

# Candidates file for 2022 DeWitt County primary

All board seats up  
for election, as well  
as clerk, treasurer,  
sheriff

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CLINTON — Canidates  
filed this week to run in  
the 2022 county board  
election. The board set  
board member terms at its  
Feb. 24 regular meeting.  
Five candidates filed  
on Monday. All of the  
board’s 12 seats are up for  
election this year.  
Board chairman  
Republican Terry  
Ferguson, Dist. B, and  
board member Republican  
Melonie Tilley, Dist. D,  
filed for re-election, while  
challengers Republican

Tom Sarraf and Republican  
Kritina Deerwester filed to  
run in Dist. C.  
Republican Joe Witte  
filed to run in Dist. A.  
The offices of DeWitt  
County Clerk and  
Recorder, County  
Treasurer and Sheriff all  
are up for election, serving  
four-year terms.  
Republican Sheriff Mike  
Walker is running for  
re-election. Republican  
Karrie Harris filed for  
Clerk and Recorder;  
Republicans Sara Jade  
Russel and Codilee Snow  
filed for County Treasurer.  
County Clerk Dana  
Smith and County  
Treasurer Gloria Wills  
announced earlier they  
would not run for re-  
election.  
The primary election is  
set for June 28.

# Local resident again addresses city council about concerns

Redington asks  
about pay records,  
commissioner’s  
authority

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CLINTON — Clinton  
resident Seth Redington  
was back addressing the  
city council on Monday.  
Redington has been  
urging the council to  
investigate his claims a  
commissioner has used  
city facilities to put fuel in  
his personal vehicle and  
inappropriately taken fire  
department wages.  
During Monday’s  
council meeting,  
Redington added  
information from  
documents he obtained  
from the city to what he  
already had presented.  
In an unrelated issue,  
Redington began by  
telling commissioners  
state statute prohibits  
a mayor from asking a  
resident’s home address  
before allowing them to  
speak, which has been  
the routine procedure at  
Clinton council meetings.  
“I’ve come up here a  
bunch, but I haven’t gotten  
any answers,” Redington  
told the council, “None.”  
Redington said payroll  
documents he obtained

from the city via Freedom  
of Information (FOIA)  
request show hours  
reported by firefighters  
for duty at the Clinton  
Haunted House in Oct.  
2021 do not match the  
number of hours that were  
billed.  
“It doesn’t add up,”  
Redington said. “So, you  
have, I think, an issue.”  
He also acknowledged  
the statute that allows a  
commissioner to serve  
on the fire department but  
questioned the propriety  
of commissioner Dan  
Ballenger’s placing  
himself on the department  
after he was elected to  
office. Ballenger oversees  
the fire department  
as commissioner of  
public health and safety.  
Redington repeated his  
feeling that it was a  
conflict of interest for a  
city commissioner to also  
collect wages from a city  
department.  
Redington asked the  
council who authorized the  
\$26 per hour rate paid to  
commissioner Ballenger  
for fire department duty.  
He added that 289 hours  
of duty was reported by  
city workers who served  
during the two-day Apple  
n’ Pork Festival, in Sept.  
2021, based on document  
he obtained from the city.  
“That’s a lot,” Redington  
said.

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## Wind turbines multiply

A number of wind turbines for the Alta Farms II wind enery project are up near Wapella as the project works toward  
eventual completion. Turbines are expected to be operational this year.

# Alexander running in new 87th district

SPRINGFIELD —  
Clinton native Joe  
Alexander filed in  
Springfield, on Monday,  
to run for the Republican  
nomination for State  
Representative in the new  
87th State House district.  
The primary election will  
be held on Tuesday, June  
28.  
“I am excited to announce  
and file my candidacy for  
state representative in this  
new district. I both live  
and have deep roots in the  
district,” Alexander said.

“Illinois has numerous  
challenges. Some choose  
to complain about it; I  
want to do something  
about it.”  
Alexander said he was  
optimistic that Illinois’  
better days were ahead of  
it.  
“We can make the Land  
of Lincoln a greater  
Illinois,” he said  
Alexander is a Clinton  
resident. He graduated  
from the University  
of Illinois at Urbana-  
Champaign. He was a

student athlete on the  
Fighting Illini’s track and  
cross-country teams.  
He is the father of  
college-age sons.  
Politically, he served as  
District Administrator for  
retired U.S. Congressman  
Tom Ewing, an Atlanta,  
Ill. native.  
Alexander also served as  
a Presidential appointee  
at the U.S. Department  
of Agriculture under  
President Donald J.  
Trump. Alexander  
served on Trump’s 2016

and 2020 campaigns for  
President. He is currently  
a consultant and small  
business owner.  
The 87th district includes  
all or portions of Tazewell,  
Woodford, McLean,  
Logan, Dewitt, Macon,  
and Sangamon counties.  
Larger communities in the  
district include Clinton,  
Lincoln, Warrensburg,  
Illioopolis, Morton,  
Tremont, and McLean.  
Legislative lines  
and districts changed  
following the 2020 census.

# City brush pick-up resumes, park equipment here

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CLINTON —  
Commissioner Ken  
Buchanan reported on  
Monday the city brush  
collection was resuming  
for the 2022 season.  
Buchanan reminded  
residents to leave brush  
piles out no larger than  
would fit into a pick-  
up truck bed. He also

reminded residents to  
limit their brush piles to  
yard waste and to place  
leaves into leaf bags and  
wait until the week of  
pick-up in their areas  
before putting brush piles  
out.  
The city will not  
collect things such as  
old lumber. Residents  
also may transport brush  
themselves to the city  
yard waste facility.  
In other council

business from Monday,  
commissioner John Wise  
brought the council’s  
attention to price quotes  
for a motor needed at the  
water plant.  
“This one is starting to  
make noise,” Wise said.  
“So, instead of waiting  
until it goes out, we’re  
trying to get ahead of it.”  
The council approved  
a resolution allocating  
American Rescue Plan  
Act (ARPA) funds for

capital improvements to  
the city water system.  
The council also is  
looking into a way to  
provide the DeWitt  
County Friendship Center  
with some old fencing  
the city is no longer  
using. And, the city has  
taken delivery of the new  
playground equipment  
for Downey Park.  
Arrangements are being  
made for installation of  
the equipment.

# Campaign season opens as candidates line up to file

Primary election  
pushed to June  
due to COVID-19,  
census delays

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Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The  
2022 campaign season  
got underway in earnest  
Monday as candidates  
lined up in front of election

offices to turn in petitions  
to get their names on the  
June 28 primary election  
ballot.  
Hundreds of candidates  
and their aides braved  
cold wind and snow early  
Monday to line up outside  
the Illinois State Board  
of Elections office in  
Springfield to ensure their  
placement on the ballot.  
Monday was the first  
day established party  
candidates could file their  
petitions. The deadline for

turning in petitions is next  
Monday, March 14.  
Illinois voters will  
cast ballots this year for  
governor and lieutenant  
governor as well as  
statewide constitutional  
officers, all 118 seats in the  
Illinois House and 59 seats  
in the state Senate, circuit,  
appellate court and state  
Supreme Court judges,  
congressional seats, and a  
U.S. Senate seat currently  
held by Democrat Tammy  
Duckworth.

Voters in parts of Illinois  
will also cast ballots for  
county board members  
and various other local  
government offices.  
This year’s primary  
was pushed back from  
its normal time in early  
March due to delays in  
the redistricting process  
brought about by delays in  
the release of 2020 census  
data due to the COVID-19  
pandemic.

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And, Redington questioned whether commissioner Ballenger had the authority to appoint fire chiefs. He said he understood state statute to reserve that responsibility for the mayor.

“Commissioner (John)

Wise, with all due respect, you stated to me, ‘Come up here to city hall; you can get come answers’,” Redington said. “No, I can’t, zero.”

Redington criticized the council for what he felt was its lack of response to his questions. He also said he had difficulty obtaining all of the

records he requested from the city.

“You have to FOIA four or five times before you get it,” he said.

And, he touched on a previous claim that commissioner Ballenger reported putting fuel in a fire department vehicle at the city fuel facility when he actually was

fueling his personal vehicle. Redington said he felt, if the documents do not really reflect which vehicle received the fuel, it could constitute fraud under Illinois statute.

“I don’t understand,” Redington said addressing the council. “Everybody’s sitting on their hands, you won’t ask any questions.”

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That revised schedule could have an impact on who turns out to vote in the primary. The late June date means many college students who would normally vote on campus will be home for summer break while many other voters who would normally turn out in March may be away on vacation.

“I don’t know. Hard to tell, to be honest,” Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker said when asked how the revised date might affect the primary. “We haven’t had that in Illinois, so long as I can remember anyway, so no. I’m excited. I really think we’re in great shape.”

Pritzker and Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton are waging their first reelection bid this year. They won the 2018 election with 54.5 percent of the vote over former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti.

It is not believed they will face any primary opposition this year but a full slate of Republican candidates are lining up to challenge them.

Among the challengers for governor are Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin; state Sen. Darren Bailey, of Xenia; former state Sen. Paul Schimpf, of Waterloo; Chicago-area businessman Gary Rabine; and venture capitalist Jesse

Sullivan, of Petersburg, among others.

Speaking at a campaign kickoff rally at a local union meeting hall in Springfield shortly after submitting his petitions, Pritzker touted his efforts to improve job and economic opportunities for middle class workers and marginalized populations in the state.

“In a world that increasingly feels like us versus them, this campaign is about what we can do together. And our vision for a better Illinois doesn’t happen without a fight,” Pritzker said.

Republicans, meanwhile, have so far been attacking Pritzker and the Democrats for the state’s rising rate of violent crime and the impact that his response to the COVID-19 pandemic had on the state’s economy, as well as the corruption allegations against former House Speaker Michael Madigan.

Later in the day, speaking with reporters at a campaign rally in Springfield for the GOP candidates who’ve been slated by the state Republican Party, Irvin echoed those themes.

“Under JB Pritzker crime is out of control, and Republicans are saying that all throughout the state,” Irvin said. “In the state of Illinois,

Republicans are saying that taxes and wasteful spending is out of control. They’re saying corruption is out of control. That’s what’s important to Republicans. That’s what’s important to Democrats, independents, and that’s what we’re going to be addressing through our campaign.”

His GOP challenger Rabine echoed another Irvin talking point.

“We’re killing small business in the state like no other state and we’ve got to stop that,” Rabine said during an interview outside the ISBE office. “We’ve got to bring businesses and jobs and people back to Illinois instead of chasing them away.”

Outside of the governor’s race, the most high-profile race in state government this year may be the contest for secretary of state, where incumbent Jesse White is retiring after six terms in office.

On the Democratic side, former State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulas has the support of some of the state’s largest labor unions and the Cook County Democratic Party, while other high-profile Democrats, including Pritzker and White, have thrown their support behind Chicago City Clerk Anna Valencia. Also in the race is Chicago Ald.

David Moore.

On the Republican side, the race appears to be between John Milhiser, a former U.S. Attorney for the central district of Illinois, and state Rep. Dan Brady, of Bloomington.

Irvin tops a list of Republican candidates running as a slate for statewide office. The slate includes attorney general candidate Steve Kim, of Deerfield; treasurer candidate Rep. Tom Demmer, of Dixon; and comptroller candidate Shannon Teresi, of Crystal Lake. Milhiser is the secretary of state candidate on the slate.

Those GOP slate candidates were scheduled to host a kickoff event Monday evening in Springfield.

They will vie to unseat Attorney General Kwame Raoul, Treasurer Michael Frerichs and Comptroller Susana Mendoza, all incumbent Democrats.

According to this year’s election calendar, voters can request mail-in ballots starting March 30 by contacting their local election authority. Those applications must be received by the election authority by June 23.

Mail-in ballots must be postmarked or returned in-person to the election authority by Election Day, June 28.

Try my roasting methods

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. There are standard ways for roasting. Although some of my methods are unconventional, please, don’t get hot under the collar.

I have watched people butter a turkey for roasting. I see no viable purpose in doing so. Using a flavorful stock is a different matter. Do not directly apply stock. Marinade or infuse if liquids are to be used. Be sure to wipe as much moisture as possible from the surface prior to roasting. Wet meat does not brown or sear well. However, a rub can be applied. But make sure the rub compliments the roast well. What you should use for a pork roast is not necessarily what you would want for a beef roast, ham shank or leg of lamb. I will walk you through roasting pork butt.

A butcher trims off the bulk of the fat. A patch of fat should be left on one side. That fat is intended to help flavor and keep the internal meat moist during roasting. Therefore, the roast is placed in a pan with the fat side up. I have two methods of my own that I have not found in cookbooks. One is to score the fat with several crisscross cuts. The other is to initially set the oven on broil. In this way, the fat is better rendered and the high heat sears the meat with the fat oils. Turn the roast in order to sear all sides. Baste with the oils from the fat during roasting.

My methods generally require more work but you



The Culinary Corner  
By Chef Roger Joss

get better results. Once seared, remove from the oven. Change the oven to “bake” and turn the temperature down to 325°F or 350°F. I prefer 325°F for large roasts. Higher temperatures cause the exterior to overcook before the center has a chance. While the oven’s temperature is readjusting, place four or five celery ribs under the roast. Be sure that the fat side remains up. This helps to evenly circulate air under it and prevents it from cooking to the pan. It also adds a subtle flavor.

After the roast has been roasting for an hour or two, remove it from the oven. Then add some rough chopped yellow onions for additional flavor. On the top side, cut a few long incisions a little deeper than the score cuts. At each end and in the middle of the incisions, place a quarter wedge piece of garlic clove into the incisions spreading them open. When basting, some of the flavored oils pool up in those incisions to help flavor and moisten. Lightly sprinkle on white pepper. Do not salt! Continue the roasting.

Remove from the oven once the Internal temperature reaches 150°F; no greater than 160°F. Allow the roast to set for ten minutes, prior to slicing, so the juices can set and not leach out.

Until next time, peace to all.

Decatur Quilters’ Guild schedules quilt show and auction for April

DECATUR — The Decatur Quilters Guild will hold their 40th Quilt Fest, “Ruby Celebration - It’s In The Cards,” on Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9, 2022 at the Decatur Civic Center in downtown Decatur. The Decatur Civic Center is a cosponsor of this event.

The Quilt Fest will be open Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission will be \$7. Many fabric and quilting related

vendors will be offering specials, demonstrations and mini-classes. There will also be an opportunity to participate in our “Quilts for the Veteran”, a sew-along project, where people can volunteer to sit and sew a block. A Guild gift boutique will be open as well as door prizes throughout the two-day event and a Silent Auction offering quilts and quality hand-sewn projects with all proceeds going to the Macon County Historical

Museum. Anyone wanting to submit a quilt for the judged show, registration forms are on our web page.

In addition to the judged quilt show, there will be an auction of quilts on Friday evening. The Quilt Auction will be conducted by auctioneer Andy Black. This event is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 5 p.m. for review and inspection of the quilts. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the

Macon County Historical Museum.

The Guild has created a modern twist to the “Card Trick” pattern for the Raffle Quilt. Tickets are available from any member at \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and will be available at the event.

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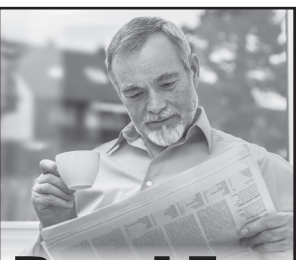
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# NEWS

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Please let your family and friends know that they can create their personal my Social Security account today at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). Save time and go online.

## Clinton Coin Club to meet March 14

CLINTON — The Clinton Coin Club will hold a meeting from 5-6:30 p.m. on Monday, Mar. 14, in the Revere Room of Vespasian Warner Public Library.

Door prizes will be awarded, and there will be a coin auction. No refreshments will be available, and masks will be required.

Call (217) 622-8783 for additional information. Membership dues for 2022 are now being accepted.

Anyone interested in buying, selling or trading coins is welcome.

## Before you sign up for senior discounts

We all want to save a dollar every place we can. Discounts aimed at seniors are a good way to get our attention, but now and then it's just not a good idea to sign up.

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by Matilda Charles

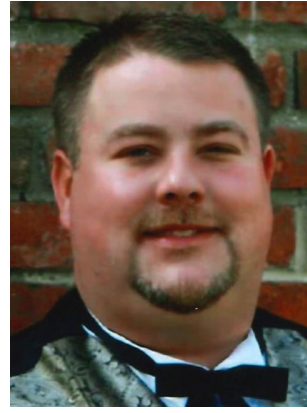
basis, perhaps one day per month. One chain will offer to let you link a new account with them to your existing AARP membership. With another one, should you prefer not to give them your email address, they're more than happy to take your name and phone number instead.

A number of phone companies have reduced plans for seniors. But they do verify your age. With two of them you need to go into the store with a valid ID. With another they'll use the information they already have on file from when you started your original service with them. How securely have they kept that information?

Before you snap up a senior discount deal, consider what you need to give up to get that discount. Think about whether the information you give can be used for identity theft.

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## Andrew E. Brown



WAYNESVILLE — Andrew E. Brown, 41, of Waynesville, passed away at 10:39 a.m. on February 28, 2022, at Paris Community Hospital, Paris, Ill.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with Tony Billingsley and Maurice Stribling officiating. Burial will follow at Union Cemetery, Waynesville. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2022, at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton.

Memorials may be directed to his children's education fund c/o Jenna Brown.

Andrew was born on November 16, 1980, in Lincoln, the son of Kenneth and Janet (Stedwell) Brown. He married Jenna Folis on October 25, 2014, in McLean.

Survivors include his wife, Jenna Brown, Waynesville; children, Kenneth and Lydia Brown; siblings, Carol (Larry Roof) Shroyer, Lincoln, Ill., James (Amy) McNail, Peoria, Ill.; Shawn McNail, Atlanta, Ill.; nephew, Thomas McNail, Peoria, Ill.; nieces, Shannon Shroyer, Lincoln, Ill., Latisha Culler, Lincoln, Ill.; aunt, Kathy (Joe) Miller, Elmhurst, Ill.;

uncles, Charlie Stedwell, Champaign, Ill., George Stedwell, Indianapolis, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents, paternal and maternal grandparents.

Andrew graduated from Olympia High School in 1999. He had worked for Nutrien Ag Solutions, in Atlanta, for over 15 years. He loved to tinker with anything that had an engine and could rebuild anything.

With a contagious laugh and a smile that would light up a room, Andrew never knew a stranger. He loved a good joke and was an old soul, enjoying Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley and Jerry Lee Lewis. He was very proud of his children, nicknaming Kenny "Scooter" and Lydia "His sweet little sugar," and the love of his life was his wife, Jenna.

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## Brenda Kay Griffith



CLINTON — Brenda Kay Griffith, age 67, went to be with the lord on Saturday, February 5, 2022.

She was born on March 23, 1954, to Duane and Ruth Austin, in Clinton. She Married David Lee Griffith on July 16, 1971. Brenda was a loving devoted stay-at-home wife, mom, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and baking, when she was able to do so.

Brenda was preceded in death by her husband, David; mother, Ruth; father, Duane; two brothers, Randy and Roy, and two sons-in-law, Philip and David.

She is survived by her three daughters and one son, Christy Partin, Stacey (Jerry) Russell, Cindy

(Ryan) Burns, David (Katie) Griffith, two sisters and one brother, Norma Clark, Beverly (Sonny) Palmer, and Danny (Sheila) Austin; 16 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

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1905 - The Parisian subway was officially inaugurated.

1907 - U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt induced California to revoke its anti-Japanese legislation.

1907 - In Bulgaria, Premier Nicolas Petkov was killed by an anarchist.

1930 - Babe Ruth signed a two-year contract with the New York Yankees for the sum of \$80,000.

1930 - U.S. President Howard Taft became the first U.S. president to be buried in the National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

1941 - U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized the Lend-Lease Act, which authorized the act of providing war supplies to the Allies.

1946 - Pravda denounced Winston Churchill as anti-Soviet and a warmonger.

1947 - The DuMont network aired "Movies For Small Fry." It was network television's first successful children's program.

1948 - Reginald Weir became the first black tennis player to participate in a U.S. Indoor Lawn Tennis Association tournament.

1959 - The Lorraine Hansberry drama A Raisin in the Sun opened at New York's Ethel Barrymore Theater.

1964 - U.S. Senator Carl Hayden broke the record for continuous service in the U.S. Senate. He had worked 37 years and seven days.

1965 - The American navy began inspecting Vietnamese junks in an effort to end arms smuggling to the South.

1969 - Levi-Strauss started selling bell-bottomed jeans.

1978 - Bobby Hull (Winnipeg Jets) joined Gordie Howe by getting his 1,000th career goal.

1985 - Mikhail Gorbachev was named the new chairman of the Soviet Communist Party.

1986 - Popsicle announced its plan to end the traditional twin-stick frozen treat for a one-stick model.

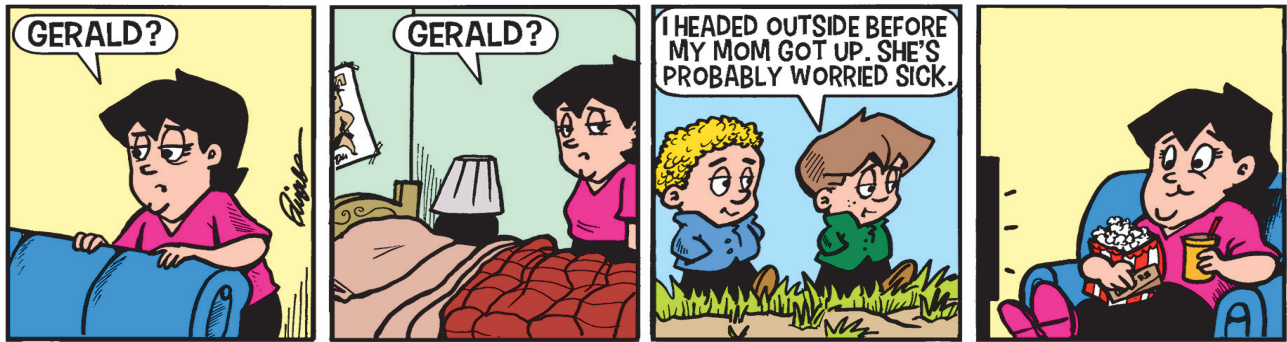
1988 - A cease-fire was declared in the war between Iran and Iraq.

1990 - Lithuania declared its independence from the Soviet Union. It was the first Soviet republic to break away from Communist control.

1990 - In Chile, Patricio Aylwin was sworn in as the first democratically elected president since 1973.

1992 - Former U.S. President Nixon said that the Bush administration was not giving enough economic aid to Russia.

## Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

# Abuse of power

One of the most difficult aspects of political leadership is how to not abuse the power you obtain. The saying goes that power corrupts and ultimate power corrupts ultimately.

Illinois has a dismal history of its elected officials abusing that power and ultimately serving time in federal prisons — witness Blagojevich, Ryan, Kerner and Walker. Underlying the movement for term limits is the public's fear of political power.

For the record, I am not a fan of term limits. I understand the public's concerns regarding abuse of power, but I view the electoral process as more important. Let the people vote for/against their elected officials.

Former Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan was just indicted on 22 counts of federal racketeering charges alleging that he abused his power of Speaker. Madigan was the longest serving State House Speaker in this country until he resigned.

Madigan led the Democratic Party in Illinois and his political power in the House was almost absolute. Essentially, nothing happened in Illinois government without Madigan's blessing. It made no difference if you were a Republican Governor or a Democratic Governor you had to run your agenda by Madigan

if you had any hope at all of passing your legislation. Madigan worked on the House rules and the Democratic Party rules to give himself administrative power.

From a political perspective, it was a classic case of consolidating power and then using it. Many objected, but they never had the power (votes) to succeed in changing the rules. There have been voices of corruption in Madigan's affairs for years.

Having said that, his constituents consistently voted him back into office. Term limits may have gotten Madigan out of office if available, but that would have been at the expense of the voter's right to choose their elected officials. If you are a term limit supporter, Mike Madigan may be your best reason for limits. However, there are numerous legislators that have served for decades and have not violated their oaths of office.

Madigan has a presumption of innocence and we need to remember that. At the same time, the federal government has a history of obtaining indictments against elected officials only after they have all their ducks in a row.

Word of this investigation got out over two years ago and Madigan resigned a year ago. Let's wait and see what happens. We don't have all the facts at this time and those facts need to be presented to a jury.



Many are saying Madigan's indictment is a big political win for the Republicans and a big loss for the Democrats. Yes, Madigan supported Pritzker for Governor and Welch for Speaker. That may become an issue, but it doesn't seem to have any traction at this time. A year without Madigan is a long time in politics.

It has become almost ancient history. Illinois is a solid Democratic voting state. I don't see any changes coming in the political makeup of the Illinois legislature. There may be some ethics reforms and some House rules changes. I don't see now Speaker Welch wanting to give back all of that power Madigan obtained for the Speaker and his party controls both chambers. We shall see how this all plays out.

UKRAINE—Putin has consolidated power in Russia in himself and his pollical one-party machine. He chose to invade Ukraine in some grand plan to rebuild the Russian empire as he believes is his calling.

Those in power often want more, especially if they view what they seek as weak. That appears to be what Putin has done. The problem with power is miscalculation and corruption. Putin has

miscalculated the resolve of the Ukrainian people.

Ukraine has chosen to fight. Surrounding countries have now seen the real threat of Putin and have started to take steps to strengthen their militaries.

On the corruption side, the Russian military does not appear to have maintained its training of soldiers and modernization of its equipment. Money seems to have been bled off of the military and into the hands of those who support Putin for personal enrichment. Their equipment is breaking down and their supply lines have failed.

On a paper comparison, Ukraine should have fallen in two to five days. The fight goes on into a second week and a gorilla war is sure to ensue if Russia does prevail. This is a David and Goliath conflict; and David may well pull it off. Unfortunately, there will be tremendous death and destruction. The fear is that Putin still controls a nuclear capability and that is a concern for all.

The bright side, if there is such a thing after this destruction, is that the Russian people are now starting to question their leaders' authority and decisions.

Add to the common people the ultra-rich in Russia are now starting lose money and they will blame Putin for that. Putin may well have written his own demise, but many innocent people will be forever harmed.

# Top-secret ghost army: The stuff of legends

It takes a certain kind of soldier to create diversions on the spot, pretend to be a much larger unit than they are and believably impersonate others, but that's exactly what the top-secret Ghost Army did in World War II. Over 1,000 men, with their actions, saved the lives of an estimated 30,000 soldiers during the war.

Their deceptions were stuff of legend, with 1,000 men pretending to be over 20,000. The 23rd Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133rd Signal Service Company created make-believe headquarters, whole divisions and fake

convoys, all with the purpose of deceiving the enemy about the size and location of Army units. Using recordings, they created the impression of large armored units and faked radio traffic, even copying the Morse code style of others. They used inflatable airplanes, rubber tanks, troops and jeeps that they'd pump up with air compressors, laid down fake tank tracks in the dirt and told tall tales in local cafes to spread false information to the enemy. They could turn on a dime, suddenly appearing miles closer than the enemy believed they were.



by Freddy Groves

Now, years after the fact, they are finally being acknowledged and recognized. In February, the Congressional Gold Medal Act was signed, awarding the medal to both groups, after they were declassified in 1996.

To read more about the Ghost Army, go to the Ghost Army Legacy Project ([www.ghostarmylegacyproject.org](http://www.ghostarmylegacyproject.org)). Be sure to see the Archives for journals kept by the soldiers from

those units, as well as the Secrecy and Leaks file. See [ghostarmy.com](http://ghostarmy.com) for even more information. (Don't miss the pictures of all their gadgets and equipment.) Look for "The Ghost Army" documentary on PBS stations and on Netflix. It was first shown in 2013. Additionally, look for the future film that's to be directed by Ben Affleck.

At this writing, there are only nine surviving Ghost Army veterans, all of them nearly 100 years old.

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**March 13**  
1990: A tornado which first touched down near Riverdale, IA, moved on an erratic path to north of Cordova, IL, northeast of the Quad Cities. Damage at Cordova amounted to \$2.5 million, where 12 homes were destroyed or severely damaged, and 26 other homes had some degree of damage. One person was injured at the Cordova Nuclear Plant.

**March 14**  
2017: Following a widespread snow in northeast Illinois, a band of lake effect snow developed late on the 13th and continued into the 14th. O'Hare Airport reported 5.2 inches of lake effect snow; the total between the two events was 7.7 inches. Collectively, many locations in the counties along Lake Michigan reported 8 to 12 inches of snow, with 16 inches reported near Waukegan.

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# No. 20 Illinois beats No. 24 Iowa for share of Big Ten title

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. -- No. 20 Illinois locked up a share of the Big Ten regular-season title when Kofi Cockburn had 21 points and 14 rebounds to lead a 74-72 win over No. 24 Iowa Sunday night.

The Fighting Illini's hopes for a conference crown were kept alive when Nebraska upset No. 10 Wisconsin earlier Sunday. They didn't let the opportunity go to waste, claiming at least a share of the Big Ten championship for the first time since winning it in 2004 and '05.

"Five years ago, I was wondering if we'd ever get out of the Wednesday game (of the Big Ten tournament)," Illinois coach Brad Underwood said. "We weren't even close.

For Trent (Frazier) and Damente (Williams) to go out this way, this is why I do this."

Illinois (22-8, 15-5) erased a 15-point first-half deficit, but Alfonso Plummer led the charge back en route to 15 points. Coleman Hawkins added nine points and 11 rebounds.

Iowa (22-9, 12-8) missed five of its first six shots but eventually got on a 13-0 scoring run. The burst started with Kris Murray's 3, the first of nine straight made shots for the Hawkeyes. Peyton Sandfort hit a 3 and then made another jumper on the next possession before Tony Perkins' layup put Iowa ahead 32-19.

Plummer revived Illinois' offense with back-to-back 3s, and the Illini closed the

half on a 9-0 run as Plummer drove and scored with 4 seconds left to make it a 43-37 deficit.

Hawkins hit a 3 to put Illinois in front 65-63 with 7:03 to go, and they didn't trail again.

"(Illinois) has got some guys who are competitors that are really good players on really good teams," Iowa coach Fran McCaffery said. "Very impressed with the job that Brad has done with his crew, not only this year, but over the years since he got here."

Keegan Murray had 22 points and 11 rebounds for the Hawkeyes, while Perkins had 17 points and 12 boards. Kris Murray added 13 points.

Curbelo had 14 points and six assists off the bench for Illinois.

Reflecting on his career at Illinois, senior Frazier was grateful he stuck it out with the program after two losing seasons as an underclassman.

"To win games and championships, your culture has to be set," Frazier said. "It wasn't set yet (when we arrived). We were still rebuilding and trying to figure things out, but as time went on, we continued to get culture guys, better players and guys who bought into what Coach Underwood wanted. Sticking with it through the ups and downs made it worth it."

Courtesy of Fighting Illini Basketball

# No. 7 Titans advance to Sweet 16 with Win Over No. 14 UW-La Crosse

BLOOMINGTON -- The Illinois Wesleyan University men's basketball team grinded out a defensive battle with 14th-ranked University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Saturday night, March 5, to advance to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Tournament.

The Titans (23-6), who are now the all-time leader in NCAA Division III men's basketball wins with 56, will face a familiar foe in No. 18 Wheaton College Friday, March 11, at the Shirk Center for a 7:30 p.m.

A defensive battle saw the score knotted at 39 as the under-16 media timeout rolled around with 13:09 to go in the second half. Free throws by senior Cory Noe (Mahomet, Ill.-Mahomet-Seymour) and junior Cody Mitchell (St. Charles, Ill.-St. Charles East) gave IWU its first lead since the 2:40 mark of the first half.

A corner three followed by two free throws by junior Luke Yoder (Normal, Ill.-Central Catholic) lifted Illinois Wesleyan's advantage to five, but the Eagles clawed back within one, 52-51, at the media timeout with 5:30 remaining.

Out of the reset a nearly-picked pass was corralled by Noe, who sunk a corner three to put IWU's cushion at four, 55-51, into the final media.

The three-ball continued to fall for the Titans from there, as Mitchell hit another before senior Matthew Leritz (St. Louis, Mo.-St. Louis University HS) drilled a triple with 48.2 seconds to play. The three-pointer by Leritz off a kickback from Noe proved to be the dagger as the Green and White closed out the contest at the charity stripe. Sophomore Ryan Sroka (Lake in the Hills, Ill.-Huntley), Mitchell, and senior Peter Lambesis (Mt. Prospect, Ill.-St. Viator) hit free throws down the stretch to send the Titans into the Sweet Sixteen for the first time since 2014.

With Leritz in foul trouble much of the game, the Titans turned to Mitchell and freshman Harrison Wilmsen (St. Louis, Mo.-Priory) in the post. Up to the task, Mitchell continued his torrid streak with a team-high 15 points, while also adding nine rebounds, three steals, an assist, and a block. Yoder added 13 points, four assists, and four rebounds, while Noe tallied 10 points and five rebounds. Lambesis finished with a near double-double, recording eight points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

The defensive bout saw UW hit 40.7 percent of its shots (24-for-59), but the Eagles went just 3-for-15 from the three-point line and 5-for-12 at the free throw line. Meanwhile, IWU connected on 9-of-26 triples (34.6 percent) while going 19-for-55 (34.5 percent) from the field. Illinois Wesleyan was incredibly efficient at the free throw line, going 18-for-22, to secure the win.

Both teams pulled in 39 rebounds, with 11 offensive boards. The Titans won the turnover battle 11-9, which turned into an 11-6 edge in points off turnovers for the Green and White. Illinois Wesleyan also held a 6-0 advantage in fast break points, while UW-La Crosse earned a 32-20 lead on points in the paint, a 15-7 edge in second chance points, and led in bench scoring, 16-11.

Illinois Wesleyan will meet a familiar foe in CCIW rival Wheaton next week, March 11, in the Sweet Sixteen. Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m. in the second of two games at the Shirk Center. The sectional pod will also feature Wabash College and Williams College, who will square off at 4:30 p.m.

Courtesy of Titans Basketball

# Season ends for Redbirds in Arch Madness quarterfinals

ST. LOUIS -- Antonio Reeves scored 20 points in the season finale, becoming the first Redbird player to average 20 points for an entire season since Tarise Bryson did it 2000-01, as the Redbirds fell to the top-seeded UNI Panthers by a 78-65 final score.

Reeves' 20 points were a game-high, while Liam McChesney added 13 points as Kendall Lewis, Josiah Strong, and Howard Fleming Jr. each had eight points in the loss. Strong pulled down a team-best six rebounds, with Reeves handing out four assists and blocking three shots for the most on the squad.

ISU and UNI went back-and-forth early in the contest, with ISU leading by as many as three points early, and led by one at 19-18 with 11:02 to play in

the first half after a Josiah Strong three-pointer. UNI followed with a 7-0 run to push ahead to a six-point lead, and would not trail again in the contest. The Panthers' advantage grew to as many as 12 points in the first half, and the Redbirds went into the locker room with a 10-point, 40-30 deficit.

In the second half Illinois State was only able to get

to within eight points in the 13-point Panther victory.

UNI was led by MVC Player of the Year AJ Green who had 17 points, seven assists, and six rebounds, while Noah Carter scored 16 points and Trae Berhow 15.

Courtesy of Redbird Basketball

# Millikin men's basketball bows out of CCIW Tournament

DECATUR -- The Millikin men's basketball team's season came to an end with a 57-50 loss at North Central College in the opening round of the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) Tournament on February 22 in Naperville, Illinois.

Millikin finishes the season 14-12 overall and 9-7 in CCIW action placing them fifth in the standings. Head Coach Kramer Sonderberg's team qualified for the CCIW Tournament for the first time in program history. In today's second NCAA Regional rankings, Millikin was ranked ninth

in Region 8.

Millikin lead for the majority of a low scoring first half with the game tied at 19-19 at halftime. North Central opened the second half with an 11-4 run to pull out to a 30-23 lead with 15 minutes left to play in the game. The Big Blue stayed close to the Cardinal the rest of the way and a Cole Laurence layup pulled Millikin to within two at 48-46 with 2:27 remaining.

Shea Cupples answered with a three-pointer for North Central to make it a 51-46 game. Demarcus Bond's free throw pulled Millikin to within four before Cupples converted

two free throws to give the Cardinals a 53-47 advantage with 42 seconds left to play. Millikin made one more run and pulled to within three points on a Calvin Fisher three-pointer with 15 seconds remaining. North Central's Matt Helwig went 4-4 from the free throw line in the final 11 seconds to secure the victory.

Millikin shot 35.8 percent (19-53) from the field and made 5-19 from three-point range. North Central shot 35.7 percent (20-56) from the field. The Cardinals were 8-29 from beyond the arc. Millikin won the rebounding battle 39-36.

Laurence led Millikin with 16 points. CCIW All-Conference First Teamer Fisher had a double double with 12 points and 13 rebounds.

North Central's top scorer was Matt Helwig with 18 points followed by Cupples and Blaise Meredith each with 17.

North Central is now 16-9 and advances to the CCIW Tournament Semifinals on Friday to face the top seeded Illinois Wesleyan Titans.

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Forgive the grandiloquent title, we are not talking here about Lewis and Clark, nor the HMS Beagle, nor even Christopher Columbus. We merely refer to Declarer's intelligent (but hardly epic) play of the ♠K in the following deal:

♠ K9 ♥ 854 ♦ QT ♣ QJT842		♠ 73 ♥ AKQ2 ♦ A874 ♣ A63	
North		East	
♠ Q84 ♥ JT7 ♦ 9652 ♣ 975	West		Declarer
♠ AJT652 ♥ 963 ♦ KJ3 ♣ K			

**E-W Vulnerable**  
South West North East  
1NT  
2♠ Pass Pass Pass

Just in case it happens to be a really useful clue, we should point out that East's 1NT showed 15-17 HCP.

The defense cashes three Hearts, then East shifts to the ♠A followed by a low Diamond. How do you play the trump suit?

All things being equal, you would play a Spade over to the King, and then finesse the Jack on the way back. This might seem even more appealing when you remember that East opened 1NT and therefore has most of the missing HCP. But remember also that East has already shown up with ♥AKQ and ♠A. That's 13 HCP. So you can see that if East has the ♠A that gives him 17 HCP and no room for the ♠Q ... and if East does not have the ♠A then he *must* have the ♠Q for his 1NT opening.

What's needed here is a so-called "discovery play" before tackling trumps. After winning the Diamond return, you play the ♠K in order to smoke out the Ace. When East shows up with that card, he's up to his maximum quota of 17 HCP, and now it's a certainty that *West* has the ♠Q. That being the case, you ruff East's Club return and take an immediate finesse of the ♠9! The ♠K is now cashed, then back to hand with a Club ruff (fortunately there is no overruff from West). The remaining trump is extracted and it's 8 tricks for those who did some counting and discovering!

For bridge games or lessons, please contact Mike Tomlianovich by phone: 309-825-5823 or by email: mjtomia@gmail.com

## Super Crossword

### CONFORMITY

#### ACROSS

- 1 Competitor  
6 Least hilly  
14 Spring birds  
20 Adult insect stage  
21 Irish moss or nori  
22 Insect's egg capsule  
23 Steady job, say  
25 Money, slangily  
26 Egg on  
27 See 110-Across  
28 One — kind  
30 Israeli politician  
31 Waikiki locale  
33 Catholic liturgy  
35 Steak/lobster combo dish  
39 Leave behind  
41 Aquarium shop supply  
42 Endowing organization  
45 Didn't allow to pass, as a bill  
50 Swimmer Gertrude  
51 "— the night before ..."  
54 Novelist — Stanley Gardner  
55 Pass, as a bill  
59 "Lady Love" singer Rawls  
60 Really hate  
62 Jeans brand  
63 Recline lazily  
64 Regulating system  
67 Main nun  
69 Nest egg abbr.  
70 Estevez of "Tex"  
71 Attractive  
78 Tesla's Musk  
79 Volley starter  
80 Flora and fauna  
81 GPS display  
82 Vogue thing  
83 Uruguay's Punta del —  
84 Good buds  
85 Campout fuel  
87 Suffer from hunger  
89 Like an attention-grabbing actor  
96 Unrefined petroleum  
99 Eppie who's known as Ann Landers  
100 Home-state candidate  
104 Skillful feat  
106 Clodhopper

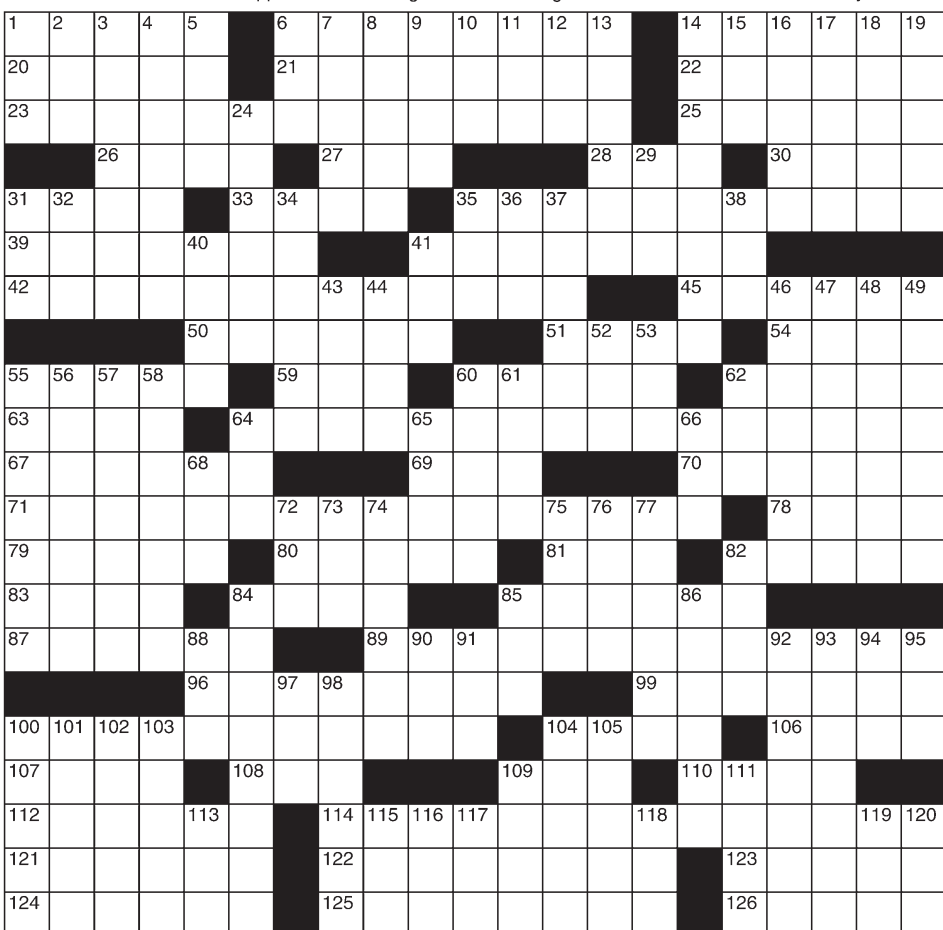
#### DOWN

- 107 Pitcher Hershiser  
108 Grassy tract  
109 Deceive  
110 With  
27-Across, makeshift sheds  
112 Theater area  
114 What the starts of seven answers in this puzzle might do?  
121 California beach city  
122 Online merchants  
123 Sharpens  
124 Appraise  
125 Sign on a dead-end street  
126 Start  
1 Grafton's "— for Ricochet"  
2 "If u ask me ..."  
3 Singer Sarah  
4 Bad way for a ship to run  
5 "Livin' La Vida —" (1999 #1 hit)  
6 Swing to and —  
7 Some jabs in the ring

- 8 "Ciao!," in Chihuahua  
9 Gets bronze  
10 Special attention, for short  
11 Conceit  
12 Singer Cooke  
13 Start a golf hole  
14 Longtime Russian dynasty members  
15 Large gametes  
16 "Carmen" composer Georges  
17 D-Max pickup truck maker  
18 Appellation bestower  
19 Neck warmer  
24 Halley of Halley's comet  
29 — Schwarz (toy store)  
31 Clodhopper  
32 — Dhabi  
34 San — (Texas city near Abilene)  
35 Ungodliness  
36 The Trojans of the NCAA  
37 Musical beat  
38 1950s prez  
40 Losing effort?  
41 Add-on charge

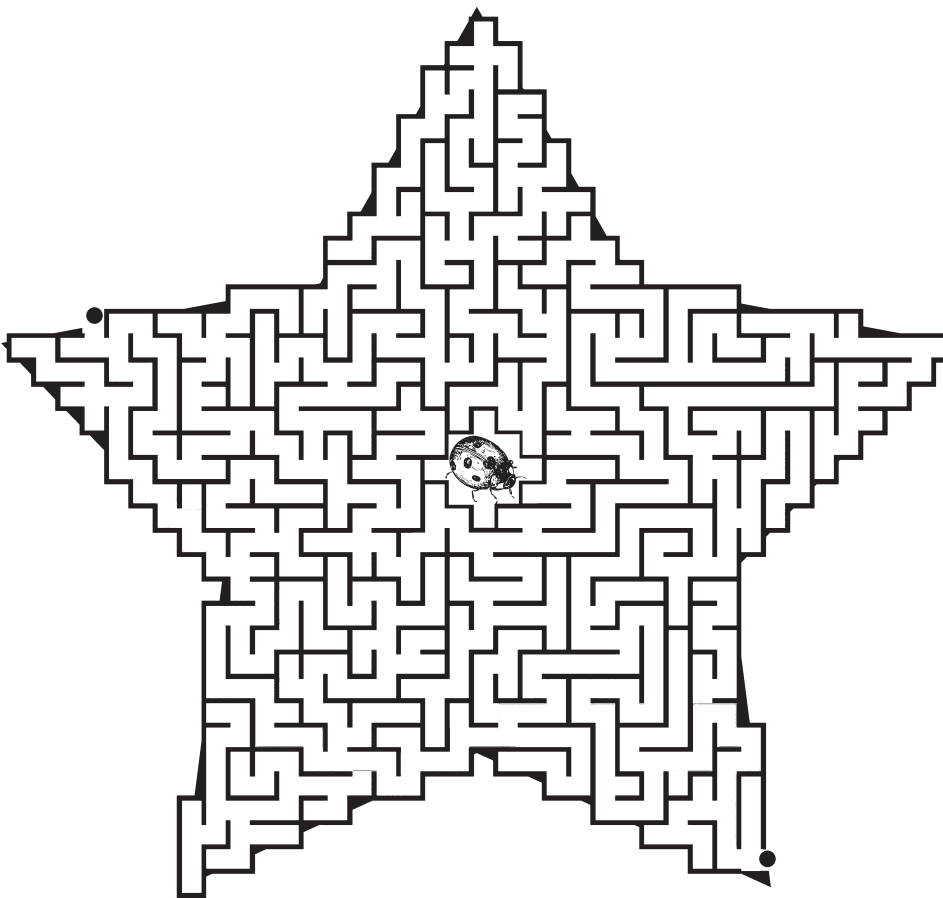
- 43 Cal's twin in "East of Eden"  
44 Fill to excess  
46 More itty-bitty  
47 Redenbacher of popcorn  
48 Omission of a syllable  
49 Archbishop Tutu  
52 Affliction  
53 Projectile path  
55 Slips by  
56 Most majestic  
57 Calgary locale  
58 Meat cutter  
60 Large artery  
61 Ho-hum  
62 Hasty escape  
64 2000-15 CBS drama  
65 Prison melee  
66 Laugh half  
68 ND-to-LA dir.  
72 Rockets' gp.  
73 Actor Gerard  
74 Chucks out  
75 Art Deco artist  
76 Summers, in Somme  
77 Dr. Seuss' title turtle  
82 Warty hopper  
84 Very risky  
85 Hit sketch show since '75

- 86 Tattooing tool  
88 Outmoded TV adjunct  
90 Aviary sound  
91 A, in Berlin  
92 Classic Chrysler  
93 Heat-attached patches  
94 Prefix with natal  
95 Mutt's threat  
97 Adaptable truck, in brief  
98 Stun with sound  
100 Pro — (perfunctory)  
101 Opera songs  
102 Ossobuco meats  
103 "Kukla, Fran and —"  
104 Carpentry peg  
105 — nous  
109 Stallion-to-be  
111 Iterate  
113 Samantha Bee's station  
115 Southern Sioux  
116 Thai tongue  
117 Lucy of TV's "Elementary"  
118 1940s prez  
119 Really little  
120 July hrs.



## Mega Maze

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## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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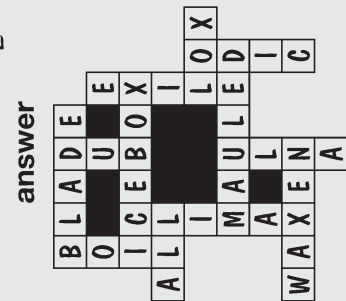
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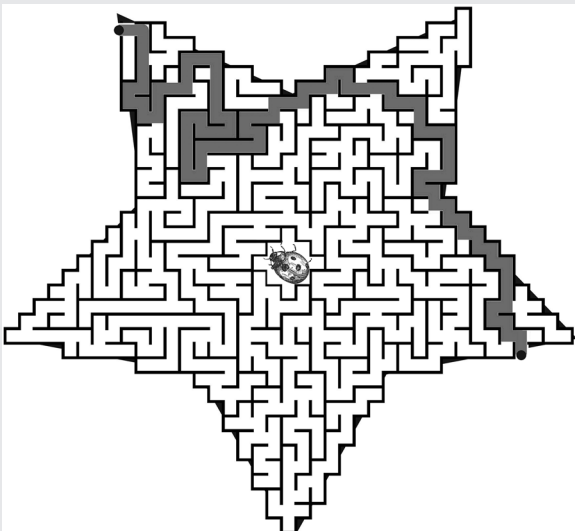
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Prepared By:  
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### The Problem

The study projected summertime use as global temperature rises 2.7 to 3.6° F above preindustrial levels, finding demand in the United States overall could rise

8% at the lower end to 13% at the higher end. The new study was published in the AGU journal Earth's Future, which publishes interdisciplinary research on the past, present and future of the planet and its inhabitants.

The increase in demand was calculated without adding in possible population increases, changes in affluence, behavior or other factors that can affect air conditioning demand.

"We tried to isolate just the impact of climate change," said Renee Obringer, an environmental engineer at Penn State University and lead author of the new study. "If nothing changes,

if we, as a society, refuse to adapt, if we don't match the efficiency demands, what would that mean?"

### A Possible Solution

Technological improvements in home air conditioners could supply the additional cooling needed to achieve current comfort levels without increased demand for electricity, the study found. Increased efficiency of 1% to 8% would be required.

"It's a pretty clear warning to all of us that we can't keep doing what we are doing or our energy system will break down in the next few decades, simply because of the summer-

time air conditioning," said Susanne Benz, a geographer and climate scientist at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, who was not involved in the new study.

The heaviest air conditioning use with the greatest risk for overloading the power grid comes during heat waves, which also present the highest risk to health. Electricity generation tends to be below peak during heat waves as well, further reducing capacity, Obringer said.

Without enough capacity to meet demand, energy utilities may have to stage rolling blackouts during heat waves to avoid grid

failure, as California's energy providers did in August 2020 during a record heat sometimes topping 117° F.


"We've seen this in California already—state power suppliers had to institute blackouts because they couldn't provide the needed electricity," Obringer said. The state attributed 599 deaths to the heat, but the true toll may have been closer to 3,900.

The consequences of cascading electrical grid failures are likely to impact already vulnerable populations, including affecting low-income, non-white and older residents, first, Obringer noted.

It's also most likely the largest increases in electricity demand will occur in the already hot South and Southwest and in the Midwest.

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