David (Elizabeth Cohen) and Rebecca (Philip) Susser. Proud grandfather of Alexis, Cara, Hannah, Jane, Nathan, Julia, Allison, and Leo. Brother of Donald (Tanya). Floyd was a real mensch. He proudly graduated from The City College of New York (BA) and the University of Illinois (MA). He went on to a successful career as a human resource executive in the communications industry. Floyd proudly served as president of two synagogues and the Jewish Family Service in San Antonio. He loved people and opened his heart to family, friends, and strangers. He set an example for all of us of "a life well lived." Graveside service Friday 10AM at Waldheim, Jewish Cemetery, 1400 S. Des Plaines Ave., Forest Park, IL with a memorial service to follow, 12PM at Chicago Sinai Congregation, 15 W. Delaware Place, Chicago, IL 60610. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The City College of New York, <https://giving.cuny.edu/page.aspx?pid=298> or JUF, www.juf.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Wolkober, Lucille M. 'Lucy'

Lucy, loving wife and devoted mother, was a force of life. Born and raised on the far south side of Chicago, she cared deeply about all those around her, and couldn't do enough to take care of her family and friends. Her passion for travel took her everywhere from London to Taipei, always seeking to experience new people and places. Loving sister of Marilyn (Mimi), Nancy, the late Daisette (Dee), and the late Deborah, she is survived by her husband Timothy, son Kevin, daughter Bridget, and daughter-in-law Alex, all of whom remember her fondly and love her dearly. Memorial visitation will be held Friday from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday, family and friends to meet at St. Paul of the Cross Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment private. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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1/16, 1/23, 1/30/2020 6573924

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

BID NOTICE
The Board of Education of Evanston
Township High School District 202 will
accept sealed bids for the 2020 LANDCAPE
SERVICES to be opened and read publicly
at Evanston Township High School in S-133
located at 1600 Dodge Avenue Evanston,
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MANDATORY ATTENDANCE PRE-BID
MEETING and walkthrough on TUESDAY,
January 21st, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in
Operations Office Room 5-133 attendance
shall be taken at the site to ensure that
all contractors have visited the site. Non-
attendance will be grounds for rejection of
bid. Subcontractors are encouraged, but not
required to attend.

BID DUE DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY
05, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Operations
Department (located in S-133). It is the
Contractors responsibility to make sure that
their sealed Bids arrive in the Operations
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Bid is received in the Operations Office (S-
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Mary Rodino
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Dominique Jordan AKA Dominique Jordan

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Ruby Jordan (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00941

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 23, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/06/2020, at 1:30 PM** in CALENDAR **12 COURTROOM L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 5, 2019 6562091

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Julian Ramos

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Ashley Ross (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 16JA01062

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Ashley Ross (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 28, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/06/2020, at 10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **12 COURTROOM L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 5, 2019 6562097

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Julian Ortega

A MINOR
NO. 2020JD00001

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, **Lamont Olaughlin (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **January 1, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Stuart Lubin** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **01/30/2020 at 9:00 AM** in CALENDAR **58 COURTROOM 11**,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
January 3, 2020

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS
January 3, 2020 6566657

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Julian Ramos

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Kay Mixon (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01450

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 06, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/03/2020 at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **14 COURTROOM N**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 30, 2019 6565628

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kelly Mixon

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Kay Mixon (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01450

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 06, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/03/2020 at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **14 COURTROOM N**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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CICERO SCHOOL DISTRICT 99 UNITY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL - BAS UPGRADES
BIDDING REQUIREMENTS
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Cicero School District 99 will receive sealed bids for the BAS Upgrades at Unity Junior High School located at 2115 South 54th Avenue, Cicero, Illinois based on Documents prepared by FGM Architects Inc.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
1. The Work of the Project is defined by the Contract documents and consists of mechanical, electrical and associated specified work located at 2115 South 54th Avenue, Cicero, Illinois.
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:
1. Contract Documents have been prepared by FGM Architects Inc., 1211 West 22nd Street, Suite 700, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523. FGM Project No. 20-2830.01.
Viewing Procurement and Contracting Documents: Examine or obtain after January 16, 2020, at the location below. Access to electronic pdf files will be provided. Cost of printing sets if desired will be the responsibility of the bidder.
Tree Towns Repair Service 1041 S. IL Route 83 Elmhurst, IL 60126 phone: 630-832-0209 e-mail: www.treetowns.com

PRE-BID MEETING
1. A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 3:30 pm PREVAILING TIME ON Monday, January 27, 2020 at 2115 South 54th Avenue, Cicero, Illinois. Please meet at the main entrance of the building.
2. Limited parking will be available in school's parking lot.
3. The meeting will include a tour of the area of work. Additional tours may be arranged by contacting the Owner.

BID TIME AND PLACE:
1. The Owner will receive sealed bids at the District Offices located at 5110 W. 24th Street, Cicero, IL 60804 until 10:00 AM prevailing time on February 4, 2020. Bids received after stated time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at the above address immediately following.
2. No immediate decision shall be rendered concerning the proposals submitted. After the bids have been tabulated and studied, they will be presented to the School Board at its next regular meeting. If only one bid has been received on the day of the bid opening, this bid will not be opened but instead be presented to the School Board at its next regular board meeting for consideration.

BID STIPULATIONS:
1. Bids will be based on a single lump sum General Construction Contract.
2. Bid Security is required in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of Proposal, made payable unconditionally to the Owner. Security shall be certified check, cashier's check or bid bond issued by surety licensed to conduct business in the State of Illinois.
3. Within ten (10) days after notification of award of contract, the successful Contractor shall furnish a Performance Bond in the amount of 100 percent of the contract and the payment of all obligations arising thereunder using a form similar to the AIA 312 Form, or one acceptable to Owner. The performance bond will become a part of the contract.
4. The failure of the successful bidder to enter into contract and supply the required bond and Certificates of Insurance within ten (10) days after the prescribed forms are presented for signature, or within such extended period as the Owner may grant, shall constitute a default.
5. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities and irregularities in any bid, or to make awards in the best interests of the Owner. The Owner also reserves the right to award a partial amount of the Work rather than the entire amount.
6. All bids submitted shall be valid for a period of at least sixty days from date of bid opening; the only alterations which will be allowed will be those approved by the Owner.
7. The Contractor bidding this project shall be actively engaged in work of the nature of the project described and have adequate specialized men and machines to do the work. Each bidder shall submit with his proposal a list of no less than four different construction projects that have been completed within the last four years that relate to the type of work specified. 01/16/20 6571965

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Julian Ramos

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Ashley Ross (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 16JA01062

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Ashley Ross (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 28, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/06/2020, at 10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **12 COURTROOM L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 5, 2019 6562091

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
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MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Kay Mixon (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01450

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 06, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/03/2020 at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **14 COURTROOM N**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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December 30, 2019 6565628

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kelly Mixon

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Kay Mixon (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01450

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NOTICE OF BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that Cicero School 99 will accept sealed lump sum trade contractor bids for the following Cicero School District 99 (CICERO EAST 2020 PHASE TWO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS) Masonry Restoration.

Bid packages include

Chicago Tribune CHICAGO SPORTS

Chicago's best sports section, as judged by the Associated Press Sports Editors

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Their numbers are finally called

They didn't keep many statistics for defensive players in the 1940s and '50s. "QB hits" were left on the field. ● As for offensive linemen? Decades later, in the age of analytics, their value is still difficult to quantify. ● But Wednesday, the legend of two Bears greats — along with 11 others — was recognized for all time. Ed Sprinkle and Jimbo Covert will be counted in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Sprinkle, Covert to join 28 other Bears in Hall

BY BRAD BIGGS

It stands to reason that when George Halas calls someone the "greatest pass rusher I've ever seen," that man should be in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. It also stands to reason that the left tackle of an offense that led the NFL in rushing four straight seasons should also be honored. And on Wednesday morning, Ed Sprinkle and Jimbo Covert finally received their due.

Sprinkle, the four-time Pro Bowl defensive end and a member of the Bears' 1946 championship team, and Covert, an anchor on the offensive line for the Super Bowl XX champions, were named two of 10 seniors who will be enshrined in the Hall of Fame's centennial class during a Sept. 16-19 celebration in Canton, Ohio.

Long overlooked because defensive statistics aren't available from his era, Sprinkle, who died at age 90 in 2014, and Covert, 59, will become the 29th and 30th Bears player, coach or administrator to reach the Hall of Fame — the most in the league.

"It's hard to put words in his mouth," Sue Withers, Sprinkle's daughter, said.

"He always played hard. He was always a professional when he played and had a good rapport with Mr. Halas.

"He lived football. He loved football. For him to make it (while he was alive), I think that would have been the ultimate."

After getting little support as a modern-era candidate, Covert was encouraged when he reached the 20 finalists named by the Hall of Fame's blue ribbon committee.

"We thought maybe there was an opportunity there, but your enthusiasm was tempered somewhat because it's been so long and I never really got to the next level, never even really made it to 25 for all of those years," he said.

"I just think my short career was working against me."

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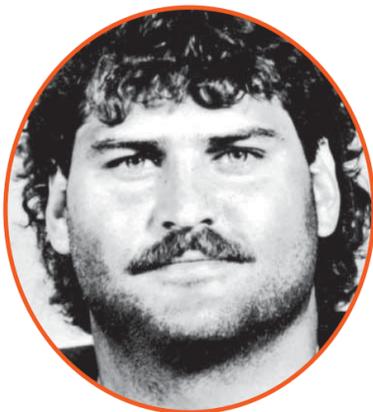
1940s



Ed Sprinkle

Former Bears defensive lineman is the final member of the NFL's all-decade team to be elected to the Hall of Fame.

1980s



Jimbo Covert

Former Bears offensive lineman is the final member of the NFL's all-decade team to be elected to the Hall of Fame.

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Former Bears players, coaches or administrators who will be part of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, the most of any franchise.

Bear	Year elected
George Halas	1963
Bronko Nagurski	1963
Red Grange	1963
Ed Healey	1964
Link Lyman	1964
George Trafton	1964
Paddy Driscoll	1965
Dan Fortmann	1965
Sid Luckman	1965
George McAfee	1966
Bulldog Turner	1966
Joe Stydahar	1967
Bill Hewitt	1971
Bill George	1974
George Connor	1975
Gale Sayers	1977
Dick Butkus	1979
George Blanda	1981
George Musso	1982
Doug Atkins	1982
Mike Ditka	1988
Stan Jones	1991
Walter Payton	1993
Jim Finks	1995
Mike Singletary	1998
Dan Hampton	2002
Richard Dent	2011
Brian Urlacher	2018
Ed Sprinkle	2020
Jimbo Covert	2020



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Blackhawks center Jonathan Toews is in the midst of a solid season.

BLACKHAWKS 4, CANADIENS 1

Reaching postseason 'all we want'

Revitalized Toews still has playoffs on his mind

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

MONTREAL — The season was just a few weeks old. Whispers about what was wrong with Jonathan Toews were growing into shouts that couldn't be ignored.

After 11 games, the Blackhawks were 3-6-2, and the contributions coming from Toews were more befitting a fourth-line winger than a top-line center with more than 750 points, a Selke Trophy and a Conn Smythe Trophy on his resume.

He had one goal, one assist and simply was not pulling his weight, which is a strange thing to happen to a player whose talent is surpassed by a world-class work ethic.

Looking back on that first month, Toews has a sense of what went wrong. The Hawks were coming off a promising second half of last season, and the strain of outsized expectations led to "Captain Serious" putting a little too much pressure on himself.

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DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

At midseason, Bulls rebuild still stagnant

Midway through a Bulls season that began with so much hope, Chicago's supply of patience trickles out one predictable loss at a time.

After 41 games, it's more half empty than half full.

Only people on the payroll see progress, something impossible for the rest of us to find in a 14-27 record. That's exactly where the Bulls were at midseason two years ago when this once-promising rebuilding project began. The standstill has raised valid questions about the blueprints and architects at the Advocate Center.

Back then, Lauri Markkanen was a rookie introducing himself to the NBA as an assertive, athletic post presence with a developing outside game. Remember Markkanen's 33-point, 10-rebound performance at Madison Square Garden in a double-overtime victory over the Knicks? After that emphatic effort, I gushed in print: "Good luck finding anybody from the draft class of 2017 who means any more to his franchise."

Well, good luck finding that same impactful player for the Bulls this season. Anybody seen an affable 7-footer with killer moves in the paint? While Zach LaVine has grown into a player worthy of All-Star consideration, Markkanen mysteriously has regressed.

Too frequently, Markkanen drifts in an offensive system that has made him overly passive. Markkanen averages only 15.1 points — almost identical to his rookie average of 15.2 — and 30 minutes per game.

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BULLS 115, WIZARDS 106

Zach LaVine's 30 points lead the way Wednesday night at the United Center. Recap, plus the story on Otto Porter Jr.'s potential return date, which isn't all that clear. Page 4

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Members of the 1985 Bears offense who will be in the Hall of Fame after Jimbo Covert's induction. Walter Payton and the Bears led the NFL in rushing for four consecutive seasons from 1983-86.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE
1986 PHOTO



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PHIL ROSENTHAL

Mostly, they're fun conventions

At some point during this weekend's Cubs Convention, team members and management may wonder why they stage these annual get-togethers.

Sure, they're mostly lovefests, a celebration of summer in the dead of winter, part pep rally and part sales pitch.

But bringing together some of their most ardent fans, the Cubs invite questions and complaints about moves and priorities from their paying customers, and the 2020 Cubs Convention kicks off Friday at the Sheraton Grand Chicago with the ballclub — largely inactive in the free-agent market after a disappointing season — on the defensive.

Great to see Anthony Rizzo and Billy Williams, but where is the pitching help the Cubs so desperately need? No one knows better than the fans how the Ricketts family has found new ways to bring in money, so when's the next parade?

It's likely there will be more unity on the other side of the Loop a week later, when SoxFest convenes at McCormick Place, playing like a human auto show.

If the Cubs get-together veers from adoration to something resembling a condo board meeting, the White Sox showcase will be an opportunity to tout new models and celebrate all the upgrades for 2020.

The new Chevs have nothing on the Sox, thanks to a flurry of energizing acquisitions in the last two months.

All it took was the Sox front office doing almost everything fans have been urging them to do for years.

There surely will be some criticism of taking games off free TV, just as the Cubs (and Bulls and Blackhawks) are doing, but SoxFest is bound to be an upbeat affair.

Fan conventions such as these were introduced in 1986 by John McDonough, who now is president of the Blackhawks but then was marketing director of the Cubs and looking to seize upon and, if possible, boost interest in the team year-round.

The Sox launched their version six years later, as the idea of an infomercial fans pay to attend was proving irresistible to not only baseball teams but all manner of sports franchises (and non-sports entities as well).

McDonough brought the idea with him to the Blackhawks in 2008. The Bulls don't have one. And the Bears aren't planning a repeat after staging one last year to herald their 100th season.

The Bears event in Rosemont benefited from the rush of a 12-4 division championship season that preceded it in 2018, but it was pride in the charter NFL franchise's rich heritage that fueled the get-together and made it special.

Their disappointing 8-8 finish in '19 is a reminder why the Bears don't do these things every year. Football players get bruised enough. Mitch Trubisky and Matt Nagy already know how fans feel.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Laura and Tom Ricketts talk about their experiences during the 2017 Cubs Convention.

Annual get-togethers are fascinating, however, and not just as a barometer for fan sentiment. Franchises show you how they see themselves in how they present themselves.

Fans over time come to feel as though they're stakeholders in a franchise. That's why fan conventions at their core are like publicly held companies' annual shareholder meetings, where corporate leaders talk up success, downplay failures, present their strategy and field questions, some obsequious and some deservedly pointed.

But where the chief executives of United Airlines or Kraft Heinz may be forced to answer for their company's performance, there are no autograph sessions afterward.

Back when William Wrigley was controlling owner of the Cubs, the team had sold a few hundred, largely ceremonial, stock certificates to fans who then could claim to be minority owners.

Although shareholders were promised the opportunity to buy World Series tickets if the Cubs ever returned to the Fall Classic on the Wrigley family's watch, the annual meeting was considered one of the tangible perks.

In January 1981, five years before the first Cubs Convention, one of these shareholders brought a very young reporter from a suburban daily to the team's annual meeting. (OK, it was me.)

Hot dogs and Frosty Malts were available. There was a cursory review of the team's annual financial report, appearances by Ernie Banks, Jack Brickhouse and some current players.

There also was a screening of the 1980 team highlight film, although highlights were hard to come by in a 64-98 season.

The implicit message was obvious, if unintentional: Don't buy tickets, buy stock. Most memorable was the grilling of general manager Bob Kennedy, a departure from the rah-rah spirit of past annual meetings.

Kennedy must have wondered that day what he was doing sitting in the front of a hotel ballroom taking this abuse from *these people*. But, hey, if you can't stand the heat, steer clear of the hot stove.

As it turned out, Kennedy would remain GM for only a few more months with the Cubs en route to a 38-65 record in the abbreviated, strike-disrupted '81 season.

That same year, in June, Wrigley sold the team to Tribune Co. over the objections of the minority shareholders, who correctly argued the Cubs and Wrigley Field were worth much more than the \$20.5 million asking price.

That's probably the only thing never heard at today's conventions: Fans complaining that their team's ownership is selling something too cheaply.

LET'S PLAY 2

	Saturday @Leafs 6 p.m. NBCSCH	Sunday Jets 6 p.m. NBCSCH
	Friday @76ers 6 p.m. NBCSCH	Saturday Cavalliers 7 p.m. NBCSCH+

THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA		
7 p.m. Celtics at Bucks		TNT
9:30 p.m. Nuggets at Warriors		TNT

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
6 p.m. Cincinnati at Memphis		ESPN
6 p.m. Charleston So. at Campbell		ESPN2
7 p.m. Southern Illinois at Loyola		NBCSCH
7 p.m. ODU at W. Kentucky		CBSN
8 p.m. Colorado at Arizona State		ESPN2
8 p.m. E. Kentucky at Belmont		ESPNU
8 p.m. Oregon at Washington State		FS1
10 p.m. Santa Clara at Gonzaga		ESPN2
10 p.m. Oregon State at Washington		FS1

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
5 p.m. Ohio State at Michigan State		BTN
7 p.m. Nebraska at Maryland		BTN
8 p.m. Stanford at Oregon		ESPN

GOLF		
11 a.m. LPGA: Tourn. of Champions		Golf
2 p.m. Latin America Amateur		ESPN2
2 p.m. PGA: American Express		Golf
6 p.m. Champions: Mitsubishi		Golf
9 p.m. Asian: Singapore Open		Golf
2 a.m. (Fri.) Euro: Abu Dhabi		Golf

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS		
6 p.m. Penn State at Nebraska		ESPN2

NHL		
7 p.m. Lightning at Wild		NBCSN

TENNIS		
2 a.m. (Fri.) Adelaide, Hobart		Tennis

ILLINOIS SPORTSWRITER OF YEAR: PAUL SULLIVAN

Paul Sullivan, the Chicago Tribune's baseball columnist, is the 2019 Illinois Sportswriter of the Year, the National Sports Media Association announced. This is the third time that Sullivan, a 38-year Tribune veteran, has won the honor, also taking it in 2015 and '16. In 2018 he won the Ring Lardner Award for excellence in sports journalism. Blackhawks announcer Pat Foley was named Illinois Sportscaster of the Year. This is Foley's first time winning the award. CBS' Kevin Harlan was named National Sportscaster of the Year and ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski the National Sportswriter of the Year. The NSMA also added six to its hall of fame: sportscasters Dan Patrick, the late Skip Caray and the late Cawood Ledford and writers Tom Verducci, Michael Wilbon and the late Dick Young.

—Chicago Tribune staff

What to see, avoid — and how to get autographs

BY TIM BANNON

This year, the Cubs Convention is shaping up to be as much about what isn't happening as what is.

The Cubs have made no significant players moves, apparently stymied by the pending Kris Bryant service-time grievance decision.

Tom Ricketts is likely to make an appearance at the convention, but it's unclear if he and his siblings who own the team will appear on any of the weekend's panels, as they have done in previous years.

And for the first time in five years, the convention follows a non-playoff season and precedes a season with lower expectations, as the rest of the National League Central improves.

New manager David Ross will generate energy as he gets his runway moment. And the Cubs are expected to announce details about their new TV channel, which debuts in February.

Maybe the Cubs have a few tricks up their sleeves.

The convention returns to the Sheraton Grand for the eighth year, Friday-Sunday.

With crowds and fans eager to get the best seats at panels and long lines for autographs as well as conflicting panels, you'll need a guide to help you navigate. And we're here to serve.

Are tickets available?

Three-day passes via the Cubs' mlb.com convention website are now sold out. But passes are available on the secondary market. StubHub, for instance, has passes for \$155.70, including all fees.

How do you get autographs?

There are three ways. First, when you register, you'll get an autograph voucher envelope. Inside will be one of two things: A note saying you didn't win an autograph. Or a note saying you did, with a day, time and location to get that autograph. Typically, the players included in this lottery are the bigger names. A downer option is to go to the autograph area downstairs and wait in line. These tend to be former players and coaches, but there can be some surprises. Also on Friday, after the opening ceremony, the Cubs say former players and "future stars" will have surprise signings. Note: Players and coaches will sign only one item per person.

Do the players show up?

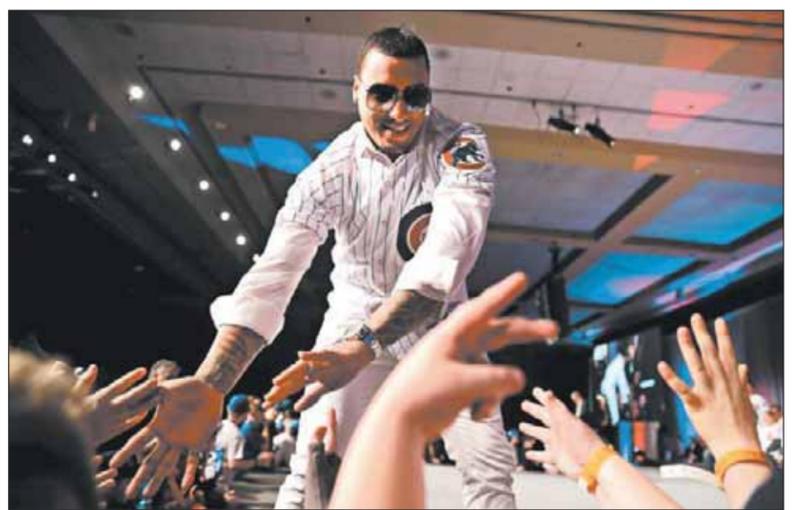
They sure do. As of Monday, 36 current players are confirmed, including almost all of the big names: Javier Baez, Anthony Rizzo, Kris Bryant (assuming he hasn't been traded), Yu Darvish, Kyle Schwarber, Willson Contreras. Notably absent from the list is Jon Lester. The full coaching staff is also usually there. What's more, nearly 40 former players will make appearances, including Hall of Famers Ryne Sandberg, Andre Dawson, Billy Williams and Fergie Jenkins. Also of note: Carlos Zambrano, Bill Madlock and Jody Davis.

What are the best panels/events?

Good question. The team has not yet released the full schedule of events and panels. But we do know that on Saturday, there will be a "baseball operations update," "business operations update" and a panel featuring Ross and his coaching staff. Those could all be fascinating. Also Saturday, there will be a "welcome back" panel starring former Cubs Darwin Barney, Reed Johnson, Miguel Montero, Geovany Soto and Travis Wood. Cubs radio analyst Ron Coomer will host that. One of our favorite events is the "kids-only press conference," hosted by Anthony Rizzo. But the stars are kids. Last year, for instance, there was 9-year-old Parker Murry of Shabbona, Ill. "I was the next kid last year when you had to stop, so I've been standing here for a year," Parker said, drawing roars of laughter. "I have to go to the bathroom really bad, and here's my question: My brother's a big Cardinals fan and he's in St. Louis right now. So I'm wondering, what can I do to get him and my mom over to the good side?" Javier Baez replied: "Get a Kris Bryant jersey, get it signed and send it to him."

Will the Ricketts family be on a panel?

Another good question. The Cubs have not yet released the full convention schedule. But a Ricketts family panel, held each year of their ownership until last year, was not mentioned in the latest press release. "We had the lowest-rated panel last year, so the guys cut us," Tom Ricketts said last year explaining why they decided against it. "It's true. People would rather watch the mascot play bingo than listen to the owners speak." Our guess that a Ricketts family panel that addresses everything from payroll to ballpark renovations to Marquee would be anything but dull.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Javy Baez greets fans after being introduced at the 2019 Cubs Convention.

What about Marquee news?

The Cubs are expected to announce more details about their new network, in particular some of the on-air talent as well as some news about programming. Marquee Sports Network, the TV channel they're launching with Sinclair Broadcast Group, will have exclusive rights to all the games the team controls. Marquee has not announced a launch date, but it will carry the complete schedule of Cubs spring training games. The first is set for Feb. 22 versus the Athletics at 2:05 p.m., if you want to put it in your calendar.

Is there anything to avoid?

Yes. Don't wait with the mob of people who gather early to get into the opening ceremony. They start congregating outside long before the doors open at 6 p.m. The room is huge and there's usually plenty of room. Also, there are videoboads inside the ballroom that show the festivities, up close.

Where can I park?

Parking at the Sheraton is pricey: \$73 per day for valet and \$63 for self-park, both including in-and-out privileges. Try SpotHero for nearby alternatives, which can range from \$25 to \$50 per day. The Grant Park and Millennium Park garages are cheaper, and roughly a five-block walk.

What about public transportation?

We are big believers in not driving downtown and paying for parking. The Red, Green, Brown, Pink, Orange, Purple and Blue lines all have stops within walking distance. Several CTA buses stop nearby. And you can either walk or take an Uber or Lyft from Union Station or Ogilvie.

How long have the Cubs been doing this?

The Cubs were the first pro sports team to host a fan convention in 1986.

What is the Saturday Loews experience?

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the nearby Loews Chicago Hotel, the Cubs will be taping new videos for the team's YouTube channel as well for Marquee. Among the shows will be "Bae vs. Ballplayer," similar to the "Newlywed Game," where a player and his wife or girlfriend competes against a teammate to determine who knows the player best. Tickets to this are sold out.

What about food?

Inside the hotel for the convention, there's ballpark food: hot dogs, pizza, beer. Also in the hotel, there are three restaurants: Chicago Burger Company and LB Bistro and the pricey Shula's Steak House. But there are a few decent places within walking distance.

CUBS



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Ross' coaching staff welcomes analytics

'Too much information' not a problem as Cubs seek to apply data, technology

BY MARK GONZALES

Cubs President Theo Epstein has lived up to his declaration at his 2019 end-of-the-season news conference when he said, "You're likely to see change."

But for fans eager to see roster upgrades less than a month before the first spring workout for pitchers and catchers, that change primarily consists of four coaching newcomers tasked with assisting new manager David Ross.

"I want as much as experience as I possibly can because I'm going to need help in a lot of areas," Ross said last month at the winter meetings in San Diego.

Some assumed a well-traveled former manager would be added to help Ross. New bench coach Andy Green served only four seasons as manager of the lowly Padres, but he already has gained Ross' trust while helping organize spring-training plans and preparing him for "some of the stuff ahead."

"He has been probably my most important hire so far, for me," Ross said.

The majority of the talent that helped the Cubs win the 2016 World Series remains on the roster. But Ross, who replaced Joe Maddon, hasn't managed a game.

Some sloppiness has crept in since the Cubs' championship, especially last season. The defense was charged with 117 errors — second most in the National League — and rated minus-12 in defensive runs saved, according to Sports Info Solutions.

On the bases, the Cubs were doubled off 16 times, third most in the majors.

Changes to the coaching staff appeared imminent after Epstein conducted a fiery meeting with the coaches late last season, two sources said.

After the season, Epstein spoke of changes designed to apply data and technology to help players raise their performance and "facilitate their work" with the rest of the coaching staff, Epstein said.

Kyle Evans, who has spent 14 seasons of his post-pitching career in scouting and player evaluation, will be involved in those duties as senior director of major-league data and development.

Evans won't be in uniform, but his tasks won't be much different than those handled by Mike Borzello, the Cubs'



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"He has been probably my most important hire so far."

— Cubs David Ross, top, on bench coach Andy Green, above

longest-tenured coach who serves as associate pitching, catching and strategy coach. Epstein wants to add a new dynamic to player improvement, and Evans is a big part of that.

The hiring of Craig Driver as first base/catching coach shouldn't be viewed exclusively as an effort to improve the receiving skills of All-Star catcher Willson Contreras.

Driver, who recently served as the Phillies bullpen coach and arrives with a strong teaching reputation, should help Contreras and top catching prospect Miguel Amaya, who will participate in his first major-league spring training.

"When you have an opportunity to get someone who is at the very top of the industry (with) proven results, a proven track record (who helped) transform some of the most accomplished framers in the game," Epstein said, "I think that's something you have to pounce on."

The Cubs thought enough of Chris Young to hire him as their bullpen coach to replace popular and long-tenured Lester Strode despite Young being fired as Phillies pitching coach in October.

Young, a former Padres and Astros scout, is familiar with data-tracking machines and should blend well with second-year pitching coach Tommy Hottovy.

Cubs fans are more familiar with Green, who called out Cubs slugger Anthony Rizzo for violating the home-plate collision rule after knocking out Padres catcher Austin Hedges in 2017, and new quality-assurance coach Mike Napoli, a cult hero with the 2013 Red Sox World Series title team and a member of the Indians team that lost to the Cubs in the 2016 Series.

Ross said he and Green, 42, have been in "constant communication" since his hiring.

Such dialogue wasn't necessary with Napoli, who played with Ross with the Red Sox and "checks a lot of boxes" as a former catcher who converted to first base and provided lineup protection for slugger David Ortiz.

Ross indicated that Napoli will work primarily with the hitters and on game planning with returning hitting coach Anthony Iapoce and assistant Terrmel Sledge.

Bryant trade talks with Braves could accelerate

BY MARK GONZALES

An arbitrator ultimately will decide whether Kris Bryant is one or two years away from free agency, but the Twins' signing Tuesday night of free-agent third baseman Josh Donaldson didn't hurt the Cubs.

Donaldson electing to sign a four-year, \$92 million contract with the Twins instead of returning to the Braves leaves open the possibility of the Cubs re-engaging the Braves in trade talks for Bryant.

The Braves, who won the National League East thanks in part to Donaldson's contributions, have Austin Riley and Johan Camargo as in-house options at third base. But neither has close to the credentials or experience of Bryant, the 2016 National League Most Valuable Player and a three-time All-Star.

The Braves have been linked as a suitor for Bryant, and they have a pitching-deep farm system that could satisfy the Cubs' long-term needs.

Bryant and the Cubs are awaiting a decision on a grievance filed by the Major League Baseball Players Association on Bryant's behalf that alleges the Cubs manipulated the start of his service-time clock to delay him from reaching free agency until after the 2021 season.

The Cubs insist they acted properly in sending Bryant to Triple-A Iowa to start the 2015 season and are confident the arbitrator will rule in their favor.

A favorable ruling for the Cubs would boost Bryant's trade value. In turn, Bryant would give them financial flexibility as he will make \$18.6 million this year and even



Kris Bryant

more in 2021 as he will be arbitration eligible.

The Rangers, who initially inquired about Bryant, moved on last week by signing free agent Todd Frazier. The Nationals, who also lost out on Donaldson, couldn't provide a match with the Cubs, according to a source last month.

However, the Diamondbacks are "exploring" a trade for Bryant, according to John Gambadoro of Arizona Sports 98.7. The Diamondbacks have quickly rebuilt their farm system, and general manager Mike Hazen and assistant GM Jared Porter (a former Cubs executive) worked with Cubs President Theo Epstein with the Red Sox.

The Dodgers, who failed to sign third baseman Anthony Rendon (now with the Angels), also have a reservoir of minor-league talent to engage the Cubs.

WHITE SOX

Renteria: 'Expectation is to win'

After upgrades, goal remains the same for Sox manager

BY LAMOND POPE

With all of the moves the White Sox have made this offseason, manager Rick Renteria recognizes that — on paper — his team has vastly improved.

Renteria knows the next step is to make sure those improvements show up on the field.

"We still have to do it and get it done," Renteria said Wednesday during a conference call.

The Sox signed catcher Yasmani Grandal in November and traded for right fielder Nomar Mazara at the winter meetings. Since leaving San Diego, the Sox have signed starting pitchers Dallas Keuchel and Gio Gonzalez, designated hitter Edwin Encarnacion and reliever Steve Cishek.

The Sox also announced a six-year, \$50 million deal with center fielder Luis Robert, their top prospect.

"My expectations haven't changed," Renteria said. "We want to fight for the postseason. We either want to win a division, we want to be a wild card, whatever the case might be. We want to be in a place where we are winning more ballgames and putting ourselves in a relevant position to win."

"If anybody is afraid of setting expectations, this is not a place to be. It's about winning, ultimately, and the organization has done a great job to put us on better footing to be able to do that."

The mention of Encarnacion's name brought a smile to Renteria's face.

"It's exciting to be able to have someone you can slot into (the designated hitter role)," Renteria said. "Certainly his experience, his ability over the last few years to do what he does ... it's great to have somebody to slot in there and feel fairly confident he's going to do the things you need."

Renteria also noted the experience Keuchel and Gonzalez provide the rotation.

"(They are) guys that have been in a lot of battles and know, again through experience, how to go through them," Renteria said. "Their presence right now is probably going to be a big part of how we continue to move forward."

"We have, with our young guys that are still developing, a really good core, and these additions are going to put us in a much better place to be able to truly compete (and) win ballgames."

The Sox won 72 games in 2019, 10 more than the previous season. Renteria is embracing the expectations of another jump.

"Everyone in major sports wants to win," he said, "and that's what we want to do. Our expectation is to win."

Cishek saw Sox's potential from North Side

BY LAMOND POPE

Steve Cishek said his agent received a call from the White Sox "five minutes" after the World Series ended.

"When you get a call that soon, you know the team is up to something," Cishek said during a conference call Wednesday.

The Sox's active offseason added to the reliever's interest.

"When they expressed interest in making an offer, I was all ears," he said. "I was ready to go."

The former Cub made his move from Wrigley Field to Guaranteed Rate Field official Tuesday, agreeing to a one-year, \$6 million deal with the Sox. The contract includes a club option for 2021.

Cishek, 33, pitched three scoreless innings against the Sox last season. Even then, he noticed a team with potential.

"I remember playing against them and thinking these guys could be good," he said. "And then, sure enough, they put a lot of building blocks around these guys this offseason."

"It made it intriguing for me, and with that young core, they have a bright future ahead of them as an organization too."

Cishek spent the last two seasons with the Cubs, going 8-9 with a 2.55 ERA and 11 saves in 150 appearances. He was 4-6 with a 2.95 ERA and seven saves in 70 appearances in 2019, striking out 57 and walking 29 in 64 innings.

He called remaining in Chicago "kind of the cherry on top."

"It's a team that's serious about winning," Cishek said of the Sox. "They show interest in you, and then you get to spend another year in a city that you enjoyed being in as a family."

The veteran right-hander joins a bullpen that features setup men Aaron Bummer and Evan Marshall and closer Alex Colome.

"I am fortunate enough now that we have guys that have all been at the back end of a ballgame and have had success in that particular role," manager Rick Renteria said.

■ The Sox signed infielder Andrew Romine to a minor-league deal, according to USA Today's Bob Nightengale. Romine has a .235/.291/.301 career slash line during parts of nine seasons with Angels (2010-13), Tigers (14-17) and Mariners (18). He hit .289 in 106 games in 2019 for Lehigh Valley, the Phillies' Triple-A affiliate.

BULLS

'No clarity' on Porter's absence

Bulls not exactly sure about forward's timetable to return

BY JAMAL COLLIER

The Bulls acquired Otto Porter Jr. at the trade deadline last year, one of the moves that signaled they intended to take the next step toward contention.

Porter was supposed to be one of the biggest additions to the roster, another scoring threat on the perimeter alongside Zach LaVine, but the veteran forward has not played since Nov. 6, limited to nine games this season by a fractured left foot.

As the Bulls took on the Wizards, Porter's former team, on Wednesday night at the United Center, his absence continued to linger over the team, especially because the details surrounding his progress are so unclear.

The latest update from the Bulls last week revealed that Porter still was going through non-basketball activities, which he was gradually increasing as his bone healed.

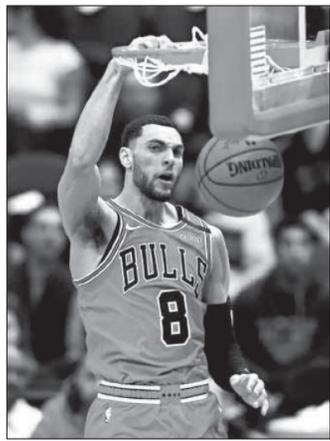
On Monday night in Boston, however, Porter was seen walking off the court without a boot, and he appeared to have participated in some sort of workout. It seemed like an encouraging sign, but coach Jim Boylen said he had "no clarity" on Porter's recent progress or when the Bulls could expect him back in the lineup.

"Every day I just hope it's a little better, he hopes it's a little better," Boylen said before Wednesday's game. "He's very frustrated. I just try and keep him up and be positive: 'We'll take you back when you come back.'"

Porter got off to a slow start this season, but his addition to the lineup last February provided the offensive spark the Bulls intended. He averaged 17.5 points, 5.5 rebounds and 2.7 assists in 15 games while shooting 48% from the field and 49% percent from 3-point range. With Porter in the lineup, the Bulls' offensive rating improved by 11.5 points last season.

They desperately could use that kind of boost this year. Their offense has consistently been near the bottom of the league, entering Wednesday's game at 28th.

"The injury thing is very hard on the team; it's even harder on the player," Boylen said. "You've got a prideful guy that knows he can help us win and is a big part



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BULLS 115, WIZARDS 106

More pain, even in win

The Bulls defeated the Wizards 115-106 on Wednesday night at the United Center but lost rookie Daniel Gafford, who has been starting in place of the injured Wendell Carter Jr., early in the game. Gafford was diagnosed with a dislocated right thumb with a cut and is expected to be sidelined for two to four weeks, the team announced. It deals another blow to the Bulls frontcourt depth, already thin with Carter out for at least a month with a right ankle sprain. Not even 90 seconds had elapsed when Gafford intercepted a pass from Ian Mahinmi that nearly bent his hand all the way backward. He called timeout and immediately sprinted off the court toward the locker room. Zach LaVine, above, led the Bulls with 30 points. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

of what we're building, and he can't play. Mentally, I just try and stay positive, tell him I'll take him back when he's ready."

It's uncertain when that might be, although a report by The Athletic this month indicated the All-Star break was the latest target. But even with his slow progress, the Bulls seem confident Porter will play again this season and have not considered shutting him down.

"We haven't discussed that," Boylen said. "We'll always do what's in the best interest of him and his career, his future.

Haugh

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Too often coach Jim Boylen has kept Markkanen on the bench for interminably long stretches. As much as any other factor, Markkanen's inconsistency and inability to take a major step forward have contributed to the Bulls running in place.

When team officials publicly called the playoffs a realistic goal before the season, they based their optimism on the expectation Markkanen would affect more outcomes than he has. One decent month of December only underscored how much the Bulls missed Markkanen forcing the issue.

A guy with Markkanen's talent needs to sit less and demand the ball more, the way NBA stars do. And Markkanen can still become the star he looked capable of becoming his first two years in the league. He's only 22.

His stunted development ultimately falls on himself but also at the feet of Boylen, who installed an offense that turned a threat into a tentative big man. Good NBA coaches find ways to accentuate their best players' strengths, but Boylen has offered scant proof he is a good NBA coach.

The attacking defensive scheme Boylen employs helps the Bulls force more turnovers than any team in the league but regularly creates penetration lanes and open looks for opponents. The new offense, statistically one of the worst in the league, looks like it confuses the Bulls more than the competition.

The tough-guy culture Boylen enjoys espousing only goes so far in a bottom-line world full of millionaire players who, more than once, have openly questioned aspects of Boylen's coaching. Those of us who entered the season with an open mind about Boylen have seen enough evidence to start wondering.

The Bulls don't need the stronger spirit or soul Boylen often references. They need better talent and intelligence. They need a universally respected leader capable of making players buy in instead of tune out. They need answers to outnumber questions after games.

Boylen insists the Bulls have established a clear mentality at both ends of the floor, but they have only one victory over a winning team to show for it.

Management stubbornly stands behind Boylen, an earnest competitor who simply appears overmatched when it comes to the details of game strategy.

Boylen's rotations raise eyebrows. His use of timeouts invites scrutiny. Injuries to Otto Porter Jr. and Wendell Carter Jr. provide excuses the Bulls likely will use to

rationalize Boylen's coaching shortcomings enough to ride out the final 41 games without making a change.

But if the downward trend continues throughout the second half, it seems reasonable to expect the Bulls to seek a new voice on the bench and perhaps a fresh set of eyes in the front office.

Nobody expects vice president John Paxson — a Bulls lifer — to go anywhere, but adding an executive from outside the organization to offer a different perspective makes sense for a franchise stuck on the status quo. Team President Michael Reinsdorf must see what everybody else sees and realize how quickly fan anger can turn to apathy.

If this continues, the positives simply will be too few to accept any other response to another disappointing season but change.

And yes, there have been positives. They start with LaVine, who's averaging 24.5 points per game and shooting 39% from 3-point range. LaVine's offensive exploits for a losing team might remind Bulls fans of a certain age of Reggie Theus, a two-time All-Star on some lousy Bulls teams from 1978-84 who averaged 23.8 points when he was 25.

LaVine can explode for 40 on any given night, but it's easier to believe his rare athleticism makes him an All-Star than the No. 1 option on a championship team.

If the Bulls keep LaVine instead of trading him at the deadline as contenders will tempt them, then their offseason mission will be exhausting options through the draft, free agency and the trade route to find that elusive star to pair alongside an ideal NBA No. 2 guy.

Coby White plays like a star in spurts, but consistency eludes the streaky scorer who won't turn 20 till next month. Still, White has flashed enough to be considered a bright spot.

So has fellow rookie Daniel Gafford, the energetic big man who resembles a young Taj Gibson and can count on a long career if he continues that approach.

Veteran free agent Thaddeus Young, a likely trade candidate, has done everything the Bulls have asked, even if it hasn't exactly jibed with their summer sales pitch.

And Kris Dunn has provided a template for the ideal teammate in elevating his defense as a starter or sub.

Alas, the list of what's gone right is shorter than what's gone wrong.

Something's missing for a team going nowhere fast.

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BLACKHAWKS

Toews

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"I don't know if — I wouldn't say take on too much early on this season — but obviously there was a lot going on with new guys in our locker room and just finding ways to make sure our team was ready every night," Toews said before Wednesday night's game in Montreal. "There's sometimes a lot going on in your head instead of just focusing on your job and where you're falling short and where you can be better.

"Right now I feel like there's not a whole lot to worry about. We all know what needs to be said and done to get our team going."

The Toews of old is back and has been for more than a couple of months. Beginning Nov. 2, Toews somewhat quietly started putting up points consistently. In the last week, he's erupted with three consecutive multi-point games. On Tuesday, he scored in overtime and added two assists in a 3-2 overtime win over the Senators.

After his slow start, Toews is up to 38 points (12 goals, 26 assists), and he has 36 points in his last 36 games. As great as Patrick Kane has been during his march to 1,000 career points, Toews nearly has matched him. Kane has 12 points in his last seven games; Toews is right behind with 10.

And while Dominik Kubalik rightfully has grabbed the attention of the hockey world with goals in five straight games, Toews scored the winner against the Senators and has put up seven points in his last three games.

Keep in mind that through all this, Toews has been killing penalties and playing on the top power-play unit like he has throughout most of his career. The 970 faceoffs he has taken are the third most in the league and more than 400 ahead of any other Hawk. His 56.7 percent faceoff win rate ranks ninth in the league.

"I can just focus on my game, and there's a couple different guys I might be playing with every night, and just knowing what they're going to do helps a lot," Toews said. "Feeling good, too. I'm just kind of building off of good games and playing loose and playing with confidence, and as a team, I think we're playing a lot better, too.

"So I think it's nice to get that consistency as a team. When everyone else is better on the ice, it makes your job a lot easier."

As much as Toews would like to think he's focusing mainly on himself, Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton would beg to differ. Toews and Kubalik have been on the same line for a while now, and Colliton says it's not a coincidence Kubalik is just now coming into his own.

"He has really helped Kubalik to reach another level in his game," Colliton said. "They're talking a lot on the bench and



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BLACKHAWKS 4, CANADIENS 1

Zack attacks for Hawks

Zack Smith, center, scored a pair of first-period goals, Patrick Kane picked up his 998th career point and Montreal native Corey Crawford continued his mastery of the Canadiens at the Bell Centre with 32 saves as the Blackhawks won 4-1 on Wednesday for their third straight victory. The Hawks improved to 22-20-6 and moved within four points of the final Western Conference wild-card spot. They will go for a sweep of their three-game road trip Saturday against the Maple Leafs. Crawford won his sixth straight start in Montreal and moved to 6-0-2 in eight career starts there with a .971 save percentage. Kane set up Alex DeBrincat's second-period power-play goal to move him within two of 1,000 points and give him an eight-game point streak. Dominik Kubalik's goal-scoring streak ended at five games. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

working together to create offense. As a group, our team, we don't create a ton of offensive-zone, you know, five-men-in type things, and they've created a lot more probably than the rest of the group, and that's nice. It adds an extra dimension to what we create."

One aspect to this season Toews, 31, didn't foresee was how the presence of many of his old teammates from the 2010 Stanley Cup champions during commemorative celebrations at the United Center

would remind him that time is fleeting and this won't last forever.

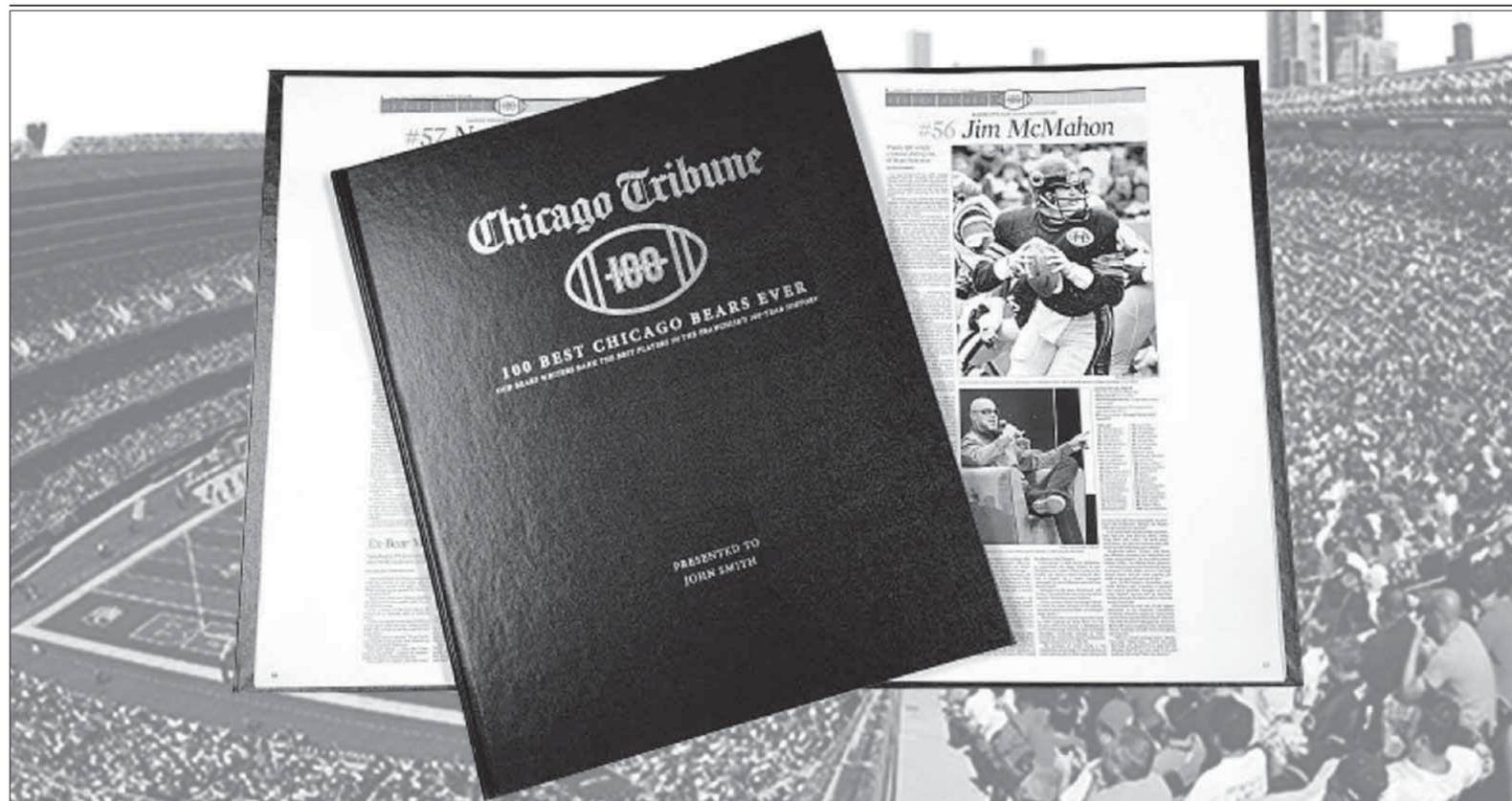
"I think, at this point in our careers, it's another thing that reminds you to stop and smell the roses once in awhile," he said.

Toews may be reeking of confidence, and the Hawks may be playing better, but they will have a long way to go to get into the playoffs. Last season, the Hawks took off at the 35-game mark; this year's team is on the same course with an 8-4 record after starting 13-16-6.

"Some of the other veteran guys that have come into this locker room are starting to settle in and assume those leadership roles as well," Toews said. "I think everyone's just feeling more and more comfortable. We're really coming together as a team right now."

The playoffs are still a long shot, but with 2½ months left in the season, Toews, who seems like he's just getting started, isn't nearly ready to give up.

"It's all we want," Toews said. "It's No. 1." Spoken just like No. 19.



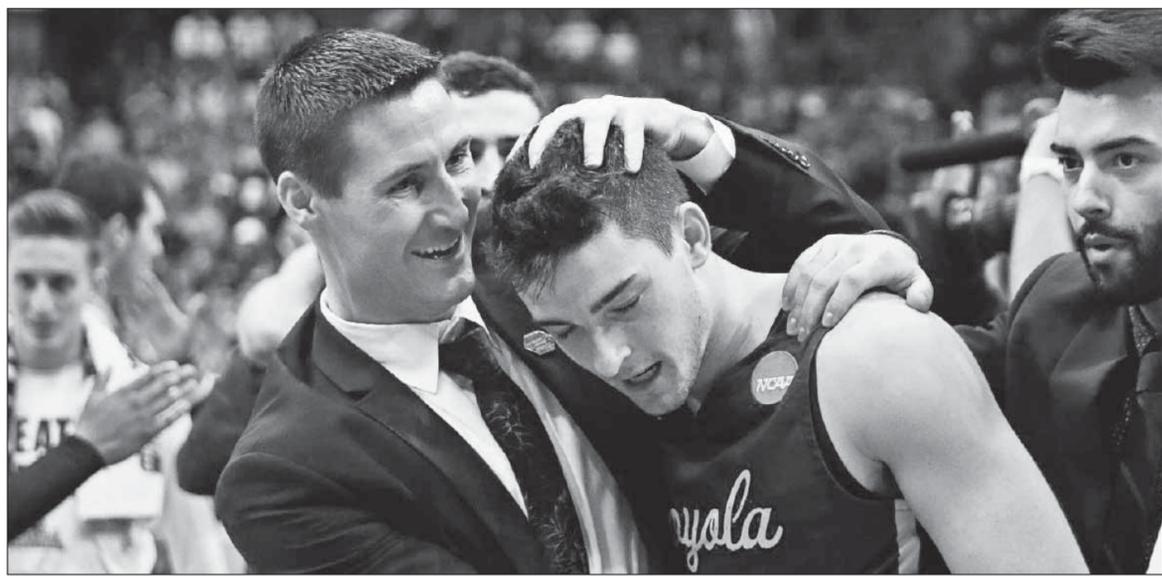
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Former Loyola assistant coach Bryan Mullins embraces Clayton Custer after he made the winning basket against Tennessee in 2018.

Mullins worked his way up

Coach who started at Loyola returns with Southern Illinois

BY SHANNON RYAN

Bryan Mullins had just hung up his sneakers, professionally speaking.

Beset by injuries, he retired in 2013 after a four-year playing career in France and accepted a job as Loyola's director of basketball operations.

This low-rung job on college basketball staffs is far from glamorous or lucrative. Setting up travel plans, calling hotels, examining budgets, running camps, working on compliance issues and planning pregame meals doesn't exactly get the endorphins rushing.

"Basketball was kind of taken away from me," Mullins told the Tribune in a phone interview. "You can't practice or coach. It was very hard for me. It was Loyola's first year in the (Missouri) Valley Conference, and we won only 10 games. I was thinking: 'What am I doing? I could still be playing professional basketball.' It was humbling."

Ever the bulldog on the court — a two-time Missouri Valley defensive player of the year at Southern Illinois — Mullins applied the same tenacity to his new job.

"If I'm going to do it, I'm going to do it to the best of my ability," Mullins said he decided. "I'm going to be the best director

of basketball operations out there. I'll do whatever I can to help this program. The second year, we won 24 games. I got to be two feet in and (decided I) can't do anything less than my best."

His ascent through the coaching ranks has been rapid ever since.

After rising to assistant coach in 2015 and associate head coach in 2018 under Loyola coach Porter Moser, Mullins was hired in March as head coach at Southern Illinois. He turned 34 on Monday and is the second-youngest Division I head coach.

He will return to Gentile Arena on Thursday night for a Missouri Valley meeting with Loyola (11-6, 3-1). The Salukis (8-9, 2-2) are a game behind conference co-leaders Loyola, Bradley and Northern Iowa.

A 2005 graduate of Downers Grove South, Mullins expects several relatives and friends to attend. And, of course, everyone at Loyola knows him.

"I've had to change the whole playbook because he knows every damn call," Moser said with a laugh.

Both coaches emphasized the game should be less about their reunion and more about the teams.

"Neither of us are going to be warm and fuzzy during the game," Moser said. "We're going to be tearing our jackets off and trying to win."

Moser quickly became aware that

Mullins had a brain for basketball. He grew up around the sport with his dad, Mike, who coached the AAU Illinois Wolves, and his older brother, Brendan, a Salukis assistant coach.

But what stood out to Moser was how Mullins approached his duties.

"It was his work ethic," Moser said. "Bryan worked every day trying to make my job easier, other coaches' jobs easier, trying to help us win. He was ready when the opportunity was there from his alma mater. He completely smashed his opportunity as an assistant coach, and that's why he's sitting 12 inches over now."

Mullins, who played at SIU in 2005-09, set the program's career assists record with 509 in 122 games and helped lead the Salukis to the 2006 and 2007 NCAA Tournaments. He was named to the Valley's all-defensive team all four seasons and graduated with a 4.0 GPA and a finance degree.

After playing in France, he thought he at least could get his MBA at Loyola while working on the basketball staff. A few years later, he was helping devise plays during the Ramblers' 2018 Final Four run.

Now the Ramblers are a conference rival — but one Mullins said he'll always feel a connection with.

"It's just the relationships and the people I was able to meet there, the players," Mullins said. "It's a big part of my life. I'm looking forward to coming back."

NFL

WR Fitzgerald will return for 17th season

News services

Larry Fitzgerald didn't keep the Cardinals waiting for long. One of the most productive wide receivers in NFL history isn't done yet, returning for his 17th season with the franchise that drafted him in 2004.

After some speculation that the popular 36-year-old Fitzgerald might finally retire, the team announced Wednesday he has signed a one-year contract that will keep him in the desert through 2020.

"This season was among the most fun of my career," Fitzgerald said in a tweet. "The future is so bright for this team & I relish the opportunity to build with this talented young nucleus."

"Arizona is where I started and where I will finish. 2020! Let's get to work!"

Fitzgerald was a key part of the Cardinals offense in his 16th season, leading the team with 75 catches for 804 yards and four TDs. He repeatedly said how much he enjoyed playing with rookie QB Kyler Murray. He also was quick to praise first-year coach Kliff Kingsbury.

In 16 seasons with the Cardinals, Fitzgerald is the franchise leader in games played (250), receptions (1,378), receiving yards (17,083), receiving TDs (120), total TDs (120) and 100-yard games (49). His 1,378 career receptions are the most by any player in NFL history with a single team.

He ranks second all time behind Hall of Famer Jerry Rice (1,549). Fitzgerald's 17,083 career receiving yards also rank second in NFL history, while his 120 career TD receptions are sixth.

Kittle misses practice: Tight end George Kittle sat out 49ers practice Wednesday with left ankle soreness.

It didn't appear that the 49ers were too concerned Kittle might miss the NFC championship game against the Packers.

NFL PLAYOFFS: CHAMPIONSHIPS



#6 **Titans** at #2 **Chiefs**
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	27	12	.692	—
Toronto	26	14	.650	1½
Philadelphia	26	16	.619	2½
Brooklyn	18	22	.450	9½
New York	11	30	.268	17

SOUTHEAST

Miami	28	12	.700	—
Orlando	20	21	.488	8½
Charlotte	15	29	.341	15
Washington	13	27	.325	15
Atlanta	9	32	.220	19½

CENTRAL

Milwaukee	36	6	.857	—
Indiana	26	15	.634	9½
Chicago	15	27	.357	21
Detroit	15	27	.357	21
Cleveland	12	29	.293	23½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	26	14	.650	—
Dallas	26	15	.634	½
Memphis	19	22	.463	7½
San Antonio	17	22	.436	8½
New Orleans	15	26	.366	11½

NORTHWEST

Denver	28	12	.700	—
Utah	28	12	.700	—
Oklahoma City	23	18	.561	5½
Portland	18	24	.429	11
Minnesota	15	25	.375	13

PACIFIC

L.A. Lakers	33	8	.805	—
L.A. Clippers	28	13	.683	5
Phoenix	16	24	.400	16½
Sacramento	15	26	.366	18
Golden State	9	33	.214	24½

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Philadelphia 117, Brooklyn 106
Detroit 116, Boston 103
Miami 106, San Antonio 100
Indiana 104, Minnesota 99
Toronto 130, Oklahoma City 121
Chicago 115, Washington 106
Denver 100, Charlotte 86
Portland 117, Houston 107
Dallas 127, Sacramento 123
Orlando 119, L.A. Lakers 118

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Phoenix at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Utah at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Orlando at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

BULLS 115, WIZARDS 106

WASHINGTON: Beal 8-13 5-6 23, Bryant 2-4 0-0 5, Mahinmi 2-7 4-6 8, Payton II 3-4 2-10, Thomas 4-8 3-4 12, Bertans 4-15 0-0 12, Brown Jr. 0-3 0-0 0, Pasencniks 4-7 2-10, Bonga 2-2 0-0 5, McRae 6-13 4-16, Smith 2-3 1-2 5. Totals 37-79 21-26 106.

CHICAGO: Dunn 1-7 0-0 2, Markkanen 4-8 3-4 13, Gafford 1-1 0-0 2, LaVine 12-21 0-1 30, Satoransky 5-9 7-7 18, Young 7-9 1-3 18, Felicio 0-1 0-0 0, Kornet 4-10 1-2 10, Hutchison 5-7 1-2 11, Arcidiacono 0-2 0-0 0, Harrison 0-1 1-1 1, White 4-9 1-2 10. Totals 43-85 15-22 115.

Washington	26	34	20	26	—106
Chicago	24	31	30	30	—115

3-Point Goals—Washington 11-27 (Bertans 4-10, Payton II 2-3, Beal 2-4, Thomas 1-3, McRae 0-5), Chicago 14-38 (LaVine 6-11, Young 3-3, Markkanen 2-3, Satoransky 1-4, Kornet 1-5, White 1-5, Arcidiacono 0-2, Dunn 0-5). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Washington 38 (Mahinmi 7), Chicago 41 (Markkanen, Young 8). **Assists**—Washington 25 (Smith 5), Chicago 26 (Dunn, LaVine 7). **Total Fouls**—Washington 17, Chicago 19. **A**—19,382 (20,917)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	27	9	12	66	159	128
Tampa Bay	28	14	4	60	166	133
Toronto	25	16	6	56	173	157
Florida	24	16	5	53	166	152
Buffalo	21	19	7	49	140	149
Montreal	20	21	7	47	146	152
Ottawa	16	22	8	40	123	157
Detroit	12	32	3	27	102	183

METRO.

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	31	11	5	67	166	138
Pittsburgh	29	12	5	63	161	125
N.Y. Islanders	28	13	4	60	132	119
Carolina	27	17	2	56	150	125
Philadelphia	25	16	6	56	150	145
Columbus	23	16	8	54	124	124
N.Y. Rangers	22	19	4	48	152	151
New Jersey	17	22	7	41	124	163

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	30	10	8	68	155	129
Dallas	27	15	4	58	124	109
Colorado	25	15	6	56	164	137
Winnipeg	25	18	4	54	145	140
Chicago	22	20	6	50	141	153
Nashville	21	17	7	49	152	149
Minnesota	20	20	6	46	138	157

PACIFIC

Arizona	26	18	5	57	142	128
Edmonton	25	18	5	55	148	150
Calgary	25	18	5	55	131	141
Vancouver	25	18	4	54	155	147
Vegas	24	19	6	54	151	149
San Jose	21	23	4	46	129	159
Los Angeles	18	25	5	41	121	150
Anaheim	17	24	5	39	116	147

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago 4, Montreal 1
Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 3 (OT)

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Pittsburgh at Boston, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Florida, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Calgary at Toronto, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 6 p.m.
Vegas at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

BLACKHAWKS 4, CANADIENS 1

Chicago	2	1	1	— 4
Montreal	0	1	0	— 1

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Chicago, Smith 3 (Caggiula), 5:42 (sh). 2, Chicago, Smith 4 (Koekoek, Maatta), 8:32.

Penalties: Fleury, Mon (Hooking), 3:12; Dach, Chi (Holding), 4:30.

SECOND PERIOD: 3, Montreal, Danault 12 (Tatar, Kovalchuk), 0:54.4, Chicago, DeBrincat 12 (Toews, Kane), 11:27 (pp).

Penalties: Caggiula, Chi (High Sticking), 8:54; Domi, Mon (Roughing), 10:52; Smith, Chi (High Sticking), 15:24.

THIRD PERIOD: 5, Chicago, Caggiula 4, 11:40.

Penalties: Montreal bench, served by Cousins (Too Many Men on the Ice), 8:04.

SHOTS ON GOAL: Chicago 11-11-6-28.

Montreal 12-10-11-33.

POWER PLAYS: Chicago 1 of 3; Montreal 0 of 3.

GOALIES: Chicago, Crawford 8-13-2 (33 shots-32 saves), Montreal, Lindgren 0-3-0 (28-24).

A: 21,302 (21,288). **T:** 2:31.

Referees: Jake Brenk, Dan O'Rourke.

Linesmen: Tyson Baker, Ryan Daisy.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

AVERAGE TIME ON ICE	GP	+/-	TOI/G	
Thomas Chabot	Ott	46	-19	26:37
Drew Doughty	LA	48	-11	26:04
Roman Josi	Nas	45	23	25:52
Oscar Klefbom	Edm	48	-15	25:47
Kris Letang	Pit	38	10	25:37
Seth Jones	CBJ	47	4	25:24
Ryan Suter	Min	46	-11	25:09
Ivan Provorov	Phi	46	1	24:54
Brent Burns	Wj	48	-21	24:54
John Carlson	Was	47	13	24:49

SHIFTS/GAME

TM	GP	SHF	SH/G	
Ivan Provorov	Phi	46	1364	29.7
Seth Jones	CBJ	47	1387	29.5
Hampus Lindholm	Ana	38	1111	29.2
Roman Josi	Nas	45	1315	29.2
Miro Heiskanen	Dal	46	1327	28.8
Kris Letang	Pit	38	1089	28.7
Ryan Ellis	Nas	39	1114	28.6

through Tuesday

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

- Gonzaga** (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Santa Clara, Thursday.
- Baylor** (14-1) beat Iowa State 68-55. Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday.
- Duke** (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Louisville, Saturday.
- Auburn** (15-1) lost to Alabama 83-64. Next: at Florida, Saturday.
- Butler** (15-2) lost to No. 18 Seton Hall 78-70. Next: at DePaul, Saturday.
- Kansas** (13-3) did not play. Next: at Texas, Saturday.
- San Diego State** (18-0) did not play. Next: vs. Nevada, Saturday.
- Oregon** (14-3) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Thursday.
- Florida State** (15-2) beat Virginia 54-50. Next: at Miami, Saturday.
- Kentucky** (12-4) lost to South Carolina 81-78. Next: at Arkansas, Sat.
- Louisville** (14-3) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Duke, Saturday.
- West Virginia** (14-2) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
- Dayton** (15-2) did not play. Next: at Saint Louis, Friday.
- Villanova** (13-3) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Saturday.
- Michigan State** (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Friday.
- Wichita State** (15-2) lost to Temple 65-53. Next: vs. Houston, Saturday.
- Maryland** (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Saturday.
- Seton Hall** (13-4) beat No. 5 Butler 78-70. Next: at St. John's, Saturday.
- Michigan** (11-5) did not play. Next: at Iowa, Friday.
- Colorado** (13-3) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Thursday.
- Ohio State** (12-5) did not play. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Thursday.
- Memphis** (13-3) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech (11-5) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Saturday.
- Illinois** (12-5) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Saturday.
- Creighton** (13-5) lost to Georgetown 83-80. Next: vs. Providence, Saturday.

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

EAST

Albany (NY) 76, New Hampshire 73, OT
American U. 61, Bucknell 60
Brooklyn 60, Baruch 52
Duquesne 58, Fordham 56, OT
Fairfield 61, St. Peter's 51
George Wash. 73, George Mason 67
Georgetown 83, Creighton 80
Hartford 68, Stony Brook 65
Holy Cross at Army, p.p.d.
John Jay 77, York (NY) 62
Lafayette 71, Colgate 67
Maine 104, Mass.-Lowell 98, OT
Merrimack 71, Bryant 67
Navy 88, Lehigh 83
Providence 63, St. John's 58
Rhodes Island 71, Saint Joseph's 61
Rutgers 59, Indiana 50
Sacred Heart 66, CCSU 55
St. Bonaventure 74, UMass 61
St. Francis (Pa.) 100, Fair. Dickinson 85
Syracuse 76, Boston College 50
Temple 65, Wichita St. 53
Vermont 72, Binghamton 53

SOUTH

Chattanooga 72, Wofford 59
ETSU 88, Samford 63
Florida St. 54, Virginia 50
Furman 83, W. Carolina 79
Georgia 80, Tennessee 64
Mercer 73, VMI 62
NC St. 80, Miami 63
Notre Dame 78, Georgia Tech 74
SE Louisiana 62, Texas A&M-CC 56
S. Carolina 81, Kentucky 78
Tulsa 65, E. Carolina 49
UNC Greensboro 79, The Citadel 69

MIDWEST

Bradley 91, Missouri St. 78
Indiana St. 65, Evansville 42
Marquette 85, Xavier 65
N. Iowa 88, Valparaiso 78
S. Dakota St. 87, North Dakota 66
Trine 75, Adrian 61

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 75, Vanderbilt 55
Houston 71, SMU 62
Sam Houston St. 80, Lamar 75, OT
Stephen F. Austin 77, Cent. Arkansas 76
Texas 76, Oklahoma St. 64
UTEP 90, UTSA 77, OT

WEST

Air Force 85, Boise St. 78
Colorado St. 105, New Mexico 72

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

- South Carolina** (16-1) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Thursday.
- Baylor** (14-1) beat Kansas 90-47. Next: vs. No. 17 West Virginia, Sat.
- Stanford** (15-1) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Oregon, Thursday.
- UConn** (14-1) did not play. Next: at UCF, Thursday.
- Louisville** (16-1) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Thursday.
- Oregon** (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Stanford, Thursday.
- UCLA** (16-0) did not play. Next: at Southern Cal, Friday.
- Oregon State** (15-1) did not play. Next: vs. California, Friday.
- N.C. State** (15-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Florida State, Thursday.
- Mississippi State** (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Thursday.
- Kentucky** (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Texas A&M, Thursday.
- Texas A&M** (14-2) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Kentucky, Thursday.
- Florida State** (15-2) did not play. Next: at No. 9 N.C. State, Thursday.
- DePaul** (15-2) did not play. Next: at Xavier, Friday.
- Indiana** (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Thursday.
- Gonzaga** (16-1) did not play. Next: at Santa Clara, Thursday.
- West Virginia** (13-2) lost to Oklahoma 73-49. Next: at No. 2 Baylor, Sat.
- Arizona State** (13-4) did not play. Next: at Washington, Friday.
- Missouri State** (14-2) did not play. Next: at Southern Illinois, Friday.
- Maryland** (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Thursday.
- Arizona** (13-3) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Friday.
- Iowa** (13-3) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Thursday.
- Arkansas** (14-3) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Sunday.
- Tennessee** (13-3) did not play. Next: at Florida, Thursday.
- South Dakota** (16-2) did not play. Next: at North Dakota State, Thursday.

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

EAST

Army 61, Holy Cross 48
Boston U. 44, Loyola (Md.) 42
Bucknell 68, American U. 43
Buffalo 65, Bowling Green 59
Colgate 73, Lafayette 52
Lehigh 60, Navy 53
Mass.-Lowell 66, Maine 57
New Hampshire 48, Albany (NY) 47
Rhode Island 49, Saint Joseph's 47
Stony Brook 66, Hartford 55
UMass 76, La Salle 62
Vermont 65, Binghamton 62
Villanova 70, Penn 58

SOUTH

Davidson 76, George Mason 69
Northwestern St. 58, Nicholls 39

MIDWEST

Cent. Michigan 66, Ball St. 54
Dayton 54, Duquesne (Ohio)
E. Michigan 80, Miami (Ohio) 53
Kent St. 79, N. Illinois 71
Oklahoma St. 70, Kansas St. 63
Saint Louis 72, St. Bonaventure 51
TCU 77, Iowa St. 74
Toledo 65, Akron 61
W. Michigan 73, Ohio 72
Wichita St. 57, Tulsa 46

BEARS

Nagy picks his QB coach

DeFilippo joins Bears staff, incumbent Ragone promoted

BY RICH CAMPBELL

Matt Nagy's shake-up of the Bears offensive coaching staff is significant enough to include a new position, an internal promotion and a familiar outside name.

Nagy has hired John DeFilippo as quarterbacks coach and promoted incumbent quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone to passing game coordinator. ESPN first reported the hires, which a person with knowledge of the situation confirmed Wednesday evening.

Nagy fired three offensive assistants after the Bears finished fourth-to-last in the NFL in points per game and second-to-last in yards per play. A little more than two weeks later, there's more clarity about who is joining the staff but growing questions about each coach's role and responsibilities.

DeFilippo was one of six candidates the Bears interviewed for their head coaching vacancy in 2018. They interviewed Nagy the day after meeting with DeFilippo and hired him instead.

DeFilippo was the Jaguars offensive coordinator in 2019, but they fired him Monday, the same day the Bears agreed to make Bill Lazor their offensive coordinator.

Lazor is still on board, which creates a bit of mystery about who will be responsible for what as Nagy tries to jump-start quarterback Mitch Trubisky's development and manufacture progress from an offense that regressed in Nagy's second season.

Nagy fired offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich, offensive line coach Harry Hiestand and tight ends coach Kevin Gilbride on Dec. 31. Also, senior offensive assistant Brad Childress, a longtime confidant of Nagy's, informed Nagy he won't return.

Nagy hired line coach Juan Castillo on New Year's Day and tight ends coach Clancy Barone last week before adding Lazor and DeFilippo and promoting Ragone.

Helfrich and Hiestand were heavily involved in coordinating the running game, which ranked 29th in the league with 3.7 yards per carry. General manager Ryan Pace was as critical of the offensive line as he was any area of the team in his postseason media session Dec. 31.

In Castillo, Nagy hired a veteran assistant with experience overseeing rushing attacks. He held running game coordinator titles with the Ravens and Bills in the 2010s with mixed results.

The coaching staff duties appear more muddled around the passing game. The Bears were last in the NFL in yards per pass, and Nagy has said Trubisky must become a master at reading coverages next season, his fourth in the league.

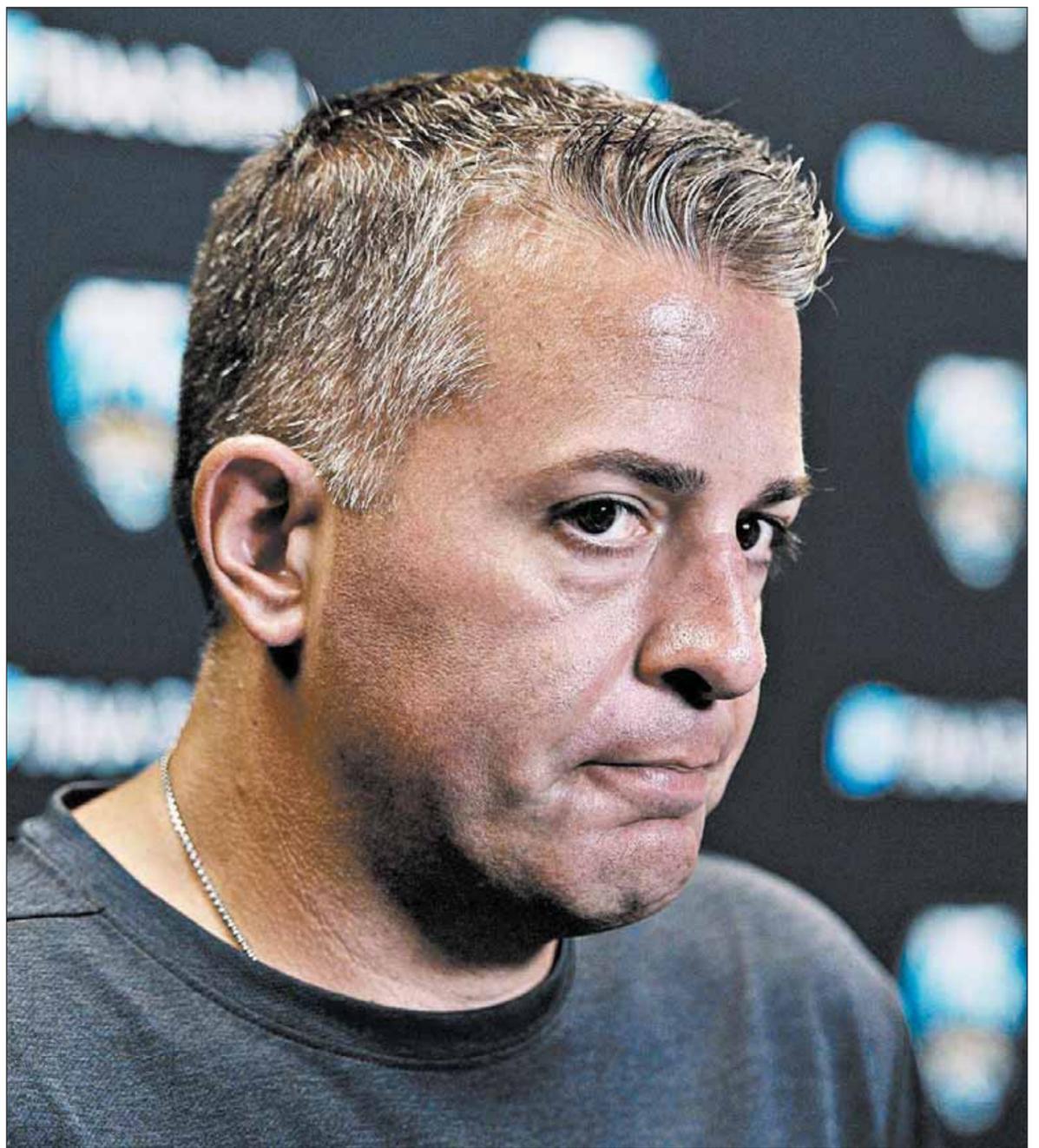
Lazor is the offensive coordinator, but Nagy coordinates the offense and remains the play caller.

Lazor, who was out of the league in 2019, distinguished himself with the Dolphins and Bengals in how he maximized dual-threat running backs Lamar Miller and Joe Mixon.

Ragone has been Trubisky's position coach for all three of his NFL seasons. The Bears like how Ragone teaches quarterback play, having briefly played in the NFL. They admire his steadiness, positivity and how he relates to Trubisky.

His new role as passing game coordinator was not part of Nagy's staff the last two seasons. How Ragone will make an imprint on the offense and Trubisky, then, remains to be seen.

DeFilippo, 41, joins his fourth NFL team in four seasons and sixth team in the last seven. With DeFilippo calling plays last



season, the Jaguars were 19th in the NFL in yards per play and 26th in scoring. They scored only three rushing touchdowns all season, and they benched veteran quarterback Nick Foles in favor of rookie Gardner Minshew, a sixth-round pick.

DeFilippo caught the Bears' attention in 2017 as the Eagles quarterbacks coach. He helped Carson Wentz emerge as an MVP candidate before Wentz suffered a knee injury. Backup Nick Foles then thrived in Wentz's place, and the Eagles won the Super Bowl four weeks after DeFilippo interviewed with the Bears.

"He's just really detailed," Wentz told the Philadelphia Inquirer that November. "He's systematic with his thought process for some of the things that we put in and install. The way that he's detailed, we kind of dot every 'i,' cross every 't' together."

DeFilippo landed with the Vikings as offensive coordinator after he didn't get the Bears head coaching job. He lasted 13 games before coach Mike Zimmer fired him. The Vikings missed the playoffs and finished 19th in yards per play.

DeFilippo was a backup quarterback at James Madison in the late 1990s while Nagy played quarterback at then-Atlantic 10 rival Delaware.



BOB SELF/FLORIDA TIMES-UNION (DEFILIPPO), JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (TRUBISKY)
John DeFilippo, top, will be working closely with Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky in 2020.

Hall

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Covert played only eight seasons because of a back injury, but the Bears won the NFC Central six times, and he was a stalwart on the offensive line for a bruising rushing attack that led the league in rushing from 1983 to 1986. He is the final member of the 1980s All-Decade team to be honored by the Hall of Fame.

Why did Covert fall through the cracks over the years? There are a couple of theories. Maybe Walter Payton's linemen didn't get their due because many considered him to be the greatest running back of all time. The Bears were 18th in the NFL in rushing the year before Covert arrived as the sixth pick in 1983.

Covert believes his recognition is a nod to the entire offensive line from his era, and it was a selfless act in 1990 that perhaps cost him a Pro Bowl shot that season. Who knows? With one more Pro Bowl (he had two), maybe he would have gotten more consideration before now.

After the Bears defeated the Phoenix Cardinals 31-21 in Week 8, the NFL wanted to name Covert the NFC offensive player of the week. The Bears had rushed for 223 yards and three touchdowns in the victory, improving to 6-1.

"(Public relations director) Brian Harlan said, 'Hey, they want to make you offensive player of the week,'" Covert recalled. "I thought, 'Wow, what a great honor.' It's such an exceptional honor, but playing offensive line is such a team game and I just felt like it's hard to say (it's one guy). You could say it's the quarterback one week, but it's still a team game with the quarterback."

"But when you're playing next to a guy and you've got five of us together, Hilgy (Jay Hilgenberg) didn't even play in that game.

Jerry Fontenot started that game. We just had such a great game and Neal (Anderson) was playing so well then, and we were on a roll and I just felt like, 'If this is a team game, why put yourself above that as an offensive lineman?' I just didn't feel right about doing it so I said, 'Well, I'll take it if they name us all,' and they named all of us. What I didn't know is I didn't know the NFL was motivated to name an offensive lineman player of the week."

Five weeks later, Redskins left tackle Jim Lachey was named NFC offensive player of the week. Lachey wound up being voted into the Pro Bowl and Covert wasn't.

"That's the NFL," Covert said.

The Bears offensive linemen regularly went out on Thursday nights during the season, and they had a little extra celebration after the group got the award following the Cardinals game.

"It was the right thing to do, and I don't regret it all," Covert said. "Maybe one more Pro Bowl or one more honor like that and I'm in already, but I don't have any regrets."

Defensive end Richard Dent, enshrined in Canton in 2011, called Covert worthy.

"To not have one guy, one offensive lineman as a Hall of Famer is — you know (wrong)," Dent said. "People assumed Walter would gain yards with no blocking. That's something that you would see for a while. But, yet, when that '83 class came in, those guys were blocking up there and making a lot of things happen. I just think it's worthy, without a doubt, for a guy like Jimbo Covert. I knew I was not going to face anybody better than him. I'm glad he was on my team."

The Hall of Fame Wednesday announced 11 other inductees for the Class of 2020, eight more senior players and three contributors: Harold Carmichael, wide receiver, Eagles (1971-83), Cowboys (1984); Bobby Dillon, safety, Packers (1952-59); Cliff Harris, safety, Cowboys (1970-79);

Winston Hill, offensive tackle, Jets (1963-76), Rams (1977); Alex Karras, defensive tackle, Lions (1958-62, 1964-70); Steve Sabol, president, NFL Films (1964-2012); Donnie Shell, safety, Steelers (1974-87); Duke Slater, offensive tackle, Milwaukee Badgers (1922), Rock Island Independents (1922-25), Chicago Cardinals (1926-31); Mac Speedie, wide receiver, Browns (1946-52); Paul Tagliabue, NFL commissioner (1989-2006); George Young, general manager, Colts (1968-1974), Dolphins (1975-78), Giants (1979-97).

Sprinkle, who lived in the south suburbs in retirement and worked for Inland Steel in the offseason during his playing days, becomes the last member of the 1940s All-Decade team to reach the Hall of Fame. He was such a dominant force on defense that Halas made the decision early in his career to stop playing him both ways in an era when two-way players were common.

Sprinkle played for the Bears for 12 seasons from 1944 through 1955, originally making the team after a tryout. He was selected to the Pro Bowl four times in his final six seasons and likely would have had more, but the Pro Bowl did not start until 1951 at the conclusion of the 1950 season.

One of the final names discussed as a senior nominee last year, the momentum he gained in discussions then carried through for Sprinkle. He played some of his best games against the rival Packers, returning a fumble 30 yards for a touchdown against them in 1946. In 1948, Sprinkle caught two touchdown passes in a 45-7 rout and another in a 7-6 win. In 1950, his blocked punt led to the winning touchdown in a 28-14 victory. In 1952, he blocked a tying field-goal attempt in a 24-14 win.

Sprinkle is best remembered these days as being the "Meanest Man in Pro Football," a description given to him in a 1950 Collier's magazine article for his violent play in a different era of the sport.

"He wasn't real happy with that," Withers said. "He just said, 'You play hard. That's what you do in football. If you don't want to play hard, then buy a ticket and sit in the stands and watch the game.' He always had a good sense of humor."

"I think that the article was a bum rap," Sprinkle once told Bob Carroll of the Professional Football Researchers Association. "I was about as aggressive as any football player that walked on the field. If I had an opportunity to hit someone, I hit them. I had a reputation with my teammates and Halas as being the roughest player the Bears ever had. That doesn't make me mean or dirty."

His tough play was well documented back in the day. In the 1946 championship game victory over the Giants, Sprinkle knocked three players out of the game. Running back George Franck left with a separated shoulder. Running back Frank Reagan left with a broken nose and quarterback Frank Filchock suffered a broken nose on a clothesline hit Sprinkle called "The Claw."

"He always told us he had six sacks once in one game," Withers said. "Back when he was playing they didn't keep track of things like they do now. He was proud of his accomplishments in the game."

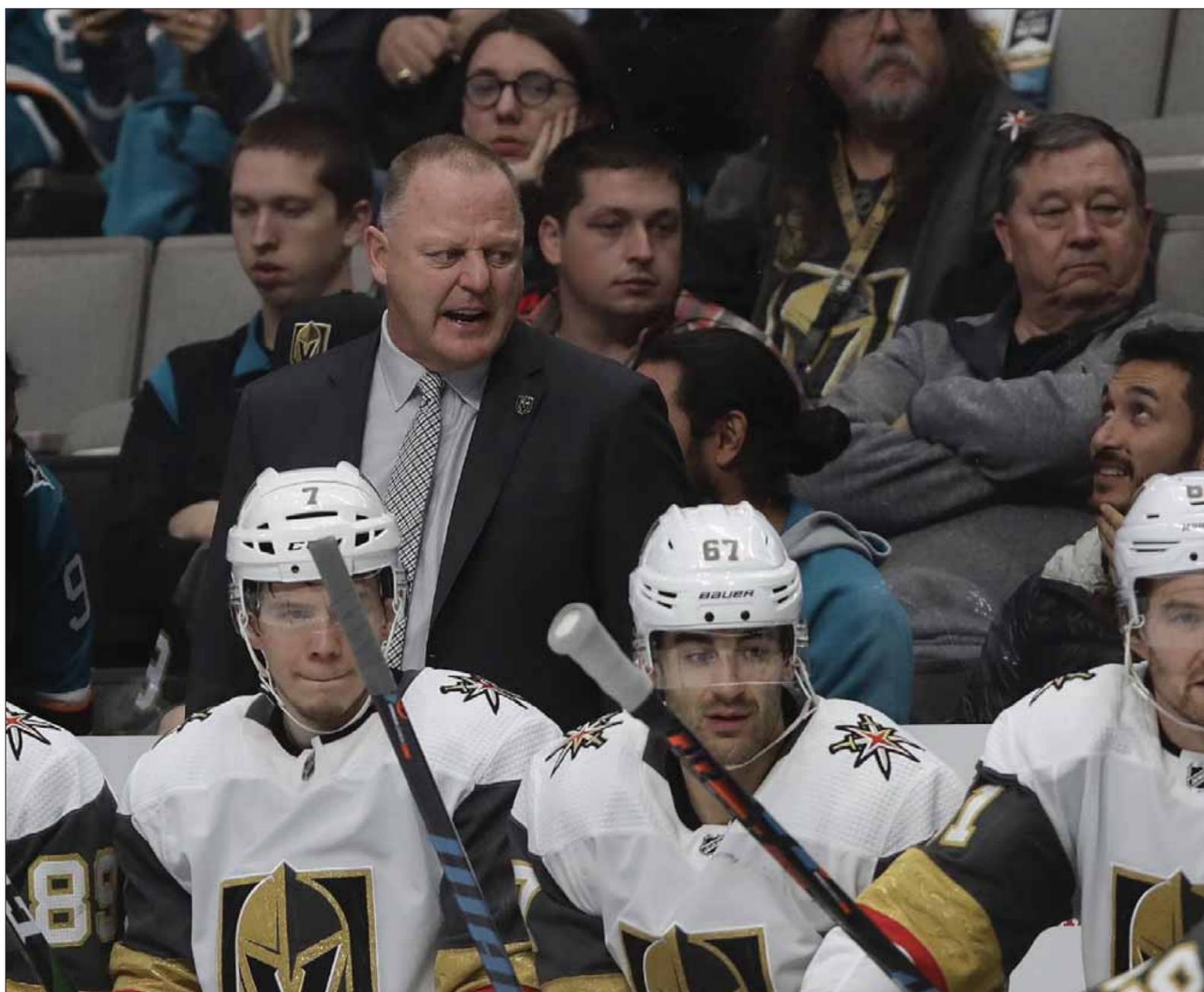
Sprinkle remained a Bears fan and Withers told a story how someone called his home once while he was watching a game.

"He didn't even answer with a, 'Hello,'" recalled Withers. "He said, 'Don't you know the Bears are playing?' That's how much it meant to him."

"He never made any money playing football, not like they do today. It was the love of the game. He enjoyed it. Some of the stories he told us were great. I told him he should have written a book."

Now Sprinkle and Covert's stories will be forever told within the walls of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



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Golden Knights coach Gerard Gallant was jettisoned by the team two years after leading the expansion franchise to the Stanley Cup Final in its first season of existence.

NHL coaches on thin ice

This season, teams are making coaching changes at a jaw-dropping rate

BY TOM CANAVAN
Associated Press

Firing coaches during the season has been relatively common in the NHL for decades. The volume is nonetheless jaw-dropping in 2019-20 — and there is still half a season to go.

Seven coaches have been either fired or forced out. Gerard Gallant of the Golden Knights became the latest casualty Wednesday when he was fired less than two years after leading Vegas to the Stanley Cup Final and being named the NHL coach of the year.

Peter DeBoer, who was dismissed earlier this season by San Jose, was hired to replace him.

Five of the firings were related to team performance. Bill Peters resigned in Calgary after it was disclosed he directed racist slurs at a Nigerian-born player in the minors a decade ago and kicked and punched players behind the bench in Carolina. Jim Montgomery was fired in Dallas for unprofessional conduct and has since said he is undergoing alcohol rehabilitation.

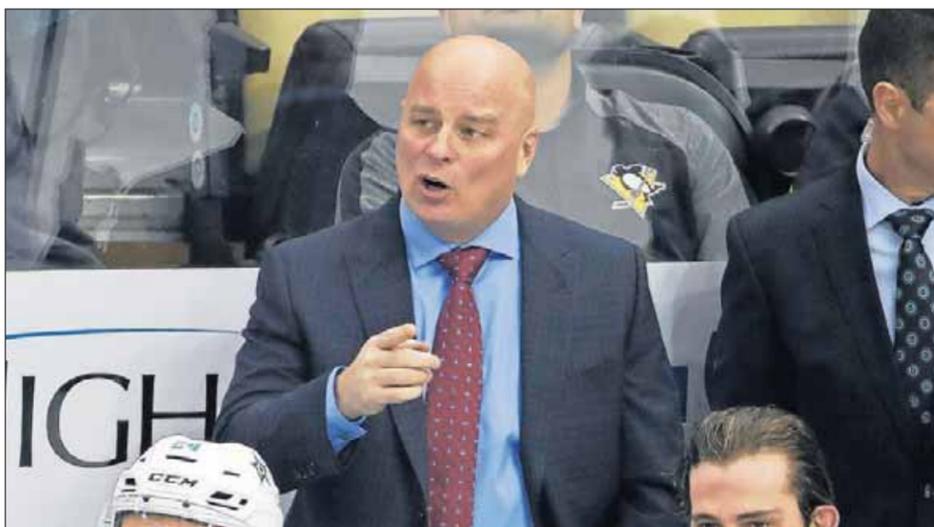
While underachieving teams and poor records are the leading factors for the changes, owner impatience isn't far behind. Brian Burke, a veteran former executive for several NHL teams and a current Sportsnet analyst, thinks most are far too impatient these days.

"It is a lot easier to turn around a business in some other area than it is in hockey and pro sports, and the Berube factor does not help," Burke said.

Indeed, Craig Berube's remarkable coaching job a year ago raised the expectation for fast results. He took over the St. Louis Blues in November 2018 and led them from dead last in the standings in January to their first Stanley Cup title.

Mike Sullivan led the Pittsburgh Penguins to consecutive Cup titles after taking over in December 2015. A few years before that, Darryl Sutter took over the Los Angeles Kings in December 2011 and led them to their first Cup that season. There was another parade in 2014 season.

Instant success in all cases. Like Gallant, who took an expansion team all the way to the Cup Final in its first year of existence.



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Stars coach Jim Montgomery (middle) and Flames coach Bill Peters were fired over off-ice issues.

It has all put more hockey coaches on notice in a field that already had very little security.

Of the 31 NHL current coaches, only three have been with the same team since the start of the 2015-16 season. Jon Cooper of the Tampa Bay Lightning has the longest tenure (March 2013). Paul Maurice was hired by Winnipeg the following January and Jeff Blashill joined the Detroit Red Wings in June 2015.

Including the seven firings this season (Gallant, DeBoer, Mont-

gomery, Peters, Mike Babcock in Toronto, John Hynes in New Jersey and Peter Laviolette in Nashville), there are 14 coaches in their first season with their team this year. Berube, title in hand, has been on the job less than 14 months.

Many owners are tired of waiting for success, said Pierre McGuire, an NBC Sports NHL analyst.

"I think people look at history in the league and ownership in particular, and say: 'What about

us?'" McGuire said. "You've told us about this five-year plan or four-year plan, and these guys are doing it in one year, and in some instances six months."

"That's what leads to itchy trigger fingers."

Change does bring some positives.

Through Tuesday, the Maple Leafs are 16-6-2 under Sheldon Keefe. The Flames are 13-6-1 under Geoff Ward. The Stars are 10-4-1 with Rick Bowness, and the Devils, Sharks and Predators are

showing signs of improvement under Alain Nasreddine, Bob Boughner and Hynes, who only needed a month to find a job.

Still, only three are currently in playoff spots.

"I think (Hynes) got a rough shake with our start," Devils defense Connor Carrick said. "Bad starts are hard enough to deal with in the NHL. I think bad starts with expectations are worse, and that's what we were dealing with."

In 1987, there were 21 NHL teams and 16 made the postseason. When Seattle begins play in 2021-22, there will be 32 teams — and still just 16 will make the playoffs. A postseason berth will be even more precious and frustration levels will likely grow.

"The industry has never been patient enough with coaches and it's at an all-time low right now," Burke said.

"Casualty rates are at an all-time high, and we're not done yet this year."

Berube aside, history shows midseason changes rarely end with a championship.

Major League Baseball has had just two managers take over a team during the course of a season and win a World Series. Bob Lemon did it with the New York Yankees in 1978. Jack McKeon matched that in 2003 with the Florida Marlins.

The NBA has seen a midseason coaching change result in three titles.

Paul Westhead replaced an injured Jack McKinney (bicycle accident) in 1980 and took the Lakers to a title.

Pat Riley replaced Westhead in '81-82 and got LA another crown.

Tyronn Lue replaced David Blatt in Cleveland in 2015-16 and led the Cavs to the championship.

Since 2000, no NFL coach has taken over a team in midseason and led it to the playoffs.

New York Islanders coach Barry Trotz was Predators coach for 15 seasons. He worked the entire time with general manager David Poile and the two had a plan they followed. They counted on each other.

"What happens when you're winning, you're the smartest guy on the planet," said Trotz, who won a Cup with Washington in 2018. "When you're losing, you don't know a thing."

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Israel's unlikely Olympic baseball team dreams big

BY ARON HELLER
Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — As a baseball-crazed kid growing up in Miami, Danny Valencia dreamed of playing in the Major Leagues. The thought of heading to the Olympics, for a foreign country no less, never crossed his mind.

But after nine years and nearly 100 homers in the big leagues, that's the next surreal step for the 35-year-old Valencia, who recently became an Israeli citizen thanks to his Jewishness and is now the star player in Team Israel's improbable run to the Tokyo Games. Baseball is returning to the Olympics after being dropped for 2012 and 2016 and Israel is one of six teams vying for the three medals.

"It's pretty cool to be playing in the Olympics," he told The Associated Press at a team event in Tel Aviv. "For it to come about the way it did, especially for my mother who is a practicing Jew and very pro-Israel, it just meant a lot to her. So, to do this, especially at the end of my career, it is like the icing on the cake."

It's even more of a dream fulfilled for the small baseball community in Israel, comprised mostly of American immigrants, and which has languished for decades in the country's sporting wilderness. Israel has zero tradition of the American pastime, which is largely derided by locals as an arcane and boring sport. In Israel, soccer and basketball reign supreme while baseball, long popular among American Jews, has failed to catch on with the rough-and-tumble native-born Israelis who have taken more of a liking to the strategy and hard hitting of American football.

Only about 1,000 kids play baseball in Israel and there is just one regulation baseball field in the country. In 2007, a group of American supporters launched the Israel Baseball League, a semi-professional league comprised almost entirely of foreign players that generated little interest and folded after just one season.

But thanks to a creative outreach campaign to Jewish-American pros, Israel's national team has surged to unthinkable heights.

It started when Israel fielded a qualifying team for the 2013 World Baseball Classic that was skipped by future Detroit Tigers manager Brad Ausmus and included former all-star Shawn Green. In 2017, Israel made the showcase tournament, upsetting South Korea and Taiwan en route



Israel's national baseball team poses for a group photo at a team practice in Tel Aviv, Israel. Team Israel's improbable run to the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo is spurring hope that it will provide the overlooked sport of baseball in Israel its long-awaited boost.



American football has more fans than baseball in Israel, but it's gaining in popularity thanks to Israel's run at the 2017 World Baseball Classic.

to a surprising 6th-place finish.

But even that paled in comparison to the sensation of knocking off the top three European teams before routing South Africa 11-1 in September to earn the Europe/Africa Olympic berth and becoming the first team to qualify after host Japan. Mexico and South Korea, which won the Olympic gold in 2008, have since also qualified with the final two openings to be decided in the coming months.

It's an achievement that Gili Lustig, the executive director of the Israel Olympic Committee, said was nothing short of "unbelievable." Extolling praise this week in Hebrew upon the team — nearly none of whose members understood the language — he expressed hope that their Olympic odyssey would finally give the sport its long-awaited boost in Israel.

"What's important is to leverage your participation to grow

baseball in Israel," he said. "I have no doubt you will represent us well."

Lustig noted that the 24-member group will represent the first time Israel is sending a team sport to the Olympics since 1976, when it sent a soccer team, and will make the Israeli delegation to Tokyo the country's largest ever.

Baseball is one of five sports that were added to the 2020 Summer Olympics. It won't be back in Paris in 2024 but seems likely to return once again for Los Angeles 2028.

Unlike the World Baseball Classic, whose "heritage rule" allowed countries to field players who were merely eligible for citizenship, the Olympics requires its participants to be full-fledged citizens of the countries they represent. Israel grants citizenship to anyone with at least one Jewish grandparent and in recent months the players have been going through the process, providing marriage certificates, letters from rabbis and other proof of their Judaism. Five of the players have Major League experience and others who find themselves outside opening-day rosters may join later before the games kick off in July.

Among the former major leaguers on the team are Jon Moscot, Ty

Kelly and Josh Zeid.

Once in Israel, they've faced an even greater challenge in drawing interest among a skeptical audience that couldn't tell the difference between a strikeout and a stolen base. Even Israeli President Reuven Rivlin offered his greetings with a caveat while meeting the team during their current week-long promotional visit to the Holy Land.

"It's not a secret that I prefer soccer, but you can't ignore your exciting achievement," he told them at his Jerusalem residence.

Team Israel head coach Eric Holtz, himself an American Jew who plans to apply for citizenship, said he is aiming to double the number of local players in Israel within two years of the Olympics. He said his primary mission was to "instill our love and passion to the five and six-year-old kids throughout this country and show them what a great game this is."

As for the Olympic Games themselves, he noted that Israel would be an underdog, as usual, but still had a theoretical 50% chance of winning a medal.

"Nobody gave us a shot ... and we shocked the world," Holtz said of the qualifying process. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity and we as a team couldn't be prouder to represent Israel."



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Raised in Miami, pitcher Danny Valencia, 35, played nine big-league seasons and will play for Israel in the Olympics. Valencia, whose mom is Jewish, recently became an Israeli citizen.

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Tyler Perry attends the Netflix premiere of his latest film, the thriller "A Fall From Grace."

Tyler Perry on Oscar snubs: 'It is what it is'

The lack of diversity and notable snubs in this year's Oscar nominations left Tyler Perry annoyed, but he says it's not worth getting upset because it's a system that is not going to change.

"There is no need in going back and forth ... or protesting. It is what it is. This is how it is in Hollywood, and it's how it will always be," Perry said hours after the nominations were announced.

Not only were there no female nominees in directing for the 87th time in Oscar history, there was also only one person of color, Cynthia Erivo, among the 20 acting nominees.

"I feel like Jennifer Lopez should have been nominated (for "Hustlers"). She did a great job," Perry said. "I feel like Awkwafina did a great job (for "The Farewell"). Beyonce should have been nominated (for original song for "The Lion King"). But it is what it is."

He added that he didn't "know what all of the hoopla is about."

"It doesn't have anything to do with what I'm doing ... I'm just gonna do what I do and just see what happens," Perry said.

Perry's newest film, "A Fall From Grace," tells the story of a divorced woman looking for love. She marries, but her short-lived joy turns violent, and she finds herself fighting the legal system for her freedom.

"I don't know if it's a departure as much as people think it is. People in Hollywood always want you to stick to a certain genre or a certain thing, and there are a lot of different things that I like to do. So, this is a thriller that I was just excited about doing something different," Perry said.

The movie, which premieres Friday on Netflix, stars Phylicia Rashad, Cicely Tyson and Crystal Fox.

— Associated Press



ANGELA WEISS/GETTY-AFF

Proud pop: Bruce Springsteen's son was sworn in Tuesday as a firefighter with the Jersey City Fire Department, along with 15 others. Sam Springsteen, 25, was joined by his famous father, and mother Patti Scialfa, at City Hall along with the mayor and other city officials. The Boss and Scialfa sat in the front row as their son was sworn in. "We're very proud," Bruce Springsteen told reporters. "We're just excited for him today."

'Jeopardy' GOAT: Being bold paid off for new "Jeopardy!" mega-champion Ken Jennings, while it didn't for his opponents. Jennings won his third match in the "Jeopardy!" "Greatest of all Time" contest televised on Tuesday. He pocketed \$1 million by dispatching James Holzhauer, who won one match, and Brad Rutter, who came up empty.

In court: Meat Loaf, 72, has filed a lawsuit against the Hyatt Regency Dallas-Fort Worth hotel and organizers of a horror convention held there, blaming them for negligence when he fell from a stage last May. The lawsuit alleges the defendants hung curtains at the back edge of the stage that hid where the stage ended, creating a "hidden hazard." Severe injuries incurred have prevented him from performing, according to the complaint.

Jan. 16 birthdays: Opera singer Marilyn Horne is 86. Country singer Ronnie Milsap is 77. Director John Carpenter is 72. Actress-dancer Debbie Allen is 70. Singer Sade is 61. Actor Richard T. Jones is 48. Supermodel Kate Moss is 46. Actor-playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda is 40. Pop singer FKA Twigs is 32.



ASK AMY

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New girlfriend wants ex's texts cut off

Dear Amy: My boyfriend and I have been together for three months. We regularly talk about our future together, but there is one thing getting in the way.

His ex, whom he broke up with nearly eight months ago, continues to text him. At first, it was nothing to worry about — it was simply texts arranging for when she would send him payments of money she owed him.

Lately, messages come in nearly every day, saying things like, "I'm having a bad day, please answer this when you see it. I don't know who else makes me feel safe." Or, "I can't wait to be with you again, baby."

He has been open with me about the whole thing, letting me read his messages to her and telling me every time she texts him.

He never answers her texts unless it is about money, but his big heart gets in the way when she tries to manipulate him into talking to her.

I want so badly to text her myself and tell her to leave him alone, except I know that would be overstepping and might mean that he would no longer get his money repaid.

He says he will block her on all platforms when she has repaid him.

I worry that she may never pay him back the total amount in order to always have a reason to talk to him.

— *The New Girlfriend*

Dear Girlfriend: Your boyfriend is doing the right thing by being transparent with you about these texts. The downside is that you have taken on this drama.

You should not contact her. You do not own this

man; you don't have the right to tell someone not to contact him.

It does seem to me, however, that an "I can't wait to be with you again, baby" message should be met with a one-time "We have broken up. It's time for you to move on" message (from him).

If he is even passively stringing her along until she repays him, then he is being almost as manipulative as she is.

You don't mention what amount of money is still owed, but your boyfriend should let his ex continue to pay her debt, and then he should consider stopping all contact when she still has a minimal amount left to pay. Forgiving that last payment might be in everyone's best interest.

Dear Amy: Our son-in-law "Steve's" stepfather, "Tom," is a man with whom my husband and I have had a cautious but cordial relationship for many years.

Over the past year, Steve and Tom had a major falling out, and Tom is banned from having any contact or relationship with Steve and his family. We support Steve's stand on this since there has been a troubled relationship between them for many years.

Tom and his wife "Martha" (Steve's mother) are having marital issues but remain together.

We all live in the same town and have done many joint family gatherings together over the years until this recent rift.

Now Martha joins family social gatherings alone, so we haven't interacted with Tom for over a year. Soon Steve, our daughter

and the grandkids are moving out of state. We are not sure how to continue to support Steve's family by not socializing with Tom once they are gone. We have always had a good relationship with Martha.

Now that Steve and family aren't present, should we continue to exclude Tom? What do we say to Martha when we invite her to gatherings or if she invites us to her house where Tom might be present?

— *It's Complicated*

Dear Complicated: "Steve" is well within his rights to exclude his stepfather and to ask that you also exclude him if Steve and family will be present in your home.

Steve does not get to insist that you must also exclude his stepfather when Steve is not even in the state, however.

You should behave in a way that most honors your independent relationship with "Martha."

Dear Amy: Ouch! I thought you were a little too tough on "K in Colorado," the older man who is frustrated because so many people assume he is his son's grandfather. I hope you are rethinking your answer to him.

— *Stung*

Dear Stung: "K" used his frustration over this as a justification for belittling an overweight woman, in his son's presence. I think he needed a reality check.

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In a time-confusing, nine-month flash-forward, viewers see Rebecca struggle with her diminishing mental state. Police help return her to the Pearson cabin, where Kevin (Justin Hartley) and Kate (Chrissy Metz) are ready to celebrate their 40th birthday. In the process, viewers discover that Randall and Kevin are estranged, Kevin is engaged to someone with morning sickness and Kate's husband, Toby (Chris Sullivan), is nowhere in sight.

A few days after the episode's broadcast, Fogelman is sitting in his office on the Paramount lot alongside Isaac Aptaker, who serves as co-showrunner with Elizabeth Berger. They look as enthusiastic as you'd expect, having pulled off a new cliffhanger.

"It's fun when your phone is blowing up be-



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Mandy Moore and Milo Ventimiglia in "This Is Us."

cause of something that's happened on national television," Fogelman says. "It was always what we knew we wanted to explore with Rebecca."

"The show is so much about memory and time that it felt like the right place for us to be going. Part of a story about a family is taking you through the progression of children becoming adults and parents becoming these iconic figures who are eventually not there any more."

Key to carrying out the twists and turns, Fogelman says, is knowing what the show is building toward. When he pitched the series, he had a "bible" to accompany it, which included some of the major progressions that would take place over the show's arc.

It helps, of course, to have a network have enough confidence to order up multiple seasons ahead of time: "This Is Us" is renewed through its sixth season.

"We've always known the plan for the show because we're not going 15 seasons," Fogelman says. "If you know where you're going, you're just playing with time. It feels like a page-turner because we're telling the story about a family over the course of 80 years by the time we're done. So all of our families could seem really interesting in that way."

"We don't all have a fire in our house, but we've all lost parents, experienced the birth of children, had divorces, wound up with people we didn't expect. And if you told that whole story broken into different chapters and mixed up all the pieces, it would have made your family's stories seem like a mystery. That's all we've done here."

Deciding when to unveil a twist or surprise tends to be dictated by the structure of a broadcast television season.

"We continue to make a television show for people who, relatively, watch it in real time — not just live viewership, but people who watch it within a week or so of its airing," Fogelman says. "So our big things tend to be, 'OK, we've been off the air for two months. Let's try something big when we get back.' Or, 'We're going to be off the air for however long [so] let's end in a big way.'" Originally, the writers talked at length about saving the fall finale's closing time jump for the beginning of next season: "We just felt it was time to start activating that story, not just because of what it does for Rebecca's story but what it does for the siblings," Fogelman says.

A peek inside the writers room, a floor above Fogelman's office, reveals an assortment of color-coded notecards — some denoting characters, others denoting time periods. There's also a makeshift timeline wrapped around the walls, with bits of information under the date, such as Thanksgiving 1989: "The Pearson Thanksgivings traditions are created!"

"We have to remind ourselves: 'OK, we're doing a cross with William

(Randall's biological father) — in that time period, where is he? What city is he living in? Which actor will be playing him?" Aptaker says.

"I think people can underestimate how much goes into it because it doesn't seem like we're doing something that's fantasy fiction, with different worlds, or like 'Game of Thrones' ... but we're really mapping things out," Fogelman says. "Every time you jump in time and make any kind of choice, it locks you in. Your window keeps shrinking of what you can do because you've locked yourself in before and after it. So when we make those choices, we have to be really confident because we'll be pigeonholed."

There's also no predicting what details viewers will obsess over.

"People are wondering what it means that Kate signed her name Kate Pearson in the closing moments," Aptaker says of the fall finale. "We also thought it was much more clear that there was a rift between Kevin and Randall, but people extrapolated that perhaps there's something bigger going on with Randall and the entire family, which I thought is a totally fair assumption to make. And look, whenever someone is not in a scene, viewers are always wondering if the character is dead."

"People constantly think Annie (Faithe C. Herman) is dead," Fogelman says. "Like, guys, we're not killing Annie."

For the actors, playing these characters for 18 episodes a season, the element of surprise is what keeps it exciting. While they have a general idea of what the show is building toward, the details of how they get there can be a riddle until they get the scripts. The big episodes often have red pages that can't be photocopied and redacted scenes that are revealed only once on set.

"There's a lot of redacted scenes," says Brown, whose assistant has been invited to one of the top-secret screenings. "It happens probably three or four times

a season. It's like, 'Oh, man, show me this!'

"The scene with Kevin, Kate and Rebecca in the cabin in the fall finale was redacted. The writers do a really good job at keeping us in a state of eager anticipation. There is something coming up that I wish I could talk about."

Ventimiglia, who had long been plagued by questions about Jack's death, says the joy is when the secrets are out of the bag for viewers.

"For me, it's a relief now because it's like, 'Oh, great, I don't have to answer the big question anymore,'" he says. "No one is looking to me. It's now about Rebecca or Kevin or Randall or Kate."

"I don't take joy in holding back the secrets of the show. But it's fun to see the audience discover things without any idea or notion of where the story is possibly going."

Moore, for instance, is interested to learn what has still been untold about the relationship between Rebecca and Miguel (Jon Huertas).

"I know the overarching idea," she says, "but how we're going to get there and whether we win over the audience is really thrilling to me."

Although the twists still inspire conspiracy theories and connect-the-dot analyses, Fogelman argues that the show has become less reliant on such big reveals. And while he won't confirm the sixth season will be the series' last, Fogelman's description of the series' end game suggests as much.

"The first two seasons we had this giant mystery about Jack hanging over, and so by its very nature the show's gotten quieter," Fogelman says. "I think by the time we're in our sixth season, you'll have a lot of the information about what's happened to this family and what will be left is some resolution. When the show eventually comes to an end, I think in the best way it'll be very quiet and normal."

"That's always been the plan because at the end of the day, it's a story about this kind of regular family."

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BOOK REVIEW

A new layer to McDonald's role in US history

Golden Arches, civil rights have surprising past

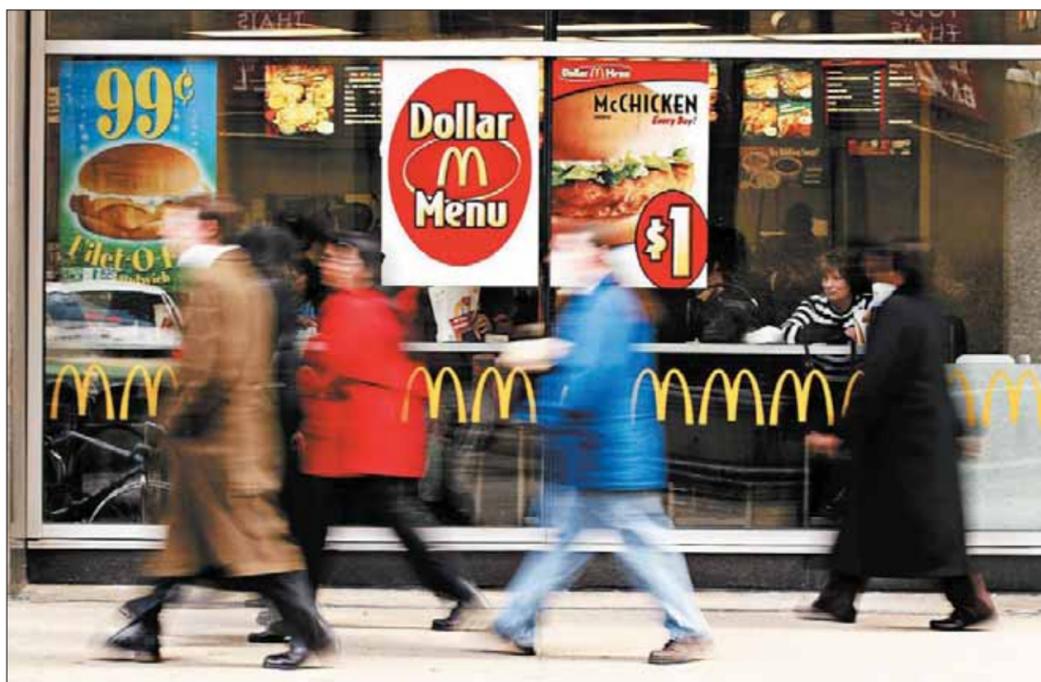
By JENNIFER SZALAI
The New York Times

Say the name McDonald's, and what comes to mind? Tasty hamburgers or hardened arteries? Entry-level jobs or dead-end McJobs? Responsive community outreach or mercenary corporate power?

In "Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America," Marcia Chatelain has written a smart and capacious history suggesting that McDonald's should summon all of those thoughts, and then some.

The cover image on her book encapsulates the multiple layers of the story she tells. On first glance it simply looks like a photograph of two people smiling in front of a McDonald's as one helps the other register to vote, but on closer inspection the picture has been manipulated to look grainy and frayed. The history in this book is similarly hopeful and fraught, recounting a "somewhat bizarre but incredibly powerful marriage between a fast-food behemoth and the fight for civil rights."

Fast food is now so cheap and readily available that its consumption is associated more with straitened circumstances than with affluent ones, but that wasn't always the case. Chatelain, a history professor at Georgetown and the author of "South Side Girls," about the experiences of black girls in Chicago during the Great Migration, recalls the early days of restaurant franchising in the 1940s and '50s, when fast-food chains emerged as emissaries of the American dream — with all the complexities of



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Marcia Chatelain's book focuses McDonald's business operations and African Americans.

race and money that entailed.

Roadside restaurants generally started out as a suburban phenomenon, many of them clustered in Southern California, catering to the mostly white beneficiaries of the postwar boom. By 1954, these

restaurants included a few outlets owned by the McDonald brothers, when a milkshake machine salesman named Ray Kroc offered to help them expand. Kroc eventually took over the business

in 1961. The Greensboro, North Carolina, sit-ins had taken place the year before, and civil rights activists began to turn their attention toward roadside restaurants like McDonald's, which either refused service to black people in the Jim Crow South or forced them to place their

orders at separate windows.

As Chatelain describes it, those early battles between McDonald's and civil rights activists began to revolve around who got served and who got hired. Later, activists began to petition for black ownership of franchises located in black neighborhoods, a demand that McDonald's was initially slow to meet but eventually pursued out of shrewd self-interest. After the uprisings that followed Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination in April 1968, when a number of white franchisees and employees fled their stores, the corporation set out on a nationwide search to do something it had never done before: enlist a black franchise owner.

This turning point is where Chatelain's book really takes off, as she documents how McDonald's came to play a growing role in black communities,

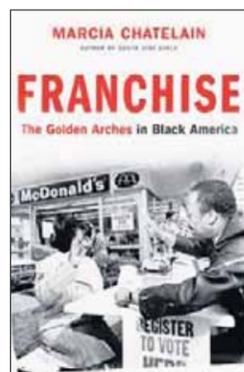
offering not only food and jobs but also sponsorships ranging from funds for the local Little League team to grants for the NAACP. Today, the online portal 365Black.com showcases the company's cultural efforts, including a gospel tour and an event featuring the rapper 2 Chainz.

But the partnership between the civil rights movement and the McDonald's Corp. bristled with compromises and contradictions from the beginning. Chatelain includes a memorable anecdote about Ralph Abernathy, King's successor as the president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who toured the country in 1969 and rejected the idea that opening up modes of production to black entrepreneurs meant that benefits would inevitably trickle down.

"I don't believe in black capitalism," Abernathy declared. "I believe in black

socialism." Yet when visiting Chicago, he accepted a \$1,300 donation for the SCLC from McDonald's. Chatelain describes it as the first of many donations from the corporation to civil rights organizations, which increasingly yoked "King's dream to Kroc's dream, despite the two men's hopes for the world being miles apart."

The discrepancy between Abernathy's words and deeds is the kind of hypocrisy that might get him denounced by political purists nowadays, but Chatelain is less accusatory. Throughout this impressively judicious book, she is attuned to the circumstances that encouraged increasingly intricate ties between McDonald's and black communities across the country. This isn't just a story of exploitation or, conversely, empowerment; it's a cautionary tale about relying on the private sector to provide what the



'Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America'

By Marcia Chatelain, Livwright, 324 pages. \$28.95

public needs, and how promises of real economic development invariably come up short.

Chatelain is critical of the fast-food industry, showing how it was the undisputed beneficiary of government largesse. A highway system bisected communities and created captive markets, offering McDonald's opportunities for growth in the 1970s, when the growth of suburban outlets was flagging as gas prices started to rise. Franchisees could take advantage of federal loans, which Chatelain calls "corporate welfare to the inner city."

She's frank about her own experiences of McDonald's: "For most of my life, I have eaten there and enjoyed it." Her sense of perspective gives this important book an empathetic core as well as analytical breadth.

"History encourages us to be more compassionate toward individuals navigating few choices," Chatelain writes, "and history cautions us to be far more critical of the institutions and structures that have the power to take choices away."

BOOK REVIEW

'Girls With No Names' break out of emotional captivity

By K.L. ROMO
Tribune Content Agency

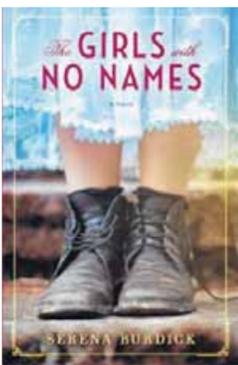
For 13 years, sisters Luella and Effie Tildon have never left each other's side. When the unthinkable separates them, can they each survive without the other, and can their mother, Jeanne, overcome the grief of losing them?

In "The Girls With No Names" (Park Row), author Serena Burdick weaves a dark tale of teen girls from different walks of life who must overcome devastating circumstances in their battle to survive.

Luella and Effie lead a charmed life. Daughters of a wealthy New York businessman, they have everything they could ever want. Except freedom. Headstrong Luella feels suffocated — at 16, she yearns to experience more independence and a less structured life. When she and Effie hear beautiful singing and music while walking through the forest, Luella is entranced by the carefree gypsies living at a nearby encampment and is drawn to their way of life.

Effie was born with a fatal heart condition. She wasn't supposed to live, but she'd learned to control the "blue fits" that threatened her frail body if she overexerted herself. But Effie really didn't mind having a hole in her heart. "I viewed the world through that small, damaged portal. It was a weakness I sharpened my strength upon. From behind its protective edges, I could be brave."

When Effie wakes one day to find Luella missing without explanation, she's sure her father had made good on his threat to send her to the nearby House of Mercy, an Episcopal home for wayward girls — the place they sent bad girls for redemption. Effie resolves to rescue her sister and



'The Girls With No Names'

By Serena Burdick, Park Row, 336 pages, \$17

devises a scheme to have herself committed to the asylum to find Luella. But instead of her sister, what she finds there almost kills her, and no one believes she's there by mistake. She's a prisoner.

Mable Winter was also imprisoned at the House of Mercy for things she didn't do, but they are far better than the unforgivable crime she is guilty of committing. She knows she should be punished for her sins, but can't bear more time at the asylum.

After toiling at the reform house in dangerous conditions — washing and ironing rich peoples' laundry — and spending time in the cold, dark basement known as "the pit" as the punishment for infractions, Effie realizes what a gift her privileged life was, safe from the horrors her fellow inmates had experienced.

"True danger was seeing your mother's face smashed in. True danger was being fondled by an uncle and unjustly locked away. True danger was being gagged and thrown in the basement by Sister

Gertrude. True danger was leaping from a second-story window and making a run for it in the dark."

Effie will forgive her father for his affair with his mistress, her mother for allowing his infidelity and Luella for leaving her without a word, if only she can get back home. If her desperation doesn't kill her, her heart condition will. With help from the fiercely courageous but damaged Mable, Effie plans their escape.

Alternating narratives by Effie, Jeanne and Mabel give first-person accounts of each woman's story, while the tale intertwines their lives. Burdick reveals the perils of being a woman in 1913 and exposes the truths of their varying social circles. The first-person narratives place us into the minds of each woman, exposing her fears and hopes, and the strength needed to live through another day.

Burdick explains that the House of Mercy was a real institution built in 1891 to house "destitute and fallen women." Asylums like it, and the Magdalene laundries, claimed to reform depraved women but were actually socially acceptable prisons that used slave-labor — washing and ironing clothes, and making lace — to earn millions of dollars for the church. "The women were lucky if they made it through a day without crushing a finger or scalding their hands from the vats of boiling water as they scrubbed, ironed and folded."

"The Girls With No Names" gives voice to the perils and injustice suffered by women in the early 20th century. Whether privileged or poor, society punished those who didn't meet its expectations.

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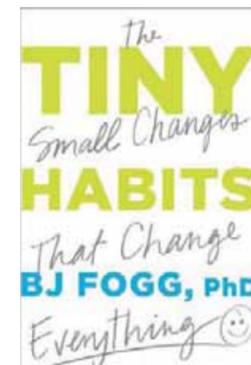
Achieving change through one 'tiny habit' at a time

By CYNTHIA CONRAD
Tribune Content Agency

Forget all those huge, sweeping resolutions you made for the new year — they aren't going to work. Either your ability or motivation is likely to defeat you. Instead, hack your behavior. This is the message in "Tiny Habits: The Small Changes That Change Everything" by B.J. Fogg.

So how do you do that? According to Fogg, it's a matter of behavior design. He should know; he's the director of the Behavior Design Lab at Stanford and has devoted a good chunk of his academic life to studying behavior and habits. There's a reason why some habits (good or bad) take root, while others, no matter how hard we try, wither and die. An important point before going further: Your failure to adopt better habits is NOT your fault! It has nothing to do with willpower; it's simply a design issue.

Fogg explains that there are very few factors that determine whether or not a behavior becomes a habit (or even gets done at all). He calls it the Fogg Behavior Model, and it consists of a graph that shows the relationship between three factors: motivation, ability and prompt. The first two are described as continuums. Your motivation can be anywhere between nonexistent and "OMG I'll die if I don't do this thing right now!" Your ability to do something ranges from being impossible to easy as breathing. The higher your motivation to do a behavior and the easier it is to do, the more likely you are to do it, so long as there is something prompting you. This can



'Tiny Habits: The Small Changes That Change Everything'

By B.J. Fogg, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 320 pages, \$28

be an environmental or situational cue, like spotting a lion about to spring at you, or a cue that you've designed, such as: Every time I get in the car, I'll put on my seat belt.

We're all familiar with the recommended way of achieving any goal, right? Break it down into smaller tasks. And make them actionable. The same can be done with behavior. If your resolution is to get in shape, you will likely fail. Why? Because (a) it's vague and (b) either your ability or motivation will prevent you from achieving it. But if your resolution is specific (reduce my BMI to the "acceptable" zone), and you start with forming a tiny habit to achieve that goal, you will be able to build on that success to behaviors that today you would find difficult doing (or motivating yourself to do).

Fogg recommends you make that initial tiny habit ridiculously easy. He gives

the example of the genesis for one of his own habits: Every time he went to the bathroom, he did a wall pushup before resuming his other activities. Notice how he designed a prompt (going to the bathroom) and assigned the behavior to a situation where it's convenient (he's already standing up, so motivation is less of an issue) and that it's ridiculously easy to do, so ability is less of an issue as well. Now, you might be thinking, hrm. I go to the bathroom, what, four or five times a day? Four or five wall pushups aren't gonna do much.

But don't dismiss the power of a tiny habit because it's the success of adopting it that will lead you to the next, and the next, in ways that really add up. Not to mention that once you've done that pushup, you might as well do a couple more because (a) you're feeling good about having accomplished the first one, (b) you're already standing at the wall, and (c) it would be relatively easy to do. And that "relatively easy" will keep getting easier and easier the more strength you build. Plus, the more you do a behavior when "prompted," the less you have to think about it and the more you will do it on autopilot. That's a habit.

This is just one small example of how Fogg's method works. "Tiny Habits" is full of all sorts of advice to help you create, tweak and build on behaviors — and troubleshoot them when they fail to take hold as habits. He applies his method to a variety of life goals and relates numerous inspiring stories of average people who have succeeded using his model.

BROADWAY REVIEW

Linney shines as solo actor in a complex play

'Lucy Barton' set in fictional town of Amgash, Illinois

By Chris Jones

NEW YORK — Every big city has refugees from Big Sky Country.

I don't mean Montana, necessarily, but places with cornfields and soy beans, sunsets and hard-bitten neighbors who stare at you across the wide-open space. And parents who mess you up good.

The takeaway from Broadway's "My Name is Lucy Barton," the rich and complex new solo play at the Manhattan Theatre Club's Samuel J. Friedman Theatre, based on the 2016 novel by Elizabeth Strout and luminously performed by Laura Linney, is that you can move to a world of Starbucks, progressive politics and vegan-friendly journalism and yet, eventually, it is as if you never moved at all. Such is the magnetic, lifelong hold exerted by the circumstances of our youth.

For 90 minutes, we watch a woman, later in her middle age, talk about her grindingly impoverished childhood in fictional Amgash, Illinois, somewhere in the Sauk Valley, far west of Chicago. She is the child of an abusive father, suffering from what we now would call PTSD, and a caustic mother who failed to offer enough protection.

Unlike most of her friends, the titular heroine gets out of Dodge. She moves to New York. She develops the "ruthlessness" necessary to become a writer. She marries and has children. And then one day, she gets sick and finds her long-estranged mother, a woman she has not seen for years, at the foot of her hospital bed.

The bulk of "Lucy Barton," which was adapted for the stage by Rona Munro and directed by Richard Eyre, is dedicated to the question of what Lucy Barton should do now.

Munro made the decision that we don't see that mother, a choice I ques-



MATTHEW MURPHY PHOTO

Laura Linney is starring in the solo play "My Name is Lucy Barton" on Broadway.

tioned at times, given the theatrical possibilities that would have opened up. But the decision to make this show a monologue affords a rhetorical *tour de force* for Linney, who commands the stage with her ability as an actress to make it seem as if a specific character with an esoteric set of problems and circumstances is speaking for all of us.

This talent of Linney's is most uncommon and is central to the success of this show imported from London's Bridge Theatre along with its set, a hypnotic little design from Bob Crowley and the videographer Luke Halls, that constantly contrasts early rural memory with current urban reality, shifting shapes as Lucy tries to find her

center — which probably does not exist.

Is "Lucy Barton" saying that escape from childhood dysfunction is futile? Possibly, although the piece leaves open the possibility that Lucy is a less-than-reliable narrator. Is it a howl of anguish about the ruination of American small towns in the late 20th century? A debunking of

the claim that everyone or anyone can really be happy in a city teeming with denial? Maybe. Perhaps.

As Lucy moves through life, we hear of AIDS, feel in our heads the sounds of the planes hitting the World Trade Center, sense the momentum of our own trajectories, and maybe feel a little less in control.

At the end of the play, Lucy asserts that she has just told us "her" story, a term very much in vogue these days, when we're all busy proudly self-actualizing. Linney smiles — partly signaling that her character has figured stuff out, partly letting us know that she knows that Lucy knows that no one's story is really their own.

We all just like to pretend.

"My Name is Lucy Barton" plays at the Samuel J. Friedman Theatre, 261 W. 47th St.; lucybartonplay.com

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Ken Jennings was the victor Tuesday in "Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time," besting Naperville native James Holzhauer, left, and Brad Rutter, right.

Jennings wins Jeopardy's 'Greatest of All Time' title

By Kelli Duncan

In the end, Ken Jennings was just too formidable.

Naperville native James Holzhauer gave him a run for his money Tuesday night, but it was Jennings who proved himself the ultimate player in the "Jeopardy! Greatest of All Time" tournament, taking home the title and a \$1 million prize.

The game could have gone either way. Jennings led the pack after the first game with 65,600 points to Holzhauer's 34,181. But Holzhauer pulled ahead in the second game, finishing with 44,000 points to Jennings' 23,000.

Ultimately, it all boiled down to Final Jeopardy and this clue: "He has 272 speeches, the most of any non-title character in a Shakespeare tragedy."

Jennings answered correctly — "Who is Iago?" — but opted to bet none of his points. Holzhauer bet all of his points, but an-

swered incorrectly with "Who is Horatio?"

As "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek handed the winner's trophy to an elated Jennings, the other two contestants lifted him onto their shoulders and paraded Jennings around the stage.

Third player Brad Rutter went into Final Jeopardy with \$1,400. Knowing he couldn't win, he bet nothing and wrote as his answer, "You're the best Alex, thank you so much!" Jennings, Holzhauer and Rutter are the top three players "Jeopardy" has ever seen, and were in a faceoff this week and last to determine who best of them all. The first to nab three wins would be king.

Holzhauer had to win Tuesday or go home with the \$250,000 consolation prize, the same as Rutter will receive despite having won none of the matches.

Holzhauer, 35, a professional sports gambler from Las Vegas, entered the tournament as the contest-

ant who holds the record for the highest amount of money won — \$131,127 — in a single game, which he achieved in April 2019.

Jennings, 45, of Washington state, famously won 74 consecutive games during regular season play in 2004. Rutter, 41, a Pennsylvania native, has won the most money cumulatively — over \$4 million — and had never lost at "Jeopardy!" before this tournament.

The tournament began Jan. 7, with Jennings besting Holzhauer by just 200 points in the first game. Holzhauer handily won the second by collecting 25,014 points more than Jennings, but Jennings came right back the third night with a solid victory over his competition.

Holzhauer grew up in Naperville and his brother and father still live in the city. Ian Holzhauer, a Naperville lawyer, has organized local viewing parties as a way to raise money for local charities.

COMMENTARY

Chicago native's 'Hair Love' receives Oscar nomination

By Christen A. Johnson

Matthew Cherry, a Chicago native and NFL-retiree turned entertainment sensation, received an Oscar nomination for his short animated film "Hair Love," an incredibly charming, tear-jerking story about a black father doing his young daughter's hair for the first time.

"Hair Love," which has an accompanying picture book that became a New York Times bestseller, was released this summer in theaters with "The Angry Birds Movie 2," and came out in December 2019 on social platforms. The film has received more than 10.8 million views on YouTube alone.

The academy receives a lot of flak for its many nomination snubs, but I'm glad it got this one right.

In the film, the little girl, who we know as Zuri, has a palpable excitement for a marked day on her calendar. "Is it picture day?" I initially wondered, since a Thursday was the denoted day. Zuri slides on an outfit already laid out, then approaches her bathroom sink with a wide-tooth comb in hand, ready to tackle the full head of hair we soon see is hidden underneath her bonnet.

She pulls up her favorite hair influencer on a video streaming website and finds one for the occasion. Then, we're taken to a flashback of a woman, presumably Zuri's mother, doing the child's hair in the style she just eyed.

"It just took a little bit of work, and a whole lot of love," the mother, voiced by actress Issa Rae, says. Zuri attempts and fails miserably, shocking her



COLUMBIA PICTURES

"Hair Love" came out in December on social platforms.

father to the point of having him drop a basket full of laundry to the ground. After his own multiple attempts and failures, Zuri's dad tries to resolve the issue by shoving a red beanie on top of her untamed curls. She runs out of the room in tears after she sees how she looks.

Hair is sacred for little black girls: It's a bonding experience laced with rites of passages typically passed down through our mothers; the memories we create in those bonds make the perfect content to easily connect with other black women and to swap stories with our girlfriends.

Black men don't usually get to partake in this experience by default, for they too have equally special rituals among themselves within the walls of the black barbershop.

Naturally, the roles of black mothers and fathers have been siloed when it comes to caring for their sons' and daughters' hair. In nuclear black families — mom, dad, son, daughter — rarely do these roles cross.

In a society where there are many stereotypes about black men as fathers, Zuri's dad offers a refreshing take.

"Hair Love" is not a story about a little black girl falling in love with her natural hair but of a black father displaying his love for his daughter through doing her hair in the midst of his own intimidation and ignorance.

Zuri's hair is special to her not for vanity's sake, but for the memories she and her mother created together while doing it. Her hair is not just hair then, but a tender extension of her heart.

By her father acknowledging this through taking the time to learn how to do her hair, it allowed him to enter a new chamber of Zuri's heart once solely occupied by her mother.

The father has now earned a new level of trust that goes beyond the security of Zuri knowing her dad will make her look pretty; she knows her dad will make the effort to invest in her, even when he's out of his comfort zone.

Hair, in this instance, serves as a way to make the child feel loved, proud and confident. That will always be in the job description of both parents.

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Museum of Science and Industry CEO will retire

Mosena stepping down in the fall after 23 years

By Steve Johnson

Museum of Science and Industry CEO David Mosena on Wednesday announced plans to retire in the fall, following 23 years at the helm of the popular South Side attraction, the museum said.

The news comes on the heels of Mosena's blockbuster deal last fall, landing the museum's largest-ever gift, \$125 million from Chicago billionaire Kenneth C. Griffin in exchange for adding Griffin to the MST's official name.

"We are absolutely thrilled and proud to become the Kenneth C. Grif-



YVETTE DOSTANI/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Museum of Science and Industry CEO David Mosena will be retiring next fall. He headed up the museum for 23 years.

fin Museum of Science and Industry," Mosena, 74, told the Tribune at the time of the October announcement.

The CEO and president was not doing interviews Wednesday about his planned departure, according to a spokeswoman, but

said in a museum statement that he was proud of what he and his staff had achieved and called leading the MSI "the honor of a lifetime."

With 14 acres of floor space, the sprawling MSI, at 57th Street and the lakefront in Hyde Park, was Chicago's second-most popular museum in 2018, with 1.56 million visitors, just behind the Art Institute of Chicago.

Mosena's tenure has seen a reworking of many of those acres, including the development of the expansion hall for the U-505 WWII German submarine and the enduring permanent exhibits "Science Storms," "You! The Experience" and, most recently, "Numbers in Nature: A Mirror Maze."

Additionally, MSI has stayed fresh by bringing in and developing a steady supply of popular temporary exhibits ranging from looks at American icons such as Charles Schulz, Walt Disney and Pixar to different iterations of the blockbuster "Body Worlds" exhibits of plastinated human and animal corpses.

In recent times the museum has added special science-themed nighttime events that have boosted revenue and drawn young adults. At the same time, MSI has retained a strong focus on working with students and science educators through numerous programs.

When he took the museum's reins in the fall of 1997, Mosena was not a

museum professional but rather "one of the most well-regarded trouble-shooters on Mayor Richard Daley's team," the Tribune wrote at the time.

To take the MSI job, Mosena left a role as president of the CTA.

He had previously served as city aviation commissioner, the mayor's chief of staff and planning commissioner.

"I'm proud of all that we have accomplished together," Mosena said in the statement Wednesday.

MSI's transition to its new name will happen over the coming months as the necessary paperwork is completed.

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Josh Thomas and Kayla Cromer

“Everything’s Gonna Be Okay” (7:30 p.m., FREE): Josh Thomas stars in this bittersweet dramedy which incorporates complex issues into its comic storylines. Thomas plays Nicholas, a neurotic man in his 20s, who is visiting his father and teenage half-sisters (Kayla Cromer, Maeve Press) when their dad dies. That leaves Nicholas and his younger siblings, one of whom is on the autism spectrum, to sort out a new life together.

“Supernatural” (7 p.m., CW): Sam (Jared Padalecki) and his current (maybe) romantic partner, Eileen (guest star Shoshanna Stern), are forced to confront a brutal truth in a new episode with the harrowing title “The Trap.” Meanwhile, Dean and Castiel (Jensen Ackles, Misha Collins) team up in a desperate attempt to get ahead of Chuck (guest star Rob Benedict) and his grim endgame for them.

“The First 48” (7 p.m., 11:03 p.m., AE): In a new episode called “Dead Stop & Uninvited,” after a young Atlanta father is found murdered in his home by his girlfriend, the subsequent investigation leads detectives to track down the killer. It doesn’t take the officials long, however, to discover that things are not as they first appeared to be. Then, in Tulsa, Okla., police are challenged to discern the motive behind the fatal shooting of a local teenager.

“grown-ish” (7 p.m., 9:01 p.m., FREE): Junior year begins for the college characters as this sitcom opens Season 3, so the gang decides to throw an HBCU-themed homecoming party to kick off the semester at their new home off-campus. Elsewhere, when Zoey (Yara Shahidi) returns from her summer internship abroad, she knows she can’t put off confronting her feelings for Aaron and Luca (Trevor Jackson, Luka Sabbat). Complicating matters, she has to balance her romantic considerations against the high demand of her dream job.

“Restaurant: Impossible” (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): A new episode called “Old Habits Die Hard” takes the show’s team to Perella’s Ristorante in Warren, R.I., where Chef Robert Irvine meets an owner whose infuriating stubbornness is holding back his restaurant. Lou hasn’t updated the menu, the decor or his opinions about either of those important issues since the restaurant opened 25 years ago. Now, he may lose his restaurant and his legacy if Robert can’t convince him to change his ways.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actress Ilana Glazer.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Cast members of “Schitt’s Creek”; actor Finn Wolfhard; magician Justin Willman.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Josh Gad; TV host Tamron Hall.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Al Pacino; actress Florence Pugh; Nicky Jam and Daddy Yankee perform.*

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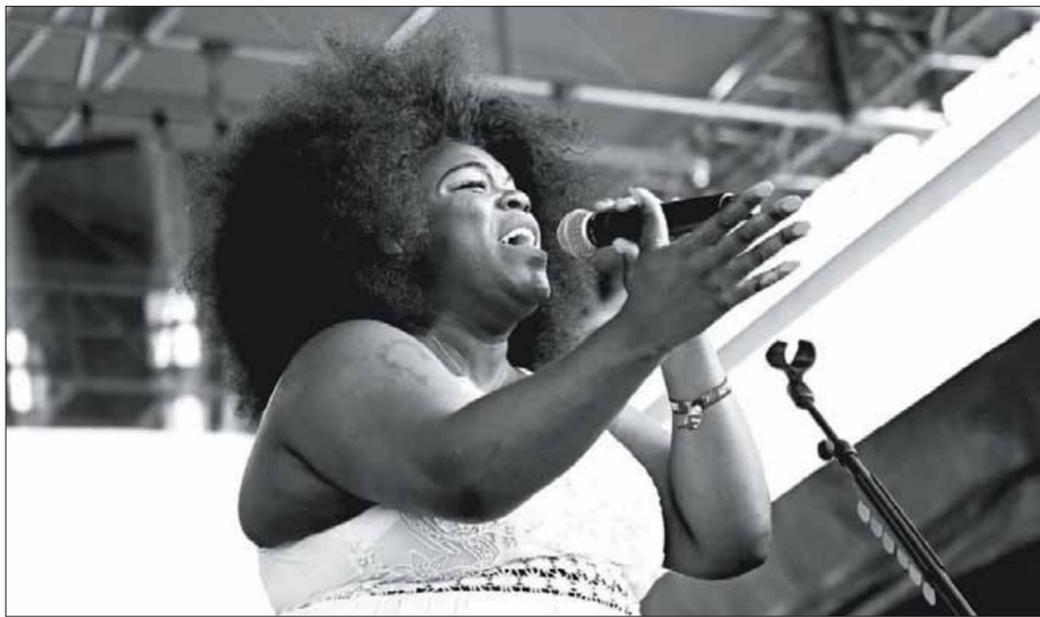
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	AMC	Taken (PG-13,’08) † † †	Liam Neeson. © (SAP)		(9:05) The Last Stand (R,’13) † † †			
	ANIM	(7:01) Lone Star Law: Uncuffed: “On the Run.” (N)	Lone Star Law (N)		Lone Star †			
	BBCA	Planet Earth: “Deserts.”	Planet Earth ©		Planet Earth: “Jungles.”	Earth †		
	BET	† (5:35) Dr. Dolittle 2 † †	(7:55) Harlem Nights (R,’89) † †		Eddie Murphy. © †			
	BIGTEN	Women’s College Basketball (N)		B1G Show	B1G Show	B1G Show		
	BRAVO	† (6:30) Project Runway	Project Runway (N) ©		Watch (N)	Atlanta †		
	CLTV	Sign-off		Sign-off				
	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	Homestead Rescue (N)	Reclaimed (N) ©		Building Off the Grid (N)			
	DISN	Bunk’d ©	Gabby	Sydney-Max	Roll With It	Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk’d ©
	E!	Very Cavallari ©	Very Cavallari (N) ©		Nightly (N)	Botched ©		
	ESPN	† College Basketball (N)	Women’s College Basketball: Stanford at Oregon. (N)		SportCtr (N)			
	ESPN2	† Gymnastic	Football Live		College Basketball: Colorado at Arizona State. (N)		Basketball	
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News		
	FOOD	Restaurant: Im. (N)	Restaurant: Im. (N)		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	
	FREE	grown-ish	Everything (Series Premiere) (N)		Everything	Everything	700 Club (N)	
	FX	Baby Driver (R,’17) † † †	Ansel Elgort, Kevin Spacey. ©		Baby Driver (R,’17) † † †			
	HALL	Love’s Complicated (NR,’15)	Holly Marie Combs. ©		Love on Ice (NR,’17)	Julie Berman. †		
HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Christina (N)	Christina	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	
HIST	Swamp People: Blood and Guts: “Deadliest Hunts.” (N) © †							
HLN	How It Really Happened	How It Really Happened		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
IFC	† The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1	The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2		(’15) † † †				
LIFE	Married at First Sight (N) ©	Supernanny (N) ©		Nanny †				
MSNBC	All In With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)			
MTV	Floribama Shore (N) ©	Ex on the Beach (N) ©		Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. †		
NBCSCH	College Basketball (N)	World Class Championship		Boxing †				
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG,’12) † † ©	Friends ©				
OVATION	No Reservation	No Reservation		No Reservation	Bourdain †			
OWN	20/20 on OWN	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN	20/20 †			
OXY	An Unexpected Killer (N)	Snapped ©		Snapped ©	Snapped †			
PARMT	† (6:30) Shooter (R,’07) † †	Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña. ©		Shooter (R,’07) † † © †				
SYFY	† (5) Troy (R,’04) † † † ©	Star Trek Beyond (PG-13,’16) † † †		Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto. © †				
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Conan (N)		
TCM	New York, New York (PG,’77) † † †	Robert De Niro, Liza Minnelli. ©		Mean Sts †				
TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		Feet-Killing Me (N)	1000-Lb. (N)			
TLN	Wealth	Wretched		Faith	Life Today	Like You	IMPACT	
TNT	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Bucks (N Subject to Blackout)		Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)					
TOON	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©	Ghost Adventures (N) ©		Ghost †				
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam †		
VH1	Black Ink Crew: Chicago	Black Ink Crew: Chicago		Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out		
WE	Growing Up Hip Hop ©	Growing Up Hip Hop (N)		Growing Up Hip Hop ©	Hip Hop †			
WGN America	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©		
PREMIUM	HBO	Hellboy (R,’19) †		David Harbour. ©	The Outsider ©			
	HBO2	The Sun Is Also a Star (PG-13,’19) † †		(8:40) Happy	Death Day (’17) † †		Unfriended †	
	MAX	Pacific Rim Uprising (PG-13,’18) † †		John Boyega. ©	(8:55) Tomb Raider (PG-13,’18) † † †			
	SHO	Five Feet Apart (PG-13,’19) † †		Haley Lu Richardson.	The L Word			
	STARZ	† (5:49) McFarland, USA	XXX (PG-13,’02) † †		Vin Diesel, Asia Argento. ©	Spider †		
STZNC	† (6:20) Baby Mama † †	Lethal Weapon 3 (R,’92) † † †		Mel Gibson. ©				

Yola

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Americana Music Award nominations, honorary membership in Brandi Carlile’s the Highwomen supergroup, respect for upending traditional roots biases as a dark-skinned black woman, shout-outs from Elton John and an opening slot on Kacey Musgraves’ tour all preceded her latest coup: four Grammy nominations. The momentum — and Yola’s joyousness related to the events of the past few months — carried over to the 75-minute set.

Wearing an elegant silver dress and sporting big, teased-out hair, she projected a beauty and boldness that paralleled the scope of her voice. About that versatile instrument. On several occasions, Yola made it clear she could belt out lines with attention-demanding force — and avoid shrillness and histrionics. A steamy rendition of Marvin Gaye/Tammi Terrell’s “You’re All I Need to Get By,” tailored in the vein of Aretha Franklin’s version, scaled the peaks and plumbed the valleys with



MIKE LAWRIE/GETTY

Yola performs as part of the Collaboration during Day 2 of the Newport Folk Festival in Newport, Rhode Island, in 2019.

dynamic prowess. On “What You Do,” she demonstrated reserves of lung power and volume before ending with a brief jam.

Yet she picked her moments, prizing restraint, control, balance and nuance over blockbuster moves. Her smooth tones, subdued gospel accents and

clean, rounded phrasing underlined the mellow ease and below-the-surface vulnerability embedded in the narratives of many of her originals. Straddling vintage country, orchestral pop and classic soul, and predisposed to Wurlitzer pianos and swelling choruses, Yola expressed an

affinity for retro sounds while managing to remain free of cloying imitation or forced pastiche.

Her melodic, resonant singing — at times, so sweeping in scope it seemed to bear hug everything within reach — played a key role. So did an exceptional backing band,

whose spacious, albeit concise arrangements allowed each instrument a distinct place in the mix.

Tunes such as the Southern-etched “Ride Out in the Country” and torch-styled “Faraway Look” adhered to an economy of scale allergic to embellishment and flash. Bass-led rhythms pointed

the way forward on the R&B-laced “Love All Night (Work All Day)” and roll-and-tumble “Still Gone,” each mirroring the directness of Yola’s deliveries.

She proved less successful when going too soft and crossing into mawkish adult-contemporary territory. However measured, Yola’s take on Albert Hammond’s “The Air That I Breathe” as well as her own “Lonely the Night” called out for more edge and depth. A survivor, she undoubtedly possesses both traits in spades.

Opener and fellow Grammy nominee Amythyst Kiah didn’t hurt for any such grit. The Tennessean’s husky, sonorous voice conveyed commanding intensity and steely resolve. Ditto her interpretation of Dolly Parton’s “Jolene,” complete with fingerpicked acoustic guitar, and potent “Black Myself,” a resilient statement of struggle and triumph that earned her a standing ovation.

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Lion

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west suburban zoo more than a decade and were often seen grooming each other.

Staffers who care for the big cats watched Isis closely after her partner was put down Jan. 2, the result of profound age-related deterioration that an autopsy revealed to include inoperable, ruptured discs in his spine, the zoo said.

Unlike her mate, who had lost his mobility in recent months, Isis was in very good physical condition for an elderly lion, Zeigler said. She did call out more frequently immediately following her mate’s death,

but she got past that after a few days, according to the zoo executive.

“At a tabloid (news-paper), it would be an anthropomorphic question” about whether the female had somehow given up the will to live or worse, Zeigler allowed. But nothing in the animal’s behavior gave any indication of despondency or other emotions humans might wish to project onto it; “the only behavior change we saw is she would spend more time with animal care staff,” he said, a behavior considered normal in such a case.

No witness saw or cameras recorded Isis’ fall into the barrier moat, the kind of thing that has happened previously with big cats at the zoo without lasting injury, according to Zeigler. Staffers examined the hab-

itat for signs of the lion possibly chasing a squirrel or raccoon and tumbling in, but all they could find were some claw marks along a side wall.

“We did see some scrapings along the edge,” Zeigler said. “Whether that’s a cause or a reaction to starting to fall in you don’t know.”

A CT scan showed no broken bones in Isis, but she did have seizures indicating possible swelling of the brain. Treatment while under sedation Monday and overnight into Tuesday included attempts to reduce swelling, but when she showed no signs of recovery by about 9:15 Tuesday morning doctors made the decision to euthanize the lion.

Preliminary autopsy results Wednesday did find

brain swelling, suggesting the animal may have failed to right itself as it fell — as would be expected — and taken a blow to the head or upper back “like a concussion,” Zeigler said. But the reason for this fall will likely remain a mystery.

“That’s just it,” he said. “We don’t really know what happened.”

Zoogoers can expect to see new lions at Brookfield this spring. Because of Zenda’s failing health, Brookfield was already working to land new lions through the North American zoos’ cooperative management of the species and is expecting two males to arrive in the coming months, Zeigler said.

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JIM SCHULZ

Isis and Zenda, African lions at Brookfield Zoo, in better times.

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Jan. 16): Create your own mission statement this year. Powerful results come with consistent, disciplined efforts. Personal victories this winter lead you to shift directions with a partner. Adapting to changing plans next summer, motivating renewed romance and collaboration.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. A community project captures your attention. Group effort pays off over three weeks, with Mercury in Aquarius. Friends can accomplish great results. Coordinate team plans.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Slow to navigate a turn. Consider the big picture. Take leadership, with Mercury in Aquarius. Patience with tests and challenges earns a reward.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Make travel plans and go. Over three weeks, with Mercury in Aquarius, you're especially good at finding ways around obstacles. Study, research and explore.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Financial planning provides power. Communication benefits shared accounts as Mercury enters Aquarius for three weeks. Track earnings and revise budgets. Negotiate terms and send invoices.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Creative collaboration flowers, with Mercury in Aquarius. Brainstorm together. Create interesting possibilities. Learn new tricks from a master. Have fun!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Streamline physical routines, with Mercury in Aquarius. Communication benefits your health, work and fitness over the next three weeks.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. You're the star. Learn new games, skills and tricks, with Mercury in Aquarius. Your arts and passions grow with conversation. Prioritize love and fun.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Domestic harmony comes naturally, with Mercury in Aquarius. Upgrade household technology. Talk with family about desired results. Coordinate roles and responsibilities. Compromise.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Parties entice. Network and share, with Mercury in Aquarius. You're especially clever for three weeks. Complexities fascinate. Communications and transport flow with greater ease.

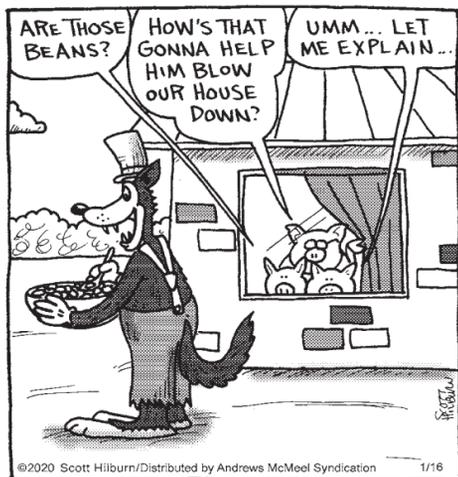
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Focus on professional advancement. There's plenty of money to be made over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Aquarius. Avoid spending it all.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. You're learning valuable tricks. Begin a logical, rational intellectual cycle, with Mercury in your sign. Get your message out. Tell your personal story.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Review and revise plans, with Mercury in Aquarius for three weeks. Complete old projects. Your dreams are trying to tell you something. Take notes.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, South deals

North

- ♠ K 9 8 3
- ♥ J 10 4
- ♦ A 7 6
- ♣ A K 2

West

- ♠ A Q 5 4
- ♥ 8 5 3
- ♦ K Q J 10
- ♣ 8 6

East

- ♠ 10 7 6
- ♥ 7
- ♦ 9 5 4 3 2
- ♣ J 10 4 3

South

- ♠ J 2
- ♥ A K Q 9 6 2
- ♦ 8
- ♣ Q 9 7 5

North bid aggressively to a slam that needed, at the very least, for the ace of spades to be in the West hand. That was far more likely than usual, however, after West's takeout double. Even so, there was still a problem with the fourth club. Did declarer need a 3-3 club split also?

South won the opening diamond lead with dummy's ace and led a low heart to his ace. Before drawing any more trumps, he led the two of spades toward dummy's king. West hopped up with his ace to play another diamond. South

ruffed, drew two more rounds of trumps, and then led the jack of spades. West had to cover with the queen, so declarer won with dummy's king and ruffed a spade. The fall of the 10 of spades from East meant that dummy's nine of spades could now be used to discard declarer's fourth club and the club split no longer mattered.

This was good play by declarer in developing a second spade trick. Still, the defense could have done better. Can you play low from his hand when declarer led the first spade toward the king. This would have been a courageous play, as the spade could easily have been a singleton. Declarer would then have had no chance to develop an extra spade trick and the slam would have been defeated.

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Dilbert



Baby Blues



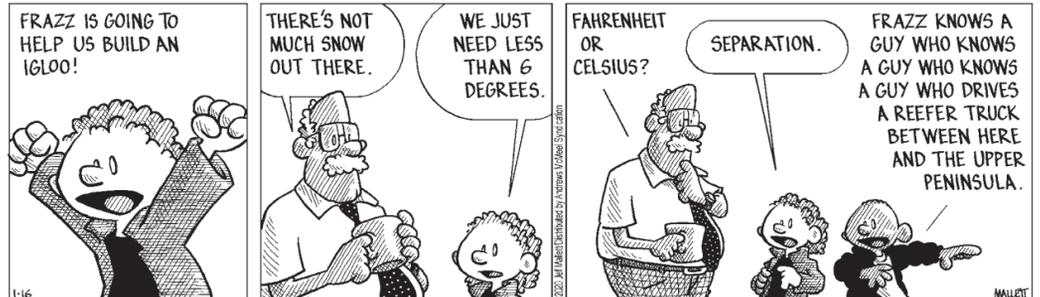
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Frazz



Classic Peanuts



Pickles



Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



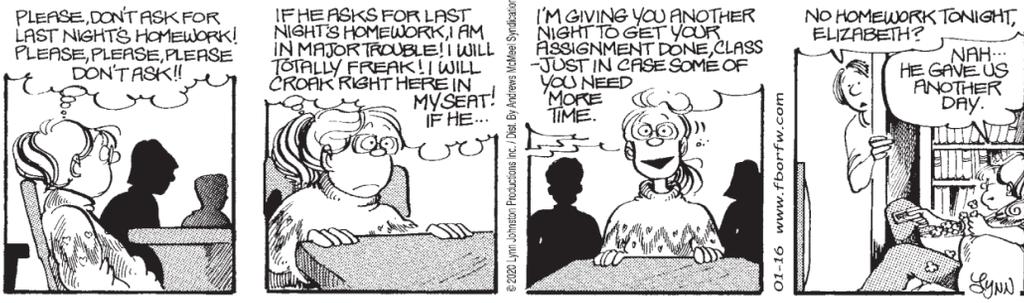
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For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



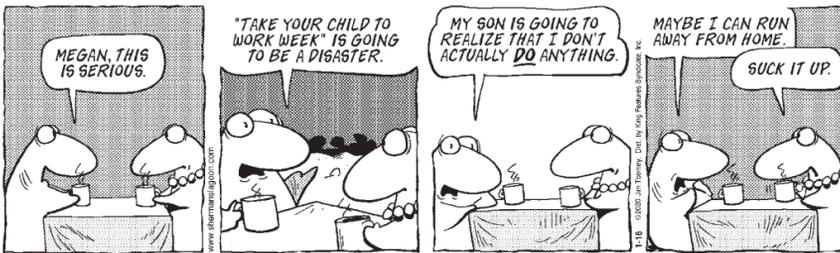
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Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



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Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



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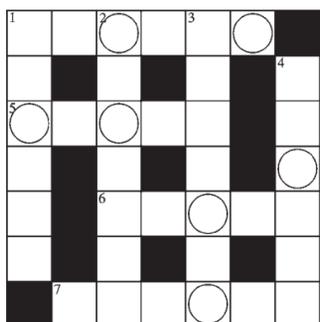
"Under a Blood Red Sky" is a 1983 live album from what band?

- A) Guns N' Roses
- B) The Police
- C) Scorpions
- D) U2

Wednesday's answer: The albatross figures prominently in Samuel Taylor Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner."

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Jumble Crossword



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CLUE: This show won the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Comedy Series five years in a row.

BONUS



- ACROSS**
- 1. Trade, haggle
 - 5. Banquet
 - 6. Two times
 - 7. "Murder on the ___ Express"
- ANSWER**
- EBRATR
 - STFAE
 - TCEIW
 - ENROTI
- DOWN**
- 1. ___ dinner
 - 2. Nuclear ___
 - 3. Twist around
 - 4. Missing
- ANSWER**
- BFTEFU
 - ACERTRO
 - WENIETN
 - STNAEB

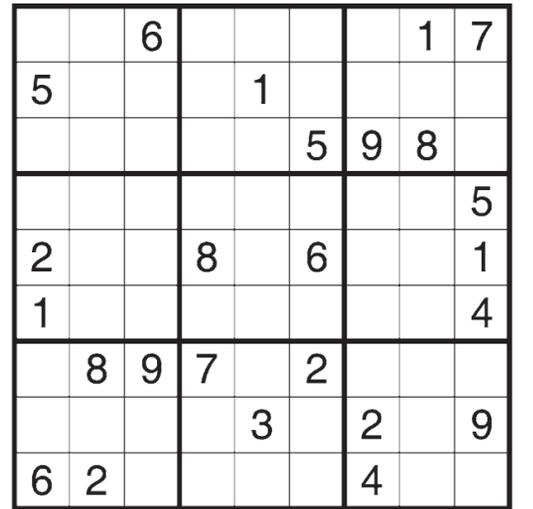
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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ANSWERS: 1A-Barber 5A-Feast 6A-Twice 7A-Orient 1D-Puffit 2D-Reactor 3D-Enzyme 4D-Vibeats B-Fraiser By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

1/16



6	2	8	5	1	9	7	3	4
5	4	3	2	6	7	8	9	1
7	1	9	3	8	4	6	2	5
4	9	6	7	2	3	1	5	8
3	7	5	1	4	8	9	6	2
2	8	1	9	5	6	4	7	3
9	6	2	8	3	1	5	4	7
1	3	7	4	9	5	2	8	6
8	5	4	6	7	2	3	1	9

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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ENESS

PIHEIP

FRUGIE

Answer here



Wednesday's answers

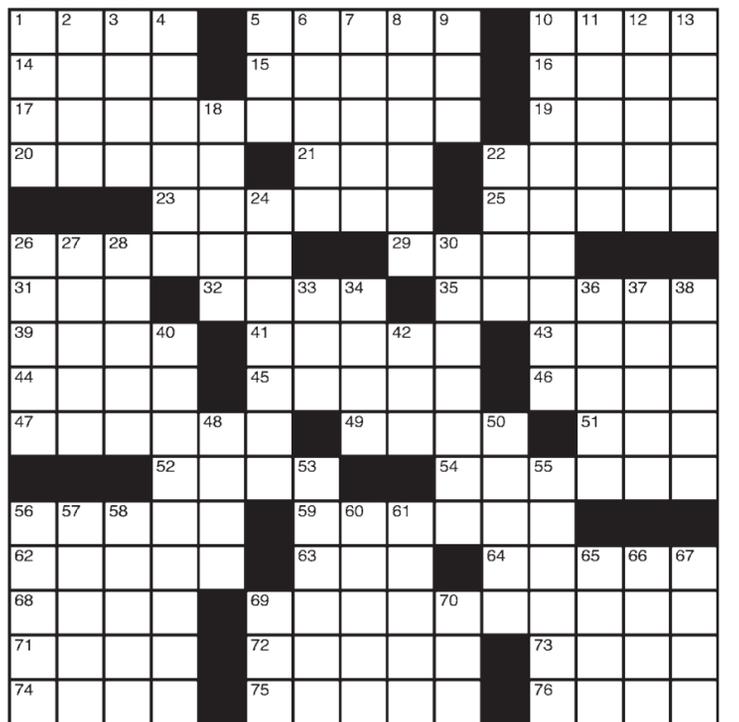
Jumbles: DITTO GIZMO OFFEND LESSON
Answer: She finally reached the par 5 in two shots after she — LONGED TO DO IT

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Crossword

1/16



Across

- 1 Barbecue remnants
- 5 Personal identification?
- 10 Roloids rival
- 14 Iris layer
- 15 Part of a "Star Wars" name
- 16 "___ it first!"
- 17 Tower of London guards
- 19 Local bond, briefly
- 20 PC key
- 21 Classic car
- 22 Frozen floaters
- 23 Celebratory smokes
- 25 2019 awards for Giannis Antetokounmpo
- 26 Elaborate style
- 29 Checks out
- 31 Artist Yoko
- 32 "Nashville" actress Judith
- 35 Currently
- 39 Vases with feet

Wednesday's solution



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- 41 With 45-Across, meat cut that suggests six aptly placed puzzle answers
- 43 Understand, in slang
- 44 Kremlin refusal
- 45 See 41-Across
- 46 "Me? Never!"
- 47 Original "Star Trek" studio
- 49 Princess from Alderaan
- 51 Links standard
- 52 Manilow song site
- 54 Giants' div.
- 56 Mopes
- 59 ___ bag
- 62 Sporty car features
- 63 To's partner
- 64 Fitting tool
- 68 Lower-APR deal
- 69 Restaurant list not for everyone
- 71 Shiraz's land
- 72 Giants and Titans
- 73 Physics matter
- 74 Nectarine centers
- 75 Donkeys
- 76 Filing tool

Down

- 1 "Squarely unconventional" Nissan
- 2 Baker
- 3 Vegetable that may stain a cutting board
- 4 Seattle-based insurance giant
- 5 Mont. neighbor
- 6 Colorful fish
- 7 Range rover
- 8 Gloomy
- 9 Daybreak deity
- 10 One involved in multiple problems?
- 11 Take by force
- 12 Shabby
- 13 ___ chocolate
- 18 "The Art of Loving" author Fromm
- 22 Honey bunch
- 24 Blunders
- 26 Tavern order
- 27 Deli specification
- 28 Traffic markers
- 30 Talking on and on
- 33 ___rock
- 34 Highlander
- 36 Overused theme
- 37 Bits
- 38 Slacks alternative
- 40 Map markers
- 42 Scottish rejection
- 48 Result of a poor investment
- 50 Crème de la crème
- 53 Commercial charges
- 55 German city where the Bauhaus movement began
- 56 Vegas ___
- 57 Where embryos grow
- 58 Like-much diet food
- 60 Black-and-white whales
- 61 Grammy winner Eydie
- 65 Letter that rhymes with three others
- 66 Nephew of Cain
- 67 Keister
- 69 Transit map abbr.
- 70 Snaky shape

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THURSDAY, JAN. 16 NORMAL HIGH: 31° NORMAL LOW: 16° RECORD HIGH: 57° (1990) RECORD LOW: -25° (1982)

Relatively mild into Saturday, then much colder

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 24 **LOW** 15

■ Coldest temperatures in nearly 5 weeks on the way—since a 24° high on Dec. 11

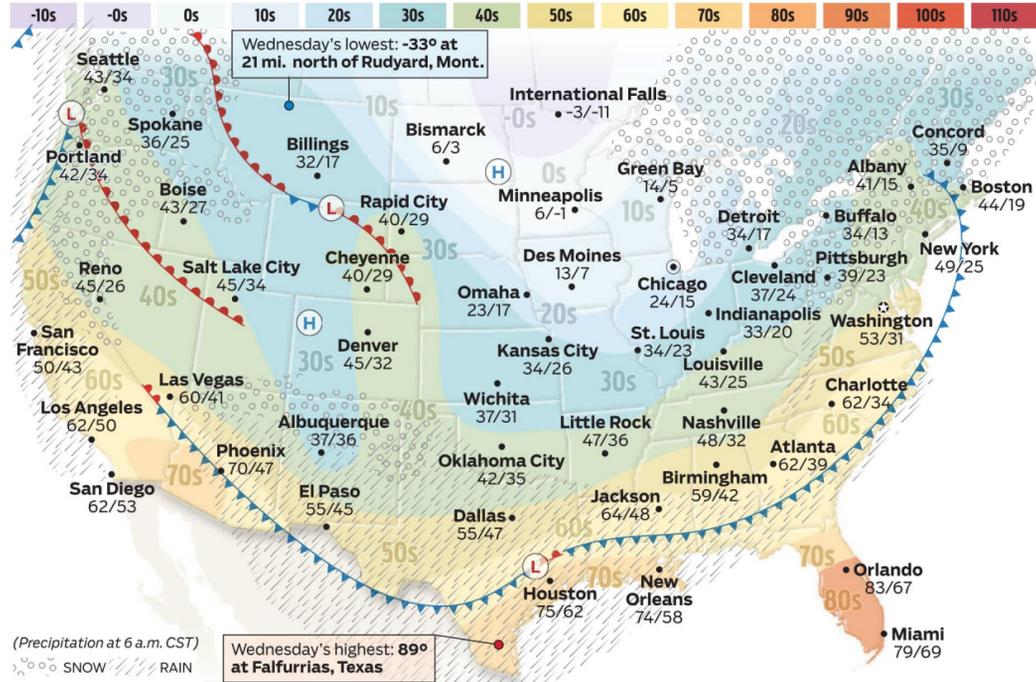
■ Early clouds depart allowing for mostly sunny skies.

■ -Markedly colder with highs in the lower to middle 20s, about 15 degrees colder than 24 hours earlier.

■ Biting northwest winds 10-18 mph produce wind chills of 0 to +10.

■ Clear Thursday night, but some clouds arrive toward daybreak. Lows 10 to 16 degrees.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Chicago's average temperature for the past seven days, Jan. 9 through 15, was 33.3 degrees. The forecasted average temperature for the upcoming seven days, Jan. 16 through 22, is 17.6 degrees. That is an expected decline of 15.7 degrees. Temperatures will remain on the mild side, relatively speaking, into Saturday, but then the bottom falls out. Readings will not be excessively cold — no sub-zero lows are expected — but nighttime lows will tumble into the single digits on a few of the days. Precipitation associated with the arrival of cold air will be a mixed bag. It starts as snow Friday afternoon, changes to freezing rain and sleet, then to rain late Friday night and early Saturday, then back to snow Saturday with the arrival of colder air. Cold air prevails across the area through the remainder of the forecast cycle.

FRIDAY, JAN. 17

HIGH 32 **LOW** 8

Steady or rising at night

Clouds lower/thicken, not as cold. Growing prospects for snow developing in the afternoon and evening, likely making for a messy commute. Snow is likely to mix with or change to freezing rain then rain overnight.

SATURDAY, JAN. 18

HIGH 38 **LOW** 8

Cloudy, rain or a rain/snow mix changes to snow showers before precipitation ends. Blustery and turning sharply colder. Morning high near 40° but temps crash to upper teens by evening.

SUNDAY, JAN. 19

HIGH 16 **LOW** 4

Frigid arctic air arrives. The coldest daytime high temperatures in over 10 months. Sunshine and mixed fair weather clouds, biting winds chills range from -5 degrees to -20 degrees.

MONDAY, JAN. 20

HIGH 18 **LOW** 4

Arctic air tightens its grip on the area. Partly sunny, cold with highs in the upper teens. Lake effect snow showers likely in the Michiana snow belt, accumulations possible. Wind chills range from 0 to -20. NW winds 8-18 mph.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21

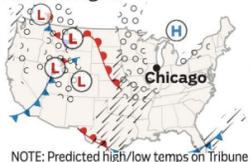
HIGH 20 **LOW** 10

Continued quite cold under mostly sunny skies. Afternoon highs struggle to reach 20 degrees, about 10 degrees below normal. Wind chills: -10 to +10.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

HIGH 28 **LOW** 19

Sunshine through increasing high and mid-level clouds. Turning breezy from the south, not quite as cold in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 20s, closer to typical late January norms.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
When do Chicago's daily average temperatures bottom out at the coldest point of winter? Thanks.
John Biemer, Oak Park

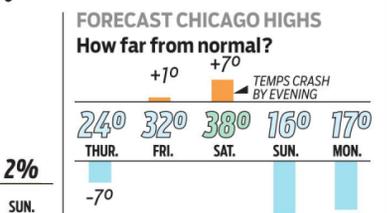
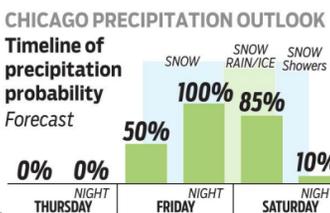
Dear John,
The nadir of Chicago's daily average temperature drops to 23 degrees, based on highs of 31 and lows of 16, from Jan. 17-20. On Jan. 21, the city's average temperature increases to 24 and remains there through Feb. 2. It then slowly but steadily increases, reaching 32 degrees by the end of February, 43 by March 31, 54 by the end of April, 64 by May 31 and 73 by June 30. The year's average temperature high point, 74 degrees, is reached on July 3, where it remains through August 4. The year's highest maximum and minimum readings, 85 and 64 degrees, prevail from July 9-15. Starting August 5, readings begin a slow decline until they again bottom out at 23 degrees on Jan. 17.

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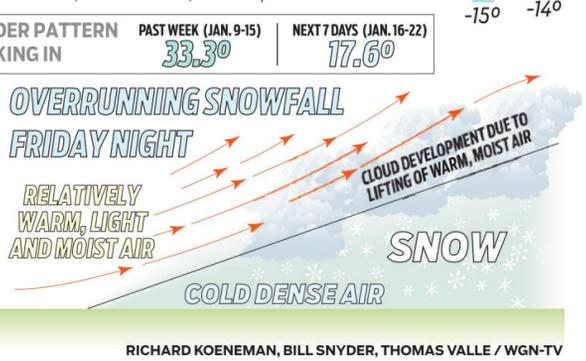
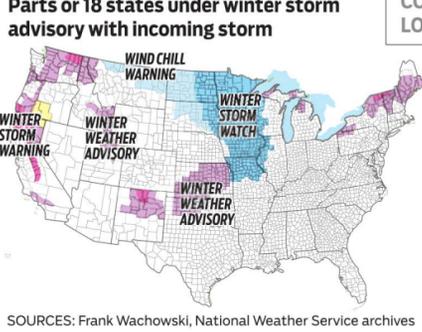
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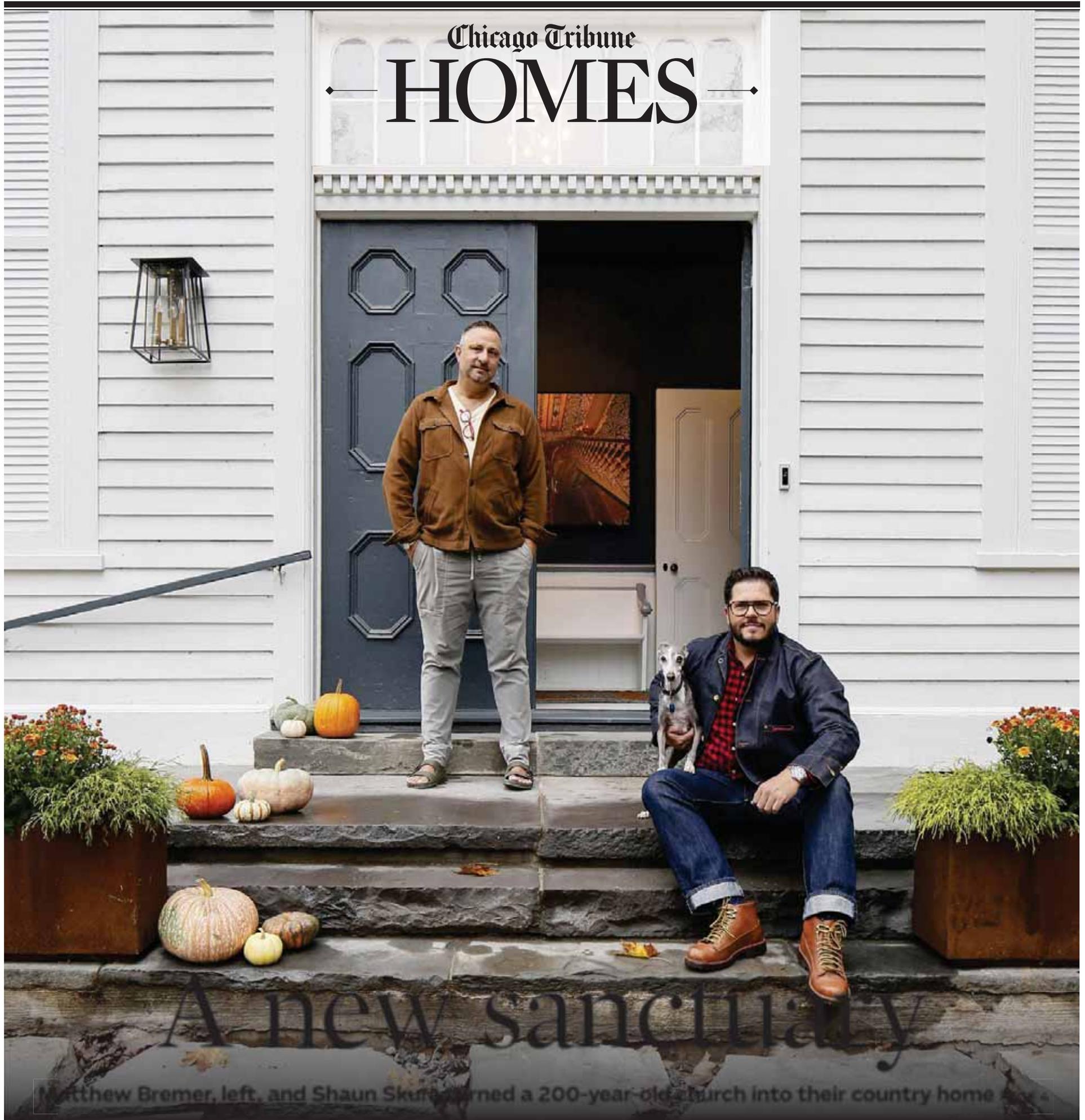
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A new sanctuary

Matthew Bremer, left, and Shaun Skura turned a 200-year-old church into their country home

Low-maintenance options for next kitchen remodel

BY DAN DiCLERICO

HomeAdvisor

As we embark on a new decade, the kitchen of tomorrow is taking shape. And one characteristic above all dominates: low maintenance.

Going back 20 years, kitchens were beautiful and functional, but they also required a lot of upkeep. Today's homeowners aren't interested in that kind of stress. Fortunately, manufacturers have responded with a slew of new products and materials that combine beauty and performance with minimal upkeep.

Here are five to consider for your next kitchen remodel:

1. Quartz countertops: Spilled wine, oven-hot casserole dishes and razor-sharp chef's knives can wreak havoc on marble and other natural stones — but not quartz. The engineered stone consists of stone chips, pigments and resins that combine to form an impervious surface, without the need for periodic sealing.

2. Black stainless steel: Traditional stainless steel appliances have endured for so long because they provide the perfect neutral backdrop in so many kitchen



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More people are applying green and other colors to their cabinets so they don't have to clean them so often.

design schemes. The downside is the constant wiping of fingerprints, water marks and more. That fact is driving a ton of consumer interest to black stainless steel, especially among younger homeowners with busy families. The material's matte finish makes it virtually smudge-proof, and its soft, warm luster plays well in a

range of kitchen styles, from transitional to mid-century modern.

3. Porcelain flooring: Natural wood has been the preferred kitchen flooring material for decades, conferring warmth and beauty throughout millions of homes. But as many of those



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The matte finish used with black stainless steel makes it virtually smudge-proof.

homeowners will attest, wood floors are highly susceptible to scratching, denting and fading. Enter porcelain tile, a supremely durable material that's also moisture-proof — a bonus in kitchen installations. What's more, porcelain comes in many convincing faux-wood patterns, from weathered oak to the richest mahogany, so there's no compromise on style.

4. Colored cabinets: The classic white kitchen will never go away completely, but more homeowners have discovered just how

much elbow grease goes into maintaining the all-white look. As a result, more people are applying color to their cabinets. The embrace started slowly, with beiges and grays, but we're now seeing deeper blues and greens find their way into the kitchen.

Preferences around cabinet styles are also evolving. Twenty years ago, we saw a lot of ornate designs with raised panels and delicate moldings — all of which trapped grease and grime and were a pain to clean. Today's homeowners are opting for simple, flat-front designs, epitomized by Shaker cabinets, in part because they're so easy to wipe down.

5. Matte finishes: For the same reason black stainless steel is becoming more common, homeowners are choosing low-maintenance matte finishes for their kitchen faucets, cabinet hardware and light fixtures. Smudge-resistant brushed nickel is particularly common on faucets, though more are choosing matte black to coordinate with their black stainless-steel appliances. Homeowners who are going for the popular mixed-metal look might do lighting fixtures or cabinet hardware in an oil-rubbed bronze finish.



Pots can be reused inside or outside the home.

How to repurpose holiday gifts

BY CATHY HOBBS

Tribune News Service

While some holiday gifts may work seamlessly with your current decor, others may not, leaving the burning question: Can I repurpose this? Here are some suggestions on ways to make some typical gifts useful and purposeful.

Plants: While many are seasonal, others may not be and can be replanted either in or outside the home. Pots can be reused to grow herbs or for small plants.

Pillows and throws: These small decor items often make it onto the gift list. Throws can be repurposed as shawls or scarves, while toss pillows can go in areas such as entry benches or backs of dining chairs.

Greeting cards: No doubt you may have received a lot of greeting cards this season. Those with a decorative edge could be framed or used to create a colorful work of art or collage.

Ornaments: Ornaments come in all shapes, sizes and colors and

can be quite glamorous when repurposed and placed into a bowl or large vessel.

Clothing: Clothing can be repurposed in a number of ways, from transforming a dress into a tunic or creating a whole new item such as quilts.

Candles: Candles can be grouped and displayed together. Once finished, their jars can be repurposed to hold or display other items.

Scarves: Scarves make great



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The backs of chairs are elevated with repurposed fabric.

items that can be repurposed as throws.

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Old church becomes the ideal escape

A 'sort of perfect' building — except for the outhouse

BY TIM MCKEOUGH
The New York Times

The first time Matthew Bremer saw the listing for the church he would eventually buy in Phillippsport, New York, it arrived like so many unwanted emails, as inbox-clogging spam. But rather than immediately hitting delete he scrolled down the email while eating lunch and was intrigued by what he saw: a simple white clapboard church dating to 1823 that was so untouched by time its only bathroom was an outhouse.

"It was this sort of perfect, almost child's drawing of the idea of a church," said Bremer, 51, the founder of Architecture in Formation, a Manhattan-based firm. "The white Colonial box."

Fantasizing about converting it into a private country escape, he and a friend took the two-hour drive north from New York City for a look.

"It was in this bucolic setting," he said, and had impressive architectural bones, as well as 14-foot-tall, triple-hung, divided-light windows that gave it a magical sense of light.

The following weekend, he returned with his partner, Shaun Skura.

"I was like, 'You're crazy,'" said Skura, 40, a relationship manager at LinkedIn. "However, I also saw instant potential, and I knew he would do something extraordinary with it."

The reality at the outset, Skura added, was clear:

"We knew it was going to take a lot of blood, sweat and tears."

Before committing to buying it, Bremer wanted to be sure that the church could legally be converted to a private residence and that a septic system could be added so they could have indoor bathrooms.

After studying the half-acre property, he came to the conclusion that there was nowhere he could reasonably add a septic system. But he noticed an awkward vacant lot across the street with only a billboard for Shadowland Stages, a theater in nearby Ellenville.

"I reached out and said, 'Hey, is there any way that we could share this property?'" Bremer said. Eventually he struck a deal with the theater that allowed him to buy the property to use for his septic field for next to nothing, with the promise that the billboard would remain.

Then he spent the better part of the following year working on getting his unconventional plans approved by local authorities.

"It took a somewhat masochistic architect to go through and get four very specific variances to legalize the disused church to a residence," Bremer said.

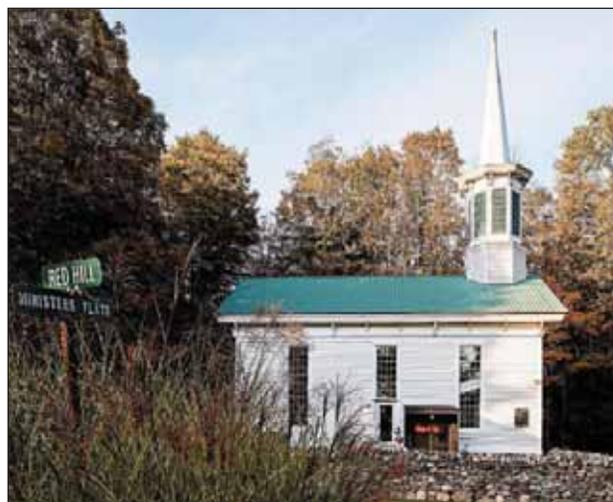
Two years after he first visited the 2,200-square-foot church — a United Methodist Church that had been vacant for several years — Bremer finally felt confident that a conversion was possible and bought it for \$100,000, in the spring of 2017.

He and Skura had contractors largely dismantle it down to the enormous structural timbers, in order to add the insulation,



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The living room of Matthew Bremer and Shaun Skura's country home in what was a 2,200-square-foot church.



A simple clapboard church built in 1823 was converted into Bremer and Skura's place. The couple's gut-renovation project preserved its 14-foot-tall, divided-light windows.

HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems it needed.

"It was ostensibly an old pole barn, uninsulated," said Bremer, who sought to keep the basic character of the building intact while "channeling Donald Judd, Gordon Matta-Clark and a little bit of John Waters."

In addition to adding the basic systems the building needed, they cut a hole in the floor for a staircase leading to the basement, which previously had only

office and media lounge with a retractable projection screen. And they built a second bathroom behind the kitchen with a one-way mirror that allows occupants to look out over spice jars to see activity in the main living space.

Because there was no fireplace, they suspended a shapely steel Fireorb — a product more commonly associated with modernist glass boxes than old clapboard churches.

"I'm interested in how we, as a culture, have sort of moved beyond binaries of sacred and profane, and public and private," Bremer said. "Of course, when converting a church, all of that comes to the fore."

To furnish the place, Bremer and Skura repurposed many of the pews as headboards and footboards for beds. They scoured vintage stores and flea markets to find pieces like a large Harvey Propper sectional sofa and a walnut-and-galvanized-tin bathtub, which they installed in the open living space. To finish it off, they collected smaller, whimsical curiosities, including an old elevator sign

from Macy's and a black-velvet Jesus painting.

After about a year and a half of construction, during which they spent more than \$500,000, the couple moved in just before Christmas in 2018, and invited about a dozen friends to celebrate.

"We had nothing set up, and the table wasn't there, but we had a giant Christmas dinner with a lot of friends," Bremer said. "It was sort of the christening."

Still, the project, he conceded, isn't completely finished. After rebuilding the exterior entrance to the basement as a black box holding a neon sign that reads "House of Dog" — Bremer's employees gave him the sign as a 50th birthday gift, in tribute to the couple's Italian greyhound, Geoffrey — he is considering building a few more black boxes in the landscape.

"One is a swimming pool, one is a raised planter bed and one is an outdoor shower," he said.

"We will be working on it forever," he added. "It's the perfectly unfinished, forever project."



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Rabbit damage is evident on this lilac bush.

Tips for keeping rabbits away from your garden

BY TIM JOHNSON

I think there are rabbits eating shrubs in my garden. What can I do about this?

— *Steve Kreps, Wilmette*

Rabbits can cause considerable damage to trees and shrubs in the winter and are active primarily at night. With little snow cover so far this year, you would not have noticed their tracks if they were feeding in your garden, nor would you expect to see them during the day. It is a good idea to periodically walk through your garden during the winter, as well as the growing season, to monitor for animal damage.

Rabbits damage shrubs by chewing off small branches and girdling large stems. Rabbits feed on woody plants during the winter by gnawing on bark or clipping off buds and the ends of stems and branches. Rabbits feed on the tissue between the bark and the wood. They generally will not feed on the thick, rough bark of older trees and shrubs, instead focusing on smooth, thin bark that provides an easy food. The rabbits do go after the young, smooth-barked twigs on shrubs with mature bark, though.

Monitor for rabbit damage a couple of feet above the ground or snow line on plants. When there is snow cover, the rabbits will reach higher up to feed, which increases the scope of damage. Rabbits leave a clean, angled cut of approximately 45 degrees on small-diameter twigs. Look for rabbit droppings, which are small piles of round, brown scat, about $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter. Deer droppings are similar in shape, but larger and more oblong. Rodent droppings have a more tubular shape.

An effective way to prevent rabbit damage to trees and shrubs in your garden is to install chicken wire fencing or hardware cloth with openings no larger than 1 inch around vulnerable plants. To adequately protect plants, the fencing material should be 24 to 36 inches high to prevent rabbits from climbing over it after a snowstorm. Pin the bottom of the fencing to the ground to prevent rabbits from crawling underneath. U-shaped sod pins work well for this.

Plastic garden netting can also be used to cover smaller shrubs to keep rabbits away. Wrap the trunks of small trees with the wire or install white spiral tree guards around

their trunks to keep rabbits away. After a heavy snow, check protected plants to make sure rabbits aren't able to reach above the fencing or tree guards.

You can also spray affected shrubs with a repellent, which has an unpleasant taste and smell to discourage rabbit feeding. It is best to apply repellent when temperatures are above freezing and reapply after rain or a heavy snow. Fake predator figurines such as owls and hawks, intended to repel or scare away rabbits, do not work.

Any branches or trunks that have had the bark completely removed around them generally die as a result, since the movement of food and water has been disrupted. Valuable trees may be saved by a technique called bridge grafting, which should be handled by a skilled professional.

Replacing the girdled tree is usually the best option. Most deciduous shrubs will produce new shoots or suckers at their base and recover in time. Prune off the girdled stems just below the damaged areas in early spring so that the shrub can fill back in.

Tim Johnson is director of horticulture for the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.

How to handle trees when they grow too tall

BY BETH BOTTS

When a tree grows taller than expected, casting unwanted shade or colliding with buildings or other structures, it may seem obvious to just cut off the top.

“That’s not a good idea,” said Julie Janoski, manager of the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. Topping a tree will stress it and weaken it, making it less safe and leading to costly, long-term maintenance headaches.

“It also ruins the tree’s natural shape and beauty,” she said.

A tree is said to be “topped” when the main stem or largest branches are cut off, removing much of its canopy of leaves and retaining only smaller, less vigorous lower branches.

Topping can remove half or more of a tree’s leaves. Since leaves are a tree’s food factories, losing so many can starve the tree.

Desperate to replace its leaves, a tree will respond to topping with a flurry of feeble new growth. “Those new branches will be weak and likely to fall in storms,” Janoski said.

The many large, open wounds that topping creates on a tree’s main stem and branches also invite diseases, insect infestations and decay. The remaining branches may rot and become unstable. Eventually, the tree may die.

Topping can create expensive problems. If the tree dies, it will have to be removed. If it survives, it likely will need corrective pruning, although it will never recover its natural form. Since topping is not an approved professional practice and causes safety risks, homeowners may be liable for damage from the failure of a topped tree.

“A tree disfigured by topping also is an eyesore



MORTON ARBORETUM

Cutting off the top of your tree, known as “topping,” is a bad way to control overgrowth.

that can reduce the value of your property,” Janoski said.

Although certified arborists are trained to not top trees, homeowners and some untrained tree-care workers may do it without realizing how damaging it is, she said. Utility workers may have no choice about topping trees that are growing under power lines to prevent them from interfering with the lines.

“Usually, it’s an attempt to solve a problem that was caused by planting a tree where there was not enough room for it,” Janoski said.

A trained, certified arborist may be able to prune a tree to reduce its overall size somewhat. However, that kind of pruning won’t work for all

species or in all circumstances. It’s better to avoid topping by carefully choosing a kind of tree that will never outgrow the available space.

“Each species of tree has a natural size and shape,” Janoski said. “It’s unhealthy for a tree to carve it up to try to make it smaller or differently shaped than it is genetically programmed to be. That’s one reason it’s so important to choose the right tree in the first place.”

For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum (mortonarb.org/plantadvice, 630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

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ASK THE BUILDER

How to keep garbage disposal functioning

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Q: I averted a near Christmas Eve disaster. I was making 75 deviled eggs for 30 guests who were soon to arrive. I turned on my disposal to grind up the eggshells and ended up with a pool of smelly egg water in the sink! I was able to get the water to drain after 45 minutes of plunging. My 1-year-old granddaughter's squeals of delight from her highchair as the plunger went up and down buoyed my sinking spirits. What are the do's and don'ts of using a disposal so the plumber isn't on the guest list at my next party? How can I keep my disposal smelling fresh?

A: Plumbing disasters like this during a party or large family gathering are more common than you might think because the extra people at your home create a higher volume of water in the kitchen and bathroom. This extra amount of water and waste often overwhelms partially clogged plumbing drain lines.

I've been a master plumber since age 29 and have a love/hate relationship with garbage disposals. They're handy machines if you don't like to throw food scraps away, but they can wreak havoc on plumbing drain systems when used improperly.

Allow me to explain what happens when you use your garbage disposal using an imperfect analogy. Imagine a giant ready-mix concrete truck filled with a slurry of sand, small rocks

and water. Drop the chute and discharge this mix into a 12-inch-diameter city sewer. If you don't add a significant volume of clear water immediately after dumping the sand and gravel into the sewer pipe, the pipe will start to choke off. The clear water is needed to transport the sand and gravel to the end of the pipe.

Use a clear food blender to create a more realistic example of what happens inside your disposal. Save about a pint or even a quart of food scraps that you'd normally shove into the dark black hole of the disposal. Add enough water to the blender to make a food-scrap smoothie. This food sludge is exactly what your disposal creates — and you hope it's going to magically flow down your kitchen drain line!

Eggshells and celery are two of the worst things you can put down a kitchen disposal. The eggshells resemble the small rocks and sand I described. Celery has tough fiber strands that can get wrapped around the moving parts of the disposal. I'd never put either of these food scraps down a disposal.

It's very important to understand that the inside of many kitchen drain lines is by no means smooth and wide open. The insides of old galvanized iron drainpipes develop a scale over the years. A steel pipe that originally had an inside diameter of 1 1/2 inches might only have an inner diameter of one-half or three-quarters of an inch after years of use. I've seen these horizontal and vertical pipes completely

choked off with deposits.

Modern plastic PVC or ABS plastic pipes can also have deposits, especially hardened grease, clog them. Expecting a slurry of ground-up food scraps to flow like water through partially clogged drain lines is akin to expecting three people to pass smoothly through a conventional doorway at the same time.

In my opinion, the best way to use a garbage disposal is to add the food scraps you wish to grind up and then place the stopper at the top of the opening so you can fill the sink halfway with water. Once you have added the water, pull the stopper out and immediately turn on the disposal.

The spinning cutting heads in the disposal transform the food into a slurry, and the weight and volume of clear water in the sink starts to force it through the drain line. I'd then allow the water from the faucet to run at least another 30 seconds after all the water has emptied from the sink.

I'm not a big fan of using a garbage disposal with a septic system. There are two schools of thought to this, and years ago a major disposal manufacturer created a disposal that dispenses special enzymes to help gobble up the slurry once it hits the septic tank. Installing a new leach field is very expensive if you overwhelm your septic tank with organic material. It's just so much easier, in my opinion, to compost food scraps or throw them away.

The secret to a fresh-smelling garbage disposal is to keep all the inside parts clean. You do this by



TIM CARTER

This is a standard garbage disposal. It can wreak havoc on your plumbing and pocketbook if you don't use it correctly.

making sure the disposal is rinsed with clear, or even soapy, water after it's ground up the food as I described before. It's not hard to imagine the vortex of spinning water, much like you see in a blender, that's rinsing the side-walls of the disposal as the water leaves the sink on its way to the drainpipe.

Here's another tip to prevent

party disasters. Every two months or so, I pour 10 gallons of boiling water down my kitchen sink to help keep the insides of the drainpipe as clean and grease-free as possible. I save partially soiled paper towels and use those to sop up grease from all pots, pans and plates so I put as little grease as possible down my drain lines.

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