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Trump, Pelosi spar over shutdown

President, speaker launch Twitter salvos; new claims join call to restore government services

BY FELICIA SONMEZ
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump lashed out Sunday at House Speaker Nancy Pelosi over stalled negotiations to end the partial government shutdown while rejecting conservative claims that his offer of temporary

deportation protections for young immigrants amounts to amnesty.

In a morning tweet, Trump claimed that Pelosi, D-Calif., and other Democrats “turned down my offer yesterday before I even got up to speak.”

“They don’t see crime & drugs, they only see 2020 — which they are not going to win. Best econo-



Pelosi

my! They should do the right thing for the Country & allow people to go back to work,” he said. Trump also argued that Pelosi, whom he had not directly criticized earlier in the shutdown negotiations, has “behaved so irrationally & has gone so far to the

left that she has now officially become a Radical Democrat.”

“She is so petrified of the ‘lefties’ in her party that she has lost control ... And by the way, clean up the streets in San Francisco, they are disgusting!” Trump said.

Pelosi fired back at Trump on Twitter with a reminder that “800,000 Americans are going without pay.”

“Re-open the government, let workers get their paychecks and

then we can discuss how we can come together to protect the border,” she said.

The continued squabbling came as the longest government shutdown in history entered its 30th day with prospects for a quick resolution still slim, troubling news for the 800,000 federal employees who have gone without a paycheck and are resorting to food banks, charity and non-

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Brian Wallach and wife Sandra Abrevaya have been living with his diagnosis of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis since February.

A NEW CAMPAIGN

It started when he couldn’t grasp a pen. Diagnosed with ALS at 37, a former Obama staffer hopes to use his skills to raise funds toward a cure.

BY ALISON BOWEN | Chicago Tribune

When Brian Wallach had trouble grasping a pen, he chalked it up to exhaustion. After all, he was the father of a year-old daughter, with another on the way.

When his second daughter was in the hospital days after being born, his wife noticed he was coughing a lot. See a doctor, she said.

The next day, he did. That doctor wanted him to see a neurologist. And that neurologist told him he might have ALS.

Like many people, he said, his knowledge of the disease was limited to the following: “Ice Bucket Challenge. Not good. Lou Gehrig.”

Wallach and his wife, Sandra Abrevaya, are poised to launch a group they hope will fund research, and finally find a cure, for a disease many know by its acronym but not by the faces and experiences of those enduring it.

On Tuesday the Kenilworth couple, both 38, will launch I Am ALS, an effort born out of months of researching not only what might help Wallach, but also

trying to understand why such a devastating disease is less funded and less understood than others. They hope to put some of the skills they honed in the Obama White House — listening, organizing, fundraising — toward this new challenge.

The goal is ambitious: to add \$100 million of new funding within three years. And with an average life expectancy of two to five years, for the couple, it’s a race against time.

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Medical pot limit may face change

Pritzker, Raoul could remove roadblock by dropping prior appeal

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN
Chicago Tribune

With pro-marijuana J.B. Pritzker now in the Illinois Governor’s Mansion, all eyes are on his plan to legalize cannabis for recreational use. But even if approved by lawmakers, that could take more than a year to implement, and many voices are raising the call to take things slowly.

In the meantime, advocates say there’s a simple way the governor could greatly increase access to marijuana for those who want it for medical reasons.

At least eight lawsuits are pending to expand the conditions for which medical marijuana would be allowed under the state’s existing program. Chief among them is intractable pain, which the courts have already ordered to be added as a qualifying malady. But that ruling was appealed by the administration of Pritzker’s Republican predecessor, Bruce Rauner.

If Pritzker and new Attorney General Kwame Raoul drop the appeal, the court order would take effect within 30 days. The Illinois Department of Public Health, which resisted adding some new qualifying conditions during Rauner’s term in office, could also now choose on its own to expand access to medical cannabis. Neither Pritzker nor Raoul, who are both Democrats, have yet said what they’ll do with the pending lawsuits.

Critics have opposed any broad expansion of the program, because they want to avoid easy availability for anyone claiming an ache or pain.

Since 2015, the state has been allowing sales of marijuana to patients who qualify with any of about 40 specified serious medical conditions, such as cancer and multiple sclerosis, though legal medical cannabis remains a pilot program.

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After trash talk, area of Pedway gets some TLC



MARY WISNIEWSKI
Getting Around

Sometimes, complaining works.

Two weeks after a Tribune story and editorial detailing bad smells, spills and trash in the Macy’s area of the Pedway, the space has gotten serious attention.

The walls facing the store have been repainted, twice, making a clean, light gray back-

drop for a display of Victorian stained glass. Light fixtures have been replaced or cleaned. And the floor has been scrubbed.

“It all makes the day a little brighter for us early-morning trudgers,” Hillel Levin, a daily Pedway user, said in an email.

The Pedway is a network of tunnels and corridors that link more than 50 downtown buildings and CTA Red Line and Blue Line stations, as well as a Metra and South Shore Line station underneath Millennium Park.

Earlier this month, “Getting Around” focused on issues plaguing the underground system, including uneven maintenance and poor navigational signage, making it tough for new



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

People walk through a recently spruced-up area near Macy’s in downtown Chicago’s underground Pedway system on Thursday.

users to find their way.

The area near Macy’s, in particular, was poorly lit and messy. Panhandlers often congregate there in cold weather,

and some leave trash or use the space as a restroom, according to frequent visitors. The floor was

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\$5B project heading for Plan Commission with alderman’s OK

The revised Lincoln Yards development has gained the backing of Chicago Ald. Brian Hopkins, likely assuring the \$5 billion North Side project will be approved soon by the full City Council. It is expected to go before the Plan Commission on Thursday. **ChicagoLand**, Page 3

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ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Edward Nance, who alleged he was roughed up by Officer Jason Van Dyke during a traffic stop on the South Side in 2007, testifies at Van Dyke's sentencing hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building in Chicago on Friday.

Black men's anguish can't sway judge who sentenced ex-cop



DAHLEEN GLANTON

We rarely see a black man cry. Not in public, at least.

On the witness stand, with an audience of strangers watching, an African-American man broke down in tears. He held his head down and wept out loud.

It took many of us watching online by surprise. Black men aren't supposed to cry. Or so we've been told. Unlike the rest of us, they are devoid of emotion. They have no tears to shed.

Edward Nance broke the stereotype. The pain that former police Officer Jason Van Dyke once inflicted on him was too fierce to hide. So he ripped off the mask that black men are forced to wear, revealing sensitivities that few imagine they have.

For the first time since Van Dyke murdered 17-year-old Laquan McDonald in 2014, we were able to see on the stand just how devastating a routine encounter with police can be for African-American men. We saw evidence of the torment and fear they carry every day.

During a traffic stop in 2007, Nance said, Van Dyke pulled him out of his car and threw him facedown

on the floor of the back seat. He dragged Nance to the squad car by his handcuffed hands, shouting profanities all the while.

The high school basketball and football referee suffered torn rotator cuffs on both arms and has undergone multiple surgeries. The physical damage was extensive, but it was the emotional damage on display in court.

It was obviously difficult for Nance to take the stand during Van Dyke's sentencing hearing Friday. Clearly, he would rather not have been in that room. He could barely look at the former policeman seated at the defense table in orange jail garb.

But we needed to see Nance's anguish. We needed him to prove that black men are indeed human beings. We needed him to show us that, when the mask came off, McDonald was just a scared teenager who should not have been killed.

We all knew that at the end of the day, the sentencing would come down to a single question: How much is the life of a black man worth?

Nance and three other African-American men Van Dyke had harmed in his 14 years on the force implored Cook County Judge Vincent Gaughan to hold the disgraced police officer accountable, for once, in his long history of horrible deeds.

The judge listened, but clearly he did not hear them.

What he heard apparently was the desperate voice of a 17-year-old girl begging him to restore her hope and bring her dad home. He heard the words of a letter written by her 12-year-old sister. "My dad and my family are really hurting, and I think we have hurt enough," she wrote. "I need my dad in my life."

A wife's cries for leniency spoke louder than a family's cries for justice. Her despair over going to bed at night without her husband at her side and the anguish over financial ruin took precedence over a mother whose grief kept her from entering the courtroom.

I will acknowledge that the slain teenager was not perfect, because that is what many need to hear. And I will express my sorrow for the hurt that Van Dyke's wife and two daughters have suffered in the years since the shooting was revealed.

But their agony is not McDonald's fault. It is caused by the man they love so deeply.

I will reserve most of my sorrow for McDonald.

His great-uncle spoke for him in a letter read to the court. He reminded us that the teenager was a victim of murder, and that his family's imperfections were not adequate reasons to dismiss

their boundless heartbreak.

The boy who had yet to become a man deserved a chance to see where his life would lead. His last paycheck from his construction job should not have been spent on a suit to wear in his casket and clothes for his mother and sister to wear to his funeral.

"I'm a real victim of murder and that can never be changed," read the letter written in McDonald's voice. "Please think about me and my life when you sentence this person to prison."

When all was said and done, the judge answered the question that has haunted African-Americans for centuries: How much is a black man's life worth?

The pain and suffering of African-American men at the hands of police is worthless. And the debt for murdering a boy can be paid off in 81 months.

By handing down such a light sentence, Gaughan invalidated the courageous efforts of Nance and the other black men to bring the problem of police brutality to light. He reaffirmed the notion that black men are killed because they don't deserve to live.

McDonald deserved better than that. Every African-American man does.

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Alderman backs Lincoln Yards; next up, city Plan Commission

By RYAN ORI
Chicago Tribune

The Lincoln Yards development has gained the endorsement of the alderman overseeing its zoning, in a key step that likely assures the more than \$5 billion project on the North Side will be approved soon by the full City Council.

Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, on Saturday said he supports the project and plans to have it go before the Chicago Plan Commission on Thursday. Earlier in the day, Chicago developer Sterling Bay released details of its revised plan for about 55 acres along the Chicago River on the lincolnyards.com website.

Hopkins' approval comes just over a week after Sterling Bay said it would remove two of the development's most controversial elements: a 20,000-seat soccer stadium for a United Soccer League team that would have been majority-owned by Cubs owner Tom Ricketts, and several entertainment venues that would have been operated by Live Nation Entertainment.

Land that would have been used for the stadium is now part of a proposed 11.2-acre park that would include fields for soccer, baseball and other youth and recreation league

sports. At least part of the park would open next year, Hopkins said.

It is the largest contiguous public park space that is part of a total 21 acres of open space proposed by Sterling Bay. The company's current plans are for about 55 acres of development, but it expects to develop 70 acres or more, based on other land acquisitions in the area.

"I'm prepared to support this before the Plan Commission on Thursday," Hopkins said in an inter-

Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, said he'll keep meeting with local groups but doesn't plan to hold a third large public meeting on the project.

view. He stressed that the "Plan Commission is not the end of the process," and that he could still stop the zoning process before its final two steps — before the City Council's zoning committee, and then a vote by the full City Council.

But historically, developments that emerge from the Plan Commission with their alderman's backing are on the fast track toward formal city zoning approval.

Soon after Sterling Bay said it was removing the

sports and entertainment venues in response to neighbors' concerns about traffic, Hopkins made the surprising announcement that the proposal would be considered at the upcoming Plan Commission meeting. It was an unusual step because he hadn't formally backed the project.

On Saturday, though, Hopkins said Lincoln Yards now has his backing after the developer made changes and provided far more granular details for the site on the river along

Lincoln Park and Bucktown.

"I worked closely with Sterling Bay over the past several days on this revised plan," Hopkins said. "Every change that I pushed Sterling Bay to make was the result of community consensus around these issues."

Hopkins said he'll continue meeting with local groups but doesn't plan to hold a third large public meeting. "I will be spending the next several days meeting with the individu-

al neighborhood organizations," he said. "The community meetings will continue, they just won't be on a large scale."

If the plan is formally approved, a new park will open on the southern end of the site sometime next year, by which time Sterling Bay could have the first phase of its planned 15 million square feet of buildings under construction, the alderman said.

Some work on Lincoln Yards, including on the sports fields, could begin as soon as this year, spokeswoman Sarah Hamilton said.

"We are very pleased Alderman Hopkins has endorsed the plan for Lincoln Yards and look forward to presenting at Plan Commission on Thursday," Hamilton said in an email.

In an email Saturday to constituents, Hopkins solicited continued input from neighbors. The email touted improvements to Sterling Bay's plans, including what he described as decreased density.

But Sterling Bay's total buildable area increases to about 15 million square feet in the new plan, up from 12.8 million square feet in a previous version. The developer and the alderman said that number is higher because it now includes one building already on the

site, the offices of C.H. Robinson, and because the large stadium was removed.

The stadium hadn't been counted in the total square footage, and its replacement is several low-rise buildings that could include businesses like restaurants and a bowling alley, Hopkins said.

Sterling Bay's revised plan also calls for more residential units — 6,000, up from a previously proposed 5,000 — but the developer pledged to include affordable units on the site.

The \$5 billion to \$6 billion project is expected to be built in phases, taking at least a decade to complete. It will include a mix of office and residential towers, hotels, retail and entertainment.

Lincoln Yards has been controversial because of its potential impact on traffic, nearby businesses, schools and public transportation, among other issues.

The newest plan provided more thorough details on how each area of the development will look and function. That includes descriptions of "character zones" with differing mixes of uses, building heights and streetscapes.

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Pritzker campaign accused of bias

Suit alleges worker was fired because she is transgender

By MIKE RIOPELL
Chicago Tribune

A transgender woman and field organizer for Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker filed a federal lawsuit Friday accusing Pritzker's campaign of firing her "because of her sex and/or gender."

Emma Todd was hired by Pritzker's campaign in 2017 and fired in late March 2018, according to the lawsuit. Her supervisor "viewed transgender identity as a sexual fetish, asked about transgender sexual habits in a prurient manner, and stated that Ms. Todd was 'the reason people don't like transgender people,'" according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit said Todd's work "was not the type of performance that merited serious correction or criticism that would subject her to termination ... unless illegal discrimination were a motivating factor."

Pritzker campaign spokesman Quentin Fulks said "Ms. Todd was fired for cause."

"She had a number of behavioral issues that she was reprimanded for

"She's not blaming him for what happened. But unfortunately, it did happen."

— Jillian T. Weiss, attorney for Emma Todd, saying her client is supportive of the governor himself

throughout the course of the campaign," Fulks said. He also said Todd's termination was part of a downsizing of the campaign operation after the primary election.

Pritzker pumped more than \$171 million of his own money into his campaign operation, paying for both advertising and a massive field operation that carried him to victory over former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner.

Todd's attorney, Jillian T. Weiss, said she had "extensive conversations" with the Pritzker campaign about settling the lawsuit before it was filed.

"Ms. Todd is very much in favor of Gov. Pritzker and the work that he is doing. She's not blaming him for what happened," Weiss said. "But unfortunately, it did happen."

In the lawsuit, Todd asks for damages related to humiliation and job loss and wants the campaign to "carry out policies, practices, programs, and training which provide equal employment opportunities for employees who are transgender, have undergone a gender transition, or are undergoing a gender transition."

Todd's lawsuit isn't the first charge of discrimination in the Pritzker campaign.

Three weeks before Election Day, Pritzker campaign staffers filed a federal lawsuit alleging racial discrimination in their months on the job, accusations the then-candidate called "just not true."

That lawsuit alleged that African-American and Latino campaign staffers "are herded into race-specific positions where they are expected to interact with the public, offered no meaningful chance for advancement, and receive less favorable treatment than their white counterparts."

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WHAT SNOW?

Taneesha Thomas, center, falls into "The Beach," a free immersive art installation complete with more than a million plastic balls to swim through, on Sunday at Navy Pier in Chicago. The Beach is open to the public through Feb. 3.

Minus-15 wind chills expected for MLK holiday

By MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

The heaviest snowfall of Chicago's first winter storm of 2019 might have passed, but expect the impact of frigid air to stick around.

This season's lowest temperatures were predicted for Sunday night, with 1 degree forecast at O'Hare International Airport and 7 downtown, said Mark Ratzler, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

The city also was expected to see up to an inch of light lake-effect snow overnight from lingering flurries, Ratzler said.

And Monday won't bring any relief from the cold. Downtown Chicago

could see wind chills as low as minus 15 by early morning, said meteorologist Charles Mott.

"There's no messing around with this," Mott said. "Just because the sun's out now doesn't mean it's a nice day."

Monday, high temperatures will be about 15 to 19, said Mott, with wind chills between minus 10 and zero. On Tuesday, temperatures will rise to the low 30s but then dip again.

"So enjoy Tuesday," Mott said. But a combination of snow and freezing rain could hit by Tuesday evening, he added.

In northern Indiana, lake-effect snow on Sunday brought 6.5 inches to East Chicago, 6 inches to Gary and about 5 to Ham-

mond, Ratzler said. Drivers should still plan on slippery road conditions and allow for extra travel time, according to the weather service. Illinois road condition updates can be checked on the Illinois Department of Transportation's website.

Chicago's first winter storm of the year dumped its heaviest snow in the northern suburbs Saturday and resulted in snowy and icy roads throughout northern Illinois, some Metra delays and hundreds of cancellations at the city's airports. The storm was expected to hit New England next.

Downtown Chicago, where sidewalks usually clear quickly, saw more than 5 inches before 8:30

a.m. Midway recorded 3 inches by 6 a.m. and O'Hare nearly 4.

At the height of the storm, O'Hare was seeing delays of about 40 minutes and close to 600 cancellations, while Midway had delays of less than 15 minutes and less than 100 canceled flights, according to flychicago.com. But by Sunday evening, O'Hare and Midway were seeing delays of less than 15 minutes, with 200 cancellations at O'Hare and 30 at Midway.

As of Sunday, the largest snow totals were recorded in Lincolnwood, which saw a little more than 10 inches over a two-day period. About 9 inches were recorded in Algonquin and Highwood.

Anyone seeking refuge from the freezing temperatures can find a warming center by using the city's data portal. Warming centers also are available in suburban Cook County and can be found on the county's Homeland Security Department's website.

Meteorologists explained that a disruption to the polar vortex occurred around the start of the new year and as a result, arctic air now is flowing north to south instead of west to east.

That means the entire month of February could be bitterly cold, said AccuWeather meteorologist Max Vido.

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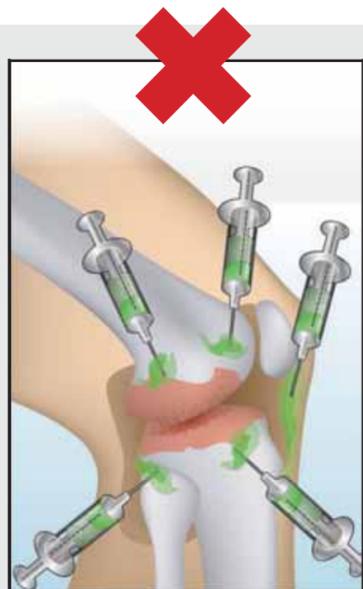
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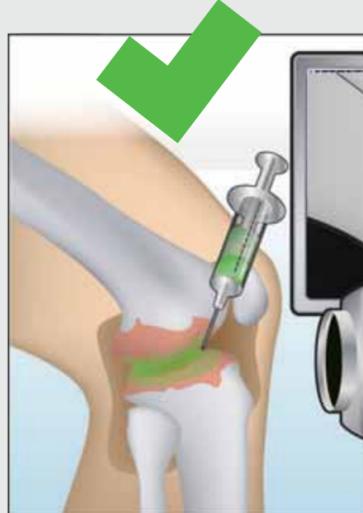
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Suburbs get creative on solar power

Little space for large-scale farms, but ideas heat up

BY SARAH FREISHTAT
The Beacon-News

Solar farms are cropping up on Illinois' open land, spurred by state requirements and a new state program, but several built-up suburbs are carving out room for solar power as well.

From Evanston to Oak Park to Will County, communities are embracing solar power as a means to help meet renewable energy goals. And in Aurora, the state's second-largest city, some advocates see solar power as part of their vision to get half of all Aurora's energy from renewable sources within roughly 10 years.

There is little room for large-scale solar farms in some suburbs that have set lofty renewable energy goals, but they are seeking other ways to support solar energy. They have sought to clear paths for small solar projects or arrays on home or business rooftops, and some are banking on subscriptions to installations outside their towns. Their efforts, driven in part by a state law that took effect in 2017, could mean drastic changes to the way homeowners, businesses and residents buy electricity.

"It's an energy revolution," said Sam Bluemer, energy and conservation specialist for Will County.

Solar power projects have faced logistical challenges and opposition from residents. Proposed installations in Plato Township in northwestern Kane County and in Yorkville were recently met with concern about their proximity to neighbors.

For individual homeowners looking to install their own panels, costs, benefits and home improvement risks must be considered, said Kumar Jensen, sustainability coordinator for Evanston. Some cities might have policies that inadvertently restrict solar

opportunities for homeowners or businesses.

As of late 2018, the bulk of the electricity created in Illinois still came from nuclear and coal sources, according to federal data.

Still, some suburbs have already taken steps to support solar power, touting financial benefits and jobs that come with the new industry. Evanston officials have approved a climate action plan calling, among other goals, for the city to commit to 100 percent renewable electricity by 2030. While the methods to reach that goal remain to be worked out, they are likely to include reducing demand for energy and focusing on solar power, Jensen said.

A different proposed project in Yorkville, intended to supply power to the Kendall County government center, was granted a permit after initial concerns from residents. Kane County board members recently approved a permit for a nine-acre project in Blackberry Township in the western part of the county. Work is underway in Naperville on a park with an outdoor work station that would be powered by solar panels on the roof of the adjacent municipal center, with plans to sell extra electricity produced by the panels back to the grid.

Will County has approved 17 permits for solar farms, on top of any residential solar installations, and has plans for solar education and a purchasing program, Bluemer said.

In Oak Park, where large trees, a concentrated population and many historic homes pose challenges for solar projects, officials plan to subscribe part of its municipal electric aggregation program to small, "community solar" installations elsewhere in northern Illinois likely to be built under a new state program, said Mindy Agnew, the village's sustainability coordinator. There is not expected to be any change in rates in the aggregation program because of the switch, she said.

The growth of solar proj-



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Solar panels cover the roof of the old Aurora library building, now home to the Support Companies tech group.

ects is spurred in part by the state's Future Energy Jobs Act, which took effect in 2017 and, among other things, created new solar programs and incentives. Under one of those programs, developers can enter a lottery beginning at the end of January to receive renewable energy credits, which are sometimes considered necessary to make the projects viable. The lottery, which was delayed and has faced criticism for certain aspects, could ultimately be used to award projects in three categories: residential or commercial installations; large, utility-scale solar arrays; and small-scale solar projects — called community solar — built offsite that users who can't install their own panels can subscribe to, and receive credit.

Brandon Leavitt, who owns Niles-based Solar Service Inc. and has been involved in solar installation for decades, said he has seen more interest in solar power from homeowners since the law took effect. He attributes it in part to incentives in the law, improvements in solar technology and decreasing costs for that technology.

"It's not just for tree-huggers anymore," he said.

Despite incentives for developers and homeowners, it is municipalities that can create pathways for solar in their communities through permitting practices and other policies, said Edith Makra, director of environmental initiatives for the Metropolitan Mayors Cau-

cus. Several suburban communities, including Aurora, Evanston, Oak Park and Will County, have received the highest designation under a national program for their efforts to clear pathways.

Chicago has also received the highest designation and is one of more than 100 communities in the region that has signed on to the mayors caucus' Greenest Region Compact, which calls in part for advancing renewable energy.

For its part, Aurora is likely to face the same balancing act as other suburbs between dedicating resources and land for solar and putting them toward development, agriculture or other uses.

The city's Sustainable Aurora Advisory Board is working on an updated sustainability plan that, in part, would call for the city to generate at least half its energy from renewable sources within 10 to 12 years, chairwoman Caryl Riley said, though some members would like to see a more aggressive goal. The plan would ultimately have to be approved by aldermen, but Riley said the move toward renewable energy would have both health and climate benefits.

As one step toward the energy goal, the board is working to put together a solar plan for the city. Solar panels are not as big or flashy as wind turbines and can be less expensive for an average homeowner than some other renewable energy sources, said Riley, who

is also running for alderman of the city's 1st Ward.

It could begin with educating residents, she said. The city could look at land for solar installations that is unlikely to be developed or used for other purposes, such as a site with contaminated soil, she said. The city is already considering approval for a developer to build a solar project on a former landfill.

Riley also envisions solar arrays on rooftops. She sees installations on the roofs of the old buildings that largely make up the city's downtown, such as one array that a private company installed on the roof of their building, which once housed the city library. And as companies such as Amazon build warehouses in the city, she sees the large, flat roofs as ideal for solar installations.

She would also like to see the city install solar panels on some municipal building rooftops, saying the lifetime savings from solar power could offset up-front costs.

"I think it would be a good example for the city to set," she said. "You know, if you're telling your citizens, 'this is a good thing and you should be doing this,' then lead by example."

Cost, space and knowledge about solar options could be barriers to homeowners. Rooftop solar panels are sometimes restricted by homeowners associations, and are subject to strict guidelines in the city's historic districts.

Despite the challenges, Riley said the board's renewable energy goal is

something to strive for.

"If you don't set a goal, you're never going to reach it, right?" she said. "So, even if you set the goal to say 50 percent, and you come up short and you hit 20 percent, are you not in a better place than you were?"

The city, for its part, is open to looking at sites for solar, especially in commercial and industrial areas, said Trevor Dick, director of development strategy and facilitation for Aurora.

"The city wants to continue to explore solar power in appropriate locations throughout the city, and wants to embrace it as the next step in sustainability," he said.

He could not say whether the city was considering installing solar panels on municipal buildings or comment on the advisory board's proposed sustainability plan and energy goal, saying he had only worked at the city for about six months.

But, in coming years, he sees solar and other green technology growing in Aurora, in both the public and private sectors.

"The best thing we can do for our residents and our business owners is to be environmentally sensitive," he said. "To look for opportunities to not only improve the environment, but if there's any cost savings for residents and our businesses, I think that's the appropriate thing for our city to do."

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Pedway

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grimy with old spills, and rarely mopped.

There are still people asking for change or sleeping in the area, but there seem to be fewer now, and the floor is clean.

Asked if the Tribune story and editorial led to the cleanup, Macy's spokeswoman Carolyn Ng Cohen said the retailer has been making improvements throughout the store with the sale of the top floors of the building early last year. She said the renovations began last year and updates will continue.

"The safety and comfort of our customers and colleagues is a top priority," Cohen said in an email. "Macy's is committed to working with the city and its partners to continue to actively secure and maintain the Pedway and will continue to make steps to improve the experience for our guests."

Howard Learner, executive director of the Environmental Law and Policy Center, said the cleanup is "step in the right direction,"



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Streetwise vendor Steve Garron shares a greeting in a cleaned-up Pedway area Thursday.

but more needs to be done to improve the Pedway.

The mess at Macy's illustrates problems with the Pedway system overall. Each building manages its own section, and some are bright and attractive, like the Block 37 area, while others are dimly lit, poorly maintained or confusing to navigate.

The Environmental Law and Policy Center, Broadway in Chicago and the Chicago Loop Alliance put together a study in 2017 recommending plans to improve the Pedway, including better navigation

signs.

The report also suggested better lighting in some sections, repairing water and structural damage in the corridor by Michigan Avenue and Randolph Street, and adding an accessible pathway between the Daley Center and City Hall and the Cook County Building. Right now, there is no timeline for when things will get done, or a budget to pay for it.

Learner said he looks forward to next steps by Macy's to better connect its Pedway corridor to the

CTA's Lake Red Line station and seize retail opportunities, as Block 37 has done. The Pedway area through Block 37 has sandwich shops and kiosks selling clothes and watches.

The city's Streets and Sanitation Department cleans general areas of the Pedway, not spaces within businesses, department spokeswoman Marjani Williams said. It has not added personnel in recent weeks, she said.

Transportation song quiz

■ Last week's transportation song tells of a dog of a way to get around, by someone best known for a hit with a cat in the title. The song is "Greyhound," by Harry Chapin, who also wrote "Cat's in the Hat." Gwen Ogi, of Skokie, was the winner.

■ This week's song tells of romance thwarted by a defective piece of safety equipment. What's the song, and who wrote it? The first person with the right answer gets a Tribune bookmark, and glory.

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Naperville police turn to beanbags

Special shotguns added to patrol cars

BY SUZANNE BAKER
Naperville Sun

the baton," he said.

When confronted by a man wielding a knife and screwdriver and threatening them with harm, Naperville police officers recently turned to a tool now available in all city patrol cars: a beanbag shotgun.

The gun is seen as a way means to disable a violent person who is in danger of injuring themselves or others but is not a direct threat wherein deadly force is necessary, said Naperville Sgt. Bill Barrett, a training officer in the Professional Development and Training Unit in charge of certifying city officers in the firearm's use.

The incident involving an armed man menacing the Naperville officer, who was responding to an armed robbery call, gave police a chance to put the weapon into action. The officer kept the man at bay by talking to him until additional officers could arrive and subdue him with a beanbag, Barrett said.

"It worked as intended," he said. "We are trying to make it safer for everyone out there."

Just like a baton or stun gun, the shotgun is another less lethal option in the police arsenal, Barrett said.

For hundreds of years, a baton was used by police to bring violent people into custody, he said. "Think of (a beanbag shotgun) as a new version of

Although police must be in direct contact with a person in order to use a baton or within feet for a stun gun, Barrett said a beanbag shotgun can be accurate when fired 20 feet away.

"We don't have to get close to a threatening subject," he added. "This is an option we have now."

The shotguns the Naperville Police Department use were modified — they are orange-colored and have "less lethal" markings on the stock — to reflect their function. "It is for all intents and purposes a shotgun," Barrett said.

Each cost about \$500 for the gun, conversion kit and the beanbag shells, he said. A beanbag round consists of a mesh sock filled with No. 9 lead shot and mesh tails to improve accuracy. The mesh sock is coated with a powdered green coloring that will mark any spot the beanbag hits.

When trying to subdue a subject, an officer would target areas of the body where serious injuries are unlikely to occur, such as the legs, and avoid the chest, neck and head. Barrett said.

Because the weapon still is a shotgun and can shoot regular shells, the police department established strict protocols for how and when the weapons are used. Barrett said redundancies are built into procedures to reduce the possibility of harm to anyone involved.

Cook County offers \$8.5M in transportation grants

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

Chicago-area towns and nonprofits that want to expand a bike trail or untangle a tricky rail crossing: This is a good time to ask for help. Cook County is offering \$8.5 million in grants to help cover the cost of planning, engineering and other construction needs associated with transportation improve-

ments.

The call for projects is part of the "Connecting Cook County" transportation plan, now in its third year. In the first two years of the initiative, the county awarded \$14.2 million to fund 64 projects, including projects for rail, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian paths and roads. The idea is not to fund the whole project, but to help move it along and attract other

funding, according to county officials.

Half of the grants awarded have gone to projects in low- and moderate-income communities, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle said. Projects are funded by the motor fuel tax.

Past grants have included \$317,000 for extending and expanding the Natalie Creek Trail in south suburban Midlothian and

\$500,000 to Pace for work on its busy South Halsted bus corridor, according to the county.

The county wants applications from local governments and transit agencies. Private for-profit or nonprofit groups also can submit proposals, but they must have a public sponsor. The deadline to apply is March 15, and winners will be announced this summer.

Former Obama aide has a new campaign

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ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is a progressive neurological disease in which a person's motor neurons degenerate, essentially paralyzing the patient and eventually causing death. About 5,000 people in the U.S. are diagnosed each year; the ALS Association estimates about 20,000 Americans have the disease. In 2014, the ALS Association was the beneficiary of the viral Ice Bucket Challenge, which raised more than \$100 million and tripled the association's research budget. Still, many people are unfamiliar with exactly what the disease means.

A poll Wallach and Abrevaya commissioned found that more than 60 percent of Americans knew little about ALS; 85 percent did not know the average life-span was less than five years. They hope more awareness will boost funding. Already, I Am ALS has convened a Patient Advisory Council with 26 members, including those from major ALS organizations, and a Scientific Advisory Council with doctors from leading ALS clinics. This year, they want to build a support center to guide patients and connect them to resources.

They acknowledge a goal of \$100 million — nearly as much as the Ice Bucket Challenge raised — seems ambitious. This figure includes raising \$50 million in new funding as well as doubling the federal investment in research from roughly \$50 million to \$100 million, and they point out that other diseases have much more funding than ALS.

Raising money for research is not something Wallach was ready to do immediately. In the neurologist's office in November 2017, he was trying to process the doctor's words. The neurologist asked whether Wallach had noticed any muscles twitching, and



Sandra Abrevayathe and Brian Wallach are launching I Am ALS to promote funding toward a cure for the disease.

Wallach showed him movement he had noticed in his arms. The doctor told Wallach to prepare for an ALS diagnosis.

"I was totally unprepared for the appointment, I think, in hindsight," Wallach said.

He left. He called a friend who was a neurologist. When he asked what it meant, the friend asked where he was, if he was alone, if he could pull over his car.

Wallach's wife saw him sitting in the car in front of their home in Andersonville, where they lived at the time. She came outside; she sat in the car. She, too, did not understand what was happening. The Ice Bucket Challenge disease? Her brain tried to process it. Surely it couldn't be that bad. He was only 37 years old. Then he told her the doctor had said he might only have six months left.

Inside were their two daughters, one only a week old.

Trying to grasp what this might mean, Wallach suggested something concrete. They should get him a new phone, he told his wife, one with bigger storage to take videos his girls could remember him by.

"What I envisioned as my future," he said, "may not in fact be that."

With ALS, because people often do not fully understand it, receiving the diagnosis is just the first blow. The second is that the diagnosis can't be confirmed right away. That requires documenting progression as well as ruling out other diseases. So for months after the first November appointment and initial diagnosis, Wallach saw doctors and got second opinions. In February 2018, after a test showed progression of the disease, a doctor confirmed what they had hoped was not true: Wallach had ALS.

Wallach began to tell friends, sometimes seemingly taking on the roles of

physician and patient. The physician must explain the depths of how a diagnosis will change a life, and the patient must bear its weight.

Wallach recalls one friend telling him: "This is your new reality. The question is, what are you going to do with it?"

Wallach held on to that thought as he walked through the next steps. Doctors, appointments, phone calls, family and friends who read studies and examined treatments and asked how to help him.

Starting last spring, Wallach flew around the country — to Boston, Seattle, New Orleans — meeting with organizations and researchers and doctors and patients and caregivers. He asked them how progress toward a cure could be quicken. He asked, if you had an extra \$1 million, what could you do?

He wanted to understand the landscape of this disease and its future, and he wanted to know how he could help. He and Abrevaya agreed that if they were to try to do something, it must not replicate what was already out there; it should efficiently, quickly bolster existing efforts.

"At the end of the day, this is a race," Abrevaya said. "All we care about is what's going on, why isn't this working faster and better, and what is needed to help it work faster and better."

Because the average life expectancy for ALS is about two to five years, many patients cannot focus on anything but trying to live. It is unlike other diseases with longer life expectancies, like cancer or multiple sclerosis. Eventually those patients may have band-

width, if they choose, to join advocacy efforts.

"People come into it and pass away so quickly," Wallach said. "And that trajectory is so ferocious that those who survive them often don't want to relive the train wreck that they just went through."

Calaneet Balas, president of the Washington-based ALS Association, said funding from the Ice Bucket Challenge in 2014 contributed to recent potential advances. Researchers better understand genes involved, which can help develop new therapies; multiple clinical trials are moving forward.

"If you look at where we are now and where we've been five years ago, it's a tremendous amount of growth," she said. "It's truly the most exciting time in this space in probably a decade."

Funding like the millions Wallach and Abrevaya dream of raising could help propel that. Balas, who has met with Wallach, hopes research soon could even target prevention.

"Can we do anything to prevent the onset?" Balas said. "That's something I don't think we've ever even entertained that could happen."

Of Wallach, she said, "I think anybody who has ALS and is willing to spend their time, which is very precious, is a remarkable person."

While building I Am ALS, the couple pulled on their experience working on the 2008 Barack Obama presidential campaign. Wallach spent months talking to voters about concerns and problems. He learned to listen, to propose solutions, to build a team that believes in its capacity

to change the world for the better.

This is not that dissimilar. He seeks what people already working on a tough disease need, and he uses his experience to gather resources and fuse something new. And he is taking another lesson from that campaign. Be bold, and hope.

"I think the word 'hope' is tossed around a lot. And if hope means that sort of naive belief that things are going to be OK, that's not what I mean by hope," he said. "Hope means that you can actually have the power to help make your future better."

After meeting on the New Hampshire campaign trail, Wallach and Abrevaya began dating; when they landed at the White House — she as associate communications director, he as senior vetting counsel — they embarked on what colleagues referred to as romantic coffee walks.

In 2012, while still working in the Obama administration, he proposed. Shortly after, she moved back to Chicago. He joined her the next year, and they married. He began work as a federal prosecutor working on gang and violent crimes, a job he loved but left last year after weighing the pace of trials with what lay ahead with ALS. He now works for the law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, where he'd worked previously and which welcomed him back after his diagnosis. Abrevaya is president of Thrive Chicago, which helps youth organizations collaborate.

For now, the couple are focused on this week, the launch of I Am ALS, the next few months of building momentum and experiencing the next year. Seeing friends. Saying yes to their daughters, now 1 and 3. Taking their 16-year-old beagle and hound mix, Hunter, on walks. Date nights. Weddings.

And, of course, they dare to hope. They hope this work means something. They hope it helps people. They hope Wallach's treatment, which includes medications as well as clinical trials, extends his life. Maybe it could add a year, his wife hopes; cobbled together with something else that slows progression, she can envision another year. Maybe that buys enough time for new medications, for research to lead to something that means something more.

"Will it benefit me? Hopefully. But do I know it's going to? Absolutely not," Wallach said. "Do I hope I'll be here to watch my daughters get married? Absolutely."

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NICE AND ICY

Iceicles cling to a chain by the lake near the Adler Planetarium in Chicago on Sunday.

Weather hinders lake search for teen

BY BY PHIL ROCKROHR
News-Sun

The search for a teenager who reportedly jumped into Lake Michigan Friday to rescue another teen who slipped off a pier into the lake was delayed again Sunday by heavy waves, Fire Marshall Steven Lenzi said.

Waukegan fire personnel were unable to resume

water-recovery operations on Saturday or Sunday, Lenzi said.

"We're doing a ground search near the water," he said Sunday. "The waves are still too difficult to deal with. The water conditions are still pretty treacherous as you get out in the water."

Crews will continue to search the lakefront until they are able to resume the water search, hopefully

Monday, Lenzi said. Illinois State Police Air Operations and the U.S. Coast Guard have also been called for help, he said.

The missing teen was one of two 16-year-old boys who fire personnel searched for on Friday near Municipal Beach, fire officials said. The first teen was located and taken to a hospital late Friday afternoon, officials said.

Medical pot limit could face fast change

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One of the pending lawsuits seeking to expand that list was filed by Chicago-area resident Ann Mednick, who said she suffers from osteoarthritis causing intractable pain, meaning it's resistant to treatment.

It was her lawsuit that resulted in the court order to add intractable pain as a qualifying condition, with the judge citing clinical studies that found marijuana effective treatment for chronic pain with relatively few side effects.

Mednick said she has no problem getting a prescription for tramadol, a highly addictive narcotic, but hates the side effects. When she asked two of her doctors for medical marijuana, they told her their employers wouldn't allow them to certify patients because marijuana remains prohibited under federal law.

"They've scared the bejesus out of the doctors," said Mednick, adding she's just wants to make it easier to accomplish daily activities.

One medical marijuana expansion Rauner did embrace was a new state law allowing it as a replacement for patients who could otherwise get an opioid painkiller prescription. But proponents say simply adding new conditions would be more convenient for affected patients, because



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Then-Gov. Bruce Rauner signed a bill letting opioid prescription patients use medical pot.

some don't qualify for narcotic painkillers, and those that do must have their prescription renewed every 90 days, instead of the yearlong certificate for general medical cannabis use.

Rheumatoid arthritis already qualifies for medical marijuana, but not common osteoarthritis, nor pain in general, which is the most popular qualifying condition in many other states. An online petition asking Rauner to drop his opposition to chronic pain attracted 4,600 signatures.

Mednick's attorney, Mike Goldberg, said he doesn't know what the new administration will do, but with the financial backing of the

medical marijuana industry, he plans to proceed with the cases if necessary.

"The industry is definitely interested in putting these cases back on track to force the new administration to address whether to expand the program," he said.

Ross Morreale, co-founder of medical marijuana company Ataraxia and chairman of the Medical Cannabis Alliance of Illinois, said dropping the opposition to the lawsuits would be the "fastest and easiest" way to improve access.

The Illinois health de-

partment could also approve any of at least eight conditions that were recommended by the now-dissolved state medical cannabis advisory board, including neuropathy, osteoarthritis and chronic pain from trauma.

"To have these added ... would help tens of thousands of Illinois residents gain access to medical cannabis, and would in turn increase the 2019 tax revenue to the state by four to five times," Morreale said.

The Medical Cannabis Advisory Board was disbanded in 2017 as part of a deal with Rauner's adminis-

tration that added terminal illness and post-traumatic stress syndrome as qualifying conditions. PTSD has since become the No. 1 reason people use medical marijuana in Illinois.

Tim McAnarney, a lobbyist for Healthy and Productive Illinois, which opposes marijuana legalization, said his group does not oppose decriminalization or medical marijuana themselves but doesn't support any widespread expansion.

"We don't want to become California, where you stub your toe and get (medical marijuana)," he said. "At some point you have to draw a line. Is it really for medical (reasons), or just to try to inch closer to complete legalization?"

Even if recreational marijuana is approved, the medical program will remain important because it will likely be taxed at a much lower rate, and it may provide additional legal protections for those who use it.

On the campaign trail, Pritzker often voiced his support for making sure that medical marijuana is accessible to the people who need it, and he wants to preserve the program despite the advent of recreational marijuana, spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh said.

"J.B. is committed to working with lawmakers to ensure medical cannabis regulations meet the medical needs of Illinoisans," she said, "and looks forward to working with the General Assembly to continue making the program accessible to those who need it."

A spokesperson for Raoul declined comment, but the state's new attorney general has voiced support for medical marijuana access. His office generally is tasked with representing the wishes of its client, in this case, the department of health, which falls under the governor's purview.

In addition to adding conditions, another way the new governor could expand medical marijuana, advocates say, is by awarding or rebidding five dispensary licenses that were never issued. As the industry is poised to balloon in size, there is much more interest in those licenses now.

"It could very well happen," said attorney Bob Bauerschmidt, who has represented the patients filing lawsuits as well as dispensaries. "I'd be shocked if the governor denies medical marijuana when he's talking about approving recreational."

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Erykah Badu, shown during the 2018 Soul Train Awards in Las Vegas, performed on Saturday at the Aragon Ballroom.

Concert crowd boos Badu after R. Kelly comments

BY MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

Singer-songwriter Erykah Badu elicited boos from a Chicago crowd after bringing up R. Kelly at a Saturday night concert in his hometown, according to fans in attendance.

A few songs into her show at the Aragon Ballroom in the Uptown neighborhood, Badu took a break from her set to talk about Kelly, who continues to face fallout from "Surviving R. Kelly," the Lifetime documentary series that spotlighted decades of abuse allegations against the R&B singer.

Venessa Gonzalez, 35, said she flew into Chicago from Los Angeles for the concert to celebrate a friend's birthday.

"She starts off the concert, and everything's going great," said Gonzalez. "Mid-show, she decided to bring up R. Kelly and how Chicago feels about R. Kelly and everybody started booing."

"I'm putting up a prayer right now for R.," Badu said, according to videos posted on social media.

The singer redirected the audience away from criticizing Kelly, saying, "That's not love."

Gonzalez said it was a "strange" moment.

"It almost felt like a quick interlude but not really," said Gonzalez. "There wasn't even music playing in the background."

Badu then wondered out loud if one of Kelly's alleged victims would also be crucified if she grew up to be an offender.

"It's just something to think about," Badu said.

"The crowd, we were all just kind of looking at each other like, is this happening right now?" said Gonzalez.

Other concertgoers took to Twitter to respond to Badu's comments.

Like millions of other people, Gonzalez said she watched "Surviving R. Kelly" and was surprised Badu would talk about Kelly in Chicago.

"I think it's a sensitive

topic for Chicagoans right now," Gonzalez said. "Everybody's looking at you guys in a fishbowl."

"Chicago condoned the behavior for so long, or supported him knowingly, and so after this documentary came out it really kind of put the looking glass on Chicago for all outsiders," Gonzalez said.

On Sunday, Badu appeared to clarify her comments on Twitter: "I love you. Unconditionally. That doesn't mean I support your poor choices. I want healing for you and anyone you have hurt as a result of you being hurt. Is that strange to you? That's all I've ever said. Anything else has been fabricated or taken out of context."

Badu's comments follow reports that Sony Music dropped Kelly and the airing of an accuser coming forward on a "Dateline NBC" special.

In Chicago, building inspectors found evidence that Kelly's Near West Side studio was used as a residence even though it was not zoned for that purpose. As part of a separate eviction lawsuit, Kelly has until early next week to pay nearly \$175,000 in back rent and other costs to avoid being evicted.

Kelly is reportedly under criminal investigation in Georgia, and Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx has asked alleged victims to come forward. Kelly has long denied all allegations of sexual abuse and running a "sex cult." Cook County prosecutors indicted Kelly on child pornography charges alleging he filmed himself having sex with a girl estimated to be as young as 13, but a jury acquitted him of all charges in 2008.

Badu, who has collaborated with Kelly and introduced him at the 2015 Soul Train Awards as having done more for black people than anyone, reportedly declined to be interviewed for the Lifetime documentary.

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Giuliani: 'So what' if testimony discussed

Lawyer doesn't know if Trump, Cohen spoke

BY ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's lawyer Rudy Giuliani left open on Sunday the possibility that Trump and former personal attorney Michael Cohen might have discussed Cohen's congressional testimony.

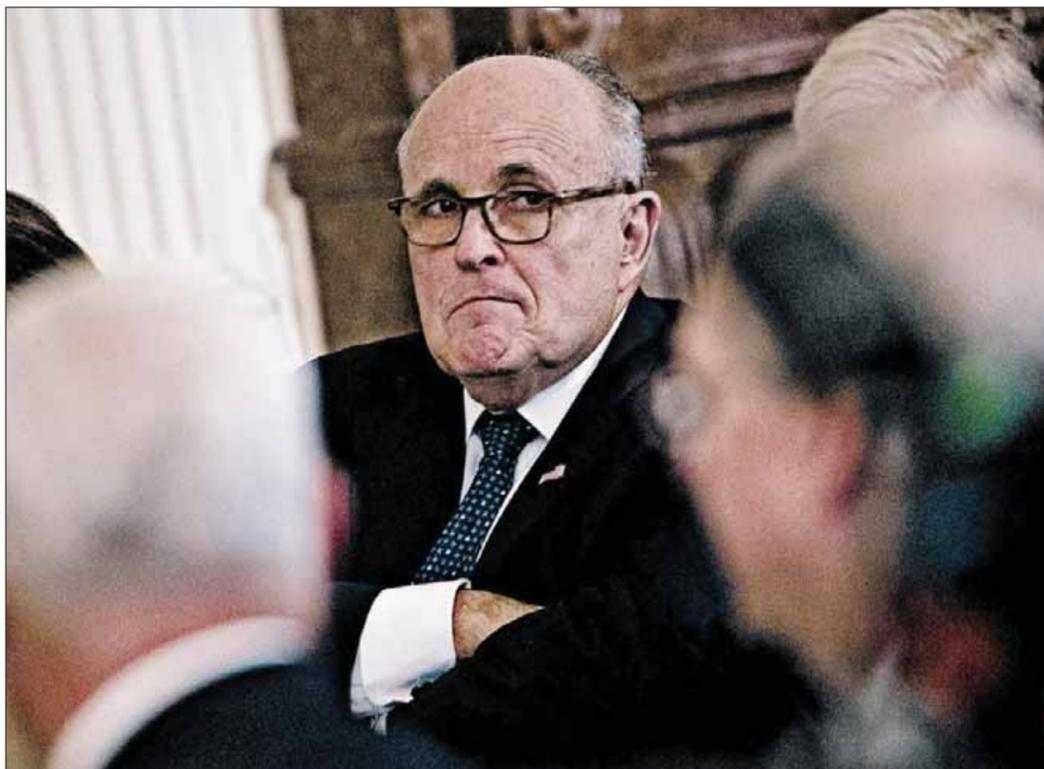
But, he added, "so what" if he did?

Giuliani appeared on CNN, where he said he did not know if Trump had discussed with Cohen a 2017 congressional interview at which Cohen has admitted lying about a Trump Tower real estate project in Moscow. He also acknowledged in a separate interview with NBC News that conversations about that project stretched throughout 2016, including possibly up until October or November of that year.

The question arose in light of a BuzzFeed News report last week that said Trump had instructed Cohen to lie to Congress and that Cohen relayed that to special counsel Robert Mueller's team of investigators. Mueller's office took the unusual step of issuing a statement disputing central aspects of the story.

Giuliani blasted BuzzFeed, which stands by its reporting, calling the story "scandalous" and "horrible."

Giuliani said on interviews Sunday that Trump never directed Cohen to lie. But on CNN he acknowledged the possibility that



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Rudy Giuliani, a lawyer for Donald Trump, ripped BuzzFeed on Sunday for last week's report that said the president instructed lawyer Michael Cohen to lie before Congress.

Trump and Cohen might have discussed Cohen's testimony, saying that while he had no knowledge of such a conversation, he wasn't ruling it out.

"I don't know if it happened or didn't happen," Giuliani said, later adding, "And so what if he talked to him about it?"

Giuliani's suggestion to NBC that dialogue about the Trump Tower project could have stretched into the fall of 2016 extends the timeline beyond what the president has publicly acknowledged.

Cohen pleaded guilty to lying to Congress by saying that he had abandoned the project in January 2016 even though prosecutors say he actually continued pursuing it into June of that year.

Giuliani said on NBC's "Meet The Press" that Trump could recall having conversations with Cohen about the project throughout 2016, though there "weren't a lot of them."

"The president also remembers — yeah, probably up — could be up to as far as October, November," Giu-

liani said. "Our answers cover until the election. So anytime during that period they could've talked about it. But the president's recollection of it is that the, the thing had petered out quite a bit."

Giuliani made a similar comment last month on ABC News when he suggested that the president knew that Cohen was pursuing the project well into 2016.

"According to the answer that he gave, it would have covered all the way up to — covered up to November

2016. Said he had conversations with him but the president didn't hide this," Giuliani said.

Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., said Giuliani keeps changing his tune as more details are revealed, telling NBC's Chuck Todd: "This morning I almost feel bad for him."

"He keeps having to readjust his stories as more facts come out," Warner said on "Meet the Press." "We know Trump was trying to do business with Moscow up until this election."

Warner, who serves as ranking Democrat on the

Senate Intelligence Committee, said he and Chairman Richard Burr, R-N.C., want to bring Cohen back to testify.

Cohen testified before the committee in 2017 and is expected to appear Feb. 7.

Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., chairman of the House intelligence committee, said the panel planned to investigate why Cohen made false statements to Congress and determine what exactly Cohen and Trump might have discussed about his testimony.

"Congress has a fundamental interest in two things first in getting to the bottom of why a witness came before us and lied and who else was knowledgeable that this was a lie," Schiff said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Giuliani told Todd he was "100 percent certain" the president never asked Cohen to do anything but tell the truth to Congress.

Cohen signed a plea deal with the special counsel in November, after pleading guilty to lying to Congress about plans to build the tower.

Although he'd previously said the conversations about the tower ended in January 2016, he later acknowledged they were still occurring in June 2016.

On CNN, Giuliani said BuzzFeed "should be sued, they should be under investigation," telling Jake Tapper: "You've got a hysteria in the media that interprets everything against Donald Trump. What they did ... was truly fake news and disgusting."

The Washington Post contributed.



KATE BRUMBACK/AP

Visitors to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta view a new art installation featuring the words of Martin Luther King Jr. in his own handwriting.

Exhibit of key papers marks MLK's birthday

Speeches, sermons give insight to slain civil rights icon

BY KATE BRUMBACK
Associated Press

ATLANTA — A collection of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s papers provides insight into the slain civil rights leader's thought processes as he drafted some of his most well-known speeches and notable sermons.

"The Meaning of Hope: The Best of the Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Collection" went on an exhibit Saturday at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta. It was timed to commemorate what would have been King's 90th birthday on Jan. 15 and to attract people visiting Atlanta for next month's Super Bowl.

The Voice to the Voiceless gallery at the center plays host to exhibits of King's papers from the Morehouse collection that rotate every four months. Organizers intended this

particular exhibit to showcase the "best of the best," papers that people would instantly recognize without much explanation.

"It's kind of getting people to understand the best of the familiar, the best of the things that make them embrace King for the icon that we've made him," said Nicole Moore, manager of education and museum content at the center.

There are drafts of his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance and "Beyond Vietnam" speeches and of his eulogy for four girls who died when Ku Klux Klan members bombed a church in Birmingham, Ala. In drafts and outlines of speeches and sermons, both typed and written out, words and entire lines are crossed out and rewritten. A published copy of "Letter from Birmingham Jail" is marked with further handwritten edits.

The exhibit also provides visitors an opportunity to go beyond King's most familiar words to learn something new, said Lauren Tate Baeza, head of

content for the center.

"It gives us an opportunity to tell a story that maybe they didn't know about something that they very much know," she said.

While most people are familiar with King's iconic "I Have a Dream" speech, they may not know that he largely improvised when he delivered that speech, departing from his text titled "Normalcy, Never Again," Baeza said. A draft of that speech with King's notes is part of the exhibition.

Also included in the exhibition are King's school transcripts — including one from Crozer Theological Seminary where he got a C in public speaking — and the briefcase he had with him when he was assassinated in 1968 and its contents, including aspirin and shaving powder.

A new permanent art installation called "Fragments" is making its debut just outside the gallery. It features 50 metal panels that are scrawled with King's handwriting cut by laser and illuminated from behind.

Witnesses: Party mood before pipeline inferno

BY MARK STEVENSON
Associated Press

TLAHUELILPAN, Mexico — People in the town where a gasoline explosion killed at least 85 people and left dozens more missing say the section of pipeline that gushed fuel has been a habitual gathering site for thieves, repeatedly damaged and repaired.

"It was the popular tap," said Enrique Cerron, 22, who lives near the field. "You could pass by at 11 or 12 in the morning and see people filling up here."

On Friday, amid country-wide fuel shortages at gas stations as the government attempts to stem widespread fuel theft, this particular section of pipeline came back in service for the first time in nearly four weeks, and somebody punctured the line again.

Word quickly spread through the community of 20,000 people that gas was flowing.

Hundreds showed up at the spigot, carrying plastic jugs and covering their faces with bandanas. A few threw rocks and swung sticks at soldiers who tried to shoo them away. Some fuel collectors brought their children along.

Tlahuelilpan is an agrarian community located 90 minutes by car from the capital and just 8 miles from the state-run Tula oil refinery. It's surrounded by verdant alfalfa fields and power plant stacks, and is reasonably affluent by rural Mexican standards.

Hidalgo state data shows about half the community lives in moderate poverty, in line with the national average.

At first the gasoline leak was manageable, locals say, emitting a tame fountain of fuel that allowed for filling small buckets one at a time. But as the crowd swelled to more than 600, people became impatient.



ALFREDO ESTRELLA/GETTY-APF

Relatives of people missing after the blaze check the list after the fire triggered by a leaky pipeline in Mexico.

That's when a man rammed a piece of rebar into a patch, according to Irma Velasco, who lives near the alfalfa field where the explosion took place, and gasoline shot 20 feet into the air, like water from a geyser.

A carnival atmosphere took over. Giddy adults soaked in gasoline filled jugs and passed them to runners. Families and friends formed human chains and guard posts to stockpile containers with fuel.

For nearly two hours, more than a dozen soldiers stood guard on the outskirts of the field, warning civilians not to go near. Officials say the soldiers were outnumbered and their instructions were to not intervene.

Only a week earlier, people in a different town had beaten some soldiers who tried to stop them from collecting state-owned fuel.

The smell of gas grew stronger and stronger as thousands of barrels spewed. Those closest to the gusher apparently became delirious, intoxicated by fumes.

Townpeople stumbled about. The night filled with an eerie mist, a mixture of

cool mountain air and fine particles of gasoline.

Velasco said she rushed to aid a man she saw staggering along the road and away from the gusher. She removed his gas-drenched clothes to help alleviate the overwhelming stench of toxic fuel.

Then she helped another young man, who described to her how the geyser had erupted.

Cerron was at the heart of the mayhem when he sensed mounting danger.

He pulled a 70-year-old man out of a ditch where gasoline was pooling; the man had passed out from the vapors.

Then Cerron, a student, decided it was time to go home.

"They looked like zombies trying to get all that gasoline out," Cerron said.

He passed soldiers warning would-be scavengers to stay away. It's going to explode, they said. And it did. Once home, Cerron turned for one last glance at the gusher. Instead he saw flames.

By Sunday evening the death toll from Friday's blaze had risen to 85, with another 58 hospitalized, according to federal Health Minister Jorge Alcocer. Dozens more were missing.



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May plans next move in Brexit fight as chances rise of delay

LONDON — As Prime Minister Theresa May prepared her next move in Britain's deadlocked Brexit battle, a senior opposition politician said Sunday that it's unlikely the U.K. will leave the European Union as scheduled on March 29.

A government minister, however, warned that failure to deliver on Brexit would betray voters and unleash a "political tsunami."

May is due to present

Parliament with a revised Brexit plan on Monday, after the divorce deal she had struck with the EU was rejected by lawmakers last week. Some members of Parliament are pushing for a delay until the country's divided politicians can agree on a way forward.

The political impasse over Brexit is fueling concerns that Britain may crash out of the EU with no agreement in place to cushion the shock.

Boat with migrants rescued off Libya looks for port to dock

ROME — A private rescue boat with dozens of migrants aboard sought permission for a second day to enter a safe port Sunday, but said so far its queries to several nations haven't succeeded. Another vessel crowded with panicking migrants and taking on water, meanwhile, put out an urgent, separate appeal for help in the southern Mediterranean.

Sea-Watch 3, run by a

German NGO, said Sunday it has contacted Italy, Malta, Libya as well as the Netherlands, since the boat is Dutch-flagged, asking where it can take the 47 migrants it had aboard.

Separately, Sea-Watch tweeted that because it appeared no country's coast guard had initiated a rescue mission, Sea-Watch 3 was heading toward a vessel with 100 migrants aboard that said it was taking on water.

Holocaust victims buried after remains found in U.K. museum

LONDON — The remains of six unidentified Holocaust victims were buried in a solemn ceremony at a Jewish cemetery near London on Sunday after spending more than two decades in storage at a British museum.

The Imperial War Museum in London found the ashes and bone fragments during a stock-taking last year.

They had been given to the museum, along with

other items from the Auschwitz concentration camp, by an anonymous donor in 1997.

Tests determined the remains belonged to five adults and a child, though their identities couldn't be established.

More than 1,000 mourners watched as they were buried in a single coffin in earth brought from Israel at a cemetery in Bushey, just north of London.



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A young volunteer helps clean up debris Sunday in Wetumpka, Ala., after tornadoes ripped the central part of the state the day before. Officials said at least 25 homes as well as other buildings in town were seriously damaged or destroyed by the EF2 twister.

Court upholds election results; Congo nears peaceful transfer

NAIROBI, Kenya — A constitutional court in Congo issued a middle-of-the-night decision early Sunday affirming opposition candidate Felix Tshisekedi's victory in a contentious presidential election that featured widespread irregularities, disenfranchisement and evidence of manipulation.

In an indication of how little the decision does to resolve Congo's political crisis, another opposition candidate, Martin Fayulu, immediately declared himself president and said the court's decision was "nothing more than a constitu-

tional coup" while calling for "peaceful protests."

The court rejected two petitions from Fayulu and another candidate claiming that the election commission had released fraudulent results and that it had illegally disqualified more than a million voters from casting ballots in regions stricken by the Ebola virus and ethnic conflict.

Tshisekedi, 56, is set to be inaugurated Tuesday, in what would be Congo's first peaceful transfer of power since independence in 1960. He would succeed Joseph Kabila, who has been president for 18 years

since he inherited the position from his father, Laurent Kabila, who was assassinated in 2001. Tshisekedi is a political novice who has spent most of his life in the shadow of his father, Etienne Tshisekedi, who died in 2017.

Congratulatory notes poured in for Tshisekedi from African leaders, including South Africa's Cyril Ramaphosa and Kenya's Uhuru Kenyatta. The African Union, which had expressed "serious doubts" about the vote's veracity and planned to send a delegation, instead canceled its mission.

Attack by militants kills 10 peacekeepers in Mali

BAMAKO, Mali — Al-Qaida-linked jihadists carried out one of the deadliest attacks on a United Nations peacekeeping mission in months, killing 10 peacekeepers and wounding at least 25 in northern Mali, the U.N. said Sunday.

All of the peacekeepers

killed in the assault on their camp in Aguelhoc were from Chad, the U.N. secretary-general's spokesman said in a statement.

Peacekeepers "responded robustly and a number of assailants were killed," the statement said. Residents said the attackers in the Sunday morning as-

sault arrived in motorcycles and cars.

The 15,000-strong peacekeeping mission in Mali, established in 2013, is one of the U.N.'s deadliest. The West African nation is under threat from a number of extremist groups affiliated with al-Qaida and the Islamic State group.

Former CIA officer dies; was portrayed in 'Argo' film

FREDERICK, Md. — A former CIA technical operations officer who helped rescue six U.S. diplomats from Iran in 1980 and was portrayed by Ben Affleck in "Argo," the 2013 film about the daring plot, has died. He was 78.

A family statement and his literary agent confirmed that Antonio "Tony" Mendez died Saturday at an assisted-living center in Frederick. He had suffered from Parkinson's disease, according to the statement.

Mendez helped devise the plan under which six diplomats who were in hiding were disguised as a Canadian film crew so they could board a flight and escape the country amid the Iran hostage crisis.

Mendez, who joined the CIA in 1965, spent his 25-year career working undercover in Cold War battlegrounds as a "chief of disguise."

In Japan: Masazo Nonaka, the world's oldest man, died Sunday while sleeping at his home — a hot springs inn — on the northern main island of Hokkaido at the age of 113, his family said. The supercentenarian was certified by Guinness World Records in April 2018 as the world's oldest living man at 112 years and 259 days.

In Spain: Rescuers near southern Malaga said Sunday that the frantic effort to reach a 2-year-old boy who fell into a narrow, deep borehole seven days ago has again been slowed by difficult terrain. Authorities said a drill used to create a vertical shaft parallel to the waterhole has hit patches of increasingly hard rock.

Talks stalled, no end to shutdown in sight

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government jobs to get by.

As states scramble to mitigate the impact of the shutdown, the bipartisan National Governors Association sent a letter to congressional leaders on Sunday, urging the Senate to immediately pass an extension for the federal welfare program known as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

The \$16.5 billion block grant program funds cash welfare benefits and other services for low-income families. At least one state is expected to exhaust its funding early next month, the governors' association said, while the situation in other states varies "based on caseload and enrollment."

"It is untenable for states to administer effective TANF programs given the current uncertainty," Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat, and Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker, a Republican, said in the letter.

On Saturday, Trump had offered Democrats three years of deportation protections for some immigrants in exchange for \$5.7 billion in wall funding. The proposal was rejected by Democrats and derided by conservatives as amnesty.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has said he will move ahead this week on Trump's proposal.

He faces an uphill climb in breaking the Senate's 60-vote threshold of a filibuster, with Democrats insisting they will not negotiate on immigration until Trump reopens the government.

Trump sought Sunday critiques of his latest proposal, maintaining in a tweet that "No, Amnesty is not a part of my offer."

"It is a 3 year extension of DACA," Trump said, referring to the Deferred



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

Passengers at Miami International Airport wait at a security checkpoint on Friday. Absenteeism among TSA screeners who have not been paid during the partial government shutdown has fueled long waits.

Action for Childhood Arrivals program. "Amnesty will be used only on a much bigger deal, whether on immigration or something else. Likewise there will be no big push to remove the 11,000,000 plus people who are here illegally — but be careful Nancy!"

Trump's reference to amnesty could create confusion and is unlikely to help the president get his plan through Congress.

Asked about Trump's tweet, Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla., said on ABC's "This Week" that he wasn't certain what the president meant.

"What I don't know is what the president's talking about there, to say amnesty really involves a much larger group," Lankford said. "That's a longer debate and obviously not something we can solve quickly."

In an interview on "Fox News Sunday," Vice President Mike Pence reiterated that Trump's proposal "is not amnesty" because "there's no pathway to citizenship."

"There's no permanent status here at all, which is what amnesty contemplates," Pence said.

But in a separate interview on CBS' "Face the Nation," Pence declined to

elaborate on whether Trump meant that he was leaving the door open to amnesty in the future.

"I'll let the president's words stand," Pence said.

He added that Trump is "absolutely determined" to build "234 miles of additional steel barrier" along the U.S.-Mexico border, which the White House outlined in a letter to lawmakers earlier this month.

Democrats on the Sunday morning news shows rallied behind Pelosi and dismissed Trump's latest proposal.

Asked by NBC's Chuck Todd whether Trump's offer signals "progress," Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., said the government must first reopen before work on border security can commence.

"We cannot reward the kind of behavior of hostage taking," Warner said on "Meet the Press." "If the president can arbitrarily shut down the government, he will do it time and time again."

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., who pushing a 2020 presidential bid, said on CNN's "State of the Union" that her counteroffer to Trump would be "what we put on the table a year ago and voted for, which was to protect all dreamers."



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A Greek flag-clad demonstrator clashes with riot police during a rally Sunday outside of the Greek parliament, as thousands of Greeks protest against the Macedonia deal.

Macedonia nears new name; Greece erupts

BY DEMETRIS NELLAS
Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Protesters clashed with police outside Greece's parliament during a rally that drew tens of thousands of people Sunday against the Greek-Macedonia name deal.

At least 25 police officers were injured and seven people arrested, police said. Demonstrators threw rocks, flares, firebombs, paint and other objects at riot police who responded with repeated volleys of tear gas.

Some protesters jumped over a fence and tried to scale the steps, but officers chased them back. One man draped in a Greek flag attacked police with a large stick, while others swung big flags on wooden poles and struck officers.

People attending the rally said large clouds of tear gas led many to abandon the protest. The square in front of parliament had nearly emptied by early evening, though small groups of protesters continued to clash with offi-

cers. Some protesters also attacked photographers, injuring four, one of whom was hospitalized and also had his camera stolen.

Greece's parliament is expected to start a debate Monday on ratifying the deal and vote on it by Friday.

Macedonia's parliament has already approved it, agreeing that the country would go by the name North Macedonia.

Macedonia and Greece struck the deal in June to end a decades-long dispute over Macedonia's name, which Greece says harbors territorial claims on its northern province of the same name.

Protesters are against the deal because they believe that any use of the name Macedonia in the neighboring country's name is a usurpation of ancient Greek heritage and implies territorial claims on Greece.

A statement from Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' office blamed "extremist elements and members of Golden Dawn" — an ex-

treme-right, anti-immigrant party — for the clashes Sunday.

"In our democracy, citizens' free expression is an inalienable right, even for those who want to abolish democracy. It is also the duty and obligation of those of us who do believe not to allow them. Let's isolate and condemn them," the statement said.

Police said in a statement that officers had been attacked by "organized groups of individuals with special ferocity, (using) rocks, iron bars, wooden clubs, firebombs, etc. Police forces acted according to operational plans and orders, showed restraint and professionalism and, using the appropriate methods, repelled the attacks."

Protest organizers said they hoped to attract more than 600,000 people. Police released an official estimate of 60,000.

While organizers had said about 3,000 buses would travel from northern Greece alone, police said 327 had arrived from across the country Sunday afternoon.

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EDITORIALS



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A Pace bus rides on the shoulder of the inbound Stevenson Expressway. Shoulder service there and on the Jane Addams Tollway are strong revenue avenues for the transit agency.

Nimble thinking can boost Pace bus ridership and save money

Have you noticed a Pace bus on one of its routes through the suburbs lately? Empty seats, empty benches at the bus stop, day after day.

For Pace, it's become a matter of survival. Ridership continues to flag—last year it dropped 3 percent. No entity, whether it's a company or a transit agency, can continue to exist without enough customers. Pace's interim executive director, Rocky Donahue, seems to understand this. He recently told the Tribune's Mary Wisniewski, "We're seeing ridership losses on our legacy system. ... We can't continue to operate as we are. We have to be more nimble."

Great to hear, especially by an official who answers to taxpayers. By Donahue's

own admission, the agency hasn't had a strategic plan since 2002. It's hard to be nimble when you have no road map for viability and growth. Pace is working on one now.

We hope the first page of that plan will propose eliminating routes with consistently low ridership. It's wrong to keep a route alive when daily ridership amounts to a handful of passengers. That's an inexcusable waste of money — taxpayer money.

The money saved by those cuts can be channeled into Pace routes that show promise, such as the agency's on-the-shoulder expressway service.

Pace's current expressway service includes routes along the Stevenson Express-

way (I-55) and a stretch of the Jane Addams Tollway (I-90). The numbers suggest the arrow's up for both routes. On I-55, Pace express service ridership has risen from 400 riders every day in 2011 to 3,000 now. Pace also has seen strong growth on its I-90 routes.

Donahue says expansion of the agency's express routes would require state lawmakers to enact a capital spending bill, something Springfield hasn't done in 10 years. It's up to Pace to make the case for the approval of capital spending for an agency that's produced abysmal ridership statistics for so many years. The agency would be better off seeing how much expansion can be achieved through other

means, such as service cutbacks where ridership is next to nil.

The underlying premise of Pace's expressway routes has merit. Those shoulder express lanes don't allow regular traffic, which gets bus riders to their destination faster. Efficient, in-demand bus service provides incentive for car commuters fed up with bumper-to-bumper misery to seek out Pace as an alternative.

There are lots of other service ideas for Pace to consider as it rethinks its suburban mass transit mission. The key to successful innovation and growth should be that Pace is both useful to more customers and cost-efficient. That's the best way to keep the buses rolling.

The VA solution: Expanding medical care choices for veterans

The motto of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is "To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan." The nation has long accepted a responsibility to provide for the medical needs of men and women who have served in uniform in war and peace. But in recent years, it has struggled to fulfill that mission in a way that does justice to the sacrifices of those it serves.

For years, those in need of medical care have faced long waits to see doctors or had to travel long distances to get care. This problem arose under President George W. Bush and persisted under Barack Obama as two lengthy wars and the aging of the Vietnam War cohort boosted the number of people needing care.

The department has been dogged by patient backlogs, ethical scandals and unsatisfactory performance. Secretary

David Shulkin was fired last March, and on Thursday the department's inspector general released a report that said he "violated federal statutes and regulations prohibiting the misuse of government property and the acceptance of certain gifts."

But the scandal at the top is less consequential in the long run than the failures in meeting the health needs of veterans. The department's shortcomings are not because it lacks adequate funds. From 2006 to 2016, the budget of the Veterans Hospital Administration, the VA's medical wing, grew from \$38 billion to \$91 billion. But it has failed to put that money to use in an efficient way.

One reason is that the VHA, like many an entrenched bureaucracy, is less than nimble at responding to new demands. A new plan from the Trump administration will apply both resources and pressure, by

making it easier for veterans to get treatment from private doctors and hospitals, with the government paying. It would replace the popular Veterans Choice program, which has attracted 1 million veterans happy to obtain care in the private sector.

The new approach, building on a law enacted last year called the Mission Act, should also help focus the VHA on its most important function: treating the often serious and unusual ailments that stem directly from military service. As it is, reports Concerned Veterans for America, "59 percent of the current unique VHA patients do not have a service-connected disability."

Private providers are perfectly capable of taking care of veterans with high blood pressure or seasonal allergies. Those patients who don't need specialized care

ought to have the option of going to private facilities. CVA Executive Director Dan Caldwell contends that veterans "should have the choice to access care in the community with their VA benefits — especially if the VA can't serve them in a timely manner."

The Mission Act won the endorsement of a host of veterans groups. "It strikes that balance between improving internal care and relying on the community when necessary," said Carlos Fuentes, legislative director of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. "We truly believe the VA delivers great care, but the VA can't be everything to everyone."

Expanding options will relieve the VHA of some of the caseload, let it focus on its unique strengths and force it to compete on a more level playing field. More important, the change should work to improve the lives of veterans.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"The United States is most afraid of death," said Rear Admiral Luo Yuan on Dec. 20 to an audience in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen. "We now have Dong Feng-21D, Dong Feng-26 missiles. These are aircraft carrier killers. We attack and sink one of their aircraft carriers. Let them suffer 5,000 casualties. Attack and sink two carriers, casualties 10,000. Let's see if the U.S. is afraid or not?" ...

He was the second Chinese military officer in December, just days before the 40th anniversary of America's recognition of the People's Republic on Jan. 1, to publicly urge an unprovoked attack on American vessels.

In China, there is war talk, and not just from the officer corps. China's hottest new read is a collection of 1938 speeches of Mao Zedong. "On Protracted War" warned a country then in the midst of both civil and external strife that the Chinese people would have to endure long hardships before prevailing over enemies. At a time Chinese state media is full of venom for the U.S., the current popularity of Mao's message is a warning. ...

The Trump administration has begun to shift its approach to Beijing, issuing, for instance, the National Security Strategy in December 2017. In that landmark document, China is labeled, along with Russia, a "revisionist power." That's a start toward a more realistic view, but the Chinese state appears far less stable and much more aggressive than the document portrays. It's possible, for instance, that a failing China will lash out.

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"HUMPTY DUMPTY SAT ON A WALL... THAT'S AS FAR AS I READ. HOW'S IT END?"

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PERSPECTIVE



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There seems to be no going back to the good old times of yore, when dialing while dining was taboo, or at any rate frowned upon. Cellphones are out everywhere.

Why won't my friend put her phone away when we're out?

By LAURA BOGGS

The other night we went on a double-date with another couple, but they brought along a fifth wheel.

I am not exaggerating when I say the uninvited addition had almost no sense of decorum. She belched unexpectedly. She interrupted well-crafted, carefully thought-out anecdotes by yours truly. A few times, she sat on top of the dinner table. All this in an upscale restaurant, the kind where they don't bring you bread unless you beg. I had hired a sitter, painted my nails, put on pantyhose. But wouldn't you know it, the fifth wheel sucked the civility out of the entire event.

Charmed, I'm sure.

Yet she must possess some degree of *je ne sais quoi*, as my friend, Jennifer, couldn't keep her eyes off her.

This was not the first time Jennifer's phone has pulled up a chair and made herself at home during an outing. I've shared many a meal with this particular piece of technology. I am on

more intimate terms with Jennifer's cell than my own. I feel like we should start ordering for the poor thing, at least a salad or an appetizer. She's only an iPhone 8; if she were an XS or an XS Max, then maybe an entree.

Like placing our napkins on our laps, there used to be a code. From stuffed mushrooms to flourless chocolate cake, phones were put up, at least until it came time to calculate a tip. We were living in a society. We switched our cells to silent, unless we were expecting a call from our doctor with potentially life-threatening test results. In that case, we apologized at the outset for the potential interruption, and if the doc called we fled the scene, shivering in a cold, rainy parking lot or back alley to get the news.

Slowly but surely, our phones crept their way to the tabletop — face-down, mind you. I don't know when or how, exactly, they got promoted to sunnyside up, a fixture just east of the butter knife, due south of water glass.

I'm going to have to hone my tale-

telling skills, keeping stories to 45 seconds or less. Or stop telling stories, period. I suppose, in a real communication pinch, I could tweet "Please pass the salt. #thanks."

I fear there's no going back to the good old times of yore, when dialing while dining was taboo, or at any rate frowned upon. A mere cell-ward glance was about as sophisticated as parsley stuck in your teeth. But, like flip phones, those days are gone with the wind. Subtlety is useless — I've tried, when I initially sit down with somebody, to make a show of shutting my ringer off and shoving my phone into the depths of my pocketbook, using slow, exaggerated movements. There's a finality to my little performance, like I'm burying my 6S at sea. Alternatively, I've tried saying, "Sorry to keep the sound on, but I'm anticipating a call from the oncologist/school principal/our senior state senator." To no avail.

The other night at supper I took a slightly more direct approach, turning

to Jennifer and screeching, "Put away your freaking phone! It's dinner!" It doesn't get more pointed than that, my friends. But Jennifer just laughed and updated us on her Facebook feed.

That's when I excused myself and went to the ladies room. It was a two-staller, and the woman perched next to me was, you guessed it, yapping away on her cellphone. On speaker. To a dude.

There is no balm in Gilead.

If you think men are the only victims of urinary stage fright, think again. I couldn't go. Not in front of the guy who was, in essence, 2 feet away, in earshot of every last tinkle, every echoing toilet paper tear. I wondered if my neighbor would put him on mute when it was time to flush.

I didn't wait to find out. I rejoined our party at the table, where, worst-case scenario, at least Jennifer's phone could only listen to us chew.

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The shabbiest U.S. president ever is an inexpressibly sad specimen

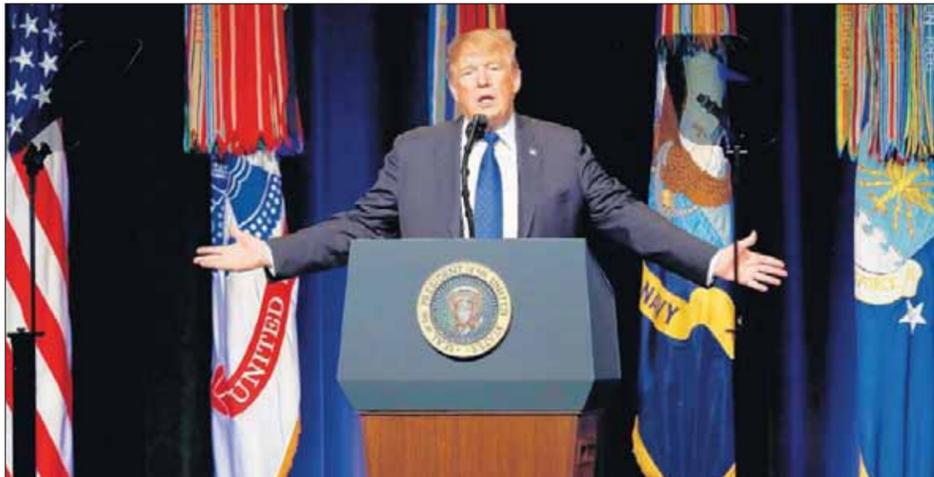


GEORGE WILL

Half or a quarter of the way through this interesting experiment with an incessantly splenetic presidency, much of the nation has become accustomed to daily mortifications. Or has lost its capacity for embarrassment, which is even worse.

If the country's condition is calibrated simply by economic data — if, that is, the United States is nothing but an economy — then the state of the union is good. Except that after two years of unified government under the party that formerly claimed to care about fiscal facts and rectitude, the nation faces a \$1 trillion deficit during brisk growth and full employment. Unless the president has forever banished business cycles — if he has, his modesty would not have prevented him from mentioning it — the next recession will begin with gargantuan deficits, which will be instructive.

The president has kept his promise not to address the unsustainable trajectory of the entitlement state (about the coming unpleasant reckoning, he said: "Yeah, but I won't be here"), and his party's congressional caucuses have elevated subservience to him into a political philosophy. The Republican-controlled Senate — the world's most overrated deliberative body — will not de-



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liberate about, much less pass, legislation the president does not favor. The evident theory is that it would be lese-majeste for the Senate to express independent judgments.

And that senatorial dignity is too brittle to survive the disapproval of a president not famous for familiarity with actual policies. Congressional Republicans have their ears to the ground — never mind Winston Churchill's observation that it is difficult to look up to anyone in that position.

The president's most consequential exercise of power has been the abandonment of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, opening the way for China to fill the void of U.S. involvement. His protectionism — government telling Americans what they can consume, in what quantities and

at what prices — completes his extinguishing of the limited-government pretenses of the GOP, which needs an entirely new vocabulary. Pending that, the party is resorting to crybaby conservatism: We are being victimized by "elites," markets, Wall Street, foreigners, etc.

After 30 years of U.S. diplomatic futility regarding North Korea's nuclear weapons program, the artist of the deal spent a few hours in Singapore with Kim Jong Un, then tweeted: "There is no longer a nuclear threat from North Korea." What price will the president pay — easing sanctions? ending joint military exercises with South Korea? — in attempts to make his tweet seem less dotty?

By his comportment, the president benefits his media detractors

with serial vindications of their disparagements. They, however, have sunk to his level of insufferable self-satisfaction by preening about their superiority to someone they consider morally horrifying and intellectually cretinous. For most Americans, President Donald Trump's expostulations are audible wallpaper, always there but not really noticed. Still, the ubiquity of his outpourings in the media's outpourings gives American life its current claustrophobic feel. This results from many journalists considering him an excuse for a four-year sabbatical from thinking about anything other than the shiny thing that mesmerizes them by dangling himself in front of them.

Dislike of him should be tempered by this consideration: He is an almost inexpressibly sad speci-

men. It must be misery to awaken to another day of being Donald Trump. He seems to have as many friends as his pluperfect self-centeredness allows, and as he has earned in an entirely transactional life. His historical ignorance deprives him of the satisfaction of working in a house where much magnificent history has been made. His childlike ignorance — preserved by a lifetime of single-minded self-promotion — concerning governance and economics guarantees that whenever he must interact with experienced and accomplished people, he is as bewildered as a kindergartner at a seminar on string theory.

Which is why this fountain of self-refuting boasts ("I have a very good brain") lies so much. He does so less to deceive anyone than to reassure himself. And as balm for his base, which remains oblivious to his likely contempt for them as sheep who can be effortlessly gulled by preposterous fictions. The tungsten strength of his supporters' loyalty is as impressive as his indifference to expanding their numbers.

Either the electorate, bored with a menu of faintly variant servings of boorishness, or the 22nd Amendment will end this, our shabbiest but not our first shabby presidency. As Mark Twain and fellow novelist William Dean Howells stepped outside together one morning, a downpour began and Howells asked, "Do you think it will stop?" Twain replied, "It always has."

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PERSPECTIVE

For Martin Luther King Jr. Day: 3 stories and a letter



LEONARD PITTS

Our topic for today: three stories and a letter.

The stories all made recent headlines. The first was about the state of Florida posthumously pardoning the Groveland Four, a group of African-American men who suffered torture, prison and murder after being falsely accused of raping a white woman in 1949.

The second concerns broad Republican condemnation of one of their own, Rep. Steve King, for an interview with *The New York Times* in which he questioned why the terms “white nationalist” and “white supremacist” should be considered offensive.

The third involves a directive — since rescinded — that NBC News sent its writers, reporters and anchors about King’s words. “Be careful to avoid characterizing (King’s) remarks as racist,” it said, suggesting that the remarks instead be described as “what many are calling ‘racist.’”

As for the letter: It was written by Martin Luther King Jr., whose 90th birthday the nation commemorates Monday. King famously penned the epistle from a jail cell in Birmingham in response to a group of white clergymen, eight moderate, principled men, who had condemned as “unwise and untimely” his demonstrations against segregation in their city.

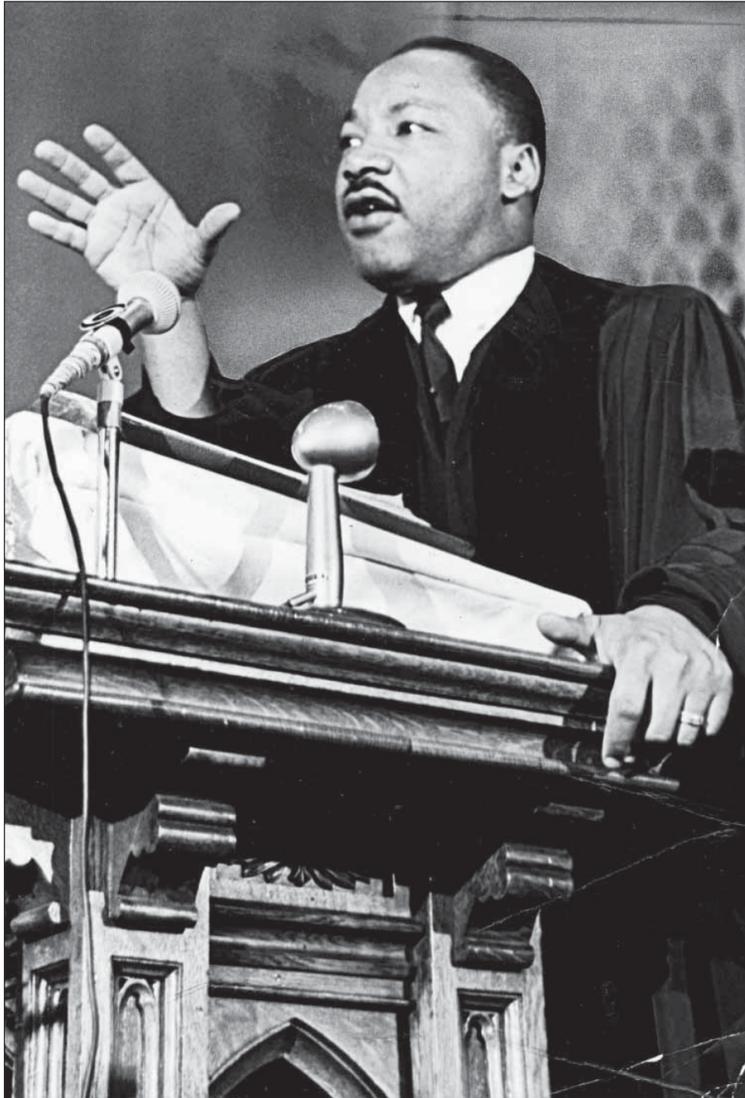
One passage of King’s response seems especially apropos to this moment. In it, he confessed that he had become “gravely disappointed with the white moderate.” Too often, he said, they were “more devoted to ‘order’ than to justice” and preferred “a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice.”

Added King: “Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will.”

Make no mistake: King well knew that all over the South, liberal white kids were risking their lives for black freedom. He was calling out other white people, often older, more moderate white people like those eight men, for the tepidness and flaccidity of their commitment to racial reconciliation. This was 1963, but as the stories above suggest, that problem endures.

It is possible, for instance, to celebrate that Florida has finally done right by the Groveland Four — and yet to also be disgusted that it takes 70 years for the state to belatedly admit its crimes and deliver some small measure of delayed “justice.”

It is possible to consider the GOP’s



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The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. speaks at Quinn Chapel AME Church in Chicago in 1965.

condemnation of Steve King all well and fine, yet also a little arbitrary and affected given that King has a history of racist rhetoric that passed without his party seeming to much notice or care — and that the GOP itself has a long record of thinly veiled racism as obvious as the writing on Barack Obama’s birth certificate.

It is possible to concede that NBC has an interest in ensuring its people remain disinterested observers of events they report, yet feel that in asking them to refrain from calling obvious racism obvious racism, the network doesn’t embody journalistic rigor so much as it does white peoples’ too-frequent refusal to call out such racism even when it’s right in front of them.

We may safely assume most NBC executives, Republican lawmakers and Florida officials would say — and probably believe — all the right things if you asked about their commitment to racial justice. Yet given a chance to put force behind that commitment, they failed. In Florida’s case, they failed for seven decades.

“The ultimate tragedy,” King once said, “is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people but the silence over that by the good people.” He was right.

If you are good, yet silent, maybe you’re not really as good as you think.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Smart gadgets create a dumb life

During a recent lunch break, I was thrilled to read about all the new smart devices coming to the market (“Home gadgets get creepy smart,” Jan. 9). In my ongoing effort to keep up with my friends and neighbors (or stay ahead of them) and be sure I have the latest and greatest of everything, I’m going to replace my current toilets with Kohler Numi smart toilets as soon as they become available. It will allow me to use my voice to raise or lower the lid (critical for a happy marriage) and to flush, so I won’t have to exert myself pressing down that lever. And for those difficult mornings when the inside plumbing is not on schedule, I can also ask it to heat the seat and play music so I can relax.

Granted, because it’s all “smart,” health insurance companies could eventually offer me a substantial discount if they can connect to my toilet, much as we get if we allow car insurance companies to record our driving. This connection could record how often I go No. 1 and No. 2, using advanced algorithms to determine if I’m going a bit too much, thus making me a higher risk for diabetes, irritable bowel syndrome or colon cancer, raising my rates accordingly. But really, a small price to pay for time and energy savings.

Eventually, if we’re lucky, they’ll figure out a way to sync our internal plumbing with any toilet anywhere, giving us a small shock when we’re supposed to go. We’ll then hear Alexa’s soothing voice dictating the directions to the nearest toilet.

I’m going to drink my Metamucil now and get back to work.

— *Joan Schaeffer, Naperville*

Missing point of ‘wall’ debate

I think for the sake of reasoned and civil debate when discussing the Mexico border wall, reporters and pundits should be clear that President Donald Trump is essentially asking that the existing wall, which now covers a large portion of the border, be completed. They should also note that one of the two most powerful opponents of Trump’s extension, U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer, said in 2009 he supported a wall that then covered 630 miles of the roughly 1,900-mile border.

Schumer, along with Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, voted in favor of the 2006 Secure Fence Act, authorizing the fencing. Lastly, journalists should stop portraying Democrats as open-border radicals and Republicans as heartless plutocrats. Essentially, this is a debate about how to best enforce existing laws. Other than being a taxpayer, I have no monkey in this circus. But I blame both sides for the shutdown and how its rhetorical flames bare all that is ugly in our nation’s capital. There is a way out of this, but right now, those on both sides of the political aisle seem to be trying to extinguish the fire with gasoline when they should be using baking soda.

— *Jim Dudas, Naperville*

Refugee crisis needs attention

The president and the nation need to stop throwing volleys at each other over the wall and instead enter into a meaningful conversation over the challenges presented to our country by the many weary, frightened refugees seeking safety within our borders.

The president has misrepresented the people seeking admission to our country as part of his strategy of creating demons, which he says only he can protect the country against. He doesn’t want to reverse course since doing so would help expose the malicious way in which he is leading the country.

At the same time, the left needs to confront the dimensions of the issue: The numbers of people from around the world who have good cause to seek protection here are far beyond what the country can absorb. Some reasonable method of deciding who can enter and what to do with those who cannot must be implemented. When the president claims that Democrats want open borders, they need to respond with a reasoned alternative.

The vast majority of the needy individuals and families seeking protection here pose no danger to those who have had the good fortune to grow up in this land of plenty. We need to humanely decide how best we can help.

— *Howard Cohen, Evanston*

The State of the Union address should go away forever

BY STEPHEN MIHM

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has a keen sense of history. By demanding that President Donald Trump either postpone the State of the Union address until the government shutdown ends or deliver a written statement, she has raised the possibility that we might finally get rid of a ritual that has devolved into empty political theater.

The speech takes its name from the clause in the Constitution stipulating that the president “shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient.”

Like much of the Constitution, this language left the particulars up for grabs. How often, for example, was the president supposed to brief Congress? George Washington delivered the first such speech on Jan. 8, 1790. It was short and sweet: A mere 1,089 words. A year later he reprised the act, which set the precedent of an annual address, with Congress expected to send a written reply.

John Adams continued the practice, but by that time the divisions between the nation’s first political parties — the Federalists and the Democratic Republicans — cast a growing shadow. For Thomas Jefferson, who served as vice president during Adams’ second term, the rite, like so many pretensions of the Federalists, had a distasteful monarchical flavor.

The pomp reminded the Democratic Republicans of a long-standing British practice: The “speech from the throne” that the monarch delivered before Parliament that set out his (or her) directions for the course of lawmaking.

And so, when Jefferson narrowly secured the presidency after the contested election of 1800, this self-styled advocate for the common man abandoned the ritual altogether.

Instead, Jefferson sent a written message that his personal secretary read to

the assembled House and Senate. By way of explanation, his missive simply noted that it was “inconvenient” to require that everyone be present for a speech and that he wished to recognize “the economy” of the legislators’ time and offer them “relief from the embarrassment of immediate answers on subjects not yet fully before them.”

How thoughtful! But that move, which appeared to reflect the president’s simplicity and practicality, was likely motivated by entirely different considerations. One, Jefferson was a notoriously bad public speaker, and likely suffered from acute stage fright. The man he defeated for the presidency, John Adams, once recalled that “during the whole time I sat with him in Congress, I never heard him utter three sentences together.” Likewise, Jefferson delivered his inaugural addresses in so soft and low a voice that people standing very close to him could not make out the words.

That explanation has plenty of merit, but Jefferson may have had another reason for forgoing a speech. In his private writings, he claimed that his written message — which did not contain the customary request for a reply — had “prevented the bloody conflicts to which the making an answer would have committed them.” He would later write: “the sending a message, instead of making a speech to be answered, is acknowledged to have had the best effect towards preserving harmony.”

Whatever the real reason, Jefferson’s decision to phone in the annual message became a new tradition. Presidents sent Congress increasingly long written annual messages throughout the 19th century and into the 20th.

That was the practice until that irrepressible busybody and self-styled orator, Woodrow Wilson, decided to go old-school, reviving the custom of giving an actual speech to a captive audience.

Congress wasn’t certain what to make of the change. Wilson’s opponents

pointed out that he was bringing back an older Federalist tradition that he, a capital-D Democrat, should eschew. Rep. John Sharp Williams, a member of Wilson’s own party, invoked the decline of Rome, claiming to see the “dread shadow of Caesarism hovering over the Capitol” in Wilson’s pending visit.

But the president would not be denied. The press backed him because the event made for good copy. The *Washington Post* declared: “With a sweep of decision that shattered precedent, the president brushed aside all imaginary boundaries between Congress and the executive office.”

Ever the idealist, Wilson later declared that he had shown up in person to underscore that he was not a distant authority, but a “president who is a human being, trying to cooperate with other human beings.” In reality, Wilson’s decision had a great deal to do with tariff legislation he was trying to get passed, and he used the occasion to beat that particular drum.

So many of the ridiculous rituals that now pervade the annual State of the Union address date back to this fateful speech: The interruptions for applause; the seating of presidential family members and VIPs; the specious claims of unity and common interest, even as the president attempts to drive forward some divisive political agenda; and the inevitable postmortems in the press. Subsequent presidents embraced the practice, refining it to accommodate radio, and eventually television.

And now, Trump and Pelosi have a golden opportunity to resurrect the written message. It has so many obvious advantages: It’s painless, cheap, and it certainly doesn’t screw up regular television programming.

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Jill on Money

Why not all workers are feeling the wage bump

The Labor Department reported that the economy added 312,000 jobs in December, well above estimates for the month. The results added to an already strong year for the labor market. In fact, 2018 was the third best for employment growth in the near decade-long expansion, behind 2014 and 2015.

The most encouraging part of the December report was that wages were up 3.2 percent from a year ago, the best year over year performance since April 2009. And yet, like a clean car that is shiny on the outside, all may not be well under the hood. While wage growth picked up toward the end of 2018, it still lags far behind the 4.2 percent pace before the 2001 recession.

Moments after I appeared on radio to laud the report, I received the following email: "If wages are up, why don't I feel better?"

That question has been a vexing one for economists. Economist Ernie Tedeschi, who used to work at the U.S. Treasury Department, says tepid wage growth "is, to put it mildly, a mystery. If workers are as scarce as the unemployment rate and many other measures suggest, employers should be raising wages to compete for them."

So what's happening? There are various theories, but three jump to the top of the list:

1. Labor Department stats are not capturing the thousands of would-be workers who have given up looking for work, perhaps because they are disgruntled, have gone back to school, claimed disability or retired early.

2. Productivity growth has stalled.

3. The decrease in labor union membership and bargaining power.

Each hypothesis has merit, but there is no consensus as to why, over the longer term, wages appear to be stuck.

"While wages are up for everyone, the gains have been far from equal," according to Brad Hershbein of the Brookings Institution. Yes, there have been gains for top earners and new minimum wage rules (5.3 million more workers will be receiving higher pay in 2019 as minimum wage increases kick in, according to an analysis of Census Bureau data from the liberal think tank Economic Policy Institute), have boosted pay for those at the lower end, but growth in the middle has paled in comparison.

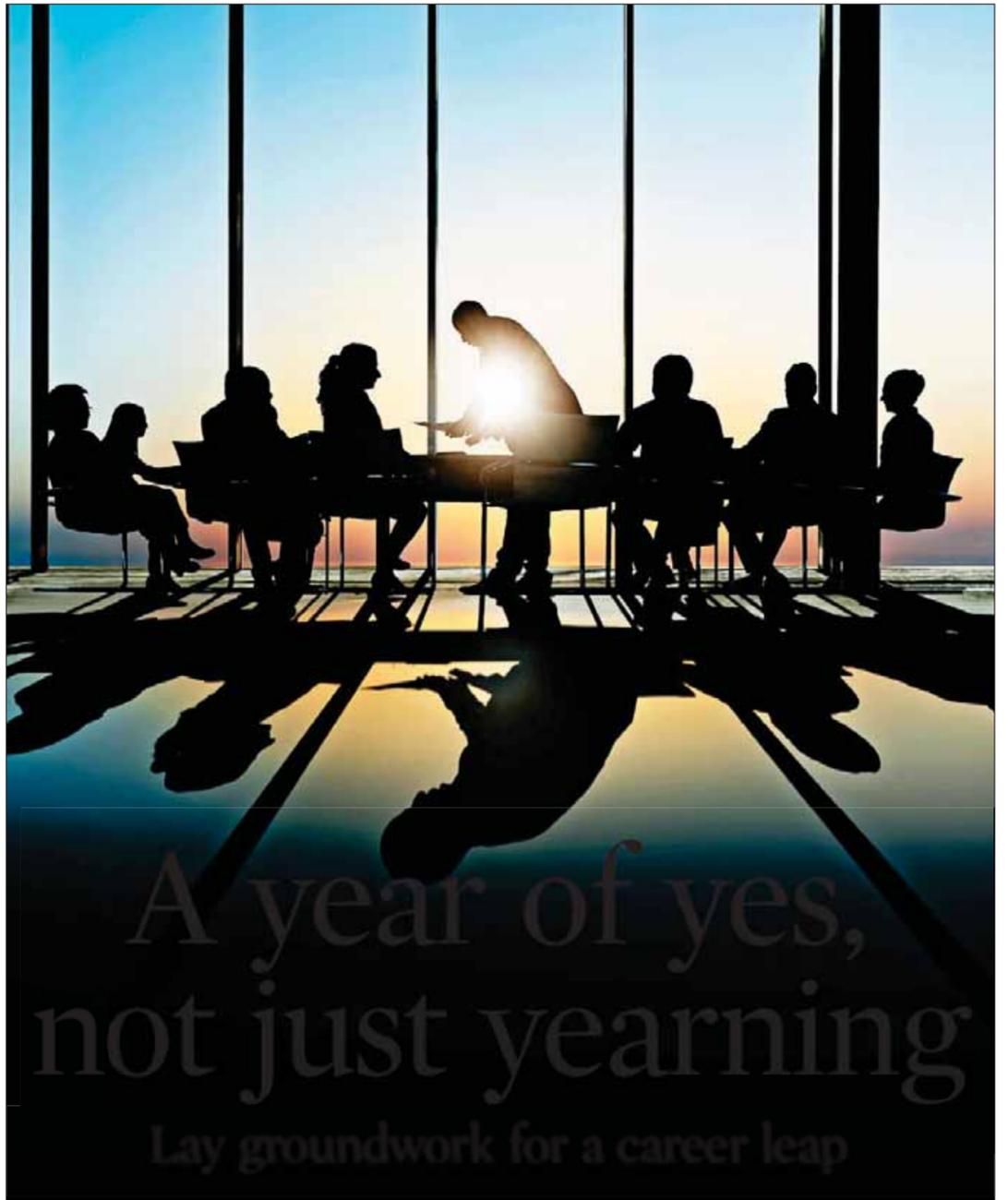
Additionally, there is a geographical element to this story. There is a big difference between urban and rural and also a wide gulf between superstar cities versus everyone else.

Brookings found "big hubs of technology jobs in places like San Francisco, Boston and New York with populations over 1 million have flourished, accounting for 72 percent of the nation's employment growth since the financial crisis. By contrast, many of the nation's smaller cities, small towns and rural areas have languished. Smaller metropolitan areas (those with populations between 50,000 and 250,000) have contributed less than 6 percent of the nation's employment growth since 2010 while employment remains below pre-recession levels in many micro towns and rural communities (those with populations of less than 50,000)."

In the past, people would high-tail it to where the jobs were. But the very nature of the housing crash meant that many were unable to unload their homes to do that.

One more byproduct of the Great Recession is that a lot of workers, especially younger ones, are still smarting from the Great Recession and are not eager to ask for a raise or willing to take a risk of a new job with another company.

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Is this the year you finally, without hesitation, jump into a position with a new employer or finally start your own business, or make another, equally bold move?

Start planning today. The first few months of the year are an optimal time to seek employment opportunities because hiring managers typically get their budgets approved, so it's easier to snag solid, competitive compensation.

This also could be a great time to start a business, or perhaps to go after a big project at work or to ask for a well-deserved raise.

The beginning of the year is a great time to make a clean professional start. Everyone seems to have more energy as we settle into the new year because many of us are looking forward rather than backward. And most people aren't taking vacation days yet, so approval processes don't get delayed.

Of course, all is not golden when it comes to shopping for a career or jumping into another company's culture. That's why every employee preparing to take a leap of faith should prepare for the experience.

Even workers who are enthusiastic about exploring new opportunities may find themselves feeling a variety of emotions.

Guilt can show up more strongly than one might expect. If you've always been seen as a loyalist, you may feel as though you are betraying management and co-workers by moving on. And the same can be true if you have developed strong ties with clients throughout the years but can't take those clients along

for the ride.

Fear is another common emotion among job hunters, even after snagging a new gig. After all, a new job may not be better than an old job. It's always a risk to leave one company for another opportunity.

Still other, more positive, feelings will rise to the surface. Relief comes to mind, as does excitement. These energizing emotions will help temper more negative responses and drive you to move toward something better.

Motivated to make a career move? Use these strategies to maximize your success and minimize the emotional downsides through the transition.

1. Follow your bliss

Too often, job seekers are guided by what other people think they should do when they look for roles in other companies. They think about what their friends would say, whether they're being competitive, how much they want to make, and a host of other typical considerations.

Yet they don't always think about what will make them feel satisfied.

Before saying "yes" to any offer, even if it seems like a no-brainer, ask yourself if you'll truly enjoy getting up and going to work for the company. Are you leaning toward it for the right reasons? Or are you about to take the plunge out of a feeling of obligation, or desperation?

2. Treat the breakup positively

For many people, leaving a job can feel like a divorce. However, it doesn't have to have a negative lasting effect.

You can keep things friendly with your former boss and co-workers by leaving graciously, finishing up projects before you go and allowing plenty of time for your employer to backfill your role.

Tony Delmercado, chief operating officer at Hawke Media, a top digital marketing partner, suggests that no matter why you decide to make a break, "your separation doesn't have to be ugly or unproductive. In fact, a job can end so positively, it might surprise you."

Remain an asset to the team until the moment you leave the building so you don't burn any bridges. After a month or so has gone by, consider grabbing a cup of coffee with your old boss or initiate a happy hour with former colleagues.

It's nice to do so, and you also might want to rely on these people for help down the road.

3. Drop a new anchor

You can expect the first weeks at a new place of employment to be filled with a bit of anxiety, especially if you're naturally introverted. Remain invested in your decision to move on. Spend more time making a place for yourself in your new world instead of reminiscing about what you left behind.

If you're not sure how to drop an anchor, try a few tricks, such as rearranging your workspace to fit your needs and seeking a connection with at least one colleague. Invite someone to lunch or coffee.

And if you're still not happy, perhaps it's time to start your own business.

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Get on firm financial footing

A few recommendations for the year



BY **ELLIOT RAPHAELSON**
The Savings Game

As we reach the end of the first month of 2019, at least two factors — the recent stock market volatility and changes to the tax code — lend more urgency than usual to the task of putting your finances in order.

The following recommendations will put you on a good footing for financial security for this year and in the years ahead.

Rebalance your portfolio: This is simply a matter of selling assets in your portfolio to maintain your chosen proportions of stocks and bonds. The recent stock market volatility, which is unlikely to abate anytime soon, may have made portfolio adjustments necessary.

If your common stock portfolio value has decreased substantially, you may want to dollar-cost average, purchasing more stocks and taking advantage of market fluctuations.

Maximize your retirement account contributions: If you can afford it, you should make the maximum contribution to your 401(k). In 2019, that's \$19,000 (\$25,000 for those aged 50 and older). Even if you can't afford to contribute that much, you should at least make the min-

imum contribution necessary to receive the employer match.

If you haven't maxed out your IRA contributions for 2018 (\$5,500; \$6,500 for those aged 50 and over), you have until April 15, 2019 to make your contribution.

Many retirees past the age of 70 1/2 still have earned income. Those retirees can no longer make traditional IRA contributions, but they can make Roth IRA contributions. You can initiate a Roth account as long as you have earned income.

Plan to take any required distributions from retirement accounts: By law, you have to start taking required minimum distributions from your 401(k), traditional IRA and certain other retirement accounts every year beginning no later than April 1 of the year after you turn 70 1/2.

If you reach 70 1/2 in 2019, make sure you understand your options. You can postpone making your first RMD up to April 1, 2020, but if you do so you will have to take two RMDs in 2020, the last one by the end of 2020.

If you are required to take an RMD in 2019, you shouldn't wait until the end of the year to make your withdrawal. As many found out in 2018, if you wait until December, you may be forced to make withdrawals at the wrong time. No one can predict when the stock market has its peaks and valleys.

Protect the funds you'll need for near-term expenses: Because of market volatility, and its likely continuation, don't wait until the last minute to withdraw funds for expenditures you know you will face. Withdraw the funds you know you will need and keep those funds in vehicles you know are safe, such as

money market accounts, Treasury bills and short-term bond funds.

Get your estate in order: If you're a head of a household and you haven't created a will, do so now. There is no reason not to. If you care about your beneficiaries, it is mandatory to create one, and modify the will/trusts as conditions change.

For that matter, review the beneficiaries named in your retirement accounts and plans, and update them as necessary. As I have written before in this space, it is critical that the beneficiaries you identify in the documents maintained by the trustees of these accounts are up-to-date.

You cannot override these selections in your will. If there have been major life changes that require changing your beneficiaries, don't hesitate. Make those changes immediately.

Also create end-of-life documents such as a living will, a health care proxy, and/or a financial power of attorney.

Consider using retirement accounts to make charitable contributions:

Many taxpayers will no longer choose to itemize in 2019 because of the doubling of the standard deduction. If you are 70 1/2 or older — that is, at the age when RMDs apply — it's a good idea to have the trustee of your IRA account make direct contributions to your charities, which allows you to take advantage of tax deductibility.

If it turns out you won't itemize on your next tax return, you would have reduced your taxes. You would still have the option to itemize if it's worthwhile.

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Ways to tackle overwhelming college debt

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For students who borrow to attend college, the average debt at graduation is \$28,500, according to the College Board. And that's before interest that accrues over years while the loan is in repayment.

If you're a graduate overwhelmed by education debt, there are ways to make the loan burden more manageable.

You can consolidate federal (but not private) loans to combine them into one new loan. But the interest rate of this new loan will be the weighted average of the interest rates of the debts you combine, meaning you won't save money on interest. If you go this route, consider excluding your highest-rate loan and targeting that one for early repayment.

To lower your rate, you'll have to turn to a private lender.

That's what Teresa Ruiz Decker, a communications consultant in Santa Cruz, Calif., did. Decker used federal loans to help finance her undergraduate and master's degrees, ending up with \$54,000 in debt. After graduate school, she combined all of her loans into one direct consolidation loan, but grew concerned when most of her payments were going toward interest and her balance climbed to \$60,000.

"That was my wake-up call to take action," she says.

Decker earned extra income through side jobs and as an Airbnb host to accelerate her payments. After her balance shrank, she refinanced her loans through a private lender. She snagged a variable rate of 3.29 percent, which she later converted to a fixed rate of 4.58 percent. Decker completed her final payment this past June.

"I didn't want to be paying off loans when I sent my own kids to college," she says.

If you turn to private loans, note that payments on an initially low variable rate will increase as rates rise. That may make sense if you plan to pay off the loan early. But with a fixed-rate loan, the payments will be more predictable.

Fixed-rate private loans from reputable lenders recently ranged from 5 percent to 15 percent, depending on the credit history and income of you or a cosigner; variable private loans hovered between 4 percent and 10 percent (and even higher) on StudentLoanHero.com, a website that offers student-loan management and repayment tools.

Also compare the term over which you'll repay the debt.

"The majority of savings are due to a shorter repayment term rather than a lower interest rate," says Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of Savingforcollege.com.

You can also shorten the repayment term by directing extra cash toward your student loans. Notify your loan servicer that each extra payment should be credited to principal; otherwise your servicer might, and sometimes must, treat the extra money as an early payment of your next installment.

To refinance with a private lender, you will likely need a credit score of at least 700 as well as a history of on-time payments to beat the rate you currently have, says Joe DePaulo, CEO of College Ave Student Loans, a private lender. You'll typically lose such benefits as deferment and forbearance on your federal loans if you include them in the mix.

To compare options, visit www.studentloanhero.com or www.credible.com. Apply to multiple lenders and compare offers; the lowest advertised rates are reserved for borrowers with the strongest credit histories.

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5 smart steps to improve finances

Check your credit, boost retirement savings and more

BY **KIMBERLY LANKFORD**
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Q: What can I do now to get my finances in better shape for the rest of the year?

A: There's plenty of time to make smart moves. Here are five ways to improve your finances in 2019:

1. Use employer resources to cut health care costs

Many employers have been expanding their wellness programs and sweetening the incentives to entice participation. New programs usually start in January.

Find out if your employer is offering cash, health savings account contributions, gift cards or other perks if you sign up for a health assessment. Your employer may also offer free or discounted gym memberships, smoking cessation or weight-loss programs, or access to a wellness coach, nutritionist or stress counselor.

2. Check your credit record

You can do so at no cost every 12 months at each of the credit bureaus through www.annualcreditreport.com. Look for errors or suspicious activity.

Even if you don't plan to take out a loan anytime soon, your credit record or score can still affect your insurance rates in most states, as well as your ability to get a cell phone or apartment, credit card offers and even a job.

3. Freeze your credit report

In an era of data breaches, a credit freeze can be a smart way to protect yourself from ID theft. A credit freeze prevents new creditors from accessing your credit report, making it more difficult for ID thieves to take out new credit in your name. You'll have to freeze your credit record with all three credit bureaus separately for this strategy to be effective, but a new law that took effect in September prohibits the credit bureaus from charging a fee to freeze your record or lift the freeze.

4. Keep in contact your financial institutions

Many states have changed their abandoned-property laws and are quicker to take over accounts. Now, many states will claim your account as abandoned if a financial institution hasn't heard from you for three or five years, even if your address hasn't changed. Contact your finan-



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cial institutions at least every three years just to let them know the account is active. While you're at it, check your state's unclaimed property database at www.unclaimed.org to see if the state is holding any abandoned property in your name.

5. Boost retirement savings

You can contribute up to \$19,000 to your 401(k), 403(b), 457 or to the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan in 2019, a \$500 increase over the 2018 limit. Plus, you can add an extra \$6,000 if you're 50 or older. Even if you can't afford to max out your contributions, try to contribute at least enough to collect any match from your employer and boost your contributions if you get a raise in 2019.

The contribution limits for IRAs also increased by \$500 to \$6,000 in 2019. You can also sock away an extra \$1,000 if you're 50 or older.

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How 3 talented, busy women get it all done

SOURCE: Fast Company.



Janelle Monáe

Ask Monáe how she does it all — the critically acclaimed albums, the world tours, the film roles, the activism — and she answers simply: "Slack!" "Email used to stress me out. Now I can

organize every conversation, and I go into the channel when I need to — I don't check it every hour. Like, when I get up, the first thing I do is not look at my phone. The first thing I do is I take at least 10 deep breaths."



Melody Hobson

The president of Ariel Investments in Chicago travels a lot, so she keeps things organized and efficient. "I (travel with) what I call my utility bag: my pajamas, dopp

kit, running shoes and workout clothes. My suits are sent (via) FedEx to me in each city ... and then I just send them back. When I open that box, I have shoes, suits — all of those things for that city."



Beth Ford

The CEO of Land O'Lakes is able to quickly dispense with emails by making something clear to

her team. "I work a lot through email and text. I say to my team: 'Please don't write me a novel, I won't read it.' I just don't have the time."

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Why 'willing' often works

How one word can spur a 'yes' from customers, others

BY ELIZABETH STOKOE
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"Would you like to make an appointment?" "Are you interested in attending on Thursday?" "Would you be willing to discuss this?"

These are questions businesses often ask of their customers, whether over email, online, or face-to-face. And they all have one thing in common: They're all yes/no questions that elicit some commitment from the other person.

These questions include verbs that characterize the respondent as someone who would "like," is "interested," is "willing" to do something (or not). Some of these verbs lead to the answer "no" more than others.

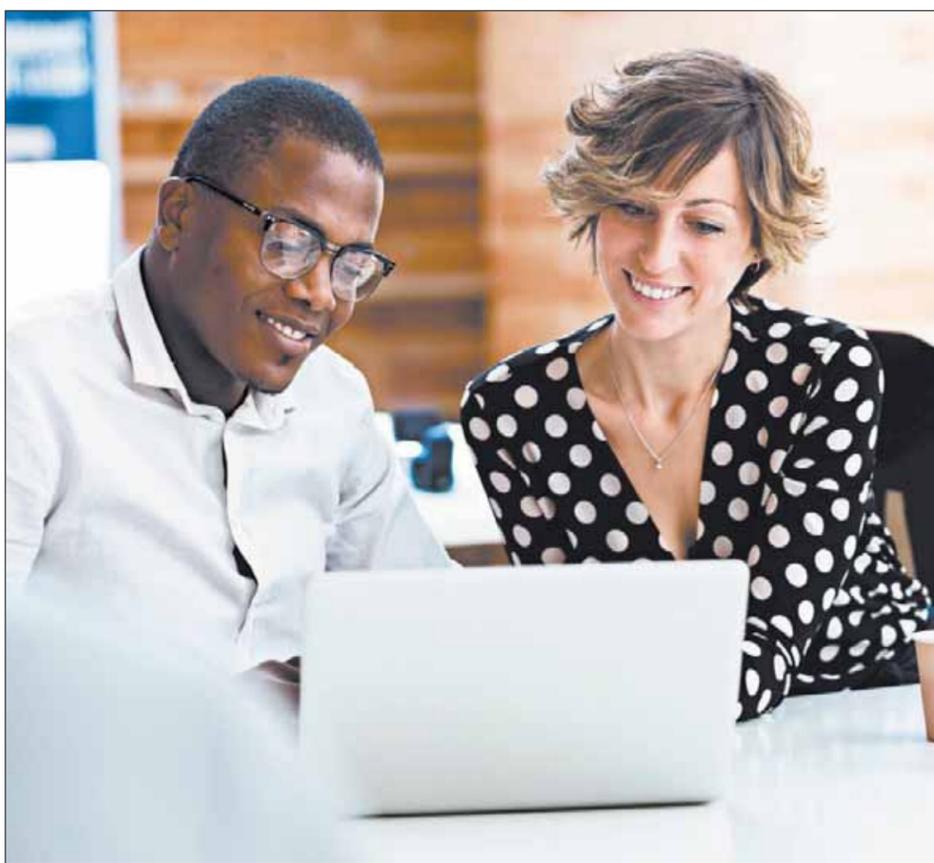
As a professor of social interaction, I study talk "in the wild," from settings like first dates and hostage negotiation. You see, conversations are about what people are doing with words, whether written or spoken (or produced via gestures, sign language, and so on). It's about the actions people initiate.

When we examine them, the highly systematic nature of action begins to reveal itself. Conversations can progress smoothly without friction, or become tense and challenging depending on the words you use.

Getting to yes

In the late 1990s, I began working with community mediation services. My initial interest was in neighbor relationships and what happens when they go wrong. Mediation services provided recordings of their initial telephone calls with potential clients.

For mediators, these calls are not part of the mediation process. They are encounters where clients arrange appointments. I



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spotted a serious problem almost immediately: Callers resisted mediation as a route to resolving their disputes. They didn't want to resolve the conflict; they wanted to see punishments — for the police to make an arrest, or for a lawyer to initiate court proceedings.

When people call mediation services, they have to decide whether or not they want to meet with the mediator at the end of the call. If the mediators get no more than yes, then the service will cease to exist.

The initial inquiry is the most critical step in the journey. By analyzing the moment in calls where mediators tried to convert

callers into clients, I learned how one word could make the difference between a yes and a no.

Once the other business of the call is over, a mediator may ask, "Does mediation sound like it might be helpful to you?" Or is mediation "something you would be interested in?" or "like to try?" In response to these questions, I found people are likely to say no (or some version of it, in more polite terms).

But when mediators ask if callers were willing to mediate, they were more likely to say yes. Not only that, they responded with enthusiasm.

And only "willing" secured a complete turnaround from resist-

ance to yes. Why? Because, unlike their neighbor, the caller is the kind who would be willing to see the mediators. They're the good and reasonable party.

By asking callers if they are "willing" to mediate, mediators can open up a slot for the caller to say, "I'm the good one." It's what people in disputes want to say.

The power of 'willing'

Of course, "willing" isn't a panacea. "Willing" works best to bring people to yes in situations where they care about the type of person they are, and where they've resisted doing the thing you're trying to get them to do.

People are "willing" to say yes to things that make them feel good, reasonable, or altruistic, irrespective of whether they're talking to someone face to face, or communicating something in writing.

Last year, I spoke at a medical conference and showed the audience my findings on the power of "willing."

On the second day, a medic approached me to tell me that, overnight, he'd had an exchange of emails with a manager at his hospital. The medic wanted to trial a new process locally before it rolled out across the region—using a proven research methodology called "Quality Improvement." But the manager wanted to deliver the change immediately and to the whole organization.

The medic, who heard my talk, asked his manager, "Would you be willing to speak to one of the QI team about the potential benefits of the latter?" The response was an immediate yes and the standoff was over. Six months later, the medic wrote to let me know that the QI methodology was adopted.

One of my colleagues at my university, who also knew about this research, decided to ask on Facebook if someone might be able to proofread a new manuscript. No response. He went back and edited his post, and asked if anyone was "willing" to help. Three offers pinged onto his screen immediately.

You see, the simple shift to this word changes the emphasis from what the other person would like to do to the kind of person they are. And my research found that the latter works best every time.

So if you find yourself struggling to turn a no into a yes, try asking that person if they are "willing" to do something, rather than if it would interest them. You might just get a different response.

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BARBARA BROWN 1929-2019

Benefactor of botanic garden, Field Museum

BY GRAYDON MEGAN
Chicago Tribune

Barbara Brown and her husband were benefactors of Chicago institutions including the Chicago Botanic Garden, where she was also a board member, and the Field Museum, where she was on the women's board and where she worked for more than 40 years as a research assistant.

For part of that time, she was an assistant to Philip Hershkovitz, the late celebrated researcher of mammals. Field work included trips to the Cerrado savanna and the Atlantic coastal forest in Brazil — about as far from the board room as Brown could get.

"She was on Phil's final expedition," said Bruce Patterson, the MacArthur curator of mammals for the Field. "She was well trained in skinning and stuffing museum specimens, preparing records, going out with some bait and setting traps for small mammals."

Because of her work, four species took their names from Brown: a New World monkey (*Callicebus barbarabrownae*); a nocturnal climbing rodent (*Isothrix barbarabrownae*) found in Peru by Patterson; a mouse in the Philippines (*Apomys brownorum*); and a prehistoric bird (*Vadaris browni*).

"She worked two days a week well into her 80s," Patterson said. "She has four species, all birds and mammals, which have been named after her, which is quite a record."

Brown, 89, died of natural causes Jan. 7 in hospice in Highland Park Hospital, according to her son Owen. She had lived in Highland Park since the 1950s with her husband, Roger, who survives her.

She was born Barbara Russell in 1929 in Chicago and grew up in the Austin



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The work of Barbara Brown led to four species taking their names from her.

neighborhood in a family of Jewish immigrants from Romania and Russia. Her father died of wounds sustained in World War I shortly before the start of World War II.

After high school, she began studies at what was then Rockford College, then went got an undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"She wanted to be a biologist from the get-go," Owen Brown said, "but couldn't see a way to make a living (in that). She loved the natural world — it was really her calling."

With her children mostly grown, she joined the Field about 1970, Patterson said. She joined the board there in the mid-1970s. Contributions she and her husband made there included the Barbara Brown Fund for Mammal Research, the same area where she focused her staff work.

Brown was an avid birder and gardener and combined those interests in her involvement with the Chicago Botanic Garden, joining its board in 2010.

"Barbara so loved the woods and the birds, helping all of us really see and appreciate them," Jean Franczyk, the Garden's president and CEO, said in a statement.

"She was a great conservation champion."

In 2009, Brown's husband donated money to restore 12 acres of land and water at the southeast corner of the Garden, calling it a birthday gift for his wife. The area was developed to create the Barbara Brown Nature Reserve, which was dedicated in 2011.

The reserve, near the Skokie Lagoons and the Garden's Dixon Prairie, was meant to create a larger contiguous space for wildlife, not only for birds but also for dragonflies, butterflies, frogs and insects.

Brown, the longtime president of the Evanston North Shore Bird Club, called the Reserve a gift for all to enjoy and said at the time she was looking forward to the planned trails and observation deck.

At the Field, Patterson said Brown's contributions went beyond science.

"Barbara has been a mentor to all of the young folks who came into the Museum starting in the 1980s," he said. "She was like a den mother around here, taking care of us and making sure we were all well looked after. Barbara was really a very powerful social force bringing us all together."

In a posting on her funeral information website, Field president and CEO Richard Lariviere called Brown "a formidable intellect, and charming teller of stories, and an important presence in The Field Museum ... (whose) scientific contributions are lasting."

In addition to her husband and son, Brown is survived by a daughter, Vanessa McGuire; sons Jeffrey, Andrew and Henry; 18 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held.

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ON JANUARY 21 ...

In 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

In 1861 Jefferson Davis, of Mississippi, and four other Southerners resigned from the U.S. Senate.

In 1908 New York City's Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance prohibiting women from smoking in public establishments (the measure was vetoed by Mayor George B. McClellan Jr., but not before one woman, Katie Mulcahey, was jailed overnight for refusing to pay a fine).

In 1915 the first Kiwanis Club was founded, in Detroit.

In 1924 Russian revolutionary Vladimir Ilyich Lenin died; he was 54.

In 1937 Count Basie and His Orchestra recorded "One O'Clock Jump" for Decca Records. (On this date in 1942, they re-recorded the song for Okeh Records).

In 1942 pinball machines were banned in New York City after a court ruled they were gambling devices that relied on chance rather than

skill. (The ban was lifted in 1976.)

In 1950 former State Department official Alger Hiss, accused of being part of a Communist spy ring, was found guilty in New York of lying to a grand jury. (Hiss, who always maintained his innocence, served less than four years in prison.)

In 1954 the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched at Groton, Conn. (However, the Nautilus did not make its first nuclear-powered run until nearly a year later.)

In 1958 Charles Starkweather, 19, killed three relatives of his 14-year-old girlfriend, Caril Ann Fugate, at her family's home in Lincoln, Nebraska. (Starkweather and Fugate went on a road trip which resulted in seven more slayings; Starkweather was eventually executed while Fugate spent 17 years in prison despite maintaining she was a hostage, not an accomplice.)

In 1968 the North Vietnamese Army launched a full-scale assault against the U.S. combat base in Khe Sanh, South Vietnam, in a siege lasting 11 weeks; although the Americans were able to hold back the com-

munist, they ended up dismantling and abandoning the base. Also in 1968 an American B-52 bomber carrying four hydrogen bombs crashed in Greenland, killing one crew member and scattering radioactive material. Also in 1968 North Korean commandos tried but failed to assassinate South Korean President Park Chung-hee at his official residence, the Blue House, in Seoul.

In 1976 the supersonic Concorde jet was put into service by Britain and France.

In 1977, on his first full day in office, President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

In 1997 Speaker Newt Gingrich was reprimanded and fined as the House voted for first time in history to discipline its leader for ethical misconduct.

In 2000 the grandmothers of Elian Gonzalez traveled to the United States to plead for the boy's return to Cuba.

In 2001 Pope John Paul II elevated archbishops of New York and Washington and 35 other church leaders to the College of Cardinals.

In 2003 the Census Bureau announced that Hispanics had surpassed blacks as America's largest minority group.

In 2004 the recording industry sued 532 computer users it said were illegally distributing songs over the Internet.

In 2017 hundreds of thousands of women and their supporters staged an enormous, raucous rally in the nation's capital to send a message of defiance to newly inaugurated President Donald Trump; women-led marches also took place in cities across the country and around the world.

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Carter, Patricia A. "Trish"

Patricia A. "Trish" Carter (nee McEnery), Born into Eternal Life on January 18, 2019. Beloved wife of John G. "Jack" Carter for 42 years. Loving mother of Kevin (Colleen), the late Colleen, Brian (Arielle), Brendan (Jessica), and Kathleen (Jake) Geary. Proud "Gammie" of Jack, Charlotte, Camden, Thomas, Charlie, Maeva, Henry, Grace, and Rowan. Beloved daughter of the late Jack and Peg McMahon McEnery. Dear sister of Kathleen (Terry) Shanahan, Lee Ellen (Reid Bennett) and the late Gene Schumacher, and Marita (John) Gocke. Fond sister-in-law of the late Linda Carter, the late Sharon Winquist-Horony, Maureen Carter, James (Patty) Carter, and Jerry Carter. Trish was also dearly loved by nieces, nephews, cousins, teachers and students at Palos West, and countless friends. Alumna of Little Flower Grammar School and High School, and Saint Xavier University. Visitation Tuesday 3-8pm at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 96th St. & Lawndale Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805. Family and friends will meet at church on Wednesday morning for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am. Private Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials to Most Holy Redeemer St. Vincent DePaul Society, 9525 S. Lawndale Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805 are most appreciated. Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors, 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyfh.com



Rowan. Beloved daughter of the late Jack and Peg McMahon McEnery. Dear sister of Kathleen (Terry) Shanahan, Lee Ellen (Reid Bennett) and the late Gene Schumacher, and Marita (John) Gocke. Fond sister-in-law of the late Linda Carter, the late Sharon Winquist-Horony, Maureen Carter, James (Patty) Carter, and Jerry Carter. Trish was also dearly loved by nieces, nephews, cousins, teachers and students at Palos West, and countless friends. Alumna of Little Flower Grammar School and High School, and Saint Xavier University. Visitation Tuesday 3-8pm at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 96th St. & Lawndale Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805. Family and friends will meet at church on Wednesday morning for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am. Private Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials to Most Holy Redeemer St. Vincent DePaul Society, 9525 S. Lawndale Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805 are most appreciated. Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors, 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyfh.com

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Dyrcz, S.M. Hilary, CSFN

Stephanie, was called home to God on January 19, 2019 at the age of 99. Member of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for the past 85 years. Beloved daughter of the late Joseph and the late Sophie nee Pajak Predeceased by her sisters Lottie, Josephine and her brothers Emil (Josephine), Edward Survived by her loving nieces, family and her Lifetime friend Alice Ryan.

Visitation Monday, January 21, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. until time of Wake Service at 5:00 p.m. at the Provincialate 310 N. River Road Des Plaines IL. Funeral Mass of Christian Burial Monday January 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Provincialate Interment All Saints Memorials to Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Cruz - Sojka Funeral Home (312) 666-2673 Visit www.cruz-sojkafh.com for electronic register and condolences.

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Gantwerker, Michael Harris

On the 18th day of January, 2019, Michael Harris Gantwerker left this life to join his beloved parents, aunts, uncles, and family in the bonds of eternal life. Michael was the first born son of Rose (Weiner) and Charles and was raised in Humboldt Park alongside his loving brother Scott (Deborah). The son of an immigrant father, Michael was always the first to roll up his sleeves and help out someone in need. Michael was a teacher for nearly 30 years primarily at Howe Elementary in Chicago's West side, teaching math and his beloved science to disadvantaged youth. He married the love of his life Sherry (Cipinko) and won over the hearts of many with his quirky sense of humor, amazing dance moves, and sharp outfits. Together for 45 years they knew both celebration and heartache. Battling a long-standing illness, he breathed his last with his sons looking on. He imbued his sons Drs. Brian (Halina) and Eric with a strong work ethic, unwavering sense of honesty, and fair play. He leaves behind his brother Scott, sister in law Deborah, brother in law Scott, wife Karen, beloved nieces and nephews: Jeff, Jennifer, Sean and Adam. He loved music, baseball, his family, the Chicago Bears, and his grandson, Alexander. He passed listening to his beloved Motown surrounded by family. "The good die but live on, in the example they provided." Funeral service Tuesday 1:30 PM at Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Leukemia Research Foundation or a charity of your choice. Info: 847-256-5700.

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Greenberg, Sonia M.

Sonia M. Greenberg nee Meister, 90 Beloved wife of the late Eugene H. Greenberg. Loving mother of Mark (Robin Muhlfeld) Greenberg, Elena (Steven) Kaiser and Dr. Miles (Dr. Melissa) Greenberg. Proud grandmother of Justin, Jordan, Jack, Jaden, Jacob, Ari, Mikaela, Chai and Naia. Dear sister of the late Beverly (the late Dr. Jerome) Kupchan. Services Wednesday 10AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals Chapel 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Sunset Memorial Lawns. Memorials in her memory to Jewish United Fund, 30 South Wells St. Chicago, IL 60606, www.juf.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals- the Skokie Chapel 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Harris, Ruben

Ruben Harris, 85, beloved husband and best friend of Mary, nee Rosencrans for 58 wonderful years; loving father of David (Rebecca), Phillip, Michael (Angela) and Edward (Alina); cherished grandfather of Alicia, Samuel and Reed; devoted son of the late Sam and Mary; dear brother of Paul and Leon Harris and the late Eva Khan, late Joel Harris, late Beryl Harris, late Ricki Sheade, and the late Gertrude Siegel; treasured brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Chapel Service Tuesday, January 22, 12:15 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to West Suburban Temple Har Zion or Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital Voluntary Service. For information or to leave condolences: 847.255.3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Karales, Margaret R.

Margaret R. Karales nee Rigler age 67. Beloved wife of Nicholas. Dearest mother of Shanda (John) Cotter, Barbara (Steven) Meeters, William and Rebecca. Cherished Grandmother of Cara, Johnny, Nicky, Tony, Cassie, Amber, Alyssa, Donovan and Ashley. Great Grandmother of Michael. Fond sister of Dallas (Janice) Rigler, Henry (Carol) Rigler, Kenneth (Connie) Rigler, Larry (Betsy) Rigler, Garry Rigler and the late David Rigler. Many nieces, nephews relatives and friends. Funeral Thursday 11 AM at Brust Funeral Home 415 N. Gary Ave Carol Stream, IL. Visitation 3-9 PM. Interment Private. 630-510-0044

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Kelley, Anne Jane

Anne Jane Kelley, nee Preziosi. Beloved wife of Eugene Joseph Kelley, Jr.; dear mother of Matthew (Fatima Ronchi) Kelley, and Maria Margaret Kelley; loving grandmother of Corinna and Zion. Visitation Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State Street, Chicago, Illinois

60610. Interment near the family farm in Elizabeth, Illinois. For further information please call 312-421-0936 or www.michalikhfuneralhome.com.

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Klemchuk, Henry J

Henry J. Klemchuk. Beloved husband of the late Lillian, Mary and Olga. Loving father of Karen Keogh and the late Andrea M Stutz. Devoted grandfather of Tara Keogh and Christian Stutz. Fond brother of Pauline Michals, the late Nicholas and Ann Dahlstrom. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at COGLIANESE FUNERAL HOME, 7508 S. County Line Road (one block south of 155/Stevenson) Burr Ridge. Family and friends will meet Thursday at St. Peter and St. Paul Orthodox Church, 6980 S. County Line Road at 10:00 AM for his Funeral Service. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to St. Jude Childrens Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis TN. 38105. Funeral info 630 654 8484 or www.coglianese.com.

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Layer, Audrey

Audrey Layer 76, of Elmwood Park, IL peacefully passed away 1/8/19; born 8/8/42 in Chicago. Audrey was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Gertrude Layer. She is survived by her aunt, Virginia Litewski, several cousins, and good friends. Audrey held employment positions in banking, floral design and worked for Peapod for 18 years. She was an avid bowler. Services will be on Friday, Jan. 25, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., at Memory Gardens Cemetery, 2501 E. Euclid Avenue, Arlington Heights, IL.

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Lemperis, Steve A.

Steve A. Lemperis, Age 87. Beloved husband of the late Helen nee Kokonas. Loving father of Anthony Lemperis and Cathie (Mike) Wilkens. Adored son of the late Anthony and Catherine (nee Stelisi) Lemperis. Cherished grandfather of Zoe and Nico Wilkens. Dear brother of Freida (late Angelo) Marinakos and the late Harry, John, Dimitri and Carol. Fond uncle of many. Visitation Tuesday January 22 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Service Wednesday 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home to St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Des Plaines for Funeral Service at 10:00 a.m. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Funeral Info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.

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Jan. 22 Mega Millions: \$82M	
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Daily 3 midday	843 / 0
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Lindenmeyer, Richard W. 'Dick'

Richard W. "Dick" Lindenmeyer Army Veteran beloved husband of Elaine L. nee Adams; loving father of Beth (Kevin) O'Brien-Glaser and Robert (Terri) Feddersen; devoted grandfather "Papa" of Rebecca (Nick) Linahon, Roy (Angela) O'Brien and Meghan O'Brien; dearest great grandfather of T.J. and Dylan; cherished brother of the late Ronald Lindenmeyer; fond brother-in-law of Val Lindenmeyer; cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Tuesday 9:00 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park Il 60487 to St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Church Mass 9:30 A.M. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery Funeral info (708) 532-3100.

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Luttrell, Ravon D. 'Ray'

Ravon D. Luttrell of Homer Glen, formerly of Casey County, Kentucky. Beloved husband of Christine (nee Kondorf) and the late Renee (nee Sworsky). Loving father of Lynette (Robert) Sievert, Becky, Michael (Lauren), Kevin, Christina (William Gernenz) and the late Richard. Dear grandfather of 12. Great-grandfather of 4. Fond brother of Larry Dollar and the late Doris Heeg. Funeral Wednesday 10:30 A.M. at **RICHARD J. MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 3pm to 8pm. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital appreciated. Aerobatic pilot at Lewis Airport. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Maskaleris, Gus

Gus Maskaleris, US Army Veteran; Born in Stadion, Tegeas, Greece; Beloved husband of Chrysoula (nee Koustsoyannis); Loving brother of Dimitrios (Becky) Maskaleris and Maria (Konstantinos) Svolopoulos; Dearest Uncle and cousin to many here and Greece. Visitation Tuesday, January 22, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral service

10:30 a.m. at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church 7373 N. Caldwell Ave. Niles, IL. 60714 Interment will follow to Ridgewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory to St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church appreciated. Arrangements by **NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD.**, Info: 847-581-0536.

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Needman, Phyllis Isabel

Phyllis Isabel Needman nee Levin, 80, beloved wife of Joel for 60 years; loving mother of Marc (Andrea), Lisa (Tim) Giardina, Todd (Nancy) and Randy; cherished Nani of Alec, Mikayla, Mia, Ethan, Abby, Jacob, Sarah, Melissa, Sam, Jesse, Mira and Will; dear sister of Jerry (Lillian) and the late Howard Levin; fond sister-in-law of Benita (Robert) Goldstein; many loving nieces and nephews. Chapel service, Wednesday 2:30 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Suzanne's Friends for Life Chapter of the Leukemia Research Foundation or The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. For information or condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Papadimitropoulos, Christos

Christos Papadimitropoulos, age 102, of Chicago. Beloved Husband of the late Konstantina, nee Kamberos. Adored Father of Anastasia (John) Krokos and Kanella (Nikolaos) Kamberos. Loving Pappou of Christos (Elsa) Krokos, Sofia (Michael) Volarevic, Athanasia (Athanasios) Karakasis and Konstantina (Neofitos) Kolesidis. Dear great-grandfather to Christina, Yanna and Konstantinos Krokos, Luka and Helena Volarevic, and Konstantinos and Nikoletta Karakasis. Beloved uncle to many. Visitation 4 PM to 8 PM, Tuesday, January 22nd, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Avenue, Chicago. Funeral service 6:30 PM at the funeral home. Please omit flowers. Interment Greece. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Christos' memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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Roth, Walter

Walter Roth, 89. Loving son of the late Markus, Selma and Toni; beloved husband of 63 years of Dr. Chaya (nee Horowitz); devoted father of Ari (Kate), Judy (Stephen), and Miriam (Mark); cherished grandfather of Isabel, Sophie, Miko, Tema, Jonah, Ez, and Talia; dear brother of Helen (Lowell) and the late Herbert (late Elsa) and Irene; caring uncle of Janet (Tony), Deborah (Jeff), Ronald (Kyla), Rebecca (Michael), and Dan. Walter immigrated to Chicago from Roth, Germany in 1938. A graduate of University of Illinois (Circle Campus) and University of Chicago Law School, Walter was an accomplished attorney, past president of the Chicago Jewish Historical Society for over two decades, and author of six books focusing on Chicago Jewish history and his own immigration story. Walter served in many leadership roles in Jewish and civic organizations including American Jewish Congress, Congregation Rodfei Zedek, Akiba-Schechter Jewish Day School, and the Self-Help Home. Funeral service Monday, January 21 at 11:30 am at Rodfei Zedek, 5200 S. Hyde Park Blvd, Chicago. Interment Tuesday, January 22 at 2:00 pm at Jewish Oakridge Cemetery, 4301 Roosevelt Road, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Chicago Jewish Historical Society (www.chicagojewishhistory.org), the Walter and Chaya Roth Fellowship at the American Jewish Archives (www.americanjewisharchives.org), or the Walter and Chaya Roth Fund to Promote Historical Awareness at Mosaic Theater Company of DC (www.mosaictheater.org). For info: 847-256-5700.

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Wolfe, Seymour

Seymour Wolfe, age 88, beloved husband of Muriel, happily married for 65 years; loving father of Melinda (Kenneth Inadomi) Wolfe and Lise (Kenneth) Wolfe-Adams; cherished grandfather of Tyler, Rachel, Paul and Molly; adored twin brother of the late Jack (Lenore) Wolfe; treasured uncle of many nephews and great nieces and nephews. Chapel service Tuesday, January 22, 10:00 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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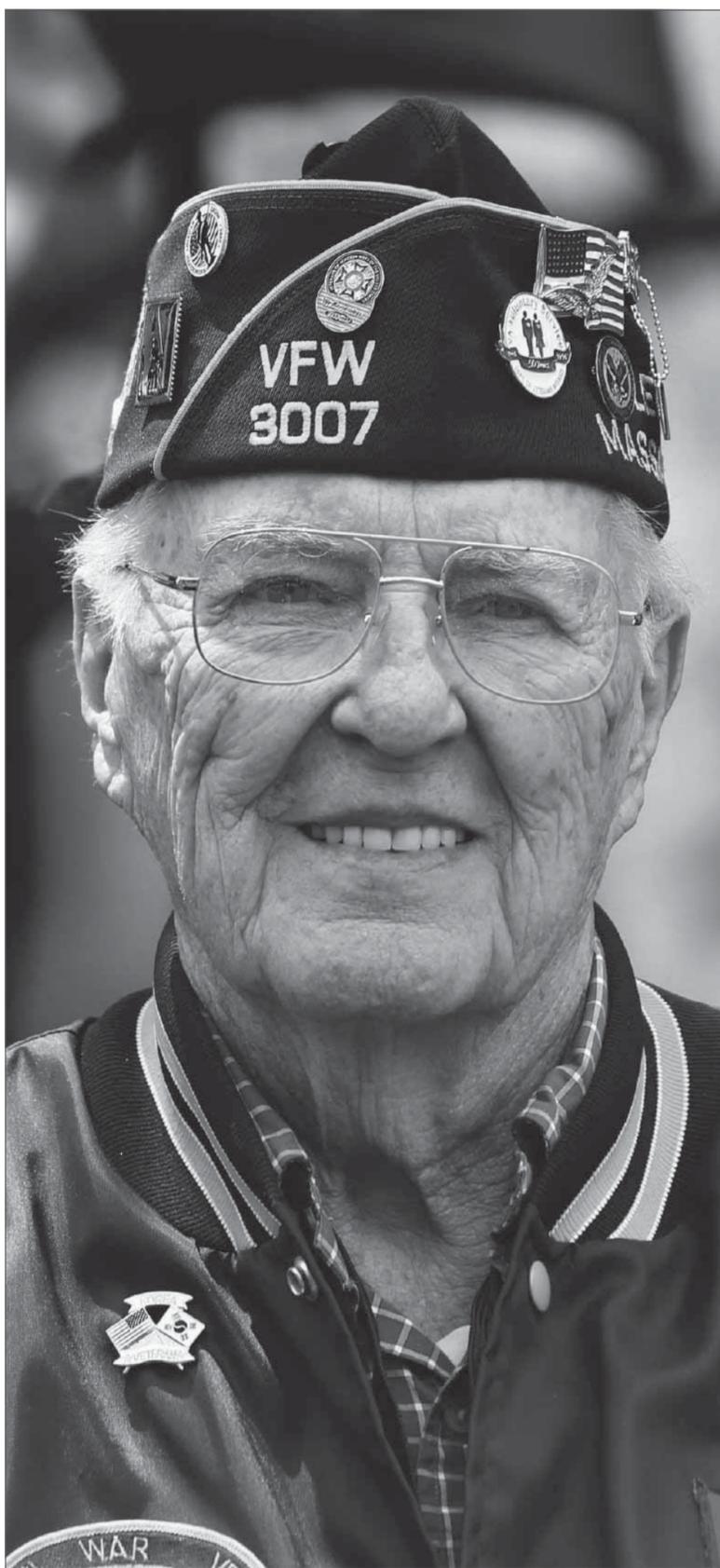
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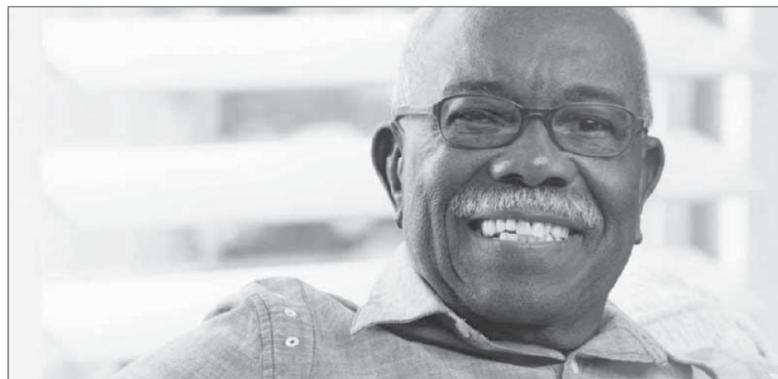
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Lemont, Illinois 60439
ENGINEER: Wight & Company
2500 North Frontage Road
Darien, Illinois 60561
OWNER: Board of Education
Lemont - Bromberek District 113A
16100 127th Street
Lemont, Illinois 60439

Sealed bids will be received in duplicate by the Owner at the place, date and time stated below and there publicly opened and read:
PLACE: Lemont-Bromberek District 113A
16100 127th Street
Lemont, Illinois 60439

DATE: Monday, February 11, 2019
TIME: 10:00 AM
Any proposal received after the time and date stated above will be returned to the Bidder unopened.
The competency and responsibility of the Bidders will be considered in making awards. Bidder may be required to submit a completed American Institute of Architects "Contractor's Qualification Statement" AIA Document A305 for review before making the award of the Contract.
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To ensure bidders are added to the official plan holder's list and receive all addenda or project related correspondences, it is highly recommended that plans and specifications be ordered through BuildingConnected website. Plans and specifications for this project are available electronically at no cost through BuildingConnected. Bidders must visit www.buildingconnected.com to view or download this project online. Wight & Company shall arrange access for prospective bidders to download and bid documents. Contact Shawn Benson, sbenson@wightco.com, at Wight & Company, phone: 630-442-2887.

Please go to: www.buildingconnected.com - Oakwood Parking Lot Improvements after 10:00 AM on Monday January 28th, 2019. The sites can be accessed through pre-arranged visits as scheduled with Pat Crean at 630.257.2286. Ext. 2803, located in the District Administration Center. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, to waive informalities to any bid when such is deemed by the Owner to be in the Owner's own best interests, and to award the contract to the lowest, responsible, and responsive bidder.

SECTION 001113 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the 2019 General Work and Welding Labs will be received by the Niles Township High School District 219 at their District Office located at 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60077 until 11:00 a.m. prevailing time on February 22, 2019. Lump Sum bid proposals will be received for this project at the scheduled time of receipt of bids and will be publicly opened and read aloud at the above stated time and place.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee in the form of a Bid Bond, Certified Check or Bank Draft in an amount equal to and not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid amount payable to Niles Township High School District 219. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening date without the consent of the Owner. Checks or drafts of unsuccessful Bidders will be returned as soon as practical after opening and checking the bids. Successful Bidder must provide a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond in the full amount of the Contract, acceptable to the Owner.

Bids shall be submitted in an opaque sealed envelope clearly marked as SEALED BID and addressed to:

Dr. Eric Trimmerger
Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO
Niles Township High School District 219
7700 Gross Point Road
Skokie, IL 60077

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof or waive any irregularities or informalities in bidding.

This Contract is subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et seq.).

QUALIFICATION: Each Bidder must satisfactorily complete the qualification process described in Section 004395 -General Requirements of the Project Manual, by providing the required Qualification Documents. The required Qualification Documents must be delivered along with the Bidder's sealed bid at the same place and time required for the bid. Contents of each Bidder's Qualification Documents will be available for public review. The Qualification Documents will be reviewed by the Owner and Architect to determine the lowest responsible Bidder.

Bidding documents consist of drawings, project manuals, plus all addenda issued prior to bids; and may be obtained electronically and reproduced at the Bidder's expense from Cross Rhodes Reprographics, 30 Eisenhower Lane North, Lombard, IL 60148, (630) 963-4700.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting walk-through for general contractors will be held at 3:30 p.m., prevailing time, on Monday, February 4, 2019, beginning at the Niles West High School located at 5701 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL 60077, and then proceeding to Niles North High School located at 9800 Lawler Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077. Subcontractors are encouraged, but not required to attend. After the pre-bid meeting, everyone shall visit the sites to view the area of work, gather additional information, and ask specific questions. There shall be only one scheduled walk-through of the sites. Attendance shall be taken at the site to ensure that all general contractors have visited the site. Non-attendance can be grounds for rejection of bid.

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Legal Notice
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Public Hearing on the Proposed Restructuring of I-55 Bus On Shoulder Service
Route 755 Plainfield-IMD- West Loop Express
Route 850 North Bolingbrook- East Loop Express
Route 851 South Bolingbrook- East Loop Express
Route 855 Plainfield- East Loop Express
Route 856 Toyota Park- East Loop Express

Notice is hereby given that Pace, the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority, is seeking public comment on the proposed restructuring of I-55 Bus On Shoulder service. Pace proposes service changes to enhance efficiency in this high-growth corridor:

- Discontinuation of Route 856 due to low ridership.
• New Route 855 trips to operate between the Burr Ridge Park-n-Ride and the East Loop via Seat Geek Stadium (formerly Toyota Park).
• Removal of Route 850/851/855 service from the Old Chicago Park-n-Ride to help alleviate parking constraints.
• Addition of one morning trip from Plainfield on Route 755.
• Addition of one morning trip on Route 850.

Monday, February 11, 2019
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Bolingbrook Village Hall
Board Room
375 W. Briarcliff Road
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Tuesday, February 12, 2019
5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Seat Geek Stadium (Formerly Toyota Park)
Media Room - 1st Floor
7000 Harlem Avenue
Bridgeview, IL 60455

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FORECLOSURES

4200-296-notpub STATE OF ILLINOIS COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COMMUNITY INITIATIVES, INC Plaintiff -vs- UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF LONNIE PAYNO, DECEASED, BRENDA PAYNO, REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., AS ASSIGNEE OF MERS, AS NOMINEE FOR URBAN FINANCIAL GROUP, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF CHICAGO, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. No. 18 CH 08632 Property Address: 6122 S. Champlain Chicago, IL 60637 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF LONNIE PAYNO, DECEASED, BRENDA PAYNO, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s) in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the First Judicial Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, by the Plaintiff against you and that the said suit is now pending. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendant(s), file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 13, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp. This LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 1/14, 21, 28/2019 6086410

FORECLOSURES

F1810098 FROM IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION, Freedom Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff, vs. Lakita Wells; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 13584 638 North Lavergne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60644 Curry, Jr. Calendar 57 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Lakita Wells, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: THE EAST 20 FEET OF LOT 95 AND ALL OF LOT 96 IN THE SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 (EXCEPT THE NORTH 379.75 FEET) OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 16-09-210-039-0000 Said property is commonly known as 638 North Lavergne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60644, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Lakita Wells and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0931616023 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 13, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp. This LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 1/14, 21, 28/2019 6086410

FORECLOSURES

F1810010 LCARE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Bank of America, Plaintiff, vs. Francisco Potocki; Marquette Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Julie Fox; Bank as Trustee under the Provisions of Trust Agreement Dated January 5, 2007 and Known as Trust Number 18208; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Simko Calendar 58 Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 15732 5825 South Narragansett Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60638 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants under the provisions of Trust Agreement Dated January 5, 2007 and Known as Trust Number 18208, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: THE SOUTH 5 FEET OF LOT 24 IN BLOCK 25 & THE NORTH 25 FEET OF LOT 24 IN BLOCK 14 IN FREDERICK H. BARTLETT'S GARFIELD RIDGE, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 13, NORTH OF THE INDIANA HARBOR RAILROAD (EXCEPT THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4) EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 19-17-124-051-0000 Said property is commonly known as 5825 South Narragansett Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60638, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Marquette Bank, not personally but as Trustee on Behalf of Trust Number 18208. Dated 5th Day of Jan 2007 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0734717062 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 13, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp. This LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 1/14, 21, 28/2019 6086410

FORECLOSURES

F1810186 SLS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION, FVA, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC Plaintiff, vs. Carla L. Jackson aka Carla Jackson aka Carla L. Jackson - Walton; Smith Rothchild Financial Company, The Chicago Trust Company, American General Finance Services of Illinois dba Oneman Financial of Illinois, Inc.; Illinois Housing Development Authority; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 15489 8457 South Bennett Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60617 Spratt Calendar 64 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Smith Rothchild Financial Company, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: THE SOUTH 21 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT: LOTS 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 AND THE SOUTH 5 FEET OF LOT 30 IN BLOCK 8 IN CONSTANCE, A SUBDIVISION BY WALLACE C. CLEMENT, OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 20-36-314-049-0000 Said property is commonly known as 8457 South Bennett Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60617, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Carla L. Jackson and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0515450009 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 13, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp. This LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 1/14, 21, 28/2019 6086418

FORECLOSURES

F18100131 BOA IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Bank of America, Plaintiff, vs. Francisco Potocki; Marquette Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Julie Fox; Bank as Trustee under the Provisions of Trust Agreement Dated January 5, 2007 and Known as Trust Number 18208; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Simko Calendar 58 Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 15732 5825 South Narragansett Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60638 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants under the provisions of Trust Agreement Dated January 5, 2007 and Known as Trust Number 18208, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: THE SOUTH 5 FEET OF LOT 24 IN BLOCK 25 & THE NORTH 25 FEET OF LOT 24 IN BLOCK 14 IN FREDERICK H. BARTLETT'S GARFIELD RIDGE, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 13, NORTH OF THE INDIANA HARBOR RAILROAD (EXCEPT THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4) EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 19-17-124-051-0000 Said property is commonly known as 5825 South Narragansett Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60638, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Marquette Bank, not personally but as Trustee on Behalf of Trust Number 18208. Dated 5th Day of Jan 2007 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0734717062 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 13, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or contact the Clerk of this Court. Alan S. Kaufman (6289993) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 312-651-6700; Email: sef-askaufman@manleydeas.com file number: 18-009724 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 1/7, 14, 21/2019 6072189

FORECLOSURES

MANLEY DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, CITIBANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. CITIZENS STATE BANK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DONNA N. BARNEY, DECEASED; JULIE GRIFFIN, JULIE FOX, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF DONNA N. BARNEY, DECEASED; YVONNE JOHNSTON-LEWIS, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH05582 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Yvonne Johnston-Lewis, and the said above named defendants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: Lot 15 in Block 11 in Johnston and Clement's Subdivision of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Township 38 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, 60637 South Eberhart Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637 20-22-45-027 0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Yvonne Johnston-Lewis, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before February 6, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or contact the Clerk of this Court. Alan S. Kaufman (6289993) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 312-651-6700; Email: sef-askaufman@manleydeas.com file number: 18-009724 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 1/7, 14, 21/2019 6072189

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MANLEY DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, v. CALENDAR LIMITED, THE AMERICAN BANK, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CHANCERY DIVISION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CHARLES LEWIS AKA CHARLES L. LEWIS, DECEASED; CHANNEL LEWIS; CHARLES LEWIS; AKA CHARLES LEWIS, JR.; VICTOR LEWIS; PHILLIP LEWIS; JACKSON LEWIS; JOHN L. LYDON, AKA CHARL LYDON, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF CHARLES LEWIS, AKA CHARLES L. LEWIS, DECEASED, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH07823 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Charles Lewis AKA Charles L. Lewis, deceased, Charles Lewis AKA Charles L. Lewis, Jr., Victor Lewis, and the said above named defendants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: The North 1/2 of Lot 62 and all of Lot 63 in Block 4 in Walter H. Field's Addition to Pullman, being a subdivision of Blocks 3, 4, 5, 6 in Allen's Subdivision of the West 49 acres of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, Township 37 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, Plat Document No. 842014, in Cook County, Illinois, 11720 South Lasalle Street, Chicago, IL 60628 25-21-418-020-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Charles Lewis AKA Charles L. Lewis, deceased, Charles Lewis AKA Charles L. Lewis, Jr., Victor Lewis, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before February 13 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or contact the Clerk of this Court. Edward R. Peterka (6220416) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 312-651-6700; Email: sef-epeterka@manleydeas.com file number: 18-016406 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 1/14, 21, 28/2019 6086002

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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DITECH FINANCIAL LLC, Plaintiff, v. RICKY DAVIS, LIBERTY LUMBER & GEN. CONSTR. CO., INC., PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC, STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROSE M. DAVIS, DECEASED, THE ASSOCIATES FINANCE, INC., Defendants, Case No. 2018CH08448 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, The Associates Finance, Inc., that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 4 in Block 11 in Mills and Sons Resubdivision of Sundry Lots in Blocks 2, 3, 10, and 11 in Gale's and Welch's Resubdivision of part of Gale's Subdivision of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31 and the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Township 40 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, 1641 North Meade Avenue, Chicago, IL 60639 13-32-320-006-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, The Associates Finance, Inc., and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before February 13, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Shara A. Netterstrom (6294499) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: self-netterstrom@manleydeas.com file number: 18-009773 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 1/14, 21, 28/2019 6085977

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, v. LISA FUNCHES; CITY OF CHICAGO; STATE OF ILLINOIS; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH10297 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Lisa Funches, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 40 in Block 2 in Colorado Addition to Chicago, a subdivision of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 and the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Township 39 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. Plat recorded as Document Number 975808, 4138 West Congress Parkway, Chicago, IL 60624 16-15-226-033-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Lisa Funches, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before February 21, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Zachariah L. Manchester (6303885) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: self-zmanchester@manleydeas.com file number: 18-022749 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 1/21, 28, 2/5/2019 6095972

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DLJ MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC., Plaintiff, v. PAVOL FERENC, CITIBANK, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; 7201 WEST WELLINGTON CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH14071 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Pavol Ferenc, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Unit No. 3C and Unit No. P12, in 7201 W. Wellington Condominium, as delineated on a survey of the following described real estate: Lot 1 and 2 in John J. Rutherford's 2nd Addition to Mont Clare, being a subdivision of the South East 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 25, Township 40 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, which survey is attached as Exhibit "A" to the Declaration of Condominium recorded as Document Number 08186138, together with its undivided percentage interest in the common elements. 7201 West Wellington Avenue 3C, Elmwood Park, IL 60707 12-25-223-039-1019 Now, therefore, unless you, Pavol Ferenc, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before February 6, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Shara A. Netterstrom (6294499) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: self-netterstrom@manleydeas.com file number: 18-020397 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 1/7, 14, 21/2019 60712208

FORECLOSURES

WWR #10146680 STATE OF ILLINOIS CWR OF COOK COUNTY IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF10 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. PATRICIA WILLIAMS, CLOVERLEAF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION-A, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, CASE NO.: 2018CH15819 Calendar: 62 Property Address: 375 Stonely Island Avenue, Apartment 304 Calumet City, IL 60409 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Cloverleaf Condominium Association - A, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Chancery Department, Cook County, Illinois, by the Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, TO-WIT: UNIT 304 TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS IN CLOVERLEAF CONDOMINIUM BUILDING A AS DELINEATED AND DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 23051823, IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. SUBJECT TO: COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD PUBLIC AND UTILITY EASEMENTS AND ROADS AND HIGHWAYS, GENERAL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2003 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS, TAX MAP OR PARCEL NO 10 NO: 29-12-116-04/-1012 Parcel Number: 29-12-116-047-1012 Commonly known as: 375 Stonely Island, Apt. 304 Calumet City, Illinois 60409. The said Mortgage was made by Patricia Williams, Mortgagee, to Beneficial Illinois Inc., D/B/A Beneficial Mortgage Co. of Illinois, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois as Instrument Number: 6011526. And for which relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the said Chancery Department, Cook County, Illinois against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. NOW, THEREFORE, I, JESSIE YOU, the above defendant, file as answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of Chancery Department, Cook County, Illinois, at the Courthouse, in the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, on or before February 13, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 180 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2150, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: 312-782-9676. Facsimile: 312-782-4201 ChicagoRED@weltman.com ARDC No. 6289784 Cook Atty. No. 31495 Pub: 1/14, 21, 28/2019 6086021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, v. DANIEL STEF; MARINELA STEF; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Case No.: 2018CH15871 Property Address: 7042 N. Sioux Ave. Chicago, IL 60646 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION. NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 7042 N. Sioux Ave., Chicago, IL 60646, more particularly described as: LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY THAT PART OF LOT 21 IN ASSESSOR'S DIVISION OF VICTORIA POTHER'S RESERVATION, IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SAID DIVISION RECORDED AUGUST 15, 1855 IN BOOK 85 OF MAPS, PAGE 147 BOUNDED BY A LINE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF NORTH SIoux AVENUE, SAID POINT BEING 145 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY OF THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF NORTH MCALPIN AVENUE AS IN WITTOBOLD'S INTERNAL BOUNDARY PARK NUMBER 6, BOTH AGENCIES BEING DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT 124634 RECORDED APRIL 2, 1940 IN COOK COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF NORTH SIoux AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 51 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID PARCEL TO THE SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF NORTH MCALPIN AVENUE, A DISTANCE OF 125 FEET; TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Permanent Index Number: 10-32-116-031 Commonly known as: 7042 N. SIoux Ave., Chicago, IL 60646 UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Court of Cook County at the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602 on or before February 6, 2019, default may be taken against you FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE. THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Quaintanc, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. 233 S. Wacker Drive, 70th Floor Chicago, IL 60606 Firm ID: 48947 Phone: (312) 566-0040 Fax: (312) 566-0041 Pub: 1/7, 14, 21/2019 6072973

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, v. MILA SEKULIC; MATO GRBAVIC; KRISTINA GRBAVIC; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF THE CWHQE INC REVOLVING HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST SERIES 2005-A; WEST ROGERS PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION INC; W. MIDDLE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Case No. 2019CH0121 Property Address: 2037 W. Morse Ave. #3 Chicago, IL 60645 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 2037 W. Morse Ave., #3, Chicago, IL 60645, more particularly described as: LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY UNIT 3, TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS IN THE 2003 W. MORSE CONDOMINIUM AS DELINEATED IN THE PLAT OF SURVEY ATTACHED THERETO AS EXHIBIT D, AND AS LISTED ON EXHIBIT B ATTACHED THERETO, AND AS DELINEATED AND DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION RECORDED 02/05/2003 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 030717052, IN THE EAST 37 FEET OF THE WEST 322 FEET OF THE NORTH 125 FEET OF LOTS 1, 2, AND 3 TAKEN AS A TRACT IN SMITH'S ADDITION TO ROGERS PARK, A SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Permanent Index Number: 11-31-120-065-1003 Commonly known as: 2037 W. Morse Ave. #3, Chicago, IL 60645 UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Court of Cook County at the Richard J. Daley Center located at 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602 on or before February 20, 2019, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE. THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Quaintanc, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. 233 S. Wacker Drive, 70th Floor Chicago, IL 60606 Firm ID: 48947 Phone: (312) 566-0040 Fax: (312) 566-0041 Pub: 1/21, 28, 2/5/2019 6098624

TAKE NOTICES

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A. DATED 08/01/1990 A/K/A TRUST NO. 12420-05: Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; SLADJAN STEVANOVICH; ZORAN STEVANOVICH; SLADJAN STEVANOVICH FIFTH THIRD BANK F/K/A OLD KENT BANK F/K/A PINNACLE BANK F/A/K SECURITY FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007465 FILED: 11/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF Cook Date Premises Sold 06/03/2016 Certificate No. 14-000002 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 342 E RUSSELL ST, BARRINGTON, IL 60010 Legal Description or Property Index No. 01-01-118-012-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6078676

TO: OCCUPANT; BARBARA THOMAS; Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services f/k/a Illinois Department of Public Aid; Illinois Attorney General; City of Elgin; WILLIAM THOMAS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007468 FILED: 11/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF Cook Date Premises Sold 06/03/2016 Certificate No. 14-0001898 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 683 PACKARD DR., ELGIN, IL 60120 Legal Description or Property Index No. 06-19-406-009-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6079188

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1E; OCCUPANT, UNIT 1W; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2E; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2W; OCCUPANT, UNIT 3W; ALINA NIEWIAROWSKA; ADOLF NIEWIAROWSKI; KRYSZYNA GRABOWSKIA, UNIT 2W; OCCUPANT SKATOLIA, UNIT 2W; OCCUPANT MILANOWSKI, UNIT 3W; OCCUPANT POJEK, UNIT 1W; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007469 FILED: 11/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF Cook Date Premises Sold 06/03/2016 Certificate No. 14-0002007 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 9205 SALLY LN., SCHILLER PARK, IL 60176 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-25-323-021-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6079198

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TO: OCCUPANT; SHEILA TIBALLI; ZACARIAS TAPAYAN; MICHAEL ILAGAN; CANDIDA CORTES; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007491 FILED: 11/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0009144 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4679 N OLSON AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60630 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-15-212-013-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6081091

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; BLANDINO ARGUELLES; City of Chicago; M ORTIZ A/K/A MARIA ORTIZ; NANCY GUALLPA; LILLIAN JAKUBOWSKI; KAMER KASSIM; AURELIO MENDOZA ABDULLAH AWAD; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007492 FILED: 11/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0009174 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4501 N MASON AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60630 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-17-218-023-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6081096

TO: OCCUPANT; WILLIAM MAYER; NICOLETTE MAYER; MAYER CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY; RICHARD SKUBAL; TRUSTEE TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 12/22/1981 A/K/A TRUST NO.774; CITIFINANCIAL SERVICING LLC F/K/A ASSOCIATES FINANCE, INC.; CITIFINANCIAL, INC. F/K/A ASSOCIATES FINANCE, INC.; RICHARD SKUBAL, TRUSTEE TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 12/22/1981 A/K/A TRUST NO.774; CITIFINANCIAL SERVICING LLC F/K/A ASSOCIATES FINANCE, INC.; CITIFINANCIAL, INC. 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Jonathan Toews nets his 6th career hat trick, Patrick Kane adds 2 goals as Hawks top champs. **Page 5**

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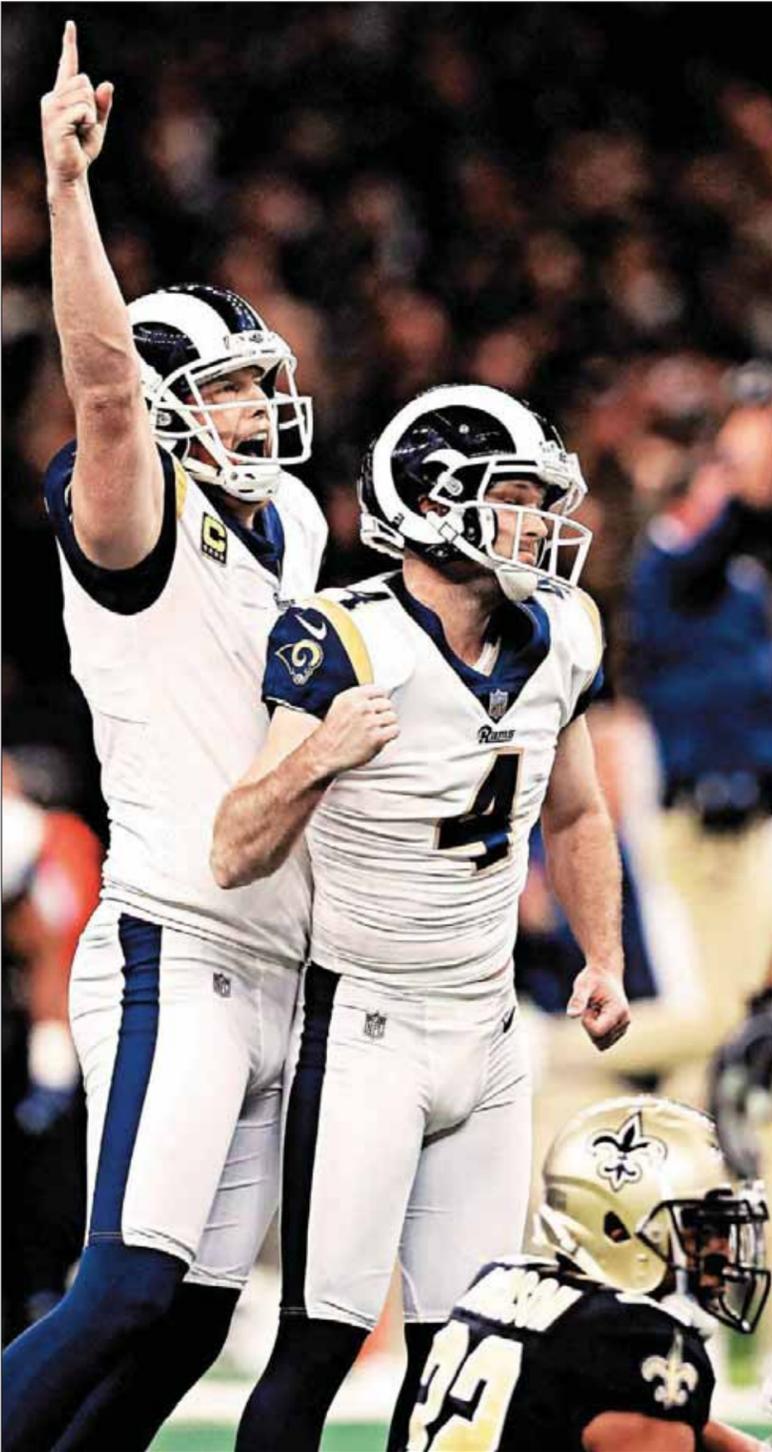
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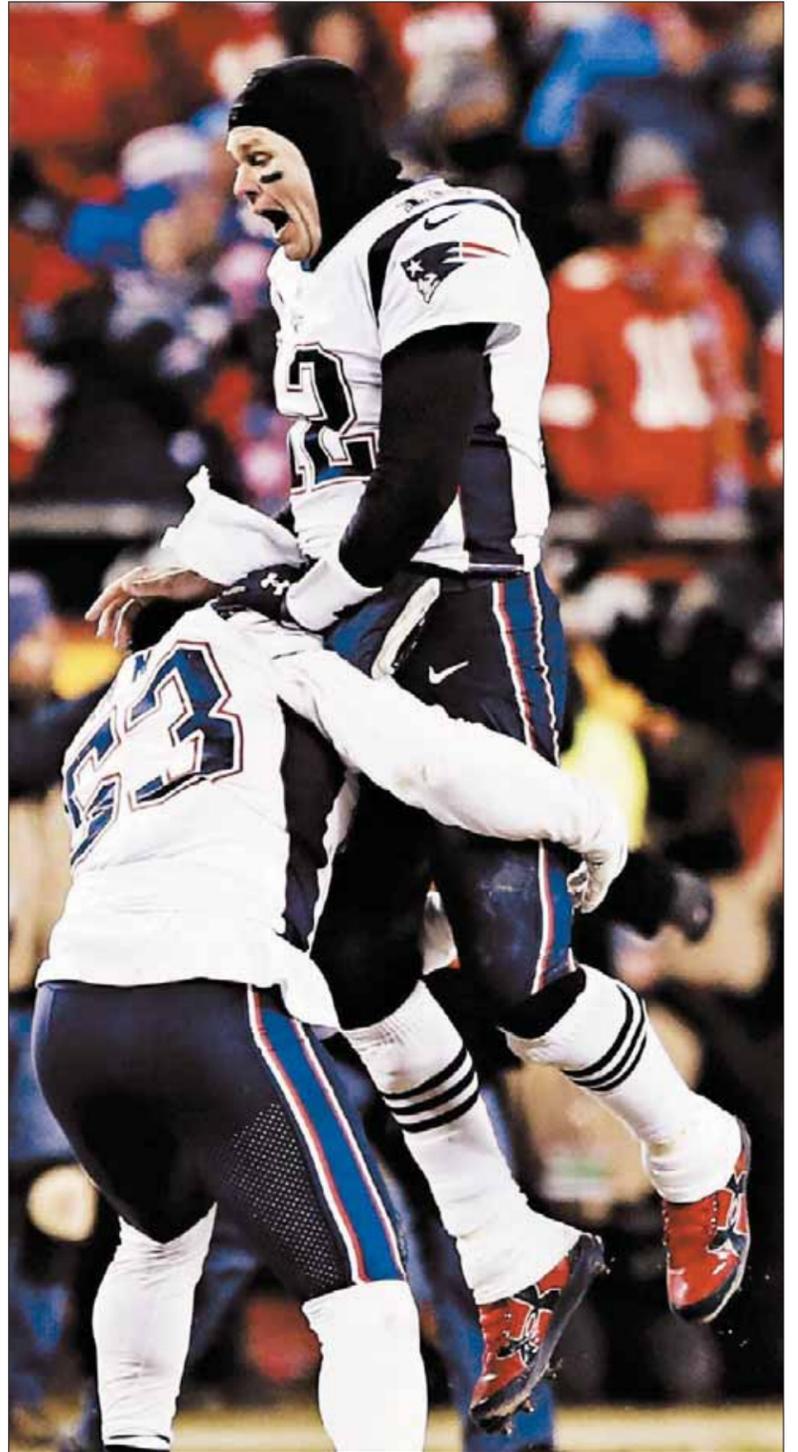
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Kicker Greg Zuerlein pumps his fist in elation after making the game-winning field goal in overtime to push the Rams past the Saints and into the Super Bowl against the Patriots.



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

Quarterback Tom Brady is lifted into the air in celebration after guiding the Patriots to an overtime victory over the Chiefs and into their third straight Super Bowl.

DOUBLE OVERTIME

Super Bowl LIII will have a hard time following the drama of NFL Championship Sunday.

Both title games went to overtime Sunday, with both visitors prevailing as the Patriots beat the Chiefs 37-31 in the AFC and the Rams outlasted the Saints 26-23 in the NFC.

It sets up a rematch of the 2001 season's Super Bowl between the Patriots and the Rams, who were still in St. Louis at the time.

The Patriots earned their third straight Super Bowl appearance and ninth with Tom Brady at quarterback and Bill Belichick as coach. They will be going for their sixth Super Bowl title.

Brady marched the Patriots 75 yards on the first possession of

overtime to win it on Rex Burkhead's 2-yard touchdown run. The teams combined for 38 points in a fourth quarter marked by several critical replay reviews.

Meanwhile, the Rams survived a battle in New Orleans thanks in large part to a blown pass-interference call in the fourth quarter. Rams cornerback Nickell Robey-Coleman admitted, "I got away with one."

Greg Zuerlein's 57-yard field goal gave the Rams their first Super Bowl appearance since Super Bowl XXXVI, which was the first of the Patriots' five Super Bowl titles. The winning score was set up by John Johnson's interception of Drew Brees on the first possession of overtime.

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Bulls must be wary of LaVine, Dunn

Backcourt of future hitting worrisome bumps

There are so many issues with the Bulls these days that it's hard to know where to start.

At least for this day, the focus lands on a broken backcourt. Zach LaVine is frustrated, Kris Dunn is struggling and old friend Cameron Payne is in Cleveland, where the Bulls play the Cavaliers on Monday in a game somebody has to win.

"Something is obviously wrong," a palpably frustrated LaVine said late Saturday, following the Bulls' 10th straight loss. "We weren't losing (by) double digits earlier in the season. We might've been losing, and we didn't even have a full roster. So, I don't know. We're a



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better team now. And we're getting blown out. It doesn't make a lot of sense."

Losing breeds frustration. Noncompetitive losing multiplies that.

The Bulls actually suffered nine double-digit losses under former coach Fred Hoiberg, whose 5-19 mark did feature a less-healthy roster — Dunn and Lauri Markkanen each played one game for him — and an average margin of defeat of 13.4 points.

But with the Bulls 5-17 under Jim Boylen and an average margin of defeat at 17.8 points, LaVine's point does have some

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DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Zach LaVine says of the Bulls' 10-game losing streak: "It's mentally exhausting. It's frustrating."

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Bryant's insult gives life to Cards rivalry

After latest verbal scrap, feud will reheat in 2019

Whether St. Louis is "boring," as Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant claimed at the team's annual convention, is irrelevant.

The flippant comment by Bryant ignited an avalanche of outrage in the home of the Cubs' longtime rival, including over-the-top social-media responses from Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina, who called Bryant and interviewer Ryan Dempster, the former Cub, "stupid" and "losers," reliever John Brebbia, who responded "Cry me a river, loser," and outfielder Marcell Ozuna, who added: "From outside they speak and talk like (a) Tiger but at the end they (are) gonna be like (a) little cat."



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On the Cubs

Those are fighting words.

No one is going to call the Cubs a "little cat" and get away with it, so naturally everyone is expecting fireworks when the teams meet for the first time May 3 at Wrigley Field.

The most important question now is how the Cubs will retaliate when Bryant eventually gets thrown at during Cubs-Cardinals games in 2019. Cubs vs. Cardinals is a once-heated feud that has been muted over the last few years because of the unexpected irrelevancy of the Cardinals.

When manager Joe Maddon arrived on the North Side in 2015

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CUBS

Cubs fuzzy about how network will work

Kenney drops bread crumbs but discloses few details regarding future operation



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On media

Too bad the Cubs didn't have as much to say about their TV plans at the Cubs Convention as they did their opposition to Tom Tunney's re-election as Wrigleyville's alderman.

Take the ball-club's vocal opposition to Tunney into consideration the next time there's a debate about how sports and politics never should mix.

The Cubs' argument is Tunney is an incumbent who represents special interests in the 44th Ward, home to Wrigley Field, but apparently not the Cubs' special interests.

"We don't whine because we don't get what we want," Julian Green, the Cubs' vice president of communications and community affairs, said in an on-stage conversation with Crane Kenney, the team's president of business operations. "We whine because there's not a level playing field."

At least there's no question about it being whining.

Fans who spoke up at the business operation's question-and-answer session were more concerned with difficulties spurred by the team's shift to mobile ticketing.

The special interests of those without smartphones and the leaders of bus tours seem to be going unmet by the new technology despite Cubs officials talking up its virtues.

Kenney explained he didn't yet have big news to share concerning the Cubs establishing their own TV outlet, but he did drop little details here and there with fans and in a post-presentation scum with reporters.

This is the long-anticipated Cubs channel, said to be called Marquee, that will make its debut in time to televise all of the their 2020 home spring training games.

Cubs Productions, which makes video segments for the team, will be part of the mix and Kenney said some talent already has been hired.

Although there have been reports the Cubs will work with the Sinclair Broadcast Group on the venture, Kenney would say only that details will be known "in probably the next 30 days."

"The landscape is changing almost daily," he said. "Huge groups like the Fox regional sports group, 22 different networks being sold."

"What happened as we declared our independence and actually became a stand-alone network, quite honestly, we got a seat at a much larger table. So we've been involved in conversations not locally but more nationally on how we'll launch our channel and who we'll launch it with."

Federal regulators overseeing Disney's \$71.3 billion acquisition of 21st Century Fox's entertainment assets have ordered Disney to sell Fox's regional sports networks within 90 days of closing, which is expected this quarter.

Sinclair reportedly was among those bidding in November, and the Sports Business Journal has reported the second round is due by the end of this month.

"We're involved in a multidimensional negotiation, not just us and a partner," Kenney said to reporters. "It's us, our partner and multiple others. So there's just some moving pieces and if you follow the breadcrumbs, I believe, there's a date coming up that will be important for all of us to watch."

Kenney confirmed that the "multiple others" he referred to are other baseball teams that might be involved. He didn't say which.

Earlier a fan from Michigan complained about Major League Baseball restrictions that kept her from seeing some Cubs games. Kenney shared his own frustration, explaining baseball's divvying up of geographical territory for teams, giving each team preeminence in its own zone.

Kenney said Cubs territory bumps up against the Tigers, Brewers, Cardinals and even the Reds and Indians. He said the Cubs have asked permission to make their home TV feed available in neighboring areas, but MLB has held firm.

"Now after the last convention, and this is true, I forced a meeting among the Midwest group — among the Cardinals, the Brewers, the Tigers, the Twins actually are in our group — and we all ... said to baseball we don't care," Kenney said.

MLB still didn't budge.

But all those teams — the Tigers, Brewers, Cardinals, Reds, Indians and Twins — have games on Fox regional sports channels up for sale.

Whether that's more or less than a breadcrumb remains to be seen.

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Cubs catcher Willson Contreras says his energy and nonstop approach are what made him one of the best in the major leagues.

Effort not the issue

After slump, Contreras seeking improvement — but willing to work

By MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

Willson Contreras knows one way to prepare and he's not about to change his hair-on-fire style.

"I always try too hard," the Cubs' excitable catcher said. "That's who I am. I'm not going to change that. That's how I made it to the big leagues. That's how I put myself (among) the best. I want to be one of the best. If I push myself and try too hard, I'll get there. That's the only way I know to get better."

Contreras at his best — hitting .282 as a rookie, starting Game 7 of the 2016 World Series, his handling of ace Jon Lester and earning 2018 National League All-Star honors — is one of the best catchers in baseball. But after a power outage last season and unfavorable pitch-framing metrics, Contreras is plenty motivated.

"Every player should learn from frustration and bad things," Contreras said. "That's what makes you a better player the best season."

"Most players go through struggles at times. And I was one of them last year. But I already forgot about that. I'm ready to start

2019 and ready to help the team win more games than last year."

As soon as Contreras arrives at the Cubs spring training complex on Feb. 5 — eight days before the first workout for pitchers and catchers — he'll meet with coach Mike Borzello to discuss his setup behind the plate and his receiving skills.

"And then we'll talk about hitting," Contreras said.

Manager Joe Maddon is a firm believer that Contreras' second-half slump — a .200 batting average and only 11 extra-base hits — was the result of self-induced pressure.

Even more alarming was that Contreras hit only 10 home runs in 2018 after slugging 21 in 97 fewer at-bats in 2017. Contreras made hard contact on only 28.1 percent of the 357 balls he put in play, according to the 2019 Bill James Handbook.

Contreras is invigorated by the return of hitting coach Anthony Iapoce, who was a special assistant in charge of minor-league hitting when Contreras began his rise to the majors.

"He knows me well," Contreras said.

The Cubs want more consistency from Contreras, particularly behind the plate as he tries to refine his catching skills.

Prioritizing quality over quantity might enhance Contreras' overall game. He led major-league catchers with 1,109 2/3 innings caught. He said he believes a stretch of 30 days without a day off for the team

caught up to him and his fellow batters.

At the end of last season, Lester praised Contreras effusively for his ability to slow the running game. Contreras ranked fifth among NL catchers in nailing base stealers on 25.7 percent of their attempts. But pitch framing remains an issue.

Contreras had a minus-7 rating in Strike Zone Runs Saved, according to James' handbook. Only six catchers had a worse rating than Contreras.

"Some people are better at (some) things than others," Borzello said. "We always work on our weaknesses. That is part of this game that has not translated when we look at the numbers. But he continues to try to make progress. We work as much as anyone at his receiving. And I think being in the league, building rapport with umpires, I think that all goes with it too."

"It's not cut and dried that you're a good receiver. You have to be able to lock in every single pitch. It's hard to do."

Borzello used the example of a catcher striking out with the bases loaded before going back behind the plate. It's unrealistic to expect him not to "be affected by what just happened. Those are tough things."

Said Maddon: "My experience having been a catcher and working with catchers ... I think it's very fixable."

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CUBS NOTES

Urgent need for homegrown pitching

By MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

The Cubs' recent failure to develop homegrown major-league pitchers has put the team on high alert as a veteran rotation consumes a large chunk of a stretched payroll.

"It's a sense of urgency," Jason McLeod, the Cubs' senior vice president of player development/scouting said Sunday at the Cubs Convention. "We've got to be better than what we've been. We know where we are from a major-league standpoint with our major-league club and players who are getting into their arbitration year. It's on us."

"We just can't keep celebrating Kris Bryant from the 2013 draft. It's so obvious,

it's not even an elephant in the room. It's something that drives us every day."

The Cubs have yet to receive a significant contribution from a drafted pitcher since President Theo Epstein arrived before the 2012 draft. It should be noted, though, that Paul Blackburn (now with the A's) and Zack Godley (Diamondbacks) were dealt to acquire left-hander Mike Montgomery and catcher Miguel Montero — two contributors to the Cubs' 2016 World Series title.

"I would put some blame on myself in the early rounds (of the 2012-15 drafts)," said McLeod, referring to the lack of results despite drafting numerous pitchers.

The Cubs began to take a more aggressive approach after drafting Oklahoma

State pitcher Thomas Hatch in the third round of the 2016 draft. Hatch has pitched with no restrictions since signing with the Cubs and has made 26 starts in each of the last two minor-league seasons.

Alzola OK: Adbert Alzola, one of the Cubs' top pitching prospects, will have no limitations this spring but is destined to start the 2019 season at Triple-A Iowa. Alzola made only eight starts last season because of a lat injury but is a near-cincher to be promoted in the event of relief help.

Left-hander Justin Steele, who pitched 64 1/3 innings last season and in the Arizona Fall League after returning from Tommy John surgery, will start 2019 at Double A.

Bryant's insult gives life to rivalry with Cards

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and suggested Cardinals manager Mike Matheny was Tony Soprano putting out "a hit" on first baseman Anthony Rizzo after Rizzo was hit by a pitch, it seemed like a reboot of the intense era of 2003-06, when Dusty Baker and Tony La Russa yelled at each other from opposing dugouts.

"To become this vigilante group that wants to get their own pound of flesh, that's absolutely insane, ridiculous and wrong," Maddon fumed in September of 2015. "We don't start stuff, but we will stop stuff."

The Cubs got their revenge by beating the Cardinals in the playoffs, but, alas, that was the end of the intensity.

The Cardinals haven't been back to the postseason since, leading to last year's firing of Matheny, who was indisputably boring, even to Cardinals Nation.

When I asked Cardinals honcho John Mozeliak the Cardinals if it's inconceivable to think the Cardinals would rebuild, he looked at me like I was from Mars.

"I would agree — it's probably inconceivable," he said, adding the Cards weren't "that far away" from contending.

"I guess an easier way to say it is if you look at our model, with our fan support,

trying to be irrelevant for a couple years just doesn't seem smart," Mozeliak said. "It's not even something we've been internally debating."

True to his word, Mozeliak went out after the 2018 season and acquired Paul Goldschmidt, one of the league's top three hitters, and signed Andrew Miller, a dominant reliever who had an off-year in 2018.

The Cubs signed former Cardinals infielder Daniel Descalso and, well, that's it. Maddon and the Cubs brass have said nothing but complimentary things about the Cardinals this offseason, expecting nothing less than a multiteam battle for the NL Central title.

But instead of letting sleeping dogs lie, Bryant opened a can of worms with his impromptu insult of St. Louis. (Bryant doesn't drink, so naturally he would be bored in St. Louis.)

There's little doubt he'll be booed at Busch Stadium, but Bryant also put himself and his teammates in danger of being thrown at by Cardinals pitchers looking to defend the honor of their city. It's inevitable.

No one in Chicago cares about this, of course, but St. Louis reacted like it was a declaration of war. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch featured a slew of stories on the

Bryant-Dempster insults, and beat reporter Derrick Goold even took an unprovoked shot at my computer bag on Twitter, calling it "rather boring."

Dempster, a man who wears many hats, is the big winner in all this.

During Cubs Conventions he moonlights as a faux talk-show host, interviewing Cubs players and executives. With 365 days in a year and only 162 games on the regular-season schedule, the Cubs will have much air time to fill when they launch their own TV network in 2020, and Dempster is expected to bring his emcee skills to the channel.

This could be must-see TV, especially if Dempster can get Cubs players to insult other cities or perhaps even the White Sox. Dempster also is a front-office employee, having been named as a special assistant to Cubs President Theo Epstein and general manager Jed Hoyer in 2014. And he's also an MLB Network analyst, albeit one who apparently has a particular disdain for St. Louis.

How this all plays out is anyone's guess, but we do know the Cubs-Cardinals rivalry will be anything but dull this year.

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NFL

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP RAMS 26, SAINTS 23 (OT)

Rams deliver stunning blow

Zuerlein 57-yard field goal, blatant blown call knock Saints out

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A big comeback. A blown call. And, finally, a booming kick that sent the Rams to the Super Bowl.

After rallying from an early 13-0 deficit, the Rams stunned the Saints with Greg Zuerlein's 57-yard field goal in overtime for a 26-23 victory in the NFC championship game Sunday — an outcome that might not have been possible without an egregious mistake by the officials in the closing minutes of regulation.

Rams cornerback Nickell Robey-Coleman committed a blatant interference penalty with a helmet-to-helmet hit on Tommylee Lewis well before the pass arrived inside the 5, forcing the Saints to settle for Wil Lutz's 31-yard field goal that made it 23-20 with 1:41 left in regulation.

"Came to the sideline, looked at the football gods and was like, 'Thank you,'" Robey-Coleman said. "I got away with one tonight."

After the no-call, Jared Goff had enough time to lead the Rams down the field for Zuerlein's tying field goal, a 48-yarder with 15 seconds remaining.

The Saints won the coin toss and got the ball first in overtime. But, with Dante Fowler Jr. in his face and striking his arm, Drew Brees fluttered up a pass that was picked off by John Johnson III, who was able to hang on to the interception while stumbling backward. Johnson hopped up and celebrated by doing the "Choppa Style" dance popularized by New Orleans rapper Choppa, whose namesake song had become a Saints rallying cry and was even performed during the halftime show.

The Rams weren't able to do much offensively, but it didn't matter. Zuerlein booted through the winning field goal from just inside midfield with plenty of room to spare. The NFL said it was the longest game-winning kick in playoff history.

"It's unbelievable, man. I can't put it into words," said Goff, who at 24 became the youngest quarterback to win an NFC title. "The defense played the way they did to force it to overtime. The defense gets a pick and Greg



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

The Rams' Nickell Robey-Coleman makes a controversial play against Saints wide receiver Tommylee Lewis.

makes a 57-yarder to win it. That was good from about 70. Unbelievable."

The Superdome, which had been in uproar all afternoon, suddenly turned eerily silent. It was the first home playoff loss for the Saints with Brees and coach Sean Payton, who had been 6-0 in those games since their pairing began in 2006.

This one really hurt.

If the pass interference penalty had been called, the Saints could've run most of the time off the clock to set up a winning field goal from chip-shot range.

"Being that it happened right there in front of the person who would be the one to make the call, and everyone in the stands saw it, everyone watching at home on TV

saw it, that makes it even more difficult to take," Brees said. "I'm sure there will be a lot of talk about reviewing penalties, perhaps game-changing penalties."

As loud, angry boos rained down relentlessly from the Superdome stands, replays on the stadium's video screens clearly showed Robey-Coleman's high hit occurring before Brees' pass arrived.

"I bounced up looking for a flag and didn't see one, so I was kind of shocked about that," Lewis said. "I saw what everybody else saw. You all feel like it was obvious? There it is. Everybody knows it was obvious."

"We'll probably never get over it," Payton said.

It was another bitter end for the Saints, who lost the previous

season in the divisional round on the "Minnesota Miracle" — the Vikings' long touchdown pass on the final play of the game.

This time, the Saints couldn't hang on to the lead or overcome that officiating mistake.

Payton said he talked to the NFL office after the game and was told that Robey-Coleman should have been flagged.

"Not only was it interference, it was helmet to helmet," the coach said. "I don't know if there was ever a more obvious pass interference."

The Rams and their 32-year-old coach, Sean McVay, capped a remarkable rise since moving back to Los Angeles three years ago. The team will be appearing in its first Super Bowl since the

2001 season, when the "Greatest Show on Turf" was still in St. Louis.

The team hasn't won an NFL title in Los Angeles since 1951, well before the Super Bowl era. The team moved to St. Louis in 1995, only to return to Southern California two decades later.

"Shoot, I don't even know what day it is," McVay said. "All I know is we're NFC champs, baby!"

With a crucial assist.

"We all want to get it right, right?" Payton said. "We've got plenty of technology to speed things up. I hope no other team has to lose a game the way we lost that one today. We were in position. We'd be on our knee for three plays and — it's disappointing."

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP PATRIOTS 37, CHIEFS 31 (OT)

Patriots earn the final twist

Dagger from Brady on overtime drive ends seesaw classic

BY BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Patriots are headed to their third straight Super Bowl, once more thanks to Tom Brady's brilliance.

The five-time NFL champion guided the Patriots 75 yards after winning the overtime coin toss, and backup Rex Burkhead's 2-yard touchdown run lifted them past the Chiefs 37-31 for the AFC championship Sunday night.

The drive against an exhausted defense was reminiscent of when the Patriots beat the Falcons in the only Super Bowl to go to OT two years ago.

"Overtime, on the road against a great team," Brady said. "They had no quit. Neither did we. We played our best football at the end. I don't know, man, I'm tired. That was a hell of a game."

The Patriots benefited from two critical replay reviews and made their ninth Super Bowl with Brady at quarterback and Bill Belichick as coach.

"This is crazy," Brady said. "What a game."

Awaiting them in Atlanta are the Rams, who won 26-23 in overtime in New Orleans for the NFC championship. The Rams last made the Super Bowl in 2002 while based in St. Louis, losing to the Patriots.

It's the first time both conference title games went to OT. The last time both visitors won conference championship matches was 2012.

Several times, the Patriots appeared to have it won, only to see the Chiefs come back in spectacu-

lar fashion.

Brady, at 41 already the oldest quarterback to have played in a Super Bowl, drove 65 yards in 1:24 to Burkhead's go-ahead 4-yard touchdown with 39 seconds left in regulation. That was enough time, though, for Brady's far younger counterpart, the 23-year-old Patrick Mahomes, to take the Chiefs 48 yards to Harrison Butker's 39-yard field goal with 8 seconds left to force overtime.

It was a sizzling offensive showing in the fourth quarter after defense had been in charge most of the way. Indeed, the Chiefs were blanked in the opening half for the first time all season.

And they never saw the ball in overtime, which along with the two replay decisions might call into play NFL rules and officiating.

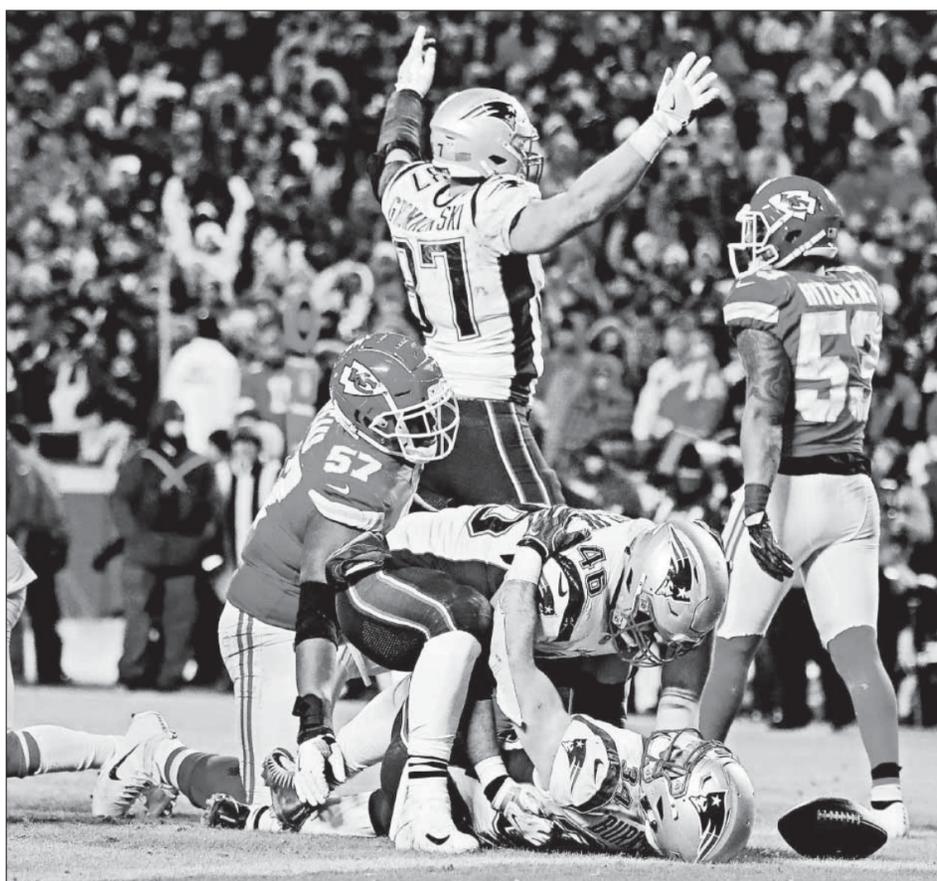
No matter to the Patriots, who became the third franchise to reach three Super Bowls in a row. And Belichick now has 30 post-season victories, more than Bill Walsh and Don Shula combined. That Hall of Fame coaching duo also won five Super Bowls; Belichick shoots for No. 6 in two weeks.

The dominant storyline all week had been how the game represented a passing of the torch from Brady to Mahomes and the Patriots to the Chiefs.

This was supposed to be the year the Chiefs ended a 49-year Super Bowl drought.

Mahomes led the Chiefs to a touchdown in the third quarter and three more in the fourth, including a drive that Damien Williams capped with a short plunge for a 28-24 lead with 1:29 left in the game.

But it wasn't enough to hold off Brady and the Patriots.



DAVID EULITT/GETTY

As Rob Gronkowski extends his arms, Rex Burkhead (on turf) celebrates with teammate James Develin (46) after scoring the game-winning touchdown to lift the Patriots over the Chiefs in overtime for the AFC title.

SUPER BOWL LIII

Battle for the ages: Tomorrow vs. yesterday

It has never been so clear: This year's Super Bowl matchup between the Patriots and Rams is a showdown between the NFL's past and its future.

Led by 24-year-old quarterback Jared Goff, the Rams and their 21st-century offense will take on 41-year-old Tom Brady and the Patriots, who are in search of a record-tying sixth Super Bowl title.

At 32, Sean McVay of the Rams

will be the youngest Super Bowl coach. He'll be going against 66-year-old Bill Belichick, who is taking the Patriots to their third straight title game, fourth in the last five years and ninth since 2002.

That streak started against who else? The Rams.

Back then, though, they were in St. Louis. The Patriots came in as a two-touchdown underdog and won 20-17. The Rams opened

as a one-point pick in this one, set for Feb. 3 in Atlanta. Though bettors quickly turned the Patriots into a slight favorite in what is expected to be the most heavily bet — at least legally — title game ever.

Early bets moved the line at many books so the Patriots were either one- or two-point favorites. The over-under was 58 at some books, 58.5 at others.

Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	@CLE Noon NBCSCH, AM-670		ATL 7 WGN-9, AM-670		LAC 7 NBCSCH, AM-670		CLE 2:30 WGN-9, AM-670
		NYI 7:30 WGN-9, AM-720			ALL-STAR GAME, 7 NBC-5		

MONDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA	NBA TV
11:30 a.m. Thunder at Knicks	NBA TV
Noon Bulls at Cavaliers	NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670
2 p.m. Magic at Hawks	NBA TV
4:30 p.m. Pelicans at Grizzlies	TNT
7 p.m. Rockets at 76ers	TNT
9:30 p.m. Warriors at Lakers	TNT

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

5:30 p.m. Maryland at Michigan State	FS1
6 p.m. Virginia Tech at North Carolina	ESPN
6 p.m. Jackson State at Texas Southern	ESPNU
6 p.m. American at Boston University	CBSSN
7 p.m. Nebraska at Rutgers	BTN
7:30 p.m. Creighton at Georgetown	FS1
8 p.m. Iowa State at Kansas	ESPN
8 p.m. Baylor at West Virginia	ESPNU
8 p.m. Marshall at Western Kentucky	CBSSN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m. Missouri at South Carolina	ESPN2
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GOLF

1 p.m. Bahamas Great Abaco Classic	Golf Channel
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NHL

3 p.m. Blues at Kings	NBCSN
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WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY

2 p.m. Lindenwood at Penn State	BTN
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TENNIS

8 p.m. Australian Open	ESPN2
2 a.m. Australian Open	ESPN2
(Tue.)	

NFL

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday's Results	
AFC: New England 37, Kansas City 31 (OT)	
PRO BOWL	
Sunday, Jan. 27	
at Orlando, Fla.	
AFC vs. NFC, 2 (ABC-7/ESPN)	

RAMS 26, SAINTS 23 (OT)

L.A. Rams	0	10	7	6	3	—	26
New Orleans	13	0	7	3	0	—	23

PATRIOTS 37, CHIEFS 31 (OT)

New England	7	7	3	14	6	—	37
Kansas City	0	0	7	4	0	—	31

SUPER BOWL LIII

Sunday, Feb. 3 in Atlanta
at Atlanta
AFC champ vs. NFC champ, 5:30 (CBS-2)

CALENDAR

Feb. 26-March 4: NFL combine, Indianapolis.
April 25-27: NFL draft, Nashville, Tenn.

TEAM STATS

LA	NO
First downs	19
Total net yards	378
Rushes-yards	26-77
Passing	301
Punt returns	1-0
Kickoff returns	1-17
Int. returns	1-0
Comp.-att-int	26-41-1
Sacked-yds lost	1-8
Punts	4-45.8
Fumbles-lost	0-0
Penalties-yards	7-64
Possession time	32:36

RECEIVING

LA, Anderson 16-44, Reynolds 1-16, Goff 3-10, Gurley 4-10, Woods 2-3, Minus 3), NO, Ingram 9-31, Kamara 8-15, Griffin 2-12, Ingram 2-4, Hill 1-3, L. Carr 1-1, Carr 1-1, Hill 1-2.
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MISSSED FIELD GOALS

None.

TENNIS

Men's Singles, Fourth Round

#7 Rafael Nadal d. Tomas Berdych, 6-0, 6-1, 7-6 (4).
#14 Stefanos Tsitsipas d. #2 R. Federer, 6-7 (11), 7-6 (3), 7-5, 7-6 (5).
#22 Roberto Bautista-Agut d. #5 Marin Cilic, 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.
Frances Tiafoe d. #20 G. Dimitrov, 7-5, 7-6 (6), 6-7 (1), 7-5.

Women's Singles, Fourth Round

Ilieana Rosca Collins d. #2 Angelique Kerber, 6-0, 6-2.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova d. #5 Sloane Stephens, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-3.
#18 Petra Kvitkova d. #1 Amanda Anisimova, 6-2, 6-1.
#15 Ashleigh Barty d. #30 Maria Sharapova, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Men's Doubles, Second Round

#1 Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan d. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez and Pablo Carreno-Busta, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
#6 Michael Venus and Raven Klaassen d. Frederik Nielsen and Marcelo Demoliner, 6-3, 6-1.
#12 Henri Kontinen and John Peers d. Malek Jaziri and Radu Albot, 7-5 (5), 6-4.
Blake Ellis and Alexei Popyrin d. James Cerretini and M. Arevalo-Gonzalez, 2-6, 7-6 (7), 6-4.
Leonardo Mayer and Joao Sousa d. Maximo Gonzalez and Nicolas Jarry, 6-3, 6-4.

Women's Doubles, Third Round

Andreja Klepac and Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez d. Asia Muhammad and Kaitlyn Christian, 6-2, 6-2.

GOLF

DESERT CLASSIC

Final at La Quinta, Calif.	
Purse: \$5.9 million	
S-Stadium Course (Host Course) 7,113 yards; G-La Quinta Country Club, 7,060 yards; N-Nicklaus Tournament course, 7,159 yards	
262 (-24)	\$1,062,000
A. Long 63n-71s-63n-65	
C. Baskley 71n-68n-68n-69	
A. Hadwin 65q-66q-65n-67	
P. Mickelson 60q-68n-66n-69	
264 (-24)	\$283,200
I. Koehn 67n-65s-66n-68	
266 (-22)	\$236,000
D. Bazzelli 67n-69s-64q-66	
267 (-21)	\$212,400
Jon Rahm 66q-66n-68s-69	
269 (-19)	\$190,275
J.T. Poston 68s-68q-64n-69	
V. Taylor 68n-66s-69q-66	
270 (-18)	\$112,100
P. Cantlay 67n-66s-66q-71	
S. O'Hair 66n-67s-68q-69	
M. Thompson 68n-66n-69s-71	
271 (-17)	\$85,900
D. Berger 67q-67n-68s-68	
L. Glover 68q-68n-68s-67	
S. Im 71q-65n-64q-71	
S. Langley 70n-65s-66q-70	
A. Lashley 72s-68n-66n-68	
R. Sloan 70s-68q-68n-65	
272 (-16)	\$64,723
A. Ancer 66q-67n-73s-66	
A. Baddeley 71n-68n-68s-69	
S. Burns 68q-66n-68s-70	
N. Clark 65q-67n-72s-68	
R. Knox 73s-66q-64n-69	
C. S. B. 67n-68n-68s-69	
P. Malnati 70q-65n-68s-69	
S. Marino 66s-65q-67n-74	
A. Svensson 66q-68n-69s-69	
N. T. 68n-68n-68s-69	
273 (-15)	\$39,235
C. Davis 67q-70n-67s-69	
D. Frizzell 72n-67s-64q-70	
Z. Johnson 71q-68n-64q-70	
A. Landry 68n-67s-69n-69	
C. Reavie 67q-68n-69s-69	
Jose de Jesus Rodriguez 67s-70q-69n-67	
274 (-14)	\$35,900
A. Albertson 68s-69n-70q-67	
C. Howell III 67n-69s-68q-70	
T. Mullinax 65n-71s-67q-71	
N. Putnam 70q-68n-68s-69	
J. Rose 68q-68n-68s-70	
K. Streblan 70s-66q-68n-70	
275 (-13)	\$19,663
G. Brubaker 67n-68n-68s-69	
C. Cajiga 71s-67q-69n-68	
A. Cejka 66n-68s-68q-73	
E. Stewart 71n-66s-69q-69	
J. Kieckhefer 67n-68n-68s-69	
S. Kim 70n-67s-67q-68	
S. Ryder 72s-66q-66n-71	
R. Streib 66q-70n-68s-71	
T. Stuart 70q-68n-68s-69	
N. Taylor 70s-66q-67n-72	
J. Teater 68q-69n-67s-71	
276 (-12)	\$13,885
D. Duncan 73s-66q-66n-71	
C. Pan 66n-70s-70n-70	
J.J. Spaun 69s-67q-68n-72	
N. Watson 68s-70q-68n-70	

FINAL AT LA QUINTA, CALIF.

277 (-11)	\$12,921
C. Tringale 70n-71s-66q-69	
J. Byrd 71n-68s-66q-72	
C. Collins 69n-70q-68n-70	
J. Garber 68s-64q-69n-76	
J. Hahn 70s-70q-67n-70	
K. Kisner 69n-68s-69q-71	
S. Piercy 72n-65n-70s-70	
R. Sabbatini 68n-70s-66q-73	
B. Steele 69n-69s-67q-72	
278 (-10)	\$12,331
C. Ortiz 72s-62q-65n-76	
H. Swafford 71n-71s-65q-71	
279 (-9)	\$12,095
J. Cain 69s-69n-69n-72	
A. Schenk 66s-71n-69n-73	
B. Steele 69n-69s-67q-72	
280 (-8)	\$11,813
J. Vegas 66s-73q-68n-73	
281 (-7)	\$11,741
John Huh 68n-72s-67q-74	
C. Luck 67q-68n-68s-69	
282 (-6)	\$11,564
Ollie Schniederjans 71n-68s-68q-75	
285 (-3)	\$11,376
R. Blaum 67n-73s-67q-78	

LPGA DIAMOND TOUR

Final at Sports Club Lake Buena Vista, Fla.
Purse: \$1.2 million
Yardage: 6,645; Par: 71

270 (-14)	\$180,000
Eun-Hee Ji 65-69-66-70	
272 (-12)	\$147,962
Mirim Lee 67-68-69-68	
285 (+3)	\$40,100
L. Lydia Ko 66-68-66-77	
278 (+6)	\$36,049
Georgia Hall 73-66-69-70	
279 (+5)	\$35,983
L. Thompson 67-69-73-70	
Gaby Lopez 69-68-69-73	
281 (+3)	\$27,461
In Gee Chun 70-68-68-68	
Annie Park 68-70-73-70	
282 (+2)	\$24,629
Ami Yang 65-69-69-69	
Cristie Kerr 68-68-68-68	
C. Keizer 71s-67q-69n-68	
283 (+1)	\$21,629
Nasa Hataoka 73-72-71-67	
Marina Alex 66q-67-72-75	
284 (E)	\$19,324
Joseph Bramlett 69-69-69-69	
Justin Moore 67-67-75-75	
Brad Fritsch 66-67-75-75	
Steve LeBrun 66-67-75-75	
285 (+4)	\$18,000
A. Nordqvist 71-74-69-71	
286 (+2)	\$17,012
K. Kirk 73-72-71-70	
L. Lincicome 71-71-72-73	
287 (+3)	\$16,000
P. Lindberg 77-70-68-72	

AT THE ABACO CLUB ON WINDING BAY

Great Abaco, Bahamas
Yardage: 7,111; Par: 72
Partial First Round

68 (-4)	\$15,473
Ben Taylor 35-38	
70 (-2)	\$14,906
Andrew Novak 35-38	
71 (+1)	\$14,430
Scott Gutschewski 34-38	
Edward Loar 34-38	
Vince Inda 36-36	
Kevin Lucas 37-35	
Charles Saxon 39-37	
73 (+3)	\$13,964
Ben Kohler 35-38	
Steven Akler 36-39	
Stuart Appleby 36-39	
Martin Flores 35-40	
Sebastian Cappelen 36-38	
Steve Wheatcroft 36-38	
Chad Ramey 40-34	
Bryan Bigley 35-39	
Andrew Novak 37-36	
75 (+5)	\$13,497
Ben Kohler 35-38	
Steven Akler 36-39	
Stuart Appleby 36-39	
Martin Flores 35-40	
Sebastian Cappelen 36-38	
Steve Wheatcroft 36-38	
Chad Ramey 40-34	
Bryan Bigley 35-39	
Andrew Novak 37-36	
76 (+4)	\$13,030
Jim Renner 38-38	
Wo Weckley 38-39	
Eric Alexey 38-39	
Zecheng Dou 37-38	
Callum Tarren 40-36	
Eric Barnes 36-40	
Andrew Novak 37-36	
Charles Saxon 39-37	
Joshua Creel 39-37	
77 (+5)	\$12,563
Joseph Bramlett 34-43	
Justin Moore 41-36	
Brad Fritsch 40-37	
Steve LeBrun 40-39	
Brian Richey 39-39	
78 (+6)	\$12,095
Michael Johnson 39-39	
Rick Lamb 37-41	
Andrew Svoboda 39-39	
Brett Dreiwitt 41-37	
Conrad Shindler 39-39	
Austin Smotherman 39-39	

LATEST LINE

NBA	MONDAY
pregame.com	
Bulls 2	at Cleveland
Oklahoma City 9	at New York
at Milwaukee 11½	Dallas
at Atlanta	Orlando
at Brooklyn 3	Sacramento
at Memphis	at New Orleans
at Boston 7½	Miami
at Philadelphia 5	Houston
at Utah	Portland
Golden State 10½	at L.A. Lakers

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MONDAY	
Old Dominion 8	at Charlotte
at Michigan St 8½	Maryland
at N. Carolina 5	Virginia Tech
N. Carolina 5	at Rutgers
at Georgetown 1k	Croighton
at W Kentucky 4½	Marshall
at W Virginia 1	Baylor
at Kansas 4½	Iowa St

NHL

MONDAY			
at Colorado	off	Nashville	off
St. Louis	-113	at Los Angeles	+103
at Las Vegas	-168	Minnesota	+158
at Florida	off	San Jose	off

AHL

at Colorado	off	Nashville	off
St. Louis</			

BULLS

Guards should worry Bulls

Johnson, from Page 1

merit. The Bulls' point differential also has worsened by two whole points since the coaching change.

Boylan is coaching LaVine to become a better two-way player and to play with force and speed offensively more consistently. But LaVine disputed Boylen's consistent refrain that the Bulls as a whole need to compete harder.

"We're playing hard. It just might not be enough," LaVine said. "We play hard, though. You can't fault effort. It's not like we're going out there and be like, 'Oh, we're going to lose today.' Or, 'We're going to roll over.' Out of nowhere, the lead balloons. It's hard for us to crawl back."

LaVine is averaging career highs with 22.8 points, 4.3 rebounds and 4.3 assists after the Bulls matched the four-year, \$78 million offer sheet he signed with the Kings as a restricted free agent. But his free-throw attempts per game have dropped from 7.5 to 6.6 to 4.2 to 4.1 by month this season.

That's a sign of a player who isn't getting calls, isn't being used right, is settling for jumpers, is struggling to co-exist with Dunn and Markkanen or, most likely, some combination of those factors.

"It's mentally exhausting. It's frustrating," LaVine said of the toll a 10-game losing streak is taking on him. "It's hard to put into words. But we're going to continue to do our job. We get paid to play and compete."

As for Dunn, save for the occasional snarl after dunks, his last five games have featured him looking like a shell of the player whose swagger defined many of his minutes last season and from mid-December to Jan. 9 of this season.

He's shooting 28.6 percent and averaging 6.8 points over those five games, including 25 percent on 3-pointers. He often has looked hesitant to shoot from beyond the arc. And he's averaging five assists with 2.2 turnovers in that span.

Dunn said he feels he's getting to his spots offensively and it's on him to play better. Despite a net rating of minus-18.7 in their 359 shared minutes, LaVine defended his beleaguered backcourt mate.

"We're all going through a little bit of a stretch," LaVine said. "I just had two bad games too. There's nothing out there that he can't do. He's as mentally tough as anybody in this locker room. He's gone through things in his personal life (that are) a lot harder than just basketball and wins and losses. He'll find his way."

Could a win against the lowly Cavaliers help? LaVine thinks so.

"We've just got to get a win. We've got to stay with each other. It's not going to help separating," LaVine said. "Teams aren't going to take a day off and say, 'Oh, the Bulls are having a tough stretch. We'll play easy.' They're going to try to kill us."

"Nobody on the outside is going to help us. We're going in almost every game as the underdog and people doubting us. We have to play for each other and scratch out a win, get out of the rut. Until that happens, it's going to suck."

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Kris Dunn seems to have lost his swagger and attitude over the last five games — part of the Bulls' 10-game slide.

BLACKHAWKS



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Patrick Kane skates to congratulate Jonathan Toews on his hat trick Sunday. Toews and Kane combined for five goals and 10 points.

BLACKHAWKS 8, CAPITALS 5

5-point shooters

Toews racks up hat trick, Kane adds 2 goals in win

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD | Chicago Tribune

For a little bit there it seemed the Blackhawks might have a laugh on their hands. Then the Capitals started to fight back and tried to wipe the smile off the Hawks' faces.

Jonathan Toews wouldn't let that happen.

The Hawks captain scored his sixth career hat trick — including two goals during the third period — to secure an 8-5 victory over the defending Stanley Cup champions in a Sunday matinee at the United Center.

Toews also had two assists and newly installed linemate Patrick Kane also had five points (2 goals, 3 assists).

"I know what he likes and how he likes to play," Toews said. "And vice versa. We can complement each other well. Obviously, Kane's been playing with a ton of confidence, so it was just go out there and make his life easier."

Toews' third goal of the game — and 21st

of the season — came on a brilliant individual effort with five minutes left after the Capitals had pulled to within 6-5. He turned around defenseman Dmitry Orlov, skating past him and beating goalie Phoenix Copley. Dylan Strome added an empty-netter for the final margin.

Toews was credited with his first goal in the first period after Orlov accidentally batted the puck into his own net.

"One of those nights where pucks were going in," Toews said. "After tonight no one will be asking about how that goal went in."

The win snapped a five-game losing streak for the Hawks, who have one game left before the start of the All-Star break and week off. The Capitals lost their fifth straight.

"It's never fun to give up five," Kane said. "But we know we have seven days off coming, so let's try to be good for one more. And get some momentum going into the break."

The Hawks' top four goal scorers each added to his total in the first 40 minutes as they took a 4-2 lead. Brandon Saad, Kane and Toews scored in the first period, and Alex DeBrincat added one in the second. Saad's goal came when he picked up the

puck inside his blue line and blew past the Capitals defense before putting a shot over the right shoulder of goalie Braden Holtby, who was pulled after allowing four goals on 11 shots. Saad has goals in three straight games.

"Terrific individual effort," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "Just one of those things you build momentum off. Nice for him. He's done that a few times this year, just holds a guy off and puts a guy on his back and carries him to the net. Hopefully he can gain some confidence from that."

Collin Delia might have had his best and worst games of the season at the same time. He made many great saves, including an incredible acrobatic save on a Tom Wilson shot from the slot in the second period. But he also let in a couple of soft ones and gave up a season-high five goals.

"It was a fun game," Kane said. "Kind of like a playoff-type atmosphere, playoff-type game. It was back and forth, it seemed like no matter how big our lead, we couldn't make it big enough to feel comfortable. It was a good win for us."

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Smith-Pelly gets a nod in Chicago

Capitals coach Todd Reirden wanted to show his support for Devante Smith-Pelly. So he sent his line out to center ice for the opening faceoff.

Smith-Pelly got the start Sunday in his first game in Chicago since the black forward heard chants of "basketball, basketball" while he was in the penalty box during a 7-1 loss last February. The fans were promptly ejected, and then

banned from Chicago's home games.

"For me it was really something that was important to do," Reirden said. "What happened with him last year in this building and where we are today in our world."

Smith-Pelly said he appreciated Reirden giving him the start in his return to the United Center.

"That was cool," Smith-Pelly said after

the Capitals' 8-5 loss. "I love the national anthem here."

Smith-Pelly was penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct in the second period, but he said he had no trouble with fans.

"I said it the day after and I probably repeated it. It's just a couple of people," Smith-Pelly said. "I don't hold it against the city. I wasn't excited or nervous to come back here. It's just another game." AP

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Jokiharju healthy scratch, may have to get used to it

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD | Chicago Tribune

rotating group of blue liners.

Blackhawks rookie defenseman Henri Jokiharju was a healthy scratch for the third time this season Sunday, and it might not be the last time.

Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton wants to get ice time for seven defensemen, and while he hasn't ruled out dressing seven again, it didn't work out when he tried it against the Devils last week.

"(Henri) doesn't need to play every game, just like other guys don't need to play every game," Colliton said. "We may end up with a rotation where it's not necessarily performance, specifically, why they're coming out. But we can get them extra, whether it's off-ice training or video or maybe a little practice work so we continue to develop them."

Gustav Forsling is close to returning from an upper-torso injury and would give the Hawks an eighth defenseman unless somebody is sent to Rockford. Newly acquired Slater Koekkoek, who started against the Capitals, is likely to join Jokiharju and Forsling as part of the

Third wheel: Drake Caggiula was elevated to the top line with Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane in his seventh game with the Hawks since being acquired from the Oilers for Brandon Manning on Dec. 30.

Although Caggiula didn't make the scoresheet, Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said he was very pleased with how he played.

"I think Caggiula, he didn't get any points, but he was all over that performance as far as getting pucks back and going to the net and winning 50-50 (battles) and running people over," Colliton said. "That line had the puck all night. So that was definitely a nice boost for the team."

One-timers: Over their last 82 games, the Hawks are 26-44-12. ... The Hawks have scored a power-play goal in eight straight games. ... Sunday's game marked the 90th time Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane scored in the same game during their careers. The Hawks are 79-6-5 in those games.

BEARS

5 crucial landmarks on offseason road

By RICH CAMPBELL | Chicago Tribune

When Ryan Pace took stock of the Bears' worst-to-first turnaround, he traced the breakthrough back a full year to hiring coach Matt Nagy.

"It was about momentum," the general manager said last Monday. "Momentum that started when we hired Matt, and I felt like that just continued: 12-4, winning the division, making the playoffs — those were all things that we're proud of."

Understanding how a productive offseason paved the Bears' regular-season road sharpens Pace's focus as he sketches their course for this offseason.

In four previous winters, Pace would look at the depth chart on his

wall and see green magnets stuck to too many positions. Those designations of need finally have decreased, yielding to confidence ahead of the team-building window that begins in March.

"We can kind of fine-tune and tweak as we go forward," Pace said. "We've got a lot of young guys, we have a lot of guys under contract and we've got a lot of guys hitting their peaks right now."

"But as we approach this offseason, we're still going to be aggressive. We're always going to be pushing it. I think that's the challenge to our scouting department — to always be improving our roster."

In assessing the road ahead, here are five landmarks the Bears must hit to ensure their momentum keeps rolling in 2019.

1. Fix the broken kicker situation

One could argue a reliable kicker was all that stood between the Bears and a playoff victory (or two) this season. Now the Bears could take different avenues to replace Cody Parkey. Will Pace choose correctly? Skepticism is understandable, given the cycle of futility since cutting Robbie Gould in 2016.

Speaking of Gould, signing a proven veteran is one way to go. Gould has succeeded in Chicago's suboptimal kicking conditions, and he spoke glowingly of the Bears in a December teleconference with Chicago media. But Gould might not have a say in it.

The 49ers could retain him by using the franchise tag, which was \$4.9 million for kickers last season. Meanwhile, the group of veteran kickers out of contract include the Patriots' Stephen Gostkowski and the Colts' Adam Vinatieri.

Cutting Parkey would cost the Bears \$5.2 million in dead salary-cap space. But don't get hung up on that. Cap space can be increased by cutting a player or two, and Pace has said the Bears will prioritize kicker. Given the Bears' Super Bowl aspirations in 2019, as long as they get a trustworthy one, the price should be an afterthought.

There's also the draft and college free agency. Whether Pace would spend a draft pick on a kicker is an interesting question, especially because the Bears traded away their first- and second-round picks for Khalil Mack. But kicker is one of their top needs, so why rule it out?

2. Expand Matt Nagy's answer key

At the postseason news conference last Monday, Nagy said the following about new defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano and the talented group he inherits: "We as coaches understand that when you're surrounded by good players, a lot of times it's the players and not the plays."

Well, the same applies to Nagy on the offensive side.

The Bears were 21st in total offense in his first season. The offense scored fewer than 20 points in eight of 17 games. Nagy wasn't brought in for such inconsistent, insufficient production. Yes, he's still proving himself as a strategist and play-caller. But, to his point, good players would help significantly.

Trey Burton's surprising absence in the 16-15 playoff loss allowed the Eagles to limit Tarik Cohen's impact by mixing man and zone coverages against him. Receiver Allen Robinson had 143 yards and a touchdown, but the Bears were too one-dimensional.

This offseason, you can bet Nagy will make the case to acquire fast skill-position players whose speed will spread the defense. A running back tops that to-do list, and the Bears also would benefit from adding speed to the receiving corps again.

3. Transition the defense to Chuck Pagano's oversight

The Bears didn't want to lose coordinator Vic Fangio to the Broncos' head-coaching vacancy. Chalk that up as a price of success. Considering how the defense was the engine of the team in 2018, there's a lot riding on this transition to Pagano after a four-year rise under Fangio.

"Our defense is comfortable with what they've done, but they know change is coming," Nagy said. "Chuck is going to have to come in and see, 'OK, schematically this is what we called it last year. This is what I do. This is what I call it.' And then you've got to figure out how that's going to go."

Nagy is putting Pagano in charge of blending continuity with required changes. The extent of differences in terminology and



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cody Parkey will be gone, so fixing the kicker situation is imperative.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Coach Matt Nagy will target fast skill-position players this offseason.



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Chuck Pagano will take over as the Bears' defensive coordinator.



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

QB Mitch Trubisky's continued growth will be crucial next season.



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Linemen Bobby Massie (70) and Kyle Long might not return in 2019.

scheme will become clearer during spring practices.

As a baseline, though, people who recommended Pagano to Nagy and Pace described him as being easy to work with and not having an ego.

"I feel comfortable knowing that Chuck by no means is a guy that says, 'Hey, we're coming in, we're doing it this way.' None of that," Nagy said. "That's not who he is, and I don't think that's what's going to happen."

Said Pace: "He's a great person. He's a great evaluator. He's had success where he's been in the past. He's great dealing with people. He's very collaborative. I think it'll be good for our defense. We've got a lot of good players on that side of the ball, and we're just looking forward to continuing to improve."

4. Nurture the next stage of Mitch Trubisky's growth

Nagy was hired to make Trubisky into the reason that the Bears contend every season. Having the 21st-ranked offense is OK for Year 1, but it cannot be the status quo.

During spring practices and training camp, Trubisky must make major strides commanding the offense and finding answers within it for every defense he encounters.

"Level 2 next year is going to be him really recognizing pre-snap what he's about to see from these defenses," Nagy said.

In their first season together, Trubisky conquered the basics of going through progressions on passing plays, Nagy said. That's a credit to his work habits and ability to retain information. It also bodes well for Level 2.

Take Trubisky's expected gains within the scheme and balance them with an improved running game, and the Bears would be positioned to make a big leap offensively.

5. Strengthen the offensive line

The Bears offense was 27th in the NFL in yards per carry. Improving the running game requires solidifying the offensive line, a position group that faces several questions.

First, the Bears must decide whether to keep right guard Kyle Long. He's a candidate to become a salary-cap casualty. The Bears would save \$5.5 million in cap space and \$7 million in cash if they made the difficult decision to release him. There's no guaranteed money remaining on his contract. Releasing him would result in \$3 million of dead money against the 2019 cap.

Long, 30, is a respected leader. He's tough as nails and a dedicated teammate. But he has been on injured reserve in each of the last three seasons, missing 22 games. He's strong and can run, but he's not the freak athlete he was before his gruesome ankle injury in 2016. Eagles linemen Fletcher Cox and Michael Bennett exploited that in the playoff loss.

Right tackle Bobby Massie is out of contract. The Bears have appreciated his steady if not spectacular play over the last three seasons. The seven-year veteran turns 30 on August 1.

Also, the Bears have a season's worth of data to determine whether they want to stick with James Daniels at left guard and Cody Whitehair at center.

They moved Daniels to guard from center (his position at Iowa) on the recommendation of Bears offensive coach Harry Hiestand, and Daniels showed promise with his ability to recover whenever he lost leverage on a block. He'll focus on getting stronger. And given the Bears' struggles running the ball, they could revisit anytime whether to switch Daniels back to center and bump Whitehair out to guard.

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TENNIS



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Stefanos Tsitsipas has become the first Greek player to reach a Grand Slam quarterfinal.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Federer: 'Massive regrets' after loss

Bid for three-peat ends at hands of young Tsitsipas

By HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Even as his uninterrupted dominance of yore dissipated, even as he took the occasional break, Roger Federer always mattered more often than not in the closing days of Grand Slam tournaments.

Until lately, that is.

Until, at age 37, he was outplayed in the Australian Open's fourth round by a much younger man, 20-year-old Stefanos Tsitsipas, during a 6-7 (11), 7-6 (3), 7-5, 7-6 (5) surprise that ended Federer's bid for a third consecutive championship at Melbourne Park.

"I have massive regrets," said Federer, who failed to convert any of the 12 break points he earned against Tsitsipas, the first player from Greece to reach a major quarterfinal.

This loss makes it a fourth straight Slam without Federer in the semifinals: He skipped the 2018 French Open, was beaten at Wimbledon in the quarterfinals and exited the U.S. Open in the fourth round.

That is his longest such drought since he claimed the first of his men's record 20 major titles, all the way back in 2003 at Wimbledon.

"Roger is a legend of our sport. So much respect for him. He showed such good tennis over the years. I've been idolizing him since the age of 6," said Tsitsipas, who has worked with Serena Williams' coach, Patrick Mouratoglou.

"It was a dream come true for me just facing him," Tsitsipas said. "Winning at the end? I cannot describe it, you know."

Federer was the oldest man left in the field and would have been the oldest quarterfinalist in Australia since Ken Rosewall at 43 in 1977.

Tsitsipas was the youngest to make the fourth round this year. He lost his opening match in Melbourne a year ago, when Federer picked up his sixth Australian Open championship.

"I still have to keep my focus, keep my concentration on further goals that I want to achieve. That's a very good beginning. I need to stay humble," said Tsitsipas, who next faces another player making his quarterfinal debut at a major, No. 22 Roberto Bautista Agut of Spain. "This win is a good milestone, let's say good first step, as I said, to something bigger."

Second-seeded Rafael Nadal had very little trouble moving on, beating Tomas Berdych 6-0, 6-1, 7-6 (4) in a rematch of the 2010 Wimbledon final. He will meet Frances Tiafoe, a 7-5, 7-6 (6), 6-7 (1), 7-5 winner over Grigor Dimitrov, in the quarters.

In women's action, two past champions and former No. 15 were sent packing. Angelique Kerber, who won the title at Melbourne in 2016, was outplayed by unseeded Danielle Collins of the U.S. in a lopsided 6-0, 6-2 upset, while 2008 champ Maria Sharapova double-faulted 10 times in a 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 loss to No. 15 Ash Barty.

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Spartans are comfortable with Winston in charge

BY EMILY GIAMBALVO
The Washington Post

EAST LANSING, Mich. — By the time Cassius Winston steps onto the court for warmups, his intention is simple. He's already eaten, showered and spent 20 minutes in what the players call "the boots" — giant recovery devices they strap around their legs — so now all that's left is this time for tension relief. He takes crazy shots, has some fun and lets any sense of nervousness ooze out until there's none left.

Winston spends the next couple of hours outsmarting opponents, not necessarily with his size or speed but with his skill. He describes himself as a poised and confident playmaker who enjoys when his Michigan State Spartans find themselves in high-stakes games, ones like when Maryland visits Monday and the teams compete for the lead in the Big Ten. He'd rather play in a game when the Spartans are up by two with a couple of minutes left than in a blowout.

"That's the fun of the game," Winston said. "That's the whole rush of it."

And no, he's still not worried. Winston's exceptional vision on the court has made him one of the best point guards in the country, a rare pass-first guard who can shoot. Winston scores 18.2 points a night and tops the Big Ten this season in assists, with more than seven per game. The junior from Detroit understands his role and how much he can affect a game when he controls the ball's next move.

"I'm a stressful guy," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said, "but I never worry when it's in his hands."

Winston's comfort with the ball long predates his Michigan State career. His mother, Wendi, said that as a toddler, her oldest son dribbled better than he could walk. When she worked as an office administrator at a church, he'd stand still out in the huge lobby, just dribbling a kid-size basketball. Winston's father, Reg, would scream with excitement about his 2-year-old son's form when he shot on a Fisher-Price rim. A few years later, during a visit to Six Flags, strangers tossed coins as the young Winston dribbled when a staffer at an idle basketball game let him play with the ball.

Those are the gifts, which his coaches never taught but Winston always had. But then there were the 500 daily shots he'd make after he finished homework and all the time he spent playing as a young kid — organized and pickup, in the suburbs and in the projects, with kids his age and with older guys. Through that time and all the trial and error, Winston figured out the game and how to use pace to his advantage. Izzo compared Winston to Barry Sanders, the former Detroit Lions running back. Both aren't the fastest but can get by you anyway.

"That's why some of the stuff he does that looks naturally gifted to some people," Winston's father said, "they just really haven't seen all the time that he spent developing."

All three Winston brothers — Cassius, Zachary (a freshman at Albion College) and Khy (a senior in high school) — play basketball, and the family has poster-size calendars on the kitchen wall to keep track of game schedules. Starting with Michigan State versus Maryland, a Winston brother plays every day this week.

Since Cassius Winston arrived in East Lansing, each year has brought steady improvement. That's how it's supposed to be, Izzo said, adding how the trend of one-and-dones sometimes makes it seem like there should be a massive jump rather than the more typical gradual growth.

Winston's strength has improved, and his coach said he's eating more like an athlete, cutting back on his favorites — hot Cheetos and Starburst. One of Winston's best qualities is how he stays even-keeled. One of his worst qualities is that he can be too even-keeled, Izzo said, citing the recent Penn State game, a win for No. 6 Michigan State in which Winston had just 11 points. However, in the game that followed, the Spartans' road win last week against Nebraska, the junior



NATI HARNIK/AP

Michigan State guard Cassius Winston drives around Nebraska's Glynn Watson Jr., left, during the second half Thursday in Lincoln, Neb.

scored a career-high 29 points with six assists.

"He's not a perfect product yet," Izzo said. "But he's sure looking towards one."

Winston finished his sophomore season as the Big Ten's leader in 3-point shooting (52.6 percent) and assists (6.8 per game). He'll receive his degree this spring, but if he stays for his final year of eligibility, he could break Michigan State's career assists record. Most NBA draft projections do not include Winston as a pick this year, but despite lacking the size and athleticism teams typically seek, he could still carve out a professional career.

"He has a sixth sense to see the court," Izzo said. "Once in a while, I still call him Casual Cash, because it's so easy for him, he gets casual. Then he'll turn it over

once in a while, but boy, he's exceeded what I thought he'd be able to do this year."

In high school at University of Detroit Jesuit Academy, Winston's coach, Pat Donnelly, told Winston he had an old man's game. He saw the action slower than his peers could. He's patient and never flustered. Izzo said Winston "waddles around," and when he shoots, he "just kind of flicks it up." Plus, Izzo said the 6-foot-1 point guard has never dunked, so yes, he plays an old man's game. (He's wrong, Winston said, assuring that he has in fact dunked — but when he was in high school. "It's on YouTube!" he said.)

When Izzo visited Detroit to watch open-gym play at Winston's high school, Winston, a ninth-grader at the time, had to

ask who Izzo came to watch. Now, when asked to remember that day, Winston's tone perked up a bit as he said with a twinge of pride that he did indeed play well.

"I didn't feel any pressure," Winston said. "Just a little energy."

Izzo left the school thinking this 14-year-old could become Michigan State's best passer since Magic Johnson. Then, when Winston arrived on campus four years later, Izzo realized he could shoot, too, and thought, "Jeez, we got a bonus here."

Like most kids who make it to this level, Winston wanted to always win, but he showed that desire to the extreme by crying during games. His dad remembers when an opponent won the tip and scored first — tears. His mom said that once, when a game

was tied at halftime — tears. Any time their son reached to the collar of his jersey and brought it toward his face, they knew what was happening. Winston laughs now about the habit, adding that it probably lasted way too long, at least into middle school, he said.

Now, though, he sees it differently, with maturity and poise. Why waste time being upset when you can start figuring out how to fix the issue? You use it to get better. After Michigan State's early exit in last year's NCAA Tournament, Winston felt disappointed, but he and the team quickly pledged to make a run this season.

"Every problem," Winston said, "there's always a solution."

And for Michigan State basketball, he's usually part of that answer.

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Duke freshman Zion Williamson dunks over Virginia's Jay Huff during Saturday night's game.

Bringing the thunder

Duke's Williamson making an impact in first 17 games

BY BARRY SVRLUGA
The Washington Post

DURHAM, N.C. — If you care about college basketball, you have already seen the play in question on your tablet or your phone or — for you oldsters out there — your television. It wasn't the play that decided Duke's riveting 72-70 victory over Virginia on Saturday evening at Cameron Indoor Stadium, nor did it come during the dizzying array of lead changes in the second half.

But it came from the sport's marquee player at the moment, his latest signature. Zion Williamson, with the ball in the backcourt. Zion Williamson, now 285 pounds moving upcourt with uncommon dexterity, a shorter Shaq with a handle. Zion Williamson, naturally left-handed, to the rim with his right hand. Oh, my goodness, protect the children.

"There were four guys," Duke Coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "I thought for sure he was going to lose the ball — and boom. Boom!"

That is the sound of Williamson's impact in these first 17 games — roughly half of what will be his only season — at Duke. The dunk he delivered in that first-half moment is only a fraction of what he can be — shoot, what he already is. The 18-year-old is the latest in a series of Duke freshmen who arrive on campus, learn their way around, then bolt before performing such mundane college exercises as, oh, picking a major.

But there's also something that makes Williamson different from Jabari Parker or Jahlil Okafor or Justise Winslow or Marvin Bagley III — to name a few. He is mesmerizing in a way they weren't, known by one name before he even suited up. He is Prince. He is Madonna. He is Zion.

"There's a lot going toward him," fellow freshman Cam Reddish said. "He's still young. He's still trying to figure out who he is."

Which is a good way to characterize almost any two teams in college basketball as it gets to late January — figuring out who they are. What played out between the team ranked No. 1 by the Associated Press (Duke) and the team ranked No. 1 in the coaches' poll (Virginia) was a mini-classic that helped inject juice into what appears to be a rather interesting season. That the Cavaliers suffered their first loss won't matter much in three weeks, when these two teams meet again, this time in Charlottesville. It won't matter much a month after that, when



Williamson drives to the basket against Virginia's De'Andre Hunter during the second half of Saturday night's ACC showdown in Durham, N.C. Duke handed Virginia its first loss of the season.

exactly no one would be shocked if they met for the ACC title.

"We might see them in, hopefully, the NCAA tournament," Williamson said. Wouldn't that be something? Put all the UMBC jokes aside, please. Virginia was good enough to win it all last year. Virginia is better this year.

"They're terrific," Krzyzewski said. Drink in this fact: Virginia had not lost an ACC road game since 2017. The silly — and unfortunate — thing for Virginia: It's going to take into March, into the NCAA tournament, for the "UMBC! UMBC!" chants to cease. (Here's what amounted to a clever sign at Cameron on Saturday: "UMBC lost to a 16 seed.") The fact of the matter is that a win over the Cavaliers is a storm-the-court-

worthy event in nearly every arena. Maybe the Cameron Craziest didn't do that Saturday. But they brought their A game, because they were facing a Grade-A program, and they knew it.

"We learned a lot from them," Williamson said.

By now, the world thinks it has learned everything it needs to know about Zion. He was a point guard until eighth grade. He dunks from high school in Spartanburg, S.C., deserve their own YouTube channel. He scored 27 points Saturday — in a game in which he missed seven free throws. And at 6-foot-7 carrying all that weight, he decidedly does not look like someone who is about to put the ball on the floor and rumble by you.

"He just gets a head of steam," Virginia Coach Tony Bennett said. Boom.

If you saw him on the street, you'd think he was a — what?

"I definitely wouldn't think he played basketball, for sure," said RJ Barrett, the other Duke freshman who actually led the team with 30 points while also helping fill in for injured point guard Tre Jones. "I'd think he's some sort of football player."

What he is a creation of the current environment — in college basketball, in social media, in a viral video culture. So, of course, people have their opinions. Why, here was Scottie Pippen, basketball Hall of Famer and sidekick to Jordan for all those years, musing this week that Williamson would

be better off punting on the remainder of his season at Duke to prepare for the NBA draft.

Williamson was asked about that Saturday. He claimed he hadn't heard it. And then he gave the absolute right answer.

"I can't just stop playing in the middle of the season," he said. "I'd be letting my teammates down. I'd be letting Coach K down. I'd be letting a lot of people down. If I wanted to sit out, I wouldn't have come to college. But I came to Duke to play and live out this dream."

Part of the dream, though, is fitting in. With two of the top four teams in the nation facing each other, ESPN's College GameDay show was on campus. With a 6 p.m. tip, it was feasible that Williamson would have time to drop by the set at some point in the afternoon. Williamson declined.

"He really doesn't want a lot of attention," Krzyzewski said. "Obviously, he attracts a lot of attention. ... He doesn't want to separate himself from what the other guys are doing."

And yet ... "The spotlight doesn't bother me at all," Williamson said.

That's good, for sure. Because he's got it. Not all to himself, because Barrett is nearly as good, and Virginia might ultimately be a better team, and Michigan and Michigan State must be heard from, not to mention upstart Tennessee and still-figuring-it-out Kansas and a whole bunch of others.

But it is Williamson who draws the eye. You can't look away. That dunk through traffic?

"Holy mackerel," Krzyzewski said.

"What would you rate that?" Williamson shouted across the locker room to Barrett afterward.

"That was a 5," Barrett, Williamson's roommate, shot back.

"A 5, bro?" Williamson said. "A 5?!!!"

"You didn't even do anything," Barrett said. "He barely touched you."

"He barely ... you know what?" Williamson said. "That's fine. If Cam or RJ did it, 'Oh, my God, it's a 10.'"

Williamson's attention turned elsewhere. The joke died down. But there's something underneath the ribbing.

"If I give him a 10, he's going to feel good about himself," Barrett said, "and he's not going to do anything better."

That's the feeling that stayed with you Saturday. There are better things ahead for Duke. There are better things ahead for Virginia.

And the central figure in the college basketball season has virtually unlimited possibilities. Just listen for the boom.

IN PERFORMANCE

Wolf doesn't take sides — she's just funny

BY ZACH FREEMAN
 Chicago Tribune

"Thanks for coming," comedian Michelle Wolf said, taking the stage for the first of two sold-out shows at Pilsen's Thalia Hall on an especially cold and snowy Saturday night. "I almost didn't get here. That would have been bad for you guys." Here she paused for just long enough for the joke to start sinking in before adding, almost as an afterthought, "... and maybe me."

After a beat she started in again. "They really don't plow this part of town," she said. "I guess I know where all the poor people live." Another pause. "I'm staying in the Gold Coast. You can't even tell it snowed there."

And so an expert comedian — the rare kind who excels equally at both joke structure and delivery — began her set with the obligatory location-related banter before digging into her excellent new material, occasionally referencing a yellow legal pad she had brought onto stage with her and quickly set aside with a drink.

If you're familiar with the name Michelle Wolf and you're



TASOS KATOPODIS/GETTY 2018

Comedian Michelle Wolf, known for her controversial monologue at last year's White House correspondents' dinner, performed two sold-out shows at Pilsen's Thalia Hall over the weekend.

not a comedy aficionado, it's likely not because of her killer 2017 HBO comedy special "Nice Lady" — or her time spent opening for the now-ostracized Louis

C.K. on tour — but more likely because of last year's White House correspondents' dinner monologue. The one that had conservatives outraged and jour-

nalists defensive ... and that resulted in the White House Correspondents' Association ending the long-standing tradition of inviting a comedian to speak

(they've invited biographer Ron Chernow to be the featured speaker in 2019).

Here's the thing: Wolf may have been a writer and correspondent on "The Daily Show" — a show known for its political- and news-centric focus — but she's always been a comedian more interested in pulling in laughs by exposing life's absurdities than joking about politics. Which may be why she crushed the WHCA dinner so incredibly hard. (If you haven't seen the monologue, it's worth looking up). As she said herself during that infamous speech: "I'm here to make jokes, I have no agenda."

As her unfortunately short-lived weekly Netflix show "The Break with Michelle Wolf" demonstrated clearly over its 10 episodes, that could be her mantra.

I'm happy to report that in January of 2019, as she continues a national tour that started late last year, she still has no agenda aside from getting laughs. And along with her piercingly recognizable voice, she's working that agenda hard.

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MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

The cast of Windy City Playhouse's production of "Noises Off," a 37-year-old comedy about the perils of putting on a show.

IN PERFORMANCE 'Noises Off' ★★★

A real backstage filled with real laughs

Windy City Playhouse production of classic farce is very funny, novel

BY CHRIS JONES | Chicago Tribune

Now 37 years old, Michael Frayn's "Noises Off" is not only one of the funniest English-language farces of the 20th century but far and away the best comedy ever written about the perils of putting on a show.

There have been many pretenders to its crown over the years — most recently, "The Play That Goes Wrong" — but there is nothing on a par with "Noises Off." Nada.

Why? It's all in the dazzlingly

intricate construction and, more specifically, Frayn's decision to split the action into three acts. In the first act, you watch the dress rehearsal of a dreary bedroom farce, "Nothing On," as performed by a third-rate company in a provincial English city. In Act Two, you watch part of a

performance of the same show, only by now the cast members have deteriorated into sputtering hostility. By Act Three, the show is going on amid all-out war.

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WILL HEATH/NBC

Rachel Brosnahan's "SNL" monologue became a group singalong as she and cast members performed a tune about optimism for the new year.

Highland Park's Brosnahan hosts 'SNL'

BY TRACY SWARTZ
 Chicago Tribune

Rachel Brosnahan plays a housewife-turned-stand-up-comedian on the Amazon series "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," but she didn't really get to show off her comedic chops in her "Saturday Night Live" hosting debut.

Brosnahan, who grew up in suburban Highland Park, wasn't part of Saturday's cold open, which featured Alec Baldwin playing President Trump participating in a game of "Deal or No Deal," federal government shutdown edition.

After the cold open, Brosnahan introduced herself and said it was her New Year's resolution to host "SNL." Her monologue quickly became a group singalong as she and "SNL" cast members performed a tune about optimism for the new year, despite the government shutdown, teachers' strikes, Brexit and the popularity of the heroin-like drug krokodil.

Brosnahan did reprise her Emmy- and Golden Globe-winning role of Midge Maisel in a sketch. Maisel inspired a comedy club floor sweeper played by Leslie Jones to become a filthy stand-up comedian. "The Raunchiest Miss Rita" features a lot more expletives than the 1950s-set "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel."

Among the other characters

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Sony Music has reportedly dropped R. Kelly, shown performing at Chicago's 2013 Pitchfork Music Festival.

Reports: Sony drops R. Kelly after furor over sex allegations

Multiple outlets have reported that Sony Music has dropped embattled R&B star R. Kelly from its roster. The news comes two weeks after the popular documentary series "Surviving R. Kelly" drew fresh attention to the sex abuse allegations against R. Kelly, which have dogged him most of his career. The #MeToo and #MuteRKelly movements have held protests, demanding his music be dropped from streaming services and beyond. Representatives for Sony and RCA Records, where R. Kelly was signed to, didn't immediately return emails seeking comment. Lady Gaga and Celine Dion recently removed their duets with R. Kelly from streaming services, and French rock band Phoenix apologized for collaborating with the singer in 2013. R. Kelly has denied all allegations of sexual misconduct involving women and underage girls. His first album on Sony, 1992's "Born Into the 90's," was with the group Public Announcement. His massively successful solo debut, "12 Play," was released a year later.

— Associated Press

Jan. 21 birthdays: Opera singer Placido Domingo is 78. Singer-songwriter Billy Ocean is 69. Actress Charlotte Ross is 51. Actress Karina Lombard is 50. Rapper Levirt is 49. Singer Cat Power is 47. Actor Luke Grimes is 35. Actress Feliz Ramirez is 27.

Box office

1. "Glass," \$40.6 million
2. "The Upside," \$15.7 million
3. "Aquaman," \$10.3 million
4. "Dragon Ball Super: Broly," \$8.7 million
5. "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse," \$7.3 million
6. "A Dog's Way Home," \$7.1 million
7. "Escape Room," \$5.3 million
8. "Mary Poppins Returns," \$5.2 million
9. "Bumblebee," \$4.7 million
10. "On the Basis of Sex," \$4 million

SOURCE: Associated Press
Estimated sales,
Friday-Sunday



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Producers pick 'Green Book': The Oscars race may have gotten a little clearer Saturday as the drama "Green Book" drove off with the top honor at the Producers Guild Awards, winning out over presumed front-runners like "Roma," "A Star Is Born" and "Black Panther." "When you make 'Dumb and Dumber,' you never expect to get an award," said "Green Book" producer and director Peter Farrelly, above, as he accepted the Darryl F. Zanuck Award. In the broader awards race, the PGAs are a closely watched event. The Darryl F. Zanuck Award winner has gone on to win the best picture Oscar 20 out of 29 times, including last year with "The Shape of Water." The Fred Rogers film "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" won for documentary, and "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" collected the animation award to much applause.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Mental illness stigma silences spouses

Dear Amy: Numerous sports stars and celebrities have recently disclosed having anxiety, depression and/or bipolar disorder. These people have amazing strength and courage.

However, countless others live in secrecy, refusing to disclose their illness to even close friends or family members. Spouses of people with mental illness must maintain this secrecy, for fear of repercussions.

Even with medication, proper diet, exercise, etc., people with mental illness can relapse. During relapses, spouses are lied to, ignored, isolated, yelled at and blamed for things they didn't do. This is verbal, mental and emotional abuse. Countless marriages do not survive.

Not much is written about the spouses who do hang in there in sickness and in health. I know many, many spouses will see themselves in this letter; please give us some words of encouragement.

— Lonely and Alone

Dear Alone: I find your letter heartbreaking, and I (and many others) who have mental illness in our families identify with your challenges. Increasingly, people who have mental illness are bravely coming forward to help lift the veil of shame surrounding brain disorders. A few decades ago, illnesses such as cancer and epilepsy were similarly stigmatized.

And now you are helping destroy the stigma and silence surrounding the burden on spouses and family members. Thank you. Here are your words of encouragement. Tape this to your bathroom

mirror, and don't ever forget it: You are not alone.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI.org) has many programs and resources designed to help family members understand and assist in treatment for their loved ones' mental illness. And now NAMI has a program designed specifically to focus on you.

This is from its website: "NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 12-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people living with mental illness. It is a designated evidenced-based program. Research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to an individual living with a mental health condition."

Until this course is offered online and available to all, you will have to find a local NAMI affiliate. Using its searchable database, I saw many "friends and family" support groups in my local area. I know that you could benefit from a support group.

Dear Amy: Two years ago, my husband returned to college to finish his bachelor's degree as an adult.

Our family has sacrificed a lot while he's pursuing something he loves and we (two elementary-aged boys and I) are VERY proud of everything he/we have accomplished these last two years. It's been a real family effort to juggle jobs, home, school, etc.

As his graduation date nears, we want to celebrate and host some type of party. I'm wondering if you have any insight on what

an adult's graduation party might look like. For a typical 22-year-old, it's a party with gifts to send them into adulthood. How about for a 39-year-old man who was in the workforce and then made a bold decision to restart his life? It feels like we should do more!

— Proud Wife

Dear Proud: I share your family's happiness at this accomplishment. Definitely celebrate this with your friends, family and his fellow graduates. In lieu of other gifts, you and your family could host a book drive for a local school or library. You could also look into "LoanGifting," by which a graduate invites people to help pay off school debt. After fees (research this carefully), the gift goes directly to pay off school loans.

Dear Amy: You gave good advice to "Frazzled Shopper," who struggled with her kids while shopping.

As someone who's been in the trenches with three kids, I have an extra bit of counsel to offer: While driving to the store, tell the kids exactly what behavior is expected of them: No screaming. No wandering. If they ask for something and you say no, they may not ask again. If they do all this, they get to pick out a treat at the checkout. It works like a charm.

— Experienced

Dear Experienced: Wonderful. You deserve a treat at checkout, too!

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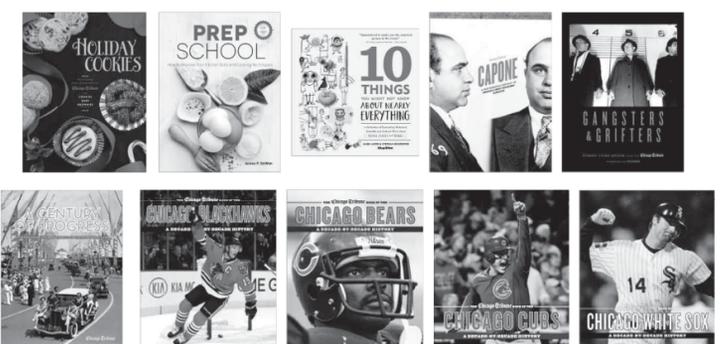
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'CANAL STREET' ★★

Despite noble intentions, drama sells itself short

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago-made indie "Canal Street" comes from Rhyann LaMarr, a graduate of Columbia College and onetime resident of the South Side and, later, Park Ridge. His third feature tackles a story of an African-American teenager who moves with his attorney father from 83rd and Ingleside, near Avalon Park, to Winnetka. It's quiet there. The crime, it seems, is elsewhere. And then the young man, Kohli, is wrongfully accused of murdering a white classmate in front of the victim's house.

Part courtroom drama, part faith-based inspirational healer, the movie's subject remains endlessly, grimly pertinent. In recent months, dramas as rich, stylistically varied and

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for thematic elements including some bloody images, drug use and teen partying)

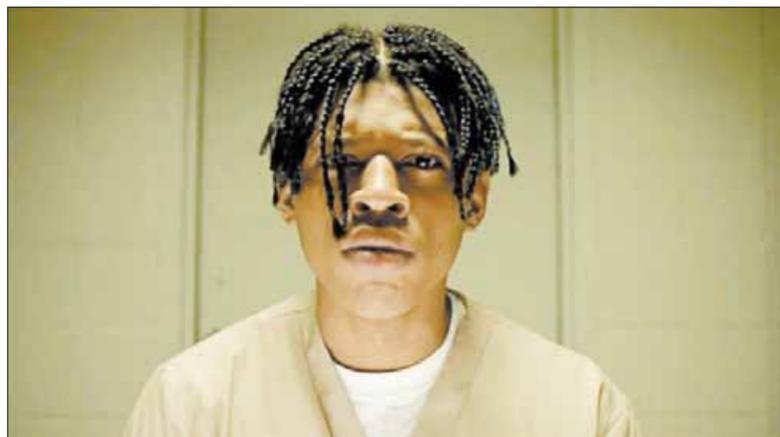
Running time: 1:29
Now playing in area theaters.

powerful as "If Beale Street Could Talk," "Widows" and "The Hate U Give" have dealt directly or indirectly with the fact of black men hitting a wall of prejudice and systemic injustice. I wish "Canal Street" could join that list of films. But it's a choppy, frustrating affair, periodically bailed out by some very good actors.

Director LaMarr co-wrote it with Adam Key and Jon Knitter. Haunted by the memory of his late wife, attorney Jackie Styles (Mykelti Williamson, who played Gabriel in the film version of "Fences") moves

with son Kholi (Bryshere Y. Gray, Hakeem on "Empire") to the land of class- and race-conscious side-eye. Kholi encounters it the second he enters his new high school, especially from the smug, entitled jock-about-town Brian (Kevin Quinn). Their initial one-on-one basketball challenge ends in a cheap shot, a bloody lip and serious beef, but improbably enough they patch things up.

And then Brian lies dead on the street, though there's no murder weapon or evidence. Kholi's first on the scene, and Fate conspires to frame him for the killing. "Canal Street" lays out a few possible alternate suspects. In the courtroom sequences, amid cyclical flashbacks to what really happened, Kholi's defended by his own father, desperate to clear his son's



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Bryshere Y. Gray plays Kholi, who is wrongfully accused of murdering a white classmate.

name.

The building blocks are there, but the movie pads its running time with a crazy amount of repetitive cutaway footage featuring real-life Chicago radio personalities (Mancow Muller, WGCI-FM's Kendra G) playing themselves, weighing in on the controversy. No exaggeration: There's less than an hour of movie to this movie without the talking-heads commentary.

Mekhi Phifer lends some

welcome ambiguity to the role of A.J. Canton, hotshot prosecutor and mayoral candidate. In prison, Kholi's bunkmate turns out to be a fervent man of God. On the outside, the shooting victim's grief-stricken father (William R. Moses; Nora Dunn plays his mostly mute wife) gets an impassioned earful from a pastor (Jamie Hector) decrying "non-believers" who don't know they're "running toward a cliff"

Other sharp performers

come and go in a flash, and in the margins. Harry Lennix, who improves any film, pops in as a DJ of grave moral authority; as Kholi's open-hearted classmate, Juani Feliz is a newcomer of great promise. The film itself is nobly intended but, as drama, rickety.

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SAEED ADYANI/NETFLIX

YouTube has had to deal with dangerous pranks long before the "Bird Box challenge," pegged to the Netflix film starring Sandra Bullock. The challenge is trying to do something blindfolded that you'd normally do while being able to see.

Dangerous YouTube pranks long a problem

BY ABBY OHLHEISER
The Washington Post

Jake Paul was likely already violating YouTube's community guidelines when he filmed himself driving blindfolded and doing the "Bird Box challenge" in a busy Los Angeles street earlier this month. But just in case, YouTube has now clarified its policies on what is — and isn't — allowed when it comes to dangerous pranks on the platform.

In addition to existing rules banning content that will "incite violence or encourage dangerous or illegal activities," YouTube clarified this week that its rules will also "prohibit challenges presenting a risk of serious danger or death, and pranks that make victims believe they're in serious physical danger, or cause children to experience severe emotional distress."

This clarification comes right after Paul, and a handful of other high-profile YouTubers, participated in the "Bird Box challenge." Said challenge is essentially about trying to do something blindfolded that you'd normally do while being able to see, pegged to the unlikely viral success of Netflix's movie "Bird Box."

YouTube told Engadget, which first reported on the news, that the changes weren't directly in response to the Bird Box challenge.

There are plenty of safe "Bird Box" challenge vide-

The new clarifications to YouTube's rules include a prohibition on pranks that "cause children to experience severe emotional distress."

os out there. Others, like Paul's, appeared to depict participants engaging in dangerous behavior.

Prank videos — particularly prank videos that might cross the line into dangerous situations or abuse — have long been a problem on the platform. And the newly clarified guidelines recall some of the worst ones.

In 2017, the Martin family's YouTube channel had 750,000 subscribers. The channel, called DaddyOFive, billed itself as a family prank channel, but the "pranks" contained some disturbing moments to watch. In some videos, for minutes, parents Heather and Mike Martin would scream at their kids, falsely accusing them of, for instance, spilling ink on a carpet. The screaming was justified by their repeated punchline, "It's just a prank, bruh."

The new clarifications to YouTube's rules include a prohibition on pranks that "cause children to experience severe emotional distress, meaning something so bad that it could leave the child traumatized for life." In a 2017 interview with The Washington Post, John Caffaro, a distinguished professor at the California School of Professional Psychology

and an expert on sibling abuse, viewed the videos and offered his take: "There is little question in my mind that the three videos depict abusive behavior between parents and children as well as between siblings. The parents' constant and intense ridicule, involving both words and actions that express contempt and degradation, deprive the child victim of a sense of self worth."

The Martins say the videos were staged and created with their kids' consent. Nevertheless, YouTube banned their channel, they were convicted of child neglect, and they lost custody of two of the five kids in the family. They never admitted wrongdoing, however, and a judge has since reduced their probation sentence. Also, they've apparently tried to return to YouTube.

The DaddyOFive saga became a flash point for those who were concerned about prank channels going too far on YouTube. But it was hardly the first controversy to stem from this popular genre.

More than 100,000 people signed a petition in 2015 to get YouTube to ban Sam Pepper after he posted a prank video in which he tricked someone into

thinking his best friend had been killed in front of him. Before that, popular prank YouTuber Roman Atwood pretended to kill his young child, twice, for prank content.

Extreme prank and challenge videos have remained popular on YouTube, even as the platform increases its efforts to moderate dangerous content. The Martins' justification — it's just a prank! — has been repeated to explain away all sorts of extreme "jokes." The Martin, Pepper and Atwood videos are part of an ecosystem on YouTube: Prank videos do well, so aspiring creators imitate other successful video ideas. And when those ideas fail, prank YouTubers can go more extreme in an attempt to one-up everyone else.

YouTube historically has addressed prank videos like these on a case-by-case basis, often after media attention. After one YouTuber staged a water-throwing prank that some interpreted as a reference to acid attacks in the U.K., the video was taken down. Hours later, YouTube removed a nearly identical prank video from the same creator, posted months earlier. Until the second video caused an outrage, nobody had noticed it.

IN PERFORMANCE

Sarah Shook's raw sounds delivered with sincerity

BY BOB GENDRON
Chicago Tribune

Sarah Shook presided over a packed Lincoln Hall on Friday as if she was the no-frills bartender of a tavern frequented by mistake-prone regulars, repeat-offense drunks and spurned exes licking the raw wounds of a fresh separation. She relayed tales of heartbreak, loss, despair and frustration with a cleverness and sincerity that suggested she not only knew the protagonists but shared many of the same experiences. Her charismatic singing — simultaneously understated albeit complex, ragged yet unforced — mirrored the deceptive simplicity of the songs.

Not for one moment did Shook convey the impression she wasn't raised on a steady rotation of old-school country, bluegrass and rockabilly. But the upstate New York native encountered secular music only in her late teens once breaking free of a sheltered childhood. After winning over regional audiences in North Carolina, which she's called home for more than a decade, Shook and her top-flight band, the Disarmers, recorded an indie album in 2015. Critical acclaim followed, and ultimately led to a deal with the venerable Chicago-based Bloodshot Records, which first reissued the group's debut ("Sidelong") and recently released its sophomore "Years."

While partially obscured by the breadth of her hollow-body electric guitar, the wiry Shook proved anything but diminutive. Spunky and candid, she gave no quarter to whiners or complainers ("Devil May Care"). Shook's expressive voice, in contrast to the smooth, homogenous pop sounds that largely pass for country in today's age, reverberated with tobacco-stained grit, provin-

cial drawl and high-and-onesome ache. Her versatile array of pleas, wails, snarls and sighs came across as the aural equivalent of a mountain trail in which stones, roots and unseen cracks lie in the pathway, supplying texture as well as a sense of adventure.

Shook took her time delivering lyrics, contemplating situational context and altering her phrasing to impart meaning. The Disarmers responded in kind with pedal-steel lines and lead guitar accents shadowing the vocals rather than arriving with them. The delayed approach granted the backing quartet a degree of leeway that resulted in vibrant tonal colors and crisp rhythms that skated between garage rock, honky tonk, Memphis soul and Bakersfield country disciplines.

Similarly updating classic elements with a modern edge, Shook sang about familiar themes — busted relationships, desolate feelings, moving on — in manners that forced sobering shifts in perspective. Alcohol, instead of traditionally functioning as a crutch to numb a lover's pain in "The Bottle Never Lets Me Down," served as a conduit for maintaining some semblance of identity, with the singer treating the words as scripture. On "Dwight Yoakam," a devastating lament in which suffering seemed to seep from Shook's pores, liquor only magnified the reality of rejection. Still, for all their vices and baggage, when seen through the singer's eyes, the characters skirted self-pity and lived to fight another day. "I will survive without your love/Don't you dare pretend I won't," Shook declared on "New Ways to Fail." For 80 minutes, she more than survived. She flourished.

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JILLIAN CLARK PHOTO

Sarah Shook performed Friday at Lincoln Hall with an expressive voice that reverberated with tobacco-stained grit, provincial drawl and high-and-onesome ache.

Comedy

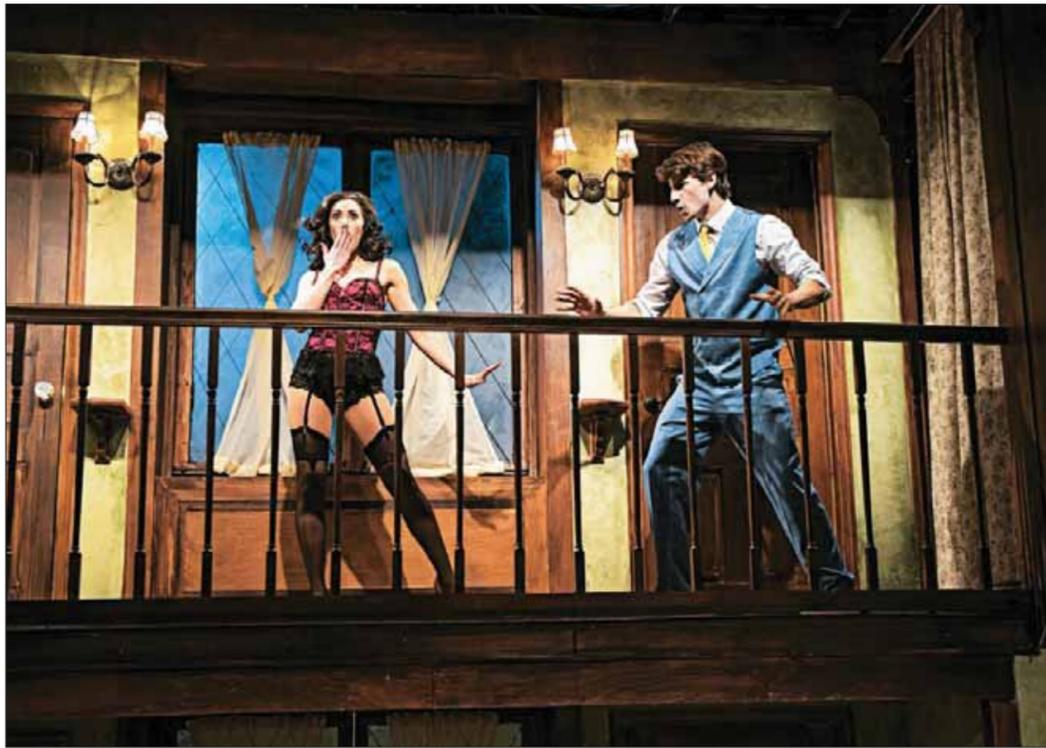
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What distinguishes “Noises Off” from its peers is that Act Two is viewed from a backstage perspective. Whomever is doing “Noises Off” usually flips the set around and the audience, returning after intermission, gets treated to the trauma of staging a sagging farce from a perspective that an audience does not usually see. Act Two is only about 25 minutes, but it is a stunning little physical symphony of shtick on a precisely coordinated par with anything from comedy’s golden age.

At the Windy City Playhouse, “Noises Off” is being done with — or rather without — a twist.

Instead of turning around the fake-proscenium design by Jeffrey D. Kmiec, the audience at Scott Weinstein’s new production actually heads to different seats backstage (some of which are located high in the air) after the first intermission, and then sits huddled among the frantic actors, flies on the walls where chaos bounces.

This kind of populist take on environmental staging was turned into a niche for this Equity-affiliated company, which fea-



MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

Rochelle Therrien and Ryan McBride star in “Noises Off,” which runs until March 31 at the Windy City Playhouse.

tures comfy chairs and cocktails, prides itself on attracting people who don’t regularly go to the theater and recently opened a second venue in the South Loop, where its immersive production of “Southern Gothic,” a huge hit for many months on

Irving Park Road, continues to run. Judging by all the smiles on peoples’ faces Friday night, it’s a fine idea. One person behind me laughed so hard they had a coughing fit.

This conceit works because it emphasizes the crucial liveness of the ex-

perience (this explains why the 1992 “Noises Off” movie was such a disaster, despite the presence of Michael Caine and Carol Burnett). I suspect it was a lot of work for Weinstein, but he and his capable cast pull it off.

One rule of farce, of

course, is that everything you watch has to keep one foot in reality — the thespians of “Noises Off” do not know that they are ridiculous; they’re just trying to survive the scary chaos of life, just like the rest of us. Most of the actors — especially Erica Bittner, Amy J.

When: Through March 31

Where: Windy City Playhouse, 3014 W. Irving Park Road

Running time: 2 hours, 25 minutes

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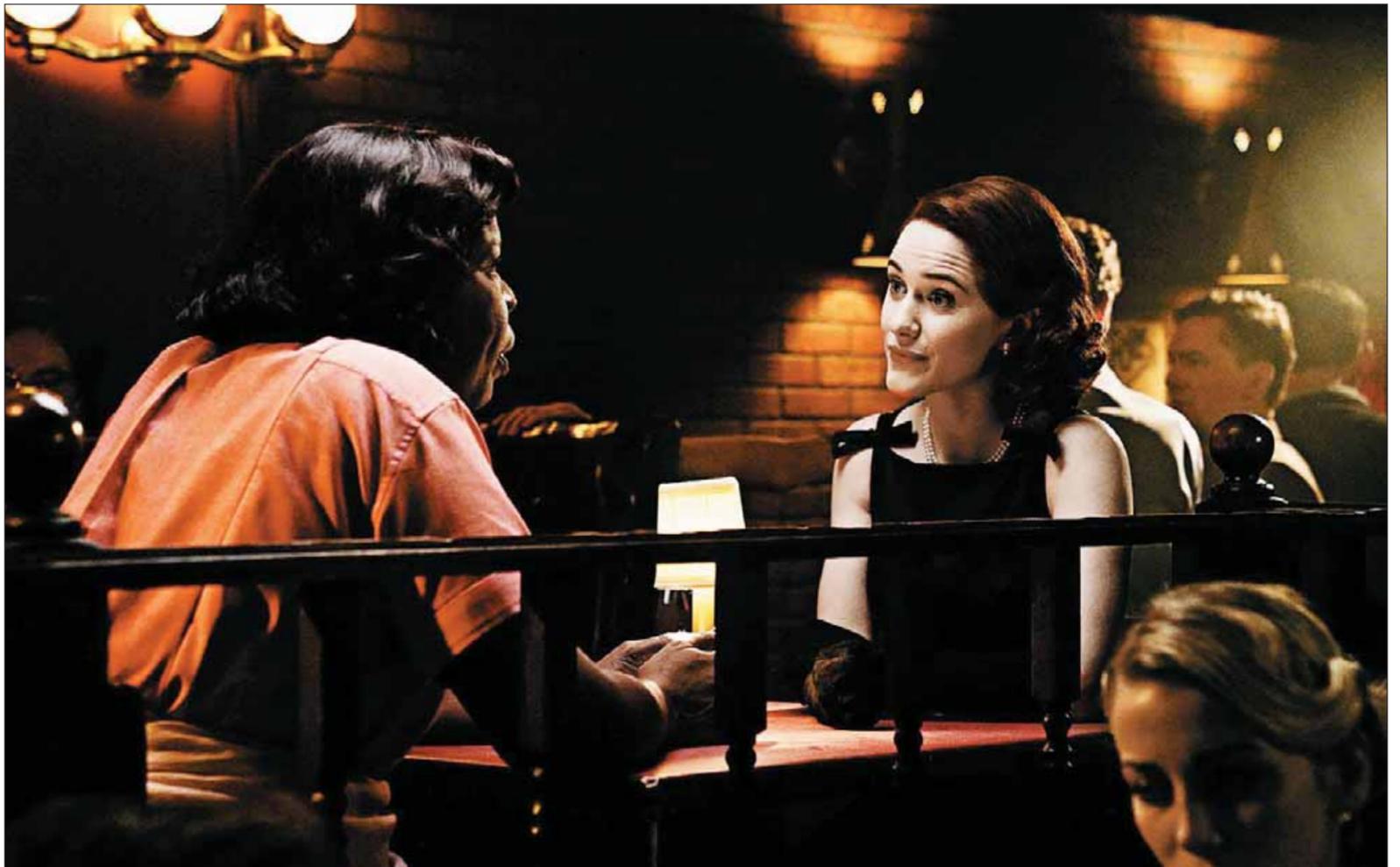
Carle, Scott Duff and Mike Tepeli — understand that truth. Other spots in the production trip over into something broader than ideal. But they always recover.

My other caveat here is that “Noises Off” is pure farce — and these are amusements that come from an earlier era when “Are You Being Served?” was a TV hit (although the script was updated by Frayn around 2000). There is not a shred of what you might call redeeming social worth. And you may well see the source of these laughs as tired stereotypes.

On the other hand, it’s cold out, everybody looks equally ridiculous in this show, and broad swaths of “Noises Off” were, and remain here, hilarious. And it had been years since I’d seen this show.

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MEGAN KRAUSE/NBC

Rachel Brosnahan, right, reprised her award-winning role of Midge Maisel in a sketch. Maisel inspires a floor sweeper played by Leslie Jones, left, to become a raunchy comedian.

‘SNL’

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Brosnahan played: A doctor who announces the names of victims of an earthquake that damaged a Sacramento name-change office, including Mario Pardi and Todd Kobell; a millennial who tries to win health insurance on a game show, but is thwarted by baby boomers; and a woman who learns how to shame her husband, thanks to techniques promoted by a talk-show host.

“You guys, this has been an experience I will never, ever, ever forget,” Brosnahan said as the show wrapped up. “This cast is incredible. It has been the most insanely amazing week.”

One of the highlights of Saturday’s show was actually courtesy of another comedian with Chicago roots. John Mulaney, who grew up on the North Side and used to write for “SNL,” joined his friend, cast member Pete Davidson, to gush about the Clint Eastwood movie “The Mule” on “Weekend Update.”

Musical guest Greta Van Fleet, which played Lollapalooza last year, performed “Black Smoke Rising” and “You’re the One” on Saturday.

“SNL” airs at 10:30 p.m. on WMAQ-Ch. 5. “Glass” star James McAvoy is scheduled to host Saturday, and rapper Meek Mill is slated to perform.

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WILL HEATH/NBC

One of the show’s highlights: a “Weekend Update” segment featuring Chicago’s John Mulaney, left, and Pete Davidson.

Wolf

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“People expect a lot out of comedians, which is crazy,” she said early on, ripping into social media and technology in general, and quickly casting out any expectation of an evening filled with accusatory and cathartic takedowns of the current administration. “We’re garbage people. And any comedian who says otherwise is worse.”

This is a theme she hit on in “Nice Lady” and continued with here. “I

don’t like nice people,” she said a bit later. “Nice people always disappoint you.” These kinds of declarations are perfect set-ups for some of her later jokes, allowing leeway on all manner of topics and clearing the way for her to come out with comedic takes that otherwise might be shied away from. “You wanna call me vulgar? You wanna call me disgusting?” she asked towards the end of her set. “I am.”

In a bit about JFK, she said, “If he were alive today, he definitely would have been #MeToo’d. I would say he definitely dodged a

bullet.” Referencing “body positivity nonsense,” she said, “The only reason you know someone’s beautiful is you’ve seen someone who isn’t.” And she made clear that though she considers herself a feminist, “I’m not feminist enough for some feminists. Which is so like them.”

Like the best comics, she knows how to be self-deprecating enough to stay in the audience’s good graces, though she’s also clever enough to turn deprecation into promotion so smoothly it takes a second to sink in. “If you think I’m ugly but still know who I

am,” she says of online comments she’s seen attacking her, “that means I must be a prettttttt good comedian.”

Mostly Wolf is looking for the jokes that push boundaries. For anyone who has recently said something demonstrably ridiculous like, “Comedians just can’t joke about anything anymore” or “Comedy is dead,” Michelle Wolf is your comic. If you can handle her when she takes on a topic where you disagree with her, that is.

“We’re excited for how political she’s going to be,” the guy in front of me told

the person next to him before the show started, likely not too familiar with her body of work. And yet, despite an 80-minute set nearly devoid of politics, he turned to the same person after the show and exclaimed, “That was amazing!”

Most amazingly — especially for a comedian known for controversial takes — she didn’t force everyone to lock their phones away in a pouch or have extra security patrolling the audience looking for clandestine recordings. “Just be cool,” the announcement before the

show said regarding phone usage. And while one audience member — a guy in the front row who took a photo of her midway through her set with his flash on — was decidedly not cool and got removed for it — the audience seemed to get it.

Despite what some may say, this is still a golden age of comedy. And Michelle Wolf is one of the reasons why.

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Miles Gaston Villanueva

"The Resident" (7 p.m., FOX): Quovadis may seem like an impervious, monolithic corporation in many respects, but its attorneys and executives go up against Dr. AJ Austin (Malcolm-Jamal Warner) in the new episode "Operator Error." One of the company's medical devices has failed on a former Chastain employee, triggering an investigation. Elsewhere, Nic (Emily VanCamp) bonds with her new clinic partner (Miles Gaston Villanueva).

"Big Brother: Celebrity Edition" (7 p.m., CBS): If you're going to do a game show in which the players are called "houseguests," it makes sense to cast someone who's played that role in real life: Former O.J. Simpson confidant Kato Kaelin is among the cast of this spinoff's second season, joined by erstwhile White House communications director Anthony Scaramucci, Olympic bobsledder Lolo Jones, swimmer Ryan Lochte and actors Joey Lawrence and Jonathan Bennett, among others. Julie Chen Moonves hosts the show, which runs on multiple nights for three weeks before a two-hour season finale on Feb. 13.

"Kids Baking Championship" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): Host and judges Valerie Bertinelli and Duff Goldman try to resolve a hot-button question in the new episode "Blondies vs. Brownies," namely, which of these two beloved and irresistibly chewy snack treats is really better. They address the matter just as you might expect, by dividing the 10 young bakers still in competition into teams and evaluating their finished results.

"The Good Doctor" (9 p.m., ABC): In the wake of the traumatic quarantine, the Department of Public Health decides the hospital staff needs to review what transpired and why, so they can rebuild public confidence, but the exhausted doctors and nurses just want to return to their normal routines for a bit in the new episode "Aftermath." Dr. Melendez and Dr. Lim (Nicholas Gonzalez, Christina Chang) refine both their personal and professional relationship as she continues her recovery. Freddie Highmore and Richard Schiff also star.

"Lost Gold" (9 p.m., 11 p.m., TRAVEL): In the new episode "The Ruggles Brothers' Deadly Heist," adventurers Josh and Jesse Feldman pick up the trail of another pair of brothers: John and Charles Ruggles, who robbed a stagecoach in 1892. According to lore, those now-departed Wild West brothers also left an unusual but lucrative treasure hidden somewhere in the wilderness outside the town of Redding, Calif.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m., TBS): Conan travels to Japan to learn about the country's culture.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

* Subject to change

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MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 21

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (Season Premiere) (N) © HD	Magnum P.I.: "Day of the Viper." (N) © HD			Bull: "Split Hairs." (N) © HD		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	America's Got Talent: "The Champions Three." (N) © HD				Manifest: "Vanishing Point." (N) © HD		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Bachelor (N) © HD				The Good Doctor: "Aftermath." (N) © HD		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	blackish © HD	blackish © HD	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) © HD		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©		3's Comp.
	This TV 9.3	City of Industry (R,'97) ***		Harvey Keitel. ©		Harley Davidson-Marlboro ♦		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Antiques Roadshow: "Meadow Brook Hall." (N)		Antiques Roadshow: "Chicago." ©		Independent Lens (N) ♦
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith		Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	Scandal ©		Last Call	In the Cut	Selma, Lord, Selma (NR,'99) ***		*** ♦
	FOX 32	The Resident: "Operator Error." (N) © HD		The Passage: "You Owe Me a Unicorn." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©
	Ion 38	Criminal Minds: "Hit."		Criminal Minds: "Run."		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♦
	TeleM 44	Exatlon EE. UU. (N)		Falsa identidad (N) ©		Señora Acero (N) ©		Chicago (N)
	CW 50	Arrow (N) © HD		Black Lightning (N) ©		Law Order: CI		Chicago ♦
	UniMas 60	Tres Milagros HD		Atrapada HD		Rosario Tijeras HD		Tiro de ♦
	WJYS 62	J. Savelle	K. Hagin	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Blakeman	Wonderen	Monument
Univ 66	Jesús (N)		Mi marido (N)		Amar a muerte (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	The Mummy (PG-13,'99) **	Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz. ©					Scorpion ♦
	AMC	*(6) Road House (R,'89) ***	©		The Breakfast Club (R,'85) ***	Emilio Estevez. © ♦		
	ANIM	Last Alaskans: No Man's	Last Alaskans (N)		North Woods Law ©			North-Law ♦
	BBCA	*(6) From Russia With Love	Goldfinger (PG,'64) ****	Sean Connery, Gert Frobe. ©				
	BET	*(5) Loving ('16) ***		MLK 90th Birthday (N)		Lee Daniels' The Butler ('13) ****		
	BIGTEN	College Basketball: Nebraska at Rutgers. (N) (Live) ©				B1G Basket	The B1G	The B1G
	BRAVO	Vanderpump Rules ©		Vanderpump Rules (N)		Vanderpumped (N) ©		Watch (N)
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNBC	American Greed ©		American Greed ©		American Greed: Dead		Greed ♦
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	Parks	Parks	Parks	Parks	Parks	Parks	Daily (N) ♦
	DISC	Street Outlaws: Full		Street Outlaws: "Hot Memphis Nights." (N) ©				Bad Chad ♦
	DISN	*(6) Wreck-It Ralph ***		Coop	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Raven
	E!	*(6:30) Bridesmaids (R,'11) ***		Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph. ©		Dating		Busy (N)
	ESPN	*(6) College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Iowa State at Kansas. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	*(6) Wm. Basketball (N)		Australian Open Tennis (N) ♦				
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Kids Baking (N)		Kids Baking (N)		Winner Cake All (N) ©		Winner ♦
	FREE	*(5:30) Moana ('16) ***		Maleficent (PG,'14) **	Angelina Jolie. © (SAP)			700 Club ♦
	FX	The Martian (PG-13,'15) ***		Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain. ©				Martian ♦
	HALL	Winterfest Movie Countdown ©				Winterfest Movie Countdown ©		
	HGTV	Hunters (N)	Hunters (N)	Home Town (N) ©		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters
	HIST	American Pick. (N)		American Pickers (N)		(9:03) Pawn Stars (N)		Pawn ♦
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
	LIFE	The First 48 ©		The First 48: "Alias; Duel."		(9:03) The First 48 ©		First 48 ♦
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Teen Mom OG (N) ©		Teen Mom 2 (N) ©		Made in Staten Island (N)		Teen Mom ♦
	NBCSCH	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Cleveland Cavaliers.				Bulls		Soccer
	NICK	*(6) Bixler High Cousins		The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water ***				Friends ©
	OVATION	*(6) Heat (R,'95) ***	Al Pacino, Robert De Niro.					Untouch ♦
	OWN	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN (N) ©		Deadline: Crime		20/20 ♦
	OXY	Snapped: Killer Couples		Killer Couples (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Serial Killer With Piers		A Killer ♦
	PARMT	*(6) The Expendables 2 (R) **		The Expendables 3 (PG-13,'14) **	Sylvester Stallone. © ♦			
	SYFY	Jurassic Park III (PG-13,'01) **	Sam Neill. ©			Deadly Class: "Pilot." ©		Futurama
	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Conan © ♦
	TCM	Glory (R,'89) ****	Matthew Broderick. ©			(9:15) Philadelphia (PG-13,'93) ***		*** ♦
TLC	The Man: 200lb Tumor		Inseparable: Joined (N)		My Baby's Head		No Brain ♦	
TLN	Chicago Votes Special				Robison	Billy Graham	Humanit ♦	
TNT	NBA Basketball: Rockets at 76ers (N Subject to Blackout)						Basketball (N Subject to	
TOON	Samur. Jack Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers		Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRAV	America Unearthed ©				Lost Gold (N) ©		Destinati. ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©						Deadly	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop (N) ©		Cartel Crew (N) ©		Love & Hip Hop ©		Cartel Crew	
WE	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds: "X."		Criminal Minds: "Burn."		Criminal ♦	
WGN America	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	
PREMIUM	HBO	Clash of the Titans (PG-13,'10) **	Sam Worthington.		True Det		(9:45) High Maintenance	
	HBO2	Brexit (NR,'19) Benedict Cumberbatch.		(8:45) King in the Wilderness (NR,'18) © ♦				
	MAX	The Warrior's Way (R,'10) **	©		(8:45) The Great Wall (PG-13,'16) **	Matt Damon.		
	SHO	Shameless ©		SMILF ©		Black Mon	(9:05) Shameless ©	Black Mon ♦
	STARZ	Counterpart: "Twin Cities." (8:01)	Along Came a Spider (R,'01) **	©				Outlander ♦
STZNC	*(6) Clear and Present Danger		Beauty Shop (PG-13,'05) **	Queen Latifah. ©			Transport ♦	



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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Jan. 21): Together, your team is unbeatable this year. Plan and strategize diligently. Expect domestic interruptions. A partnership reaches a turning point this winter. Summer brings new levels in your health and work, before changes that inspire renewed vision and purpose.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Change directions with a romance, passion or creative endeavor under this Leo full moon lunar eclipse. Express your heart, imagination and artistry. Shift perspectives.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 6. Renovate, remodel and tend your garden. Domestic changes require adaptation under the full moon eclipse. Begin a new home and family phase.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. A new six-month phase in communications, connection and intellectual discovery dawns with this Leo eclipse. Shift the direction of your research. Start a new chapter.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Profitable opportunities bloom over the next six months under the full moon eclipse. A turning point arises around income and finances. Generate positive cash flow.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. This full moon eclipse in your sign illuminates a new personal direction. Expand your boundaries over six months. Turn toward a possibility that inspires you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 6. One door closes as another opens. The Leo eclipse illuminates a transition. Ritual and symbolism provide comfort. Begin an introspective six-month phase.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. This full moon eclipse shines on social changes. Friends come and go with community and group projects. Share appreciations, goodbyes and greetings.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Finish a project before beginning a new six-month professional phase. This Leo eclipse sparks a career shift. Focus on current passions.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Begin a new six-month exploratory phase. Today's eclipse illuminates a shift in your educational direction. Experiment with concepts. Go to the source. Learn from a master.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. The stakes could seem high with this full moon eclipse. Shift directions with shared finances over the next six months. Work out the next phase together.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Reach a turning point in a partnership with this Leo eclipse. Compromise and collaborate for shared commitments over the next six months.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Begin a new six-month phase with your physical health and fitness. Review and revamp your skills and practices under this full moon eclipse.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q ♥ K3 ♦ KQJ76 ♣ AK975

Partner opens 1D and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A.1—There is much to do. Start by showing your good side suit. Bid 2C.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J963 ♥ J3 ♦ AQ1064 ♣ 64

Partner opens 1D and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A.2—The delicate decision about how many diamonds to bid will have to wait. Bid 1S.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ AQ10 ♥ A104 ♦ 10972 ♣ Q62

Partner opens 1C and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A.3—There will be votes for 1D, 2NT, and 3NT, depending upon style and methods. The important thing is to force to game with this hand. We like 3NT.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K95 ♥ AKQ109 ♦ 6 ♣ K1094

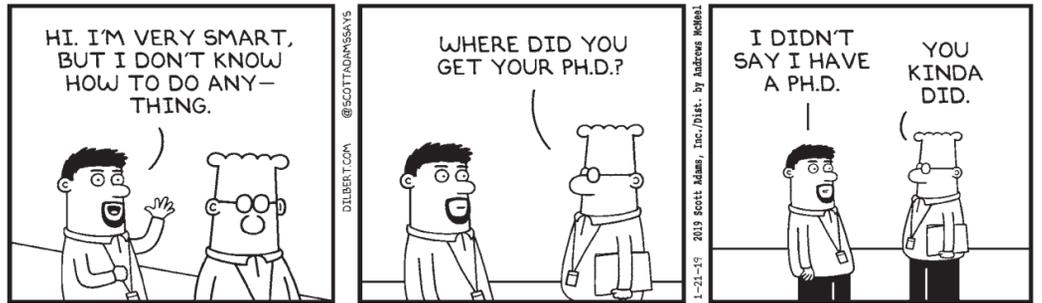
South	West	North	East
1♥	2♦	2♥	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

A.4—There might be a game. Make a "need help" game try by bidding 3C.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert



Baby Blues



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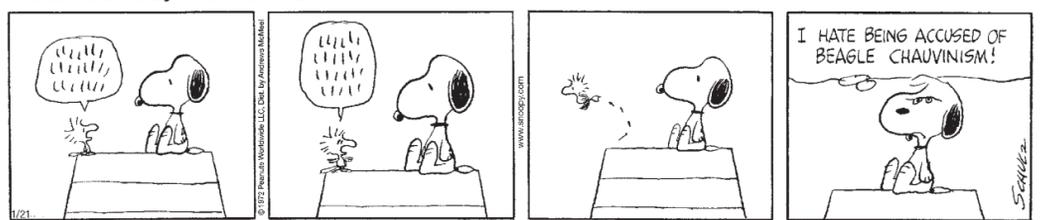
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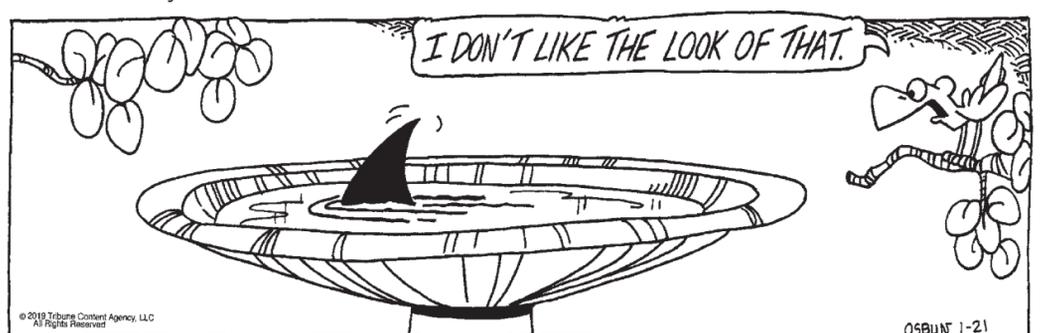
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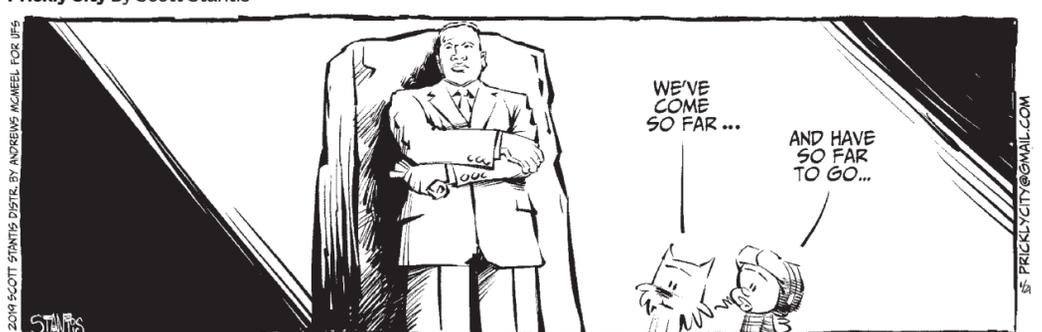
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MONDAY, JAN. 21 NORMAL HIGH: 31° NORMAL LOW: 16° RECORD HIGH: 62° (1906) RECORD LOW: -22° (1984)

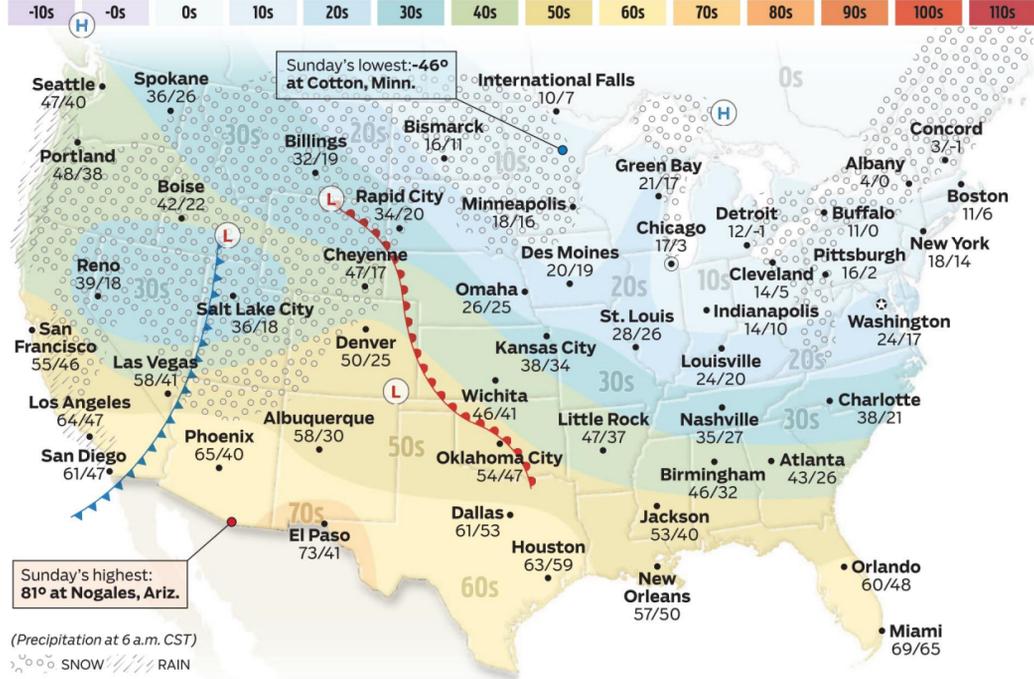
Warmer Tuesday, but bitter cold soon follows

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 17 **LOW** 3

■ **Cold for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**
 ■ Light snow showers or flurries in the early morning hours. Peaks of sun after daybreak.
 ■ The day starts with the temperature in the single digits, slowly warming to the mid- to upper teens in the afternoon.
 ■ South-southwest winds of 8 to 12 mph keep wind chills in the single digits during the afternoon.
 ■ Partly cloudy skies with SW wind gusting to 20 mph keeps temperatures steady in the teens overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



A very cold start to the week, with single-digit lows and temperatures only reaching the teens in the afternoon. Temperatures will reach the 30s on Tuesday as a storm system approaches. Tuesday will include a mixed bag of precipitation, starting as snow then mixing with rain and freezing rain and then a freezing rain/snow mix overnight into early Wednesday. The high temperature Wednesday will be at midnight as much colder arctic air begins to settle in during the day.

The coldest stretch of weather for the season is expected later in the week. High temperatures in the single digits look likely on Friday.

While another significant snow system is not expected for the Midwest for the third weekend in a row, temperatures will struggle to reach the mid-teens Saturday and Sunday.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

HIGH 36 **LOW** 20

Cloudy with light snow near sunrise. Minor snow accumulation in the afternoon before becoming a wintry mix after sunset. A high in the mid 30s. SW wind 13-17 gusting to 20 mph. Slowly falling temps overnight.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

HIGH 32 **LOW** 15

Slight chance for a snow freezing drizzle mixture early then becoming mostly cloudy. Slowly falling temps through the day with the high at midnight. NW winds 10-13 diminish by evening. Mostly cloudy overnight.

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

HIGH 21 **LOW** 2

Increasing clouds with a chance of light snow in the afternoon. West wind to 12-16 gusting to 20 mph. Temp below normal with a high near 20. Mostly cloudy and cold overnight; a chance of light snow and a single digit low.

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

HIGH 6 **LOW** 0

Bitterly cold with partly cloudy skies. Highs in the single digits. Northwest wind 5-10 mph. Wind chills below zero through the day. Clouds increase overnight as winds shift to the south. Low temperature near zero.

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

HIGH 15 **LOW** 2

A little warmer but still well below normal. Cloudy with a chance of light snow. A high in the mid teens. Cloudy with a chance of light snow overnight. A low temperature once again near zero.

SUNDAY, JAN. 27

HIGH 15 **LOW** 4

Cold arctic air persists with the high temperature in the mid-teens. Mostly sunny with light west winds turning south late. Very cold overnight with single digit lows.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 Has Chicago ever had a winter without a significant snow event?
 — Judith Grace Campbell, Mokena

Dear Judith,
 It has, and it occurred just about a century ago. The early 1920s marked a time of record-low snowfall in Chicago, with the city recording its two least snowy winters back-to-back.

The winter of 1920-21 produced just 9.8 inches, followed by 11.5 inches in the winter of 1921-22. That two-season total of 21.3 inches has been exceeded by the city's two biggest snowstorms — the 23-inch Big Snow of Jan. 26-27, 1967, and the 21.6-inch New Year's storm on Jan. 1-3, 1999.

During that snow drought, the city logged a record 418 days between a 2.4-inch snowfall on Dec. 21, 1921, and a 3-inch snow on Feb. 13, 1923.

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Heaviest snow totals north; cold Martin Luther King Jr. Day

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY WEATHER				
	MAX	MIN	PRECIPITATION	SNOW
Normal	31°	16°	0.06"	0.4"
Jan. 15, 2018	21°	10°	0.14"	2.3"
Jan. 16, 2017	37°	30°	0.90"	Trace
Jan. 18, 2016	7°	-4°	0.0"	0.0"
Jan. 19, 2015	41°	25°	Trace	Trace
Jan. 20, 2014	35°	13°	0.18"	3.4"
Jan. 21, 2013	15°	5°	Trace	Trace
Jan. 16, 2012	45°	30°	0.04"	0.0"
Jan. 17, 2011	32°	18°	0.31"	0.9"
Jan. 18, 2010	31°	27°	Trace	Trace
Jan. 19, 2009	23°	9°	0.0"	0.0"

Jan. 21, 2019 forecast high/low temp: 17°/3°

JANUARY'S LOW TEMPS IN CHICAGO
 Through Jan. 20, 2019, only 5 days have had a minimum temperature of 20-degrees or lower
 Januaries with the greatest number of days with a low temp of 20° or colder (at O'Hare airport since 1980)

TOP 4 YEARS	JAN. 2009	JAN. 1982	JAN. 1984	JAN. 1985
Days	31	30	28	27

SOURCES: Midwestern Regional Climate Center; Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

ACCUMULATED SYSTEM AND LAKE-EFFECT SNOWFALL

Friday through Sunday morning Jan. 18 through Sunday morning Jan. 20
 Heaviest hit areas north of Chicago



OBSERVED SNOWFALL TOTALS BY COUNTY

Friday through Sunday morning	LAKE COUNTY, IL
Buffalo Grove	9.0"
Highwood	9.0"
Lake Villa	6.0"
Mundelein	7.5"
Riverwoods	8.5"
Waukegan	7.3"
Will County, IL	
Lockport	6.5"
Homer Glen	5.0"
New Lenox	4.8"
Manhattan	4.4"
Monee - Bult Field	4.0"
Naperville	4.0"
Peotone	4.0"
Crete	3.9"
DuPAGE COUNTY	LAKE COUNTY, IN
Burr Ridge	6.7
Downers Grove	6.5
Wheaton	6.5
Aurora	5.0
Elmhurst	4.5
Naperville	4.5
St. John	5.6
Griffith	5.5
Crown Point	5.0
Merrillville	4.7
Munster	4.7

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CHICAGO DIGEST

SUNDAY TEMPERATURES				
LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI
Aurora	11	1	Midway	18
Gary	24	10	O'Hare	14
Kankakee	15	10	Romeoville	17
Lakefront	18	12	Valparaiso	20
Lansing	19	10	Waukegan	13

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION		
PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Sun. (through 4 p.m.)	0.90"	0.04"
January to date	0.90"	1.18"
Year to date	0.90"	1.18"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL		
PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sun. (through 4 p.m.)	Trace	1.5"
Season to date	2.8"	20.7"
Normal to date	16.4"	17.5"

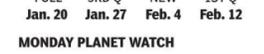
LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS		
MONDAY	TUESDAY	
Wind	S 10-15 kts.	SW 25-30 kts.
Waves	3-5 feet	6-8 feet
Sun. shore/creeper water temps	33°/32°	

U.S. SNOW COVER		
JAN. 20	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	50.2%	38.6%
Average snow depth	41.2"	3.0"

TRACKING THE COLD		
SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	14 days	13 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY		
Sunday's reading	Good	
Monday's forecast	Moderate	
Critical pollutant	Particulates	

MONDAY RISE/SET TIMES		
Sun	7:13 a.m.	4:52 p.m.
Moon	5:40 p.m.	7:36 a.m.



MONDAY PLANET WATCH		
PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:05 a.m.	4:16 p.m.
Venus	3:55 a.m.	1:34 p.m.
Mars	10:15 a.m.	11:01 p.m.
Jupiter	4:09 a.m.	1:24 p.m.
Saturn	6:10 a.m.	3:24 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME		
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	5:45 a.m.	16° SE
Mars	6:00 p.m.	49.5° SSW
Jupiter	5:45 a.m.	13.5° SE
Saturn	Not visible	

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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