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Staerkel Planetarium provides learning opportunities

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Many events are being held at Parkland's Staerkel Planetarium this February, including a planetarium show called "The Stargazer," the return of The Artemis Bridge Simulator, and more. "The Stargazer," a small scene of which was filmed in the Staerkel Planetarium, uses University of Illinois astronomer James Kaler's love of stars to give an introduction to the science behind them.

"Jim's research focus was the end point of a star's lifetime and the show does an excellent job spinning this story," says David Leake, director of Staerkel Planetarium. "There is a topic in Astronomy 102 that we teach

called the Hertzsprung-Russell Diagram. This show has probably the best treatment of the H-R Diagram that I've ever seen in a public program."

The show demonstrates the basic science behind the end of star's lifetime, including how black holes work, with the help of a cartoon Albert Einstein, who was one of the people who developed the theory behind black holes.

"The Stargazer" runs at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays through March 18.

In the lobby of Staerkel Planetarium, one can see the handmade planetarium model, made by Kaler out of cans as a twelve-year-old in the early 1950's, which projects several hundred stars with tiny lights.

Also in the lobby, one can see the collection of meteorites on loan from the Kaler family, which contains meteorite samples from Argentina, Namibia, and Siberia. A meteorite is a small rocky object from space that survived entry into Earth's atmosphere and landed on the ground mostly intact.

"The Stargazer" is narrated by Nichelle Nichols, who played Lieutenant Nyota Uhura in the "Star Trek" series of the 1960's.

The voice of Nichols is not the only "Star Trek" related event that is going to happen at the Staerkel Planetarium, this February. On Saturday, February 11, The Artemis Bridge Simulator is returning to Staerkel.

"In a nutshell I would describe it as 'Star Trek'

in game form," says Deane Geiken, director of WPCD 88.7 FM and who organizes Artemis. "You have a 'bridge' of an animated starship complete with duty stations for Captain, Helm, Weapons, Science, Engineering and Communications and a person for each of those duties. They interact together as each duty station has a bit of information that the whole crew needs in order to win the game. In technical terms Artemis is a multiplayer, multi-computer networked game for Windows computers. Artemis simulates a spaceship bridge by networking several computers together. One computer runs the simulation and the 'main screen,' while the others serve as workstations for the normal jobs a starship

bridge officer might do."

Geiken is looking forward to The Artemis Bridge Simulator's game day in 2017.

"We are using the latest update of the game [which] allows 2 extra players to participate in the game as fighter pilots that act alone but in conjunction with the other players," says Geiken. "I am really happy that [...] we have returning players that can enjoy the new updates and we have some newbies to the game too."

The game is sold out for February 2017.

Saturdays at 7 p.m. until February 25, the children's program, "One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure" will teach children about the moon and basic stargazing.

On Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.,

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Liza Wynette



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Tucked away in the basement of the D-wing is graphic design professor and freelance graphic designer and illustration artist Liza Wynette.

Wynette grew up in southern Minnesota surrounded by nature, something that has stuck with her and influenced her art.

"I grew up in the country on this little farm, so I was really surrounded by nature," she says. "It just kind of stuck. I still love hiking, camping, and exploring

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New safety features to be implemented at Parkland

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Parkland students and staff can expect to see numerous new emergency and safety features put into effect at the college, including a new mass-alert system, upgrades to the fire detectors and alarms, and a new campus police SUV.

The new mass-messaging system, which has already been implemented, is perhaps the most noticeable upgrade for staff and students. Along with messages that have already gone out, students and staff should expect to receive further texts, emails, and phone calls throughout the semester to test the system's capabilities and work out any additional glitches still present in the new hardware.

Upgrades to the fire alert and detection systems are also already in place. The brand new Ford police interceptor

is in the process of being outfitted but will be deployed within days.

While the new messaging system is already in effect, William Colbrook, chief of police and director of public safety at Parkland, says the security and technology staff are still learning about the system due to the huge number of capabilities it possesses.

"We're still trying to tweak the technology, to squeeze out as much performance as possible. So, even though we've done a couple tests already, we anticipate a test or two as we go along through the semester," Colbrook says.

He explains further testing will most likely take place on days without classes so there is minimal disruption.

In addition to the upgrades to Parkland's mass-messaging platform, a \$1.5 million fire alert system upgrade, which includes a new campus-

wide PA system, was implemented.

"There was technically a PA system here at the college [before] but it was so ineffective, you really couldn't hear any discernable words over the speakers," Colbrook said. "Now, at master panels throughout the college, anybody from Public Safety can get on the microphone and broadcast a message campus-wide. We have so many avenues now to message the constituents that we didn't have before."

Regarding the new upgrades that were put into place, Colbrook says, "We found in the bomb threat we had about a year and a half ago that the performance was too slow. The time it took to notify everyone was way too long."

During the fall semester 2015, Parkland was victim to an ultimately-unfounded bomb threat. Emergency notifications

were received at variable times, with some reporting they got the warning on their computers or phones immediately and others getting it up to a day later.

According to Colbrook, the previous system, which had been in use for some years, was "archaic" overall and needed to be upgraded.

"It may have been the best thing going for the price back in the day but technology is always improving," says Colbrook.

The concerns about the system's performance led to research with neighboring colleges and universities to find out what kind of performance and system response time they had. It concluded with the decision to upgrade the safety and security systems. The replacement for the old mass-messenger is a program written and developed "from the ground up specifically

for colleges' and universities' mass-messaging needs," says Colbrook.

Regarding whether or not he's happy with all the new upgrades, Colbrook says that there is always room for improvement.

"Well, I'm never completely happy. In emergency management, we're always striving to be a little bit better tomorrow than we were today. That's just kind of the nature of the business," Colbrook says. "We're always doing something to upgrade or to think about upgrades. Whether it's working on our police cars, configuring the radios, even the police department here."

Colbrook says that the new system is definitely one example of the department making improvements.

"[The new system is] functional and it should be regarded as a better system and

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HEALTH

Parkland resources available to help those with depression

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Dennis Cockrum is one of the many counselors at Parkland College; he is an academic and personal counselor. He has had many years of experience helping those with depression, anxiety, PTSD and other mental illnesses cope, survive, and take the next step towards getting better.

“There are different kinds of depression. There’s situational: where something happens like a death of a family [member] or an accident,” Dennis Cockrum says. “If it is situational, that is [when] someone is able to return to their level of functioning.”

Along with situational depression, there is clinical depression. Cockrum elaborates, “Clinical depression... deals with our brain chemistry. It sometimes can be helped with talk therapy, by doing behavioral types of changes, by increasing exercise, and by doing physical kinds of activities. At times, people will need medication... mainly to change the chemistry of the brain back to normal.”

Cockrum explains that there are symptoms that counselors can look for when trying to identify depression.

“We look at symptoms that are affecting functioning...[and] how seriously these symptoms are affecting a [person’s] functioning,” Cockrum says. “Symptoms of depression are things like loss of interest in things that you previously enjoyed, loss of appetite, change

in weight—either significant loss or gain of weight, negative thoughts or inability to concentrate...sometimes being fixated on negative thinking. Those are just examples of the way depression can manifest in a person.”

When one feels that they may be struggling with depression, it is important he or she reaches out for help. One place that students can go is the counseling center located in U267.

“Here at the counseling center what we can do, is if anyone in the school or community feels like they may have depression, we can do a depression screening. A brief two page screening. We can score this...to see where their symptoms fall and how depression may affect the person,” Cockrum says. “If someone—a community member or student—asks about a screening...one can go into our intake process. They can fill out a form stating who they are, what they’re having difficulty with, have a counselor look over the form, and then have someone schedule a 50-minute counseling session...these are confidential; they do not go on your academic form.”

Depression can be a touchy subject for people; some people may not want to reach out for help, or not even realize what they are going through. Cockrum explains ways that friends, teachers, or family members can help those who they suspect may have depression.

“Getting someone to talk...to express your concern for your friend or classmate, let them know that you’re worried. If you’re worried



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Student worker Jordan Maher tends the front desk of the Counseling and Advising Center on Jan. 24.

about something they’ve said, ask them to tell you more, and listen. If it sounds like a person is in difficulty, or exhibiting something that could lead to not being successful or harming themselves...if someone says something like ‘I don’t want to live anymore’ or ‘I can’t do this anymore’ or ‘Life’s not worth it’, these are all signs that a professional needs to be helping sort things out,” Cockrum said. “You as a student can walk someone here for help, or ask them if they would be willing to come here. You can call the crisis line, open 24 hours a day, our local crisis line is 349-4141. If you think someone is going to hurt themselves, you can call and ask for help with the situation.”

Depression is a mental illness that takes away the joy in one’s life; it takes away one’s hope for the future, one’s interest in things that they love, and turns one’s mind into a black hole. It is a crippling mental illness, and those who suffer from it need to reach out and get help.

If you think you are struggling with depression or any other mental illness, reach out for help. Contact the crisis line at 217-349-4141 if you need immediate help.

To contact the Counseling and Advising Center call 217-351-2219 or go to room U267 in the Student Union to make an appointment. Information is also available online at www.parkland.edu/counseling/.

Dying from cancer: Could your location determine your fate?

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CHICAGO (AP) — Americans in certain struggling parts of the country are dying from cancer at rising rates, even as the cancer death rate nationwide continues to fall, an exhaustive new analysis has found.

In parts of the country that are relatively poor, and have higher rates of obesity and smoking, cancer death rates rose nearly 50 percent, while wealthier pockets of the country saw death rates fall by nearly half.

Better screening and treatment have contributed to the improvement in the nation as a whole—but the study underscores that not all Americans have benefited from these advances.

“We are going in the wrong direction,” said Ali Mokdad, the study’s lead author and a professor at the University of Washington’s Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. “We should be going forward, not backward.”

Stark differences in regional cancer death rates have been found in previous research, but this one stands out for providing detailed estimates for deaths from nearly 30 types of cancer in all 3,100 U.S. counties over 35 years.

From 1980 to 2014, the U.S. death rate per 100,000 people for all cancers combined dropped from about 240 to 192 — a 20 percent decline. More than 19 million Americans died from cancer during that time, the study found.

The picture was rosiest the Colorado ski country, where cancer deaths per 100,000 residents dropped by almost half, from 130 in 1980 to

just 70 in 2014; and bleakest in some eastern Kentucky counties, where they soared by up to 45 percent.

“We all know this is unacceptable ... in a country that spends more than anybody else on health,” Mokdad said.

The Affordable Care Act took effect in the study’s final years and emphasized prevention services including no-cost screenings for breast, colorectal and cervical cancers. Any resulting benefits wouldn’t be evident in the latest results, since cancer takes years to develop. It’s unknown whether similar coverage will be part of the replacement system the Trump administration and Congressional Republicans are seeking.

An editorial published with the study by Stephanie Wheeler, a University of North Carolina health policy specialist and Dr. Ethan Basch, a University of North Carolina cancer specialist, notes that many areas with the highest cancer death rates also strongly supported Donald Trump, “raising hopes that future policies developed by the incoming administration will provide resources” for these communities.

Researchers estimated county death rates using U.S. government death records and U.S. Census Bureau data. Results were published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Ahmedin Jemal, an American Cancer Society researcher, said better understanding variations in cancer death rates will help target cancer prevention and control.

Among the more striking disparities:

—In counties with the highest 2014 cancer death rates, six of the

top 10 were in eastern Kentucky. Six of the 10 lowest rates were in the Colorado Rockies.

—For lung cancer deaths, four of the five counties with the highest 2014 rates were in eastern Kentucky, with rates up to 80 percent higher than in 1980. Three of the five counties with the lowest 2014 rates were in the Colorado Rockies, where rates dropped by up to 60 percent.

—Death rates for breast and colorectal cancers increased in Madison County, Mississippi and in 2014 were at least five times higher there than in Summit County, Colorado, where the rates fell. These are among cancers that can be successfully treated if detected early.

Smoking, obesity, physical activity and income explain many of the disparities, said study co-author Dr. Christopher Murray, also at the University of Washington.

But the study also raises questions. For example, relatively high rates of testicular cancer were found in parts of Southern California and far southern Texas for reasons that are unclear. Since treatments for this rare cancer are extremely effective, “almost nobody should die of testicular



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In this April 21, 2015 file photo, a man smokes a cigarette in New Orleans.

cancer,” Murray said.

The poor showing for eastern Kentucky contrasts with wealthier parts of the state and “is tremendously troubling,” said Ben Chandler, president of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, a nonpartisan group that funds health policy research and advocacy.

Chandler cited poor access to health care and high smoking rates and said the disparities highlight a need for statewide smoke-free laws. The foundation funded a study that found that Kentucky’s 2014 Medicaid expansion under the ACA covered costs for many cancer-related preventive health measures including mammograms and colon cancer screenings.

How that expanded access will fare under with the health care law’s expected repeal “has been of great concern to us,” Chandler said.

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TECHNOLOGY

A commuter's dream: Entrepreneurs race to develop flying car

Joan Lowy
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)—Even before George Jetson entranced kids with his cartoon flying car, people dreamed of soaring above traffic congestion. Inventors and entrepreneurs have long tried and failed to make the dream a reality, but that may be changing.

Nearly a dozen companies around the globe, including some with deep pockets such as European aircraft maker Airbus, are competing to be the first to develop a new kind of aircraft that will enable commuters to glide above crowded roadways. A few of the aircraft under development are cars with wings that unfold for flight, but most aren't cars at all. Typically they take off and land vertically like helicopters. Rather than a single, large main rotor, they have multiple small rotors. Each rotor is operated by a battery-powered electric motor instead of a conventional aircraft piston engine.

It's no sure bet that flying-car dreams will turn into reality. There are many obstacles, including convincing regulators that the aircraft are safe, figuring out how to handle thousands of new low-flying aircraft over cities without collisions and developing batteries that will keep them aloft long enough to be useful.

But entrepreneurs are moving forward. They see a vast potential market for "air taxis" and personally owned small aircraft to transport people from the fringes of metropolitan areas to city centers as urban areas grow more congested and people spend more time stuck in traffic. They envision tens of thousands of one or two-person flying taxis delivering passengers to the rooftops of office buildings in city centers and other landing pads during rush hours.

"In as little as 10 years, products could be on the market that revolutionize urban travel for millions of people," said Zach Lovering, the leader of Airbus' project to develop an autonomous flying taxi called the Vahana. The name means the mount or vehicle of a Hindu deity.

Uber released a 98-page report in October making the business case for air taxis, which the company sees as the future of on-demand transportation. Uber doesn't have any plans to develop a flying car itself,

but the online transportation network is advising several companies that have aircraft in the works.

"The role we want to play is as a catalyst for the entire industry," said Nikhil Goel, an Uber project manager for advanced programs.

Some of the aircraft are drones that passengers will be able to program for flight using a smartphone. Others will be operated from the ground or a command center, and some are designed for human pilots.

It's unclear yet how much the aircraft will cost, although prices are likely to vary significantly. Some of the aircraft are designed to be individually owned, while others are envisioned more for commercial use. Designers hope that if demand is high, prices can be kept affordable through economies of mass production.

Several recent developments could make these aircraft possible. Advances in computing power mean the rotors on multi-copter drones can be adjusted many times per second, making the aircraft easy to control. Drones have also benefited from advances in battery and electric motor technology. Some companies, like Chinese dronemaker EHang, are scaling-up drones so that they can carry people.

Another aircraft under development, Santa Cruz, California-based Joby Aviation's S2, looks more like a conventional plane except that there are 12 tiltrotors spread along the wings and tail. And some, like the Vahana, a cockpit mounted on a sled and flanked by propellers in front and back, don't really look like any aircraft in the skies today.

"In terms of what you can make fly in a reliable manner, the solution speed gateway that (computer) chips have gone through recently have literally



Photo by Joby Aviation via AP

This image provided by Joby Aviation shows the conceptual design of the Joby S2 Electric VTOL PAV aircraft. Even before George Jetson entranced kids with his flying car, people dreamed of soaring above traffic congestion. Inventors and entrepreneurs have tried and failed to make the dream a reality, but that may be changing. Nearly a dozen companies around the globe, some of them with deep pockets like Airbus, are working to develop personal aircraft that let people hop over crowded roadways.

opened the door to a whole new world of flying machine possibilities," said Charles Eastlake, an Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University professor emeritus of aerospace engineering.

But he also cautioned: "My best engineering guess is that people actually using autonomous air taxis in the next 10 or 15 years is possible, but definitely not certain. The challenges are big."

Key for many of the designs will be the development of longer-lasting lightweight batteries. Currently available batteries could probably keep an air taxi aloft about 15 to 30 minutes before it would have to land, experts said. Depending on how fast the aircraft flies, that probably isn't quite enough to transport passengers between nearby cities or across metropolitan areas, experts said.

Another hurdle will be winning Federal Aviation Administration certification for any radical new kind of aircraft when approval of even small changes in aviation technology can take years.

The FAA said in a statement that it is taking a "flexible, open-minded, and risk-based approach" to flying cars. FAA officials have discussed with several manufacturers the certification of aircraft that will be flown with a pilot in the beginning,

and later converted to an autonomous passenger aircraft.

While further research is needed to ensure that autonomous aircraft are safe, "we believe automation technology already being prototyped in low-risk unmanned aircraft missions, when fully mature, could have a positive effect" on aviation safety, the agency said.

Reducing noise is another challenge since air taxis will be taking off and landing in densely populated areas. So is creating enough landing pads to handle lots of aircraft at the same time. A new air traffic control system would also likely be needed.

"It's pretty clear that the existing air traffic control system won't scale to the kind of density at low altitudes that people are talking about," said John Hansman, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor who chairs the FAA's research and engineering advisory committee.

NASA is developing an air traffic control system for small drones that perhaps could be expanded to include flying cars.

"There's no question we can build the vehicle," Hansman said. "The big challenge is whether we can build a vehicle that would be allowed to operate in the places where people want to use it."

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outdoors."

This love of nature is seen through Wynette's recreational art, which she does whenever she gets the chance.

"My passion is natural history illustration, actually still using traditional media," Wynette says, describing her works as "elaborate graphic drawings of insects and mushrooms and invertebrates."

In order to capture the individual characteristics and unique textures of her subjects, Wynette will often look at insects under a magnifying glass as she draws.

"I work as a plant expert in the summer time at a local greenhouse and I have the ability to collect all of these little insects," she explains. "I

have a pretty large insect collection and I have lots of magnifying devices and I'll just sit there with the insect on one side [...] with my magnifying tools and then draw next to it."

Wynette's dream is to travel, exploring different places and the nature which exists there.

"If I could do anything in the world I would be one of those traveling artists that accompanies scientists, like to the Amazon," she says.

Wynette makes use of graphite when she is drawing insects, but uses computer software for her classes and commercial artwork.

"I still enjoy graphite drawing. It's still my favorite; I find it the most rewarding, but one thing about working on the computer: it's quick and you get a lot of work done in an amazing amount of time once you're proficient with the software. So, for commercial purposes you have to know how to use the computer."

While Wynette recognizes the need for computer software, she still believes the creative process should start away from any digital screens.

"When you're off the screen with pencil in hand and paper in front of you—and even if you're not a skilled draftsman—just the act of putting pencil to paper and sketching your ideas, it kind of brings forth, I think, more concepts, more ideas. It's as if the subconscious has more room to participate in the creative process."

Wynette has been teaching since she got out of college, beginning with a community center where she taught ceramics and drawing.

"I had done some teaching in Minnesota at a community art center and a little bit during graduate school," she says.

Wynette has been teaching at Parkland for two years. One of her favorite experiences is watching students be able to go out and achieve

their dreams beyond school.

"One of the most satisfying things that happened as an instructor was [...] I had a few students in my classes that really took to the courses really well—they seemed to learn a lot. They graduated Parkland or went out to the workforce and looked for jobs, and very quickly they found employment," Wynette says.

Wynette says it is great to see her students "be able to get a job that they love."

As for her own job, Wynette says she is very happy to be at Parkland.

"Teaching is very rewarding," she says.

Wynette is happy to be able to pursue her art outside of her profession, as she has known that she wanted to be an artist since she was a child.

"I started drawing when I was really, really young and I just never stopped," she says.

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Tensions flare as Koch promises to hold Trump accountable

Steve Peoples
Associated Press

INDIAN SPRING, Calif. (AP) — Conservative patriarch Charles Koch and his vast network is vowing to oppose President Donald Trump if and when he deviates from their dedication to “free and open societies.”

This weekend alone, Koch raised concerns about whether the Republican president will adopt an “authoritarian” governing style. Koch’s chief lieutenants condemned the nascent administration’s plans to invest hundreds of billions of dollars in infrastructure projects. And the Koch network’s many donors lashed out at Trump’s push to block immigration from several Muslim-majority countries.

“It doesn’t do any good for us to be positioned as hating whole classes of people,” said Erick Brimen, who, like the other 550 or so donors who gathered at a luxury California hotel this weekend, will pay at least \$100,000 this year to fund Charles and David Koch’s nationwide network of policy and political organizations.

“What has made America great always is that this has been a place that has welcomed the best and the brightest,” said Brimen, a Venezuelan native who became a U.S. citizen last year and now manages a private equity firm. “The message needs to be very loud and clear that we continue to be such a place no matter where you come from.”

The sentiment was in line with a formal statement released Sunday by the Koch network, which said Trump’s “travel ban is the wrong approach and will likely be counterproductive.”

The pointed criticism



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In this photo May 22, 2012 file photo, Charles Koch speaks in his office at Koch Industries in Wichita, Kan. Koch, the billionaire industrialist, and his chief lieutenants offered a more delicate response this weekend when asked about President Donald Trump’s plan to block immigration from seven Muslim-majority countries. They described Trump’s plan as “the wrong approach” that violated its dedication to “free and open societies.”

comes as the conservatives who help fund what may be the nation’s most powerful conservative network grapple with mixed feelings about the new administration. The Kochs refused to support Trump’s candidacy last fall, but they now see a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to influence the White House and the Republican-controlled Congress.

Many who attended this weekend’s Koch donor conference reported anxious optimism about the extraordinary opportunity for conservatives. They highlighted strong ties between the Koch network and the Trump administration. And even before it is announced, Koch’s team is preparing to devote its tremendous resources to defend Trump’s pick for the Supreme Court.

Yet there are also deep concerns about a new president with no long-term commitment to conservative priorities like free trade, free markets and small government.

“Our suspicion is we’re going to get three parts good and one part bad,” said Chris Wright, a Colorado-based energy entrepreneur. “We’re worried about the one part bad.”

And over and over again this weekend, Koch’s lieutenants insisted they were willing and able to take on the Trump administration and any members of Congress who stand in their way.

Without naming Trump, Koch network co-chair Brian Hooks noted that Republicans opposed President Barack Obama’s stimulus and would should do the same if the new president follows through

on his pledge to support a massive infrastructure package. Others promised to fight what they called “crony capitalism” in the new administration, reminding conservatives they fought Obama’s support for private companies like Solyndra and should do the same when Trump picks winners and losers in private business.

Hooks and others also repeatedly raised pointed objections to Republican plans to adopt a “border adjustment” tax or new tariffs.

“We’re going to have the courage to oppose bad policies...regardless of who proposes them,” Hooks declared.

Koch himself raised a broader concern about the new administration’s use of executive authority. The billionaire industrialist

did not mention Trump by name as he warned that the nation is facing a moment of “tremendous danger.” He said the nation could “go the authoritarian route ... or we can move toward a free and open society. So this is our opportunity.”

Despite the obvious tension between the Koch network and Trump administration, Koch leaders say they’re confident about their ability to shape the direction of the Trump administration’s policies from the inside.

There is perhaps no bigger Koch ally than Vice President Mike Pence, whose staff and ideology has been in close alignment with the Kochs for years.

Koch spoke directly with the vice president on the phone days before his inauguration as Pence considered hiring a Koch communications staffer, Stephen Ford, to serve as his chief speechwriter. Ford was soon hired, along with former Koch chief Marc Short, who now serves as the White House legislative director.

“The reason we’re optimistic ... is really Mike Pence,” said Doug Deason, a prominent Trump supporter and major Koch donor. “If you think Cheney had power in Bush White House, just watch and see what happens with Mike Pence.”

Meanwhile, Koch donor Fred Klipsch, of Indiana, suggested the tension between Trump and Koch is exaggerated.

“These are two strong-willed individuals and they’ve had their disagreements,” Klipsch said. “On the other hand, when it comes time to get to work, I think they’re all working in the same direction.”

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SAFETY

a big upgrade to what we used to have,” Colbrook says. “Our goal is when there’s an emergency, we need to alert anybody that’s here that they need to A: pay attention, B: get up, and C: start doing something. Whatever the case may be, there’s now a mode of communication for any particular hazard that may come along, so to say that we’ve made upgrades, we sure have. We have on multiple levels.”

Parkland-goers are always



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Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police, William P. Colbrook, sitting in his office.

free to consult Public Safety offices and police officers on campus for further information. Students, staff, and faculty are also advised to

keep an eye out for any emails sent by Public Safety for further tips and notifications about changes to systems or safety protocol.

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STAERKEL

Thomas Loebel, cultural resource coordinator with the Illinois State Archeological Survey, will talk about archeological finds in McLean County and the French Fort DeChartes at the Planetarium as part of the ongoing “World of Science” lectures.

Beyond the month of February, Leake is looking forward to a show called “The Dark Matter Mystery,” which starts Friday, March 31 at 8 p.m.

“Dark matter is something often heard discussed on TV or in the classroom but this is the first time we have had a show devoted to the topic,” says Leake. “It’s actually a German planetarium show that was dubbed into English.”

Leake sees the Planetarium as “just a guide” and he hopes that shows such as “The Stargazer,” their weekly “Live” show at Fridays at 7 p.m., “Prairie Skies,” and other shows will encourage “people to get outside and take” the universe “all in for themselves.”

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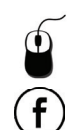
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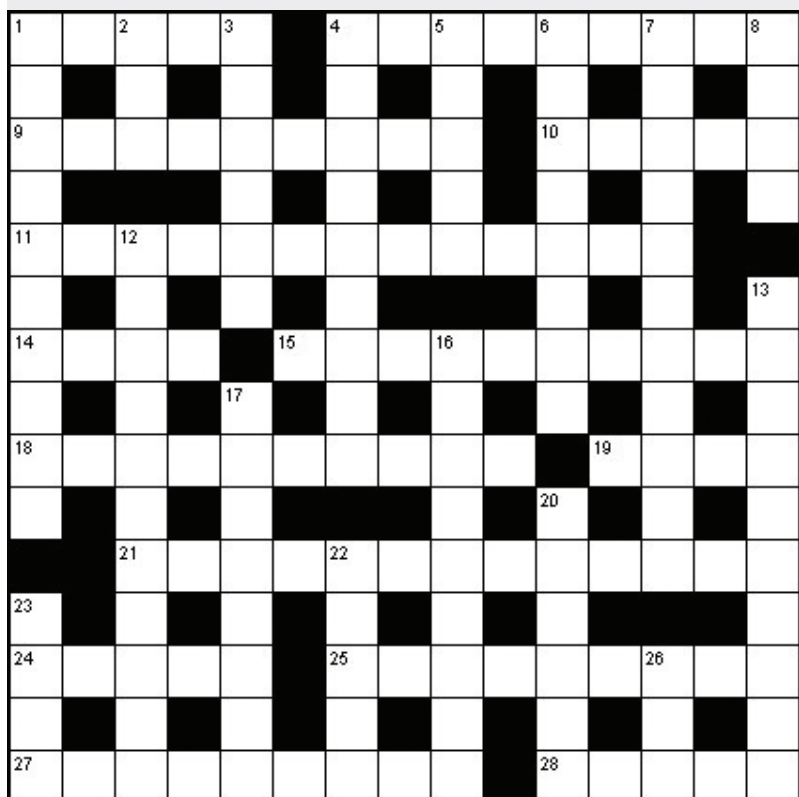


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CROSSWORD & COMICS

Crossword (solve for the answers below)



ACROSS

- 1 West African gazelle that's rather vocal (5)
- 4 Den of iniquity's discovered when teenage gang member is hauled back in front of wise judge (9)
- 9 Sound the waterway with a circular vessel (4-5)
- 10 Unlike airbag, a rag has neither ____ to encircle (5)
- 11 Obviously being drunk, I may call taxi round (13)
- 14 Tense fellows taking Ecstasy and grass (4)
- 15 Unfortunately, skinhead at heart bore race hatred (10)
- 18 Watering hole? (10)
- 19 God of love – and discord (4)
- 21 Ordered to resit maths exam, primarily in Fermat and Pythagoras? (13)
- 24 Cockney Scotsman belonging to a US sect (5)
- 25 Soldier gets issue, we hear, of woollen fabric (9)
- 27 Expresses willingness to keep goal – for the prison team? (9)
- 28 Comb-like swimming organ – a number can be found in fringes of coelenterate (5)

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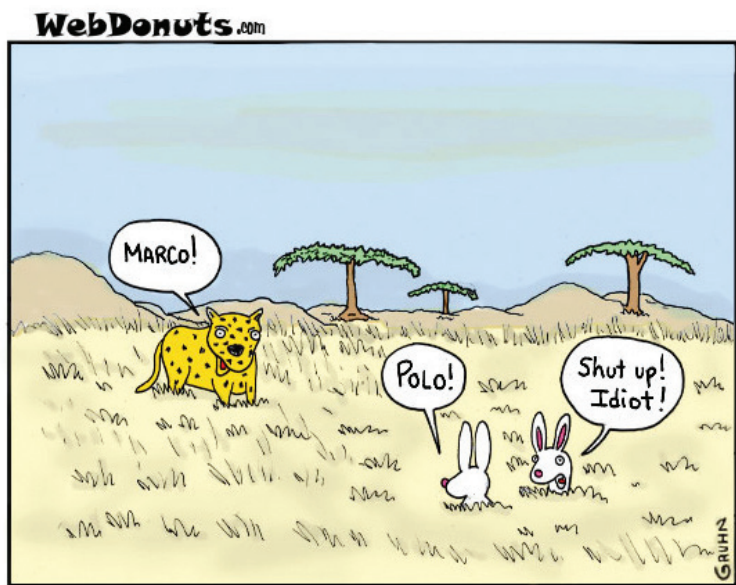
- 1 Will's merchant gives brandy to a couple of soldiers perhaps (10)
- 2 Ring about oven from Perth (3)
- 3 Try your speed against mine – for a bunch of flowers (6)
- 4 Straw-plait that's brown and durable (9)
- 5 Acid that causes disease in cattle, chiefly (5)
- 6 A cross I shall have to bear: not to be ultimately savoury of armpit (8)
- 7 Salts from Iceland love greenish-blue fish (11)
- 8 John captures black wolf (4)
- 12 At last detain Fagin, crafty robber, and you have the right to fine him (11)
- 13 Writer is wise to miss European varnishing-day (10)
- 16 Shows more ingenuity and stings more than one's competitors? (9)
- 17 Lovesick shepherd disturbed hornets, bringing in the last of sheep (8)
- 20 13 letters written by one Conservative? That shows some sort of energy (6)
- 22 Broad connecting ridge that occupies some geographers (5)
- 23 Moor was ruined by him blowing away half the capital (4)
- 26 Thyme's regularly found in area of pasture (3)

Answers from last week



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OPINION

Trump's America: a vague soapbox

Destiny Norris
Staff Writer

Two weeks ago, Donald Trump took the oath of office to become the 45th President of the United States.

In Washington, seated amongst his family and members of office in the United States government, former and present, Trump was ushered into his new position. His inauguration included singing, speeches, prayer, and Bible readings.

Before beginning I would like to clarify a few things. I don't want you to misunderstand what I am going to say. I am not the kind of girl who frowns on those who take a stand for what they believe in. In fact, I am often the kind of person that supports that sort of behavior, as long as it doesn't interfere with lunch. Neither am I an anarchist or a non-patriot. I do not disagree with you if you demonstrated in a march or a protest nor do I disagree with you if you attended the inauguration with your "Trump for President" hat and a foam finger. I go forward into what I have to say with great respect for all.

Whether you attended, protested, or watched from home in your slippers, I would simply like to point out that the inauguration took place. The implications of that fact are massive. We have a new president. The leadership of our country has entirely changed. Obama and his well-dressed wife will move back to their home. Their lives will be forever changed by the former's time in office. And, so our nation has been changed by the fingerprint he left on our government.

As Trump was sworn in, he addressed several former presidents who were also in attendance, all who had had their time in office and left their legacy on this country's history. Trump will do the same. For better or for worse, he is our country's leader, and that is a fact. It is now simply, or not so simply, how things are.

Most of Trump's inaugural speech rotated through just a few different themes. He kept coming back to the principles of unity, peace, and harmony. He talked about un-forgetting the forgotten. He talked about sharing in common goals, dreams, and life experiences.

Now, whether you agree with his policies or not, what Donald had to say rings true for us now.

As we disagree, let us not disengage from our common purpose. If we are to be brutally honest with ourselves, what matters right now is not who we wanted to win the election or who we think would have done a better job leading the country; frankly, those things do not matter, because they are no longer relevant issues. What matters now is how we, as individuals, respond.

How do you treat people who hold different views from you? What are you doing to make sure that justice is served, that the marginalized are seen, that compassion is enacted?

The United States' inaugurations are characterized by the peaceful transfer of power. And that's the cause that I would like to see the American people take up. Peace.

We scream and shout and throw things in protest, but do we really need to fight each other when there is so much more we could be fighting for?



Photo by Alex Brandon | AP Photo

First lady Melania Trump stands as President Donald Trump and former President Barack Obama talk, with former first lady Michelle Obama, as they pause on the steps of the East Front of the U.S. Capitol as the Obamas depart, Friday, Jan. 20, 2017 in Washington.

Donald quoted a passage from Psalms 133 in his address: "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity!"

When we think about America's history, our foundations, we remember that we have become a place where people who have different skin, different culture, different dreams become brothers. Where people who have disagreed in the past discover that their

hearts beat the same way. America—the beautiful, the diverse—you do not have to see the same to breath the same. Love each other. Whatever you believe, however you behave, let it all be conducive to peace.

Let your actions speak louder than words, and tell your actions to say that whoever you believed your enemy to be is no longer to be seen that way; but they are your ally in a fight for one nation, undivided.

Rauner criticizes request to halt state worker paychecks

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AP Political Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan's request that a judge bar the state from paying 63,000 government employees to get feuding Republicans and Democrats to move on a budget deal was decried Friday by GOP Gov. Bruce Rauner, who claimed the Democrat is attempting to "cause a crisis" and shut the government down.

Madigan filed the motion Thursday in St. Clair County, a staunch working-class Illinois suburb of St. Louis where a judge nearly two years ago ordered that withholding paychecks, even without a budget, would violate the state Constitution's requirement that contractual agreements be honored.

She wants the court to set a Feb. 28 deadline, giving Rauner and Democrats who control the Legislature "additional time to enact appropriations" before the comptroller stops cutting checks.

Madigan's move could halt \$400 million-a-month in payroll to state workers, forcing major parts of state government to temporarily close. With no budget since



Photo by Ted Schurter | The State Journal-Register via AP

Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, listens as Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner delivers his State of the State address in the Illinois House chamber Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017 in Springfield, Ill. Rauner called on lawmakers to work with him to resolve Illinois' budget crisis, saying both parties agree something needs to change.

July 2015, it's the longest a state has gone without spending authority since at least World War II.

"We won't abandon the prisons and the state police won't park their cars, but most of state government will grind to a halt," said Springfield political scientist Kent Redfield.

Rauner criticized the attorney general. Lisa Madigan is the daughter of powerful House Speaker Michael Madigan, the Chicago Democrat whom Rauner has held up as emblematic of problems he wants to fix.

"I hope this is not a direct attempt to cause a crisis to force a shutdown of the government ... as a step to force a tax hike without any changes to our broken system," Rauner told reporters Friday in Chicago.

The first-term Republican governor campaigned on smaller government and often impugned state workers. But he became their biggest ally in 2015 when their paychecks were threatened and a work stoppage would have evaporated his leverage. Rauner wants to tie a balanced budget to

restructuring the business climate to boost commerce, curtail union influence and curb politicians' power.

Rauner noted that the Senate continues negotiating a bipartisan budget plan to break the deadlock. Leaders promised a January vote which didn't materialize, but pledged to try again next month.

A government shutdown would appear to favor Democrats who want to tackle the shortfall with tax increases, spending cuts — and no Rauner policy changes, said Nick

Kachiroubas, a DePaul University political scientist. But played shrewdly, Rauner could reject a tax increase, weather the short-term pain of a possible shutdown, and still recover, with help of his personal wealth, in time for the 2018 governor's race, he said.

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 31 spokesman Anders Lindall said the union was "shocked and extremely disappointed" by the filing.

AFSCME is fighting Rauner on another front. The union's 35,000 members have been without a ratified contract for two years. A state labor board has declared negotiations irrevocably stalled and allowed Rauner to impose the contract he prefers. The union has scheduled its first ever vote seeking membership support for a strike. It begins Monday at work sites and continues to Feb. 19.

A possible shutdown would not dampen enthusiasm for a strike vote, said Robert Bruno, director of the Labor Education Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. "It could only have the effect of further encouraging it."

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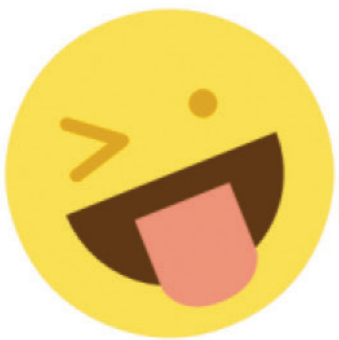
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UK pardons thousands convicted under past anti-gay laws

Lynne O'Donnell

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Thousands of men convicted under now-abolished anti-homosexuality laws in Britain have been pardoned posthumously under a law enacted on Tuesday, and many more still alive can now apply to have their criminal convictions wiped out.

Announcing the new law, the Ministry of Justice said the pardons apply automatically to deceased men who were convicted for consensual same-sex relations before homosexuality was decriminalized several decades ago. Men living with convictions can apply to the government to have their names cleared.

"This is a truly momentous day. We can never undo the hurt caused, but we have apologized and taken action to right these wrongs," Justice Minister Sam Gyimah said.

Calls for a general pardon have noted the 1954 suicide of World War II codebreaking hero Alan Turing after his conviction for "gross indecency." After he received a posthumous royal pardon in 2013, pressure for pardons intensified.

Turing, a computer science pioneer, helped crack Nazi Germany's secret codes by creating the "Turing bombe," a forerunner of modern computers. His work helped shorten World War II, and he was an innovator of artificial intelligence.

After the war, Turing was prosecuted for having sex with a man, stripped of his security clearance and forcibly

treated with female hormones. He died at age 41 after eating an apple laced with cyanide.

What is now known as "Turing's law" had been a longstanding government commitment, Gyimah said. It is part of the Policing and Crime Bill which received royal approval on Tuesday.

Activist Peter Tatchell, who had campaigned for 30 years for the pardons and an apology from the British government, welcomed the new law, but said it "has connotations of forgiveness for a wrong done."

The law will "remedy the grave injustices suffered by many of the estimated 50,000 to 100,000 men who were convicted under discriminatory anti-gay laws between 1885 and 2003," he said in a statement.

Tatchell noted some omissions in the legislation, including pardons for men convicted of soliciting and procuring same-sex partners under the sexual offenses acts of 1956 and

1967. Nor did it pardon "those people, including some lesbians, convicted for same-sex kissing and cuddling" under a variety of laws.

The ministry said in its announcement that as well as posthumously pardoning gay and bisexual men, the law allows those still living, and who were convicted

in cases of consensual sex with other men of legal age, to apply for pardons.

"This will ensure that due diligence is carried out and prevent people from claiming to be cleared of offenses that are still crimes, including sex with a minor and non-consensual sexual activity," it said.



Photo by Kin Cheung | AP Photo

In this Thursday, March 19, 2015 file photo, a notebook of British mathematician Alan Turing is displayed in front of his portrait during an auction preview in Hong Kong. Thousands of men convicted under now-abolished anti-homosexuality laws in Britain have been pardoned posthumously under a law passed on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017 and many more still alive can now apply to have their criminal convictions wiped out. Calls for a general pardon have noted the 1954 suicide of World War II codebreaking hero Alan Turing after his conviction for "gross indecency." After he received a posthumous royal pardon in 2013, pressure for pardons intensified.

Miami's Little Havana placed on list of 'national treasures'

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Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Historic preservation groups announced a partnership Friday with city officials to save Miami's Little Havana, bidding to safeguard its heritage as the famed epicenter of the Cuban diaspora was placed on a list of "national treasures."

The nonprofit National Trust for Historic Preservation said awarding its special designation for the Spanish-speaking enclave is just one step of the partnership to protect Little Havana from large-scale developers who are transforming much of downtown Miami.

Home to a vibrant community of Cuban heritage and many others from around Latin America, Little Havana is under multiple threats: Demolition of historic buildings, displacement of its existing residents, and decades of wear and tear. The same organization placed the neighborhood in its annual list of America's 11 most endangered historic places in 2015.

"Little Havana has a really strong immigrant history," said Stephanie Meeks, president and CEO of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "It's a very inviting place. It's very colorful. It's very warm. The sense of community is

very strong."

But she cautioned: "We want all that to remain but at the same time we know that communities need to adapt and change overtime to meet the needs of the residents."

She said the "national treasures" designation also will help allied organizations, city officials, residents and investors unite to discuss ways to improve the living conditions of its working-class population, preserve historic buildings and allow moderate development of its neglected areas.

In coming months, planners and developers are to discuss what to do with vacant lots, abandoned buildings and consider which historic sites are worth protecting. And starting in March, they will hold workshops with residents and city officials to share their plans.

"There are many bad buildings and people with a poor quality of life here," said Daniel Martin, a handyman who settled in Little Havana after leaving Cuba 15 years ago. "Since I don't speak English, this was the right place for me to be."

The neighborhood's signature street, Calle Ocho, is one of the top spots most frequented by tourists after Miami Beach. It features cigar shops, art galleries and mom-and-pop stores where Cubans and their descendants

reminisce about the island. Visitors sip aromatic Cuban coffee, eye daily games of dominoes by locals and take selfies at the Versailles restaurant, hub of the exile community.

"My hope is that tears and the dreams of hundreds of thousands of people will not be forgotten," said Miami mayor Tomas Regalado, speaking at Friday's event to announce the partnership. "My hope is that history is not rewritten and the anguish of the Cuban exiles, the Nicaraguans is forever erased."

Located just west of downtown Miami, Little Havana grew in the 1960s as Cubans fled Fidel Castro's communist Cuba. The neighborhood has changed some in recent decades as new immigrants have arrived from Central America and Colombia, opening new restaurants and stores.

Some developers have taken risks to refurbish old buildings such as Hugh Ryan, who took what he calls "the worst crack house in the

neighborhood" and turned it into a two-story pastel green building with a royal emblem of a salamander on its facade.

"Anything can be saved. The whole neighborhood is trying to do that now," said Ryan, pointing to a similar two-story apartment building next door and two other buildings across the street that have been renovated in East Little Havana.

Andrew Frey, who is building an 8-unit apartment building, put up a giant blue sign outside that reads "Little Havana is the Amenity."

"We don't offer pools, gyms or spas here," he said about his construction. "Little Havana has history, culture. It has real people. It has a narrative you can't control."

Little Havana joins a list of "national treasures" that includes such sites as Nashville's Music Row, the Grand Canyon and New Jersey's Princeton Battlefield.

Germany's 'Anglicism' of the year is 'Fake News'

BERLIN (AP) — Meet Germany's English import of the year: "Fake News."

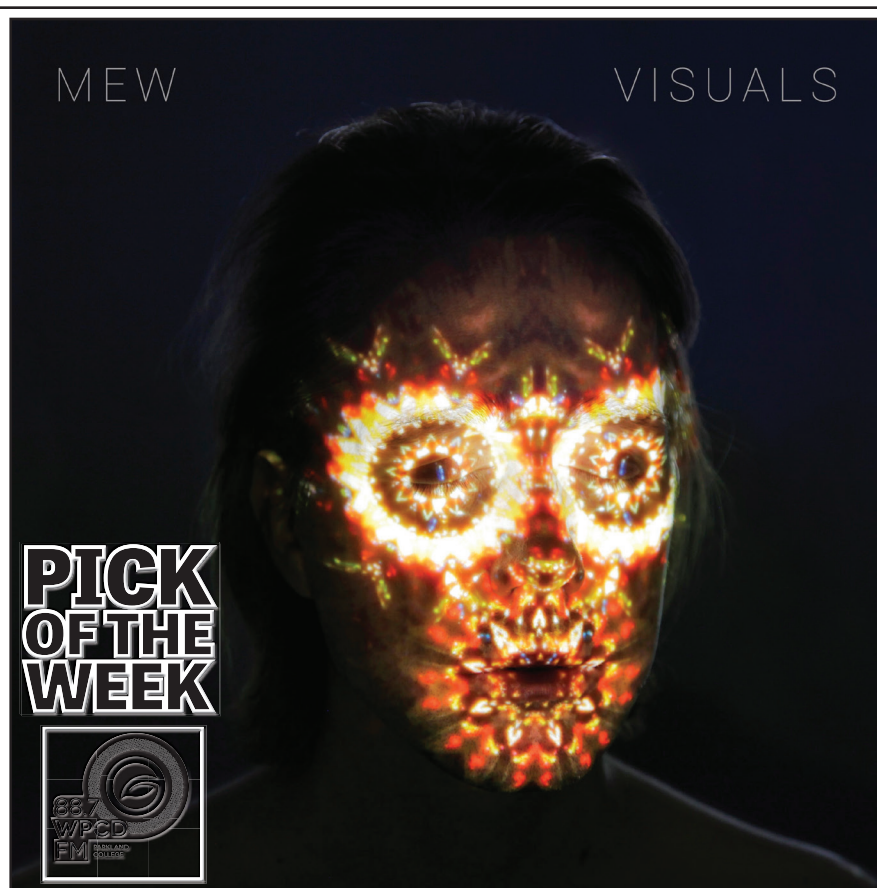
A jury of academics on Tuesday announced that the increasingly ubiquitous phrase, which Germans almost invariably use in the original English, has been chosen as "Anglicism of the year" for 2016. It beat "Darknet," "Hate Speech" and variations on "Brexit/-exit."

The jury, which includes specialists in languages, said the winner was

distinguished by its "overwhelming and sustained public presence" and that "it fills a gap in German vocabulary that can't entirely be filled without the word 'fake.'"

Concern is high in Germany about the possible impact of deliberately bogus news on the country's election in September.

In a separate decision, "postfaktisch" — or "post-truth" — was declared Germany's word of the year for 2016 in December.



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