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Fraud charges for flashy gambler

Feds: New Trier grad stole \$10M to bankroll lavish life

By JASON MEISNER

New Trier High School graduate Robert Gorodetsky made a name for himself as a maverick in the Las Vegas sports betting scene, a brash 20-something with a seemingly bottomless bankroll and the guts to lay it all on the line.

With his custom cap stenciled with the word "GAMBLER," high-end watches and luxury cars, Gorodetsky carefully cultivated his image on Instagram, where he went by the moniker "Big Rob" and regularly posted photos of himself hobnobbing with beautiful women and professional athletes, claiming his method of picking games was the next big thing.

But federal charges brought in Chicago this week allege Gorodetsky's story was just a mirage.

Gorodetsky, 27, of Glenview, was charged Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Chicago with a massive fraud scheme against a single victim who invested millions of dollars with Gorodetsky in the belief that the funds were wisely invested and earning handsome dividends.

Instead, Gorodetsky was using the cash to bankroll his operation in Las Vegas, placing reckless bets on sporting events and living a lavish lifestyle that was celebrated on social media and scorned by some of Sin City's seasoned gamblers.

In all, Gorodetsky stole nearly \$10 million from the investor — identified only as Victim A — from 2014 to 2017, the charges alleged.

Gorodetsky was charged in a two-count criminal information with executing wire fraud and filing a false tax return. A criminal information is typically an indication the defendant will waive indictment and plead guilty.

His lawyer, Chris Gair,

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When to begin maternity leave

Should a teacher who gives birth in spring be allowed to take paid leave when school resumes in the fall? State's Supreme Court will decide. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

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IMPEACHMENT OF PRESIDENT TRUMP



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Adam Schiff, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, leads other impeachment managers in addressing the media Wednesday.

Schiff appeals to GOP to help oust president

Dems accuse Trump of 'corrupt scheme' in making case to Senate

By LISA MASCARO, ERIC TUCKER AND ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats launched into marathon arguments in President Donald Trump's impeachment trial Wednesday, appealing to skeptical Republican senators to join them in voting to oust Trump from office to "protect our democracy."

Trump's lawyers sat by, waiting their turn, as the president blasted the proceedings from afar, threatening jokingly to face off with the Democrats by coming to "sit right in the front row and stare at their corrupt faces."

The challenge before the House managers is clear.

Democrats have 24 hours over three days to prosecute the charges against Trump, trying to win over not just fidgety senators sitting silently in the cham-

ber but an American public, deeply divided over the president and his impeachment in an election year.

Rep. Adam Schiff, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, outlined what the Democrats contend was the president's "corrupt scheme" to abuse his presidential power and then obstruct Congress' investigation. He then called on senators not to be "cynical" about politics, but to draw on the intent of the nation's

Founding Fathers who provided the remedy of impeachment.

"Over the coming days, we will present to you—and to the American people—the extensive evidence collected during the House's impeachment inquiry into the president's abuse of power," said Schiff standing before the Senate. "You will hear their testimony at the same time as the American people. That is,

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Jessica Foody says meeting other women in recovery was key to a successful sobriety.

As alcohol-linked deaths soar, women face a sobering fight

Getting, staying clean comes with challenges unique to them

By KATE THAYER

There was no stereotypical rock bottom for Jessica Foody, but the signs were there.

The now 33-year-old Chicago woman, then in her late 20s, held down a steady job as a nurse and appeared to be a typical, successful professional — except when she drank.

Foody said she couldn't stop at just one glass of wine and used alcohol to quell the crippling anxiety she'd struggled with since childhood. One glass would turn into two, then three and more. Some mornings, she'd wake up not knowing what had happened the night before. "It was like Russian roulette. I just didn't know

how it would end," she said. "Nothing bad happened. ... I was just getting further and further away from the woman I wanted to be."

Foody eventually decided to quit drinking after reading an article that inspired her to quit for one year. She was successful in

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Your emotional support pig won't fly under proposal

Service animals restricted to just dogs on planes

By LAUREN ZUMBACH

Airlines no longer would be required to accommodate emotional support animals under new federal rules proposed Wednesday to rein in passengers who try to bring their pets on board.

The U.S. Department of Transportation said it "wants to ensure that individuals with disabilities can continue using their service animals while also reducing the likelihood that passengers wishing to travel with their pets on aircraft will be able to falsely claim their pets are service animals."

Federal laws currently require airlines to allow passengers with disabilities to travel with trained service animals as well as emotional support animals in the cabin. Unlike pets, service and support animals fly for free.

U.S. airlines already had tightened rules for emo-



MARK ESSIG

Airlines would no longer be required to consider animals like Daniel the duck as service animals.

tional support animals over the past couple of years, as more animals sitting among passengers led to more problems.

Delta Air Lines told the Transportation Department it recorded 136 incidents involving service and support animals in 2017, including an attack by a psychiatric service dog sitting in its owner's lap that left a fellow passenger with 28 stitches. The following year, an

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MARK LENNIHAN/AP

Harvey Weinstein leaves a Manhattan court following a day in his trial on rape and sexual assault charges on Wednesday.



JOHN KASS

Weinstein's trial begins, with prop walker in tow

The sexual assault trial of creepy Hollywood movie mogul Harvey Weinstein — once described by Meryl Streep as "God" — began Wednesday in New York.

Once again he had his famous walker, the walker with the tennis balls on the back legs, the walker that in his mind makes him look frail and nonpredatory, almost as if it were a prop.

For weeks through jury selection, Weinstein used that walker theatrically, as befits a savvy movie producer playing a kindly man in great pain deserving of much sympathy.

He clings to it as if he were drowning and his walker with the tennis balls is his life vest.

What's weird is that my 90-year-old mother has the same exact walker with the tennis balls.

She doesn't love her walker. She doesn't cling to it. She hates it. Sometimes she pitches it aside when she sneaks outside in the morning when we're not watching, to get her Chicago Tribune in the driveway.

Out there, when it's warm, I've even seen her with a filched smoke.

Mom, what are you doing?
"I'm 90 years old," she says. "Are you going to tell me I'm going to die? I'm 90. What the hell does it matter anymore?"

She hates her walker and she hates the tennis balls, too, but a granddaughter added them to protect the floors, and Mom loves her grandkids.

Harvey treated his walker as a friend. My mom treats hers as an enemy, a reminder of her stroke.

"Weinstein uses my style walker? Nah!" she said as I was writing this, giving him a double moutza as she saw him on TV with his walker. "Mr. Producer, Mr. Hollywood with the casting couch. What a weasel. Nah! and Nah!"

She went on, but I won't repeat the rest. For Harvey Weinstein, she has no pity.

In the Manhattan courtroom, dur-

ing opening statements, Weinstein was ripped on by Meghan Hast, an assistant district attorney.

"That man was a sexual predator and a rapist," Hast told the 12 jurors. She promised that Weinstein's alleged victims will testify.

"They will each describe to you their fear, their shame and their humiliation that they each wrestled with following the violent encounters with the defendant ... each feeling small and insignificant, no match for the power broker of Hollywood," Hast said.

Weinstein's Chicago defense attorneys — Donna Rotunno and Damon Cheronis — build a defense that the sex was consensual.

In court, Cheronis talked of the accusers writing emails "bragging" about their relationships with Weinstein. He portrayed some of the emails as "loving."

I don't know the prosecutor. But I do know Rotunno and Cheronis. They're good and gutsy. And they will do what defense lawyers do in rape cases: create doubt. All they need is one juror.

This is a serious matter. Sexual predators are serious business. And each of us has an idea about him.

We often say trials are about truth and justice, but they're not. Trials are about what comes out and what can be proven in a jury's mind.

So, what is the truth of Harvey Weinstein?

He had money and power and the right Democratic Party connections, as a fundraiser and bundler for the Clintons and others. He was protected for years by celebrity media, though Hollywood knew what he was about long before the story was made public.

Comics would make jokes about him at those Hollywood awards ceremonies, where liberal film people spend hours virtue-signaling and lecturing the rest of America for our moral failings.

Weinstein's proclivities were an open secret. But can a people question

their "God"?

You look at him now, with or without the walker, and you see a god made of suet, a frightened god, but a god nevertheless, one you didn't want to cross if you were in the movie business just a few years ago.

You'd especially not want to cross him if you were a woman seeking fame in show business and he liked your looks and wanted you in bed.

Or, say, if you were a hunky male actor and he was attracted to your girlfriend and you needed to stay on Harvey's good side for great heroic parts, increasing your chances of being included in those "sexiest man alive" lists.

But for all that, Weinstein was a god of Hollywood, with immense power to reach out his hand and help or ruin careers.

In 2012, Streep accepted a Golden Globe for her portrayal of the late Margaret Thatcher in "Iron Lady," a Harvey Weinstein-produced film.

She thanked her champions, including Weinstein, and played the grand dame.

Streep wasn't exactly channeling Dame Edith Evans, the great actress who played Lady Bracknell in "The Importance of Being Earnest," but there was a definite Lady Bracknell vibe from Streep, as she pitched her voice and fluttered her eyes and stretched out her vowels.

"And God, Harvey Weinstein," said Streep, stretching out the "O" between the "G" and the "D."

Gaaawwwd.
Streep's speech was greeted by thunderous applause from people who knew what Weinstein was about. That's Hollywood.

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We can't handle the truth of Trump's greatness



REX W. HUPPKE

As the (stupid) impeachment trial of (our amazing) President Donald Trump moves forward in the U.S. Senate, there's one looming question the doggone deranged Democrats keep asking: Why don't the president and his Republican supporters in Congress want any witnesses to testify?

It's a zany question, of course, because the answer is simply: "Because." What more do you need, snowflake?

The president has already said his phone call with the Ukrainian president, a central part of the impeachment case, was "perfect." He has already said the impeachment is a "hoax" and a "sham." By never reading a single fact-check, I have seen zero evidence that President Trump is capable of lying, so why in the world do Democrats think he needs more people to step forward and prove his innocence?

It's an absurd demand. But the libs just won't shut up about it, and they keep going on and on about "evidence" and "testimony" and how "no reasonable person who knows people can prove he's innocent would prevent those people from testifying, it literally makes no sense whatsoever."

During the first day of the trial on Tuesday, Rep. Val Demings of Florida, one of the Democratic House impeachment managers, said: "As a career law enforcement officer, I have never seen anyone take such extreme steps to hide evidence allegedly proving his innocence. And I do not find that here today. The president is engaged in this cover-up because he is guilty, and he knows it."

NICE TRY, DEMINGS! If the president knows he's guilty, why would he have so loudly proclaimed his innocence? Checkmate.

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York, also a Democratic impeachment manager, said: "A fair trial requires witnesses in order to provide the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

Does it? Not when the accused is known by everyone (who lis-



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

"A fair trial requires witnesses in order to provide the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," said Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y.

tens to Fox News' Sean Hannity) as a paragon of virtue and an esteemed truth-teller.

While the do-nothing Democrats continue this charade in the Senate, let me present a reasonable explanation for why Trump is fighting tooth and nail to block even a scrap of evidence or testimony that could be exculpatory.

What do we know? We know Trump is the greatest president in history. We know he is an amazing man who has accomplished remarkable things. And we know he is honest and only interested in helping others.

So why would this model human being not want brilliant folks — such as acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, former national security adviser John Bolton and former Energy Secretary Rick Perry — to testify and prove his innocence?

I can answer that with one word: humility.

Donald Trump is a very humble man — he would undoubtedly say the most humble ever — and I'm sure he's worried that if any of the people he has surrounded himself with in the White House were to testify, they might reveal amazing details about his fabulousness.

For example, imagine Mulvaney, under oath, describing the perfectness of Trump's phone call with the Ukrainian president while also noting that Trump looked staggeringly handsome while making the call. How embarrassing would that be for someone as modest as Trump?

Bolton would certainly knock down any and all accusations against the president, but while doing so he might accidentally reveal Trump's affinity for explaining why he considers Kantian ethics superior to utilitarianism. Talk about mortifying!

Perry would surely annihilate

the Democrats' allegations against Trump. But given Perry's history as a competitor on "Dancing with the Stars," he's likely to know things about Trump's appreciation for neoclassical ballet and interpretive dance.

The president has worked hard to hide his deep appreciation for the arts, reading, philosophy and cogent thought. And he clearly hates drawing attention to himself. So the only conclusion is: Our unassuming president is terrified that if witnesses are allowed at his impeachment trial, they'll speak too highly of him.

Yes, a regular, non-humble person accused of wrongdoing would trot out anyone who could prove the allegations false. And yes, every other impeachment trial in American history has included witnesses. And admittedly, it's almost impossible to believe a person with nothing to hide would block evidence and

testimony.

Granted, it seems odd that lawmakers from one political party, sworn to uphold the Constitution and under oath as impartial jurors, would not insist that witnesses to what they claim is perfectly legal presidential behavior step up and testify.

And sure, I suppose the whole thing, taken out of context, smells fishier than a dock downwind of a tuna cannery.

But doubting Trump's innocence would require two things supporters like me could never embrace:

1) Believing Democrats are right.

2) Believing Trump is lying.

So let's stick with my theory about Trump's humility.

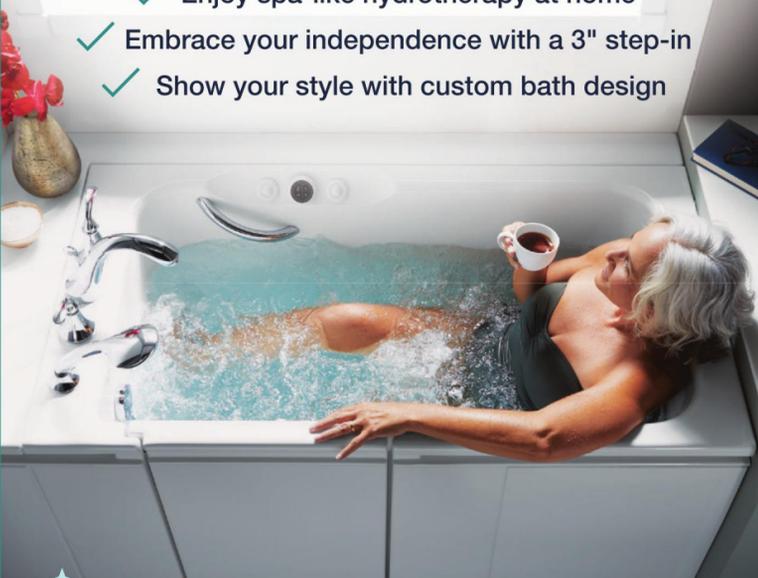
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Justices hear teacher's maternity leave case

Suburban educator who gave birth before break denied paid fall time off

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY

Like many new mothers, Margaret Dynak wanted to stay at home with her baby for as long as possible, to soak up what she calls all "those precious moments," no matter how small, like the infant's first smile.

Had Dynak, a teacher in suburban Chicago, given birth at almost any other time of the year, she might have been able to do that while also collecting paid sick time from her employer, Wood Dale School District 7.

But since Dynak's baby arrived just before summer break, district officials didn't allow her to use up to 30 days of paid leave when work resumed in August, according to a lawsuit filed on Dynak's behalf by her union, the Illinois Education Association. As a result, Dynak lost about \$8,000 in wages when she took 12 weeks off during the next school year, all unpaid, through the Family and Medical Leave Act, court records in the case state.

Dynak's case, which has the potential to affect parental leave policies for thousands of school employees across Illinois, reached the state Supreme Court on Wednesday, with both sides making oral arguments about whether the 30 days of paid sick leave must begin right after a birth or whether it starts on the soonest subsequent workday.

A measure in the Illinois School Code entitling employees to 30 days of paid sick leave for the birth

or adoption of a child does not say whether the benefit must be used within a specific amount of time, but the Wood Dale school district has argued it cannot apply after the lengthy summer break.

"The question, in this case, is whether paid sick leave is available for use four months after the birth of the child when neither the teacher, spouse, or child presents a medical issue that requires the teacher be absent," Superintendent John Corbett said in an emailed statement. "While the legislature is free to change the law, and the union is free to bargain for such a benefit, the present law does not support Ms. Dynak's claim to paid parental leave, as the lower courts have held."

Chicago Public Schools is exempt from regulations in the Illinois School Code and allowed to make its own. A CPS spokeswoman did not provide information about how the district handles parental leave when a birth occurs in the summer.

Dynak, who teaches at Westview Elementary School in Wood Dale, did not attend the arguments in Springfield, reporting to her classroom instead. But on the eve of the hearing, she said she felt both nervous and hopeful the justices could help end the dispute, which started with the birth of her daughter in June 2016, and provide more clarity for the future.

Justices are expected to issue a ruling in the coming months.

"I just want to see that it's resolved," Dynak, 35, of Palatine, said by phone Tuesday night. "I



Dynak

want all teachers or anyone to be treated fairly with being able to get to use your time, your earned time that you have, so that you can spend it with your child."

The situation that led to the lawsuit began in March 2016 when Dynak alerted her employer that she was scheduled to have a C-section on June 6 and that she wanted to apply her paid sick time for the following school year. School ended with a half day on June 7, and Dynak had accumulated 71 paid sick days over her years working at the district, according to the lawsuit.

Corbett told Dynak she could use 1½ days of sick time for the birth to make up for the days in June but that she wouldn't be allowed to transfer the paid sick time to the next school year, the lawsuit states. When Dynak took 12 weeks of unpaid leave under the FMLA at the start of the new school year, she was docked 58 days of pay, the lawsuit said. Had she been able to apply her paid sick time, she would only have lost out on 29 ½ days of pay. Teachers typically receive paychecks during the summer, if they choose to have their wages divided evenly among the calendar months, though they are not considered to be working.

Unlike the state law, the FMLA, which is a federal provision, specifies that parents are entitled to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave "for birth and bonding" within a year of the birth or adoption. Many teachers take paid sick leave and FMLA leave concurrently, said Ryan Thoma, the IEA attorney representing Dynak.

While most school districts allow employees to use paid sick leave in the way Dynak proposed, policies might change when the state Supreme Court issues its decision, Thoma said.

"There are other districts that are suddenly looking to be more restrictive," Thoma said Wednesday after the oral arguments. "This could have a broad effect depending on how it comes out."

Before Dynak's case reached the Illinois Supreme Court, judges in DuPage County and the appellate court ruled against her.

In a majority opinion issued this summer, 2nd District Appellate Judge Joseph Birkett wrote it was unreasonable for Dynak to be eligible for paid sick leave after having ample time to recover and bond with her child during the 10-week summer break.

Birkett wrote that the "triggering event" for the benefit is the arrival of a child.

"In its wisdom, the legislature decreed that an employee is entitled to a 30-work-day leave for the event of a birth, and, as with illness-related leave, divorcing the leave from the triggering event would render the provision absurd," Birkett wrote.

But in a dissenting opinion, Appellate Judge Donald Hudson wrote that his colleagues misinterpreted the statute and in doing so imposed additional restrictions on the language. The law, he wrote, does not mention any exception to the 30-day rule for summer break and should not prevent an employee from utilizing the paid sick time during workdays, even if the days are not consecutive.

At the Supreme Court on

Wednesday, the IEA attorney presented his case first, underscoring the fact that the paid sick leave provision of the Illinois School Code does not require employees to take the leave within a specified time period. The law, Thoma said, entitles Dynak to use paid leave at any reasonable time, as long as it relates to the birth of her child.

"She did not lose that right based on the happenstance of when her child was born, and she does not lose that right by any intervening period of nonwork days, whether that be summer break in this case or whether that be spring break, winter break or another holiday period," Thoma said Wednesday.

Adam Dauksas, an attorney representing the school district, rejected that notion and warned that school districts could be inundated with absurd requests to take paid sick leave weeks, months or years after childbirth if the statute is interpreted too broadly.

"The school district's argument ... is that sick leave must be used at a time when an employee is unable to attend work because of the birth, or illness or other qualifying event," Dauksas said. "That is, sick leave use must be tethered to the event causing the need to be absent from work. It can't be delayed 10 weeks or 10 months later down the road."

Even when this case is over, Dynak's fight might not be. Dynak has since given birth to another child who was born over the summer break. That led to another lawsuit against District 7, which is pending in circuit court, according to an IEA spokeswoman.

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Prosecuting attorneys Tene McCoy Cummings, left, and Jennifer Gonzalez and defense attorney Steven Greenberg at Wednesday's hearing.

Feds: R. Kelly a threat to intimidate witnesses

R&B singer held in federal jail in Chicago while awaiting trial

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

R&B star R. Kelly, awaiting trial on a litany of sex charges in a federal jail in downtown Chicago, used a jail staffer's phone to make at least one call, circumventing security measures, federal prosecutors in New York City revealed in a court filing.

Prosecutors also alleged that an undisclosed attorney — not affiliated with the New York case — smuggled in a letter during a jail visit in November. The letter was marked "Legal" in an attempt to keep authorities from checking out its contents, according to the filing.

Prosecutors raised the allegations in hopes they don't have to reveal the identities of two of Kelly's accusers in the case against him in federal court in Brooklyn.

If Kelly knows their identities, the prosecution filing said, he likely will attempt to intimidate or tamper with the witnesses — even while he's locked up in the Metropolitan Correctional Center in downtown Chicago.

"The defendant has, at his disposal, individuals willing to assist him in bypassing the traditional methods used to monitor the defendant's communications," the filing warned. "The defendant's attempt to paint him-

self as being completely isolated from the outside world ... is simply not credible."

Meanwhile, Cook County prosecutors said Wednesday they intend to take Kelly to trial first on their only indictment involving an accuser who was an adult at the time of the alleged attack.

The decision comes as a bit of a surprise since the other three Cook County indictments facing Kelly involve women who were underage at the time.

One of those cases involves four counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault, a more serious charge than the aggravated criminal sexual abuse counts he otherwise faces.

Kelly did not appear at the brief hearing Wednesday at the Leighton Criminal Court Building due to a medical issue, his attorney, Steven Greenberg, said in court.

In their court filing in New York, federal prosecutors did not reveal when Kelly made a call with the jail staffer's phone, but that allowed him to communicate with someone on the outside without having their conversation monitored — and recorded — by jail officials.

Even R. Kelly's hasty 1994 wedding to 15-year-old singer Aaliyah was part of a longstanding pattern of witness tampering, prosecutors alleged in the filing.

The R&B singer married his underage protegee only because he thought it would keep her from testifying against him if he faced charges for his illegal sexual

contact with her, according to prosecutors, citing witnesses cooperating with the federal investigation.

"Simply put, the defendant's past behavior reveals that if given the opportunity to influence a potential witness, the defendant will take it, and his incarceration may not be enough to prevent such conduct," the prosecution filing said.

Kelly's attorneys have denied that he poses a threat to intimidate anyone while locked up and have demanded the accusers' names in order to adequately prepare for trial, scheduled for May.

The embattled R&B superstar, whose full name is Robert Sylvester Kelly, faces myriad charges related to sexual misconduct in four jurisdictions across the country.

The New York federal indictment charges him with racketeering conspiracy, alleging he identified underage girls attending his concerts and groomed them for later sexual abuse.

Kelly could face trial as soon as April in Chicago's federal court on charges of conspiring with two former employees to rig his 2008 child pornography trial in Cook County by paying off witnesses and victims to change their stories.

On Wednesday, the Cook County prosecutors said they would go to trial first on a charge alleging Kelly tried to force oral sex on a woman identified in

court documents only as L.C., his 24-year-old hairdresser, on Chicago's Near North Side in 2003. He is charged with a single count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse in that case.

The alleged incident occurred while Kelly was out on bond on child pornography charges.

Lanita Carter has since come forward publicly, saying that she went to braid Kelly's hair on the Near North Side in 2003 but that he greeted her with his pants down.

When she resisted, Kelly ejaculated on her and spit in her face several times, prosecutors have alleged.

In setting the first of potentially four trials for Sept. 14, Judge Lawrence Flood had asked prosecutors last month to reveal at Wednesday's hearing which indictment they would proceed on first.

Carter recently appeared in the Lifetime documentary series, "Surviving R. Kelly Part II: The Reckoning," recounting her accusations in emotional and vivid terms.

Following Wednesday's hearing, Greenberg, Kelly's lead attorney, noted that authorities some years ago rejected charges in connection with Carter's allegations and said the case remains flawed.

"It hasn't gotten any better," he told reporters. "It's not like wine. It doesn't get better with age."

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Feigenholtz to take old seat of John Cullerton

Longtime state lawmaker is appointed to vacated post

BY DAN PETRELLA

Democratic state Rep. Sara Feigenholtz of Chicago was chosen Tuesday to fill the Illinois Senate seat vacated by John Cullerton, who resigned his legislative seat and the office of Senate president this week.

Feigenholtz, a House member since 1995, was appointed by Democratic Party committeemen in the 6th Senate District on the North Side. She was previously an assistant majority leader in the House under Speaker Michael Madigan and was Cullerton's chief of staff before becoming a lawmaker.

Feigenholtz most recently chaired the House Adoption and Child Welfare Committee.

Cullerton, who was Senate president for more than a decade and a state legislator for more than 40 years, resigned his Senate seat and the presidency Sunday.

Democrats elected Sen. Don Harmon of Oak Park to replace him as Senate president.

Feigenholtz's appointment runs through early December, and she will have to run in the November election to retain the seat until 2023, the remainder of Cullerton's unexpired term.

Local Democratic leaders now will choose a replacement for Feigenholtz in the 12th House District, which stretches along the lakefront from the Gold Coast to Uptown. Six candidates are vying for the seat.

Feigenholtz is the third House Democrat from Chicago to be appointed to a vacant Senate seat in the past seven months.

She follows Sens. Robert Martwick, who replaced John Mulroe in June, and Celina Villanueva, who replaced Martin Sandoval earlier this month. Mulroe resigned his seat to take a Cook County judgeship. Sandoval resigned Jan. 1 after federal agents raided his state Capitol office in September. He has not been charged with any wrongdoing.

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Feigenholtz

Autopsy: Juice Wrld died from accidental OD

Chicago rapper suffered cardiac arrest at Midway

BY JEREMY GORNER

An autopsy performed on the body of 21-year-old Chicago rapper Juice Wrld determined he died accidentally from an overdose of oxycodone and codeine, the Cook County medical examiner's office said Wednesday.

The rapper, whose real name was Jarad A. Higgins, died Dec. 8 after he suffered convulsions and went into cardiac arrest as Chicago police and federal agents searched his and his entourage's luggage for guns and drugs at a private hangar at Midway Airport.

The rapper's girlfriend, asked by police at the scene if he had any medical issues or had ingested any drugs, replied that he took Percocet, a painkiller, and had "a drug problem," law enforcement sources told the Chicago Tribune at the time of his death.

Percocet contains acetaminophen and oxycodone, a powerful painkiller and opioid that was found in Higgins' blood.

The medical examiner's office did not release the full autopsy results or the toxicology report, saying they hadn't been completed yet. The autopsy report could be made public as soon as Thursday.

According to the law enforcement sources, the search at the private Midway hangar turned up 41 "vacuum-sealed" bags of marijuana, and six bottles of prescription codeine cough syrup.

Authorities also recovered two 9 mm pistols, a .40-caliber pistol, a high-capacity ammunition magazine and metal-piercing bullets, according to the



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A large crowd gathers around Cloud Gate in Millennium Park on Dec. 13 in honor of local rapper Juice Wrld.

sources.

Two men identified by police as working security for Higgins were charged with misdemeanor offenses for illegally possessing the guns and ammunition.

The officers and agents had been waiting at the Atlantic Aviation hangar at Midway because of suspicions that the private plane from Los Angeles with the musician on board was carrying contraband, the sources said.

Higgins' music career took off after he gained support from freestyling on his high school's radio show, according to a 2018 Tribune profile. He racked up millions of streams on SoundCloud for music that blended "elements of meandering, mumble-rap singing against drill-lite percus-

sion and pop-punk melodies ... bridging the gap between urban and suburban youth experiences; an angst-riddled adolescence that feels just as romantically rejected and isolated as it wants to turn-up."

Higgins, who grew up in

the south suburbs, had landed a \$3 million deal with Interscope Records. Last year, he was one of two artists chosen by McDonald's to be part of a philanthropic campaign, representing their hometowns by partnering with a local

charity and performing concerts.

In a video prepared as part of the McDonald's Beat of My City campaign, Higgins talked about how his passion in music allowed him to express his feelings — and his young fans to do

the same.

"That is part of being honest," Higgins said in the interview. "Telling people how you feel. Not beating around the bush. You could miss your opportunity, not expressing yourself. ... I never really had nothing to hide. There was never really no filter in my head like, would it be not cool to talk about your emotions?"

Higgins has also been open on social media as well as in media interviews and his music about his struggles with drug use. He also talked about understanding that he was not alone.

"Me talking about certain things can help somebody else through, as well as me trying to figure it out myself," he said in the video. "... There's other issues to talk about other than heart-break. You got anxiety. You got substance abuse. There's just a lot of issues in the world to talk about."

Near the end of the video, Higgins talked about how music ultimately allowed him to express himself best.

"Music is such a beautiful thing. Like, I love myself as far as the way I make music, the way God made me, the way God wired me to do the things I do."

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Oak Brook Village President Gopal Lalimalani hopes to have red-light cameras removed from Route 83 and 22nd.

Oak Brook village president against red-light cameras

BY CHUCK FIELDMAN

Oak Brook Village President Gopal Lalimalani said he plans to work to get the red-light cameras at 22nd Street and Route 83 in neighboring Oakbrook Terrace removed.

Lalimalani's comments came Tuesday, a day after he learned Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Tony Ragucci had resigned from office amid an ongoing federal corruption probe.

The Chicago Tribune reported that Ragucci was among several elected officials and politically connected contractors embroiled in a federal investigation involving SafeSpeed LLC, a controversial company that operates lucrative red-light cameras at intersections in dozens of area suburbs, including the one in Oakbrook Terrace.

"I'm waiting to see what's going on in Oakbrook Terrace," Lalimalani said Tuesday. "I plan to meet and talk with the new mayor when that gets settled and might reach out to IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation). I will try to put gentle pressure on, but I am focused on ensuring the cameras come down."

Oakbrook Terrace officials stated in a press release issued Monday that they had "received the resignation" of Ragucci, effective at 11:59 p.m. Jan. 17. By Monday evening, Ragucci's name and picture had been removed from the homepage of the city's website.

Lalimalani speculated that Ragucci's resignation likely was due to the federal corruption probe.

"This must be an outcome of whatever has happened," he said. "There's going to be a few heads (that) roll."

Lalimalani said he had no regrets about Oak Brook's decision in June 2017 to drop a lawsuit filed in January 2017 that aimed to prevent the installation and operation of the red-light cameras for traffic on southbound Route 83 and eastbound 22nd Street at the intersection just outside of Oakbrook Center. The cameras were activated in August 2017.

Oak Brook announced in a brief statement when it dropped the lawsuit that DuPage County Circuit Court Judge Paul Fullerton had granted its motion to dismiss the suit against the Illinois Department of Transportation, Ragucci and each of the city's six aldermen, and Nilki Zollar, president and chief executive officer of SafeSpeed, LLC, the company hired by Oakbrook Terrace to install the cameras.

At the time, Oak Brook officials did not explain the reason for dropping the suit.

"We were advised by our attorney at the time that it was not likely to get anywhere, and the majority of the Village Board made the decision to drop the lawsuit," Lalimalani said.

While the Village Board made a unanimous decision during a public meeting to file the lawsuit, there was no public discussion or board vote when the decision was made to drop it.

Oakbrook Terrace officials could not be reached for comment on Lalimalani's plans.

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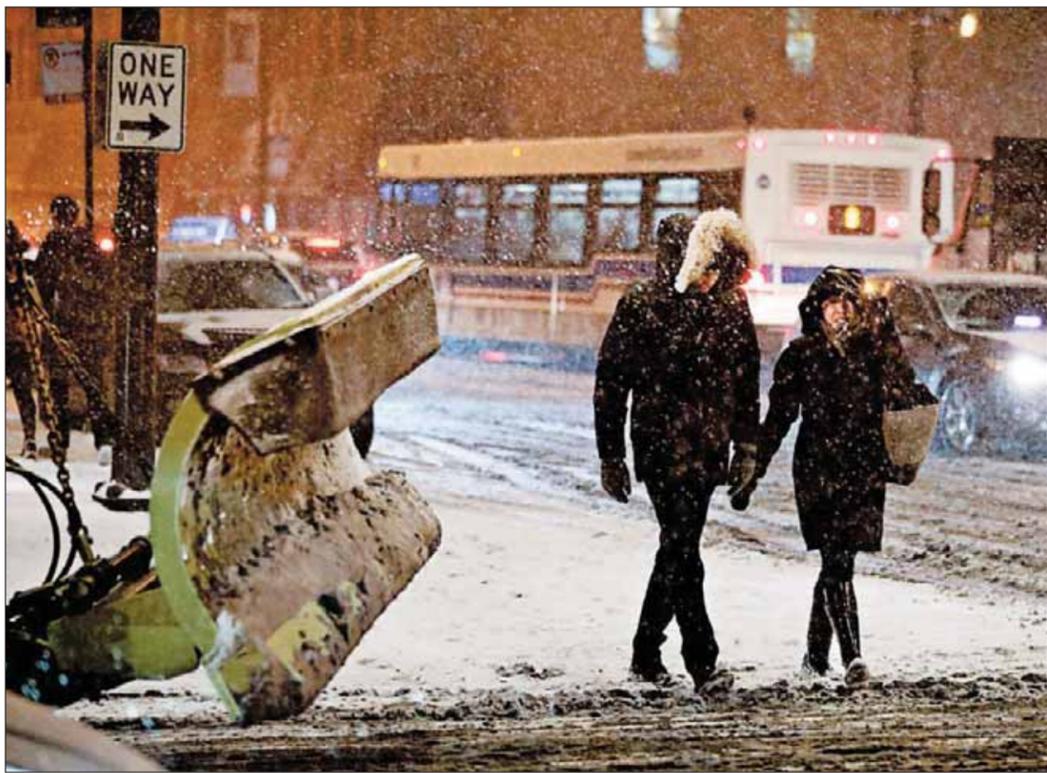
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People make their way down Halsted Street in the West Loop on Friday during a winter storm in Chicago.

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'This is not your typical winter event'

After it starts snowing overnight, precipitation expected to persist through Saturday

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

Forecasters say when it starts snowing late Wednesday or early Thursday in the Chicago area, it is expected to snow every day until at least Saturday, and the snowfall could be particularly heavy during Friday's evening commute.

Despite certainty about several days of snow, forecasters from the National Weather Service are less sure about how much snow will fall or how frequently it will be either on or off. As much as 3 inches could fall in the first part of the storm alone, with the potential for more than 3 inches west of the Chicago area.

"This is not your typical winter event but something that everybody's going to have to pay attention to as it's happening to get the latest information," said meteorologist Charles Mott.

"When it comes to snow, you just do the best you can to say when and how much"

Mott said it has been difficult pinpointing when snow will start falling in the Chicago area, but it was expected to move in from the west late Wednesday or just after midnight Thursday. Residents should expect a minimum of light flurries almost all day Thursday, and most of northern Illinois could be blanketed in at least 2 inches of snow by Thursday afternoon, he said.

But forecasters said that snow could melt quickly, and icing won't be much of a concern because the temperature should hover around the freezing point into the weekend.

"Temperatures are going to be in the low- to mid-30s, which should help some, especially in the prevention of ice, which during a winter storm is a good thing,"

Mott said.

Later Thursday and into nighttime, one of three things will happen, Mott said.

"There could be a combination or one of three things. The first thing being nothing, another (is) the possibility that the light snow will be off-and-on, and the possibility that there could be some drizzle. So there's a few things that could happen," he said.

As of Wednesday afternoon, Mott said forecasters had greater confidence in what would come Friday.

"For Friday and Friday night, continued light snow will be seen, though it may pick up in intensity at times," according to a weather service statement.

Mott said the rate of snowfall could be moderate or, at the very least, heavier than what is expected Thursday.

"Which, from what I

gather, may be during the rush, the evening rush. And there could also be a mix of snow (and) rain or drizzle, say, Friday night going into Saturday morning," he said.

Mott said by Saturday, when the system is finally on the move, there's also a high likelihood of a mixture of snow and rain, he said. It's possible a good portion of the snow that fell during the previous days could melt.

"There are multiple challenges with this system that result in lower confidence with total amounts at this point. Some of the snow will likely melt/compact given the long duration of this system as well as temperatures right around or even a little above freezing for much of the event," the weather service said.

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Lawmaker's crude comment provides lesson for boys

HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Michigan Advance reporter Allison Donahue launched an important dialogue last week when she wrote a first-person article about state Sen. Peter Lucido telling a room full of high school boys they "could have a lot of fun" with her. Now it's on the rest of us

to keep the dialogue going.

Donahue, 22, wrote that she was waiting outside the Michigan Senate chamber to interview Lucido, a Republican from Shelby Township, when the Senate session ended on Jan 14. Lucido told her he would catch up with her when he finished talking to a group of students from his alma mater, De La Salle Collegiate, an all-boys Catholic high school.

"As I turned to walk away, he asked, 'You've heard of De La Salle, right?'" she wrote. "I told him I hadn't. 'It's an all boys' school,' he told me. 'You should hang around! You could have a lot of fun with these boys, or they could have a lot of fun with you.'"

The boys laughed.

"I walked away knowing that I had been the punchline of their 'locker room' talk," she wrote. "Except it wasn't the locker room; it was the Senate chamber. And this isn't high school. It's my career."

On Tuesday, a week after that incident, state Sen. Mallory McMorrow, a Democrat, filed a sexual harassment allegation against Lucido. Lucido denies the allegation.

But let's stay on Donahue's story for a bit.

Peggy Orenstein's fantastic new book, "Boys and Sex: Young Men on Hookups, Love, Porn, Consent, and Navigating the New Masculinity," illuminates the expectations, fears and feelings that 16- to 22-year-old males have about sex and intimacy. Orenstein sounded an alarm — in the form of a tweet — when she read Donahue's account.

"Great opportunity (as if there isn't always one) to have a little talk with boys in your life about the nature of 'locker room talk' and — even if they would NEVER — how they might stand up to it in their own lives," Orenstein tweeted.

I love that idea. I called her Tuesday night to hear more.

"(Donahue) did such a fantastic job of articulating how those sorts of comments affect women and how corrosive they are," Orenstein said.

Indeed.

"The situation made me embarrassed," Donahue wrote. "It made me feel small and it made me want to walk away from the Capitol and tell my editor that Lucido wasn't available to comment."

"But I've stayed quiet before," she continued. "I've been the subject of locker room talk before, and laughed it off with all the boys in the room. I've been convinced not to report an instance of sexual assault because of the trouble the man would get into, and I never said anything. There have been too many moments, big and small, that I wish I would have told someone or spoken up about. I'm not saying this is the same situation and I'm not saying I'm a victim in this. But the 15-year-old girl in me, who didn't know how to advocate for herself then, was telling me to do it now."

Brave, important words.

"What I'm hearing less of," Orenstein said, "is what happens when you are the boy standing there when another guy — an authority figure, a peer — says something like that. I think it's a real opportunity to have a conversation with boys about what your role is, or what your role could be, when you're hearing that kind of locker room talk."

Several young men confided in Orenstein, during the 100-plus interviews she completed for her book, that they feel uncomfortable and embarrassed when they hear their friends or peers degrading girls and women. She said a student athlete approached her during her book signing at New Trier High School last week and asked her advice on speaking up when his teammates — with whom he needs to maintain a tight, cohesive, cooperative unit — say things that make his stomach churn.

Often, she said, boys feel utterly alone — in being bothered by degrading comments and in figuring out what to say in the moment. Parents, coaches and other grown-ups can help them feel less so.

"They need, of course, to understand the impact of those statements," Orenstein said. "That it's not just talk. That talk has an impact. But they also need to understand how the culture of silence that boys find themselves in supports and perpetuates the environment in which men make those comments. And you can help them think about ways they can interrupt those comments."

Ask the boys in your life if they hear comments about girls and women that feel degrading and disrespectful. Ask them whether they want to brainstorm some responses to have handy if and when those comments do come up. Ask them if they worry about being stigmatized or targeted if they speak up.

"It gives them a sense of support," Orenstein said, "and it also might open up a conversation where they say, 'This has been happening and my coach does it too.' Or, 'We've been working on this on my team and it's really helping.'"

You don't know where they stand unless you ask. And they don't know where they stand unless you tell.

I hate that Donahue was treated like a punchline and a plaything. I love that she found the courage to write about it. And now the rest of us get to make sure her story doesn't just sit there in vain.

It's on all of us to create a culture where a comment like Lucido's would be met with stunned silence — or derision — not laughter. That's the only way that sort of dinosaur thinking becomes extinct.

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

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Boys shot, Mom 'trying to stay strong'

Young brothers among 5 wounded inside barbershop

BY WILLIAM LEE

Cierra Mobley is happy to have both of her young sons back home after they were among five wounded last week when gunmen opened fire at a West Side barbershop full of customers.

But with both boys still recovering, physically as well as emotionally, the gunmen still on the loose and medical bills beginning to mount, Mobley, a lifelong West Side resident, said she knows this is just the start of a struggle to get back to normal times.

Mobley's sons were injured when, according to Chicago police, two gunmen opened fire outside the front window of the Gotcha Faded barbershop in the 200 block of North Pulaski Road. Michael Smith, 12, was hit in the knee and Lorenzo Matthews, 11, was hit in the abdomen, back and elbow.

All five victims survived the shooting, but Mobley said her youngest son suffered more serious injuries than his brother and had at least one additional surgery scheduled for Thursday.

Mobley said she thought nothing of it when Lorenzo asked to go to the popular neighborhood shop, where a classmate's father works as a barber. "I know the area around (the shop)," she said.

But police believe the shooting is connected to a feud between gang rivals and that the gunmen were aiming for a person inside the shop.

Mobley can still recall the frantic phone call she received from her sons shortly after they were hit



Police process a crime scene after five people were shot near Pulaski Road and Maypole Avenue on Jan. 16.

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FAMILY PHOTO

Lorenzo Matthews, 11, and Michael Smith, 12.

by gunfire.

Having both sons injured at the same time has made it impossible for Mobley to return to her custodial job, which she desperately needs to make ends meet.

"This wasn't just one child being shot, this was both kids," Mobley, 28, said Tuesday evening in a telephone interview. Mobley is using a crowdfunding website to raise money for pay for their medical bills, and it

has raised about \$2,000. "I'm off work and I don't know when I'll be back."

Nearly a week after the shooting, Mobley said she hasn't received many details from her sons, and she doesn't want to press them too harshly after such a traumatic event. "They're not talking about it yet and I don't really want to push them," she said.

Mobley said she fears the shooting could permanently scar or change her sons for the worse, but said she has had little time to ponder such things. She said her hands are full care of both sons. "I'm just trying to stay strong for my children."

The shooting happened shortly after 6 p.m. when two men entered Gotcha Faded, looked around and walked back out. At least one turned and started firing into the shop and one appeared to laugh, accord-

ing to police. After the shooting, police said other young children, including an infant, were inside the shop, but escaped injury. A police source later described all five victims as unintended victims.

No arrests had been made in the case as of Tuesday evening, police said.

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'They didn't do anything to prevent this'

Dad rips security at S. Side school after son robbed, 1 shot

BY ROSEMARY SOBEL

A father said he is furious about the lack of security at Lindblom Math & Science Academy after his 15-year-old son was robbed and the boy's 17-year-old classmate was shot while leaving a swim meet at the South Side school.

"They didn't do anything to prevent this," complained Ray Markowski. "They don't have anything."

The boys were lugging their swim gear and walking back to a car outside the school at 6130 S. Wolcott Ave. when a car pulled up, and two people got out and confronted them around 6:50 p.m. Tuesday, police said.

The 17-year-old took off running, and one of the people from the car chased and shot him in the left side, below his ribs, police said. The other attacker snatched the boys' gym bags, then both jumped back into the car and sped off, police said.

The 17-year-old was able

to run back into the school, and an ambulance was called. He was taken to the University of Chicago Medical Center, where he was in good condition.

Police recovered a shell casing from the scene and were looking for the getaway car, which may be a Lincoln, police said. No arrests have been made.

Markowski said he thought the worst when someone from the school contacted him and said there had been a shooting. "He's OK, he didn't get shot," the person from the school told Markowski.

"I almost had a heart attack," the father said.

Later in the night, the 15-year-old called police after he began tracking a tablet that was in the bag through its GPS. "They moved. Everything stopped for an hour. Then the location changed, and my son called (police) again," Markowski said.

"They never caught anyone," Markowski said.

He said it was the second time in about a month that his son has been robbed outside the school. The other incident happened after swim practice, he said.



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Police tape marks where a teen was shot during an attempted robbery near Lindblom Math & Science Academy.

"It was right outside the school. Two guys jumped him and robbed him after swimming competition and he was on his way home," Markowski said.

That time, the robbers took an earpiece worth \$200. "This time it was \$700 in his wallet and a tablet, which I bought for \$2,000," Markowski said.

"I allowed him to go to

the swimming team because I heard someone was watching," Markowski said. "If one more incident happens, even the smallest one, I will hire my own security for him."

He believes it's wrong that teachers are allowed to park close to the school, but students who stay late for school activities are not. "Why can't they park right

across the street? How hard is it to put cones on parking stalls for team players that are coming late?"

Markowski said he thought the coach is supposed to watch the students "until they get into a vehicle and go off."

His son will turn 16 on Monday, and the money was from a birthday celebration, he said. "I don't

care about the money. I care for his life."

Chicago Public Schools spokeswoman Emily Bolton wrote in an email, "We take this incident very seriously and are coordinating with CPD on the investigation, as well as having extra police presence to support student safety."

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Animal

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emotional support dog bit a flight attendant and customer service agent, the airline said.

In 2018, U.S. airlines flew more than 1 million passengers with emotional support animals, up about 81% compared with 2016, according to industry group Airlines for America. The number of passengers flying with trained service animals rose only 24% during the same period, and passengers with

emotional support animals outnumbered those with service animals nearly 3 to 1 in 2018.

To address problems, airlines have limited the number of emotional support animals passengers could travel with, required passengers to vouch for their animal's ability to behave and barred more exotic support animals travelers attempted to bring aboard, such as peacocks, turkeys and snakes.

United Airlines said incidents have leveled off, but there are still plenty of animals on board. South-

west Airlines said it flew more than 60,000 trained service animals last year, a fraction of the more than 190,000 emotional support animals it flies in a year.

Transportation officials said last year they were working on new rules for service animals. Under the proposal, which must undergo a 60-day public comment phase before any rules are adopted, airlines would not be required to treat emotional support animals differently than a household pet. They also wouldn't be required to transport service animals

other than dogs.

The proposal would define a service animal as a dog "individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability." The rules on service animals also would apply to animals trained to assist individuals with mental health-related disabilities.

That means airlines wouldn't be required to fly other kinds of service animals, such as miniature horses. They would also be able to limit passengers to two service animals small enough to fit within the traveler's foot space or on the person's lap. For larger service animals, airlines would be required to seat the passenger next to an empty seat in the same class, if available, fly the animal in the cargo hold or move the passenger to a later flight with more room.

Airlines would be allowed to require passengers to submit forms developed by the Transportation Department attesting to the animal's good behavior, health and ability to either not relieve itself or do so in a sanitary way on long flights.

Carriers also could require travelers with service animals to check in an hour before other passengers to allow time to process the animal's documents, the de-

partment said.

In 2018, 11 disability advocacy organizations signed a letter urging the Transportation Department to continue allowing emotional support animals to fly.

"The mere presence of an emotional support animal accommodates the person's disability, and may be crucial to allowing a person with a disability to travel by air," the organizations wrote.

Eric Lipp, executive director of Open Doors Organization, a Chicago-based disability advocacy group, said there are people who have a legitimate need for an emotional support animal, but abuse of rules warrants greater restrictions.

"It's causing too much disruption and abuse," he said.

When untrained animals are in an unfamiliar environment like an airplane, they can react in ways that are unsafe or reflect poorly on other animals on board, including trained service animals, said Molly Schulz, spokeswoman for Canine Companions for Independence's North Central region. The organization trains and provides service dogs to individuals with disabilities.

But Canine Companions took issue with portions of the proposal that would let airlines require passengers

with service animals to arrive early and submit documentation. Travel can be challenging for individuals with disabilities, and having to get to the airport earlier could "add undue stress," Schulz said.

Airline industry group Airlines for America said the Transportation Department's move is "a positive step in protecting the legitimate right of passengers to travel with a service animal."

United said it was reviewing the proposed rules but supports "efforts to build consistent and definitive policies across the industry regarding in-cabin animals and help ensure we are better equipped to provide the best possible service to everyone traveling with us."

Southwest and American airlines, and the Association of Flight Attendants issued statements supporting the proposal.

The practice of claiming pets as emotional support animals has "skyrocketed" in recent years, posing a safety risk, Sara Nelson, president of the flight attendants union, said in a statement.

"The days of Noah's Ark in the air are hopefully coming to an end," she said.

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Preckwinkle replacing donor to Lightfoot

County ethics chair asked to leave after four-plus years

BY LOLLY BOWEAN

The chair of the Cook County Board of Ethics will be replaced by a new commissioner when the group meets Thursday, officials said.

After serving more than her four-year term, Margaret "Peggy" Daley is being asked to leave the volunteer role, she said in an email. Although Daley's term officially expired in July, her transition came as a surprise and she only learned she was being replaced through an email she sent Tuesday, she said.

"I was under the mistak-

en impression that my term rolled over, so I was surprised to receive the termination letter," Daley wrote. "Ultimately, I serve at the pleasure of the President and the Board of Commissioners and it is their right (to) choose their members ... It has been a career highlight and I am very proud of the work we have done."

Ethics board members are hand-selected by Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. It is an unpaid post, but the board is tasked with enforcing the county's ethics regulations and creating rules that govern more than 20,000 county employees and officials. There are five board members and they decide, among other things, how

county employees and officials should conduct themselves.

Daley's term expired already, but Commissioners David Grossman, Juliet Sorensen and Thomas Szromba all have terms that expire in the next six weeks. On Wednesday, it had not been determined if Preckwinkle will replace all of them, officials with her office said.

For months, Preckwinkle's office has been reviewing all of its county boards and commissions and considering how to fill vacancies and determine new appointments and re-appointments, a spokesman for her office said. That review led to the dissolution of the county's Injury Compensation Review Commit-

tee. It has been recommended that the county kill its Medical Examiner Advisory Committee, since many of the problems that once plagued that office have been resolved.

"We typically do not replace a board member until we have found a replacement," Nick Shields, a Preckwinkle spokesman, said in a written statement.

Daley will be replaced by Susan Gaffney, an associate professor at Governors State University, officials said. Gaffney could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

The turnover comes just as the ethics board is expected to vote on proposed changes to the County Code of Ethics despite objections from Preckwinkle's office.

In a letter, an attorney representing the president's office asked the board to delay voting on the proposed changes, which have not yet been made public. But the board decided to move forward anyway, officials said.

The personnel change also comes about a year after it was revealed that Daley and two other board members donated to Mayor Lori Lightfoot's campaign when she was competing with Preckwinkle for the city's top seat.

Daley, Sorensen and Grossman donated a combined \$8,500 to Lightfoot's campaign, election records showed. The county ethics code does not prohibit board members from making campaign donations,

and at the time board members said if it ever created a conflict on a matter, they would recuse themselves from voting on those issues. At the time, both Daley and Sorensen said they were personal friends of Lightfoot and that their financial support was not a subtle criticism of Preckwinkle.

Daley also was a vocal critic of former County Assessor and Preckwinkle ally Joseph Berrios.

"I have been an advocate for good government and public service throughout my career," she said in her email, noting that she hasn't had a conversation with Preckwinkle about being replaced on the board.

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Alcohol

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the challenge but returned to alcohol just after the year was up. Foody now says she didn't have enough of the right kind of support.

Part of it, she said, was she didn't know any other sober women her age. It wasn't until she met other women in recovery that she was successful in her sobriety.

"The first time I shared openly about my struggles was with other women," she said. "It's just such an important thing for women to be open about their recovery."

Foody's preference isn't unusual. Addiction experts say women in recovery often have different needs and obstacles than men, and accommodating them is important at a time when research shows women are drinking more, and in higher amounts. The stakes are high: A report released earlier this month by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism shows alcohol-related deaths in the U.S. overall are climbing, especially among women.

"For many, many years, up until the '90s and 2000s, almost all the (research) in the drug and alcohol fields focused on men," said Dr. Kathleen Brady, an addiction psychiatrist at the Medical University of South Carolina who studies gender differences in substance use treatment. "Gender is an important issue. We really have to be looking for gender-specific differences" within traditional treatment programs.

Those differences for women include difficulty sharing in coed groups, a greater risk of psychiatric issues like depression or anxiety with addiction, as well as more logistical challenges to treatment, such as child care. Women are also more likely to have a partner who has a substance-use issue, Brady said, which is problematic to sobriety.

While everyone needs an evaluation from a trained, addiction professional, as well as in-patient treatment programs for those with severe addiction, Brady said it's important for professionals to then create indi-



Jessica Foody sets up chairs before a sharing circle at Head and Heart Therapy earlier this week in Chicago.

vidualized treatment plans. What works for some might not work for others, she said.

For many women, that could mean looking for single-gender therapy groups where they are more comfortable sharing, especially when it comes to trauma, Brady said.

Women tend to understand one another better in a single-sex environment, and relate to feelings of shame or difficulties in getting sober, said Anna Jurich, executive director at Gateway Foundation treatment center in Carbondale. Recognizing this, the non-profit treatment center last fall opened Her Story, a woman-only, in-patient program that focuses on addressing substance abuse, coupled with treating trauma.

Women not only avoid or delay treatment because they can't be away from their children, but they also feel too ashamed to admit they have a problem, she said. A comforting environment among other women who understand can help.

"Women take everything on their shoulders. Women get a lot of 'how can you do this when you have kids?' They hear those messages a lot," Jurich said. Fathers, however, hear "you're such a good dad for coming in."

Having a place where women can share openly

and be vulnerable is a key component to sobriety, she said.

The company of other women inspired Foody to quit drinking the second time around. She had signed up for a weeklong yoga retreat in Mexico for women in any type of recovery. Although Foody said she initially signed up for her anxiety, not her drinking, when she arrived, she was surprised to discover every other attendee was a sober woman.

She said it was eye-opening, and she hasn't had a drink since — more than 2½ years.

Being surrounded by other sober women "made me want what they had," Foody said. So when she returned from the retreat, Foody decided to seek that out and formed her own, local group of sober women to share their recovery journey.

That has led Foody to become a certified recovery coach, working one-on-one with women. She also leads a Sharing Circle in Ravenswood for She Recovers — the group that hosted the yoga retreat that supports women in recovery.

"The sharing circles mean so much to me," Foody said. "Women might not feel comfortable going to a 12-step group. My goal is that every woman leaves the sharing circle feeling

seen and heard, and ... to feel empowered."

"It's hard for women to be honest in groups of men," said Marissa Kirch, a social worker and manager of addiction treatment services at the Northwestern Medicine Ben Gordon Center in DeKalb. "Being able to open up is important in being able to get and stay sober."

Kirch oversees several programs at the center that are specifically geared toward women, including a woman-only sober-living home. Other group programs deal with issues that are unique to women in addiction, like domestic violence, prostitution, exotic dancing and body image.

"The main thing is being able to provide them that space for them to open up," she said. "In coed groups, we see women aren't as forthcoming with trauma, intimacy and relationships."

Norma, 59, whose last name is being withheld because she fears revealing it will affect her employment, went through several treatment programs but would always relapse with alcohol and drugs. Then, about eight years ago, she found a woman-only Gateway Foundation program in Chicago called Aspire. There, she discovered comfort in the camaraderie of women, as well as the tools to not only deal with her

addiction, but also the abuse and trauma she'd experienced throughout her life.

"These are other, fellow women. ... Even though we don't have the same exact story, we have a lot in common," she said. "We've been through a lot of pain."

She said that growing up, she didn't have people to talk to about her problems, and she was especially distrusting of women due to previous family relationships and abuse. But at the program, she learned to overcome that, she said, and found it was helpful to talk about her struggles.

Norma also said she felt comfortable around other women because they understood her. "For a woman ... society expects a lot to be a mother. Men are looked at different, I believe, than women. (Addiction) is not supposed to happen to a woman, but we're human beings, too."

Holly Whitaker, 41, New York City-based author of "Quit Like a Woman," writes that traditional treatment, including Alcoholics Anonymous, might not work or be enough for some groups, including women.

She said she discovered this several years ago, when she was drinking a few bottles of wine a night, using marijuana and struggling with bulimia. When she realized she wanted to

address her addictions, Whitaker first turned to her doctor and the traditional health care setting.

But therapists alone didn't work for her, she said, and treatment centers with their high price tags weren't covered by her insurance. Whitaker said she attended AA meetings for a year but didn't feel comfortable. "I tried it; it felt wrong. ... I thought it was working against my recovery."

Whitaker said she felt uneasy about the idea of "powerlessness" — part of the first step in AA — especially as a woman. "I don't think I'm powerless to alcohol." Instead, she said she knows she can't have alcohol and chooses a life without it.

She said she understands the reasoning for the step and its meaning of surrendering to a higher power, and recognizes that AA works for many people. But the defining concepts of the group, which Whitaker writes in her book were developed decades ago by men, aren't ideal for everyone.

An AA public information officer said many women find solace in AA meetings and pointed to the organization's creation in 2018 of materials specifically aimed at women and some for the LGBTQ community, including stories of how others like them found help in AA.

But Whitaker said she found other ways to stay sober without giving up her power. That included meditation, using positive affirmations and enrolling in a course on joy. She then started teaching others what worked for her.

Nearly seven years since her last drink, Whitaker now heads up a company she founded. Tempest is a digital, female-centric "sobriety school." She said it's an alternate and more affordable resource that offers tools to help participants "reexamine their relationship with alcohol."

Whitaker said her practices reinforce the idea that recovery is a journey.

"We all want to boil it down (to) and then I went to rehab and then I got better," she said. But "it's a long process."

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Gambler

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had no comment Wednesday.

Betting 'on gut instinct'

Gorodetsky had been gambling in Las Vegas for several years when his profile rose dramatically in December 2017 with a lengthy USA Today profile labeling him "one of the most compelling and controversial" figures in sports.

The article described how Gorodetsky bet more than \$1 million in one week that fall, dropping \$350,000 on a single NFL Sunday and tens of thousands of dollars more on Major League Baseball games, the NBA, tennis, soccer and even high school sports.

Gorodetsky was known for placing wild, high-risk parlays with little or no research on the teams or players, according to the profile. He claimed to have



Robert Gorodetsky monitors the sports he places bets on via his phone in 2017.

won up to 65% of his sports bets — a figure instantly questioned by gambling experts in online blogs.

He arrived at casinos "with all the subtlety of a royal flush," the article said, dressing in \$6,000 Louis Vuitton hoodies and \$2,500 high-top sneakers. He rolled with a "colorful crew" that included a financial manager, an enforcer and a pickup artist, it said.

"It's not just gambling. It's a lifestyle," Gorodetsky was quoted as saying.

Gorodetsky claimed that his big wins and brash style had bettors flocking to him for advice — and paying big

for it. At the time, his handicapping website charged subscribers \$500 a month for his picks, he said.

The article also played up Gorodetsky's relationships with professional athletes and other celebrities, including the rapper Drake, then-New York Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. and former NBA player Damon Jones.

The article caused a minor stir in Las Vegas, and both Beckham and Jones later denied knowing Gorodetsky, though he'd provided the newspaper with photos of him together with both athletes.

There was also fallout at the sports books, which didn't take kindly to some of Gorodetsky's braggadocio, according to a follow-up article by USA Today. On Dec. 29, 2017, two days after the original article ran, USA Today reported that Gorodetsky had been banned for life from MGM Resorts International and major Nevada sports book William Hill, though the specific reason for the ban

was not given.

Still, Gorodetsky managed to maintain a following on Instagram, amassing more than 143,000 followers by early last year. In March 2019, he was voted one of the top five accounts to follow by the blog sportsbettingdime.com.

"Gorodetsky isn't an analytics (junkie), he largely bets on gut instinct," the blog said. "That's part of what makes @BigRobStyle such an entertaining follow."

Unafraid to lose

Gorodetsky grew up in the North Shore and graduated from New Trier in 2010, records show. He later went on to study at the University of Arizona but dropped out before completing his freshman year.

Gorodetsky told USA Today his interest in gambling started in high school when he would use his father's Ameritrade account to make trades on his laptop in class.

Online reports show Gorodetsky's first foray in

the gambling world was as a professional poker player after he turned 21.

According to the charges brought in Chicago, Gorodetsky's fraud scheme had already begun.

Over a four-month period beginning in February 2014 when Gorodetsky was 20, he fraudulently obtained more than \$953,000 from Victim A "for the purported purpose of investing in the stock market," according to the six-page criminal information. Instead, he used the vast majority of it — \$737,000 — for his own use, the document alleged.

In July 2014, Gorodetsky falsely told the victim that his original investment had increased to \$2 million due to successful trades but that "greater returns would be had in sports wagering," according to the charges.

Over the next three years, Gorodetsky continued to ask Victim A for more money, creating false statements that misstated the balance of the victim's account, the amount and kind of wagers placed by Gorodetsky, as

well as the profits and losses of those bets and Gorodetsky's spending on luxury items, according to the charges.

In that time period, Gorodetsky spent at least \$2.2 million of the victim's funds on items unrelated to sports bets, including to pay his living, travel and entertainment expenses, as well as purchase luxury cars and jewelry, the charges said.

In addition to the fraud count, Gorodetsky was accused of filing a false tax return with the Internal Revenue Service, claiming that his income totaled only \$10,520 in 2016.

Efforts to reach Gorodetsky and his parents were unsuccessful Wednesday.

In the USA Today profile, Gorodetsky was quoted as saying he got his edge from being unafraid to lose.

"You're still going to see me here tomorrow," he said. "You're going to see me here the next day. We're going to be in the game."

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In fog of Senate trial, no place for pettifogging



DAHLEEN GLANTON

As Democrats and Republicans went after each other on the opening day of Donald Trump's impeachment trial, Chief Justice John Roberts admonished them — and schooled most of us — with a reference to the word “pettifogging.”

For those who had never heard the word, it was easy to figure out it has something to do with being petty.

We've come to expect lots of pettifogging from Republicans. Their main argument in Trump's defense is that Democrats are angry that he beat Hillary Clinton and have been out to get him from the start.

But there is no need for Democrats to engage in pettifogging. Their case against Trump is strong and concise. Using video and transcripts of witness testimony from the congressional hearings, projected on a Power-Point screen, they were able to present a solid case for asking the Senate to approve subpoenas for relevant witnesses and documents.

Unlike the Republicans, the Democrats came to the Senate trial prepared to play, though they have known from the beginning that they cannot win.

One by one, the House impeachment managers took to the podium, laying out succinct cases for subpoenaing acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, his senior adviser Robert Blair and Office of Management and Budget official Michael Duffey.

In the processes, the Democrats laid out a solid case against Trump for abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. For viewers who had not yet put the pieces together, Democrats gave them a road map. Their presentations were rehearsed and choreographed, mostly devoid of conjecture and based solidly on facts.

Then came congressman Jerry Nadler, who tossed out the script and put the entire Democratic strategy in jeopardy. Thankfully, it was near the end of the 13-hour session. Unfortunately, Nadler



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House impeachment managers, including Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., center left, and Rep. Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., address the media Tuesday.

was charged with making the case to subpoena the most important potential witness, former national security adviser John Bolton.

It is unlikely that Nadler's tirade had any impact on Republican senators who breezed through every vote with impenetrable unity. But it might have influenced viewers who, despite their feelings about Trump, want to see a substantive trial.

Hearing the argument for calling Bolton likely was the reason some people stayed up past midnight to watch the proceedings. It would have benefited Democrats to stay on script so that anyone who happens to still be on the fence would know exactly why Bolton's testimony is essential to a fair trial.

But Nadler couldn't do it. He laced his argument with innuendo and partisan talking points that might work on Twitter but not in a Senate impeachment trial.

"I'm sad to say I see a lot of senators voting for a cover-up, voting to deny witnesses, an absolutely indefensible vote, obviously a treacherous vote, a vote against an honest consideration of the evidence against the president, a

vote against an honest trial, a vote against the United States," Nadler said.

This simply was not the time or place to accuse Trump's lawyers and every Republican in the room of engaging in a cover-up. We're used to this kind of exploitative talk as a quick sound bite for television cameras. But there's no place for such divisive conjecture in the Senate chamber while the most important governing act the Constitution allows — removing a president from office — is underway.

White House counsel Pat Cipollone's manufactured angst over the accusation was over the top. Insinuating that Nadler had insulted Trump, his legal team and GOP senators by making "false allegations" against them was typical of the Republican theatrics exhibited during the congressional hearings.

"The only one who should be embarrassed, Mr. Nadler, is you," Cipollone fired back. "For the way you addressed this body. This is the United States Senate. You're not in charge here."

Roberts was right to scold both sides.

"I think it is appropriate for me to admonish both the House

managers and the president's counsel in equal terms to remember that they are addressing the world's greatest deliberative body," Roberts said. "One reason it has earned that title is because its members avoid speaking in a manner and using language that is not conducive to civil discourse."

Roberts went on to describe an exchange that occurred during Federal Judge Charles Swayne's impeachment trial in 1905 in which a senator objected to one of the managers using the word-pettifogging. It means placing undue emphasis on petty details, which is exactly what Nadler and Cipollone were doing.

"I don't think we need to aspire to that high of a standard, but I do think those addressing the Senate should remember where they are," Roberts said.

Democrats, in particular, would be wise to remember that going forward.

With little to no chance of Republicans allowing testimony to be offered during the trial, Democrats have to rely on the information they already have. Certainly, their case would be stronger if they were able to subpoena records from the White House, State Department, De-

fense Department and Office of Management and Budget, but there is no way Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and his Republican senators would force Trump to turn them over.

Still, the Democrats can make a power argument to the American people as to why Trump deserves to be convicted. Though the country is split nearly 50-50 on whether he should be removed from office, the Democrats' case will become part of the historical record of the state of our democracy in the year 2020.

Republicans decided on Trump's acquittal long before the trial began. At the end, the president will prevail, but he will be forever damaged by impeachment.

Democrats have no control over how Republicans choose to be looked upon centuries from now. But Democrats can establish their own legacy as the party that tried to stop a wayward president from trampling on the Constitution.

There is no need to clutter their clear and pointed argument with partisan talking points.

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A cloud over Auschwitz anniversary

Russia-Poland feud in forefront before liberation events

BY VANESSA GERA AND ARON HELLER
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Over the next several days, world leaders will gather twice to mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the most notorious of Nazi Germany's death camps.

That there will be two competing ceremonies — one in Jerusalem on Thursday and the other at the Auschwitz site in southern Poland on Monday — underlines how politically charged World War II remains as nationalist governments in Russia and Poland seek to use their own interpretation of the past for contemporary political gain.

Leaders at both sites, joined by elderly survivors, will pay tribute to the 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust.

Yet the commemorations risk being overshadowed by a bitter dispute between Poland — where Nazi German occupiers operated Auschwitz and other infamous camps — and Russia, the successor state to the Soviet Union.

"I am afraid this will not help the commemoration of the Holocaust," said Dariusz Stola, a Polish historian and former director of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews.

Such commemorations, he said, should ideally be a moment "for the present to serve the past."

"Now the past is serving



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The Yad Vashem memorial in Jerusalem will mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz on Thursday.

the aims of current politics," he said.

Ahead of Thursday's ceremony in Jerusalem, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin implored world leaders assembled for a dinner at his official residence to "leave history for the historians."

"The role of political leaders, of all of us, is to shape the future," he said.

Soviet forces liberated Auschwitz on Jan. 27, 1945. But the country had also signed a nonaggression accord with the Nazis shortly before the war began in 1939, known as the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact. It contained a secret protocol in which the totalitarian powers agreed to carve up East-

ern Europe.

Two years later, Germany turned on Kremlin leader Josef Stalin and invaded the Soviet Union, bringing the Soviets into the war on the side of the Allies. Millions of Red Army soldiers lost their lives in the eventual defeat of Adolf Hitler's Germany.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has sought to shift wartime blame to Poland over anger that historical memory in the West has begun to focus more on the Soviet role in triggering the war and less on its role in defeating Germany.

The Russian historical moves have outraged the Polish government, which believes Putin's main mo-

otive is to weaken Polish influence in the European Union. Warsaw is one of the strongest supporters of maintaining sanctions on Moscow for its annexation of Crimea and has also been fighting a planned Russian gas pipeline. Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki has accused Putin of lying deliberately to deflect from his own failures, including a ban on Russian athletes over doping.

At the same time, Poland has come under criticism for allegedly minimizing the role its own people played in helping Nazi occupiers kill Jews.

Putin and other Russian officials have been claiming

that Poland — which was invaded in 1939 by German and Soviet forces — actually bears blame for starting the war. Western historians see those allegations as a cynical ploy to minimize Soviet responsibility as Moscow today seeks to glorify what is known in Russia as the Great Patriotic War and more generally a Stalinist era that included mass killings of domestic opponents and suffering imposed on Eastern Europe during decades of communist rule.

In recent days, Poland's government has defended the nation's record, recalling how its wartime government-in-exile sought to

save Jews, and listing cultural and economic damage that Poland suffered after Soviet troops took control of its territory at the end of World War II.

In drawing dozens of world leaders to the World Holocaust Forum in Jerusalem, Israel had hoped to present a united front in commemorating the genocide of European Jewry and warning against the perils of modern-day anti-Semitism.

Instead, Polish President Andrzej Duda is boycotting the event at the Yad Vashem memorial because, unlike Putin, he was not invited to speak and wouldn't be able to defend his nation's historical record. Duda will preside at the Auschwitz ceremony, which Putin will not attend.

Israel has said it didn't offer Duda a speaking role because his country, while its soldiers fought the Germans at home and on other fronts, was not among World War II's liberating nations. It said the German president was also being allowed to speak to take responsibility for the perpetrators.

The deeper explanation appears to be rooted in Israel's sensitive relationship with Russia.

The Jerusalem event is being orchestrated by Moshe Kantor, the president of the European Jewish Congress and a billionaire oligarch who is close to Putin.

In addition, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu needs Putin on his side due to Russia's involvement in the war in neighboring Syria, where Israel is deeply concerned about the presence of Iranian forces.

For red states, a climate disaster by another name

In seeking federal funds, officials talk around problem

BY CHRISTOPHER FLAVELLE
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is about to distribute billions of dollars to coastal states mainly in the South to help steel them against natural disasters worsened by climate change.

But states that qualify must first explain why they need the money. That has triggered linguistic acrobatics as some conservative states submit lengthy, detailed proposals on how they will use the money, while mostly not mentioning climate change.

A 306-page draft proposal from Texas doesn't use the terms "climate change" or "global warming," nor does South Carolina's proposal. Instead, Texas refers to "changing coastal conditions" and South Carolina talks about the "destabilizing effects and unpredictability" of being hit by three major storms in four years, while being barely missed by three other hurricanes.

Louisiana, a state taking

some of the most aggressive steps in the nation to prepare for climate change, does include the phrase "climate change" in its proposal in one place, an appendix on the final page.

The federal funding program, devised after the devastating hurricanes and wildfires of 2017, reflects the complicated politics of global warming in the United States, even as the toll of that warming has become difficult to ignore. While officials from both political parties are increasingly forced to confront the effects of climate change, including worsening floods, more powerful storms and greater economic damage, many remain reluctant to talk about the cause.

The \$16 billion program, created by Congress and overseen by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, is meant to help states better prepare for future natural disasters. It is the first time such funds have been used to prepare for disasters like these that haven't yet happened, rather than responding to or repairing damage that has already occurred.

The money is distributed according to a formula benefitting states most af-

ected by disasters in 2015, 2016 and 2017. That formula favors Republican-leaning states along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts, which were hit particularly hard during that period.

Texas is in line for more than \$4 billion, the most of any state. The next largest sums go to Louisiana, \$1.2 billion; Florida, \$633 million; North Carolina, \$168 million; and South Carolina, \$158 million, all of which voted Republican in the 2016 presidential election.

The other states getting funding are West Virginia, Missouri, Georgia and California, the only state getting money that voted Democratic in the presidential race of 2016. California hasn't yet submitted its proposal, but in the past the state has spoken forcefully about the threat of climate change, in addition to fighting with the Trump administration to limit greenhouse gas emissions from cars.

Half the money, \$8.3 billion, was set aside for Puerto Rico, as well as \$774 million for the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Trump administration has delayed that funding, citing concerns over corruption and fiscal management.



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First responders and volunteers help evacuate those stranded by floodwaters near Houston during Hurricane Harvey. Texas may get over \$4 billion under a new coastal proposal.

Not every state has felt compelled to tiptoe around climate change. Florida's proposal calls it "a key overarching challenge," while North Carolina pledges to anticipate "how a changing climate, extreme events, ecological degradation and their cascading effects" will affect state residents.

The housing department has itself been careful about how it described the program's goals. When HUD in August released the rules governing the money, it didn't use the terms "climate change" and "global warming" but referred to "changing environmental conditions."

Still, the rule required

states that received money to describe their "current and future risks." And when those risks included flooding — the most costly type of disaster nationwide — states were instructed to account for "continued sea level rise," which is one consequence of global warming.

A spokeswoman for the housing department did not respond to requests for comment.

Stan Gimont, who as deputy assistant secretary for grant programs at HUD was responsible for the program until he left the department last summer, said the decision not to cite climate change was "a case of picking your battles."

"When you go out and talk to local officials, there are some who will very actively discuss climate change and sea-level rise, and then there are those who will not," Gimont said. "You've got to work with both ends of the spectrum. And I think in a lot of ways it's best to draw a middle road on these things."

Other states used their proposals to emphasize the centrality of climate change to the risks they face. "Climate change is a key overarching challenge which threatens to compound the extent and effects of hazards," wrote officials in Florida, where Republicans control the legislature and the governor's office.

Supreme Court seems favorable to religious education funding

BY MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's conservative majority appeared ready Wednesday to reinstate a Montana scholarship program and make it easier to use public money to pay for religious schooling in many states.

The court was divided along ideological lines in arguments over a provision in the Montana Constitution that bars state aid to religious schools. Montana

is among 37 states with similar "no aid" clauses for religious education.

Chief Justice John Roberts took the bench with his colleagues at 10 a.m., showing no ill effects from a long day Tuesday presiding over the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump in the Senate, which Roberts gavelled to a close just eight hours earlier.

Like other conservatives, Roberts questioned a state Supreme Court ruling that struck down a scholarship program for private K-12

education that also makes donors eligible for up to \$150 in state tax credits. The scholarships can be used at both secular and religious schools, but almost all the recipients attend religious schools.

Parents who sued to preserve the program, created by the legislature in 2015, argue that the "no-aid" clause in the state constitution violates their religious freedom under the U.S.



Espinoza

Constitution. Several conservative justices appeared to agree.

"It's permissible to discriminate on the basis of religion," Justice Samuel Alito told the state's lawyer, Adam Unikowsky.

"That's what you're saying."

The liberal justices saw the case differently. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was among those who said that by ending the program for private secular

and religious schools alike, the Montana court was treating all parents the same. "So where's the harm?" Ginsburg asked.

Kendra Espinoza, the lead plaintiff, and her two daughters, Naomi and Sarah, came to the court from Kalispell, Montana. The children attend Stillwater Christian School, where Espinoza said she receives financial aid to afford the tuition of \$7,735 a year.

The chief justice at one point pressed Unikowsky to

explain why the court's analysis of allegations of religious discrimination would be any different from a case involving racial discrimination.

Roberts said no one would defend shutting down all public swimming pools "because a higher percentage of African Americans come and use the pools."

"No, of course not," Unikowsky said.

"How is that different than religion?" Roberts asked.

Legal experts: No crime needed for impeachment

Scholars dismiss argument from 1868 Johnson trial

BY ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's defense hinges largely on arguments made in the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson more than 150 years ago: that impeachment requires a crime.

But most legal scholars disagree, including Jonathan Turley, the law professor called by Republicans in the House investigation to argue against impeaching Trump.

A lawyer for Johnson argued in his opening statement to the Senate that Johnson could not be removed from office because he was not guilty of a crime. Johnson was acquitted by a single vote.

Alan Dershowitz, one of Trump's lawyers, says that same argument — that impeachment requires “criminal-like conduct” — will be central to the constitutional defense he will make on the president's behalf.

The idea may be attractive to Republicans seeking

a legal basis to acquit Trump of having abused his power and obstructing Congress. But legal scholars dispute the idea that the Founding Fathers ever intended for impeachable offenses to require proof of a crime. And historians are equally dubious that the argument from Johnson's lawyer, Benjamin Robbins Curtis, can be credited with securing Johnson's narrow acquittal.

“This is a way in which history is weaponized and distorted in order to give these kinds of arguments heft,” said Rachel Sheldon, a Penn State University history professor and Civil War-era expert. “It's a way of trying to promote an understanding of the Johnson impeachment that is false, based on what historians now believe.”

At issue is the Constitution's standard for impeachment: “treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors.” Over the centuries, the threshold has been understood to encompass actual crimes — judges have been impeached for sex abuse and soliciting bribes, among other offenses — but also noncriminal misconduct such as being drunk on the

bench or favoritism in the appointment of bankruptcy receivers.

Johnson was impeached in part over accusations that he violated the Tenure of Office Act, which barred presidents from firing certain officials without Senate approval, over his removal of War Secretary Edwin Stanton.

Johnson's defense team questioned the constitutionality of that now-extinct law, and at his 1868 trial, one of his lawyers asserted in his opening argument that an impeachable offense “refers to, and includes only, high criminal offenses against the United States.”

“There can be no crime, there can be no misdemeanor without a law, written or unwritten express or implied,” said Curtis, a former Supreme Court Justice. “There must be some law; otherwise there is no crime. My interpretation of it is that the language ‘high crimes and misdemeanors’ means ‘offenses against the laws of the United States.’”

Dershowitz, who is expected to make a constitutional presentation to the Senate within days, said Sunday on CNN's “State of

the Union” that he would paraphrase Curtis' argument that “the framers intended for impeachable conduct only to be criminal-like conduct or conduct that is prohibited by the criminal law.”

“That argument prevailed. I will be making that argument as a lawyer on behalf of the president's defense team against impeachment. That's my role. It's very clear. I have done it before,” Dershowitz said.

Republican senators may well embrace the argument. One, Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, told reporters Wednesday that anyone charged with wrongdoing has the right to know what law or standard they're accused of violating.

“This idea that you can use abuse of power as a grab bag in which to stuff all your political, policy or personal grievances — I think is very dangerous,” Cornyn said.

But legal scholars and Democrats are decrying the claim that an impeachable offense must be an indictable crime.

Frank Bowman, a University of Missouri law professor and former student of Dershowitz's at



RICHARD DREW/AP
Alan Dershowitz says he will paraphrase an argument from the 1868 impeachment of President Andrew Johnson — that an actual crime must have been committed.

Harvard Law School, described it as “rubbish.” Turley, a George Washington University law professor, wrote in The Washington Post on Wednesday that such an argument was politically unwise and constitutionally shortsighted.

Historians also point to multiple reasons for Johnson's acquittal and are skeptical that senators at the time found Curtis' arguments persuasive.

Had Johnson been removed from office, he would have been temporarily succeeded by Benjamin Wade, the Senate president and a radical Republican disliked by more conservative Republicans. And there's some agreement among historians that the senator who cast the deciding vote against impeachment was bribed.

Mexico homicide count up in 2019

But rate of increase has slowed, official figures indicate

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — The number of homicides in Mexico rose to 35,588 in 2019, the highest number on record, but the rate of annual increase in murders has slowed, according to government figures.

President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has acknowledged that crime and violence are the toughest challenges he faces. But on Tuesday, he said corruption is the country's main problem.

Lopez Obrador said white-collar criminals have done more damage to Mexico than the drug cartels responsible for many of the killings.

“We are giving almost the same weight to (fighting) white-collar crime as we do to drug cartels,” Lopez Obrador said.

“I maintain that the greatest damage to Mexico has been done by white-collar criminals,” he said, adding that it was a distraction to focus on drug lords like Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman as past administrations did, because Guzman stole less than corrupt businessmen and politicians.

“I think it was a way to distract attention from the

“I maintain that the greatest damage to Mexico has been done by white-collar criminals.”

— Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador

looting that was going on,” Lopez Obrador said.

Others said that while the government offensive against white-collar crime is good, authorities also have to get a handle on violent crime as well.

There were 933 more homicides in Mexico in 2019 than in 2018.

But that 2.7% increase was well below the double-digit growth in killings in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. In those years, homicides increased by annual rates of 27%, 28% and 17%, respectively.

While it is not clear what percentage of homicides are related to drug gang violence, the fact that the gangs have expanded into extortion and kidnapping makes them Mexico's main single source of violence.

“Go ahead, fight money laundering all you want, but if the government does not have territorial control in significant part of the country, how are we going to solve this?” said security analyst Alejandro Hope.

Hope referred to a recent attack on a town in Chihuahua where a convoy of about 150 cartel gunmen in as many as 50 vehicles burned houses and abducted residents.

“They drove around on streets and highways, and nobody stopped them,” Hope said. “They can fight money laundering all they want, but that is not going to prevent 150 cartel hit men from driving around armed to the teeth.”

The panorama of violence in 2019 was uneven nationwide.

Some states that previously saw dizzying levels of violence calmed a bit.

That was the case in the northern border state of Baja California, the Caribbean coast state of Quintana Roo and the southern state of Guerrero.

But other states saw homicides spike in 2019, like the northern border state of Sonora, where homicides rose 57% compared to the year before.

Homicides were up 15% in the northern border state of Chihuahua and 11% in the western state of Jalisco.



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Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., waits to speak to reporters outside the Senate chamber Wednesday in Washington.

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if you will allow it.”

Most senators sat at their desks throughout, as the rules stipulate, though some stretched their legs, standing behind the desks or against the back wall of the chamber, passing the time.

Visitors watched from the galleries, one briefly interrupting in protest.

The proceedings are unfolding at the start of an election year, and there are few signs that Republicans are interested in calling more witnesses or going beyond a fast-track assessment that is likely to bring a quick vote on charges related to Trump's dealings with Ukraine.

The trial marks just the third time the Senate has

weighed whether an American president should be removed from office.

Democrats argue Trump abused his office by asking Ukraine to investigate political rival Joe Biden while withholding crucial military aid, and also obstructed Congress by refusing to turn over documents or allow officials to testify in the House probe.

Republicans have defended Trump's actions and cast the process as a politically motivated effort to weaken the president in the midst of his reelection campaign.

A new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research shows the public is slightly more likely to say the Senate should convict and remove Trump from office than to say it should not, 45% to 40%.

But a sizable percentage,

14%, say they don't know enough to have an opinion.

One question there's wide agreement on: Trump should allow top aides to appear as witnesses at the trial. About 7 in 10 said so, including majorities of Republicans and Democrats, according to the poll.

The strategy of more witnesses, though, seems all but settled.

Wrangling over rules for the trial stretched past midnight Tuesday, with Republicans shooting down one-by-one Democratic efforts to get Trump aides including former national security adviser John Bolton, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, to testify.

Senators are likely to repeat those rejections next week, shutting out any chance of new testimony.

One long-shot idea to

pair one of Trump's preferred witnesses — Biden's son Hunter Biden — with Bolton or another that Democrats want was swiftly rejected.

“That's off the table,” Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer told reporters.

Campaigning at stops in Iowa, Joe Biden also rejected having his son testify or even appearing himself. “I want no part of that,” he said.

“People ask the question, isn't the president going to beat if he survives this? Yes, probably. But Congress has no choice,” he said. Senators must cast their votes and “live with that in history.”

Chief Justice John Roberts gavelled open Wednesday's session as senators settled in for the long days ahead.

Trump, who was attend-

ing the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, praised his legal team, and suggested he would be open to his advisers testifying, though that seems unlikely.

He said there were “national security” concerns that would stand in the way.

After the House prosecutors present their case, the president's lawyers will follow with another 24 hours over three days. They are expected to take only Sunday off.

“There's a lot of things I'd like to rebut,” said Trump lawyer Jay Sekulow at the Capitol, “and we will rebut.”

Then there will be 16 hours for senators, who must sit quietly at their desks, no speeches or cell-phones, to ask written questions and four more hours for deliberations.

After Davos forum, Trump lauds impeachment defense

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE
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DAVOS, Switzerland — Before leaving the World Economic Forum on Wednesday, President Donald Trump called a surprise news conference Wednesday to mark a “tremendous two days” at the glitzy summit of world leaders and financiers as well as remark on a number of topics including the Senate impeachment trial, his upcoming State of the Union speech and the Iranian attack on an air base used by U.S. troops in Iraq.

Trump gave his legal team high marks after

more than 12 hours of arguments on procedural motions Tuesday in which Republicans blocked Democratic efforts to immediately call witnesses and subpoena documents. But Trump said he wanted to see his aides, including former national security adviser John Bolton and acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, testify in the Senate.

“Personally, I'd rather go the long route,” he said, referring to calling witnesses in the Senate trial, before saying that there were “national security” concerns to allowing their testimony.

“I thought our team did

a very good job,” Trump said, saying he watched some of the proceedings.

Trump said he wants to deliver the State of the Union address as scheduled even if his impeachment trial is ongoing. He said the scheduled Feb. 4 address is “very important to what I am doing” in setting his administration's agenda.

Trump repeated his attacks on Democratic House managers serving as prosecutors in the trial, saying that he'd like to “sit right in the front row and stare at their corrupt faces” on the Senate floor during the trial but that his attorneys might have a problem with it.

Trump opened his news conference with triumphant talk on the American economy and said he is pushing for “very dramatic” changes to the World Trade Organization.

Trump also minimized the severity of head injuries suffered by U.S. troops during an Iranian missile strike on an Iraqi air base as he was pressed on why he had claimed no troops were injured in the attack.

“I heard they had headaches and a couple of other things and I can report it is not very serious,” Trump said, adding that potential traumatic brain injuries are less severe than, say, missing limbs.



EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Donald Trump leaves after a news conference Wednesday at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.



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Harvey Weinstein, center, arrives for his trial in Manhattan criminal court on Wednesday.

Weinstein rape trial opens, marking #MeToo milestone

BY TOM HAYS
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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Harvey Weinstein went on trial Wednesday in a landmark moment for the #MeToo movement, with prosecutors painting him as a sexual predator who used his Hollywood clout to abuse women for decades, while his lawyers sought to portray his accusers as willing participants.

Prosecutor Meghan Hast told the jury of seven men and five women that the former studio boss was “not just a titan in Hollywood — he was a rapist” who screamed at one victim that she “owed” him sex, used injections to induce an erection before an assault and pushed his way into the apartment of another woman and attacked her.

“It is for his complete lack of empathy that he must be held accountable,” Hast said.

Weinstein lawyer Damon Cheronis countered by laying out plans to use friendly-sounding emails, calendar entries and other evidence to call into question the accusers’ accounts of being attacked.

The opening of the rape trial more than two years

after a barrage of allegations against Weinstein gave rise to the #MeToo movement was seen by activists as a milestone in the global reckoning over sexual misconduct by powerful men. Weinstein’s lawyers have portrayed the case as the result of a climate of accusation run amok.

Weinstein has insisted any sexual encounters were consensual. He could get life in prison if convicted.

Weinstein, 67, told reporters he felt “very confident” about the case as he left court: “I got great lawyers.”

While he entered the courthouse without the walker he has been using lately because of back problems, he was leaning on it again as he left.

The once-powerful and feared executive brought to the screen such Oscar-winning movies as “Pulp Fiction,” “The King’s Speech,” “Shakespeare in Love” and “Chicago” and hobnobbed with the elite in Hollywood and beyond, a point prosecutors made by showing jurors a photo of Weinstein with former President Bill Clinton.

Scores of women have accused Weinstein of exploiting his position as a

career-maker to sexually harass or assault them over the years. But the New York charges center on two allegations: that Weinstein forcibly performed oral sex on former “Project Runway” production assistant Mimi Haley in his apartment in 2006 and raped an aspiring actress in a New York hotel room in 2013.

The Associated Press does not typically identify people who say they have been victims of sexual assault, unless they come forward publicly.

The rape accuser found a needle in the hotel room bathroom after the alleged assault and realized Weinstein had injected himself to get an erection, Hast said.

Another time, after the woman told him she had a new boyfriend, Weinstein dragged her into a bedroom, “all the while screaming at her that he owed her one more time,” Hast said. “He ripped her jeans off so forcefully that it left scratch marks.”

In addition to the two women he is charged with attacking, prosecutors plan to call to the stand four other accusers — including actress Annabella Sciorra — in a bid to show a pattern of predatory behavior by Weinstein.

UN experts urge probe, hint Saudis hacked Bezos’ phone

BY AYA BATRAWY
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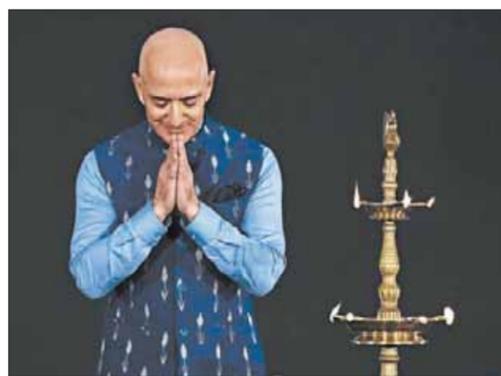
DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The cellphone of Amazon founder and Washington Post owner Jeff Bezos was hacked in what appeared to be an attempt by Saudi Arabia’s crown prince to “influence, if not silence” the newspaper’s reporting on the kingdom, two U.N. human rights experts said Wednesday.

The U.N. experts called for an “immediate investigation” by the United States into a report commissioned by Bezos that showed the billionaire technology mogul’s phone was likely hacked after he received an MP4 video file sent from Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman’s WhatsApp account after the two men exchanged phone numbers during a dinner in Los Angeles in 2018.

The video file was sent to Bezos’ phone five months before Saudi critic and Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi was killed by Saudi government agents inside the Saudi Consulate in Turkey in October. At the time, the crown prince was being widely hailed for ushering in major social reforms to the kingdom, but Khashoggi was writing columns in the Post that highlighted the darker side of Prince Mohammed’s simultaneous clampdown on dissent.

The Post was critical of the Saudi government after Khashoggi’s killing and demanded accountability in a public campaign that ran in the paper for weeks after his death.

“The information we have received suggests the possible involvement of the Crown Prince in surveillance of Mr. Bezos, in an effort to influence, if not silence, The Washington Post’s reporting on Saudi Arabia,” the independent



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Jeff Bezos and the Saudi crown prince exchanged phone numbers in 2018. Above, Bezos at an event Jan. 15 in India.

U.N. experts said.

At a time when Saudi Arabia was “supposedly investigating the killing of Mr. Khashoggi, and prosecuting those it deemed responsible, it was clandestinely waging a massive online campaign against Mr. Bezos and Amazon targeting him principally as the owner of The Washington Post,” the experts said.

Bezos first went public about the hack last year. He said the National Enquirer tabloid, whose owner has ties to the crown prince, was threatening to publish Bezos’ private messages and photos if he didn’t stop a private investigation he’d sought into the hacking of his phone.

Iyad el-Baghdadi, an activist who worked with Bezos’ investigators, said it appears the hacking was about free speech. “It’s not about trying to compromise a businessman for business purposes,” he said. “It’s not about Amazon, it’s about The Washington Post.”

Saudi Arabia’s foreign minister, Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, called the hacking allegations “absolutely illegitimate.”

“There was no substantiation, there was no evidence,” he said at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. “If there is real evidence, we look for-

ward to seeing it.”

The independent experts, appointed by the U.N. Human Rights Council, published their statement after reviewing the report conducted by FTI Consulting, which was hired by Bezos’ security adviser to manage the investigation. The report was published later Wednesday by VICE’s Motherboard.

The digital forensic investigation assessed with “medium to high confidence” that Bezos’ phone was infiltrated May 1, 2018, via the video file sent from the crown prince’s WhatsApp account.

The report stated that Bezos’ phone was compromised “possibly via tools procured by Saud al-Qahatani,” the former adviser to the crown prince who was sanctioned by the U.S. for his suspected role in orchestrating the operation that killed Khashoggi.

Saudi Arabia’s justice system found al-Qahatani not guilty of any wrongdoing in the killing. A judge sentenced five people to death and sentenced three others to a combined 24 years in prison in December for Khashoggi’s slaying.

Bezos visited Saudi Arabia in 2016 to meet with Prince Mohammed before the two met again during the prince’s tour of the United States in 2018.

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Voters torn between Biden, Sanders

They feel they can trust both 'regardless of ideological stuff'

By EVAN HALPER AND JANET HOOK
Los Angeles Times

DES MOINES, Iowa — The day after Joe Biden announced he would not run for president in 2016, some supporters in Iowa did a surprising thing: They volunteered for their second-choice candidate — Bernie Sanders.

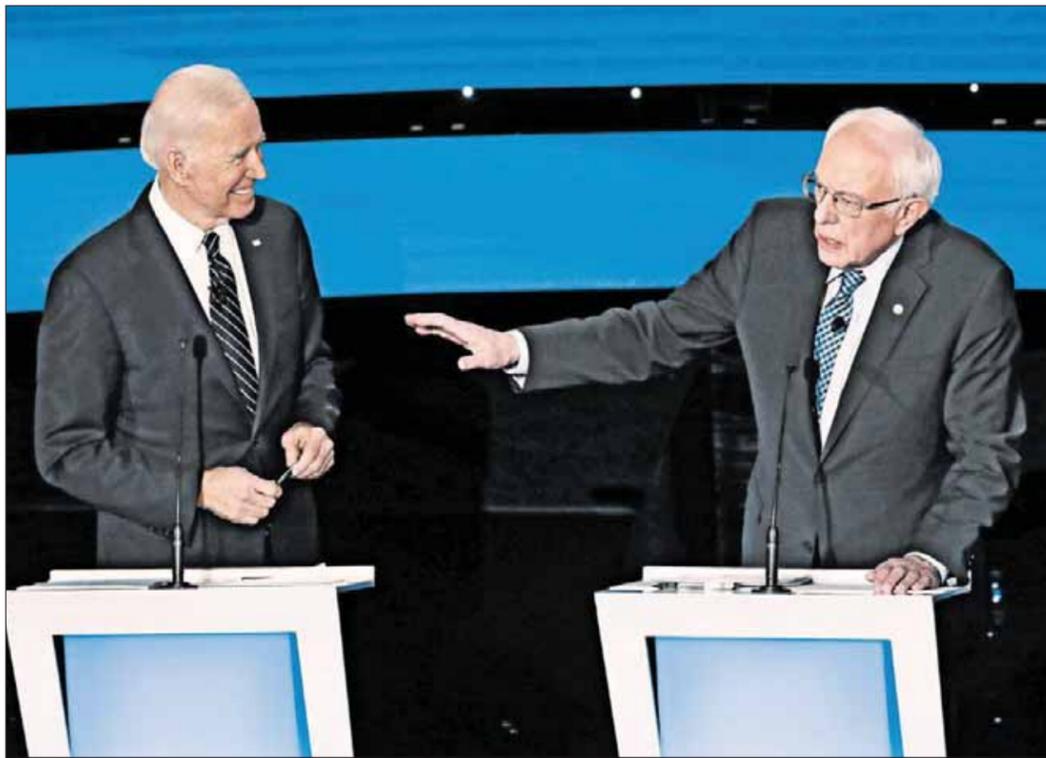
It was an early indication of a counterintuitive dynamic at work four years later, now that the two men are running against each other. They are locked in an ideological struggle for Democrats' 2020 nomination that pits the politically moderate Biden, a classic party insider, against the liberal Sanders, a blow-up-the-system outsider.

And yet they appeal to some of the same voters.

Both campaigns believe there is a swath of voters — mostly white, working-class voters, including those who voted for Donald Trump in 2016 after backing Barack Obama twice — who are torn between Biden and Sanders, the race's old-timers. Both men's campaigns are fishing in that electoral pond as each candidate looks to expand his base in a tight contest.

"There are a lot of working class voters who are up for grabs, and it is increasingly Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders who they are deciding between," said Ro Khanna, a co-chair of the Sanders campaign. "The more working class, the better Bernie does. And that is where we run into contention with Biden."

For all the punditry about candidates competing to dominate in ideological lanes — and the recent attention on the personal feud between the left's marquee candidates, Sanders and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren — the



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Politically moderate Joe Biden and liberal Bernie Sanders somehow appeal to some of the same working-class voters.

competition between Sanders and Biden reflects how voters' decision-making is often far more nuanced, and divorced from standard political labels.

"They're both scrappy," said Sean Bagniewski, chairman of the Democratic Party in Polk County, Iowa, which includes Des Moines. "Ideology isn't as important as the personality. To a lot of folks, they feel like they know and can trust both Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders, regardless of the ideological stuff."

The latest Morning Consult/Politico poll of likely Democratic primary voters nationwide found that among Biden supporters, 29% said that Sanders was their second choice, more than any other Democrat in the race. Other polls show the two candidates in competition for the lead among non-college-educated

white and Latino voters.

With the rivalry among top Democrats so intense, the Sanders campaign sees a clearer path to poaching voters from the Biden coalition than to exploiting what would seem the more obvious target of voters supporting Warren, Sanders' ideological soul mate.

"The Sanders folks realize the progressives with Warren are with her and there is no point in trying to out-progressive her," said Patrick Murray, director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute. "They need to find voters making a decision on a dimension other than ideology."

The Biden campaign is taking nothing for granted. It believes his edge over Sanders, as well as other rivals, is the perception that the former vice president is the most likely to beat

Trump.

"When it comes to voters making up their minds, particularly in Iowa and New Hampshire, the perceived narrow ideological lanes aren't as clear as anyone would expect," said Pete Kavanaugh, Biden's deputy campaign manager.

Many blue collar Democrats attracted to Biden remain uncommitted, and their interest in what Murray calls "an old-school, working class Democrat who fights for you" creates an opening for Sanders. "Biden and Sanders share this sense that they both came through the school of hard knocks," he said.

For Sanders, who must expand his base of support beyond the die-hards who will be with him no matter what, that large group of uncommitted working class voters offers perhaps his best opportunity.

Khanna noted the paral-

els between these men who seem to have so little in common.

"Biden was born in Scranton (Pa.). He is a person who can connect with anyone he meets. He comes off as someone who doesn't look down at people, who is still a regular person, even though he was vice president," Khanna said. "It is a great skill, and it is genuine."

Sanders, Khanna said, grew up with immigrant parents in a rent-controlled building and is the furthest from the elites of anyone in the race, which is why farmers, factory workers and service employees in hardscrabble communities pack his events.

The Sanders campaign hesitates to revive the "beer track" label that some Washington pundits have used to describe blue collar workers who fit the mold of

the Sanders-Biden crossover voters. But it is clear those are the voters they are after.

Such voters "are looking for someone to believe in," said Chuck Rocha, a former union officer who is a senior adviser to the Sanders campaign. "It just happens those people don't buy a lot of wine and they don't own a lot of lobbyists and are not really rich."

As if to punctuate the point, senior Sanders staffers arrived at last month's Democratic debate in Los Angeles wearing T-shirts that mocked the fundraiser of another rival, former South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg. "Pete's Wine Cave," the shirts read.

Buttigieg is very much on what some political handicappers call the "wine track," with supporters who tend to be college-educated and more affluent. These voters also swerve in and out of ideological lanes. Many lean toward Warren, whose platform for a vastly expanded government and wholesale economic realignment looks nothing like Buttigieg's moderate agenda. Indeed, the crossover between the two is much like that for Biden and Sanders. A staple at Buttigieg and Warren events are voters wavering between them.

"I'm struck by how many yards have both Buttigieg and Warren signs in them," Bagniewski said of his neighborhood in Des Moines, known as Beaverdale and home to many urban professionals. He said both candidates represented that "new generation" of leadership that attracts voters in communities like his. Warren may be 70 years old and building her movement around New Deal-style policies, he said, but "she's seen as a progressive who might not have some of the baggage Joe Biden or Bernie Sanders or other folks might have from previous cycles."

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Warren puts disability policy on stage

Her plan exceeds other candidates' on an ignored issue

By **MAGGIE ASTOR**
The New York Times

Christine Motokane could receive long-term care to help her with daily tasks like cooking. Matthew Cortland could marry his longtime partner. Christin Lucas could stop worrying that her son's school might put him back in the isolated classrooms that made him suicidal.

This is some of what's at stake in a newly prominent debate over disability policy. For months, Democratic presidential candidates have built on one another in this arena, culminating last week with a plan from Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts whose scope shocked many advocates.

That plan and the way Warren developed it, with a working group of about a dozen people with disabilities, reflect a sea change. More presidential candidates than ever are acknowledging how many issues, from criminal justice to student debt, affect people with disabilities, who make up a quarter of the country's adult population. And more people with disabilities are shaping the policies that could affect them.

Warren is not the only candidate with a new approach. Several activists praised Julián Castro, the former housing secretary who ended his campaign and endorsed Warren this month, for his attention to disability policy. Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, has an extensive plan.

And Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota released a proposal Friday — developed with disability rights groups, her campaign said — that would, among other things, expand home- and community-based services, make technologies like speech-generating devices more accessible, increase Social Security disability



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Julián Castro, whose attention to disability policy as a candidate earned him praise, has endorsed Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

payments and strengthen anti-discrimination laws.

But the disability community has responded most positively to Warren's plan.

"It is the most comprehensive thing I have seen in my 20 years of looking at these things," said Jason Dorwart, a theater professor at Oberlin College who is quadriplegic.

The plan is sprawling, touching on health care, education, employment, Social Security, technology, housing, incarceration, police brutality and environmental justice.

It overlaps with other candidates' plans: For instance, Warren, Buttigieg, Klobuchar, former Vice President Joe Biden, Sens. Cory Booker of New Jersey and Bernie Sanders of Vermont all want to fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, which is meant to guarantee free public education for children with disabilities,

and end the subminimum wage, which allows some workers with disabilities to be paid cents an hour based on the argument that it will make employers more likely to hire them.

But in other areas, Warren's plan goes further.

Several candidates want to change rules that keep recipients of Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income in poverty, but Warren's proposal is particularly detailed, including on eligibility and income limits. Advocates also noted sections on helping deaf children learn language skills and on the threats people with disabilities face in police encounters and natural disasters, as well as the plan's attention to how disability and race are linked.

Warren has said she had asked her staff to create the group after hearing from people with disabilities at

her campaign events.

"The personal stories caused us to rethink parts of current federal policy that badly need to be rewritten," she said in an interview.

Warren "sees that things like the plastic straw ban or the California wildfires all have disability rights components," said Jasmine Harris, a professor of law at the University of California, Davis. "Disability is a lens by which we can view how certain issues disproportionately impact people with disabilities. That is the disability scholar's dream, to hear that."

People with disabilities described how plans like Warren's could change their lives.

Motokane, 27, who has autism, said she had sought Medicaid coverage for an aide to help her with things like cooking, budgeting and transportation. But her salary as a school paraprofessional in rural Washington

state puts her above the income limit for that coverage — a limit Warren wants to raise.

Another rule Warren wants to change limits the assets SSI recipients can have so that marrying someone with, say, \$5,000 in a retirement account means losing benefits. Because of that, Cortland, a lawyer who was part of the working group, can't afford to marry his partner of 12 years.

In interviews with a dozen activists and people with disabilities, only one criticism of Warren's plan was raised: its lack of an explicit commitment to inclusive education, in which children with disabilities are taught in regular classrooms with accommodations, not in separate special-education rooms. Several studies have shown that children do better academically and socially under inclusive education.

Warren, who has often spoken about her experience as a special-education teacher, is committed to inclusive education, her campaign said, adding that several elements of her plan — including more funding for paraprofessionals — would promote it. But her plan sets no targets or timeline for that.

By contrast, Buttigieg's plan says that by the end of the 2025 school year, 85% of students with "intellectual and multiple disabilities" should be spending 80% or more of the school day in a regular classroom.

Lucas, of Bay Village, Ohio, said that when her son Bobby, who has Down syndrome, was put in a separate classroom in second grade, he became so depressed that he said he would kill himself. Bobby is now in fifth grade and in a regular classroom, and Lucas said that he was doing well — but that she was constantly afraid a new administrator could remove him.

"Just because that segregated room exists, it's a constant threat for him," she said.

Many of the candidates' proposals would require congressional approval, which could be a challenge if a Democrat is elected president but Republicans control either chamber. For instance, one current piece of legislation, the Disability Integration Act, has 34 co-sponsors, but only two are Republicans. And the Trump administration is trying to move in the opposite direction by subjecting SSI and SSDI recipients to more frequent reviews of whether they still have severe enough disabilities.

Even so, Cal Montgomery, 52, an activist in Chicago who has autism and uses a wheelchair, said proposals like Warren's — as well as Buttigieg's, Castro's and Sanders' — had given people with disabilities something they had long lacked: clarity on how candidates would help or hurt them.

ANALYSIS

Why the Warren-Sanders dust-up was inevitable

By **WILL WEISSERT**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As long as they are rivals, Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders couldn't stay friends forever.

The White House hopefuls and longtime allies have spent the past year throwing red meat to the party's progressive base with calls for massive structural reforms to the nation's political and economic life. The differences that existed — how quickly to transition to government-funded health care, how broadly to apply a wealth tax — were generally around the margins.

But as their he said-she said feud over whether Sanders told Warren a woman could not be elected president shows, the friendship ends as the voting begins. With the first votes of the Democratic primary just weeks away, the two are not simply running against the rest of the field — Warren and Sanders are running against each other. And with that comes an urgent need to draw a contrast.

"Friends have fights," said Randi Weingarten,

president of the 1.7 million-member American Federation of Teachers. "Running for months and months, and with the proximity of Iowa, it's not a surprise that there are nerves fraying."

Weingarten called the nasty back-and-forth damaging and unnecessary because both candidates still share progressive values. "How many different ways can we call this counterproductive?" she asked.

There's a lot on the line since support in the Democratic primary could boil down to a finite number of voters and a zero-sum political game in which only one candidate, either Warren or Sanders, can consolidate progressive support enough to potentially face President Donald Trump in November.

Polling has shown that neither Warren, a senator from Massachusetts, nor Sanders, a senator from Vermont, has pulled away to become the primary's progressive standard-bearer.

The flare-up between Warren and Sanders has spooked progressive activists who worry the situation may deteriorate further and

push undecided voters toward moderate alternatives. Six leading groups even released a "unity" statement recently expressing their "belief that the surest way to defeat Trump is for the Democratic Party to nominate either Warren or Sanders."

"Sanders and Warren, as well as their campaigns and supporters, will need to find ways to cooperate," they wrote. "The crossfire amplified by the media is unhelpful."

In the Capitol last week, Warren and Sanders declined to comment further on their spat, which has pushed larger questions about sexism to the forefront. Both campaigns have consistently tried to downplay it as little more than a short-term feud, but that was undermined when the pair clashed during last week's debate in Iowa and Warren refused to shake Sanders' outstretched hand afterward.

And it was reignited Jan. 15, when CNN, which co-sponsored the debate, released audio of the tense, post-debate exchange in which both Sanders and Warren accused the other



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Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders speak after the Democratic debate last week.

of calling them "a liar."

Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez shrugged off the fight while visiting Wisconsin, saying, "At this point in the primary process, skirmishes like this take place, but they should never obscure — and they won't obscure — the fact that what unites us far exceeds what our differences are."

In Warren and Sanders' case, though, agreeing on so many top issues could be what fuels more tension. On health care, Warren was long an enthusiastic supporter of "Medicare for All's" promise of universal,

government-sponsored insurance, only to later pledge to work toward it within the first three years of her presidency.

Sanders has already laid that contrast bare, saying he'd send a full Medicare for All plan to Congress during his first week in office if elected.

Then there's a wealth tax. A planned 2% levy on fortunes worth more than \$50 million has become such a centerpiece of Warren's campaign that she's often interrupted at rallies by supporters chanting "2 cents! 2 cents!" But Sanders has subsequently released

his own version that goes even further.

Even if a new round of open bickering doesn't ensue over those and other issues, however, the question remains how Warren and Sanders will circle each other in the weeks before the Iowa caucuses.

That's where Trump's impeachment trial, which has begun in the Senate, could ease tensions. For the foreseeable future, it will pull both candidates off the campaign trail and into a chamber built on decorum that will only be amplified during impeachment proceedings.



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Organizers showed the cardboard beds and other furnishings that will be in athletes' rooms for the Tokyo Olympics.

Gold dreams, cardboard beds for Olympians

By **STEPHEN WADE**
Associated Press

TOKYO — Tokyo Olympic athletes beware — particularly larger ones.

The bed frames in the Athletes Village at this year's Olympics will be made of cardboard. Sturdy cardboard.

"Those beds can stand up to 200 kilograms," explained Takashi Kitajima, the general manager of the Athletes Village, speaking through an interpreter.

That's about 440 pounds.

"They are stronger than wooden beds," Kitajima added.

He also took into account the possibility of a wild room celebration after, say, a gold-medal victory.

"Of course, wood and cardboard would each break if you jumped on them," he said.

The single bed frames will be recycled into paper products after the games. The mattress components, which are not made of cardboard, will be recycled into plastic products.

The mattress is broken up into three distinct sections, and the firmness of each can be adjusted.

The idea was to use materials that could be remade after the Olympics and Paralympics. But the cardboard frames and supports should give the rooms a Spartan look.

Organizers showed off the beds and a few other furnishings Thursday at their headquarters.

The entire Athletes Village complex will be completed in June.

The Olympics open on July 24 followed by the Paralympics on Aug. 25.

"The organizing committee was thinking about recyclable items, and the bed was one of the ideas," Kitajima explained.

Organizers say this is the first time that the beds and bedding in the Athletes Village have been made of renewable materials.

The Athletes Village being built alongside Tokyo Bay will comprise 18,000 beds and be composed of 21 apartment towers.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Brexit bill passes final hurdle in Parliament; queen, EU await

LONDON — Britain's Brexit bill passed its final hurdle in Parliament on Wednesday after the House of Lords abandoned attempts to amend it.

The acknowledgment came after the House of Commons overturned changes to the government's flagship Brexit bill made a day earlier by the Lords.

The bill will become law when it receives royal assent from Queen Eliza-

beth II, a formality.

Britain is scheduled to leave the European Union on Jan. 31.

The House of Commons stripped out changes made by the Lords to bolster the rights of EU citizens in Britain, protect the powers of U.K. courts and ensure a say for Scotland and Wales in post-Brexit legal changes.

The European Parliament also must approve the Brexit divorce deal before Jan. 31.

'Africa's richest woman' now formal suspect in graft probe

JOHANNESBURG — Africa's reputed richest woman is a formal suspect in an investigation into mismanagement and the siphoning off of funds during her time with Angola's state-run oil company, the country's attorney general announced Wednesday.

The remarks by Helder Pitta Gros to reporters in the capital, Luanda, come days after a global investigation accused Isabel dos

Santos of murky dealings in the oil- and diamond-rich nation.

Wednesday's announcement is the latest sign that Angola's government under President Joao Lourenco is determined to pursue accountability after the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists accused dos Santos of using "unscrupulous deals" to build her fortune, estimated at \$2 billion.

Teen charged as adult in fatal shooting of his family in Utah

GRANTSVILLE, Utah — A teenage boy shot his mother and sister after she picked up the girl from school, then killed two more siblings as they returned home on a weekday evening, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Collin Haynie, 16, was charged as an adult with 10 felonies, including aggravated murder.

The quadruple slaying happened Friday night in the small town of

Grantsville, west of Salt Lake City. Investigators, who are trying to determine a motive, say Haynie is not speaking to police.

The funeral for Consuelo Alejandra Haynie, 52, her 15- and 12-year-old daughters and her 14-year-old son will be Friday.

The injured husband and father, Colin Haynie, 50, has been released from the hospital and was talking with investigators.



PRAKASH SINGH/GETTY-AFP

Performers in a troupe attired in traditional outfits from India's Assam state dance during a media preview Wednesday of entertainment planned for the nation's Republic Day parade next week in New Delhi.

US to tighten visa rules for pregnant women

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is coming out Thursday with new visa restrictions aimed at restricting "birth tourism," in which women travel to the U.S. to give birth so their children can have a U.S. passport.

Visa applicants deemed by consular officers to be coming to the U.S. primarily to give birth will now be treated like other foreigners coming to the U.S. for medical treatment, according to State Department guidance sent Wednesday. The applicants will have to prove they are coming for medical treatment and have the money to pay for it. It was not clear how pregnancy would be determined.

Coming to the U.S. to give birth is fundamentally legal, although there are scattered cases of authorities arresting operators of birth tourism agencies for visa fraud or tax evasion.

Travel ban: President Donald Trump said Wednesday that the U.S. would soon be imposing visa restrictions on more countries — though it's not clear yet how many nations will be affected by the expansion.

Seven additional nations — Belarus, Eritrea, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Nigeria, Sudan and Tanzania — were listed in a draft of the restrictions, but they could avoid inclusion if they make changes ahead of the announcement.

Five of the countries have either Muslim majorities or substantial Muslim minorities. The current ban suspends immigrant and non-immigrant visas for five majority-Muslim nations: Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen, as well as Venezuela and North Korea.

Watchdog files FEC complaint against pro-Sanders nonprofit

WASHINGTON — The watchdog group Common Cause filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission on Wednesday, alleging that Our Revolution, a political nonprofit organization founded by Sen. Bernie Sanders, violated campaign finance law by accepting donations in excess of federal limits while boosting his White House ambitions.

The complaint comes after The Associated Press reported earlier this month about the donations.

Our Revolution denies any wrongdoing. Spokesman Paco Fabian called the

complaint "meritless" and "legally flawed." Sanders' campaign did not respond to a request for comment.

The campaign finance act says groups established by federal officeholders or candidates cannot raise money for federal electoral activity that exceeds the limitations of the law. Those contributions are set at \$2,800 for candidates and \$5,000 for political action committees.

Our Revolution has taken in nearly \$1 million from donors whose contributions exceeded those limits and whose identities it hasn't fully disclosed.

Much of it came from donors who contributed six-figure sums.

The group has paid for some social media ads backing Sanders' campaign and is working to turn out voters who will support the senator in the Democratic presidential primary.

For years, Sanders has railed against the torrent of money allowed to flood the political system following the Supreme Court's landmark 2010 Citizens United decision.

While Our Revolution doesn't fully disclose donors, it does list many of them on its website.

Gabbard sues Clinton for Russia 'favorite' remark

NEW YORK — Democratic presidential candidate Tulsi Gabbard filed a defamation lawsuit against Hillary Clinton on Wednesday over an interview in which Clinton appeared to call Gabbard "the favorite of the Russians."

During the Oct. 15 Democratic presidential

debate, Gabbard, a Hawaii congresswoman, criticized a TV commentator she said had called her "an asset of Russia."

Without naming Gabbard, Clinton appeared to agree with the characterization during a podcast appearance days later on "Campaign HQ with David

Plouffe."

"She's the favorite of the Russians," Clinton told Plouffe, referring to a person she had earlier identified as a woman "who's currently in the Democratic primary. They have a bunch of sites and bots and other ways of supporting her so far."

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EDITORIALS

Parents who cheat for their children actually cheat, yes, their children

'Why didn't you believe in me?' — Matteo Sloane to his father, Devin, who had paid bribes for Matteo's college admission

As a freshman at the University of Southern California last year, Matteo Sloane surely never imagined making the 2 1/2-hour drive from Los Angeles up U.S. 101 to visit his father at the federal prison in Lompoc, California. Then FBI agents came to the family's house at 6:15 one morning. Seems that Devin Sloane, guided by a scam artist to the stars, had paid a quarter-million dollars to get Matteo admitted to USC.

Matteo now devotes time to his mom, lest she feel isolated while his dad is doing time. Matteo's reflection after visiting Devin at Lompoc: "He is sorry. I didn't ask for any of this and he feels sorry for that."

Lompoc inmate Devin Sloane isn't as famous as actors Felicity Huffman and Lori Loughlin, three among the dozens of parents caught up in the college admissions scandal of 2019. Huffman and Loughlin were among those accused of cheating their children's way into select colleges. The scandal's diabolical details, and its coast-to-coast scope, has rocked a higher education industry that portrays college admissions as a sacrosanct process.

Beyond the schadenfreude, a warning to ambitious parents

It's a saga of arrogant crime and humbling punishment: wealthy and celebrity parents paying big bucks to get their children into schools such as Georgetown, Stanford and Yale. All of us knew of legacy admissions for the descendants of alumni, and of acceptances for the slow-witted grandchildren of donors who erect campus buildings. Yet this megacheat, orchestrated by admissions consultant William "Rick" Singer, was in a breathtaking league of its own.

There's more here for the rest of us, though, than a plump serving of schadenfreude — secret satisfaction over a downfall of the rich and famous. There's also a cautionary tale, a warning to ambitious parents of all income brackets and status cohorts. None of us wants our families to end up like these.

Bonds frayed by lies and deceit

After convicted parents complete prison sentences, and after embarrassed universities finish expelling some of these students



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Devin Sloane, second from left, leaves a court in Boston last year after his sentencing in a nationwide college admissions bribery scandal.

from their student bodies, an enormous failure of parenting stands to haunt these families in perpetuity.

We offer that conclusion with gratitude for a weekend Wall Street Journal story that explores how profoundly the parents who cheated for their children have wound up cheating, yes, their children. The story speaks of families attempting to reassemble bonds frayed by parents' lies and deceit.

It's commonly accepted now that while some of the young people knew their parents were bribing them into colleges, many others did not. One example of the toxic fallout the latter group may never outlive: Later on the day FBI agents came for his father, Matteo Sloane had his own piercing interrogation for Dad: "Why didn't you believe in me? Why didn't you trust me?"

Every parent wants to help his or her children succeed. As Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley put it in the 1970s when city business went to an insurance firm where a son worked, "If a man can't put his arms around his sons, then what kind of world

are we living in?"

No, criminal skulduggery isn't 'protection'

Devin Sloane, before receiving his six-month prison sentence in September, wrote to the judge that he wanted to protect Matteo from the pain and disappointment he had felt growing up in a family that endured turmoil and financial problems.

But the college admissions scandal shows how much damage that parental sentiment can do to its alleged beneficiaries. And who, truth be told, are the beneficiaries? For all of us tempted to clout our kids into an internship, a school, a job, there's the obvious question, *Would my intervention to help my child be right or wrong?* But there's also the self-auditing followup, *Would I be doing this for my child — or for my bragging rights, my stature, my pride?*

Among the families where such questions didn't get due attention: ■ Huffman was arrested after paying \$15,000 to have Singer's

proctor boost daughter Sophia Macy's SAT score without the girl's knowledge. Huffman pleaded guilty. Her two-week sentence surely was easier than confessing in open court that, after the arrest, Sophia had told her, "I don't know who you are anymore, Mom."

■ The Journal reports that vintner Agustin Huneeus Jr. pleaded guilty to paying \$50,000 to fix his daughter's SAT score and \$50,000 to help slide the teen into USC — and to agreeing to pay an additional \$200,000 on her acceptance before authorities exposed the plot. "I realize now that cheating on her behalf was not about helping her, it was about how it would make me feel," wrote the father, now inmate No. 25453-111 serving five months at a federal penitentiary in Atwater, California.

■ Jack Buckingham twice had taken the ACT exam, finishing in the 92nd and 94th percentiles — but not high enough to placate his mother, Jane, a youth-marketing consultant and author. She reportedly worried about his uneven grades. So she agreed to pay Singer \$50,000 to have a proctor

take the exam in Jack's name but without her son's knowledge. Before receiving her three-week prison sentence, she wrote, "I committed this crime for myself. Not because I wanted my son to go to any particular school, but because I needed to make myself feel like a better mother."

Let children pilot the helicopter

Circle back with us to Matteo Sloane, who for the rest of his life can ponder why Devin Sloane didn't think his son had the ability to make his own way, or the resilience to rebound if he stumbled.

The temptation to helicopter parent — to hover overhead, blowing debris from life's path — is strong. So is every parent's reluctance to accept that for a child, at some point, most steps ought to be steps away, toward independence.

This admissions scandal thrived because parents wanted to fly the helicopter — illegally, and for way too long. In Matteo's vernacular: "It's honestly, like, kind of gross that they're trying to live their kids' lives."

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

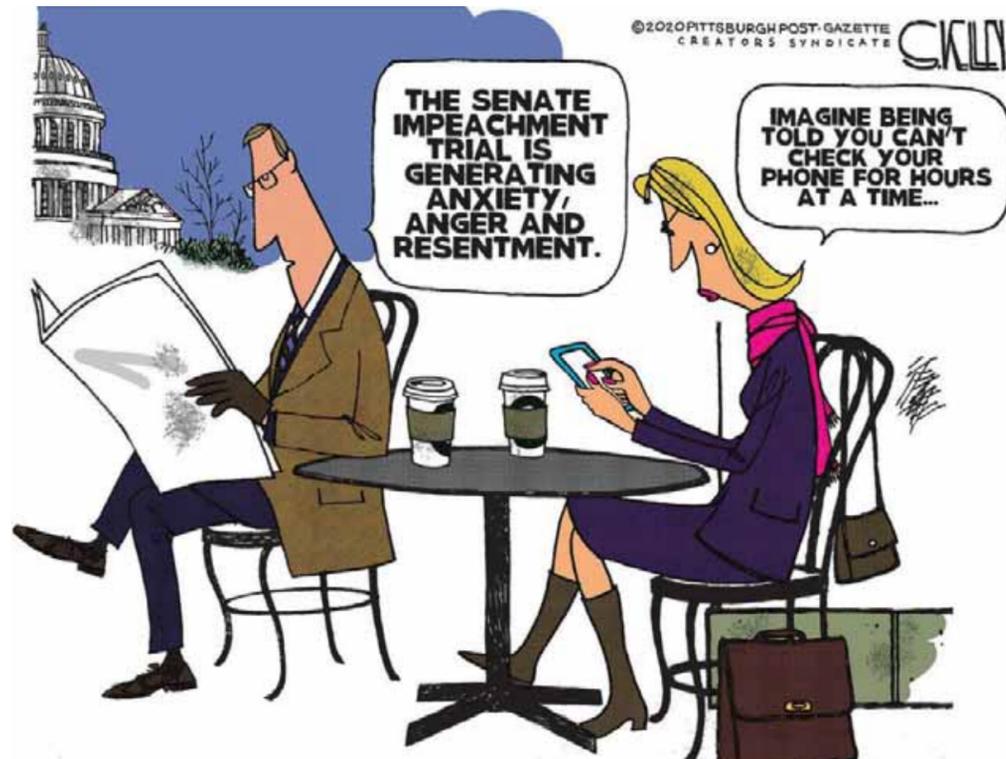
Nothing twitches the loins of a Beltway take-monger quite like those three little words: Dems in Disarray. Pundits have no better reason to get out of bed and race to their sun-dappled desks than to type with trembling fingers that the Democrats are at each other's throats again. When will they learn that the majority of this country are just simple, Applebee's salad bar-enjoying Americans who want low deficits and a president who Gets Things Done, not leftist squabbles on Twitter?

This cursed mindset has not been successfully quarantined in Punditville; it is a virus that infects even smart, well-intentioned Democrats. The idea that Democrats should avoid at all costs fighting in public, and that any sort of significant disagreement over the direction of the party is tantamount to handing the election to the Republicans, is an idea that conveniently serves the agenda of the centrist establishment who have been doing rather well (financially and politically) during the Trump era. ... Support a specific candidate if you must, but not too vociferously; if you can't endorse the idea that the field is one big united team of good folks, havin' a great time out there, you're being counter-productive. ...

Must every substantive dispute between Democrats be treated as a distracting sideshow that inevitably leads to Donald Trump's reelection? If the events of the past days can teach us anything useful, it's that the Democratic field is filled with genuine rivals, who don't necessarily think every one among them would be a good president.

Libby Watson, *The New Republic*

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Trump merchandise is on display in a recreational vehicle before a rally held by the president at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee last week.

Trump's supporters and the denial of reality



STEVE CHAPMAN

There was a time when I was unconvinced of the case that greenhouse gases were causing the planet to warm and that action was needed to curb them. I'm not one to jump to conclusions on such an important matter. But over time, I noticed something fishy. The people who began by rejecting the case kept changing their story.

First, they said the planet was not getting hotter. Then they said it might be getting hotter but not because of carbon dioxide. Then they said that maybe the increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere was causing it but that it was a good thing. Then they said that even if it's a bad thing, it would be costly or futile to take remedial action. At each stage, they devised a new argument.

What didn't change was their unshakable commitment to doing nothing. They didn't consider the evidence and then sort through it to reach a logical conclusion. They reached a conclusion and then found ways to justify it no matter what. Most of them, as it happens, were Republicans.

Psychologists have a term for this approach: motivated reasoning. As Jerry Taylor, president of the Niskanen Center, a moderate think tank, has explained, it "is the act of deciding what you want to believe and using your reasoning power, with all its might, to get you there."

It's on display at any athletic contest, where a referee's decision against the home team will draw boos, even if it is obviously correct. Fans want their team to win, so they dispute any call that hurts their team. If sports fans didn't engage in motivated reasoning, they would boo bad calls against the opposing team.

This tendency is what novelist Upton Sinclair was referring to when he wrote, "It is difficult to get a man to understand something, when his salary depends upon his not understanding it."

The same phenomenon is on view in the Senate impeachment trial. To anyone who started out with an open mind, it would be clear that Donald Trump used military aid and other means to pressure the president of Ukraine to take steps to harm a prospective opponent, Joe Biden.

It would be clear that the president's efforts defied Congress and had nothing to do with combating corruption. It would be clear that he has abused his powers, lied incessantly about his actions and gone to excep-

tional lengths to prevent Congress and the public from learning the full story.

But Republicans refuse to admit the obvious, preferring to dissemble, smear the accusers and concoct fraudulent rationales for what Trump did. They have an interest in Trump's survival, so they make — and may even believe — whatever claims are necessary to protect him.

This is not how Democrats proceeded on impeachment. They waited for the Mueller report and, when it arrived, decided that it didn't provide a sufficient case to remove Trump. Nancy Pelosi stoutly resisted the calls from some members for impeachment.

Only after the Ukraine extortion scheme came to light did she and most of her members decide they had no choice. In making the case against Trump, they have relied on proven facts and reasonable inferences, not the bald deceptions and disinformation his supporters employ.

But motivated reasoning is an old human tendency. The question is: Why has it become so dominant in the Republican Party? One reason lies in the ideological sorting of the two parties.

There used to be conservative Democrats and liberal Republicans. The overlap of views moderated partisanship because liberal Democrats needed the help of liberal Republicans, and conservative Republicans some-

times worked with conservative Democrats.

As each party became ideologically narrower, the pressure to follow the party line came to predominate. The need to persuade doubters within the party largely vanished. Truth has often been a sad casualty.

The Trump presidency has forced Republicans to choose between seeing what's staring them in the face and finding ways to justify his worst impulses. They have chosen the latter, even when he has abandoned long-standing GOP policies — on Russia, Ukraine, NAFTA, North Korea, immigration, spending and more. Trump is now the Republican Party, and Republicans will go where he takes them, even if it means denying reality. And Fox News will help.

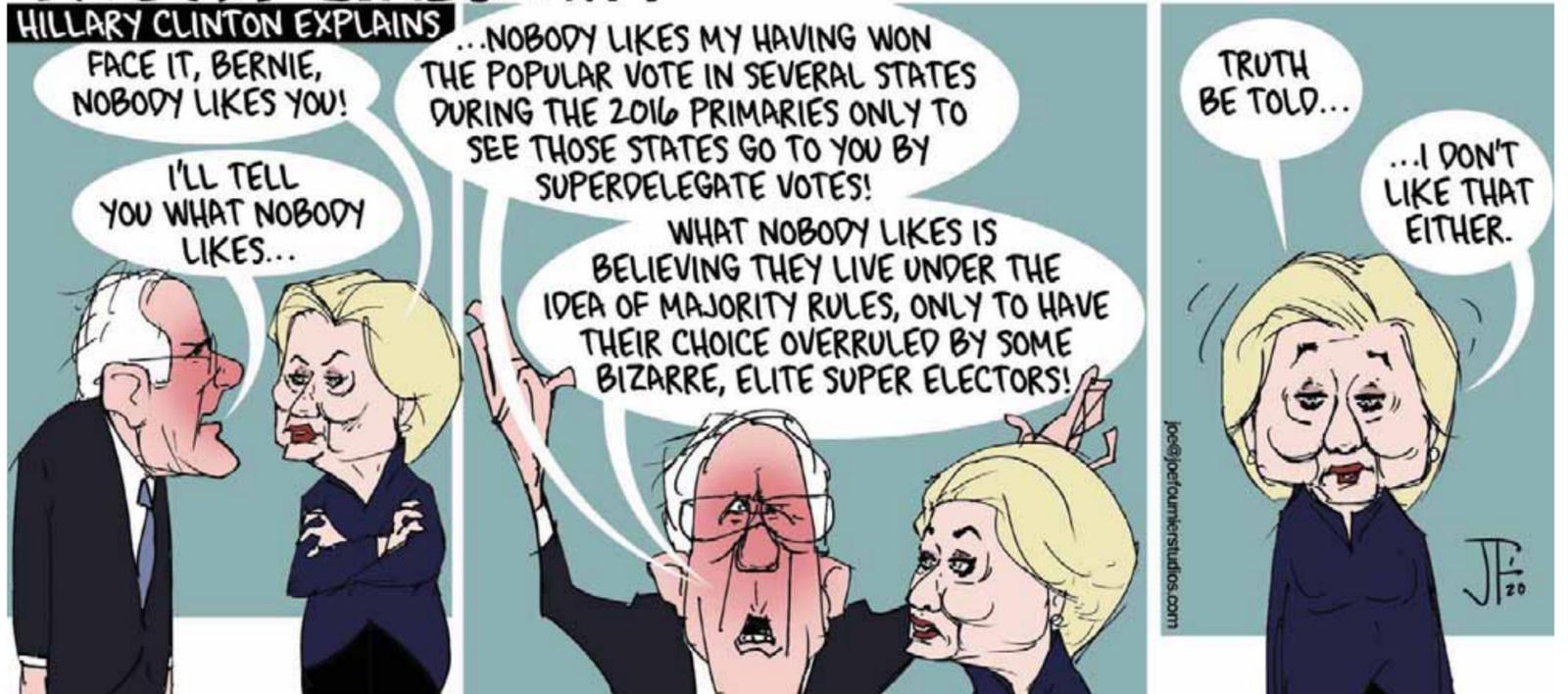
More than a century ago, a titanic political leader said, "There is only one truth: What profits my opponent hurts me, and vice versa." That has become the operating principle of Republicans. For these onetime anticommunists to follow the example of Vladimir Lenin only highlights how far they have come.

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Improve Illinois for you and your neighbors by supporting pension reform

BY ADAM SCHUSTER

You and your neighbor have a decade of familiarity and own similarly comfortable homes. You drive similarly fuel-efficient family SUVs. You even cut your lawns in similar stripe patterns each Saturday, nodding to one another as you sweep the clippings and wrestle giant paper bags.

But when it comes to retirement, the similarities end. Your neighbor, who pulled in a similar salary, worked for the state. You didn't.

The thought of retirement terrifies you as you prepare to live on a fixed 401(k) — one close to the American average of \$195,000 for people close to retirement. Most of it comes from earnings that you've socked away over the years. Combined with a meager Social Security check, which maxes out at a little over \$45,400 per year, it'll have to last you for the rest of your life.

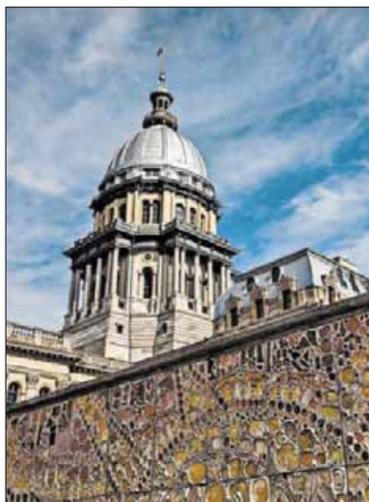
Your neighbor, meanwhile, is expected to receive more than \$1.5 million in pension benefits during the course of his retirement. He personally contributed less than \$60,000 to the pot. He gets to retire at 56. You? 70, if you're lucky.

As a childish voice in you begins to whine about fairness, take a deep breath. It's not your neighbor's fault.

The disparity comes from an unsustainable system put in place by the Springfield elite, some of whom are cashing in on the biggest payouts of all.

Former Senate President John Cullerton, who retired this month, is set to receive more than \$2 million in state pension payments during the next 15 years. He'll take home nearly \$4.2 million if he lives to age 95. During his 40-year career in Springfield, Cullerton contributed a little over \$277,000 to the General Assembly Retirement System.

The cause of Illinois' worst-in-the-nation pension crisis is twofold: early retirements and generous lifetime pension payouts covered almost entirely by taxpayers. Those retirement benefits are



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The Illinois Capitol in Springfield.

practically unheard of in the private sector.

More than half of state workers and teachers will retire before age 60. Career state workers, those who work 30 years or more, will typically pay for about 5% of the cost of their pension benefits, receiving an average of \$1.7 million during their retirements. Teachers — who don't qualify for Social Security like most state employees — pay about the same percentage, but their average benefit is \$2.3 million.

State and local governments in Illinois already spend the most in the nation on pensions as both a percentage of their total revenues and as compared with the size of the state's total economic output.

Illinois' ever-growing pension spending is already crowding out core government services. The state spends about one-third less today, adjusted for inflation, than it did in the year 2000 on core services including child protection, state police and college money for poor students. Cuts

hurting our state's most vulnerable residents came as pension spending increased by 501%.

The state's only viable option, barring an extreme case such as federal bankruptcy, is meaningful pension reform. That starts with a constitutional amendment to allow changes to unearned, future benefits.

Rather than deleting the pension protection clause entirely, Illinois should seek to modify it to match states such as Hawaii or Michigan, which protect only accrued benefits. A recent actuarial analysis found this approach could save an average of \$2 billion per year. It could fully eliminate pension debt by 2045.

That's all possible without taking away a single dollar earned to date. No retiree would see the size of their current check decrease. No current worker would lose their core benefit, the monthly amount they see when they log on to the state benefits portal. But the guaranteed 3% compounding post-retirement raise could be replaced with a true cost-of-living adjustment pegged to inflation, among other modest changes.

The concept of future benefit reforms has been successfully enacted in Colorado as well as in Arizona, which had support from the state's public-sector unions. Despite the claims of political opponents, there is ample reason to believe U.S. Supreme Court precedent allows for such a change.

Without pension reform, core services are cut, taxes are raised and pensioners risk losing what they've already been promised as the funds go insolvent. Legislation already introduced in Springfield would prevent these problems.

You pride yourself on being a good neighbor. Keep at it by helping to convince lawmakers to deal with the nation's worst pension crisis, whichever side of the fence you're on.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Disrespecting medical pot applicants

I am a Vietnam War-era veteran with service through Desert Shield and Desert Storm who suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder and severe cervical spinal stenosis. I have been a medical cannabis patient since 2016. It has helped tremendously with curbing nightmares and cold sweats that have plagued me for decades. It reduces the chronic, nagging pain I have in my neck. It has been a great benefit for me and helps me cope with the strain and pain of everyday life.

The article "Applications for medical weed cards rise" (Jan. 22) in print has the subheadline "Increase may reflect desire to skirt sky-high legal marijuana taxes." That is a slap in the face to every medical cannabis-qualifying patient, regardless of his or her motive for obtaining a card. Having been through the initial application process (fingerprints, background check, etc.) and subsequent renewal of my medical cannabis card, I can tell you that it is not as easy as that subheadline makes it out to be. A patient must still have a doctor-certified qualifying condition to obtain a medical cannabis card. The fact that more patients are coming forward to treat their qualifying conditions is to be applauded and not viewed as a scheme to scam the system.

I am medically limited to access at a single dispensary. I cannot go into a shop in Chicago and plunk down my card to get a tax break. My card is good at my dispensary only, regardless of the products I purchase. To be sure, there are shady patients and equally shady doctors who will try to buck the system. However, an overwhelming percentage of applicants are legitimate patients who will benefit from the state program.

— Barry Flanagan, Highwood

Sensible approach to legalized pot

There were lots of problems with alcohol over the millennia and certainly over the last hundred years, especially with regard to government's role in either regulating or prohibiting it. We should not be surprised that there have been and are now lots of problems in the same issue areas with respect to cannabis. Let's just approach these problems with common sense and a light governmental hand.

— Mary F. Warren, Wheaton

Major blows to our democracy

I attended two days of the Watergate hearings in 1975, and I was a trial attorney for several years. Tuesday night, the Republican-controlled Senate voted down every one of the Democrats' requests for documentary evidence and subpoenas for witness testimony at President Donald Trump's impeachment trial. It is nothing short of cowardice and treachery to the Constitution and the nation. We are watching our democracy die before our very eyes.

— Jeff Ginsburg, Evanston

Still status quo at Illinois Capitol

Congratulations to state Sen. Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, for being elected to replace John Cullerton as Illinois Senate president. In his acceptance speech, Harmon made reference to restoring the public's trust in Illinois government and its officials. While I'm sure Harmon is a good man with good intentions, I fear nothing will change for Illinois residents for one reason: The wrong man resigned his post. If House Speaker Michael Madigan would have resigned, I could honestly see a faint light on the horizon.

Unfortunately, my fellow Illinoisans, it looks like Harmon will accomplish nothing more than the many men and women before him — Illinois legislators who are elected and paid to serve Madigan and not the taxpayers. Based on the increasing rate of people leaving Illinois, we can only hope that Madigan gets so disgusted by what he's done to this state that he, too, joins the exodus under the cover of darkness. By then, you have to wonder what will be left.

— Mark Zavagnin, La Grange

Raising taxes is never a panacea

It seems that every year, the politicians in Springfield raise taxes. And then, like clockwork, when they fail to produce a balanced budget, they are shocked and dismayed that the new taxes did not fix any of the problems they were supposed to fix. They then repeat this the following year, and the year after that, and the year after that. Surely this meets the classic definition of insanity, doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. This insanity needs to stop.

— John Videll, Chicago



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Then-first lady Michelle Obama eats lunch with kids at Parklawn Elementary School in Alexandria, Virginia, in 2012. The Trump administration has proposed rollbacks to Barack Obama-era nutrition standards in the school meal program.

School meal nutrition rollbacks are far from 'common sense'

BY JOANNA BUSCEMI

On Jan. 17, Michelle Obama's birthday, the Trump administration proposed rollbacks in nutrition standards in the school meal program. Under the proposal, legumes and potatoes will count as vegetables, fewer fruits will be served at breakfast and a la carte meals will allow students to select items high in fat.

The result will be increased access to foods such as french fries, hamburgers and other calorie-dense foods that were not allowed under the improved nutrition standards of the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act, which was championed by the former first lady and passed in 2010 with bipartisan support.

In a statement, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue called these rollbacks "common sense," but the science says otherwise.

Here are the facts: A well-balanced diet high in fruits and vegetables and whole grains helps to prevent diseases such as obesity, heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and many cancers. Children from low-income households are at risk for these diseases in part because of a lack of access to nutritious foods. They are also more likely to depend on schools to provide them with up to two meals plus snacks every day. Therefore, the school meal environment is extremely important for establishing nutritious dietary patterns early on —

especially for kids who need it most. All Chicago Public Schools students are eligible for free meals, so it is essential that the food offered is in the best interest of our children's health.

The law of 2010 ensured that, for the first time in decades, school meal standards were aligned with the latest Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which are developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the USDA based on scientific research. Over the last five years, evidence has mounted in support of these changes, including increases in fruit and vegetable consumption. Meanwhile, there has been a lack of evidence that kids are throwing away more food than before. Shouldn't the USDA's school meals line up with its own guidelines? Relaxing school lunch nutritional standards sends a message that the USDA is setting guidelines that it doesn't actually support.

To be fair, like any major policy change, the implementation of the new standards took some getting used to. The two main initial barriers were food service director challenges to meet the standards and children reportedly not liking the foods. Despite these early challenges, in 2014, the USDA reported that schools across the country were already over 90% compliant with the new regulations.

The School Nutrition Association has stated that it supports the rollbacks, citing

decreased participation in the school meal program as a reason to loosen the rules. But a USDA fact sheet from 2014 does not indicate any reductions in school meal participation. So why try to roll back these changes after almost everyone is now on board?

Over the last several years, professional organizations of scientists have spoken out against rolling back the standards. In 2015 and again in 2018, the Society of Behavioral Medicine released two position statements opposed to relaxing school meal nutrition standards. The effect of nutrition on health, and initial evidence that the standards are beneficial, indicate that now is not the time to go backward.

Not even the evidence provided by the USDA itself suggests that school meal nutrition standards should be reversed. Instead, the USDA should provide support services to assist schools that are struggling to adhere to the guidelines. Our children's meals should line up with the USDA's own dietary guidelines to help kids to establish more healthful dietary patterns and to prevent disease. And that's common sense.

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United's earnings at cruising altitude

Airline company's fourth-quarter profit up as fuel costs decline

BY DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

United Airlines reported that higher revenue and cheaper fuel helped boost its fourth-quarter profit by nearly 40%, to \$641 million.

The airline's forecast of first-quarter earnings easily beat Wall Street expectations.

It is not all clear sailing for United, however.

Tuesday's financial report came the same day that United shares tumbled on fear that a virus outbreak in China could hurt travel between the U.S. and Asia, a key market for the airline. Even before the outbreak, a closely watched measure of revenue per seat was dropping on United's flights to and from Asia.

And Boeing again pushed back its timetable for return of the 737 Max, making it almost impossible for United to meet its goal of putting the plane in its schedule by early June. It is more likely that United will go through a second straight summer without the Max, forcing it to cancel thousands of flights and lose the revenue from those ticket sales.

Rivals Southwest and American have disclosed how much the loss of their Max jets is costing them in pretax income. United has never given a figure, and declined again on Tuesday. The company has said only that it is talking to Boeing Co. about compensation.

United executives were scheduled to discuss the financial results with analysts on Wednesday.

U.S. airlines are enjoying strong demand for travel that has allowed them to sell more high-priced seats and amenities while limiting price hikes for average fares. United has been expanding by adding flights from its U.S. hubs such as Denver, Houston and San Francisco to smaller cities.

United will change CEOs in May, with Oscar Munoz stepping down and being replaced by Scott Kirby, the company's president since mid-2016.

For the fourth quarter, United said

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Illinois' first marijuana lounge gets approved

Company is still working on the concept and has not set an opening date

BY ALLY MAROTTI

A Springfield marijuana dispensary is the first in the state to get approval to open a spot for people to smoke weed.

Illinois Supply and Provisions plans to connect the space to its marijuana shop in downtown Springfield. The company is still working on the concept and has not set an opening date.

"It's going to be more than just a big open room where people can smoke cannabis," said spokesman Chris McCloud. "It's going to be well done, it's going to be tastefully done, and it's going to be an experience."

Springfield's city council approved the company's request Monday night to open the space.

Recreational marijuana went on sale in Illinois Jan. 1, but state law bans smoking in streets, parks or other public areas. Condominium associations and landlords also can prohibit marijuana use. Municipalities can regulate public consumption areas.

Springfield Alderwoman Erin Conley said the space will help clear up issues for renters whose landlords have banned marijuana use, and travelers.

"We do have a lot of tourists, we've already seen a fair amount of out-of-town visitors coming to our dispensary, and we have a lot of hotels downtown where people cannot con-

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A woman approaches an entrance door between Macy's and the CTA Red Line in Chicago on Tuesday.

Navigating the LABYRINTH

Pedway on the path to getting upgrades, easier accessibility



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

So it goes in this useful but often baffling netherworld. The network could be so much better — or, at least, easier to navigate.

Now, after years of talk and study, city officials and the nonprofit Environmental Law & Policy Center finally are poised to start making the Pedway a vital piece of civic infrastructure rather than a humdrum way to get from Point A to Point B.

Having secured \$4 million in federal funds last fall for Pedway upgrades, the city could soon be working with the nonprofit to hire a design firm that will develop new signs and navigational tools for the network's main branch.

The Pedway "shouldn't be that complicated. It should be easy. It should be accessible. It should work well," Howard Learner, the center's executive director, told me. His organization took on the Pedway issue because it views the network as a way to advance its agenda of promoting energy-saving alternatives to driving.

Sometime next year, we're likely to see new maps and signs; digital apps that help people

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It was just another frustrating morning in the Pedway Tuesday. Emerging from the CTA's Red Line station at Lake Street, I came upon a door leading to the Pedway beneath Macy's that refused to open. I used another one.

The Macy's Pedway is better-lit and cleaner than it was in 2018, when the Tribune's Mary Wisniewski shamed Macy's into fixing it, but it remains a down-at-the-heels gateway to the retailer's palatial State Street store.

Even worse: The Pedway tunnel beneath Michigan Avenue. Its crumbling ceiling presses down on you. Pipes line the walls and ceiling. It feels like a rat maze.



A sign notes an elevator that is currently out of service Tuesday in the Pedway.



The entrance to the Macy's Pedway area is seen Tuesday.

Express to close 100 stores, including two in the Chicago area

Retailer's restructuring plan is to cut costs by \$80 million annually

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Express, a staple in U.S. malls, will close about 100 stores, including two in suburban Chicago, as part of a restructuring plan as the chain grapples with drastic changes in where people spend their shopping dollars.

The last day for Express stores in Hawthorn Mall in Vernon Hills and River Oaks Center in Calumet City will be Sunday. The retailer that caters to younger shoppers said earlier this month that it was laying off 10% of the staff at its Columbus, Ohio, headquarters and its New York

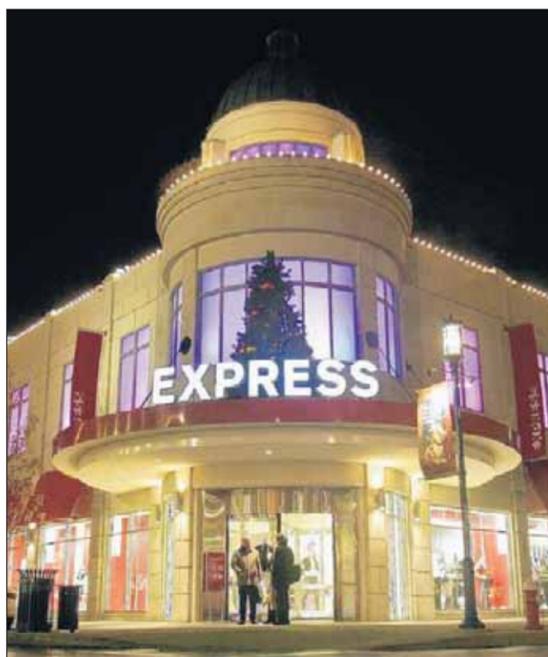
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Express Inc. said Wednesday that it can cut its costs by \$80 million annually, partially through the store closures, nine of which took place in 2019. It plans to close another 31 stores this year, and 35 more by the end of next year.

It was not immediately clear how that would affect the employees at those stores. Staff in Columbus and New York were provided severance pay and on-going benefits.

Express operates about 600 stores. Its sales and profit growth have slid over the past three years.

Clothing retailers, particularly those in malls, have been devastated by changing consumer behavior. More than 9,000 stores were shuttered last year.



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An Express store is seen at Easton Town Center in Columbus, Ohio. The retailer announced Wednesday that it is closing about 100 of its 600 stores.



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Short-term plans are cheaper but don't meet requirements under Affordable Care Act.

Critics: Obamacare still beats short-term plans

BY KELLI KENNEDY
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Consumers who bought short-term health insurance thinking they had found a better deal than “Obamacare” during the open enrollment season may be in for a shock when they show up at their doctor’s office this year.

The low-cost plans aren’t required to cover basics such as prescription drugs or maternity care.

The Trump administration rolled back restrictions on short-term plans in 2018. But critics quickly labeled them junk insurance, warning they come with gaps and don’t have to cover preexisting medical conditions.

Trump said the plans will offer “great health care at a much lower price,” at a White House event in 2018 when the changes were announced, describing them as “somewhat different, result the same.”

With premiums about a third of the cost of comprehensive coverage, short term plans are significantly cheaper but don’t meet requirements under the Affordable Care Act. And

while they cover major catastrophes such as a car accident, they don’t have to cover the law’s “essential” benefits — including mental health and substance abuse treatment and they won’t cover preexisting conditions.

The latest enrollment season, which ended last month, saw a big promotional push for short-term plans. It marked the second year the plans were sold under loosened restrictions, and some insurance agents say they fielded calls from confused consumers fooled by low monthly premiums but who missed the fine print about limited benefits.

Coverage on most plans was taking effect in January.

Insurance experts also complained about aggressive and misleading marketing tactics by some third-party sellers targeting Hispanics and low-income consumers.

Nonetheless, short-term plans represent a fraction of the overall market.

Short-term plans have been around for years. Designed to help those switching jobs or retiring before Medicare eligibility,

they were never intended to offer long-term comprehensive care. The plans have typically covered up to 90 days, but now can be renewed for up to 36 months.

Brian Felker bought a short-term plan last year in case of an emergency.

“It seemed like a good idea at first until I tried to go to the doctor,” said the 38-year-old musician from Austin, Texas. “It just ended up being worthless.”

He saw his doctor to get his ear unclogged after a day of surfing, get a routine blood test, and have an ultrasound done of his neck after his sister was recently diagnosed with thyroid cancer. The blood test came to more than \$200, the ultrasound \$500 and the ear flush \$100 — all out of pocket.

Last month, he bought a more traditional plan covering doctor visits, wellness checkups and prescriptions.

Though it cost a bit more at \$500 a month, he got a \$300 monthly government subsidy.

“This is actually a huge relief,” said Felker, who began avoiding treatment under the previous plan.

Beyond meat, General Mills bets on plant-based seafood

BY KRISTEN LEIGH PAINTER
Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — Tuna without the mercury and fish burgers without the fish.

That’s what Gathered Foods Corp., a startup firm that developed plant-based seafood, is selling — and General Mills has decided to help.

301 Inc., the venture arm of General Mills, and a handful of other venture capitalists are investing more than \$32 million in a Series B funding round to help New York-based Gathered Foods with its Good Catch brand. The company notched a big win last May when Beyond Meat, the first startup in which it invested, went public with huge success.

The ultimate goal for 301 Inc. is to find brands that General Mills could eventually acquire.

“I can’t speculate where this one will end. From where we are today, it’s early, but it’s a remarkable product with a brand that can become a platform for expansion,” John Haugen, managing director of 301, said.

Good Catch will use these funds to build a new production plant and expand the brand across three continents.

The vegan products are some of the first seafood alternatives to bubble up in the fast-growing plant-based foods space. The investment also solidifies 301 Inc.’s role as the conduit through which General Mills tests the plant-based marketplace for ideas with staying power.

Demand has soared for plant-based burgers from firms like Beyond Meat and Impossible Foods, but few companies have attempted to make seafood from plants.

Unlike many other food startups that begin in a



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Gathered Foods Corp., a startup firm that developed plant-based seafood, has drawn General Mills’ attention.

founder’s kitchen, Good Catch was started by serial entrepreneurs and impact investors who were looking for a vegan seafood company to invest in. When they couldn’t find one that matched their criteria, they started it themselves, said Chris Kerr, Good Catch’s chief executive.

The team spent a year and a half focused on the “mouthfeel” of its shelf-stable tuna product, which is the hardest part of emulating a plant-based protein, he said. Its products are made from six types of legumes — peas, chickpeas, lentils, soy, fava beans and navy beans. Algae oil, or algal oil, from sea algae gives the products a fishy flavor as well as the DHA Omega-3 fatty acids that many consumers associate with seafood.

Good Catch’s first product is a shelf-stable albacore tuna alternative that has been rolled out in three varieties to nearly 5,000

stores. In early June, it plans to launch frozen entrees, like plant-based fish burgers and crabcakes.

“Seafood is considered to be a healthy alternative to meat,” Kerr said. “The problem is it comes with a lot of collateral damage. Tuna has mercury in it. Odds are it has microplastics.”

The startup highlights the nutritional similarities between their products and real tuna and the absence of microplastics, microfibers, mercury, GMOs and dairy — good news for vegans and pregnant women.

General Mills isn’t a protein company nor a plant-based food company, though it recently announced plant-based yogurt. But more than half of 301’s investments have been plant-based foods, like No Cow protein bars and Kite Hill, a dairy alternative brand. 301 was also an early investor in Beyond Meat, which went public last May.

Kamin

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navigate the Pedway; better lighting; and a new logo that will replace the current compass rose. “The compass wasn’t bad, but people weren’t looking at their smartphones 20 years ago,” Learner said.

Bolstering the view that real change is finally afoot, Mike Claffey, a spokesman for the city’s Transportation Department, said the department’s new, design-savvy commissioner, Gia Biagi, has met with Learner and “we’re enthusiastic about working with him.”

But the Pedway being the Pedway — where it’s never easy to get things done — it should come as no surprise that there’s a holdup on another \$9 million in federal funds. They would go toward structural repairs, like replacing the busted door I encountered Tuesday, not to mention heavy, hard-to-open doors that pose a major barrier to people in wheelchairs. Those funds will have to come from a different federal pot than the one that will pay for the new signs. City officials have yet to identify that funding source, so there’s no firm timetable for the structural work.



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The low ceiling and exposed pipes of the Pedway are seen under Michigan Avenue on Wednesday.

Begun in 1951 when the city built blocklong tunnels linking the CTA’s Red and Blue lines at Washington Street and Jackson Boulevard, the Pedway now connects more than 50 buildings.

Its main branch runs from the City Hall/County Building on the west to Metra’s Millennium Park station on the east. Above-ground passageways and building lobbies, like those in Illinois Center, also are

part of the system, which continues to grow incrementally as new buildings join.

Trouble is, there’s no Pedway czar to enforce common operating hours and maintenance standards. So the Pedway’s chain of underground passageways is easily broken. An example: The portion of the route under the Richard J. Daley Center shuts down around 6 p.m., frustrating East Loop commuters who

would use it to make their way to Metra train lines at Ogilvie Transportation Center and Union Station.

A 2017 study for the law and policy center identified three key priorities for the Pedway: better navigation; better coordination among building owners; and better activation. The latter means the network would become more interesting and exciting, like the one in Montreal’s underground, which has hosted concerts and art

and film festivals. The airy, shop-filled Pedway at Block 37, which is not a tunnel but part of an atrium, offers a model closer to home.

The study also floated the intriguing possibility of forging new connections between the Pedway and street-level activity, including a glassy cube that would form an aboveground entrance to the Pedway in the northwest corner of Millennium Park.

Ongoing maintenance

and operating costs might have to be borne by building owners, both public and private, but Learner points out potential benefits: Filling empty Pedway-level shops with tenants who will produce new tax revenue and more downtown pedestrian traffic, which should be good for business.

He’d also like to see the owners of buildings along the network engage in a “race to the top” to improve sections of the Pedway that serve as entrances to their buildings.

I came across one opportunity for an upgrade on my way to work Tuesday: A sign on a structural column in the Millennium Park train station that failed to give adequate directions to the adjacent Prudential Plaza complex. The arrow was pointing in the wrong direction, the letter “u” was missing, and the “d” looked like an “a.”

Fortunately, I knew where I was going. But first-time visitors might be lost. The Pedway needs to get details like that right if it’s ever going to become more than the confusing and underperforming network it is today.

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United

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profit excluding what the company deemed nonrepeating items was \$2.67 per share. That was 3 cents better than the average estimate of 17 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research.

Revenue rose 4% to \$10.89 billion, in line with analysts’ forecasts.

United added passenger-carrying capacity despite the loss of its Max jets, and revenue grew about twice as fast as operating expenses. There, labor costs rose 6%, but United’s fuel spending dropped more than 5% as

fuel prices fell from the same period in 2018.

Passenger revenue per mile for each seat, an indication of pricing power, rose nearly 1%, in line with United’s forecast of three months ago. The airline predicted that same figure would be flat to up 2% in the January-through-March quarter.

United forecast adjusted earnings of 75 cents to \$1.25 per share in the first quarter. Analysts are expecting 72 cents per share.

Shares of Chicago-based United Airlines Holdings fell \$3.91, or 4.4%, on Tuesday and another \$2.45, or 2.9%, on Wednesday, closing at \$83.34.

Lounge

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sume,” she said. “I thought it was better to have a place ... for people to reasonably partake in something that’s legal in Illinois.”

In Chicago, people are allowed to use marijuana in their backyards or on their balconies. There is no plan in place to establish public spaces for weed use in Chicago.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot was pushing a plan that would have allowed smoke shops to buy licenses allowing on-site weed consumption, but it stalled earlier this month.

Besides the Springfield location, Illinois Supply and

Provisions operates a dispensary in Collinsville. It plans to open two more recreational-only marijuana stores in Springfield and Fairview Heights this year.

Kathleen Olivastro, regional director of the dispensaries, said in a statement that with such stringent consumption laws in place, it is important to have designated areas where people can consume.

“We’ve already started to redefine the cannabis retail experience with our customers and this will be greatly anticipated,” she said in the statement.

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Guests lounge and smoke cannabis at the Tetra Private Lounge on March 12 in the RiNo neighborhood of Denver. Tetra is a private club where guests can bring their own cannabis products to smoke or consume.

Honda, Toyota to recall over 6 million vehicles

Different air bag woes may put safety of motorists at risk

By TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

DETROIT — Two different air bag glitches have forced Toyota and Honda to recall more than 6 million vehicles worldwide, and both problems present different dangers to motorists.

The Toyota recall affects about 3.4 million vehicles globally and is being done because the air bags may not inflate in a crash. The cars have air bag control computers made by ZF-TRW that are vulnerable to electrical interference and may not signal the bags to inflate.

The problem could affect as many as 12.3 million vehicles in the U.S. made by six companies. It's possible that as many as eight people were killed when air bags didn't inflate. U.S. safety regulators are investigating.

Honda's recall covers about 2.7 million vehicles in the U.S. and Canada with Takata air bag inflators. But they're a different version than the ones blamed for 25 deaths worldwide. Still, it's possible the air bags could blow apart and hurl

shrapnel at drivers and passengers.

Both recalls were announced Tuesday.

Toyota said the computer may not have adequate protection against electrical noise that can happen in crashes. The problem can cause incomplete opening of the air bags, or they may not open at all. Devices that prepare seat belts for a collision also may not work.

The recall covers certain 2011-2019 Corollas, the 2011 to 2013 Matrix, the 2012 through 2018 Avalon, and the 2013 to 2018 Avalon Hybrid in the United States.

In March 2017, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration began investigating problems with ZF-TRW air bag computers. The probe was expanded in April 2019 to 12.3 million vehicles made by Toyota, Honda, Kia, Hyundai, Mitsubishi and Fiat Chrysler from the 2010 through 2019 model years.

Toyota joins Hyundai, Kia and Fiat Chrysler in issuing recalls for the problem. Four deaths that may have been caused by the problem were reported in Hyundai-Kia vehicles and three in Fiat Chrysler automobiles. The investigation was up-

graded after investigators found two serious crashes involving 2018 and 2019 Toyota Corollas in which the air bags did not inflate. One person was killed. Toyota said it's cooperating in the probe, which is continuing.

The Honda recall covers certain Honda and Acura vehicles from the 1996 to 2003 model years. Honda vehicles included are the 1998 to 2000 Accord Coupe and Sedan, the 1996 to 2000 Civic coupe and sedan, the 1997 to 2001 CR-V, the 1998 to 2001 Odyssey, and the 1997 and 1998 EV Plus.

Acura vehicles covered are the 1997 and 1998 2.2CL, the 1997 to 1999 3.0CL, the 1998 and 1999 2.3CL, the 2001 and 2002 3.2CL, the 2001 and 2002 MDX, the 1998 to 2003 3.5RL, and the 1999 to 2001 3.2TL.

The front driver's inflators being recalled are part of a recall announced by Takata in November covering at least 1.4 million vehicles from five automakers.

In this case, the inflators don't contain ammonium nitrate, which is blamed for previous Takata problems. Honda said in three new crashes, the inflators were exposed to excessive moisture.

US-French tax truce eases EU tensions

By PAN PYLAS AND JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland — France will delay its tax on big tech firms like Google and Facebook in exchange for the United States' promise to hold off retaliatory tariffs — a potential sign of goodwill in the U.S. and European Union's increasingly tense relations over trade.

After President Donald Trump threatened the EU with bigger tariffs, French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire said Wednesday that he had negotiated a truce with U.S. Treasury chief Steven Mnuchin on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Le Maire said France would delay collection of the digital tax until December, parking the issue until after the U.S. presidential election when Trump hopes to secure another four-year term.

The 3% tax on the revenues of big internet companies only came into force last July and prompted outrage in the U.S., which launched retaliatory tariffs against French wine, cheese and other products.

The two countries eventually agreed a month later to try to create an international agreement on how to tax digital business by mid-2020, but neither side would back off their punitive taxes. They agreed Wednesday in Davos to do so.

Le Maire, Mnuchin and the head of the Paris-based Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, Jose Angel Gurría, will meet Thursday to work on an international approach to taxes on digital companies.

Such an international agreement would involve dozens of countries with often conflicting views.

The French measure is an attempt to get around tax avoidance measures by multinationals, which pay most of their taxes in the EU country they are based in — often at very low rates — and pay next to no tax in countries where they have large operations.



JOHN LOCHER/AP

Attendees stand near the SHOT Show gun show in 2018 in Las Vegas. The gun industry gathers this week for its annual conference.

Slumping sales, rising tensions

Gun industry gathers in Las Vegas amid pushback from public

By LISA MARIE PANE
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Gun companies gathered for their annual conference and trade show this week in Las Vegas at a pivotal moment for the industry amid slumping sales, a public increasingly agitating for restrictions on access to firearms and escalating tensions over gun control efforts.

The four-day event, held by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the gun industry's lobbying group, is in Las Vegas — about 3 miles from the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. An estimated 60,000 people are expected to attend, navigating a vast expanse of aisles filled with not just firearms but all sorts of accessories and industry-related apparel.

Gun sales normally taper off during Republican presidential administrations because gun owners are not as compelled to stockpile weapons out of fear that lawmakers will impose restrictions on firearms. But the past three years under President Donald Trump have been par-

ticularly volatile, fueled in part by the Las Vegas shooting and other high-profile mass killings that have driven efforts to either restrict access to guns or to ban certain firearms and products.

With Congress stymied by gridlock, the most notable action on guns has occurred at the state level in places such as Virginia, where Democrats took control of the statehouse in last year's elections. They are vowing to pass a slate of gun control measures, which prompted thousands of pro-Second Amendment activists to rally Monday in Richmond.

Virginia is being closely watched by the industry, looking to see how it will play out and what it might portend for the future of gun politics in the year ahead.

Sagging gun sales have afflicted almost every corner of the industry, most notably iconic gun manufacturers such as Ruger, Remington and Colt.

Colt, one of the most storied firearms companies in the U.S., decided to suspend production of its AR-15 long guns. Sturm, Ruger and Co. Inc. saw sales slump about 20% last year and has reduced its workforce and production.

Remington emerged from bankruptcy in 2018 but remains under scrutiny after being sued by families of victims of the Sandy Hook school shooting in which the perpetrator used an AR-15 made by the

company.

Ruger CEO Christopher Kilroy has said the company decided to forgo steep discounts in its prices, a tactic some other manufacturers have used, to focus instead on scaling back production to weather the storm.

The pushback from the public, lawmakers and the retail sector has been most intense against AR-style guns that have been used in several recent mass killings, including Las Vegas, the Orlando nightclub massacre and the school shooting in Parkland, Florida. That has placed gun manufacturers in a difficult position because the popularity of those weapons has fueled their profits in recent years.

It's not just gunmakers that have booths at the Las Vegas show. It's a wide array — from companies that make holsters, scopes, ammunition and safes to apparel and even coffee brewers. It caters to the spectrum of gun owners — from hunters to those in the military and law enforcement. Firearms on display at the event are inoperable and none are actually sold at it.

There is a panel discussion on how to use social media influencers to boost sales, a golf tournament to raise money for veterans and a "day at the range" where participants can check out and fire all sorts of guns. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt is among the keynote speakers.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Express to close stores, cut costs

NEW YORK — Express, a staple in U.S. malls, will close about 100 stores as part of a restructuring plan.

The retailer that caters to younger shoppers said earlier this month that it was laying off 10% of the staff at its Columbus, Ohio, headquarters and its New York City design studio.

Express Inc. said Wednesday that it can cut its costs by \$80 million annually, partially through the store closures, nine of which took place in 2019.

The retailer plans to close an additional 31 stores this year, and 35 more by the end of next year.

Express operates about 600 stores. Its sales and profit growth have slid over the past three years.

US home sales rose 3.6% in Dec.

WASHINGTON — U.S. home sales climbed 3.6% in December, but a record-low inventory of houses on the market has caused prices to surge as affordability is worsening.

The National Association of Realtors said Wednesday that sales of existing homes rose last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.54 million. For all of 2019, 5.34 million homes were sold — matching the 2018 level.

High mortgage rates hurt sales in the first half of the last year, while lower rates boosted purchases in the second half.

Sales listings have tumbled 8.5% from a year ago to 1.4 million properties.

The median sales price has jumped 7.8% over the past year to \$274,500.

Interior OKs Keystone pipeline on US land

By MATTHEW BROWN
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — The Trump administration on Wednesday approved a right of way allowing the Keystone XL oil sands pipeline to be built across U.S. land, federal officials told The Associated Press, pushing the controversial \$8 billion project closer to construction though court challenges still loom.

The approval signed by Interior Secretary David Bernhardt, covers 46 miles of the line's route across land in Montana controlled by the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said Casey Hammond, assistant secretary of the Interior Department.

The 1,200-mile pipeline would trans-

port up to 830,000 barrels of crude oil daily from western Canada to terminals on the Gulf Coast. Project sponsor TC Energy said in a court filing that it wants to begin construction in the next several months, but that's sure to face legal challenges.

First proposed in 2008, the pipeline has become emblematic of the struggle between economic development and curbing the fossil fuel emissions that are causing climate change. The Obama administration rejected it, but President Donald Trump revived it and has been a strong supporter.

The stretch approved Wednesday includes all federal land crossed by the line, Hammond said. Much of the rest of the route is across private land, for which TC Energy has been trying to get permissions

to build on.

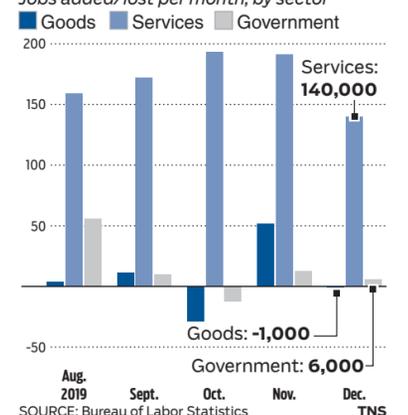
Opponents worry burning the tar sands oil will make climate change worse, and that the pipeline could break and spill oil into waterways like Montana's Missouri River. They have filed numerous lawsuits.

Hammond said Interior officials and other agencies have done a thorough review of the line's potential effects on the environment. He said TC Energy had provided detailed plans to respond to any spill from the line.

Another oil pipeline in TC Energy's Keystone network in October spilled an estimated 383,000 gallons of oil in eastern North Dakota. The company's critics say a damaging spill from Keystone XL is inevitable given the many rivers it would cross.

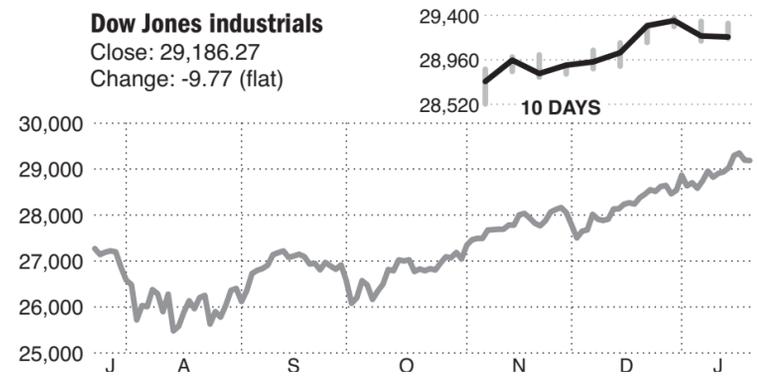
Employment changes

Jobs added/lost per month, by sector



MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 29,320.20 Low: 29,172.26 Previous: 29,196.04



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+12.96 (+.14%)	+0.96 (+.03%)	-1.44 (-.09%)
Close: 9,383.77	Close: 3,321.75	Close: 1,684.46
High: 9,439.29	High: 3,337.77	High: 1,694.37
Low: 9,375.13	Low: 3,320.04	Low: 1,682.94
Previous: 9,370.81	Previous: 3,320.79	Previous: 1,685.90

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+0.01 to 1.77%	-1.10 to \$1,555.30	+0.08 to 109.89/\$1	+0.0003 to .9016/\$1	-1.64 to \$56.74

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +.54	NASD +1.35	S&P +.99	DOW +2.35	NASD +4.81	S&P +3.05	DOW +18.76	NASD +33.56	S&P +25.89

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	581.50	592.50	574.50	577.75	-3.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	387.50	391	386.75	388.75	+1.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	917	922	913.25	913.75	-2.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 20	32.80	33.37	32.61	33.02	+0.27
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 20	299.10	299.80	297.40	297.90	-1.20
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 20	58.26	58.38	56.07	56.74	-1.64
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Feb 20	1.912	1.942	1.895	1.905	+0.10
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 20	1.6365	1.6392	1.5701	1.5796	-0.069

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	91.86	+2.13	Envestnet Inc	N	72.11	+0.97	McDonalds Corp	N	211.44	+0.28
AbbVie Inc	N	87.21	-0.78	Equity Commonwith	N	32.81	-0.22	Middleby Corp	O	111.56	-0.51
Alstate Corp	N	117.65	-0.15	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	71.42	-0.19	Mondelez Intl	O	55.46	-0.08
Aptargroup Inc	N	115.67	+0.04	Equity Residential	N	82.39	-0.91	Morningstar Inc	O	159.04	+0.19
Arch Dan Mid	N	44.93	-0.19	Exelon Corp	O	47.66	+0.08	Motorola Solutions	N	177.74	+0.19
Baxter Intl	N	91.16	+0.09	First Indl RT	N	42.75	-0.42	NiSource Inc	N	29.06	-0.13
Boeing Co	N	309.00	-4.37	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	69.98	+0.08	Ntnn Trust Cp	O	104.99	-3.58
Brunswick Corp	N	60.08	+1.26	Gallagher AJ	N	96.27	+0.08	Old Republic	N	22.94	+0.07
CBOE Global Markets	N	118.72	+1.33	Grainger WW	N	331.07	-3.38	Packaging Corp Am	N	106.30	+0.21
CDK Global Inc	O	55.17	-0.38	GrubHub Inc	N	56.37	+0.69	Payload Hldg	O	140.88	-1.0
CDW Corp	O	136.58	+0.50	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	113.62	-1.52	RLI Corp	N	94.03	+0.60
CF Industries	N	42.71	-1.54	IAA Inc	N	48.95	-0.48	Stericycle Inc	O	63.21	+0.61
CME Group	O	207.48	+0.62	IDEX Corp	N	173.00	-1.86	TransUnion	N	93.89	+0.43
CNA Financial	N	46.12	+0.36	ITW	N	177.51	-0.37	US Foods Holding	N	41.61	-0.11
Cabot Microelect	O	157.72	+1.70	Ingredion Inc	N	92.25	+0.32	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	273.92	+1.91
Caterpillar Inc	N	142.63	-3.22	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	169.31	-1.09	United Airlines Hldg	O	83.34	-2.45
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	32.29	-0.47	Kemper Corp	N	77.63	+0.33	Ventas Inc	N	58.28	-1.19
Deere Co	N	171.16	-1.40	Kraft Heinz Co	O	30.67	-0.34	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	53.42	-0.45
Discover Fin Svcs	N	85.34	+1.66	LKQ Corporation	O	33.92	-0.31	Wintrust Financial	O	65.24	-1.66
Dover Corp	N	117.87	-0.09	Littelfuse Inc	O	191.84	+0.98	Zebra Tech	O	253.75	+1.33

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapk Engy	.59	-0.00
Gen Electric	11.37	-0.29
Ford Motor	9.16	-0.05
Bank of America	34.36	+0.10
AT&T Inc	39.04	+0.52
Virgin Galactic Hldg	19.72	+2.42
Uber Technologies	37.04	-0.56
CenturyLink Inc	15.07	+0.35
Aurora Cannabis Inc	2.04	+0.03
Energy Transfer L.P.	12.71	-0.37
Snap Inc A	19.10	+1.10
Infosys Ltd	11.04	+0.19
EnCana Corp	3.94	-0.02
Freeport McMoran	12.32	+0.05
Banco Bradesco ADS	8.02	+0.10
Wells Fargo & Co	48.56	-0.38
Nokia Corp	4.09	-0.04
Boeing Co	309.00	-4.37
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.01	+0.05
Pfizer Inc	40.19	-0.15
Exxon Mobil Corp	67.19	-0.39
Sthwstn Energy	1.72	...
Yamana Gold Inc	3.88	+0.06
Callon Petrol	3.52	-0.18

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	39.04	+0.52
Alibaba Group Hldg	222.37	+1.11
Alphabet Inc C	1485.95	+1.55
Alphabet Inc A	1484.17	+1.92
Amazon.com Inc	1887.46	-4.54
Apple Inc	317.70	+1.13
Bank of America	34.36	+0.10
Berkshire Hath B	229.54	+0.91
Facebook Inc	221.32	-0.12
HSBC Holdings prA	26.95	+0.04
JPMorgan Chase	136.68	-0.16
Johnson & Johnson	148.25	-1.02
MasterCard Inc	324.31	+2.38
Microsoft Corp	165.70	-0.80
Procter & Gamble	126.31	+0.22
Taiwan Semicon	58.35	+1.11
Unitedhealth Group	300.59	+0.06
Visa Inc	207.90	+0.61
WalMart Strs	116.10	+0.51

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	34.62	-0.01	+23.6
American Funds AmrnBala m	28.97	...	+17.8
American Funds CntWldGrInca m	53.23	+0.13	+22.4
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	63.94	+0.01	+15.7
American Funds FdmTlInvSA m	63.44	+0.05	+24.6
American Funds GrfAmrca m	53.02	-0.01	+25.3
American Funds IncAMrca m	23.52	-0.01	+17.1
American Funds InvCAMrca m	40.42	+0.01	+22.2
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	48.79	+0.12	+27.9
American Funds WAMTInvSA m	49.00	+0.01	+22.6
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.16	+0.01	+9.9
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	43.46	-0.09	+15.9
Dodge & Cox Stk	197.21	+0.02	+19.5
DoubleLine TlRetBdI	10.72	...	+6.7
Fidelity 500IdxInPrm	115.28	+0.04	+28.3
Fidelity Contrafund	14.37	-0.02	+28.3
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.67	+0.01	+10.4
Fidelity TlMktIdxInPrm	93.17	+0.04	+27.5
Fidelity USBdIdxInPrm	12.01	+0.01	+9.4
Franklin Templeton Inca1 m	2.35	...	+11.0
Metropolitan West TlRetBdI	11.02	+0.01	+9.7
PIMCO Inc2	12.09	...	+7.9
PIMCO IncInstl	12.09	...	+8.0
PIMCO TlRetInvs	10.42	...	+8.9
Schwab SP500Idx	50.83	+0.02	+28.7
T. Rowe Price BCGr	130.88	+0.08	+28.4
T. Rowe Price GrStk	77.16	-0.01	+28.9
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	306.80	+0.10	+28.7
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	40.08	+0.03	+20.3
Vanguard DivGrInv	31.46	-0.01	+29.6
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	80.59	+0.08	+27.0
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	98.87	+0.05	+32.2
Vanguard HCAdmrl	90.24	+0.17	+19.8
Vanguard InTRTEAdmrl	14.60	...	+7.5
Vanguard InsdIdxIn	298.66	+0.10	+28.7
Vanguard InsdIdxInPlus	298.68	+0.10	+28.7
Vanguard InstTSMInPls	70.65	+0.03	+27.5
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	105.35	+0.14	+29.3
Vanguard MGrIdxAdmrl	226.95	+0.17	+20.6
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	147.60	+0.05	+24.3
Vanguard STInvMGrAdmrl	10.76	...	+6.0
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	80.67	-0.06	+19.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	33.01	+0.03	+16.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	20.17	+0.02	+17.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	37.09	+0.04	+18.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	22.94	+0.03	+19.9
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	11.14	+0.01	+9.7
Vanguard TtBMDIdxIn	11.14	+0.01	+9.7
Vanguard TtInBdIdxAdmrl	22.79	+0.02	+8.2
Vanguard TtInBdIdxIn	34.21	+0.03	+8.3
Vanguard TtInSdIdxAdmrl	30.17	+0.06	+17.5
Vanguard TtInSdIdxIn	120.66	+0.24	+17.5
Vanguard TtInSdIdxPlus	18.04	+0.04	+17.4
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	82.00	+0.04	+27.5
Vanguard TtSMIdxIn	82.01	+0.03	+27.5
Vanguard TtSMIdxInx	81.97	+0.04	+27.3
Vanguard WngtAdmrl	76.33	+0.08	+21.5
Vanguard WslslyInAdmrl	67.18	+0.08	+16.3
Vanguard WndsrllAdmrl	66.00	...	+25.3

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.52	1.53
6-month disc	1.51	1.52
2-year	1.51	1.52
10-year	1.77	1.76
30-year	2.22	2.23

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1555.30	\$1556.40
Silver	\$17.71	\$17.75
Platinum	\$1015.80	\$1002.00

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.50

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	60.0619
Australia (Dollar)	1.4613
Brazil (Real)	4.1741
Britain (Pound)	.7614
Canada (Dollar)	1.3143
China (Yuan)	6.9068
Euro	.9016
India (Rupee)	71.091
Israel (Shekel)	3.4617
Japan (Yen)	109.89
Mexico (Peso)	18.6696
Poland (Zloty)	3.82
So. Korea (Won)	1165.58
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.00
Thailand (Baht)	30.40

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SHELDON COOPER 1926-2020

Exec who counted 'The Mystery of Al Capone's Vaults' among his hits

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Sheldon Cooper, who joined WGN-TV in 1950 and led the company as president and general manager from 1979 to 1982, was known for his skill in developing talent and shows and syndicating those shows to a national audience through independent television stations.

"Sheldon had a magic touch," said Cheryl Cox, who worked with him on public relations. "He just knew what the public wanted."

One of his biggest hits was "The Mystery of Al Capone's Vaults," a two-hour live television special that was broadcast in syndication in April 1986, hosted by Geraldo Rivera and covering the live opening of a secret vault in the Lexington Hotel once owned by the infamous Al Capone. As it turned out, the vault held little of interest, but the show ran on about 134 stations around the country.

"(Sheldon) still probably holds the record in syndicated programming for 'Al Capone's Vault,'" said Dennis FitzSimons, who followed Cooper as head of WGN-TV after Cooper became head of Tribune Entertainment in 1982.

Cooper, 93, died of complications of chronic obstructive lung disease Sunday at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, according to his daughter, Cheryl Cook. He had lived in the Chicago area since joining WGN in 1950.

Cooper was born in South Bend, Indiana, in 1926. His studies at Purdue University were interrupted by service with the Navy during World War II. He was stationed at Navy Pier, later telling his family he protected Chicago. He also learned about radio and sonar technology, his daughter said.

At war's end, he returned to school, this time at Indiana University in Blooming-



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WGN's Sheldon Cooper, circa Aug. 20, 1968.

ton. After earning a bachelor's degree in theater arts, he moved to New York and got a job as a page at NBC.

But an illness brought him back to Indiana to stay with a sister. His brother-in-law took him to see WGN, and in 1950 he joined the station in a production role. One of his early jobs was to feed shows to the short-lived DuMont Television Network, including a courtroom drama, "They Stand Accused."

In the 1960s, Cooper moved up through several production roles, including as executive producer for WGN Continental Broadcasting, where he was elected a vice president in 1967. In 1974, he was elected to the board of directors and became station manager of the company's flagship station, WGN-TV. At about the same time, he arranged for the station to become home to "The Phil Donahue Show."

Along the way, he helped produce or distribute shows ranging from "Soul Train," the Soul Train Music Awards, "At The Movies," "The Geraldo Rivera Show" and even a WGN revival of what had been the National Barn Dance.

Cooper also oversaw production of "The Bozo Show," "Creature Features" and many other popular shows.

He also had a relation-

ship with prolific author Sidney Sheldon and helped put together a number of made-for-television movies of Sheldon's books, Cox said.

"Syndicated stations wanted to do business with Tribune because the numbers were always there, and that was Sheldon Cooper," Cox said. "He just had a knack — he knew what would work."

During his tenure, Cooper took WGN from "not a great performer" to real growth and increased value, said John Madigan, retired CEO and chairman of the Tribune Co.

"He was always well-prepared and had a keen understanding of the industry and he told it like it was," Madigan said. "You could always bank on what he told you."

Cooper won an Emmy in 1960 as "television man of the year behind the cameras" and in 1964 for "continuing excellence as writer/producer and executive producer," according to material from Tribune Entertainment.

Several shows he helped produce also won Emmys in the mid-1960s.

In the early 1980s, Cooper was chairman of the Association of Independent Television Stations. He was also on the board of the National Association of Television Program Executives and was an officer with the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. Cooper left Tribune Entertainment in 1993 to start his own consulting business.

"He was made for television," Cox said.

Cooper also is survived by his son, Charles; and six grandchildren.

His wife, Mary, died in 2015.

A service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Temple Sholom, 3480 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago.

Megan is a freelance reporter.

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Busse, James F.
James F. Busse, 96, of Lincolnshire, at rest January 21, 2020. Loving husband of Sheila (nee Calder) and the late Mary (nee Petrosky) and Nina (nee McLeod); cherished father of Denise; and dear brother of the late Benjamin Busse, Edmund Boser and Theresa Brusser. Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 9 a.m. until the time of the service at 10:30 a.m. at Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory, 149 W. Main St. (Lake-Cook Rd.), Barrington, IL, 60010. Entombment will follow at St. Adalbert Catholic Cemetery, Niles, IL. Memorial donations may be made to woundedwarriorproject.org/donate. For online condolences visit www.davenportfamily.com or call 847-381-3411 for information.

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Fitzmaurice, Lois
(nee Kuenster). Beloved wife of 44 years of the late James C. Fitzmaurice. Loving mother of James C. (Bridget), Michael (Katie), and Patrick (Kelly) Fitzmaurice. Cherished grandmother of Grace, Jack, Ella, Danny, John, Dave, and Molly. Dear sister of Kathe (Terry) Mulcahy, Jimmy (Kathy) Kuenster, Gina (Carl) Heinichen, Peggy (Bob) Murphy, Kevin Kuenster, Mary Fran (Tom) Jarema, and Bobby (Bonny) Kuenster. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 9:00 a.m. until time of prayers 10:45 a.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Mulliganers, 612 72nd Court, Downers Grove, IL 60516 or Tidepool, 555 Bryant Street #429, Palo Alto, CA 94301 would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Fogelson, Raymond David
Dr. Raymond David Fogelson, age 86 of Chicago, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Monday January 20, 2020 following a short illness. Dr. Fogelson was born on August 23, 1933 in Red Bank, New Jersey, the son of the late William Fogelson and late Pearl Schwartz.

Raymond loved living part time in the mountains of Blairsville, Georgia. He was a Professor of Anthropology at the University of Chicago where his field of research and study included Native Americans in Cherokee, NC and in Oklahoma. He is preceded in death in 1998 by his beloved sister, Florence Blumberg, of Blairsville, Georgia.

Survivors include his loving wife & best-friend, Karen Luckritz of Chicago, nephew Fred Blumberg of Lakewood New Jersey, niece Judy Blumberg of Lakeville Ohio, cousins Bette Feinstein of New Jersey and Andrew Schwarz of Lake Forest, California, two step-children, Lisa Luckritz of Schaumburg, Illinois, Brian Luckritz of Merrillville, Indiana, and two step grandchildren, Charlotte Peterson & Aaron Peterson.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Chicago. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (North Carolina Community Foundation, 3737 Glenwood Ave., Suite 460, Raleigh, NC 27612 1-800-532-1349) in Raymond's memory.

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Gaynor, Claudia
Claudia Gaynor; loving mother of Keith Ross (Jennifer Kajfasz) Johnson and Emily Jane Johnson; cherished grandmother of Noah Patrick Johnson; beloved sister of Timothy (Kathy), Janice (Jim) Neurauter, Deborah (Frank) Madda, Nancy (Jim) Leahy, Lynn Wassmer, Ann (Kim) Gaynor-Bevier, Michael (Kerry) and the late Daniel; dear daughter of the late Donald and Jane; fond aunt and friend to many. Visitation Saturday 10 AM until time of Mass 11 AM at The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, 1224 W Lexington St, Chicago, IL 60607. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers please make donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Arrangements entrusted to **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**. For info 773-777-3944 or www.gffh.com

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panel 11 months later.)

In 1988, more than 50,000 Israelis demonstrated in Tel Aviv to protest the treatment of Palestinians in the occupied territories.

In 1991, after 12,000 sorties over Iraq and occupied Kuwait, Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, announced allied forces had achieved air superiority in the Persian Gulf War.

In 2001, California energy officials eked sufficient power out of tight West Coast electricity supplies to avoid rush hour blackouts as lawmakers scrambled to make longer-term deals to buy power.

In 2004, a unanimous Illinois Supreme Court upheld the mass commutations granted by former Gov. George Ryan before he left office in January 2003.

In 2012, First-term Republican U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk, 52, of Illinois underwent surgery at Northwestern Memorial Hospital after suffering an ischemic stroke.

In 2013, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced plans to lift the ban on women serving in combat units.

In 2017, President Donald Trump withdrew the United States from the sweeping Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact, using one of his first actions in office to reject a proposed accord that was eagerly sought by American allies in Asia.

In 2018, tsunami warnings roused people from Alaska to Southern California after a powerful earthquake struck beneath the Gulf of Alaska; the resulting waves were miniscule and no injuries or damage were reported.

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ON JANUARY 23 ...

In 1368, China's Ming dynasty, which lasted nearly three centuries, began as Zhu Yuanzhang formally became emperor following the collapse of the Yuan dynasty.

In 1542, England's King Henry VIII took the title of King of Ireland.

In 1845, Congress decided that all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of each November.

In 1920, Holland refused to surrender former German Kaiser Wilhelm II to the Allies for punishment as a World War I criminal.

In 1937, 17 Communist leaders confessed in Moscow that they had conspired with Leon Trotsky to undermine Josef Stalin's regime. The confessions came at a Moscow trial during Stalin's "great purge."

In 1964, the 24th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections.

In 1968, North Korea

seized the U.S. Navy vessel Pueblo in the Sea of Japan, killed one crew member and held the other 82 as spies for 11 months.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon announced that an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War.

In 1974, Israel moved tanks and troops from the western bank of the Suez Canal in its first step toward military disengagement with Egypt.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter announced in his State of the Union address that he would reinstate Selective Service registration and pledged military force, if necessary, to protect the Persian Gulf region from Soviet aggression.

In 1982, France signed a natural gas contract with the Soviet Union despite the objections of the Reagan administration.

In 1985, Gen. Fabian Ver, Philippine armed forces chief of staff, and 25 others were charged in connection with the 1983 assassination of opposition leader Benigno Aquino. (All were acquitted by a three-judge

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Keefe, Richard J.

On a bright winter morning, Richard A. Keefe (89) of Wilmette, IL, passed from this life to the next. Born on August 1, 1930 in the Beverly Community of Southside Chicago to Walter and Marie Keefe, Dick was the 7th of 8 wonderful siblings. Pop met and married Mary Sullivan in 1951, producing a brood of children including Richard (Marcey), Eugene (Angela), Ellen (Mitchell), Mary (dec.) (James), Joseph (Karen), Thomas (Myrtle), Regina, Sheila (James), a dozen-and-a-half grandchildren, a passel of great-grandkids and an extended family numbering in the hundreds. Raised in Oak Park, Dick then traveled the world as a US Navy Lieutenant, his growing family trailing the officer when possible. After an extended tour of duty, Dick returned to Chicago's North Shore to thrive in real estate development. Dick and Mary presided over a bustling household as they sheltered and fed, clothed and cleaned, serened and supported the extended clan of many friends, innumerable dogs, dozens of cousins along with in-laws and out-laws alike. Pop was a fixture at every family function, over-bidding at the Bridge table, regaling a crowd with a tale of adventure or napping directly in the center of a few dozen rollicking grandkids. Richard A. Keefe will be waked on Monday, January 27 at 10 AM at St. Joseph Church, Wilmette, IL with a funeral mass to follow at 11 AM. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Joseph Parish or the American Brain Tumor Association. Funeral info: 773-764-1617



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Lipinski, Francis T 'Frank'

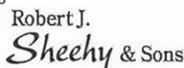
of Palos Hills passed away on January 19, 2020 after a long illness. He was a career Navy Veteran who loved Dodge cars. He is survived by sister Lee Lipinski, Brothers Philip Lipinski (Eleanor), Ronald Lipinski (Karen), Les Lipinski (Jean) and stepbrother Fred Michalski (Ruth) as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by sister Mary Zupancic and her spouse Frank, step-sisters Leona Zurek and her spouse Joseph, Dolly Wolski and her spouse Ted and stepbrother Edmund Michalski. Visitation will be held Sunday 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 12:30 pm at **Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home** 11028 Southwest Hwy, Palos Hills, IL. Interment Private. For information or to express your condolences visit www.palosgaidasfh.com or call 708-974-4410



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Lorenzini, Rosina

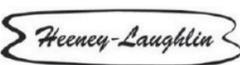
Rosina Lorenzini (nee Gregori), age 90, born to Pietro Alberto Gregori (from San Francisco) and Amelia Bassignani (from Agnino, di Fivizzano, Italy) in Chicago's Roseland neighborhood. At one month of age, Rosina and her siblings were brought to Tuscany in 1929 by her parents as they were committed to care for their aging parents who had moved back to Italy. Rosina returned to the United States after World War II with her husband, Domenico Lorenzini, and her two sons, Silvio and Pietro. They lived for years in apartment Building "C" on Langley Avenue in the Pullman neighborhood, and later moved to a newly purchased two-flat on the 113th block of Forest Ave in the Roseland area. As Rosina was an Italian trained seamstress, her sartorial skills were prized in Pullman and Roseland, where she was also known for her refined culinary skills, fine signing voice, and love of music. Seeking to add to the family income, Rosina also became an "Avon Lady" selling Avon products throughout Pullman and Roseland. After her family expanded with the addition of a daughter, Amelia, and a son, Agostino, Rosina worked as a cook from 4 pm to 3 am, six days a week at Giovanni's Restaurant on 111th Street in Roseland. Later, when the youngest children were nearing finishing their studies at St. Anthony of Padua grammar school, Rosina and Domenico moved their family to a new home in Glenwood which had been built by her husband Domenico. After the passing of her beloved husband, Domenico, Rosina moved to Orland Park to be near her now married daughter. Wife for 40 years to Domenico Lorenzini with whom she had Silvio Albert (Jill) Lorenzini, Pietro Lorenzini, Amelia (Michael) Lorenzini Todd, Agostino Lorenzini. Dear Nonna of Peter, Mark, Daniel, and Lisa Lorenzini, and of Diana Lorenzini (Bill) Pulte, Paul (Michelle Amato) Lorenzini, Rachel Todd, Nicole Todd, Dominic and Isabella. Great grandmother to Arabella and Lilly Pulte, and Mia Bella Lorenzini. Daughter of the late Pietro Alberto Gregori and Amelia Bassignani. Sister of the late Aida Gregori Grassi, the late Rina Gregori De Cesari, the late Gregorio Nello Gregori, the late Agostino Gregori, the late Mary Gregori Conti, the late Lino Gregori, the late Pietro Gregori, and sister-in-law to the late Divina Colombani Gregori, Mary Valente Gregori, Marlene Gregori and the late Pietro (Peter) Conti. Beloved "Zia Rosina" to her many nieces and nephews, and cherished confidant to countless relatives and friends in Italy, Australia, Argentina, France, Canada, and in the United States from Illinois to Indiana, Virginia to California, and Florida to New York. Visitation Friday 3-8 p.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. 708-857-7878. Visitation Saturday 9:15 a.m. until Mass of the Resurrection 10:15 a.m. at St. Julie Billiart Church, 7399 159th Street, Tinley Park, IL. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, IL. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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Mackinnon, Kathleen A. 'Kathy'

Kathleen A. "Kathy" MacKinnon (nee Stuart), Age 70, passed peacefully on January 20, 2020. Kathy is survived by her loving husband of 48 years, James I. MacKinnon, and her three devoted sons, James (Megan), Joseph (Michelle), and John Sr. (Nora) MacKinnon. Proud "RaRa" to her 8 grandchildren, Abby, Connor, Jillian, Elle, John Jr., Gwendolyn, Brayden, and Erin Kathleen MacKinnon. Kathy is predeceased by her parents, Dorothy (nee King) and George Stuart. Dear sister of Andy and the late Nancy Stuart. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Kathy thoroughly enjoyed her 28-year career with Chicago Public Schools. Visitation Saturday January 25th, 11:00am-2:00pm at **Curley Funeral Home (Heeney-Laughlin Directors)**, 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Service of Remembrance at 2:00pm. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to University of Chicago Gift Administration, Attn: Celiac Disease Center, 5235 S. Harper Court, Suite 451, Chicago, IL 60615 are most appreciated. Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors, 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyfh.com



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Malnati, Donna 'Mama'

Donna "Mama" Malnati, 93, passed away January 3, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Rudy; loving mother of Rudy (Annette) and the late Robert (Susan); cherished grandmother of Holly, Rudy, James and Catherine. Loving daughter of the late Harold and Florence Carter and sister to six siblings; the late, William Carter, LaVada Buresh, Harold Carter, Nancy Reynolds, James Carter and Bob Carter. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at Pizano's Pizza and Pasta, 2106 S. Indiana, Chicago, IL 60605 from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in memory of Donna Marie Malnati to Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, 225 East Chicago Avenue, Box 4, Chicago, IL 60611 or www.luriechildrens.org/donate.

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Miller, M.D., Robert P.

Robert P. Miller, M.D. age 71 of Wilmette. Longtime physician at Lutheran General Hospital and Lurie Children's Hospital. Beloved husband of Karen Miller nee Lee; loving father of Jennifer (Charles) Feeney, Kathryn (James) Weedon, Nancy (Joseph) Wyss and Steven (Alyssa) Miller; proud grandfather of 9. Visitation, Friday January 24, 2020 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Saturday January 25, 2020 1:00 p.m. at Saints Faith Hope & Charity Church, 191 Linden Street Winnetka, IL 60093. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Lee, Miller, Weedon Endowed Scholarship at Loyola University Chicago's Stritch School of Medicine are appreciated. Please make checks payable to Loyola University Chicago (specify "in memory of Robert Miller" in the memo section) and mail to Gift Processing, 820 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611 or give at //LUC.edu/give and indicate gift is for the Lee, Miller, Weedon Scholarship. Info: (847) 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.



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Moldofsky, Isaac

Isaac Moldofsky, 21. Beloved son of Brad and Kim Moldofsky. Loving brother of Ethan Moldofsky. Cherished grandson of Judy and Ron Kochman, Myra and Howard Moldofsky. Dear nephew of Kevin and Eve Kochman, Cary and Tara Kochman, Lorna and Paul Cohen. Fond cousin of many. Memorial service Sunday 2PM at Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, 303 Dodge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60202. Memorials to Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, www.jrc-evanston.com, SENG: Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted, P.O. Box 972, Clifton Park, NY 12065, www.sengifted.org, Electronic Frontier Foundation, 815 Eddy Street, San Francisco, CA 94109, www.eff.org and RAICES, 1305 N. Flores St. San Antonio, TX 78212, www.raicestexas.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com



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Olech, Ronald J.

Beloved husband of Ellen (nee Huck); loving father of Mary Ellen (Michael) Banker, Rebecca (Elmer) Haneberg, Sara (Bruce) Anderson, Ronald (Paige Thompson), Rachel (Patrick) Deasey, John (Elaine Melko), Ruth, Stephen (Laura), and James (Brigid); grandfather of Philip, Katherine, Margaret, Sarah, Alexander, Molly, Max, Erik, Jack, Daniel, Ellen, Emily, Francis Leo, Abigail, Deirdre, Zephraim, Corbin, Miles, John "Jack", Samuel, Charlotte, Claire, Benjamin, Wesley, and Thomas; great grandfather of 3; brother of Francine (Don) Fatima. Visitation will be held at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. in Chicago on Friday from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday, family and friends are asked to meet at St. Viator Church located at 4170 W. Addison St. in Chicago for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to <https://carlsoncommunityservices.org/> or to <https://www.oipcc.org/donate-today> For information please call 773-588-5850 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Riley, William J.

William J. Riley, age 75. Beloved husband of Becky Riley. Loving father of Mike, and Jim Riley. Dear brother of Don (Diane) Riley and brother in law Jerry Jankuski. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Memorial service Friday January 24, 2020, 4:00-9:00 PM at **Vandenberg Funeral Home** 17248 S. Harlem Ave, Tinley Park, IL. Inurnment with full military honors at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery will be scheduled at a later date. For more information 708-532-1635 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com

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Schauer, Charles Andrew 'Chuck'

Charles Andrew "Chuck" Schauer. Berwyn Police Dept. Formerly of Elmwood Park, 2004 graduate of Fenwick High School and attended Western Ill. University. Husband of Jessa nee Strain. Loving father of Charles Henry and Kyleigh Marie Schauer. Loving and caring son of Charles (Ret. River Forest Police) and Mary nee Gallivan. Loving and protective brother of Kathleen Anne Schauer. Dear grandson of the late Myles A. & Agnes Schauer and the late Edward & Anne Gallivan. Before serving the citizens of Berwyn as a dedicated police officer, Chuck served his country as a proud U.S. Marine, deployed to Iraq in 2006. Chuck will be dearly missed by his many uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and many friends. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to St. Vincent Ferrer School, 1530 Jackson Ave. in River Forest, IL 60305. Visitation Friday, Jan. 24th 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at St. Vincent Ferrer Church in River Forest. Family and friends will gather Saturday, Jan. 25th to celebrate Mass at 10:00 a.m. Entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info: PETERSON-BASSI CHAPELS / GAMBONEY & SON DIRECTORS 708/848-6661.

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Steinwald, Osmar P.

Osmar Paul Steinwald, M.D., 82, of Hobe Sound, FL passed away peacefully on Friday, January 17, 2020 at Treasure Coast Hospice.

"Osmar" was born on February 11, 1937 in Baltimore, MD. He graduated The Johns Hopkins University in 1958 and went onto the University of Maryland School of Medicine, graduating in 1962. During his surgical training at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, IL, he served in the US Army for two years.

He launched his plastic surgery practice at Lake Forest Hospital in 1974 where he was Chief of the Medical Staff and elected President of the Chicago Society of Plastic Surgeons. In the 2000's he volunteered his time and surgical talents around the world with Interplast and had more recently participated with Volunteers in Medicine in Florida, aiding those in need without health care.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Nancy Steinwald, his sister Lee Widhelm, brother Bruce Steinwald, his three children Paul, Susan and George, his two step-children Todd Burkitt, Ashley Margulis, and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be held at the Christ Memorial Chapel in Hobe Sound, FL on Saturday, January 25. Charitable donations in his name may be directed to Volunteers in Medicine Stuart, FL Clinic at www.vimclinic.net/donate.

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Susina Jr., Emil

Emil Susina Jr. was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 11, 1924 to Emil and Anna (nee Viskup) Susina. He married his beloved wife, Marion (nee Fritz) in 1948 and they had four loving children: Gary (Laura) Susina, Lynne (Jay) Susina-Hirst, Gregory Susina and Luann (Terrence) McConville. Emil is survived by his fourteen grandchildren: Brian (Jen) Susina, Ashley (Jack) Nowak, Jesse, and Danielle (fiancé Tyler) Susina; Matthew, Emily, Nicholas, and Samuel Susina; Kimberly (Thomas) Bennett, Michelle (Nathan) Catania, Patrick, Caitlin and Neil McConville; and Christopher Hirst; as well as his three great-grandchildren: Jake, Owen and Ian Emil. Fond brother of Andrew (Blanche) Susina and the late Dorothy (the late Ralph) Klotz; and brother-in-law to the late Norinne Fritz, late William (late Jean) Fritz, late Lucille (late Earl) Duhr, and Beverly Jacob, fun uncle to many nieces and nephews. A long-time resident of the North Side of Chicago, Maui, and later, Park Ridge, Emil was a proud U.S. Marine. He was a World War II Veteran, having served in the Pacific campaign and took part in the island invasions of Guam, Enjebbe and Saipan. Emil was wounded in combat at Guam and received a Purple Heart, among other combat medals. Emil was a mailman with the U.S. Post Office and, later, a sheet metal worker with Local 73, Sheet Metal Worker's Union. He was an excellent athlete with Mayfair Lutheran Church teams, a championship 16" softball player and a great Chicago sports fan, especially of the Cubs! Emil was beloved by his family and will be sorely missed, even though he has rejoined the love of his life, Marion. Visitation will be held Friday from 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday, 10:00 a.m. service at **Cooney Funeral Home**. Interment Memory Gardens Cemetery in Arlington Heights. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Swanson, Betty

Betty Swanson, nee Quinn, 92, of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Harry Swanson. Adored mother of Kathleen Swanson, Kevin Swanson, and Mary Kay Lopardo. Dear grandmother of Lindsay, Nicholas, and Joseph Lopardo. Dear sister of the late Thomas (the late Anna) Quinn, the late Eileen (the late Ed) Connelly, the late Frances (the late Herb) Lick, and the late Arthur (Betty) Quinn. Loving sister-in-law, aunt, and friend of many. Visitation Friday, January 24, 3 PM to 8 PM, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Avenue, Chicago. Funeral services Saturday, January 25, 11 AM at the funeral home. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Betty's name may be made to Misericordia Home. Funeral Info 773-736-3833.

Smith-Corcoran

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Thompson, Anne L.

Anne L. Thompson nee Morrissey of Westchester, beloved wife of the late Clinton Paul Thompson; loving mother of Diane (Dale) Gemignani, Nancy (Marc) Zawicki and Clinton Mark (Cindy) Thompson; dear grandmother of Michael (Justina) & David Gemignani, Carolyn (Sean) Lynch, Matthew (Ellie), Monica, Thomas & Jack Zawicki, Kara (Tim) Fioritto, Clinton Ryan (Ginny) & Nicholas Thompson; great grandmother of Jocelyn, Sabrina, Valerie, Elsie, Avery, Alyssa, Arianna & Clinton Adam; step grandmother & great grandmother of Doyle, John, Alex, Alyssa & Austin; fond sister of the late Alice Wyatt, Patricia & William Morrissey. Visitation Sunday 4-7 p.m. at **Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Rds, Hillside/ Westchester. Prayers Monday 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Providence Church, Westchester. Mass 10 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to: The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, www.michaeljfox.org. Funeral Info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com

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Varchetta, Rita Ann

Rita Ann Varchetta; 95 beloved daughter of the late Anna and Vincent Varchetta. Fond sister of the late Felix "Phil" Varchetta and the late John (Josephine) Varchetta. Dear Aunt of Anna Marie (Kurt Szaltis) and Vincent Varchetta. Great Aunt to Sean (Lupe) Varchetta. In lieu of flowers please donate to Seasons Hospice or your local animal shelter in memory of Rita. All Services & Interment are Private. For more info call John Rago Sons F.H. at (773)-276-6056 or online [guestbook at www.RagoSons.com](http://guestbook.at/www.RagoSons.com).

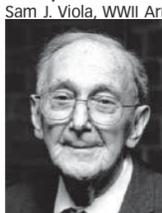
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Viola, Sam J.

Sam J. Viola, WWII Army Air Corp Veteran, beloved husband of the late Gloria (nee Arquilla); loving father of Sam (the late Patricia) and Andrew (Lisa) Viola; devoted grandfather of Brian (Melissa), Michael (Leah), Jason, Brittany (Justin) Bernbrock and Andrew (Allie) Viola; cherished great grandfather of Mari Ella, Kyler, Jack, Audrey and Abigail; dearest uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 4 to 8 P.M. Funeral Saturday 9:30 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S. 94th Ave. Tinley Park, IL 60487 to St. Elizabeth Seton Church. Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Family Lot. Funeral info (708) 532-3100



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Walsh, Muriel M.

Muriel M. Walsh, age 105; beloved wife of the late John J. Walsh; loving mother of John (Jeanne) Walsh, Donna (Robert) O'Shea, and Patricia (the late Thaddeus) Samocki; cherished grandmother of Joyce (Jeff) Van Laeke, Robert (Shirley) O'Shea Jr., Karen (Dr. David) Jarrard, James (Andrea) Walsh, and Julie (Paul) Jacobs; cherished great-grandmother of Kara, Brian, Erik, Ryan, Katie, Caitlin, William, Colin, Kyle and Nicholas. Visitation and Funeral, Saturday, January 25th, 8:30 AM until time of prayer 10:00 AM at **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan** Funeral Home, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. South of Ogden) Downers Grove to St. Mary of Gostyn Church. Mass 10:30 AM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Little Sisters of the Poor Chicago, www.littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org or St. Vincent de Paul Joliet Diocesan, www.svdjpoliet.org 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com

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Wcislo, Linda C.

Visitation for Linda C. Wcislo (nee Lawrence), 70, of Elk Grove Village for 30 years, held Fri., Jan. 24 from 2:00-8:00pm at Michaels Funeral Home & Cremation Care, 800 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg. Funeral Services held Sat., Jan. 25 beginning with prayers at 10:15am at the funeral home to 11:00am funeral mass at St. Matthew Church, Schaumburg. Inurnment will be at a later date. Born June 18, 1949 in Chicago to the late Jim and the late Carol (nee Britt); she passed away suddenly Jan. 21, 2020 in Elk Grove. Linda was the adoring wife of 45 years to David; loving mother of Amanda (Tom) Bolan and Matthew; proud grandmother of Liam and Kathleen Bolan and Mason Wcislo; beloved sister of the late Ron and the late Kathy; dear friend to many, she will be missed by all those whose lives she touched. In Lieu of flowers memorials in Linda's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital; Give hope to kids with cancer. For information, call 847-891-2900 or for guestbook visit www.michaelsfh.com

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Weber, Charles David

Charles David Weber, 57, of Oakbrook Terrace, IL, passed away on Monday, January 20, 2020, in Kalamazoo, MI. He was born April 3, 1962 in Lincoln, NE, the son of David and Janet (Healey) Weber. Charlie loved to play darts, go camping, and fishing, or anything outdoors. Charlie enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and traveling different places to see them. Surviving are his mother, Janet Weber; siblings, Sue (Frank) Shrewsbury, Linda (Tim Heuer) Weber, Andy (Mary Eileen) Weber, and niece and nephew, Ely and Sean. Charlie was preceded in death by his father, David.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Contributions may be made to the Outdoor Industry Foundation. To sign the online guest book, go to www.adampawpaw.com.

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Weintraub, Kimberli

Kimberli Weintraub, nee Novey, 64, of Long Grove, IL, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday January 21, 2020 after a courageous 19-year battle with cancer. Kimberli was the beloved wife of Neil for 37 years and adoring mother to her two daughters, Stefanie Weintraub and Marla (Andrew) Conti and to her cherished dog, Dexter.



Kimberli was born in Chicago, IL to the late Dorothy and Donald Novey with two older brothers, Scott (Reva) Novey and the late Stephen (Pamela) Novey. She leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews and extended family members. She was proud of her dedication and involvement in her children's education and an enthusiastic PTO leader. She was the epitome of a loving, involved mom in her daughter's lives. She adored her family and friends and is fondly remembered for her kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity.

Chapel service 12:15 PM on Friday, January 24, 2020 at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights, IL. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Melanoma Research Foundation, P.O. Box 759329, Baltimore, MD 21275, www.melanoma.org. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Williams, Kathleen

Kathleen "K" Williams age 91, late of Beverly, passed away January 19, 2020. Beloved daughter of the late John and Lola (nee Adams). Dear sister of the late Colette Wister, George (Mae) Williams and Sylvia (Byron) DeHaan. She was a loving aunt of 7, grand-aunt and great-grand aunt of many as well as a good friend and neighbor. "K" was a lifetime member of SS Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, a founding member of the Beverly Book Club, and a member of Ridge C.C. Visitation Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until time of Chapel Service 12 Noon at **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western Ave. Chicago. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. "May her Memory be eternal". In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to STS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church 11025 S. Roberts Rd., Palos Hills, IL 60464. Info. (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.



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Wilson, Lynn S.

Lynn C. (nee Sanders) Wilson, the consummate Southern Lady and Kentucky Colonel, passed peacefully the morning of January 18, 2020 in her Lisle home with her loving husband Robert W. Wilson, "Kermit", at her side. A generous soul, she made personal sacrifices for the betterment of her family, and extended that benevolence to others less fortunate. Born in Louisville, Kentucky on May 5, 1944 to Dr. Grover B. Sanders and Lida S. Sanders, she attended Stephens College (Columbia, Missouri), and the University of Kentucky. She met her husband while attending UK and started a family soon thereafter. After migrating to Lisle in 1971, she established a legacy of philanthropy that was recognized and appreciated. She began a tradition of Red Wagon Delivery to Giving Trees at Christmas time that became an anticipated and a trademark that was identified with her. Additionally, she was generous with her time as well being active with the Lisle park district's baseball and soccer leagues, and as the Lisle school system.



In addition to her history of giving, she was a great fan of her beloved Kentucky Wildcats, a true Cubs fan that rejoiced their 2016 Championship and an ardent connoisseur of Coca-Cola (no varieties, just good old-fashioned Classic Coke).

She will be missed and forever loved by her survivors: husband Robert Wilson; her four children, Sarah Welleford, Robert (Beth) Wilson, Michael (Natalie) Wilson and Ann (Russell) Heintz; and her 13 grandchildren that she treasured beyond everything (William, Andrew, Nathan, Michael, Ryan, Abigail, Robert, Madelyn, Lauren, Elizabeth, Kaitlin, Caroline and Matthew); and her brothers John Sanders in Brentwood, TN, and William McCann Sanders in Lexington, KY.

Arrangements will be held at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home in Lisle this weekend. Please check their website for dates and details at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/funeral-homes/lisle-il/blake-lamb-funeral-home/2575> or call 630-964-9392 for more information.

In lieu of flowers, donations to organizations that support education and reading, such as the Book Angels program at Anderson's Bookshops, would be appreciated.

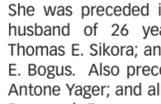
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Yager, Florence

Florence B. Sikora Yager, 101, died peacefully on January 15, 2020 in Bloomington, IL. Born on July 15, 1918, the fourth of six children, to John and Mary Walperesz Boguslawski in Bridgeport on Chicago's Southside. When she was 16, the family moved to Brighton Park where Florence lived for the next 81 years, moving to Bloomington when she was 95.



She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband of 26 years, Albin Sikora; their son Thomas E. Sikora; and her nephew/stepson Robert E. Bogus. Also preceded by her second husband, Antone Yager; and all of her siblings, Edward, John, Raymond, Frances and Ben. Dear friends Eleanor Orr and Ralph Rampage also preceded her in death. Florence is survived by her daughter, Carol Sikora Mayer; her devoted son-in-law Edward F. Mayer, and grandson Michael P. Mayer, as well as numerous beloved nephews and nieces. Additional details of Florence's life and achievements may be found on the Wolniak FH website.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Pioneering Women of Ignatius Tuition Assistance Fund in memory of Florence Sikora Yager at Saint Ignatius College Prep. Donations may be mailed to Saint Ignatius c/o David Stephens at 1076 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60608 or made on-line at <http://invest.ignatius.org/florenceyager>.

Visitation and Funeral Saturday from 8:00am to 11:00am at the WOLNIAK FUNERAL HOME 5700 S. Pulaski Rd with prayers at 11:00am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. For info: (773) 767-4500 or www.wolniakfuneralhome.com

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John Smith, 81, of Winnetka, loving husband of Ethel (Patsy) Smith for 62 years, died on Wednesday, May 11, 2020. He was born on June 18, 1938 in Chicago, Illinois. He worked for and retired from the Chicago Authority after 20 years of service. In addition to his wife, John is survived by his son and daughter, Patricia and Sam (Ethel) of Winnetka, IL; two granddaughters, and grandsons. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 16, 11AM, at Christ the Family Funeral Services, 8545 North Broadway, Skokie, IL.

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ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File No. Y20002912 on the Date: January 8, 2020 Under the Assumed Name of: NEXUS REAL ESTATE with the business located at: 1 TOWER LANE SUITE 2540 OAK BROOK, IL, 60181 The true name and residence Address of the owner is: RAJ K KHANNA 129 OAK RIDGE DR BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 1/16, 1/23, 1/30/2020 6573924

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

INVITATION TO RFP FOR DIGITAL MULTI-FUNCTIONAL DEVICES SERVICES The Cicero Public Schools District 99, Cicero, Illinois is requesting sealed RFP's for Digital Multi-Functional Devices Services. RFP specifications will be available in the District Business Office at the Administration Building, 5110 West 24th Street, Cicero, Illinois beginning, Thursday, January 23, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. There will be a mandatory pre-RFP meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2020 at Administration Building 5110 W. 24th Street, Cicero, Illinois. The purpose of the pre-RFP meeting will be to answer any questions regarding the RFP specifications. Vendors shall make every effort to review this document prior to the mandatory pre-RFP meeting on Friday, January 31, 2020 so that clarifications, if necessary, can be made at the meeting. Vendors absent at the pre-RFP meeting will not be allowed to furnish a proposal. Walk throughs of the buildings will take place on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 and Monday, February 24, 2020. The vendor shall inspect the school sites on either of these dates and familiarize himself/herself with the individual building conditions affecting the contract. Sealed RFPs must be deposited at the Administration Building Reception Desk at 5110 West 24th Street, Cicero, Illinois 60804 on or before 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020. Sealed RFPs must be clearly marked "Sealed RFP for Digital Multi-Functional Devices Services 2020". RFPs will be publicly opened and read at that time. Unsigned or late RFPs will not be considered. The vendor assumes the risk of any delay in handling or delivery of the mail. Cicero Public Schools District 99 reserves the right to accept or reject any or all RFPs when there are sound documented reasons to do so and to waive informalities and minor irregularities in RFPs received. 1/23/2020 6580414

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON VILLAGE OF RIVER GROVE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the Corporate Authorities of the Village of River Grove, Cook County, Illinois, will hold a public hearing on February 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Senior Community Center/Court Room, 2621 Thatcher Avenue, River Grove, Illinois 60171, for the purpose of considering the proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020.

A copy of the proposed budget shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk, 2621 Thatcher Avenue, River Grove, Illinois 60171, beginning on Friday, January 24, 2020 during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and shall remain so available until at least February 7, 2020.

Said hearing may be continued without further notice except as required by the Illinois Open Meetings Act. The proposed budget may be revised and passed without any further notice or hearing.

Dated: January 21, 2020

/s/MARJORIE A MANCHEN MARJORIE A MANCHEN VILLAGE CLERK, VILLAGE OF RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS 1/23/2020 6579771

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Pierre C Williams

A MINOR NO. 2020JD00082

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Charles Williams (Father), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on January 10, 2020, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Joanne Rosado in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on 02/06/2020 at 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 55 COURTROOM 2.

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 13, 2020

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: T. Jackson, C. Winsett ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS January 13, 2020 6572285

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY HEALTH & HOSPITALS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR ITEM 20-1273

The Health and Hospitals Committee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County has scheduled the meetings listed below for the purpose of conducting public hearings on Item 20-1273 PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE COOK COUNTY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS COOK COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM CEO SELECTION CRITERIA AND SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT

Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 12:00 P.M. Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Room 569, Chicago, Illinois

Monday, January 27, 2020, 6:30 P.M.* South Suburban College, Performing Arts Center, 15800 S. State Street, South Holland, Illinois

Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 6:00 P.M.* Malcom X. College- Auditorium, 1900 W. Jackson, Chicago, Illinois

* These are public hearings in addition to the originally scheduled and noticed public hearing on Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

To speak at a public hearing, register online https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z5MLYX9. Registrations are also accepted over the phone at (312) 603-6127 or in person at 118 N. Clark Street, Room 567, Chicago, Illinois. Registration is also open at any of the public hearing locations on the date and time of the hearing.

Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes. If a speaker has written testimony to present, or any additional material for the committee to consider, email copies to cookcounty.board@cookcountyll.gov.

Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES

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Don't stop now: White Sox wish list, 2020 edition

White Sox general manager Rick Hahn revealed his wish list after the 2019 season and basically got everything he had hoped for this offseason, suddenly creating high expectations for a rebuilding team that finished 28½ games behind the division-winning Twins. There's not much else Sox fans can ask for, but with SoxFest this weekend unofficially kicking off the new season, Paul Sullivan presents 12 resolutions he would like to see in 2020. **Page 2**



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'I WANTED TO GET BACK HOME'

CHARLIE MOORE IS BACK IN CHICAGO, WHERE HIS FATHER DEVELOPED A LOVE OF BASKETBALL.

NOW THE DEPAUL GUARD IS HELPING COACH HIS DAD BACK FROM A STROKE.

BY SHANNON RYAN

From the time he was a 4-year-old pipsqueak, Charlie Moore could be found in the family's Englewood backyard with a basketball and his dad.

Looking back, Moore doesn't call it playing. He recalls those countless hours as "workouts."

He would dribble down the rutted alley, and his father, Curtis, never fully satisfied, would have him repeat the drill with two balls to improve his ambidexterity. His older brothers never allowed an easy layup.

"The player I am now is from starting young," Moore said. "(My dad) helped me a whole lot. I give most of the credit to him. I enjoyed working out and getting better and playing basketball. I could see I was getting better, but they kept pushing me."

The sport eventually took Moore to the West Coast for a year at California and then to Kansas for two more seasons. Now the dynamic point guard is back in his hometown, helping spark DePaul's resurgent season.

And now he's the one putting his dad through drills as Curtis continues to recover from a debilitating stroke.

"I (ask), 'You been working hard?'" said Moore, a 5-foot-11 junior. "I let him know I'm checking on him."

After transferring from Kansas in April, Moore gained immediate eligibility shortly before the season through an NCAA family hardship waiver — an often unpredictable process.

While Curtis' condition has improved through the years since he suffered the stroke in 2015, Charlie wanted to help ease the load on his mother, Tanya, and provide support to his father.

Wearing a Blue Demons winter hat, Curtis watches his son's games from his wheelchair in the second level of Wintrust Arena behind the team bench. After the Blue Demons upset then-No. 5 Butler on Saturday, Charlie beamed as he greeted his dad in the arena lobby.

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Charlie Moore celebrates a recent win with his father, Curtis, at Wintrust Arena.

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New Fire coach Wicky says players 'have to run and fight'

BY JEREMY MIKULA

The Chicago Fire formally introduced coach Raphael Wicky during a news conference Wednesday at the CIBC Fire Pitch in the North Center neighborhood.

Wicky, 42, spoke of his excitement about helping to rebuild the Fire — and establishing a new culture.

"That is always the one of the biggest objectives when you come in as a new head coach with a new

staff," he said. "It's first building a new staff and building a team. On the first day with the team, we spoke about a team culture we want to create, how we want to live together, how we want to train together and be together every

single day during this year. And that's not only on the field, that's off the field."

Wicky, though, is realistic about expectations for a Fire team that missed the Major League Soccer playoffs the last two seasons and

has only 19 players on its roster.

"Building a team is really exciting, but building a team also takes time," he said. "It's not going to be done overnight."

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He already has had Hawk Harrelson day, Hawk Harrelson bobblehead day and Hawk Harrelson alarm-clock day. Why not a whole summer dedicated to the Hall of Fame broadcaster? And maybe a Hall of Fame edition of the Hawk alarm-clock giveaway. A classic promotion deserves an encore during the Summer of Hawk.

2. Start weekday night games a half-hour earlier.

If the Sox were to start games at 6:40 p.m. instead of at 7:10, more fans would stick around until the final out instead of leaving early from a 3½-hour game because of work or getting the kids in bed for school the next day. Plus the ballpark won't look so empty on TV at the end of games.

3. Stop worrying about what's said on Sox blogs and Twitter accounts.

The venting by Sox fans online isn't a whole lot different than the venting on other teams' fan-related blogs or Twitter accounts. You can't stop it, so just ignore it.

4. Unveil a Dick Allen statue.

The former Sox slugger almost single-handedly revived interest in the Sox with his American League MVP season in 1972. He lasted only three years on the South Side but became one of the most important players in franchise history. Respect should be paid.

5. Admit a playoff spot is the goal, and anything less is unacceptable.

It has been a long time since 2008, when the Sox last made the playoffs, and many fans are tired of waiting for the year after next year. "If anybody is afraid of setting expectations, this is not a place to be," manager Rick Renteria said recently. Well, that's a start. Now if only Renteria would retire his catchphrase: "We're chipping away."

6. No Sox math during broadcasts.

The clues are too difficult to answer without a lot of googling. Who has time for that when you're lying on the couch watching baseball? Perhaps a Sox trivia spelling bee would suffice. Question: Popular Sox shortstop whose baserunning gaffe helped sink their 1983 World Series dream? Answer: "D-Y-B-Z-I-N-S-K-I."



MICHAEL TERCHA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The White Sox released an alarm clock with longtime announcer Hawk Harrelson on it.

7. Resurrect the Go-Go Sox.

Nick Madrigal stole 35 bases last year in 48 attempts in the minors, while Luis Robert stole 36 bases in 47 attempts. Imagine the two Sox rookies batting 1-2 in the order, just like Luis Aparicio and Nellie Fox did back in "Go-Go" era. The first-inning buzz at Sox Park would be off the charts.

8. Change the starting times for the July 7-8 Cubs games to late afternoon.

Mayhem typically ensues at night games when the City Series moves to the South Side, thanks to big crowds, alcohol consumption and a longtime hatred for all things Cubs. Both home games against the North Siders are scheduled to be played at night. Why tempt fate again?

9. Invite former Sox great Jack McDowell to Camelback Ranch as a guest instructor.

Just don't invite former Sox manager Tony La Russa at the same time. On second thought, please do.

10. Stage a salute to 80 years of the Bossards at Sox Park.

Gene Bossard became head groundskeeper at Comiskey Park in 1940 and continued through 1983. His son, Roger, commonly known as "The Sodfather," replaced Gene and is entering his 54th year in the organization. The first family of sod deserves a day of recognition.

11. Pop-up McCuddy's.

Pop-up bars are a growing trend, as we saw during the holidays. The one long-gone establishment old-school Sox fans truly miss is McCuddy's Tavern, which was located on 35th Street across from old Comiskey and was torn down for the new ballpark. Babe Ruth used to drink there. So did your parents and maybe your grandparents. That's enough reason for a pop-up McCuddy's at Sox Park.

12. End the rebuild, begin the renaissance.

Hahn already started it by winning the offseason. Now it's up to Renteria and the players to make it happen. Time's up.

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

5 p.m. Indiana at Penn State BTN
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FOOTBALL

12:30 p.m. Senior Bowl practice ESPNU
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GOLF

10:30 a.m. LPGA: Boca Rio Golf
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6 p.m. Australian Open Tennis
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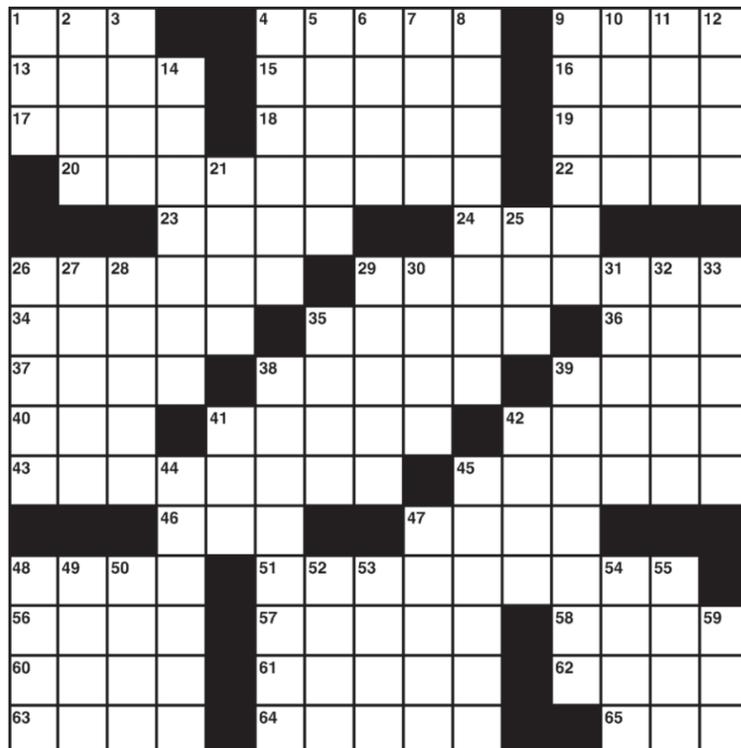
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Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Rollaway bed
- 4 Battle verbally
- 9 Lie next to
- 13 Haughtiness
- 15 Live's partner, in phrase
- 16 Forbidden thing
- 17 Sincere request
- 18 At __; free to roam
- 19 Big smile
- 20 "Thirty days hath ___"
- 22 Covetousness
- 23 Table supports
- 24 "My __ Sal"
- 26 __ down; topsy-turvy
- 29 Troublemaker
- 34 __ in; brings under control
- 35 Forest fire
- 36 Actress McClanahan
- 37 Sudden loud noise
- 38 Steer clear of
- 39 Bread for a gyro
- 40 Hardware store chain
- 41 Beats severely
- 42 Out of style
- 43 Recent arrival
- 45 Money hoarders
- 46 Put __ fight; resist

- 47 Bakery desserts
- 48 Dictionary entry
- 51 Abandoning
- 56 Gung ho
- 57 Egypt's capital
- 58 Requirement
- 60 Peddle
- 61 Stomach woe
- 62 Terminal-to-plane entryway
- 63 __ on; victimize
- 64 Canary's lunch
- 65 Trotted

DOWN

- 1 Tam or beret
- 2 Many of van Gogh's paintings
- 3 Cypress or spruce
- 4 Assert without proof
- 5 Paper quantities
- 6 Clothes
- 7 Longing
- 8 Jazz up
- 9 __ Lansbury
- 10 " __ in the U.S.A."; Springsteen hit
- 11 Brown or Columbia: abbr.
- 12 Broadway award
- 14 Young tree
- 21 Allen & Danson
- 25 Gobbled up

Solutions



- 26 Not rural
- 27 Tranquility
- 28 Tough fibrous tissue
- 29 Birch tree variety
- 30 Chokes
- 31 Not fresh & original
- 32 __ space; NASA's realm
- 33 Peruses
- 35 Femur or fibula
- 38 Capital of Syria
- 39 Short-lived
- 41 Black-and-white driver
- 42 Passed away
- 44 Like a big stuffed animal
- 45 Those not yet of age
- 47 Removed apple skin
- 48 Flying insect
- 49 Finished; done
- 50 Peeve
- 52 Narrative
- 53 Grain
- 54 Close by
- 55 " __ grip!"; cry to the hysterical
- 59 Comfy room

WHITE SOX



Catching up after surgery, buzz cut

BY LAMOND POPE

Michael Kopech noticed a different energy recently while playing catch with White Sox teammates Ryan Burr, Zack Burdi and Yasmani Grandal.

"It was that camaraderie, but more so the underlying competitiveness in all of us," Kopech said Wednesday. "It felt like a different energy. We were all pulling in the same direction, which is kind of a glimpse to us (of) what the future is going to look like."

"Not to look too far ahead, but we all are pulling in the same direction, not that that wasn't the case before. We're all starting to get that taste, so to speak."

Kopech, the No. 2 prospect in the organization, is eager to do his part for the revamped Sox after missing all of 2019 while recovering from Tommy John surgery on his right elbow. He could be in the mix to contribute to a pitching staff that added starters Dallas Keuchel and Gio Gonzalez in the offseason.

"Physically, I feel great," Kopech said. "Better than I probably have felt my entire baseball career since I was drafted. Mentally, I'm in a place that I think is stable and confident and prepared."

"Beforehand, I did as much as I could physically to go into spring and do as much as I could on the mound. Now I feel like I've taken what I've learned from this past year and tried to apply it. I feel physically I can compete still, and mentally I'm going to be able to withstand whatever is going to come my way."

Kopech met with reporters after receiving a haircut as part of the Kopech's Big Kut sweepstakes, which raised \$20,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities and Chicago White Sox Charities.

"It's much bigger than me," Kopech said of the event. "I just want to make a contribution to something that has a purpose."

Kopech also addressed his timetable and whether he'll have any rust after the long layoff.

"I got to pitch in a couple of games toward the end of the season last year in the instructional league, and really getting to compete there was that taste I was looking for," he said. "And hopefully this spring we'll shake off any rust that I might have and I'll get my chance to at least be in the conversation."

Kopech anticipates a cautious, unrushed approach to his return.

"I assume that's what everyone is thinking," he said, "and I'd be lying if I said I wasn't probably thinking the same thing. But I'm still going to give myself that chance if it presents itself."

Kopech could hit 100 mph with his fastball before the surgery. He said he still can, but he's also making adjustments.

"I don't know if I'm going to necessarily be that type of power pitcher again in my career," Kopech said. "I'm going to be a little bit smarter and cautious about how I pitch. That being said, velocity will always be a part of my game."

When that will be fully on display remains to be seen.

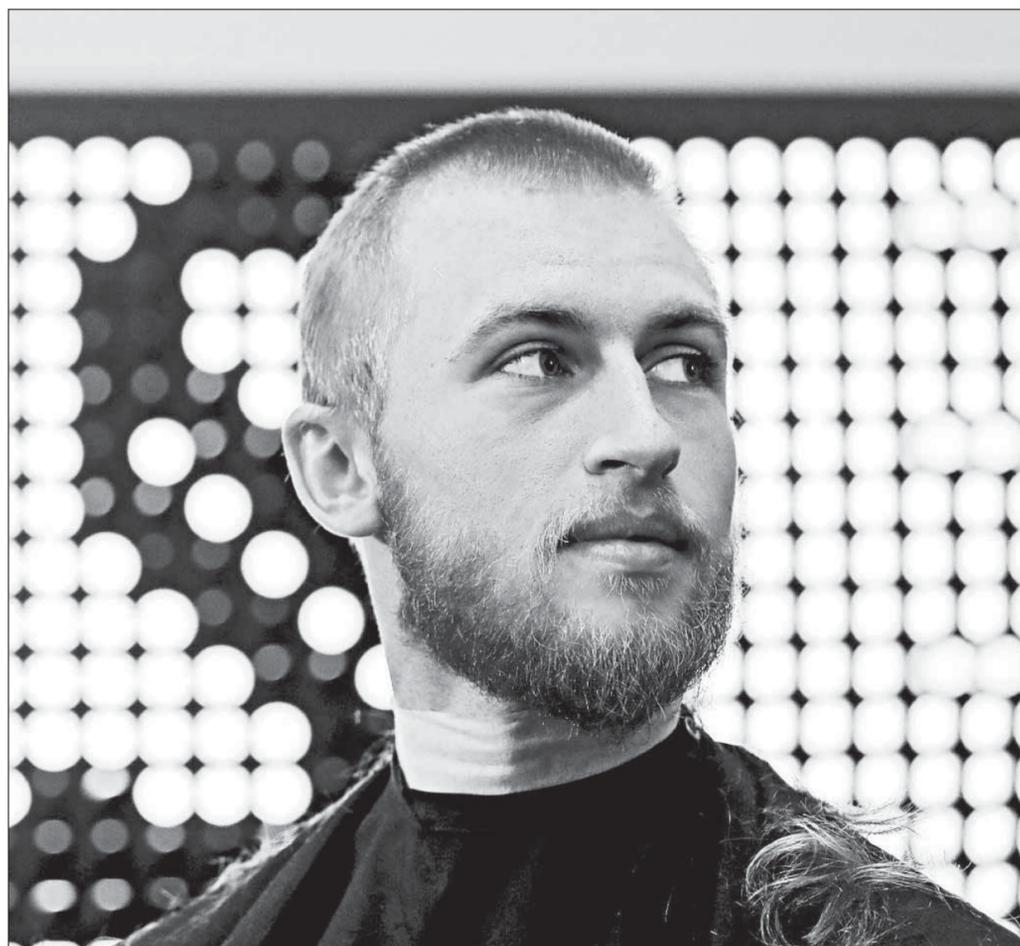
"My plan is to be competitive in the spring and give my team a chance to win, and hopefully that's giving myself the best chance I can," Kopech said. "But for what the team has in store for me, I really don't know those answers. I'm just going to do my best when I get there."

■ Pitcher Dylan Covey cleared waivers and rejected an outright assignment to Triple-A Charlotte. He becomes a minor-league free agent.



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A team from Great Clips cuts Michael Kopech's hair in front of the children and families staying at Ronald McDonald House near Lurie Children's Hospital.



What to see, avoid during SoxFest

BY PHIL THOMPSON, TIM BANNON

For this year's SoxFest, fans will need a scorecard — and a map.

First, there are all the new faces: Edwin Encarnacion, Dallas Keuchel, Yasmani Grandal, Gio Gonzalez, Nomar Mazara and Steve Cishek. And then there's the new venue: McCormick Place.

Fans also will have one fewer day than last year to cover all the sights and sessions in the 100,000-square-foot convention space.

To help them navigate, here's a guide.

Why the switch to McCormick Place? The White Sox said the larger event space at McCormick Place West (2301 S. Indiana Ave.) will provide more chances for fans to connect with the team's past, present and future players, adding that the 2020 edition — the 28th installment of SoxFest — "will feature more opportunities for autographs, photos, fan engagements and unique experiences." SoxFest was at the Hilton Chicago the last several years.

Who will be there? Players scheduled to attend are Jose Abreu, Tim Anderson, Aaron Bummer, Dylan Cease, Zack Collins, Leury Garcia, Lucas Giolito, Yasmani Grandal, Eloy Jimenez, Dallas Keuchel, Michael Kopech, Evan Marshall, Nomar Mazara, Danny Mendick and Yoan Moncada. Fans will be eager to see top prospects Luis Robert, Nick Madrigal and Andrew Vaughn. Other minor-leaguers include Micker Adolfo, Dane Dunning, Luis Gonzalez, Tyler Johnson, Blake Rutherford, Gavin Sheets and Jonathan Steier. Alumni scheduled to appear are Harold Baines, Jose Contreras, Danny Farquhar, Carlton Fisk, Ozzie Guillen, Ken "Hawk" Harrelson, Bo Jackson, Ron Kittle, Tom Paciorek, Tim Raines, Mike Sirotko and Frank Thomas.

Are passes still available? No. They sold out Friday. And no passes are available on the secondary market. SoxFest also sold out last year.

What are the hours? The convention runs from 4 to 10 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

How do you get autographs? Many current and former Sox stars, from Yoan Moncada to Harold Baines, will be available for autographs. The autograph sessions are free, but some are limited to the first 200 fans and others to the first 250. Some photo sessions (Dylan Cease and Ron Kittle for example) are limited to the first 125 or 150 fans, depending on the player. Also, there are three autograph and photo stages for kids 4 to 13. New this year, organizers will use two lanes to streamline back-to-back autograph sessions. Once the first line's session begins, wristbands will be distributed for the second line.

What are the best panels and events? General manager Rick Hahn will appear in sessions Friday evening and Saturday morning.

■ First, he'll discuss the busy offseason and the team's vision for 2020 with moderator Jason Benetti at the White Sox Town Hall on the main stage at 6 p.m. Friday.

■ Hahn and Benetti will talk about spring training and opening day at the town hall at 11 a.m. Saturday.

■ Bingo with Jose Abreu at 8 p.m. Friday sounds interesting. At the same time, film critics Leo Brady and Don Shanahan will discuss "Field of Dreams" during a seminar at the White Sox Museum (near the exhibitor booths and Beggars Pizza).

■ Players never know what quirky questions they'll be asked at the kids-only news conference. NBC Sports Chicago's Leila Rahimi will moderate the panel at 10 a.m. Saturday; it features Eloy Jimenez, Nomar Mazara and Yasmani Grandal.

■ At 11 a.m. at the museum, pitcher Michael Kopech, former pitcher Danny Farquhar and head trainer Brian Ball will talk to moderator Chuck Garfien about what it takes to come back from injury. Kopech spent all of last season recovering from Tommy John elbow surgery. Farquhar, a reliever who suffered an aneurysm in the Sox dugout during a 2018 game, is now a pitching coach for Class A Winston-Salem.

■ Kopech will join Lucas Giolito, Dylan Cease and pitching coach Don Cooper for "The Starting Pitcher" session, hosted by Steve Stone on the main stage at 5 p.m. Saturday.

■ Similar to last year, "Building the Next Generation" at 1 p.m. Saturday at the museum will give fans a peek into the thinking behind how the front office built the roster.

What else is different? The Sox have added a few new tricks, including a celebrity-style black carpet and ribbon-cutting ceremony, airing live on NBC Sports Chicago at 3 p.m. Friday. The first fans in line will be invited to an exclusive experience in the White Sox fan pit. New family-friendly programs include a Legoland Discovery Center and a video-game area and interactive bingo. One new feature stands out: a Sox-themed escape room.

Can I watch from home? NBC Sports Chicago, the cable carrier of Sox games, will air several sessions. At 5 p.m. Friday, "Sports Talk Live" will start the first night of events with a panel featuring the network's anchors, pitcher Aaron Bummer and outfielder Nomar Mazara. They'll discuss the latest happenings with the team and this season's aspirations. Then at 7, NBCSCH commentator Chuck Garfien and Sox play-by-play man Jason Benetti will look back at the top broadcast moments of 2019, then discuss what's in store from the booth this season. At noon Saturday, pitcher Dylan Cease will revisit his debut season with Garfien and senior producer Ryan McGuffey on the "White Sox Talk Podcast." Cease also will look ahead to spring training and the season. Garfien and McGuffey will host another podcast at 2 p.m. featuring Michael Kopech, who discusses his expectations returning to the mound after missing all of last season while he recovered from surgery to repair a torn ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow.

Where can I park? There are three parking lots at McCormick Place. The indoor Lot A is closest to SoxFest. To find the lot on a GPS map search, use the address 2301 S. Prairie Ave. The fee is \$25 for up to 16 hours. If you want a better deal, you can try the neighborhood streets, but be sure to read the parking-restriction signs carefully — they can be confusing. Here's a handy map to street parking. It's wise to try SpotHero or other parking apps to see if a better deal is nearby.

What should I avoid? Parking, if at all possible, especially if you're not familiar with McCormick Place. SoxFest attendees primarily will use Lot A (2301 S. Prairie Ave.). Lot A admission is \$38.

Is public transportation an option? It sure is. Via CTA bus, the No. 3 King Drive, which runs along Michigan Avenue, is your best bet. But there's also the No. 21 Cermak Road and the No. 4 Cottage Grove. Via CTA train, you can take the Green Line and get off at the Cermak-McCormick Place stop, three blocks from the arena. Or take the Red Line and exit at the Cermak-Chinatown stop, four blocks away.

What about food? McCormick Place's food court will replicate Guaranteed Rate Field's menu, including hot dogs, Cuban Comet sandwiches, Garrett popcorn, Italian beef, pizza and Irish nacho fries. You can use cash or credit.

SPORTS

GOLF

Big names set for their new year

Woods, McIlroy to open seasons at Torrey Pines

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A small crowd that gathered in the morning chill made its way to the first tee to watch Tiger Woods start his pro-am round Wednesday at Torrey Pines.

The first starting time is ideal because the front nine is open.

Rory McIlroy was in the second group. As the FedEx Cup champion and PGA Tour player of the year, wouldn't he have the option of going first? McIlroy laughed and said, "I'm not Tiger Woods."

No one is. Woods has built his unrivaled status through 82 victories on the PGA Tour, 15 major championships, some 10 years at No. 1 in the world and transcendent star power that still shines bright.

McIlroy will have to settle for being the second biggest star during a week when he can return to No. 1 in the world.

They will be a group apart when the Farmers Insurance Open begins Thursday, creating a must-see atmosphere.

Never mind this is the fourth tournament of the new year. Woods and McIlroy make it feel like a season opener, especially because of the first network TV coverage of the year during an open week of NFL ahead of the Super Bowl. Throw in the likes of Phil Mickelson and Xander Schauffele, Jon Rahm and defending champion Justin Rose, and it's a big show on a big course.

Woods, who will set the PGA Tour record for career titles with his next win, has eight victories at Torrey Pines. His last win at the Farmers Insurance Open was in 2013. Injuries came along, and even when healthy, he has been slow out of the gates the last few years.

He last played Dec. 15 at the Presidents Cup, and aside from spending his 44th birthday playing golf with his son, Woods didn't do much until getting back to practice a few weeks ago.

"I think for me, managing adrenaline takes a little bit of time," Woods said. "I'm so amped up to play that I really have to dumb myself down, to calm myself down to play. ... I just want to get out there and compete. So sometimes I need to take a step back and calm down before I'm ready."

McIlroy also is coming off a long break. He chose to spend Christmas and New Year's Eve in Northern Ireland, so he passed on a trip across two oceans to Hawaii for the Tournament of Champions.

He was in no rush to get started on what should be a long year, including his first Olympics in the summer. He also was in no rush to return to No. 1 in the world for the first time since 2015.

It was only last summer, after he missed the cut in the British Open, that returning to No. 1 seemed a long way off.

Since then, McIlroy won the Tour Championship and another World Golf Championship, among eight top-10 finishes in his last 10 tournaments. Top-ranked Brooks Koepka played three rounds over the last four months of the year because of a knee injury.

"I learned a lot of things at Portrush that I've put into my game, into my preparation, into my thought process going into other tournaments," McIlroy said. "And yeah, I've had a pretty good run since then. But no, it wasn't on the radar when I was flying back from Northern Ireland in July."

And it's not at the forefront of his mind now.

McIlroy would have to win this week, and he has never won his first tournament of the year since he turned pro in 2007.

"I don't want to say it feels like it's just a matter of time, but if I just keep doing what I'm doing, if it isn't this week, then hopefully it's a couple weeks down the line and I'll have my chances," McIlroy said. "So I'm not putting myself under any pressure this week to get it done."

McIlroy is taking the next two weeks off, though he faces a busy year.

It starts at Torrey Pines, giving him a tough challenge to the year. The South Course hosts the U.S. Open in 2021 for the second time, and Rees Jones already has been at work moving and reshaping bunkers to tighten fairways.

"I think it's a good thing that you're thrown in the deep end right from the start," McIlroy said. "It's a tough course."



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The Fire's new coach, Raphael Wicky, dons the team's new name (Chicago Fire FC) during Wednesday's news conference.

Fire

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The Fire don't have a huge amount of time. They begin the season March 1 against the MLS champion Seattle Sounders and make their long-awaited return to Soldier Field on March 21 against 2018 champion Atlanta United.

Here are three takeaways from Wednesday's practice.

1. Raphael Wicky expects every player — regardless of age and experience — to play like a captain.

The Fire traded captain Dax McCarty in November to expansion team Nashville SC. That move, coupled with Bastian Schweinsteiger's retirement, left the Fire with limited veteran leadership.

Wicky, however, expects every player — from 15-year-old Gabriel Slonina to 35-year-old Jonathan Bornstein — to exude leadership qualities.

In other words, he wants a team of captains.

"They don't necessarily need to be older guys or veteran guys," he said. "It's part of your character as a player. You can be a 20-, 21-year-old who has that inside of him."

"There are guys who have been here longer who know the club, know everything inside out. They need to be leaders. Leaders in the way they train, how they come in every day. But I expect that from everyone. I expect from every player to come in and (be leaders)."

As one of the Fire's longest-tenured active players, defender Johan Kappelhof said he's making an effort to teach the younger players.

"I'm not a natural leader," he said, "but I can help the players with my experience. Some are born leaders, some are not, but still you have to help the team in the way you can."

Bornstein said his way of showing players the ropes is by setting an example.

"If you're working harder than everyone else, everyone's going to take notice," he said. "Hopefully it's like a snowball effect that they start working harder and being a better professional."

2. Raphael Wicky calls it 'passion.' Djordje Mihailovic calls it 'killing yourself for the team.'

Wicky didn't score many goals during his playing career in Switzerland, Germany, Spain and the United States. But his ability to cover a lot of ground and be what he called a "water carrier" in midfield made him a fixture with the Swiss national team.

It's a mentality Wicky wants to establish with the Fire.

"The message to the players on the first day was: I want a team of passion," he said. "You have to run and fight. You can (make) mistakes ... as long as you run and as long as you play together, as long as you do that for yourself and for your teammates and your fans. Then, yes, we will try to build as quickly as possible a culture and a winning team."

Homegrown Fire midfielder Djordje Mihailovic spent part of the offseason training with German club 1. FC Nurnberg, with whom he got a better feel for the type of culture Wicky is trying to implement.

"Everybody here knows that Europe is the place to go play," Mihailovic said. "That's where the best players in the world play, where the best teams are. It was a great opportunity for me to learn the little things that those top players do on a daily basis and bring that kind of stuff back to the club."

Mihailovic said testing himself in Europe — and the "need to be in top shape" — has prepared him for Wicky's expectations.

"The first thing that Rapha said was running and working and killing yourself for the team," Mihailovic said. "And I correlate that (European) experience together and it makes total sense."

3. Robert Beric's welcome to Chicago included a shot of Malort.

The Fire last week announced the acquisition of Slovenian striker Robert Beric from French club AS Saint-Etienne.

Included in that announcement was a video of Beric walking into the bar of the Blackstone hotel and receiving a "Chicago handshake," which, yes, included a shot of Malort.

But before taking a shot of the bitter liquor, Beric first had to weigh moving to the United States.

"It's a new challenge, a new vision of football," Beric said. "After 4½ years in France with Saint-Etienne, I was searching for something new. ... MLS is progressing. Even in Europe, you can see the interest in MLS. Some of the players already here are big names, you know. It's interesting because it's a new challenge."

Beric was signed as a designated player, which comes with the expectation the 28-year-old will score often enough to justify the move.

"Robert is a goal scorer, he's very clean and very good in and around the box," Wicky said. "He's a typical No. 9 who can hold the ball. He has a good athletic profile and he's a hard worker for the team. So these are the things I expect from him."

As for how the Malort went down, Beric said everything by saying nothing.

"I believe that at this point, for now, let's say nothing," he said.

Ex-Dolphins back in Miami with Chiefs

Williams, Moore, Lucas eager to cap 'wild' ride with ring

BY DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Chiefs saw value in a trio of players that were essentially castoffs from what was one of the least-successful franchises in the NFL over the last 10 years, and their decision to pick them up when just about nobody else was calling is a big reason why they're playing in the Super Bowl.

The biggest move was picking up Damien Williams, who has gone from journeyman running back to an integral part of one of the league's best offenses. Backup quarterback Matt Moore filled in admirably when Pat Mahomes was hurt this season, and safety Jordan Lucas played on just about every Chiefs special teams unit.

All three once played for the Dolphins.

Now, all three are headed back to Miami.

"It's a big stage and a big moment," Williams said. "I'm a pride-type person. ... At the end of the day, this could be your last run, your last play, so you have to go at it as such. I'm going hard every single day."

Each of those three players know quite well that any game could be their last.

Williams spent his first four seasons with the Dolphins, playing in 58 games and even taking over the starting role for a four-game stretch in 2017. But when they no longer envisioned Williams in their future, he signed a one-year prove-it deal with the Chiefs to be the backup to Kareem Hunt, who was just then emerging as a star.

Then last season, Hunt was kicked off the team following an ugly off-the-field incident, and Williams took over down the stretch. He ran for 129 yards and a touchdown while also catching a touchdown pass in a playoff win over the Colts, and he added two touchdowns receiving and another rushing in the Chiefs' overtime AFC title game loss to the Patriots.

That was enough to give Williams the No. 1 job entering this season. But injury trouble that has followed him throughout his career popped up again — it was a shoulder injury two years ago, a rib injury this year. He was sidelined for a long stretch in the middle of the season.

The time off might have done Williams some good, though. He's been healthy and fresh when the Chiefs has needed him most, scoring four touchdowns

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in Miami Gardens, Fla.

the last two weeks to give him a franchise-record eight TDs in the postseason.

"He's playing good football," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "He was banged up and he worked through it."

The Chiefs offense isn't necessarily predicated on the run, especially with Mahomes under center. But Williams does just enough to keep defenses honest, and his ability to block and catch in the passing game has proven invaluable.

The 35-year-old Moore was coaching high school football when the Chiefs lost backup quarterback Chad Henne late in the preseason and gave him a call. He had spent seven seasons with the Dolphins and went 8-9 as a starter, but nobody showed much interest in him last season and he spent an entire year away from the NFL.

His value came in Week 7, when Mahomes dislocated his kneecap against the Broncos. Moore finished off that win, played well the next week against the Packers, then led the Chiefs to a win over the playoff-bound Vikings. That victory wound up being even more crucial by Week 17, when the Chiefs narrowly earned the No. 2 playoff seed and a first-round bye.

That allowed them to play the AFC championship game at Arrowhead Stadium, beating the Titans on Sunday.

"It's been wild," Moore said. "In this league, you never know."

Lucas played sparingly on defense this season, but he played about 80 percent of snaps on special teams and gave the Chiefs' pass defense some additional depth. He was traded from the Dolphins for a seventh-round pick in August 2018, then played well enough to earn a \$2.025 million contract this season.

Together, the three ex-Dolphins have played an integral part in the Chiefs' first Super Bowl appearance in 50 years.

"To single out one guy would be a disservice to everyone else who busts their tail," Chiefs GM Brett Veach said, when asked which move made him proudest. "We watch a lot of tape and some of these small signings that people think aren't a big deal, to us they are. It is a battle of attrition. You have to have enough bodies out there to make it a full season. I'd say everybody me and my staff put the time and effort to bring here, they all pay the bills."

NFL NOTES

Giants QB Manning calls it a career

News services

Eli Manning is ending a 16-year NFL career that saw him recognized as a great quarterback, a leader, a solid citizen and the man who led the Giants back into prominence with two Super Bowl victories over the Patriots.

Manning, who set almost every Giants passing record in a career solely based in New Jersey's Meadowlands, has retired, the Giants said. He will formally announce it Friday and there's little doubt the team will retire his No. 10 jersey.

"For 16 seasons, Eli Manning defined what it is to be a New York Giant both on and off the field," John Mara, the Giants' president and chief executive officer said in a statement.

"Eli is our only two-time Super Bowl MVP and one of the very best players in our franchise's history. He represented our franchise as a consummate professional with dignity and accountability. It meant something to Eli to be the Giants quarterback, and it meant even more to us. We are beyond grateful for his contributions to our organization and look forward to celebrating his induction into the Giants Ring of Honor in the near future."

The recently turned 39-year-old's future had been in doubt since the end of the season. Manning's contract with the Giants expired after the 4-12 season and there was little chance he would be returning after losing his long-time starting job to rookie Daniel Jones.

Manning leaves the NFL with as many Super Bowl titles as his brother, Peyton, who retired after leading the Broncos to a title after the 2015 season.

Manning is sixth in NFL history with 8,119 attempts and seventh with 4,895 completions, 57,023 yards and 366 touchdown passes. He also has the franchise's highest career completion rate (60.29 percent). He was selected to four Pro Bowls.

Jay Gruden lands with Jags:

Jaguars coach Doug Marrone didn't really have time to break in a new offensive coordinator.

That's why Marrone interviewed four former head coaches with play-calling experience for the job.

Marrone ended up hiring former Redskins coach Jay Gruden.

Gruden, 52, replaces John DeFilippo, who was fired earlier this month after just one season. DeFilippo has since been hired as the Bears quarterbacks coach.

Brown threw rock at truck driver:

Former receiver Antonio Brown threw a rock at a moving truck driver before the alleged battery outside of his Hollywood, Fla., home Tuesday, TMZ reported.

Court records show that Brown later forced his way into the driver's side of the main cabin and began to physically strike him after a disagreement over payment escalated. He was then restrained by his associates.

Brown remains at his home, not in custody or arrested, as of Wednesday.

BULLS & BLACKHAWKS



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BULLS 117, TIMBERWOLVES 110

Bulls slip, then ball

Zach LaVine, above, and Lauri Markkanen led the Bulls past the Timberwolves 117-110 on Wednesday night at the United Center. LaVine scored 25 points and Markkanen added 21 in his first 20-point game since Jan. 6. The Bulls acquired both players and Kris Dunn from the Wolves for Jimmy Butler in 2017. They led by as many as 19 in the first half but the Wolves erased their deficit in the third quarter. Karl-Anthony Towns scored 40 points, and Andrew Wiggins added 25. Cristiano Felicio had 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Bulls. Dunn added 14. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

He put LaVine on right path

Timberwolves coach Saunders helped guide Bulls leader to stardom

BY JAMAL COLLIER

When Timberwolves head coach Ryan Saunders married his wife, Hayley, in 2017, the first person he remembers seeing outside the church was Zach LaVine. "That's a moment that's always going to stick with me," Saunders said Wednesday before his team played the Bulls at the United Center.

The Wolves recently had traded LaVine to the Bulls as part of the draft-night blockbuster that sent Jimmy Butler to Minnesota, launching the Bulls' current rebuilding state. But LaVine wasn't going to miss this. He endured a flight delay and raced from Chicago, all to be there for Saunders, then an assistant coach with the Wolves, because of the bond the two built during the early stages of LaVine's career.

The Wolves drafted LaVine in 2014, the same year Saunders joined the coaching staff as an assistant under his father, the late Flip Saunders. Ryan Saunders, 33, became interim head coach after the Wolves fired Tom Thibodeau last January. He received a contract extension during the off-season as his interim title was removed.

Before Wednesday's game he remembered his time coaching LaVine quite fondly, calling their relationship special both on and off the court.

"A lot of the things I remember with Zach weren't necessarily basketball things," Saunders said. "But how he treated people. He's one of the best guys I've been around at a young age, being mature in how he treated people within an organization, on the business side, everything, fans."

It started at LaVine's introduc-



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Timberwolves coach Ryan Saunders pushed Zach LaVine to improve.

tory news conference at the Minnesota State Fair, where Saunders recalled walking around and showing the then-19-year-old LaVine around. It continued as Saunders helped LaVine prepare for All-Star weekend, in the gym two days before the slam dunk contest practicing the material LaVine would use to put on a show and win back-to-back titles in his first two seasons in the league.

Saunders also could be hard on LaVine and fellow rookie guard Andrew Wiggins, often pairing the 19-year olds and sometimes singling them out during drills for not keeping up with the team's veterans. It was all an attempt to increase their understanding of the game.

"We wanted them to push each other to get better," Saunders said. "One of Zach's greatest attributes is his competitiveness and how he works. In those moments, you see the things both those guys were able to do athletically. As a coach, your eyes get big because you're working with guys and you see

that they have so many physical and natural tools."

Now in his sixth NBA season, LaVine's game has made significant strides, and he has a compelling case to be named an All-Star for the first time. He entered Monday's game on the best scoring stretch of his career and is averaging a career-high 25.0 points per game with 4.7 rebounds and 3.9 assists.

"He understands the game better; he knows what he needs to go out there and do to help his team win games," said Bulls forward Thaddeus Young, who played in Minnesota for the first 48 games of LaVine's rookie season. "He analyzes the game in a completely different light than his rookie year. His rookie year he used to always settle for mid-range jumpers; it was either mid-range or a dunk."

"And now he's learned how to change pace. He's learned how to control the tempo, control his team, control the game, just do a lot of different things with the basketball. He's continued to grow and evolve his game."

BLACKHAWKS TAKEAWAYS

Lehner takes blame in loss to Panthers

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Joel Quenneville had the last laugh. But not before many at the United Center had a good cry.

The Panthers beat the Blackhawks 4-3 Tuesday night in an emotional game that included a pregame ceremony honoring Patrick Kane for his 1,000th career point and a touching video tribute to Quenneville set to The Who's "Behind Blue Eyes."

"That felt unbelievable," Quenneville said. "It was a great feeling. Captured some special moments in the building when the enthusiasm and the excitement and the noise and Kaner's starting the game off like that, and the building was rocking."

"It felt like a different game. Had some importance to it. It was special. It was kind of like saying thank you to me and I was thanking them and it was all good. Felt great."

It was the Hawks' first loss in six games as they head into the All-Star break. They don't play again until Feb. 1 in Arizona.

Here are three takeaways from Tuesday's loss.

1. Their 5-game winning streak ended, but the Hawks are back in business.

This was a game the Hawks badly wanted. It was not a game they absolutely had to have.

A win over Quenneville would have been fulfilling. It would have moved the Hawks within one point of the final Western Conference wild-card spot, and it would have given them a six-game winning streak heading into the break.

They'll have to live with the disappointment, but they can get by knowing they've saved their season from the trash heap with a run that includes 11 wins in the last 16 games.

"We wanted that win," Jonathan Toews said. "We wanted the two points. When things are going well, you want to keep them going and not take it for granted, and unfortunately we let it slip tonight."

It can disappear all too quickly, and with games against the Coyotes, Wild, Bruins, Jets and Oilers after the break, it might. But for now the Hawks are a playoff contender, and that's not a bad place to be after a long bout with mediocrity over the first 35 games.

"I don't see why (we can't make the playoffs)," Toews said. "There's still way more potential, another level we can get to. And that's our goal, to keep focusing on those little details and the results will come. Been playing good hockey and everyone is buying in, playing for each other, and it's a lot more fun to come to the rink when we're doing those things."

"The wins come when you're playing right and playing for each other."

2. Robin Lehner took the blame.

Goalie Robin Lehner has been so good all season, it's ridiculous to expect him to put on a goaltending clinic every game.

But Tuesday's loss was not one for the time capsule. Lehner felt he should have stopped the Panthers' first goal, which Evgenii Dadonov stuffed through his pads and into the net. Their third goal was a simple case of not closing up the five-hole and letting Frank Vatrano shoot right through his legs.

"Honestly, I thought we played well," Lehner said. "I kind of let the team down today. I should've made a couple more saves."

Lehner has more than done his part to keep the Hawks afloat with nine wins in his last 10 starts. He wasn't about to dismiss all the work the Hawks have put in over the last month because of one loss.

"We've had a good stretch," he said. "I've had a good stretch — 9-1 the past 10 games. And today, it was a couple of goals that were unfortunate that hurt us a bit. That's tough, but it's part of hockey and I've just got to regroup and go on another run."

3. Kirby Dach might be about to take off.

One of the impressive things about Kirby Dach's rookie season is he hasn't pressed when the puck isn't going in the net. Which it hasn't most of the time.

Dach had one goal in 30 games entering Tuesday. But unlike other Hawks who have hit scoring slumps and suffered a general malaise, Dach hasn't come out of the lineup. Coach Jeremy Colliton maintained that Dach's overall game has been solid even if he hasn't been scoring.

That faith was rewarded, finally, with some results this week. Dach had an assist in Sunday's win over the Jets, and he scored his seventh goal of the season Tuesday on a terrific rush to the net that ended with him sending a backhand over Sergei Bobrovsky's right shoulder.

"It feels good," said Dach, who was celebrating his 19th birthday. "You always like to score, and for me it was a long time coming. I felt confident in my game and I just knew I had to keep going and eventually it will go in."

Dach is getting on a bit of a roll, so the All-Star break might not come at the opportune time. But Colliton believes Dach can continue where he left off.

"He's just got to keep getting better," Colliton said. "But he looks so confident with the puck ... his stick, he's just so heavy with it. He comes out of puck battles with it, he can get through the neutral zone. He just turned 19 ... he shrugs guys off, he can fight through checks, he carries guys on his back through zones."

NBC Sports apologizes for missing tribute intro

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

NBC Sports Chicago apologized Tuesday night for missing the start of the Blackhawks' video tribute to former coach Joel Quenneville during his first game back at the United Center leading the Panthers because it was still running a commercial.

Ironically, the first-period Coach Q montage that ran on the stadium video boards ran live in its entirety on Fox Sports Florida.

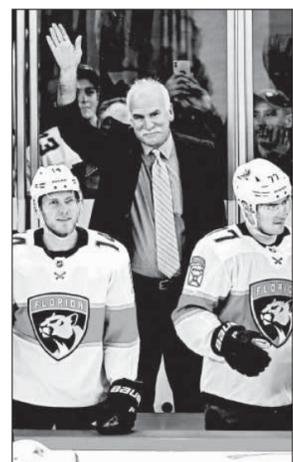
Set to The Who's "Behind Blue Eyes," it was a loving look back on Quenneville's three Stanley Cup championships and 2008-19 run in Chicago, which ended with his dismissal 14 months ago.

The tribute moved Quenneville, who waved to the crowd as it gave him a standing ovation.

"We were coming out of a break when the tribute was taking place ... and stayed with it live," an NBC Sports Chicago spokesman said. "We apologize for missing the earlier portion of the tribute and we immediately posted the tribute live in its entirety online and on the app."

NBCSCH also ran the tribute in full during the postgame show about 20 minutes after the Panthers' 4-3 win. During the game, however, Hawks fans on Twitter understandably were peeved by the error, taking it as a slight.

"Come on @NBCSBlackhawks, (you) knew the Quenneville tribute would be during the com-



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Panthers coach Joel Quenneville returned to the United Center for the first time on Tuesday.

mercial break ... you couldn't skip just ONE break to show the whole thing live for your tv audience?" @Chrisiewicz tweeted. "Weak."

Another member of NBCSCH's audience was among those appreciative that the Panthers' TV outlet tweeted video of the segment in split-screen showing Quenneville's reaction.

"Thank you Fox Florida for actually airing this and getting a camera on Q!" @jahnbahmb tweeted. "Us Hawks fans got to watch a commercial about a fish oil replacement supplement."

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	30	14	.682	—
Boston	29	14	.674	½
Philadelphia	29	17	.630	2
Brooklyn	18	24	.429	11
New York	12	33	.267	18½

SOUTHEAST

Miami	31	13	.705	—
Orlando	21	24	.467	10½
Charlotte	15	30	.333	16½
Washington	14	29	.326	16½
Atlanta	11	34	.244	20½

CENTRAL

Milwaukee	39	6	.867	—
Indiana	29	16	.644	10
Detroit	17	28	.378	22
Chicago	17	29	.370	22½
Cleveland	12	32	.273	26½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST

W	L	PCT	GB	
Dallas	27	16	.628	—
Houston	27	16	.628	—
San Antonio	20	23	.465	7
Memphis	20	24	.455	7½
New Orleans	17	28	.378	11

NORTHWEST

Utah	31	13	.705	—
Denver	30	14	.682	1
Oklahoma City	26	19	.578	5½
Portland	19	26	.422	12½
Minnesota	15	29	.341	16

PACIFIC

L.A. Lakers	35	9	.795	—
L.A. Clippers	31	14	.689	4½
Phoenix	18	26	.409	17
Sacramento	15	29	.341	20
Golden State	10	36	.217	26

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Oklahoma City 120, Orlando 114
 Toronto 107, Philadelphia 95
 Detroit 127, Sacramento 106
 Atlanta 102, L.A. Clippers 95
 L.A. Lakers 100, New York 92
 Boston 119, Memphis 95
 Miami 134, Washington 129, OT
 Indiana 121, Denver 105
 Chicago 117, Minnesota 110
 Indiana 112, Phoenix 87
 San Antonio 121, New Orleans 117
 Utah 129, Golden State 96

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Washington at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
 Dallas at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

BULLS 117, TIMBERWOLVES 110

MINNESOTA: Covington 4-9 0-0 9, Wiggins 10-19 1-6 25, Towns 16-24 4-5 40, Culver 1-5 0-2 3, Napier 5-6 4-4 16, Bates-Diop 1-4 2-5 4, Crabbe 2-7 0-5, Dieng 1-5 0-0 3, McLaughlin 1-4 2-2 5, Okogie 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 41-86 13-24 110.

CHICAGO: Dunn 3-8 0-14, Markkanen 6-14 5-6 21, Satoransky 5-10 4-15, LaVine 8-18 6-8 25, Satoransky 1-7 0-0 2, Young 3-5 0-6, Felicio 5-6 2-12, Hutchison 3-6 3-4 9, Arcidiacono 0-2-11, White 5-12 1-3 12. Totals 39-84 30-37 117.

Minnesota	26	26	27	31	—110
Chicago	35	24	22	36	—117

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 15-44 (Towns 4-8, Wiggins 4-10, Napier 2-3, Culver 1-3, McLaughlin 1-3, Dieng 1-4, Covington 1-5, Crabbe 1-5, Okogie 0-2), Chicago 9-30 (Markkanen 4-10, LaVine 3-6, White 1-4, Kornet 1-5, Satoransky 0-2). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Minnesota 43 (Covington, Dieng, Napier 7), Chicago 50 (Felicio 10). **Assists**—Minnesota 27 (Wiggins 9), Chicago 21 (Satoransky 5). **Total Fouls**—Minnesota 25, Chicago 22. **A**—18,875 (20,917)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	29	10	12	70	169	135
Tampa Bay	29	15	4	62	175	137
Florida	28	16	5	61	183	163
Toronto	25	17	7	57	176	165
Buffalo	22	20	7	51	145	152
Montreal	22	21	7	51	155	157
Ottawa	17	23	8	42	130	163
Detroit	12	35	4	28	109	199

METRO.

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	33	11	5	71	177	144
Pittsburgh	31	14	5	67	168	136
N.Y. Islanders	29	15	5	63	143	132
Columbus	27	16	8	62	138	130
Carolina	29	18	3	61	159	132
Philadelphia	27	17	6	60	158	150
N.Y. Rangers	23	21	4	50	158	159
New Jersey	17	24	7	41	126	173

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	30	11	8	68	158	134
Colorado	28	15	6	62	179	143
Dallas	27	17	4	58	125	120
Chicago	24	21	6	54	155	161
Winnipeg	25	22	4	54	152	160
Minnesota	23	21	6	52	156	166
Nashville	22	18	7	51	156	154

PACIFIC

Vancouver	27	18	4	58	162	149
Edmonton	26	18	5	57	155	153
Calgary	26	19	5	57	135	147
Arizona	26	20	5	57	146	138
Vegas	25	20	7	57	161	159
San Jose	21	25	4	46	130	167
Anaheim	19	24	5	43	122	150
Los Angeles	18	27	4	41	125	158

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Columbus 4, Winnipeg 3
 Minnesota 4, Detroit 2
ALL STAR WEEKEND EVENTS
Enterprise Center, St. Louis
FRIDAY'S SKILLS COMPETITIONS
 Bridgestone Fastest Skater
 Bud Light Save Streak
 Honda Accuracy Shooting
 Elite Women's 3-on-3
 Enterprise Hand-on-Hand Shot
 Gatorade Shooting Stars
SATURDAY'S ALL STAR GAMES
 G1: Metropolitan vs. Atlantic, 7:15 p.m.
 G2: Pacific vs. Central, 8:15 p.m.
 G3: Winners of Games 1, 2 (TBD)

BLUE JACKETS 4, JETS 3

Winnipeg	2	1	0	— 3
Columbus	1	2	1	— 4

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Winnipeg, Appleton 2 (Sbisa, Perreault), 4:38. 2, Columbus, Jones 5 (Dubois, Foligno), 6:06. 3, Winnipeg, Connor 25 (Sbisa, Bitetto), 17:06. **Penalty:** Gavrikov, CBJ (Tripping), 12:14. **SECOND PERIOD:** 4, Columbus, Bjorkstrand 15 (Dubois), 1:28. 5, Winnipeg, Pionk 5 (Wheeler, Connor), 15:33 (pp). 6, Columbus, Nyquist 11 (Werenski, Dubois), 17:55 (pp). **Penalties:** Werenski, CBJ (Tripping), 15:25; Shore, Win (Interference), 17:05. **THIRD PERIOD:** 7, Columbus, Bjorkstrand 16 (Jones), 14:22. **SHOTS ON GOAL:** Winnipeg 10-7-13—30. Columbus 8-11-10—29. **POWER PLAYS:** Winnipeg 1 of 2; Columbus 1 of 1. **GOALIES:** Winnipeg, Brossiott 4-6-0 (29 shots-25 saves). Columbus, Merzlikins 9-6-4 (30-27). **A:** 18,425 (18,500). **T:** 2:28. **Refs:** Kendrick Nicholson, Ian Walsh. **Linesmen:** Kyle Flemingington, James Tobias.

SHOOTOUT LEADERS

SAVES	TM	S	SV	SV%
David Rittich	Cgy	18	16	.889
Mac Blackwood	NJ	23	15	.652
Brian Elliott	Phi	19	14	.737
Carter Hart	Phl	18	13	.722
John Gibson	Ana	18	13	.722
Frederik Andersen	Tor	20	13	.650
Braden Holtby	Was	15	12	.800
Juuse Saros	Nas	16	12	.750
Darcy Kuemper	ARI	17	12	.706
Jaroslav Halak	Bos	18	12	.667

GOALS

TM	GP	G	S
Nick Schmaltz	ARI	8	4
Jon Marchessault	Vgs	4	4
Conor Garland	ARI	4	4
Patrick Kane	Chi	6	4

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NFL

PRO BOWL

Sunday in Orlando, Fla.
 AFC vs. NFC, 2 p.m. (ESPN)

SUPER BOWL

Sunday, Feb. 2 in Miami Gardens, Fla.
 Kansas City (14-4) vs.
 San Francisco (15-3), 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

- Baylor** (16-1) did not play. Next: at Florida, Saturday.
- Gonzaga** (20-1) did not play. Next: vs. Pacific, Saturday.
- Kansas** (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee, Saturday.
- San Diego State** (20-0) did not play. Next: at UNLV, Sunday.
- Florida State** (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Saturday.
- Louisville** (16-3) beat Georgia Tech 68-64. Next: vs. Clemson, Saturday.
- Dayton** (17-2) beat St. Bonaventure 86-60. Next: at Richmond, Saturday.
- Duke** (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Tuesday.
- Villanova** (15-3) did not play. Next: at Providence, Saturday.
- Seton Hall** (15-4) beat Providence 73-64. Next: vs. DePaul, Wednesday.
- Michigan State** (14-4) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Thursday.
- Oregon** (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Thursday.
- Butler** (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Marquette, Friday.
- West Virginia** (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Saturday.
- Kentucky** (14-4) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Texas Tech, Saturday.
- Auburn** (16-2) beat South Carolina 80-67. Next: vs. Iowa State, Saturday.
- Maryland** (15-4) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Sunday.
- Texas Tech** (12-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Kentucky, Saturday.
- Iowa** (14-5) beat No. 24 Rutgers 85-80. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Monday.
- Memphis** (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. SMU, Saturday.
- Illinois** (14-5) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Saturday.
- Arizona** (13-5) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Saturday.
- Colorado** (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Thursday.
- Rutgers** (14-5) lost to No. 19 Iowa 85-80. Next: vs. Nebraska, Saturday.
- Houston** (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Thursday.

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

EAST
 Albany (NY) 101, Mass.-Lowell 75
 American U. 93, Loyola (Md.) 91
 Army 94, Lafayette 74
 Binghamton 83, Stony Brook 79
 Cincinnati 89, Temple 82
 Fordham 59, George Washington 54
 Holy Cross 96, Lehigh 95
 Marist 75, Manhattan 73
 Navy 60, Boston U. 58
 Rhode Island 77, Duquesne 55
 UMBC 69, Hartford 60
 Vermont 59, Maine 57
 W. Kentucky 64, Marshall 60

SOUTH
 Chattanooga 92, The Citadel 69
 Davidson 71, Saint Louis 59
 Furman 101, Samford 78
 George Mason 73, UMass 63
 McNeese St. 77, SE Louisiana 61
 Mercer 85, W. Carolina 79
 Mississippi St. 77, Arkansas 70
 Nicholls 91, Houston Baptist 83
 Richmond 75, La Salle 57
 St. F. Austin 69, Northwestern St. 62
 Virginia Tech 79, N. Carolina 77
 Wofford 66, VMI 54

MIDWEST
 Bradley 75, Illinois St. 63
 Drake 73, Evansville 50
 Loyola of Chicago 75, Indiana St. 55
 Penn St. 72, Michigan 63
 S. Dakota St. 78, N. Dakota St. 73
 Syracuse 86, Notre Dame 82
 Xavier 66, Georgetown 57

SOUTHWEST
 Lamar 89, Incarnate Word 77
 SMU 84, E. Carolina 64
 Texas A&M-CC 74, New Orleans 71
 UALR 81, Troy 63

WEST
 Colorado St. 86, Fresno St. 68

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

- South Carolina** (18-1) did not play. Next: at Georgia, Sunday.
- Baylor** (16-1) beat TCU 66-57. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.
- UConn** (16-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Tennessee, Thursday.
- Oregon** (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Oregon State, Friday.
- Louisville** (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Thursday.
- Stanford** (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Friday.
- Oregon State** (16-2) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Oregon, Friday.
- N.C. State** (17-1) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Thursday.
- Mississippi State** (16-3) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Thursday.
- UCLA** (16-1) did not play. Next: vs. Villanova, Friday.
- DePaul** (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. Villanova, Friday.
- Kentucky** (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Monday.
- Gonzaga** (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Pepperdine, Thursday.
- Florida State** (15-3) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Thursday.
- Texas A&M** (15-3) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Thursday.
- Arizona State** (15-4) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Arizona, Friday.
- Indiana** (14-5) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Thursday.
- Arizona** (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Arizona State, Friday.
- Iowa** (15-3) did not play. Next: at Ohio State, Thursday.
- Maryland** (14-4) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Thursday.
- Arkansas** (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Thursday.
- Northwestern** (16-2) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Maryland, Sunday.
- Tennessee** (15-3) did not play. Next: at No. 3 UConn, Thursday.
- South Dakota** (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue Fort Wayne, Friday.
- West Virginia** (13-4) lost to Oklahoma State 57-55. Next: at TCU, Sun.

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

EAST
 American U. 63, Loyola (Md.) 44
 Bucknell 66, Colgate 43
 Dayton 66, George Washington 50
 Duquesne 84, George Mason 63
 Holy Cross 74, Lehigh 57
 Lafayette 57, Army 52
 Maine 65, Vermont 47
 Mass.-Lowell 53, Albany (NY) 51
 Navy 46, Boston U. 41
 Saint Joseph's 61, St. Bonaventure 60
 Stony Brook 67, Binghamton 60
 UMBC 61, Hartford 54
 VCU 61, UMass 46
 SE Louisiana 74, McNeese St. 67
 Texas A&M-CC 83, New Orleans 53
 Tulane 60, UCF 59

MIDWEST
 Akron 70, Miami (Ohio) 62
 Ball St. 69, Buffalo 65
 Bowling Green 72, W. Michigan 63
 California Baptist 80, Chicago St. 65
 Cent. Michigan 89, E. Michigan 82
 Cincinnati 85, Houston 66
 Iowa St. 73, Kansas St. 59
 Ohio 85, N. Illinois 79
 Purdue 76, Nebraska 68
 S. Florida 56, Wichita St. 50
 Wisconsin 72, Minnesota 62

SOUTHWEST
 Abilene Christian 81, Sam Houston St. 73
 Texas 85, Kansas 77
 Texas Tech 89, Oklahoma 84

WEST
 Fresno St. 55, Colorado St. 53
 San Jose St. 89, New Mexico 85
 UNLV 66, Nevada 64
 Utah St. 53, Air Force 52
 Wyoming 81, San Diego St. 67

TENNIS

108TH AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Thursday at Melbourne Park; Melbourne, Australia; outdoors-hard
MEN'S SECOND ROUND SINGLES
 #4 Daniil Medvedev d. Pedro Martinez, 7-5, 6-2, 6-3
WOMEN'S SECOND ROUND SINGLES
 #2 Karolina Pliskova d. Laura Siegemund, 6-3, 6-3
 #6 Belinda Bencic d. Jelena Ostapenko, 7-5, 7-5.
 #19 Donna Vekic d. Alize Cornet, 6-4, 6-2.
 Garbine Muguruza d. Ajla Tomljanovic, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
 Zarina Diyas d. Anna Blinkova, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

MEN'S SECOND ROUND SINGLES
 #2 Novak Djokovic d. Tatsuma Ito, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.
 #3 Roger Federer d. Filip Krajinovic, 6-1, 6-4, 6-1.
 #6 Stefanos Tsitsipas d. Philipp Kohlschreiber, walkover.
 Tennyis Sandgren d. #8 Matteo Berrettini, 7-6 (7), 6-4, 4-6, 2-6, 7-5.
 #9 Roberto Bautista-Agut d. Michael Mmoh, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.
 #12 Fabio Fognini d. Jordan Thompson, 7-6 (4), 6-1, 3-6, 4-6, 7-6 (4).
 #14 Diego Schwartzman d. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.
 Tommy Paul d. #18 Grigor Dimitrov, 6-4, 7-6 (6), 3-6, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (3).
 Marin Cilic d. #21 Benoit Paire, 6-2, 6-7 (6), 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (3).
 #22 Guido Pella d. Gregoire Barrere, 6-1, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
 #24 Dusan Lajovic d. Marc Polmans, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.
 Yoshihito Nishioka d. #30 Daniel Evans, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
 John Millman d. #31 Hubert Hurkacz, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.
 #32

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Blue Demons guard Charlie Moore signals a play in the second half against Butler at Wintrust Arena on Saturday.

Moore

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"That's what keeps me going," Curtis said of watching Charlie play. "I know I get to see him. He's always asking: 'How are you feeling? Are you all right?' Recovery is an everyday process right now. This is the hardest thing I've done in my life. I'm never going to give up, though."

Moore has been a catalyst for DePaul (13-5, 1-4 Big East), which went 12-1 in nonconference play with road wins at Iowa and Minnesota and a home victory against Texas Tech, last season's national runner-up.

An 0-4 start in the rugged Big East included narrow losses to ranked opponents Seton Hall and Villanova (in overtime), and the 79-66 upset of Butler was a head-turning resume builder. Moore leads DePaul with 16.1 points and 6.8 assists per game entering Wednesday night's game against Creighton (14-5, 3-3) at Wintrust Arena.

"It means a lot getting an opportunity, and I'm trying to take advantage," he said. "I thank God every day for being here in this position."

'Scared of nothing'

For as long as Moore can remember, his dad was beside him — supporting him from the stands or working on his crossover in the backyard. Tanya Moore sometimes told her husband to pull back, worried it was too much.

"But Charlie couldn't get enough of it," she said. "He loved it."

When Charlie was born on Feb. 3, 1998, Curtis brought a tiny plastic orange ball to the hospital and placed it next to his son. Christmas and birthday gifts were always basketball-related. A mini hoop seemed to be stationed in every room or attached to every doorway.

"He never got sick of basketball," Curtis said.

A point guard at Robeson in the early 1980s, Curtis had a plan for his youngest son, toting him to gyms across the South Side and pitting him against older, taller boys.

When he was an assistant coach at Washington, Curtis encouraged Charlie to zip onto the court during timeouts or halftime to shoot in front of boisterous high school fans, envisioning him one day needing the steely nerves to play in front of roaring college crowds.

"I was trying to make sure he wasn't scared of nothing," Curtis said.

Indeed, Moore built a reputation for fearlessness at Morgan Park and with the Mac Irvin Fire AAU team. Diminutive but dogged, he earned the nickname "Baby Assassin."

He played on the Morgan Park varsity as a freshman, scored 55 points to open his senior season and helped lead the Mustangs to back-to-back Class 3A state championships in 2013 and '14.

Morgan Park coach Nick Irvin recalled drawing up a play late in a



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Charlie Moore helps his father, Curtis, stand from his wheelchair as the two greet each other.

tight game for Moore as a freshman. Older teammates shot Irvin incredulous looks.

"I said: 'Just run it. He won games for me in grammar school,'" Irvin said. "He came off a screen and hit a long 3 to put us up, and we wound up winning the game. I knew right there he was who I thought he was."

"He knew what his responsibility was: to destroy everybody. I told him, 'Never let a player get an edge on you.' I knew when his body caught up, he could take over Chicago."

Accolades, awards and two dozen scholarship offers poured in. Moore was about to begin what promised to be an exhilarating senior year of high school.

Then he received a jarring phone call.

A new reality

Moore and his mom were shopping downtown on Labor Day 2015 when they received a distressed call from Curtis.

His left side felt numb. Something was wrong. They disconnected, and Charlie's panicked calls went unanswered as they hurried home through traffic.

They found Curtis collapsed next to the bathtub.

"It was hard to see," Charlie said.

Curtis remained in a coma for a few weeks and was hospitalized for nearly seven months. He temporarily struggled to speak, and he lost the ability to walk or use his left hand. He had subsequent setbacks during his recovery.

"I wasn't asking (for a diagnosis)," he said. "I kept saying: 'I'll keep getting better. I'll put the work in.'"

Charlie had to adjust to a new reality in which his father wasn't at his games or available for hours of skill work in the backyard.

"He was so used to his dad still coaching him," Tanya said. "Even though he had coaches and other people supporting him, his dad (had been) at every game. It weighed heavily on him."

As his dad's health improved, Moore — who initially had committed to Memphis over offers from DePaul and Illinois before a

CREIGHTON 83, DEPAUL 68

DePaul couldn't keep its momentum from Saturday's upset of then-No. 5 Butler as the Blue Demons lost to Creighton 83-68 on Wednesday night at Wintrust Arena. DePaul played without starter Jaylen Butz and key reserve Devin Gage and were no match for the sharpshooting Bluejays. Creighton made 10 of 25 3-pointers while the Demons were 3 of 16 from 3-point range. Paul Reed led DePaul (14-6, 1-5 Big East) with 22 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks. Charlie Moore shot 3-for-15 and scored 13 points with seven assists. Jalen Coleman-Lands and Romeo Weems added 11 points apiece for the Demons. Creighton (15-5, 4-3) saw its nine-point first-half lead shrink to 37-34 at halftime but extended its advantage to as many as 22 in the second half. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

coaching change — decided to play at California.

"He told me: 'You're going to be good. Make the best decision for you,'" Moore recalled.

After starting every game for the Golden Bears as a freshman and averaging 12.2 points and a team-high 3.5 assists, Moore learned coach Cuonzo Martin was leaving for Missouri.

Moore transferred to Kansas, where he could see his family more frequently and where he hoped to continue his freshman success. But after sitting out the 2017-18 season per NCAA transfer rules, he saw little productivity or opportunity with the Jayhawks last season, averaging 2.9 points in 13.1 minutes per game and shooting 28.6% from the field.

"I felt I could've been getting more time," Moore said. "The coaching staff, they thought otherwise. I couldn't fault them for that. I went into practice every day with my hard hat on and learned a lot."

Back in Chicago, Moore's dad continued his rehabilitation, not regaining the strength to take steps until last year. The stress took a toll on his mom.

"It's prayer, every day," Tanya said. "I still have to go to work. There are bills to pay. I have someone to come over to help take care of my husband during the day. That is hard when everything is on you."

Moore decided he had been away too long.

"I wanted to get back home to support my family," he said. "DePaul was the closest school to my home. The coaching staff, teammates, everyone around the basketball program, I felt a con-

nection around. It made my life easier."

Irvin told Moore he would receive a warm homecoming.

"I said: 'Come home where they're going to love you and embrace you. Your dad can come see you, your friends and family will be there,'" Irvin said. "That played a big part. And when you're comfortable, you play good."

'That extra push'

Moore arranges his DePaul class schedule to accommodate weekday trips to Englewood to help around the house and encourage his dad through rehabilitation exercises. Curtis attends rehab three times a week at the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab and works out at the gym, riding a stationary bike and lifting weights with his right arm.

He works out at home as well. Charlie checks in frequently with encouragement.

"Our relationship is strong," Charlie said. "We know how to push each other and help each other and what words we need to use for that extra push. He's trying to get better and stronger. He works hard at it."

Curtis said his goal is to stand on his own and "take care of myself as best as possible."

At DePaul home games, he scrutinizes Moore's shooting and finds areas that need improvement. But mostly, he looks for the smile.

"The main thing has been to see him smiling again and having fun," Curtis said. "My favorite moment was that I saw him happy."

ILLINOIS TAKEAWAYS

Good time for fans to drop their disbelief

BY SHANNON RYAN

In recent seasons, at this point of the year, Illinois fans have resigned themselves to disappointment. This season, they're imagining all of the possibilities.

And with good reason.

Illinois' 79-62 victory at Purdue on Tuesday night gave the Illini a season sweep of the Boilermakers for the first time since 2008-09. Illinois' five-game Big Ten winning streak is its longest since 2012-13, the last season it made the NCAA Tournament.

The No. 21 Illini (14-5, 6-2 Big Ten) are off to their best conference start since 2005-06, when they tied for second place. They also snapped Purdue's 15-game home winning streak in Big Ten games.

"This is what we're about," coach Brad Underwood told reporters in West Lafayette, Ind., after the victory. "This is what we're made for. It's togetherness and toughness."

Here are three takeaways from the big road win.

1. Permission granted for Illinois fans to dream big.

During Tuesday night's ESPN broadcast, announcers Dave Flemming and Dan Dakich dared to ponder Illinois' potential.

Is it possible, they wondered hesitantly, that Illinois really could be in the running for a Big Ten championship?

Illini fans started the season hoping for a solid step forward, signified by a winning conference record and a return to the NCAA Tournament after a six-season drought. After winning at Purdue, more seems possible.

The Illini arguably played their most complete game of the season, shooting 55%, out-rebounding the Boilermakers 37-19 and making seven 3-pointers.

They sit in second place in the Big Ten, a half-game behind Michigan State. A home victory against the Spartans on Feb. 11 would be massive, but Illinois needs to continue to take care of business until then.

Ken Pomeroy's analytics website predicts a five-game losing streak in February. But it also predicted a loss at Purdue.

2. The Illini are clicking with chemistry.

Illinois has its stars but is at its best when its players are clicking together.

Watching Illini teammates find big man Kofi Cockburn in the post has been as entertaining to fans as it is essential to the Illini success. The freshman center finished with his eighth double-double, scoring 22 points with 15 rebounds.

Plenty of those post feeds came from sophomore Ayo Dosunmu, who displayed his impressive court vision. He registered his first career double-double (surprising, right?) with 18 points and a career-high 11 assists.

Junior guard Trent Frazier's six-game streak without a turnover ended, but he finished with only two giveaways and scored 21 points on 5 of 7 shooting from 3-point range and 6 of 6 from the line. (Cockburn also hit all six of his free throws as Illinois was 18 of 19.)

Frazier is 10 of 18 from the field in the last two games with an 18.5-point average.

3. Be smarter.

Illinois players can't lose their tempers the way Alan Griffin did.

The sophomore guard was ejected with 12 minutes, 21 seconds left in the first half after getting tagged with a flagrant-2 foul when he appeared to intentionally step on Purdue guard Sasha Stefanovic's stomach.

The unsportsmanlike play was a detriment to the team; Griffin averages 8.9 points off the bench.

But more important, Griffin's stomp could have injured Stefanovic or sparked a melee like the brawl during Tuesday's Kansas-Kansas State game.

"He apologized to the young man and we don't condone any of that," Underwood said. "That's not part of anything we're trying to do in our program."

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Changes to Hall of Fame a quick entry for Woods

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Tiger Woods won't have to wait until he's 50 to enter the World Golf Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame on Tuesday announced changes to the criteria and the selection process, starting with the age limit being reduced from 50 to 45. Players become eligible if they are 45 in the year of the induction ceremony.

The next induction is in 2021. Woods turns 45 in January.

"We believe these changes will enhance the Hall of Fame in many ways and bring greater attention to the most deserving players at a time in their careers when they are still competing at the highest level," said Greg McLaughlin, the CEO of the World Golf Foundation.

Woods is a shoo-in. The criteria include 15 victories on a player's home tour or two majors. Woods has 82 victories on the PGA Tour, along with five on the European Tour and victories on the Japan Golf Tour, Asian Tour and PGA Tour of Australasia. He also has those 15 majors.

Woods figures to have company on the ballot. Also eligible for the 2021 induction class are three-time major champion Pádraig Harrington, Jim Furyk, Henrik Stenson and Lee Westwood, and LPGA major champions Liselotte Neumann, Dottie Pepper and Jane Geddes.

The Hall of Fame originally had an age limit of 40, which is why Vijay Singh, Ernie Els and Phil Mickelson were inducted years ago. It later was moved to 50. The criteria also allow for anyone three years removed from retirement, always vague for a sport in which no one ever really retires.

Also, the Veterans category has been eliminated and Lifetime Achievement is now called "contributor."

Meanwhile, the selection process no longer includes a majority of golf administrators voting.

Ten media members and six Hall of Famers will be part of the nominating committee that narrows the list of candidates to four men, four women and two contributors. Eight media members join seven administrators and four Hall of Famers in the final selection process. No more than four can be part of any induction class, and they must get 75% of the vote.



ANDY BROWN/BILL/AP

Tiger Woods, seen waiting for Abraham Ancer of Mexico to play a shot during their singles match at the President's Cup in December, will be able to be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame next year after the age limit was reduced to 45.

Tokyo Rose: Justin Rose returns to Torrey Pines at No. 8 in the world and looking in both directions.

He was No. 1 in the world at this time a year ago, and that's where he wants to return. It's the other direction — as far down as No. 15 in the world — that has his attention when it comes to the Olympics.

Countries are limited to two players, with as many as four only if they all are among the top 15 in the world. Rose, the leading player from Britain, is confident he'll be in Tokyo to defend his gold medal. But it's not a given.

Tommy Fleetwood is at No. 10. Paul Casey is No. 18. Matt Fitzpatrick is at No. 24, and a resurgent Lee Westwood moved up to No. 29 with his victory in Abu Dhabi.

"Team GB is a really strong team," Rose said. "For me, the 15 is the key mark. Obviously, I'm trying to look at the world rankings and try to go up."

"I had a little slip toward the end of last year, but having been No. 1 in the world, hopefully I'm looking north, not south. But 15 is the key number. ... You'd be unlucky to be in the top 15 and not go to Tokyo."

That's the prospect facing Americans, who currently have nine players among the top 15.

But it's early. There are three majors, The Players Championship, two World Golf Championships and two other events that typically dish out big ranking points (Riviera and the Memorial) before the cutoff to qualify.

"It would be fantastic if we could field four guys," Rose said.

LPGA sponsorship: Women's golf took some steps toward greater financial opportunities in the last week with personal endorsements.

AT&T announced a deal with Maria Fassi of Mexico, who kept her LPGA Tour card after playing



KAMRAN JEBREIL/AP

England's Lee Westwood holds the trophy after he won the Abu Dhabi Championship golf tournament in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on Sunday.

only half of last season because she wanted to finish school at Arkansas.

She is the first LPGA player signed by AT&T — the only other golfer it has under such a contract is Jordan Spieth, and even that was a big deal because it was the first personal endorsement for AT&T since it ended its contract with Woods a month after the scandal in his personal life.

"Sports need role models like Maria whose incredible skills on the course and character beyond it continually elevate the game of golf for women and for all athletes," said Lori Lee, the global marketing officer for AT&T.

Meanwhile, Cisco Systems an-

nounced partnerships with six players, divided evenly among the PGA Tour and LPGA Tour. The San Jose-based company previously announced an endorsement deal with Maverick McNealy.

Cisco signed as global brand ambassadors Danielle Kang, Nelly Korda and Jessica Korda. On the PGA Tour, it signed Keith Mitchell, Viktor Hovland and Chez Reavie.

Cisco's also has a partnership with the USGA and its championships.

Awards: The PGA of America for 30 years has honored the media through its Lifetime Achievement Award in Journalism. Now it is

paying tribute to the pictures. It has selected Leonard Kamsler to receive the inaugural PGA of America Lifetime Achievement Award in Photojournalism.

For 60 years, Kamsler produced photos of everyone from Ben Hogan and Arnold Palmer to Jack Nicklaus and Seve Ballesteros. He worked primarily for Golf Magazine, and contributed to Golf Digest, Golf World and PARGolf.

Kamsler worked the Masters for 40 straight years through 2002, and left his mark as the first to set up a remote-controlled camera behind the 12th and 15th holes. He also covered the PGA Championship for nearly 20 years, along with 22 U.S. Opens and the

1963 Ryder Cup.

He will be honored May 13 at the PGA Championship at Harding Park.

Se Ri Pak of South Korea was selected to receive the Bob Jones Award, the highest honor from the USGA, recognizing individuals who demonstrate the spirit, character and respect that made Jones a legendary figure.

Pak inspired an entire nation. She won two majors as a rookie in 1998 and went on to win 39 times and five majors. Since then, South Korea has emerged as the dominant country in women's golf.

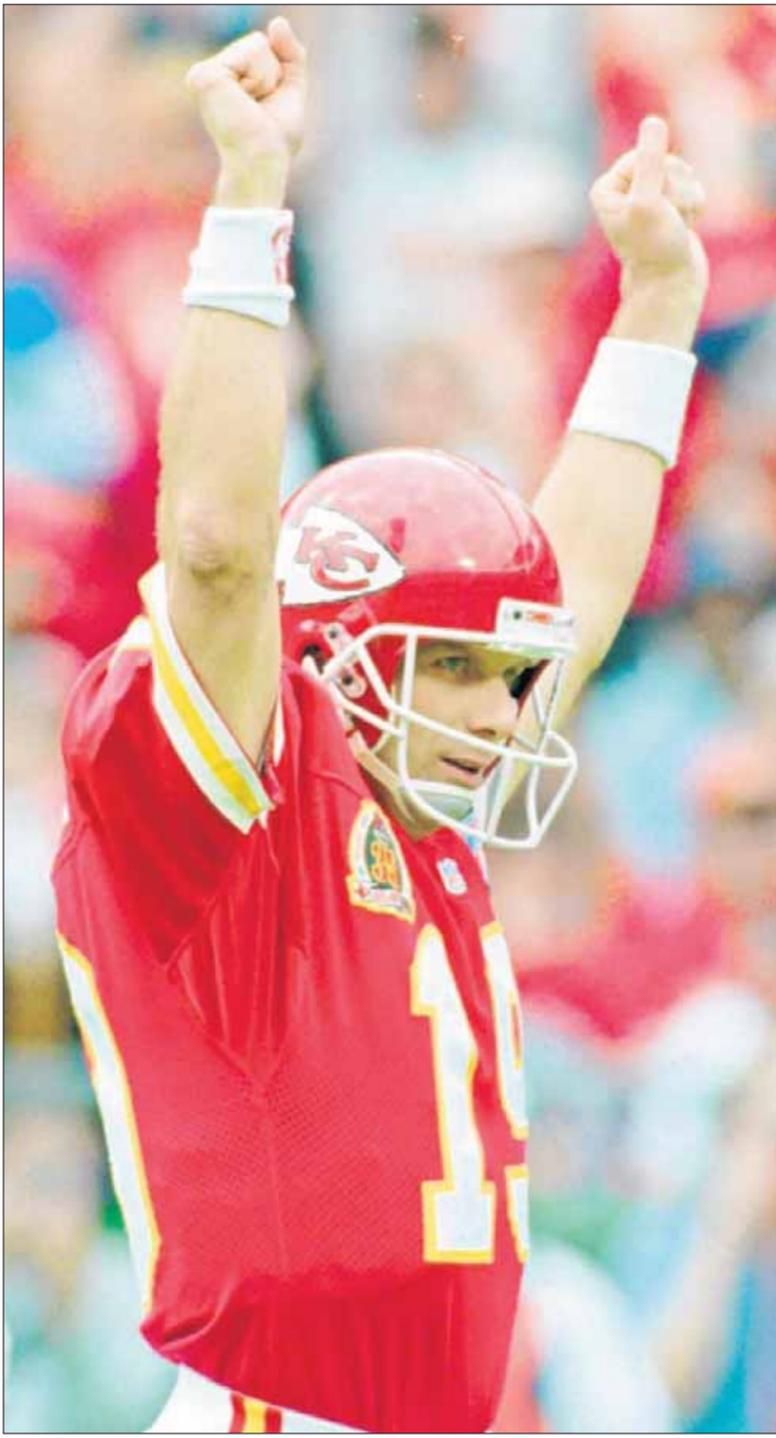
Pak will be honored during the U.S. Open at Winged Foot.

Divots: The Augusta National Women's Amateur has invited 72 players from around the world, including seven of the top 10 and 13 of the top 20 from the World Amateur Golf Ranking. The tournament is held Wednesday and Thursday at Champions Retreat, with a practice round and final round at Augusta National on the Friday and Saturday before the Masters. ... Alexandra Armas was appointed CEO of the Ladies European Tour, reporting directly to the LPGA-LET joint board that is chaired by LPGA Commissioner Mike Whan. Armas was executive director of the LET from 2008-2012. ... Martin Trainer, the only player to play in all four PGA Tour events this year, has not made a 36-hole cut since the Texas Open a week before the Masters.

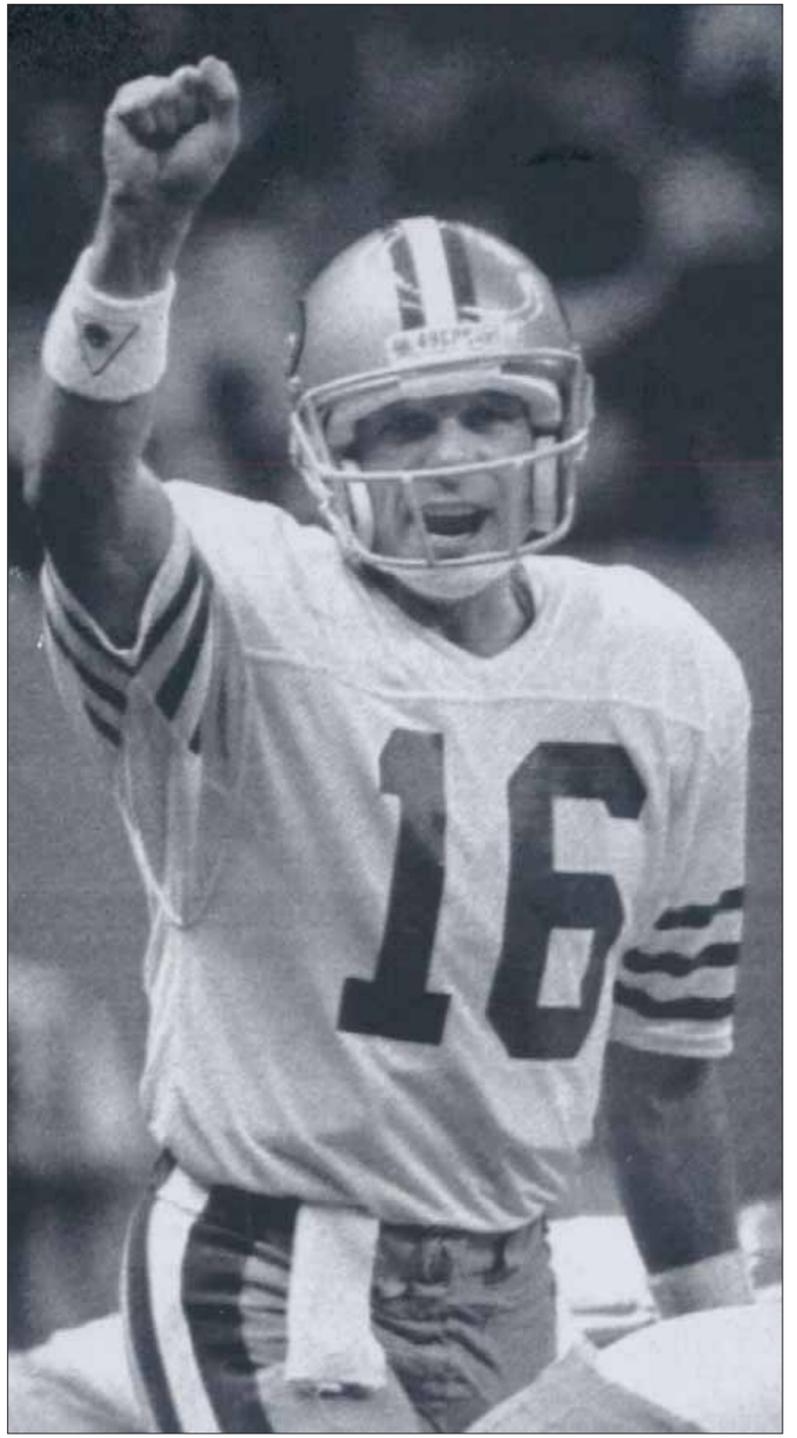
Stat of the week: Lee Westwood's first and 25th victory on the European Tour were 24 years apart.

Final word: "Love. That's all I need. And that's what I've got." — Jack Nicklaus when asked what we wanted for his 80th birthday.

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Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Montana finished his career with the Chiefs after winning four Super Bowl championships with the 49ers.

Montana loves them both

Hall of Fame QB can't pick Super Bowl favorite between Chiefs, 49ers

By SAM FARMER
Los Angeles Times

They hang side by side in the San Francisco home of Joe Montana — the last uniform he wore with the San Francisco 49ers and his last with the Kansas City Chiefs.

With those teams facing each other in Super Bowl LIV, the Hall of Fame quarterback feels a strong connection to both franchises.

Yes, he won four Super Bowls with the 49ers. But they traded him to Kansas City, he helped guide the Chiefs to the AFC championship game in 1993 and he's still revered in that city.

And then there's a third team.

"Here's how it goes," Montana said by phone Monday. "I played in San Francisco, played in Kansas City, but I grew up in Pittsburgh when they were winning Super Bowls when I was a kid. So you can add the Steelers to that list of confusion."

"In fact, I actually tried to go to Pittsburgh before I got to Kansas City. Tried to just go home."

Make no mistake, Montana is happy about the Feb. 2 matchup on the NFL's biggest stage. He plans to be in Miami during Super Bowl week, making various appearances, and will stay for the game, which some people already are calling the "Joe Bowl."

"I think the two best teams got in there," he said. "San Francisco is pretty sound. They're an old-school team that runs the ball. They've got a great defense. When you look at Kansas City, their defense has improved over the weeks, but their offense is crazy."

"(Chiefs quarterback) Patrick Mahomes isn't somebody where you say, 'I want to make him move in the pocket.' Well, I'm not sure you want to do that. He's one of those guys that's pretty special and tough to defend. He's going to make plays somehow, some way."

So is it better to have a high-octane offense like the Chiefs or a smothering defense like the 49ers?

"You can ask Danny," Montana said, referring to legendary Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino, whose team lost Super Bowl XIX to San Francisco, 38-16.

"When you take a look at it over the years, defenses typically win it. Danny was having a tremendous year when they played us. And our defense, (former 49ers safety) Ronnie Lott thinks that was the



JOHN SLEEZER/KANSAS CITY STAR

"Yeah, we live here in San Francisco, so there's a little bit of a different feel, just because you don't have that touch with Kansas City all the time. But there's a place in my heart for them both."

—Joe Montana, who played quarterback for the 49ers and Chiefs

best defense of all the years. He actually thinks it was the best team we ever had."

Defense leads the way for this season's 49ers too, including in Sunday's lopsided victory over Green Bay.

As for 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo?

"They've put him in good positions," Montana said. "Everybody's talking about his interceptions, but for a quarterback interceptions are part of the game. He's done what he's had to do."

"When he has to throw it, he throws it. Does he care if he throws it six times a game? No. He's here. He's going to the Super Bowl, and they've got a great chance of winning."

"He's doing everything they're asking him to do. He's fit into (coach Kyle Shanahan's) system, and he obviously has a great understanding of it."

Montana, who along with his wife, Jennifer, spent Monday morning walking the hills of the city with their granddaughter, was at home watching the championship games.

Like millions of football fans, they marveled at the play of Mahomes and, in particular, his wild 27-yard touchdown run at the end of the first half against Tennessee. On that play, the Chiefs

quarterback darted up the sideline before cutting back toward the middle of the field and diving into the end zone.

"The funny part is, if you did that years ago and you didn't run out of bounds, then the next time you ran the ball they'd make you pay for it," Montana said. "Like everybody else, I said, 'Oh, shoot, he's going to go out of bounds.' Then he stayed in and everybody's trying to catch him."

Jennifer Montana called Mahomes her second-favorite quarterback ever because he's so much fun to watch. What's more, the Montanas still have a deep affinity for Kansas City.

"I thought it was great," Joe said. "We had a great experience from the people, to the fans, to the organization and the teammates — oh, my God, we had a great team. Still have friends from that team."

"We blew the second-to-last game of the year (at Minnesota) and had to go to Buffalo to play instead of Kansas City. That probably cost us the Super Bowl."

The Chiefs wound up as the third seed and had to beat Pittsburgh and the Houston Oilers before the title game against top-seeded Buffalo, a team Kansas City had beaten during the regular season.

Montana was knocked out of that championship game with a concussion

when he was sacked on the third play of the third quarter. The Bills went on to win 13-7 and Montana started to contemplate life after football.

"That concussion really put a damper on things going forward," he said. "I'm looking at life after football, more so than anything. It wasn't even a bad hit; I just hit somebody's knee as I was falling."

(It starts making you think about the rest of your life with your four kids, and Jen, and I'm trying to keep up still.)

But he would return for the 1994 season and direct his team to victories over the John Elway-led Denver Broncos and the 49ers with Steve Young.

The actual games aren't Montana's most vivid memories from those two seasons in Kansas City, but the feeling of Arrowhead Stadium.

"The thing about Kansas City, it doesn't matter whether they're winning or losing, that fan base is ridiculous," he said. "Over the years I don't think that stadium's ever been empty. Those people there support that team and that organization like none you've seen."

"And it is so loud. Even after 50 years, they're still in there screaming every week. That fan base is probably one of the best in the NFL, one of the hardest places to play for sure."

He recalled coach Marty Schottenheimer pulling him aside before his first game at Arrowhead and telling him to prepare for a volume he'd never experienced.

"I said, 'Come on, Marty, I've played in four Super Bowls. I've played all over the place,'" he said. "And Marty said, 'Just wait.'"

Montana said that from field level the roar was unbelievable.

"The thing that gets you is the whole stadium, when they sing the national anthem, is when they say, 'And the home of the ... Chiefs!'" he said. "Still makes your hair stand up on your arms."

Of course, he has a treasure trove of memories from his years in San Francisco. That's his home, and his love for it hasn't faded. He's synonymous with the Bay Area, and Kansas City amounted to little more than a blip on his career timeline.

Nonetheless ...

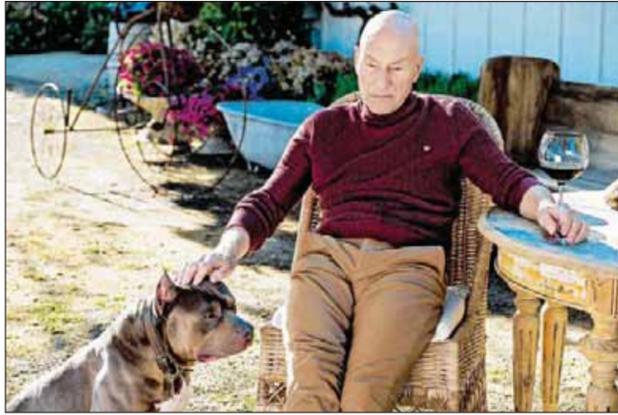
"It's hard to pick between," he said. "Yeah, we live here in San Francisco, so there's a little bit of a different feel, just because you don't have that touch with Kansas City all the time. But there's a place in my heart for them both."

"Kansas City was so good and accepting of us coming in there. It's not easy, and there's a lot of expectation."

"But like Jen says, I'm guaranteed my team will win."

TV REVIEW

Comfortably back in the command chair



MATT KENNEDY/CBS

Patrick Stewart stars as Jean-Luc Picard in the CBS All Access series "Star Trek: Picard."

Patrick Stewart helms 'Star Trek: Picard' with confidence of old pro

By MICHAEL PHILLIPS

It takes three full episodes for 79-year-old Patrick Stewart's Jean-Luc Picard — the wise, principled man of action too good for Earth as we know it — to board an unauthorized spacecraft, surround himself with an eclectic crew of old allies and new acquisitions, and say the word for which everyone, young and old, has waited a generation: "Engage."

But we're already plenty engaged by then. "Picard," the CBS All Access streamer debuting

Thursday and rolling out in weekly hourlong increments, is off to a fine start based on the three episodes made available for advance review.

Extending a fiercely loved chapter in the "Star Trek" mythology means a director, practically speaking, cannot win with everyone. The first three "Picard" episodes were directed by Lake Forest College undergraduate alum Hanelle M. Culpepper, who made the feature films "Within" and "Murder on the 13th Floor," and has racked up dozens of series television credits.

These first three episodes have been shrewdly tailored to fit Picard's elder-statesman status, now that he's a forcibly retired lion in winter, forced by his con-

science and sense of duty to take on an authorized, this-time-it's-personal mission. It's just like "Rambo: Last Blood," in other words, without the sadism, the Borg or the cruddy, lowest-common-denominator nostalgia.

At the start, Picard tends his vineyard and lives a quietly swank existence in the home shared by Romulans Zhaban (Jamie McShane) and Laris (Orla Brady), and Picard's pitbull, Number One. Then — apologies for the intergalactic mixed metaphor — there's a disturbance in the Force: a young woman, Dahj, shows up to seek help from Picard. Isa Briones plays what is soon revealed to be a crucial dual role. Romulan assas-

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MICHAEL COURIER PHOTOS

Rebecca Hurd and Karissa Murrell Myers gives strong performances in "Top Girls" by Remy Bumppo Theatre.

IN PERFORMANCE 'Top Girls' ★★★

1980s women strive to get ahead

Solid production gets bogged down by unnecessary set changes

By CHRIS JONES

At 81, Caryl Churchill is the greatest living British playwright. This is, to my mind, indisputable. No other politically engaged writer has proven themselves such a master of varied form.

And, if you see it in the context of its moment, "Top Girls" currently in Chicago production from Remy Bumppo Theatre Company, is perhaps Churchill's most important play, although I'd make a similar case for an earlier work, "Cloud 9," a devastating critique of post-Colonial British thinking from 1979.

Written in 1982, "Top Girls" is a take-down of so-called "bourgeois feminism," a term that was very much in vogue during Margaret Thatcher's early years as British prime minister. When "Top Girls" was at its height of popularity, the peer defender there to be three kinds of feminism: radical feminism, a school of thought that Wandor saw as rooting in the inherent antagonism of gender; socialist feminism, which saw feminism as inseparable from socialism and its economic and class-based implications; and



Amber Sallis, Linda Gillum, Aurora Real de Asua, Rebecca Spence and Karissa Murrell Myers put on a show in "Top Girls" by Remy Bumppo Theatre.

bourgeoisie feminism, wherein women essentially denied their femininity and took on male attributes to get ahead. Even if that meant embracing capitalist brutality.

For Churchill and Wandor, Thatcher was Exhibit A of the bourgeoisie kind.

Thus, "Top Girls," which is thoughtfully directed at Remy Bumppo by Keira

Fromm, mostly focuses on a pair of sisters, Marlene (Linda Gillum) and Joyce (Rebecca Spence). Ambitious Marlene has escaped her working class origins by starting the titular employment agency, which succeeds by never challenging male stereotypes and ensuring that all of

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SAUL LOEB/GETTY-AFP

Robert S. Mueller III's Report on the Investigation Into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election was famously dry.

A readable version of the Mueller report

Chicago author Caro's 'The Special Counsel' makes details clearer

By DONALD LIEBENSON

Mark Caro's new book, "The Special Counsel," has a cover design straight out of a John Grisham thriller. It sports a bold, red title; the Capitol dome set against an ominously dark sky; and a U.S. Department of Justice seal.

The tagline reads, "If you're listening, Russia ...," a call back to a 2016 news conference, when then-presidential candidate-Donald Trump seemingly called for Russia to hack his opponent Hillary Clinton's server.

"The Special Counsel" adapts Robert S. Mueller III's Report on the Investigation Into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election, framing it as a narrative while maintaining the source material's factuality.

At a recent event at the Book Cellar in Lincoln Square, Caro addressed the elusive categorization of "The Special Counsel." Distributors have labeled it "fiction-crime" and "fiction-historical." Mulholland Books, Caro's publisher, calls it "current events/politics."

Before the Book Cellar event, Caro — a former Chicago Tribune entertainment reporter and author of the "The Foie Gras Wars" — spoke by phone about his new book. Here is an edited transcript of our conversation.

Q: Your book reminded me of an old Woody Allen joke about working on a nonfiction version of The Warren Report. "The Special Counsel" flips that, but it's not quite a novelization. How do you describe it?

A: It is a readable version of the Mueller report. It restructures the report as a narrative: This is what happened, and this is what people did. This is definitely a journalistic endeavor; everything is sourced.

The fictional aspect is the conceit that Robert Mueller is narrating it. This whole idea of novelizing it would have required sentences like, "It was rainy and 45 degrees when Jeff Sessions

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Rachel Brosnahan, center, with her "Mrs. Maisel" co-stars Alex Borstein and Tony Shalhoub.

Actress' 'hobby' has worked out for her

"The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" cast nabbed a Screen Actors Guild award Sunday for outstanding performance by an ensemble in a TV comedy series, adding one more statue to star Rachel Brosnahan's collection.

Brosnahan won a SAG award last year for outstanding female actor in a comedy series. She's also nabbed two Golden Globes and a Primetime Emmy for her turn as the titular Mrs. Maisel, a housewife-turned-stand-up-comic in 1960s New York City.

But it wasn't until Brosnahan won her first Globe in 2018 that her parents stopped referring to acting as her "hobby."

"They get it now — now that I'm not waitressing at the same time anymore, not a nanny and also trying to be an actor," she said. "I think we're in the clear."

She also recognizes that the sexism directed at the women of Maisel's era — and depicted on the show — is not exactly foreign to women today.

"The show is a comedy. There's a certain level of fantasy, but it's rooted in a reality that a lot of women are still facing today: your agency and autonomy not being taken seriously," she said. "Women are still being told that we're not funny, which is crazy."

Plenty of women are showing they are, though, thanks to Midge: Brosnahan says she meets fans who, inspired by Mrs. Maisel, are trying their hands at stand-up comedy, something Brosnahan says she's been too scared to do in real life.

"I love that," she said, laughing. "I'm scared for them, but I love that."

—Variety

Jan. 23 birthdays: Actress Chita Rivera is 87. Singer Anita Pointer is 72. Richard Dean Anderson is 70. Singer-guitarist Robin Zander is 67. Actress Gail O'Grady is 57. Actress Mariska Hargitay is 56. News anchor Norah O'Donnell is 46. Actress Tiffani Thiessen is 46. Actor Adam Hagenbuch is 29.



COOPER NEILL/GETTY

Ailing: Taylor Swift, who has spoken about her mother's battle with cancer over the years, revealed her mom now has a brain tumor. Andrea Swift has become a recognizable figure among the pop star's die-hard fans. "Everyone loves their mom; everyone's got an important mom," Taylor Swift said. "But for me, she's really the guiding force. Almost every decision I make, I talk to her about it first."

Fun ride: Four Florida passengers were surprised when actor Will Smith answered their Lyft call and gave them a ride. The actor — in Miami promoting his new movie "Bad Boys for Life" — picked up the riders in a 2020 Porsche Taycan, occasionally getting into the attitude of his movie character and encouraging passengers to do their best "Bad Boys" imitation. Before dropping them off, the actor told them they would each receive free rides from the ride-sharing company for the next year.

Married: Pamela Anderson and Jon Peters were married Monday in a private ceremony in Malibu, California. It's the fifth marriage for both the 52-year-old model-actress and the 74-year-old film producer, who recently reunited after first dating more than 30 years ago.

Court date: Two women who have accused Cuba Gooding Jr. of sexual misconduct will be allowed to testify at his trial on charges that he groped three other women at Manhattan bars in 2018 and 2019, a judge ruled Wednesday. An April 21 trial date was set for Gooding, who previously pleaded not guilty to an updated indictment.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Girl wonders how to change custody

Dear Amy: I am a 15-year-old girl who is in the middle of a custody battle.

My father lives in a different state, and that's who I want to live with, but my mother has custody of me, and my mom won't let me go live with my dad.

Seeing as how I am 15, I feel I should make the decision, and so I told my mother how I feel. She said, "Well, you're not in charge of your life. I am, and so you should just be grateful."

It would seem that I need a better way to approach my mother, but I don't know how. Please give me some advice.
— *It's My Life*

Dear My Life: I'm so sorry you are going through this.

Each state operates a little differently when it comes to child custody. Depending on what state you live in, at the age of 15, the court will listen to what you want and will take your wishes into account. There is no guarantee that you will ultimately get to choose which home you will get to live in, but the family court judge will note your preference and make the best decision for you. The court — not you nor your parents — will make the final decision.

When your parents separated, if your father moved out of state, this might be a factor in the court's decision; generally, it is best if separated parents live closer together.

You should make your wishes known to both of your parents. Do not insult your mother, but instead explain your reasons as well as you can. Maybe you want a fresh start? If that is the case, then you should

say so. Would she be willing to let you live with your father on a trial basis, perhaps over the summer?

Both parents need to adhere to the parenting plan they currently have in place. Your father should make sure that his lawyer — and the court — are aware of your preference.

The court might decide that it is actually best for you to stay where you are. Various factors include your schooling and both parents' ability to take care of you.

Dear Amy: I'm 64 and have been a widower for over five years.

I started dating about three years ago.

I have met women through an activity I participate in, then a dating website related to that activity, through business after-hour events, local speed dating, and get-togethers. I've also spent many months happily on my own, because dating is a job, and I'm more comfortable now being single. But, after a couple of brief relationships, I would like companionship again.

I recently put up a profile with Facebook on their new dating app. You get to "like" someone and if they like you back, or vice versa, you can chat.

After a line or two back and forth, I ask if they are interested in getting together to see if there is more than an online attraction. Twice this has happened, and no response. A third woman was going to meet, but then had a death in the family and had to cancel.

Am I asking too soon? Shouldn't both parties be eager for an in-person

meeting? Isn't that the whole point of a dating site — to actually date?

— *Stumped and Frustrated*

Dear Stumped: These sites aren't really "dating" sites but "matching" sites. All the site does is to create possible matches. Meeting and dating happens later.

Yes, I believe you are asking these women to meet you too soon. The idea is to use the site to see if there is a mutual attraction or interest, and then to use the communication tool to see if you have a rapport.

Many women don't want to meet a stranger before they feel a level of comfort concerning his identity and intentions. For many people, this requires more than a "line or two" of back and forth. Perhaps you should practice building rapport online. Wait to see if the woman suggests meeting. When you do, meet during the day for coffee.

Dear Amy: In your answer to "Unsure Grandmother," you gave a call out to grandparents who are raising grandchildren, calling them "heroes."

Thank you. My husband and I are currently doing this, and we know others who have sacrificed their own retirements in order to parent young children.
— *Tired*

Dear Tired: You put the "grand" in grandparents. Heroic, indeed.

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women who work there know how to subjugate their own expectations and never admit if they're planning a family. Joyce remains stuck.

But the rub here is that Marlene had a daughter, Angie (Aurora Real de Asua), who is inconvenient to her mom's career ambitions. Joyce has brought up Angie like her own child, with neither woman telling the girl the truth. But in "Top Girls" Angie becomes fascinated by her Auntie Marlene. She wants to be like her; the conspiracy has meant that she has lost sight of which woman has cared for her best.

As a kind of Churchillian bonus, "Top Girls" doesn't start with that story, but with a brief imagined dinner party among women from history (the likes of Dull Gret, Pope Joan and

Lady Nijo), all of whom learned how to survive by emulating or pleasuring men, at least until that became impossible. It is a context for the then-contemporary story that follows.

How good is this production? It's very solid, although it miscast Gillum and falls into the trap of turning Marlene into a cartoonish villain, a kind of Cruella de Vil of the employment business, instead of a real woman trying her best to succeed. And the production also gets bogged down by unnecessary set changes, including asking audience members to sit for several minutes while a kitchen appears from the wall. It's cool, but "Top Girls" is not about the kitchen, especially when the previous act has used simple, symbolic computers.

That said, the show has two blistering performances from Spence as Joyce, the most important character, really, and de Asua, a whop-

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ping talent, as Angie. Playing girls of different ages, and a full-grown woman from centuries past, is far from easy and de Asua makes every one of them real. You can also enjoy other strong ensemble work from Rebecca Hurd and Vahishta Vafadari, both very funny, and Annabel Armour, movingly playing an older worker who just wants her experience to be valued.

As do we all. Nothing about "Top Girls," a feast of language, emotion and political truths, is even remotely out of date. What a writer.

TERRY JONES 1942-2020

Monty Python star was a 'Renaissance comedian'

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON — Terry Jones, 77, a founding member of the anarchic Monty Python troupe who was hailed by colleagues as "the complete Renaissance comedian" and "a man of endless enthusiasms," has died after suffering from dementia.

Jones' family said he died Tuesday at his home in London "after a long, extremely brave but always good humored battle with a rare form of dementia."

"We have all lost a kind, funny, warm, creative and truly loving man whose uncompromising individuality, relentless intellect and extraordinary humor has given pleasure to countless millions across six decades," Jones' wife, Anna Soderstrom, and children Bill, Sally and Siri, said in a statement.

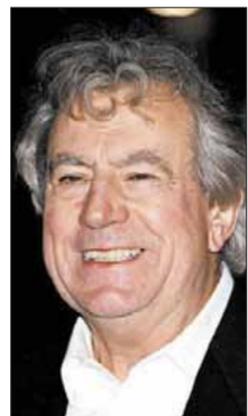
Born in Wales, Jones attended Oxford University, where he began writing and performing with fellow student Michael Palin.

After leaving university, he wrote for seminal 1960s comedy series, including "The Frost Report" and "Do Not Adjust Your Set."

At the end of the decade, he and Palin, along with Eric Idle, John Cleese, Graham Chapman and Terry Gilliam, formed Monty Python's Flying Circus. The troupe's irreverent humor — a blend of satire, surrealism and silliness — helped revolutionize British comedy.

"Terry was one of my closest, most valued friends. He was kind, generous, supportive and passionate about living life to the full," Palin said in a statement.

"He was far more than one of the funniest writer-performers of his generation. He was the complete Renaissance comedian — writer, director, presenter,



GETTY/AFP 2012

Terry Jones wrote and performed for Monty Python's TV series and films.

historian, brilliant children's author, and the warmest, most wonderful company you could wish to have," Palin said.

Jones wrote and performed for the troupe's early 1970s TV series and films, including "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" in 1975 and "Monty Python's Life of Brian" in 1979.

Playing the mother of Brian, a hapless young man who is mistaken for Jesus, he delivered one of the Pythons' most famous lines: "He's not the Messiah. He's a very naughty boy!"

A more understated presence than the 6-foot-5-inch Cleese or the energetic Idle, Jones was a deft comic performer, who played many of the Pythons' female characters. He was also, among many other characters, a grinning nude organist, Spanish Inquisitor Cardinal Spiggles and the explosively gluttonous restaurant patron Mr. Creosote.

Cleese tweeted: "It feels strange that a man of so many talents and such endless enthusiasm, should have faded so gently away."

He added: "Two down, four to go," a reference to

the six members of the troupe. Chapman died of cancer in 1989.

As well as performing, Jones codirected "Holy Grail" with Gilliam and directed "Life of Brian" and the 1983 Python film "The Meaning of Life."

During the 1970s, Jones also created the show "Ripping Yarns" with Palin and wrote sketches for comedy duo the Two Ronnies.

After the Pythons largely disbanded in the 1980s, Jones wrote books on medieval and ancient history, presented documentaries, wrote poetry and directed films, including "Personal Services," about a suburban brothel madam, and the comedy adventure "Erik the Viking."

He also scripted the Jim Henson-directed fantasy film "Labyrinth," which starred David Bowie.

In 2014, more than three decades after their last live performance, the five surviving Pythons reunited for a string of stage shows that revived their old skits for adoring audiences.

Palin would recall that during the stage run, Jones struggled for the first time with remembering lines. Two years later, Jones' family announced he had been diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia, which gradually robbed him of the ability to write and speak.

"It is a cruel and sad thing," surviving troupe member Idle tweeted Wednesday. "But let's remember just what joy he brought to all of us. 'So many laughs, moments of total hilarity onstage and off, we have all shared with him. It's too sad if you knew him, but if you didn't you will always smile at the many wonderfully funny moments he gave us.'"

Jones is survived by his wife; his ex-wife, Alison Telfer; and three children.

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BTS to play at Soldier Field in June

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K-pop superstars BTS, who played two shows at Soldier Field in May of 2019, will return for another two performances at the lakefront stadium, the group announced on Tuesday.

The concerts will take place June 5-6 as part of the boy band's 2020 "Map of the Soul" tour. BTS's fourth album, titled "Map of the Soul: 7," arrives on Feb. 21.

Over the course of just a few years, BTS has become the biggest K-pop band in the world.

The new tour kicks off in Seoul's Olympic Stadium for four nights starting April 11. The group then crosses the Pacific for a pair of shows at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara on April 25-26, before finishing in Chicago.

Fan club members get first shot at tickets in a presale that starts at 3 p.m. (local time in each market) Wednesday, Feb. 5, and ends at 11 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6. You can still apply to join the BTS fan club through 11 p.m. local time on Thursday, Feb. 6, and enter the presale through 11 p.m. that same day.

According to Live Nation, registered fans who receive an invitation code



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

South Korean boy band BTS performs May 11, 2019, at Soldier Field. The band will be back at the lakefront stadium in June.

will have the opportunity to purchase tickets before the general public. But Ticketmaster does not guarantee that everyone who is verified and receives an invitation code will get a ticket. Fans can register for the verified fan presale now through Sunday,

Feb. 2, at 9 p.m. Central by signing up.

General ticket sales open at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at ticketmaster.com.

Last week, BTS unveiled a new single "Black Swan," delivering an artsy video that features exactly zero members of the red-hot

boy band. But its rabid fans, who are used to the group's genre-hopping style, didn't seem to be bothered by the break from tradition.

The video had more than 6.5 million views on YouTube alone as of Friday morning. Seven members of Slovenia's MN Dance

Company are the video's stars, while the seven BTS members' Auto-Tuned voices carry the song. A well-known Martha Graham quote opens the piece, which is apparently a personal reflection on art by the band itself: "A dancer dies twice — once when

they stop dancing, and this first death is the more painful."

"Music has always been their priority since the beginning & along their journey in spreading good vibes. It's admirable how they manage to relay their inner voice/fear through the medium they value the most, the music itself," one fan account tweeted Friday.

"What do I do with you guys ... Seriously ... Why'd you have to go so hard ... What kind of next level thing is this, I can't catch up on your greatness, but I love that you're forcing me to. Do your thang," wrote another breathless fan.

"As you know the video is out and we are thankful to @bts.bighitofficial for this opportunity," MN Dance Company said on Instagram. "We still can't believe it. Thank you for promoting art of dance and bringing it closer to people. Thank you to all the people for your beautiful reactions. You warm our hearts." Those online reactions, by the way, have been coming in myriad languages, a tribute to BTS' global fan base. BTS will perform "Black Swan" on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" on Jan. 28.

Tribune staff contributed to this report.

Mueller

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made his way to his office." I didn't have time to re-search the weather.

Q: You also flesh out the report with related indictments, public accounts and social media posts. For example, the Mueller report contains a one-sentence reference to Matt Skiber, a concoction of Russia's Internet Research Agency. Your book contains the complete Facebook post in which this fake person reached out to actual Trump supporters to organize a "YUGE pro-Trump flash mob."

A: That was the constant process: to give the report more context. I printed out the report as a PDF and had it on my screen. I would check out a footnote, such as an Oval Office meeting with The New York Times, print out the transcript from the newspaper and include a whole quote or the actual (interview) exchange.

Another example is a mention in the report of (then-press secretary) Sean Spicer speaking to reporters late at night the day former FBI Director James Comey was fired. That was the night he was out on the White House lawn talking to Fox (Business), and when he saw other reporters (approaching) he went into the bushes. I think it's more interesting to read about him negotiating to come out of the bushes.

Q: You are best known as an arts writer. What was the trigger for you to write this?

A: I was contacted by an



TODD ROSENBERG/HANDOUT

Mark Caro, former Tribune entertainment reporter and author of "The Foie-Gras Wars," recently wrote "The Special Counsel," a novel-like adaptation of the Mueller report.

editor at Little, Brown who had this idea. I've tried to be up on the report and read the news. I want to be informed. My wife, Mary Dixon (recently hired as morning news anchor on WBEZ's "Morning Edition"), was a nut on the whole Mueller report and had actually printed it out and read through the whole thing with a highlighter. This was before I was even asked to do this book.

When I told her that they had this idea, her eyes lit up and she said she could help. I was pretty much on my own on "The Foie Gras

Wars." She was my secret weapon on this.

Q: This could have lent itself to satire. How did you find the book's voice?

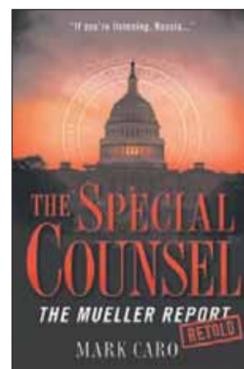
A: My editor and I had a long discussion about how to present this. Do you write it from the point of view of Mueller? Do you write it from the point of view of someone who functions as an audience surrogate, like Nick Carraway from "The Great Gatsby" — a member of Mueller's staff?

It seemed the most straightforward way was to

put it in Mueller's voice. His motivation would be that people are misinterpreting his work, which must have burned him up.

Q: What was your impression of your protagonist?

A: I remember watching his testimony and his press conference and I thought, *This guy is not so expansive.* It's wishful thinking he would sit down and lay this all out. But I do think he wants people to pay attention to his work, and the book is in that spirit.



'The Special Counsel'

By Mark Caro, Mulholland, 336 pages, \$16.99

Q: The Mueller report did not get the greatest reviews for style. CNN said the writers were "able ... but Stephen King they are not." Is this book a conscious attempt to make the report more accessible?

A: Yes, absolutely. And the editor was very serious about it. Maybe you think it's OK what they did and maybe you don't, but this is what your elected officials were doing and this is what a foreign government — our chief adversary for the last five decades — was doing to our electoral system.

You read it, and it's like, *Holy crap, I didn't realize the Russians were creating fake Black Lives Matter Twitter accounts urging not to vote for Hillary.* We should know about this, and here's a way to get this material without slogging through this very dry report.

Q: Did writing this book give you a better grasp on the implications of the report?

A: It was eye-opening. A lot of the headlines when

the Mueller report was released were about Trump and obstruction, but it's scary when you read about the extent of interference by the Russians in the 2016 presidential election — all of the fake Facebook and Twitter accounts and the lies and propaganda that they perpetrated on the American public. That's the reason that Mueller said this is ongoing, this is what people need to be vigilant about. Now, I can't look at tweets and responses on Twitter without thinking, *How many are Russian trolls or bots?*

Q: When you wrote this book, President Trump had not been impeached. The Senate trial has begun. Events have far outpaced the original report.

A: But it's necessary if you want to have the background on what is going on. It's like all those crazy things that happened in season two of "Breaking Bad." The Mueller report is season one. You have to watch from the beginning.

Q: Who do you envision is your audience for this?

A: The whole reason you go into journalism is because you think uncovering the truth will make the world a better place; the more knowledge out there, the better. If someone is (of the mindset that) Trump can do no wrong, they are not interested in hearing the facts, but there are a lot of people who are not closed-minded. They want to know what's going on.

And I've received a great response to this. When I tell people I'm writing a readable version of the Mueller report, their eyes light up as if to say, *Great, we need that.*

Donald Liebenson is a freelancer.

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sins want Dahj dead; something in Picard's dreams of his old android friend and second-in-command, Data (Brent Spiner), suggest unfinished business to which Dahj holds the secret.

Some boilerplate: "Picard" connects directly from the Stewart-helmed 1987-1994 "Star Trek: The Next Generation" series. That spun off four feature films, from 1994 through 2002.

On Earth, "Picard" teleports from the Bay Area to Okinawa to high desert country. New characters emerge: Alison Pill in a pale blue overcoat portrays a key Picard ally, while 14-years-earlier flashbacks reveal the Starfleet political



MATT KENNEDY/CBS

At the start of the CBS All Access series, Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) is tending his vineyard and living a quietly swank existence with his pitbull, Number One.

machinations leading to Picard's ill-fated career-ending mission. His trusted colleague Raffi is once again, and very valuably, portrayed by Michelle Hurd, whose bitter desert-rat existence appears to be one road over from "Mad

Max: Fury Road."

The long-view plotting in "Picard" ties into another familiar character: Bruce Maddox, robotics and cybernetics genius with serious ambitions. Jeri Ryan is coming back as Borg drone Seven of Nine,

fan favorite from the "Star Trek: Voyager" series. The executive producer ranks for "Picard" are formidable, with Stewart and Michael Chabon among them.

The first three episodes build steadily to the moment when Picard and company, including a delightful Santiago Cabrera as a cigar-puffing pilot-for-hire, set their course for adventure and their minds on true romance. "Romance" is in this case evoked by the Bing Crosby version of "Blue Skies" introducing the first episode.

Stewart's just lovely in this. He has spent his post-"Next Generation" and post-"X-Men" career staking out various corners of the indie and studio film world, to mixed success. Picard suits him wonderfully, still. Just as the first round of "Star Trek" mov-

ies, the ones with William Shatner and the gang, made hay on the old idea of old dogs learning new tricks, "Picard" too has some of that in its synthetic DNA. And it works, because the actors are the right actors, and it's treated seriously but without a crushing sense of solemnity.

We'll see how the rest of the first season pans out. The early episodes look really good; the effects are sleekly managed, and the interiors have that patented CBS house style of low, flattering light, so much so that you half-expect Mark Harmon and the entire cast of "NCIS" to show up in space. On the Borg cube. The Borg cube figures prominently in the nefarious doings in "Picard." The action/dialogue ratio feels about right throughout, though occasionally the writers settle for some

banter better left to the imdb.com comments section. By 2399, I'd have hoped the phrase "don't give up your day job" would've run its course. A couple of expositional catch-up sessions in the second episode threaten, briefly, to go on forever.

"Picard" hooks us with an autumnal, dream-haunted mood that is nonetheless full of hope and hard-won optimism. And a first-rate actor embodying the best of the "Star Trek" ethos with every syllable.

Season 1 episodes of the 10-episode "Star Trek: Picard" will be available Thursdays via CBS All Access.

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BOOK REVIEW

Pain and pleasure collide in 'Cleanness'

Novel explores sex, violence, self-discovery

By DWIGHT GARNER
The New York Times

"Physical love is unthinkable without violence," Milan Kundera wrote in "The Unbearable Lightness of Being." Some of the most essential recent fiction has surveyed the pain and pleasure of being on the receiving end of violent physical expression. There's been a lot to absorb about submission.

In Sally Rooney's impeccable novels, women yearn to be tied or beaten or choked or otherwise degraded; for intricate reasons, they feel they deserve no better.

The intensities of submission are a theme in Ocean Vuong's novel "On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous." There's a hair-pulling and hair-raising sex scene. The participants recognize something feral in each other. In Alan Hollinghurst's recent novel "The Sparsholt Affair," sex gives way to commentary about "the slight invalidish luxury of having been had."

These are hardly new themes, in literature or anywhere else. In Toni Morrison's "Sula," the protagonist "went to bed with men as frequently as she could" because "it was the only place where she could find what she was looking for: misery and the ability to feel deep sorrow."

Yet perhaps, in a world that feels freshly broken, there is a renewed desire to be brought low.

Early in Garth Greenwell's incandescent second novel, "Cleanness," there's a sex scene between two anonymous men who've met online. The setting is Sofia, Bulgaria. An American teacher in middle age arrives at an apartment to meet a man who is older,



Garth Greenwell, author of the new novel "Cleanness," at his home in Iowa City, Iowa.

overweight, unhandsome, a brute.

The sex that results is pulverizing. "With great force he spat into my face" is the start of it. There are leashes and cat-o'-nine tails, choking and well-aimed kicking. What the teacher feels is gratitude. He is recovering from a failed relationship; he is seeking a "force that can make me such a stranger to myself." He says, "I want to be nothing."

One of the profound things about the online world, he thinks, is that you can "call out for anything you desire, however aberrant or unlikely, and nearly always there comes an answer; it's a large world, we're never as solitary as we think."

Anyone who read Greenwell's first novel, "What Belongs to You" (2016),

knows that his writing about sex is altogether scorching. You pick his novels up with asbestos mitts, and set them down upon trivets to protect your table from heat damage.

There's a moral quality to these extended sessions. In bed is where Greenwell's men work out and reveal the essences of their personalities.

Sex scenes are the hinges of Greenwell's novels, as they are of Kundera's. These writers also share a certain heavy-heartedness, in addition to gray Eastern European settings. Carnal moments are accelerants; they're where Greenwell's existential and political themes are underlined, then set ablaze.

Greenwell's first novel was also set in Sofia; it, too, was about an American teacher living there. The

slim books are similar in content and tone. There's been some grumbling among readers I know, as this novel's arrival detonates across the landscape, that they're too similar.

This complaint, to my mind, is easily dismissed. Greenwell extends his reach in "Cleanness." It's a better, richer, more confident novel. You intuit its seriousness and grace from its first pages. It's a novel in search of ravishment.

Greenwell's teacher spends a lot of time with younger men, many of them students or former students. He admires their beauty. They remind him of his younger self. Some are gay in a country where it is nearly impossible to come out of the closet, and he longs to tell them that it gets better.

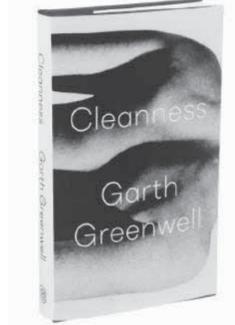
Greenwell is a sensitive

writer about the student-teacher relationship. "My profession is a kind of long looking," he writes, yet in other ways the students are "entirely opaque" to him.

At another moment, the narrator thinks: "That's the worst thing about teaching, that our actions either have no force at all or have force beyond all intention." He adds that "the consequences echo across years and silence, we can never really know what we've done."

The teacher rejoices in "the company of these boys." He loiters around them and longs to touch them. He goes with them to clubs. He takes a much younger lover. The book becomes about travel, self-exile, political protest and the demands of long-distance relationships.

If you switched some of



'Cleanness'

By Garth Greenwell, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 223 pages, \$26

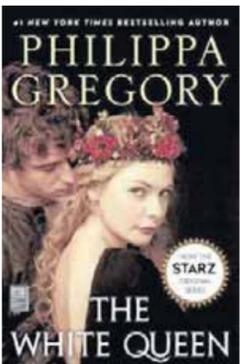
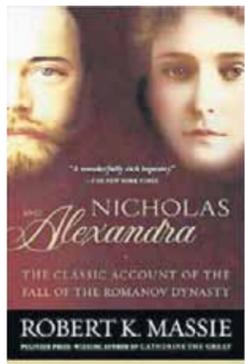
the pronouns in "Cleanness," if this book were about a lusty straight male teacher elatedly mingling with vastly younger female students, why would we view it differently? Does this novel evade some of the questions it raises? Am I evading these questions right now?

"Cleanness" is related in nine chapters that can be read individually, as if they were short stories. Greenwell has an uncanny gift. Every detail in every scene glows with meaning. It's as if, while other writers offer data, he is providing meta-data.

Students and instructors, dominants and submissives. As "Cleanness" moves forward, as if in a game of chess, positions are castled. Who is the emcee, and who is the contestant? The teacher finds himself doing things he never suspected he might.

This novel is, in part, about memory and nostalgia. (The narrator grew up in the American South.) It is also about shame. "I knew I felt something I shouldn't feel," is a typical comment. The narrator feels "the shame that felt like home."

Most fundamentally, it's about putting two people together and squeezing out sparks.



Harry, Meghan and 10 books on the trials of being a royal

By JERIANN GELLER
Tribune News Service

As if their love story wasn't already ripped straight out of the pages of a royal romance, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, the duke and duchess of Sussex, have announced their independence from being professionally royal.

Given all the criticism that Meghan has endured, as well as her expression of unhappiness in the press, it's sort of swoon-worthy that Harry would put her first. And with Prince William and wife Kate's growing brood, there's little chance that Harry would ever become king of England.

Here's a list of 10 books about royalty with all of the pomp but none of the circumstances.

"Nicholas and Alexandra," by Robert K. Massie: The classic biography about the czar of all the Russias, which examines how his czarina's obsession with their only son's hemophilia paved the way for the end of the Romanovs.

"The Ruin of a Princess," as told by the Duchesse d'Angoulême, translated by Katherine Wormeley: The French Revolution told through the eyes of Marie Thérèse, daughter of Marie Antoinette — the

only member of the French royal family to survive.

"The Three Emperors," by Miranda Carter: It's easy to forget that the crowned heads of Europe were related, but England's King George V, Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II and Czar Nicholas II were all cousins. Raised in one royal tradition, they were unprepared for the 20th century — and the results of their own decisions. This biography explores their culpability in the turmoil that affected a generation.

"The White Queen," by Philippa Gregory: Before there was the BBC miniseries of the same name, there were the historical novels by Philippa Gregory. The War of the Roses has never been as captivating.

"Victoria: A Novel," by Daisy Goodwin: Another historical novel that transitioned to the small screen, this time by PBS. This book, based on Queen Victoria's own diaries, details how a tiny teenager rose to rule Great Britain for 63 years.

"Red, White and Royal Blue," by Casey McQuinn: What happens when the son of the president of the United States gets into a fistfight with the Prince of Wales at a royal wedding? And what if the plan to force a reconciliation for

the media does so much more? One of the most popular romances of 2019.

"A Princess in Theory," by Alyssa Cole: You know that spam email that pretends to be from an African royal prince? Naledi Smith has about had it with the spambots who keep sending her these stupid emails, as if she's dumb enough to fall for them. But what happens when the prince shows up at her door and he's legit — and claims to be her fiancé?

"The Princess Bride," by William Goldman: Everyone knows the delightful movie, but Goldman also wrote the hilarious book that it was based on. To give you an idea of the spirit of the original, the subtitle is: S. Morgenstern's Classic Tale of True Love and High Adventure. Missing it is inconceivable.

"American Royals," by Katharine McGee: When America was formed, the nation's founders offered to make George Washington a king. This book, the first in a series, follows two princesses in line for the crown.

"Return of the King," by J.R.R. Tolkien: Yes, the Lord of the Rings trilogy was about more than royalty, but lest we forget, one of the central figures was a rebellious heir.

BOOK REVIEW

The history of crack offers lessons for today

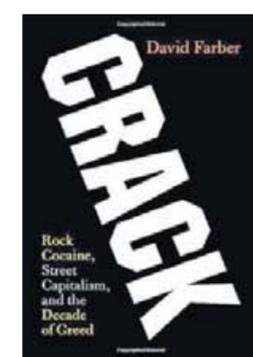
By RICH LORD
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Why should we pause, at this moment in America's drug history, to remember crack? That was my first thought upon picking up David Farber's head rush of a book, "Crack: Rock Cocaine, Street Capitalism, and the Decade of Greed."

Crack was past its prime a quarter century ago. We're now apparently on the waning side of the opioid/heroin/fentanyl epidemic, the kids are hooked on Juul, and crystal meth is creeping from its rural strongholds into the city and its suburbs.

Farber, though, deals a potent mix of drug history, gangland lore and policy calamity that keeps you coming back for more. While he's unsparing in describing the racism-tinged hysteria with which government responded to crack, he doesn't sermonize, which is refreshing. And you put down "Crack" with a feeling that this exploration of a dark part of our history has given you an improved understanding of today, and maybe tomorrow.

It's well known that Coca-Cola originally contained cocaine, but you rarely hear about cocaine wine, cocaine toothache drops or Ryno's Hay Fever-Catarrh Remedy — the last of which was nearly pure blow. Farber, a University of Kansas history professor, makes the case that in the days before drug prohibition, doctors prescribed opium products to whites, while blacks were left to navigate the cocaine-heavy patent medicine market. Over time, cocaine became associated with African Americans and was woven into an often-deadly mix of



'Crack: Rock Cocaine, Street Capitalism, and the Decade of Greed'

By David Farber, Cambridge University Press, 222 pages, \$24.95

tropes and stereotypes.

"White authorities in the south noted, with great unease, black men's enthusiasm for cocaine," writes Farber. "Cocaine, they insisted, unleashed blacks' innate criminality and depraved hyper-sexuality."

By 1922, America's puritanical streak was ascendant, and most everything that gets people high was prohibited. It took 50 years for cocaine to regain its public profile, rebranded as the expensive drug of Eric Clapton, Robin Williams and Richard Pryor. From there, it was only a matter of time until some underground entrepreneur marketed the quicker and cheaper formulation known as crack.

It's easy to see why the crack epidemic got so bad. There was no rush to develop antidotes or open rehab beds. Instead, as Farber puts it, "the American polity declared open season on economically

disadvantaged young men of color."

Perhaps as damaging was the government's decision to portray drug users as members of a triumvirate of villains.

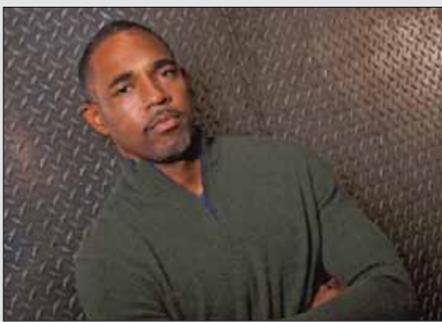
"Those who use, sell and traffic in drugs must be confronted, and they must suffer consequences," William Bennett, the first national drug czar, said. People who needed help were instead going to be punished. That approach continued to dominate society's reaction to illicit drug use until attitudes started to shift at the height of the (mostly white) opioid epidemic.

Crack policy may be a downer, but the book has its guilty pleasures, especially when it takes us back to the ganglands of the 1980s and the early days of hip-hop. Like Prohibition in the 1920s, the explosive crack market, the inevitable turf wars and the government crackdown created a new breed of antihero, which Farber explores through ethnography and art.

While psychedelic rock focused on the user, hip-hop often explored the more complex character of the dealer: a man, typically, channeled by society into an illegal job exploiting his own community — and both richly rewarded and brutally punished for it. "With money to burn, they flexed and strained against the everyday; they willed themselves to live large, knowing that prison or death was around the corner," Farber writes. "As social bandits and murderous thugs, they grabbed their society's center stage."

There are no heroes in Farber's "Crack." There are lasting lessons on how not to handle the next drug epidemic.

WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Jason George

“Station 19” (7 p.m., ABC): A switch is made in order to give this Season 3 returnee the night’s lead-off spot, to be followed by “Grey’s Anatomy,” which held that position. In storytelling terms, however, it makes sense. The hospital drama’s action picks up where the fall season climaxed which saw a car crash through the walls of Joe’s Bar, where Warren, Herrera (Jason George, Jaina Ortiz) and the Station 19 interns were relaxing.

“Supernatural” (7 p.m., CW): This long-running spookfest moves into the second half of its 15th and final season with a new episode called “The Heroes’ Journey,” which finds the brothers Winchester (Jensen Ackles, Jared Padalecki) hitting the road once again to come to the assistance of an old friend in distress. This time around, their uncanny luck seems to have abandoned them, as Sam and Dean wind up the ones who may need rescuing.

“Last Man Standing” (7 p.m., FOX): Mike (Tim Allen) is hard-pressed to find a way to bring up Vanessa’s (Nancy Travis) increasingly loud snoring habit without hurting his wife’s feelings in the new episode “Bedtime Story.” Elsewhere, Mandy (Molly McCook) goes wildly overboard getting ready for the arrival of Kristin and Ryan’s (Amanda Fuller, Jordan Masterson) new baby. Héctor Elizondo, Christoph Sanders and Jonathan Adams also star.

“grown-ish” (7 p.m., 9 p.m., FREE): In a new episode simply entitled “Damn,” the whole group struggles to cope in the face of a genuinely shocking surprise. Meanwhile, yet another completely unexpected bombshell sends a stunned Zoey (Yara Shahidi) into a spiral of depression. Trevor Jackson, Emily Arlook, Francia Raisa, Jordan Buhat, Deon Cole and Luka Sabbat also star.

“Outmatched” (7:30 p.m., FOX): Maggie Lawson (“Psych”) and Jason Biggs (“Orange Is the New Black”) star in this new comedy series from writer and executive producer Lon Zimmet (the short-lived “LA to Vegas”), playing a blue-collar couple in Atlantic City, N.J., who have their hands full trying to raise four kids — three of whom happen to be certified geniuses.

“Perfect Harmony” (8:30 p.m., NBC): The Season 1 finale, “Regionals,” finds Arthur (Bradley Whitford) savoring an opportunity to really stick it to his old rival Pastor Magnus (recurring guest star John Carroll Lynch) at the regional choir competition in Lexington, Ky. Events take an unexpected turn, however.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Conan O’Brien welcomes celebrity guests and draws comedy from poignant news stories and politics.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Noah Centineo; TV host Wendy Williams; Griselda performs.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 23

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BROADCAST	CBS 2	Young Sheldon ©	The Unicorn ©	Young Sheldon ©	Mom ©	The Gayle King Grammy Special (N) ©	News (N) †	
	NBC 5	Superstore (N) ©	The Good Place (N)	Will & Grace (N) ©	Perfect Harmony (Season Finale) (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit ©	NBC 5 News (N) †	
	ABC 7	Station 19: “I Know This Bar.” (Season Premiere) (N) ©	The Good Place (N)	Grey’s Anatomy: “Help Me Through the Night.” (N) ©		(9:01) A Million Little Things: “The Kiss.” (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) †	
	WGN 9	black-ish: “Black Math.”	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna 9.2	B. Miller	B. Miller	B. Miller	B. Miller	B. Miller	B. Miller	Carson †
	Court 9.3	† Closing Arguments (N)		OJ25 (Series Premiere) (N)	OJ25			Closing †
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Eastland Chicago’s Deadliest Day			Rick Steves Fascism in Europe © †	
	CW 26.1	Supernatural (N) ©		Legacies (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall (N) ©		The Steve Wilkos Show		Cops ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek †	
Bounce 26.5	The Negotiator (R,’98) ***	Outmatched: “Pilot.” (Series Premiere) (N)	Deputy: “10-8 Firestone.” (N) ©		Samuel L. Jackson, Kevin Spacey. ©		XXX State †	
FOX 32	Last Man Standing (N)		Chicago P.D.: “This City.”		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago †	
Ion 38	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D.: “This City.”		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago †	
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MNT 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Chicago †	
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CABLE	AE	The First 48 (N) ©		Alaska PD (N) ©		(9:01) 60 Days In (N) ©		First 48 †
	AMC	Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13,’13) **	Nicholas Hoult. ©			X-Men: First Class *** †		
	ANIM	(7:01) Lone Star Law: Uncuffed (N)				Lone Star Law (N)		Lone Star †
	BBCA	Planet Earth: Yellowstone		Seven Worlds, One Planet: “Australia.”		Planet Earth †		
	BET	† (5) Set It Off (R,’96) ***		New Jack City (R,’91) ***		Wesley Snipes, Ice-T. © †		
	BIGTEN	Women’s College Basketball: Ohio State at Iowa. (N)				The Journey	BTN Live (N)	BIG Show
	BRAVO	† (6:30) Project Runway		Project Runway (N) ©			Watch (N)	Enough *** †
	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	The Office	Daily (N) †
	DISC	Homestead Rescue (N)		Reclaimed (N) ©		Building Off the Grid (N)		Rescue †
	DISN	Bunk’d ©	Gabby	Sydney-Max	Roll With It	Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk’d ©
	E!	Very Cavallari ©		Very Cavallari (N) ©		Nightly (N)	Very Cavallari ©	
	ESPN	† Wm. Basketball (N)		Skills Show. (N)		X Games (N) (Live) †		
	ESPN2	† College Basketball (N)		2020 Australian Open Tennis: Third Round. (N) (Live) © †				
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Restaurant: Im. (N)		Restaurant: Im. (N)		Beat Flay (N)	Beat Bobby	Beat Flay †
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	FX	Transformers: Age of Extinction (PG-13,’14) **		Mark Wahlberg, Stanley Tucci. ©				
	HALL	Love in Paradise (NR,’16) Luke Perry. ©				Love on Iceland (NR,’20) © †		
	HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Christina (N)	Christina	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop
	HISTV	Swamp People ©		Swamp People (Season Premiere) (N)		(9:03) Swamp People		Swamp †
	HLN	How It Really Happened		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic †
	IFC	† (6) Full Metal Jacket (R,’87) *** ©		(8:45) Full Metal Jacket (R,’87) *** © †				
	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	American Ninja Warrior		American Ninja Warrior		Heartland Poker Tour		Poker †
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends †
	OVATION	No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation		Bourdain †
OWN	20/20 on OWN: “What If.”		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN		20/20 †	
OXY	An Unexpected Killer (N)		Murdered by Morning ©		Snapped: “Valerie Pape.”		Snapped †	
PARMT	† (6:30) Beverly Hills Cop (R,’84) ***		Eddie Murphy.		Beverly Hills Cop (R,’84) *** © †			
SYFY	† (6:10) Edge of Tomorrow (’14) *** ©		(8:42) R.I.P.D. (PG-13,’13) †		Jeff Bridges. © †			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	
TCM	Imitation of Life (NR,’34) ***		Claudette Colbert. ©		Body and Soul (NR,’47) *** © †			
TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		Feet-Killing Me (N)		1000-Lb. (N)	
TLN	Wealth	Wretched	Prayer & Praise		Life Today	Like You	IMPACT	
TNT	NBA Basketball: Lakers at Nets (N Subject to Blackout)						Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)	
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TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost Adventures (N) ©		Ghost Adventures (N) ©		Ghost †	
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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 ©	Carter †	
PREMIUM	HBO	Crazy, Stupid, Love. (PG-13,’11) ***	Steve Carell.		Enthusiasm	(9:40) The Outsider †		
	HBO2	Enthusiasm	(7:45) Pokémon Detective Pikachu (PG,’19) ** ©			Sucker Punch (’11) *** †		
	MAX	Die Hard With a Vengeance (R,’95) ***	Bruce Willis.		(9:10) Contagion (PG-13,’11) *** †			
	SHO	(7:15) The Wedding Guest (R,’18) **	Dev Patel. ©		The L Word		Work- Pro.	
	STARZ	† Jumping the Broom **		Night at the Museum (PG,’06) **	Ben Stiller.		All Is True †	
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Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. A professional dream opportunity beckons. Take new territory. Reinforce foundational structures and elaborate upon their framework.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. The sky's the limit. Explore, grow and reinforce long-distance connections. Expand your terrain in new directions. Discover the view from somewhere you've only dreamed about.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Provide support and contribution to grow a collaborative venture. Invest for solid gain. A lucky break offers a dreamy financial opportunity. Show up.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Love inspires your collaboration. Confess dreams and crazy ideas. Align on the easiest option and run with it. Long-term benefits develop from heartfelt actions.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. You can generate any result you're willing to work for, within physical limitations. Healthy routines pay long-term benefits. Inspiration and intuition energize your performance.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Put together a dreamy moment with someone you love. Deepen your relationship with an unforgettable shared experience. Discuss crazy ideas.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Get inspired with a renovation. Home beautification projects flower. Realize an idea you've been dreaming about. Research options.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Articulate your vision and inspire participation. Discuss the results you'd love to see realized. New opportunities arise through conversation and networking. Connect and share.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Silver flows your way. Divert some into longer-term savings. Your past work reflects you well. Discuss dreams with family.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Try a different power tactic or style. Make a personal change. A goal long-desired lies within sight. Show up and do your best.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 6. Restore your physical, mental and spiritual energy with natural beauty and peaceful productivity. Include soothing music. Imagine a dream realized.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Provide leadership with a community project. Play a role in realizing a dream. Share and have fun without overindulging. Enjoy social events and parties.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ A Q J 7	♥ Q 10 5 4	♠ 2	♥ K J 8 7 6
♦ A Q 5 4	♣ 5	♦ 9 8 7 6 2	♣ Q 2
West		South	
♠ 10 8 3	♥ 3	♠ K 9 6 5 4	♥ A 9 2
♦ K J 3	♣ A J 10 7 4 3	♦ 10	♣ K 9 8 6

Today's deal is from a match last year between a team from Australia and a team from New Zealand. At the other table, the Australian West overcalled in clubs and then led his singleton heart against four spades. Declarer had an easy time taking 11 tricks with the help of a diamond finesse.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♦**	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♠	All pass		

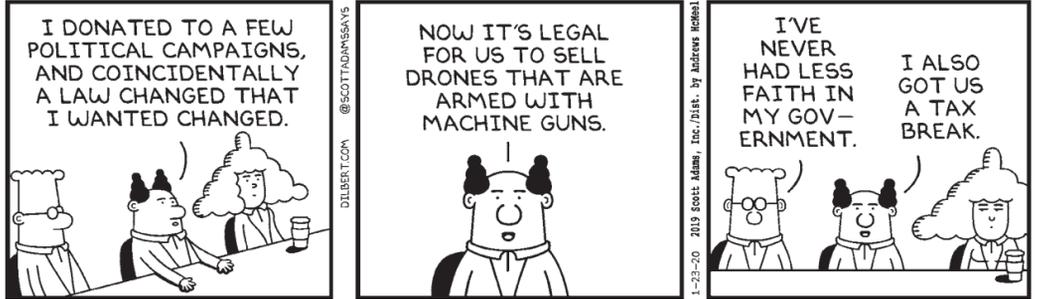
*Game-forcing spade raise
 **Singleton or void in diamonds
Opening lead: Three of ♠

At this table, South was Australian expert Sartaj Hans, who showed that he needed no such help from the defense. Hans won the opening trump lead in dummy and led a club to his king. West won with his ace and continued with another spade. Hans won in dummy and led a low heart, inserting his nine when East played low. Playing the jack would not have helped East. Hans drew the last trump with his king and took the diamond finesse. He then cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond.

Hans ruffed a club with dummy's last trump and led dummy's last diamond, discarding a club as East won the trick. East, who had discarded one heart and one diamond on the trumps, had only hearts remaining. He led one, and Hans let it ride to dummy's queen and had his 11 tricks. Well played!

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



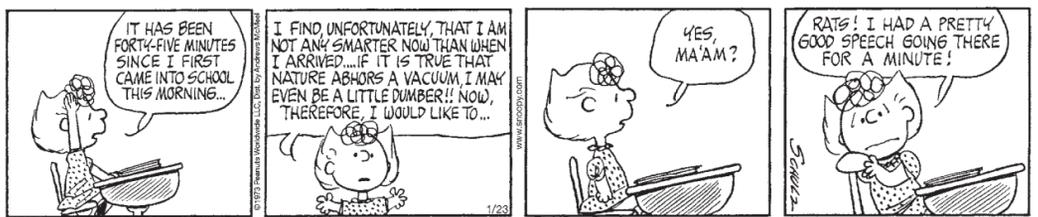
Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



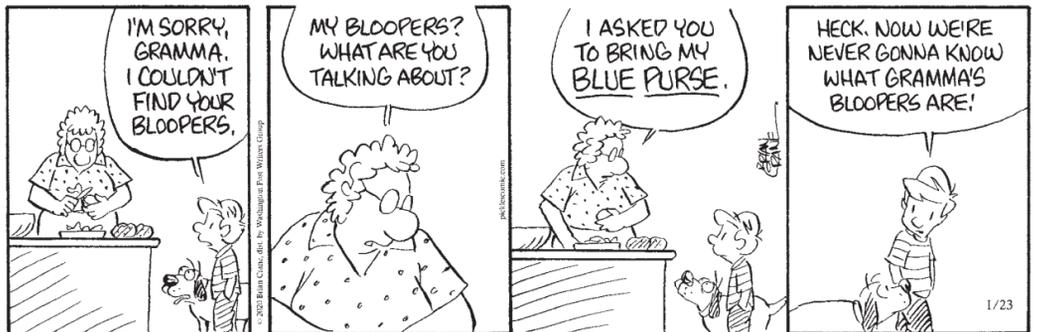
Frazz By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



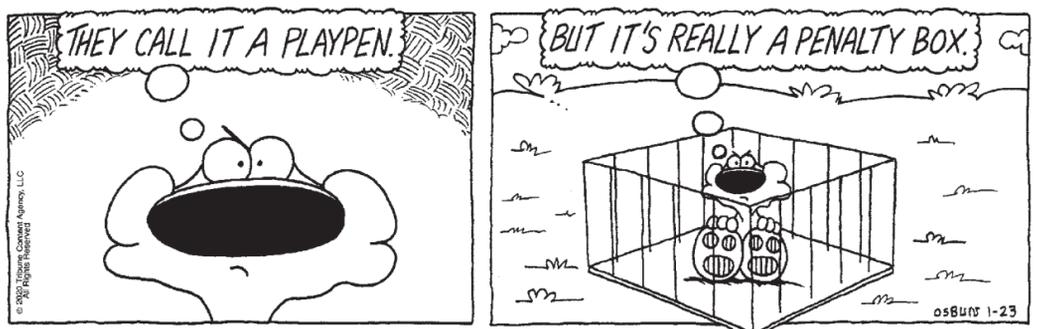
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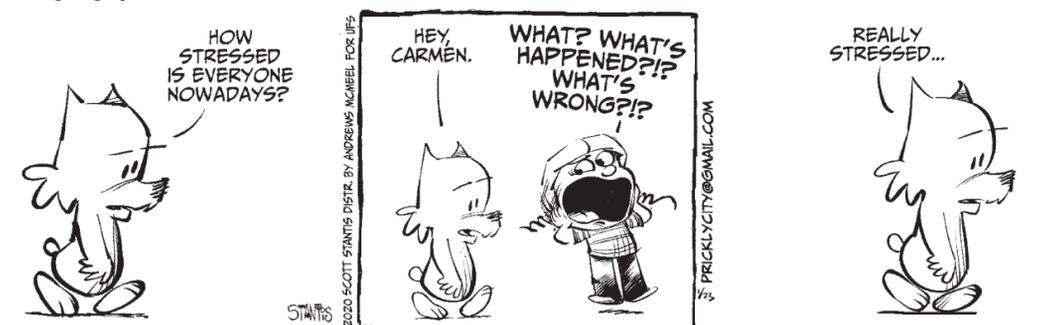
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Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn



Prickly City By Scott Stantis



Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



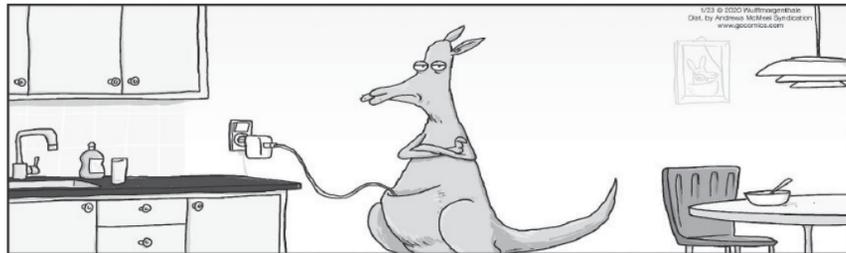
Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell

Woofie's Dear Diary
1-23
I FeLL in LOVE ToDay!
WiTh EveRYone!
AGa:NI!!

WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



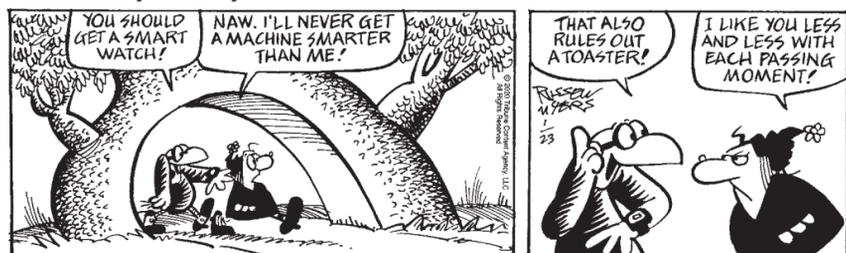
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Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers

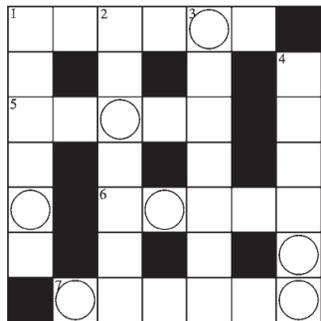


Trivia Bits

Which dinosaur gets its name from the unusual protuberances on its face?
A) Allosaurus
B) Caudipteryx
C) Diplodocus
D) Triceratops

Wednesday's answer: Tatiana Maslany won a 2016 Emmy for her multiple roles in "Orphan Black."

Jumble Crossword



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CLUE: This company's Chicago facility is the largest bakery in the world.

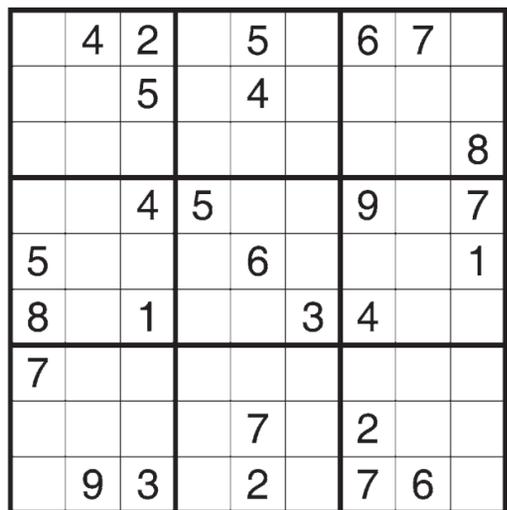
BONUS

- ACROSS**
- flight
 - Relating to the nose
 - Filthy
 - Sea
- DOWN**
- European river
 - Debris
 - It equals 4,1840 joules
 - Grand

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.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

1/23



9	3	2	5	4	7	1	6	8
5	1	4	6	2	8	3	9	7
8	6	7	1	3	9	2	5	4
1	7	5	3	9	6	8	4	2
3	8	6	2	5	4	7	1	9
2	4	9	7	8	1	6	3	5
7	5	8	9	1	3	4	2	6
6	9	3	4	7	2	5	8	1
4	2	1	8	6	5	9	7	3

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.

LOFRO
KASYH
TONU DL
ISIMTF

Wow! I didn't think it would work. Looking good, honey! So, how does it look?

AFTER SEEING HOW WELL HIS HAIR TRANSPLANT TURNED OUT, HIS WIFE SAID ---

Answer here



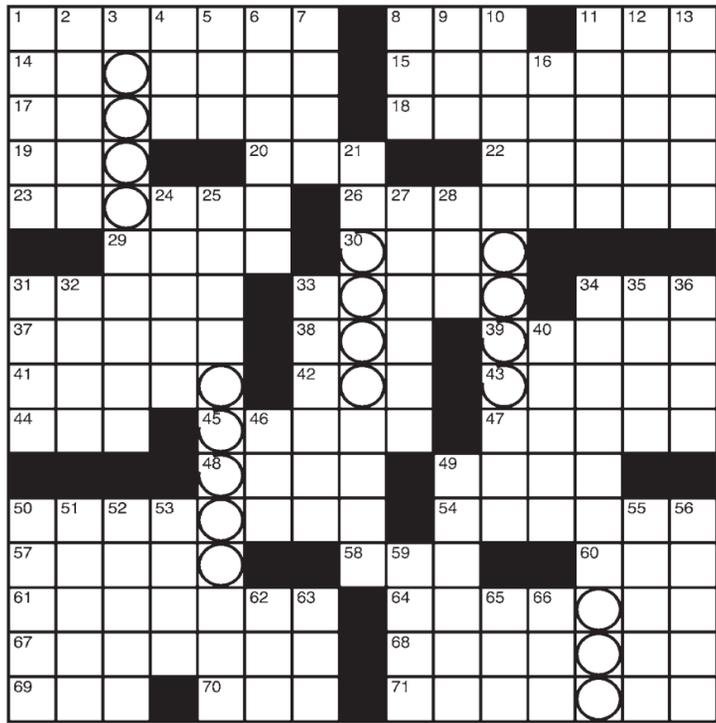
Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: HYENA WAIVE BITTER GERBIL
Answer: The courtroom was brand-new, and the judge was ready to — GIVE IT A TRY

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Crossword

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- Across**
- Spunky
 - Longest-serving Japanese prime minister
 - Ave. crossers
 - Steel foundry input
 - Traction-improving
 - "Try some!"
 - Lamaze class attendee
 - Expectant time
 - One of the family
 - About 24% of the U.S. Congress
 - Stations
 - Place for choppers
 - Not quite right
 - Oodles
 - Broadway song that begins, "The most beautiful sound I ever heard"
 - Brief encounter
 - Flag thrower
 - Co-tsar with Peter I
 - Saucepan cover
 - Missile Command game company
 - Place to stay
 - Newcastle Brown —
 - Starts bubbling, maybe
 - Fleecy one
 - Loafs
 - Strong suit
 - Lost, as a big lead
 - Way back when
 - Rum drink
 - Competition that includes snowboarding
 - Pianist Rubinstein
 - California's — Gabriel Mountains
 - Egg cells
 - Like the most busy busybody
 - Mid-Michigan city
 - Uganda's capital
 - Accessory for an Aquaman costume
 - Before, in poems
 - Coffee hour sight
 - "Sounds right to me"
 - Exhausted
 - "Hold it!"
 - Lamb Chop puppeteer
 - Short, in a way
 - It helps you go places
 - Gives the slip
 - Part of LAPD
 - Pedometer unit
 - Swear
 - Sport coat
 - Get support, in a way ... and what the puzzle circles do
 - Writer Gardner
 - Rock that, oddly, loses to paper
 - Puccini opera
 - Boxer Laila
 - Ventura County city
 - German word of gratitude
 - Wildly cheering
 - Knocker's words
 - Zinger
 - Chris of "Captain America"
 - Handled
 - Wine made from Muscat grapes
 - Camera type, for short
 - You basked for it
 - USO show audience
 - Wyo. neighbor

Wednesday's solution



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Down

- Positioned
- Really want
- New Year's Day event in Pasadena
- Tiny toiler
- Name in eerie fiction
- Proper to a fault
- Himalayan legend
- "Furthermore ..."
- Fluffy wrap
- Finish impressively
- Sportscast technique
- River near Vatican City

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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THURSDAY, JAN. 23 NORMAL HIGH: 31° NORMAL LOW: 16° RECORD HIGH: 65° (1909) RECORD LOW: -18° (1963)

Cloudiness and wintry precipitation are ahead

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 34 **LOW** 32

■ Broad low pressure trough aloft and surface low pressure in the central plains, both moving very slowly east.

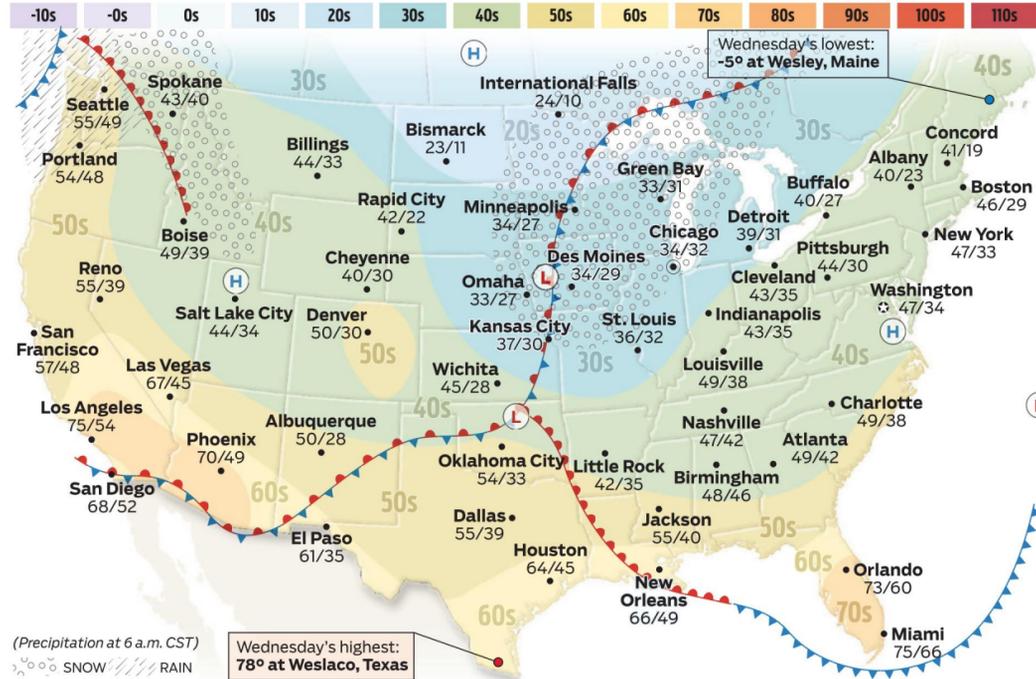
■ Could be a slick Thursday morning commute with an inch or so of snow accumulation from overnight.

■ Cloudy with slowly accumulating wet snow, possibly mixing with rain at times far SE especially in the afternoon – total snow accumulation 1 to 3", greatest amounts far NW.

■ High in the mid 30s. South winds 8-15 mph.

■ Light snow overnight, possibly mixed with rain southeast.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Overnight snowfall will continue Thursday morning with accumulations of an inch or 2 making for a slow slick commute across the Chicago area. Light snow will continue much of the day Thursday possibly another inch accumulating especially in northernmost sections of our area.

A broad slow moving upper level low pressure trough will persist over our area for a least the next 3 days resulting in a very slow eastward movement of a low pressure system moving east out of the Central Plains. Thus we are expecting a continuation of the cloudiness and perhaps more of a wintry mix of wet snow and rain across our area Friday.

Then as the low pressure system moves east of our area Saturday, winds should shift to the north with the precipitation ending from the west during the day.

FRIDAY, JAN. 24

HIGH 36 **LOW** 33

A light wet snow or a rain/snow mix likely. Only minor accumulations expected. East to northeast winds. High in the mid 30s. Accumulating nighttime snow likely.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25

HIGH 35 **LOW** 29

Cloudy, and breezy with periods of wet snow or rain/snow mix gradually ending from the west. High in the mid 30s. Northeast winds 10-15 mph. Mostly cloudy overnight.

SUNDAY, JAN. 26

HIGH 37 **LOW** 28

Extensive cloudiness lingers though some occasional breaks in the clouds are possible. Little temperature change. Highs generally in the middle 30s. Clouds linger overnight. Light west winds.

MONDAY, JAN. 27

HIGH 38 **LOW** 31

Little change from Sunday. Mostly cloudy but dry. Light west winds turn south as high pressure moves to the southeast. High in the mid 30s. Partly cloudy skies overnight.

TUESDAY, JAN. 28

HIGH 36 **LOW** 28

Partly sunny. Little change in temps. Highs in the middle 30s. Thickening clouds overnight. Southerly winds.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

HIGH 36 **LOW** 28

Mostly cloudy. Little change in temps – highs in the middle 30s. Chance of some snow. Becoming partly cloudy overnight. Southerly winds shift to the north.



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

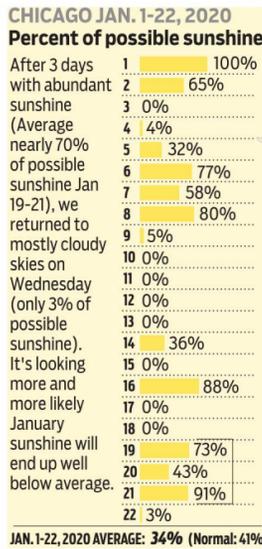
Dear Tom,
On average, does Chicago get more snow during the first or the second half of the winter season?
Jimmy Hines, Gary, Indiana

Dear Jimmy,
Let's call Jan. 15 the exact middle of the winter season. Using Chicago's snowfall data from the winter seasons of 1884-85 through 2018-19 (135 seasons), total snowfall from the autumn of any given season through Jan. 14 was 2,086.7 inches, on Jan. 15 it was 39.0 inches and from Jan. 16 onward through the end of each snow season, 2,927.7 inches. That works out to an average of 37.4 inches of snow in a given snow season; autumn through Jan. 14 yields 15.4 inches per season on average, Jan. 15 is 0.3 inches and Jan. 16 onward yields 21.7 inches. The answer to your question: Chicago's snow season is most snowy in the second half of the snow season.

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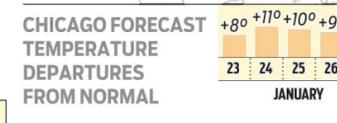
Hear Demetrius Ivory's weather updates week-days 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Cloudiness to persist with slow-moving upper-air system



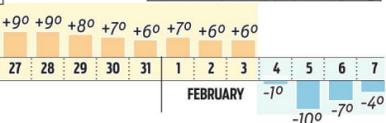
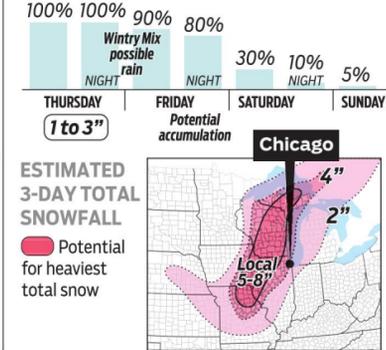
THURSDAY-SATURDAY

A very slow-moving upper air pattern. Broad trough aloft will very slowly drift east. An extended cloudy period with light snow or wintry mix the next 3 days.



TWO PERIODS OF ACCUMULATING SNOW — WITH FRIDAY WINTRY MIX IN BETWEEN

Chicago measurable precipitation



CHICAGO DIGEST

WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	34	21	Midway	35	24
Gary	36	26	O'Hare	34	24
Kankakee	35	24	Romeoville	35	23
Lakefront	35	25	Valparaiso	35	22
Lansing	35	23	Waukegan	34	24

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.0"
Season to date	2.03"	1.28"
Year to date	2.03"	1.28"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind S/E 10-18 kts.	E 10-20 kts.
Waves 1-3 feet	2-4 feet
Wed. shore/creeper water temps	na/na

U.S. SNOW COVER

JAN. 22	2020	2019
Area covered by snow	40.1%	51.3%
Average snow depth	4.5"	4.7"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	18 days	14 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Wednesday's reading: Moderate
Thursday's forecast: Moderate
Critical pollutant: Particulates

SUNSHINE RISE/SET TIMES

Sunrise	7:11 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
Moon	6:25 a.m.	3:45 p.m.

THURSDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:49 a.m.	5:32 p.m.
Venus	9:03 a.m.	8:10 p.m.
Mars	3:53 a.m.	1:07 p.m.
Jupiter	5:58 a.m.	3:06 p.m.
Saturn	6:43 a.m.	4:05 p.m.

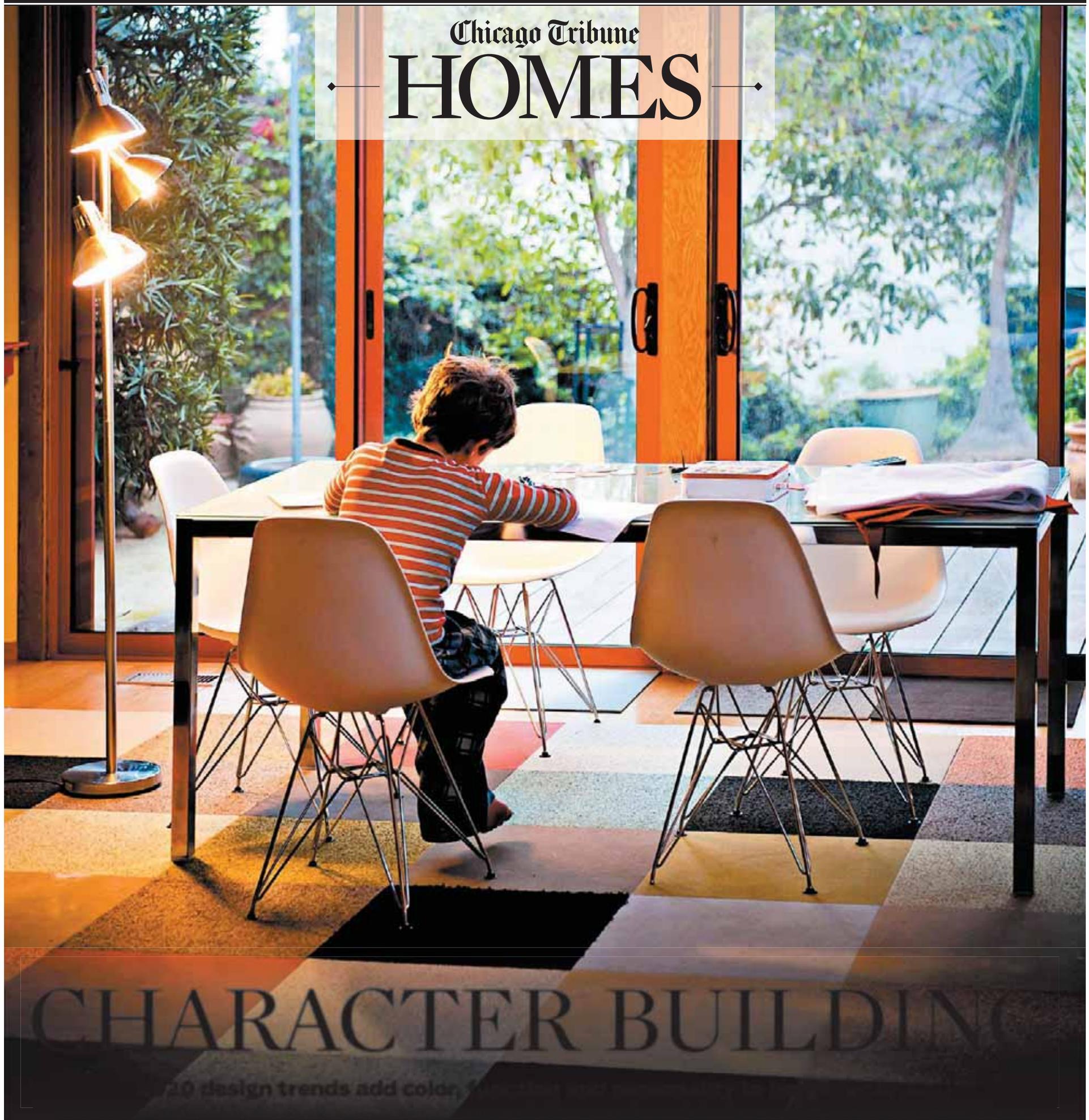
BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	5:45 p.m.	23.5° SW
Mars	5:30 a.m.	13.5° SE
Jupiter	6:45 a.m.	6.5° SE
Saturn	Not visible	

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES				OTHER U.S. CITIES				WORLD CITIES							
THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	fr	36	32	rs	39	31		Albany	pc	40	23	rs	45	29	
Carbondale	sn	33	32	rs	35	30		Albuquerque	pc	50	28	pc	50	29	
Champaign	sn	34	32	rs	35	30		Amarillo	pc	53	27	sn	58	30	
Decatur	sn	34	32	rs	35	30		Anchorage	pc	9	1	pc	9	2	
Moline	ss	35	32	ss	35	32		Asheville	sh	50	37	rs	42	30	
Peoria	ss	34	32	ss	34	31		Aspen	ss	34	15	pc	37	22	
Quincy	ss	37	32	ss	36	31		Atlanta	sn	49	42	sn	55	35	
Rockford	ss	34	31	sn	35	32		Atlanta City	cl	46	33	pc	49	43	
Springfield	ss	35	32	rs	35	31		Austin	pc	67	42	pc	68	43	
Sterling	ss	34	30	sn	36	31		Baltimore	cl	45	34	cl	51	43	
Indiana								Birmingham	rn	48	46	pc	52	34	
Bloomington	sh	44	36	sh	40	32		Bismarck	sh	23	11	cl	22	17	
Evansville	sh	42	37	sh	41	32		Boise	pc	49	39	rn	48	34	
Fort Wayne	sh	39	33	rn	38	32		Boston	pc	46	29	cl	46	36	
Indianapolis	sh	43	35	sn	40	32		Brownsville	sn	82	56	pc	74	60	
Lafayette	ss	37	33	sh	38	31		Buffalo	sh	40	27	sh	43	36	
South Bend	ss	35	33	sn	37	32		Burlington	cl	34	20	cl	37	27	
Wisconsin								Charlotte	sh	49	38	sn	56	38	
Green Bay	ss	33	31	ss	35	30		Charlottesville	sh	58	52	ts	67	47	
Kenosha	ss	34	33	ss	36	33		Charlottesville WV	sh	50	38	sn	51	36	
La Crosse	ss	33	29	ss	35	30		Chattanooga	sn	45	43	sn	52	36	
Madison	ss	33	29	ss	35	31		Cheyenne	pc	40	30	pc	47	32	
Milwaukee	ss	33	31	ss	35	32		Cincinnati	cl	47	35	sn	44	33	
Wausau	ss	31	27	ss	34	28		Cleveland	sh	43	35	rn	42	37	
Michigan								Colo. Spgs	pc	46	26	pc	49	30	
Detroit	sh	39	31	rn	37	35		Columbia MO	rs	37	31	ss	35	30	
Grand Rapids	ss	33	30	rs	37	33		Columbia SC	sh	55	44	sn	63	41	
Marquette	ss	33	30	ss	34	31		Columbus	sh	44	35	rn	43	34	
Madison	ss	33	29	ss	35	31		Concord	cl	41	19	cl	40	29	
St. Ste. Marie	ss	34	30	sh	39	33		Corpus Christi	pc	75	49	sn	69	56	
Traverse City	ss	34	32	rs	35	32		Dallas	pc	55	39	sn	62	41	
Iowa								Daytona Bch.	sh	70	59	cl	75	52	
Ames	ss	34	28	ss	32	25		Denver	pc	50	30	pc	54	35	
Cedar Rapids	ss	33	30	ss	34	29		Duluth	ss	31	27	ss	32	28	
Des Moines	ss	34	29	ss	32	26		El Paso	pc	61	35	pc	63	38	
Dubuque	ss	34	31	ss	36	32		Florida							
								Fairbanks	sh	-13	-16	ss	-7	-11	
								Fargo	sh	25	17	sh	24	15	
								Flagstaff	pc	46	21	pc	50	22	
								Fort Myers	pc	79	61	pc	79	61	
								Fort Smith	sh	45	34	pc	45	27	
								Fresno	pc	62	45	pc	61	47	
								Grand Junc.	pc	40	24	pc	39	26	
								Great Falls	pc	50	37	cl	52	35	
								Harrisburg	cl	44	27	cl	48	38	
								Hartford	pc	43	22	pc	46	30	
								Helena	sh	44	29	sh	44	29	
								Honolulu	sn	62	66	sn	82	69	
								Houston	pc	64	45	sn	68	46	
								Int'l Falls	sh	24	10	sh	28	15	
								Jackson	rn	75	40	pc	54	34	
								Jacksonville	sh	65	59	ts	76	50	

Chicago Tribune HOMES



CHARACTER BUILDING

20 design trends add color

HOME REMEDIES

Make sure you are doing laundry the right way

BY DIANA CRANDALL
Angie's List

Laundry is one of those deceptively simple household chores: Clothes travel from hamper to machine and back again in a repetitive cycle that runs on autopilot.

But there's more to doing laundry than separating colors and fluffing the load you forgot about in the dryer.

Here are a few ways to do the wash effectively without turning the chore into a complete drag.

Thoughtfully separate: Separating clothes by color is one of those necessary evils that keep whites bright and colors from bleeding into other fabrics. There's another dimension to this process: picking out the truly dirty from the lightly soiled and the clothes in between. Before you throw the next load in,

take an extra look at how grimy things really are and sort things accordingly.

Pretreat stains: Grass, chewing gum, red wine, coffee — if you toss clothes with these types of stains right into the washing machine, it's going to be near-impossible to get them out later. Pretreating takes a little bit of research and time, but it's the easiest way to maintain the integrity of your favorite button-down or pair of slacks. Plus, if it becomes a regular part of your routine, you won't think twice about the few extra minutes you'll need to fight stubborn stains.

Temperature matters: Take clothing color, fabric type and soil level into consideration when you're spinning dials on your machine. Generally speaking, cold water is less likely to cause colors to bleed or fade, and your clothing



DREAMSTIME

There's more to doing laundry than simply separating the whites and colors.

without care instructions can likely be washed with no problem on cold settings. Other apparel might require warm or high heat. Take a look at care instructions to be sure, and remember you might have to tweak instructions based on factors like stain type or suspected bacteria.

Use your dryer correctly: Nobody likes pulling twisted-up sheets out of the

dryer or folding laundry to find that several socks have disappeared into the abyss. If you want to avoid tangling up your linens, make sure you don't overload your machines. You can also take a look at the care instructions of your sheets. Depending on thread count and material, you might want to toss in a few dryer balls to keep them from wrinkling, or dry them on a different setting to make

them as soft as possible.

Don't neglect maintenance: Regularly cleaning your washing machine and dryer doesn't just ensure they'll last longer and clean your clothes more effectively. There are 2,900 dryer fires reported each year, according to the U.S. Fire Administration, and those result in an estimated \$35 million in property loss. There are also multiple

deaths and injuries reported each year because of dryer fires, and 34% are caused by a failure to properly clean the dryer.

Call in help if you notice signs of lint buildup in your dryer, leaking coming from your washing machine or any excessive noise coming from either unit. It typically costs homeowners \$105 to \$240 to repair an appliance, via the Angie's List Pricing Guide.

Home decor resolutions for 2020

BY CATHY HOBBS
Tribune News Service

Many people have resolutions for themselves, so why not for the home? As a new decade and year settles in, now is a good time to implement some resolutions.

Out with the old, in with the new: Now is the perfect time to toss items you no longer need or use.

Finish outstanding proj-

ects: While many people set goals and lists, many tasks often remain unfinished.

Start a home decor fund: Whether it's just a few dollars a week or a bit more, use it as a way to save for decor items you may want to splurge on later.

Host a swap: These have become the modern versions of a garage sale, in which friends or neighbors empty their homes of un-

wanted items and swap decor, furniture and accessories.

Create a relaxation zone: Having at least one area of your home dedicated to calm and quiet helps create a more balanced environment.

Purge: Editing and re-evaluating on an ongoing basis.

Take inventory: Have you ever purchased something

only to realize you already own it? Having a method to take inventory of your belongings will help reduce waste.

Organize: Organization is the key to a tidier home.

Rotate your home decor: Now is an ideal time to refresh and renew.

Shop your house: Go into attics and closets and see what you may have hidden away that could be of use.



DESIGN RECIPES

Red outdoor pillows can be brought inside to reinvigorate the look of a kitchen banquette.

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2020 brings more character, color

Designers weigh in on home trends

BY RACHEL HUTTON
Minneapolis Star Tribune

Colorful kitchen islands, mudrooms reconceived as “family entrances” and “shopping” your closets for home decor — those are some of the predictions that interior designers are making for 2020.

But these specific trends are part of two larger shifts in aesthetics and functionality. Warmer colors and quirkier accessories are adding more personality to the all-neutral rooms of recent years. And homeowners are rethinking how they use their spaces — remodeling or repurposing rooms to better accommodate how they actually live, such as converting a rarely used formal living room into a more frequently used media room.

Homeowners feel more comfortable thinking outside the box and embracing daring designs, thanks to online sources of design inspiration, including the genre-dominating Houzz.com. Seeing photos of a striking paint color or fixture in other people’s homes makes it easier to visualize it in your own, explained Houzz editor Mitchell Parker.

“Years ago, if a designer suggested painting your powder room jet black, it might be hard to make the mental leap,” he said. “Now it’s easier to understand the payoff when going bold with design.”

With Houzz and other resources releasing their trend predictions for 2020, we asked three designers to share their own insights on the ways homeowners are personalizing their spaces and rethinking how they’re used.



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Injecting personality

Sandy LaMendola, principal of Twist Interior Design, explains that the Restoration Hardware-Pottery Barn-Room & Board look became so popular because many homeowners who start out with a mismatched jumble of inherited furniture find that the easiest way to make sense of things is simply to neutralize.

“That’s why a lot of homes look like hotels or furniture store vignettes,” she said. “They don’t have to think about it. It’s turnkey.”

While big-box solutions can be easy, their proliferation means that a ripped-from-the-catalog aesthetic starts to look like everyone else’s.

“When you walk into 30 homes a year that look like that, it’s like, ‘There’s got to be more than this!’” LaMendola said. That’s not to say that some of the big retailers’ popular looks aren’t nice — they just tend to get overexposed.

Designers say their clients are seeking more char-

acter in their spaces.

“It’s really fun to see people get excited about pattern and color because we’ve been through so many years of everybody being very careful with neutrals, which are lovely, but they don’t necessarily have a whole lot of personality,” said Keri Olson, head of KOR Interior Design.

Olson encourages clients to skip the big retailers’ catalogs or shelves in favor of “real pieces that actually mean something to them.” She suggests visiting art fairs or studios, not only to find more unique pieces, but to make the selection process a memorable experience itself.

“Take the time to find a piece of pottery that’s local and that’s beautiful that you actually selected for what it is,” she said.

Chances are, you may already have some fabulous decorative items right under your nose. “I recommend my clients ‘shop’ their closets and cupboards because people have family things that they have put away, and they have forgotten that they own,” Olson said. Often there are lovely



DREAMSTIME

Designers say their clients are seeking more character in their spaces than the popular stark white kitchens and gray living rooms can provide.

items — a piece of Grandma’s china or even a kid’s art project — worthy of display.

Reassigning function

Homeowners are putting their own aesthetic twist on the all-white kitchen trend — adding warmth with wood-finished or colorful painted islands, for example, according to Renae Keller, head of the eponymous interior design firm. They’re also rethinking how to configure their space to better accommodate how they live. Several of Keller’s clients, even those who don’t necessarily have huge homes, she said, have dedicated space for a “secondary” kitchen — a small annex that might contain a microwave and beverage fridge so kids can grab a quick snack without cluttering up the main kitchen.

“Since the kitchen is such a hub where people

want to be — especially kids because that’s all they want to do is eat — it’s sometimes a desire from clients who say, ‘I just hate the mess all the time,’” Keller said.

The trend in new construction or remodeling is to get rid of formal dining and living rooms, as modern homeowners don’t want to devote square footage and furnishing funds to rooms they’ll use only when company comes over, LaMendola noted. So for clients who aren’t starting from scratch or tearing things down to the studs, she likes to find out what type of space they wish they had and then “reassign” the function of another, infrequently used room.

For example, she helped one family turn their formal living room into a media room by swapping out its stiff-feeling sofa and side chairs for a huge, comfortable sectional better suited to watching movies or playing video

games.

LaMendola has also encouraged clients to turn dining rooms that they use only a few times a year into a kids’ study space.

“Put bookshelves in there, and let kids use the table for homework; that’s a great way to repurpose the space and give a really nice ambience to a room you’d otherwise just walk by all the time,” she said.

Olson has helped clients transform their mudrooms into what she calls a “family entrance,” to make the typically utilitarian space feel more welcoming. Several have opened up these spaces a bit more and personalized them with expressive tile and wallcovering so that they experience as graceful a reception as visitors receive at the front entry.

“We can choose to treat ourselves the same way,” she said, “to have that wonderful experience when you walk into your own home.”



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Protect your garden from cold weather with these tips.

How to protect your garden during winter

BY BETT BOTTS

In “Frozen 2” or “Game of Thrones,” freezing is a threat and ice is a fearsome weapon. Yet in the garden, frozen soil is not all bad news for plants.

What freezes is the water between soil particles. Soil types that hold more water, such as clay, are more likely to freeze than freely draining soil, such as sand.

Roots in the soil can freeze too, since they’re full of water, according to Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. When water in plant cells freezes, sharp-edged ice crystals can slash the cell walls.

But roots have evolved a number of ways of protecting themselves, said Luke McCormack, tree root biologist at the Arboretum.

Roots of cold-adapted plants are able to prepare themselves for winter by increasing the concentration of sugar in their cells, McCormack said. That lowers the freezing point so the liquid resists freezing at temperatures below 32 degrees. Many plants also develop antifreeze proteins.

For roots, being surrounded by icy soil has pluses and minuses. They

can’t absorb water that has turned to ice, so winter is a dry time for plants. “It can be very similar to drought,” McCormack said.

On the other hand, a layer of frozen soil on the surface can be a shield against cold air above ground, which is often far colder than the soil.

If the frozen soil has cracks or gaps, the shield fails and lets frigid air reach deeper roots.

Snow is a great insulator and can fill gaps in the frozen layer, McCormack said, but Chicago gardeners can’t rely on snow cover alone.

One danger to plants in winter is frost heaving, which occurs because water expands when it freezes. Frozen soil may swell so much that there’s not enough room for it, so a chunk pops out of the soil surface like a pothole in asphalt. The gap then exposes roots to cold air.

The freeze-thaw cycle common in this climate — a series of warm days in late winter or spring, each followed by a deep freeze — often leads to frost heaving, according to Yiesla.

“Newly planted trees and shrubs are especially vulnerable,” she said. Digging

and settling may have created gaps in the soil that let freezing air penetrate. New plants may not have had time to acclimate to cold soil, and haven’t spread out a network of roots that could anchor them against frost heaving.

The best way we can add protection, for new plants or old, is by spreading a layer of insulating mulch, Yiesla said. It will cover up treacherous gaps in the soil shield, keep the soil temperature steady, and protect the plant from the effects of the freeze-thaw cycle.

“On a sunny winter day, take a walk around your garden to make sure you have mulch everywhere you need it,” Yiesla said. Look for frost heaving. If you see a displaced plant, gently press the root ball back in place and cover it with mulch.

When spring is truly, safely here, the ice in the soil will melt and growth will begin.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum (mortonarb.org/plantadvice, 630-719-2424 or plant-clinic@mortonarb.org). Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum.

How to choose the best plants for your garden

BY TIM JOHNSON

I am starting to consider some modifications to my garden and would like some advice on how to minimize my failures. We had an addition put on the house about three years ago and it needs to be softened by plants. Unfortunately, a number of my plant choices over the past few years have not performed well with some even dying out. It’s getting expensive to keep replanting beds and trees.

— Beth Appleton, Lake Forest

Plants that do not perform well in the garden can create considerable frustration for gardeners. Many of these situations can be avoided by taking extra time to research the appropriate plants to install in your garden, versus simply picking plants you think are pretty.

The best plants should be well suited to your site’s conditions and should also meet your design objectives. Look for plants that prefer (not just tolerate) your garden’s growing conditions. It’s OK to pick some plants that are merely tolerant of your site’s growing conditions, but that comes with with the anticipation that they may need some extra maintenance. Different gardeners may give conflicting advice, which can make choosing plants even more difficult.

Selecting the wrong plants for your garden’s growing conditions has likely been the cause of your troubles over the years. Your garden’s soil conditions have a large effect on the growth of your plants. There are a variety of soil types in the Chicago region, ranging from sandy to heavy clay.

A river birch, for example, will have chlorotic, yellowed leaves, if it is



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Cardinal dogwoods (*Cornus sericea*) are tolerant of wet conditions and fairly easy to grow.

grown in heavy clay soils that have a high pH. River birches prefer moist conditions but will adapt to drier sites. They can’t, however, adapt to high pH or heavy clay soils. There are other trees that are more tolerant of these conditions. There are some maintenance practices — such as amending the soil around the tree with elemental sulfur to reduce the soil pH — that can help, but it’s always best to choose a plant that is adapted to the conditions in which it will be growing.

Soil moisture levels (dry, moist but well-drained, wet or poorly drained) are important to consider when siting plants. Choosing plants that adaptable to these conditions will greatly improve your success. For example, spreading yews do not do well in soil conditions that are wet. The common red twig dogwood (*Cornus sericea*) is tolerant of wet conditions and easy to grow, while the flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*) is much more difficult to grow in the Chicago area.

The amount of sun and the exposure in your garden must have a large influence on your plant choices. The density of the shade makes a difference in how plants respond. The degree of shade in your

garden must be considered when choosing plants for the shady areas of the garden.

Knowing that you get a half-day of sun may not be enough information to make a good plant choice — the west side of your house, for example, is hotter than the east side. There are some hostas that perform well on the east side of the house with morning sun and afternoon shade, while the hot afternoon sun on the west side can burn the foliage, even though both sites have a half-day of sun.

Good site preparation and proper planting techniques combined with proper maintenance will improve your success too.

Trees are often planted too deep — you should be able to see the root flare just above the ground. I like to plant 2 to 3 inches high in heavy clay soils. The base of the tree’s trunk will widen out at the root flare. The root flare can be inches below the top of the burlap of a balled and burlapped tree. The effects of planting a tree or shrub too deeply may not become visible until the plant has been in the ground a few years.

Tim Johnson is director of horticulture for the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.

ASK THE BUILDER

Plumbing technology has come a long way

BY TIM CARTER

Tribune Content Agency

This is the first column in a series in which I'd like to share with you how technology has helped improve building products.

I've worked in the residential construction industry for decades. In that time, I've gotten a unique perspective on new products. Not all of them have worked out so well, and sometimes it takes several permutations until a manufacturer gets it right.

The same thing goes for techniques. Early in my career, I spent years taking apart 100-year-old houses and was able to see how the old-school craftsmen had built them. Some of their methods, in my opinion, are far better than the way things are done today. I'll share much of that with you in this series that will unfold as the year progresses.

For this column, I'd like to dive into plumbing. It's a system that causes consternation with many consumers because repairs can be costly. You might imagine that not much has changed in plumbing, given that pipes and fixtures are pretty simple — but you'd be wrong.

Let's start with simple advancements in both drainage and water supply piping. Go back in time and plumbers used cast iron, galvanized iron and copper for drain lines. In rare instances, they'd have to use a lead pipe to make certain drains work. The old cast iron was susceptible to leaks and cracks because of how it was made. Galvanized iron pipes would corrode and start to choke off with deposits causing clogs.

Today's cast iron is spun cast and has a uniform wall thickness. You create leakproof joints in seconds with rubber gaskets and stainless steel band clamps. It's the perfect material to use for vertical stacks in your home to prevent noise caused by water cascading down large-diameter vertical pipes.

The entire plastics industry exploded in the 1960s, and codes permitted plastic drainpipes. Plastic drain lines perform quite well, and I've installed miles of this



TIM CARTER

This looks like an ordinary 1/2-inch copper 90-degree elbow for a water supply line, but it's actually got cutting-edge technology inside.

pipe. Not too long ago plastic piping experienced another technology jump when it was made lighter than the first-generation plastic. In fact, now you can buy foam-core plastic drain pipe.

Water supply lines many years ago were made using galvanized iron. These would suffer from corrosion and choke off too. Copper became the standard, but here, too, plastic muscled its way into the marketplace.

Imagine installing plastic water lines in a new home that have no joints or fittings.

It's installed much like an electric cable. That's what I just did at my daughter's new home. The only joints are in the mechanical room at a distribution manifold and the shut-off valve under a sink or where the pipe connects to a shower or tub valve.

I installed all the water supply lines to four bathrooms, a kitchen and five outdoor hose bibs in less than four hours. Using traditional copper with hundreds of fittings, I might have gotten part of one bathroom done in that same amount of time.

Copper water lines have also seen

tremendous technological advancements. In a recent column, I shared with you the new fittings that require no solder. You can create a leak-proof joint in less than five seconds using fittings that contain a rubber O-ring. You can't imagine how much time these save. The best part is you never have to wonder if a soldered joint will leak.

Accessory plumbing products have also seen big changes. For years, the plumbing vent pipe flashing up on your roof has been made with a standard rubber that gets destroyed by the sun's ultraviolet rays in just a few years and then starts to leak. You can now buy a vent-pipe flashing that has a superior siliconized rubber boot that might not be destroyed by the sun for five or more decades.

Water supply lines that connect sink faucets, toilet tanks and washing machines to the water supply have seen amazing changes. Not very long ago, plumbers had to carefully bend soft copper tubes to make connections. Washing machines used old rubber hoses. Now, as a DIYer, you can use flexible hoses protected by braided stainless steel wire to make leakproof connections in seconds.

Faucet manufacturers continue to make improvements with the cartridges that control the water flow when you turn a handle. I clearly remember years ago having to change rubber washers inside faucets to stop drips. It used to take some skill to change a washer to stop a faucet leak. Now you can stop faucet drips without calling a plumber. With the plethora of how-to videos on the internet, you can switch out a faucet cartridge faster than you might read this column.

My advice to you, if using a brand-new product, is to read the installation instructions and be sure everything is being done correctly. Also, keep in mind that the first generation of some new products might not have all the bugs worked out. If you're installing a product that's going to be hidden behind walls or under slabs, think about using one that has been around for several years so you don't become a statistic. Go with proven technology in these situations.

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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Buyers choose popular locations for new homes around Chicagoland

Homebuyers will be contributing to the popularity of several suburban locations as they purchase new homes during 2020. Some of these “hot” spots represent the frontiers of new development while others continue to be favorites for their outstanding amenities.

“Our popular new home communities include up-and-coming locations such as Elburn Station, well-established communities in suburban Chicagoland and communities in the scenic Lake Geneva region of Wisconsin,” says Anna Harmon, director of Marketing and Public Relations for Shodeen Homes. “A sampling of four communities reflect the varied locations that meet a wide variety of buyer needs.”

The South Mill Creek Village Homes, a new low-maintenance neighborhood within nationally acclaimed Mill Creek in Geneva, is drawing buyers with its combination of carefree living, an outstanding location and many amenities both within Mill Creek and in nearby Geneva. More than 40% of Mill Creek is open space, and buyers can choose scenic sites with views of ponds and nature areas. With no lawn maintenance or snow shoveling, residents can enjoy golf courses, a community pool, 17 miles of walking paths, tennis courts and parks as well as the shopping, eateries and entertainment in historic Geneva.

Seven floor plans are offered including two ranch plans with second-floor options,

full basements, two-car attached garages and quality included features.

In popular Elburn, master-planned Elburn Station and scenic Blackberry Creek are centrally located near the Metra train station and the new I-88 interchange, making these communities commuter-friendly.

Blackberry Creek is a luxury home community with a rolling picturesque setting, while Elburn Station provides three series of single-family homes.

At Elburn Station, buyers can choose from the low-maintenance single-family Village Homes, The Settlements, family-friendly single-family homes, and The Crossings, luxury single-family homes.

“Elburn Station is our largest new community and includes more than 500 acres of land with ponds, parks, and miles of walking and biking trails,” Harmon says. “Ranch and two-story homes meet a wide variety of buyer needs.”

Southwest suburban Chicagoland continues to be the focus of many homebuyers who work in the Aurora-Naperville-Plainfield area. Downtown Oswego is experiencing new development, including the impressive Hudson Crossing luxury commercial and apartment project by Shodeen Homes.

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Crestview Builders builds custom homes in Hidden Creek in Naperville.



Elburn Station homes by Shodeen Homes include ranch and two-story homes.

Hidden Creek is a community that offers a family-friendly feel with easy access to nearby dining, shopping centers, theaters and more and is served by Indian Prairie School District 204.

Hidden Creek features 20 single-family residences. Each home is between 12,800 and 14,776 square feet and built on lots that span about one-third of an acre. Custom homes start in the \$700,000s.

Some well-established communities continue to be popular among Chicagoland homebuyers, including Barrington, Batavia and Elgin.

“Toll Brothers carefully selects communities that complement the upscale single-family homes and exceptional craftsmanship for which Toll Brothers is nationally known,” says Jennifer Mencias, director of Sales for the Chicago Division of Toll Brothers. “Our buyers are looking for multiple conveniences, including outstanding schools, shopping, dining and recreation. The above well-established communities offer the quality of life our buyers expect.”

Toll Brothers is currently offering new single-family homes with award-winning ranch and two-story designs at Bows Creek Country Club on the west side of Elgin near the Randall Road shopping corridor. Tanglewood Hills in Batavia is a pool and clubhouse community in a scenic setting in a historic Fox River Valley town. The Woods of South Barrington offers spacious

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In Illinois, buyers can start 2020 in a new home at Shodeen's Norton Lake neighborhood in Campton Hills. Served by top-ranked St. Charles District 303 schools and minutes from shopping along Randall Road, Norton Lake homeowners enjoy the 10-acre lake, walking and bike path and can walk to Bell-Graham Elementary school. Ranch, two-story and first-floor master plans are offered with prices starting in the \$430s. Homes range from



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The Nantucket at Bowes Creek Country Club in Elgin is the popular choice for value-driven, first-time, single-family homebuyers.

Exceptional value and country club lifestyle at Bowes Creek

Homes priced from the upper-\$200s complete with an amenity-rich lifestyle that includes an 18-hole Rick Jacobsen-designed public golf course, clubhouse, walking trails, parks, playgrounds and Porter's Pub, have entry-level buyers calling Bowes Creek Country Club in Elgin home.

Located just west of Randall Road, Bowes Creek Country Club is a Toll Brothers' community offering open-concept ranch and two-story designs in two distinct series of homes. Homes in the Fairways Collection range from 1,827 to 3,309 square feet in size with two to six bedrooms, two to 3½ baths, gourmet island kitchens, basements and two- or three-car garages.

"Our Fairways Collections, which is priced from the upper \$200s, has been very popular with first-time, single-family home buyers who appreciate the unmatched value included in each Toll Brothers' home as well as the benefits of living in a resort-like setting," says Francys Ramirez, sales manager for Bowes Creek Country Club. "Interest rates remain at a historic low, making now a terrific time to invest in a new home, and buyers who purchase today can be settled in their new home in time to enjoy the golf course, clubhouse and other amenities this summer."

One of the most desired plans among entry-level buyers at Bowes Creek Country Club is the 2,420-square-foot, two-story Nantucket. A soaring two-story foyer welcomes guests to the Nantucket with the formal dining room to one side and living room to the other. The island kitchen with walk-in pantry and breakfast room is open

to the spacious family room, making it an ideal space for entertaining.

Upstairs, the master bedroom features a large walk-in closet and private luxury bath with corner soaking tub and separate shower. Three secondary bedrooms are served by a full hall bath. A basement and two-car garage complete the plan.

"The Nantucket, like all Toll Brothers' plans, gives buyers the opportunity to personalize their homes in a variety of ways," says Ramirez. "In addition to meeting with our professional designer, who assists in selecting exterior styling and interior finishes, buyers may choose to add or alter structural features to create their one-of-a-kind dream home."

Some of the options available to buyers of the Nantucket include a finished basement, adding a den in lieu of the formal living room, adding a solarium sunroom or a three-car garage. Buyers may also choose from a selection of new homes in the Masters Collection at Bowes Creek Country Club. Homes ranging from 2,226 to 3,650 square feet in size are priced from the low \$400s. Only three homesites overlooking the golf course remain. Toll Brothers' homebuyers enjoy peace-of-mind knowing that their home is backed by an extensive, 1-2-10-year limited warranty.

To visit Bowes Creek Country Club, from I-90, exit Randall Road south five miles to Bowes Road. Travel west on Bowes Road for two miles to the entrance. The sales office is at 3511 Tournament Drive in Elgin and hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Call 847-468-1852 for more information or tollbrothers.com/IL.

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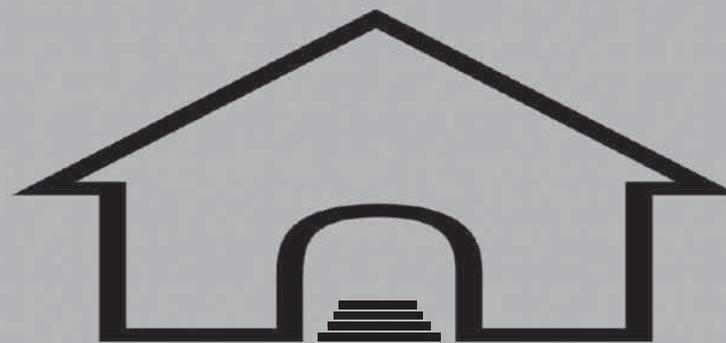
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