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LAST RESPECTS

Funeral services were held Friday for two of the five people shot to death at the Henry Pratt Co. plant in Aurora on Feb. 15. Pallbearers carry the casket of Vicente Juarez after the funeral in Oswego, top, where mourners gathered to remember the stockroom worker and forklift driver. In Montgomery, friends and family gathered to honor Russell Beyer, a mold operator and union rep at Pratt. **Chicagoland, Page 3**



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R. Kelly leaves his studio on North Justine Street in Chicago on Friday.

R. Kelly indicted on abuse charges

R&B singer accused by 4 women; 3 underage at time of incidents

By MEGAN CREPEAU AND JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

In a bombshell development, R&B superstar R. Kelly was indicted Friday on charges he sexually abused four victims, three of them underage, over a span of a dozen years.

Kelly was charged with allegedly abusing the one adult victim in February 2003 — at the same time he was already fighting child pornography charges for filming himself having sex with an underage girl.

The four separate indictments charged Kelly with a combined 10 counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse for alleged misconduct occurring between 1998 and 2010.

Three of the indictments refer to girls who were under 17 at the time of the alleged sexual misconduct, identifying them by initials only.

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx held a brief news conference at which she declined to take questions from reporters and mentioned only what was already laid out in the indictments.

Shortly after 8 p.m., Kelly, wearing a bright blue coat, walked a few feet through a crowd of reporters and photographers to surrender to authorities at the Central District police station at 18th and State streets. Moments later, two officers inside the station led him away in handcuffs.

Kelly will remain in custody until a bond hearing scheduled for Saturday afternoon at the Leighton Criminal

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Fight to bring Venezuela aid turns fatal

Regime troops open fire on civilians at Brazil border

By ANTHONY FAIOLA, RACHELLE KRYGIER AND MARIANA ZUNIGA
The Washington Post

SAN CRISTOBAL, Venezuela — Venezuelan soldiers opened fire on a group of civilians attempting to keep open a segment of the southern border with Brazil for deliveries of humanitarian aid, causing multiple injuries and the first fatalities of a massive opposition operation meant to deliver international relief to this devastated South American country, according to eyewitnesses and community leaders.

The violence unfolded as the United States and the government of embattled President Nicolas Maduro defused at least one source of tension — a Monday deadline for all American and Venezuelan diplomats to respectively depart Caracas and Washington.

The agreement bought both sides more time to negotiate a longer-term diplomatic presence after the rupture of official relations last month.

Later Friday, Juan Guaido, the head of the Venezuelan opposition who has claimed the nation's mantle of legitimate leadership and called Maduro a "usurper," made a surprise appearance in the

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Pritzker's bag tax idea not an easy sell

Environmentalists like it, but shoppers aren't buying in

By ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

For more than two years, Chicagoans have struggled with a nagging decision at grocery stores and other retailers — pay 7 cents for a disposable bag or somehow do without.

Now, if Gov. J.B. Pritzker has his way, shoppers across the state will face a similar choice.

In his inaugural budget, Pritzker has proposed a 5-cent tax on all plastic bags used at checkout in Illinois. The goal is to reduce waste and raise revenue.

But while environmentalists cheer the initiative, early feedback suggests shoppers aren't buying it.

"Pretty soon they're going to be taxing the air that you breathe," said Jim Pruim, 57, a truck driver from southwest suburban Willowbrook.

Pruim left Pete's Fresh Market in Willowbrook on Friday morning with three bags of groceries, including one that was double-bagged because of the weight. That would set him back 20 cents under the proposal. While he said the bag tax alone "wouldn't make or break" him, the cumulative effect of government "taxing everything" adds up.

In Chicago, the frustration may add up



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A customer loads his groceries at Pete's Fresh Market in Willowbrook this month.

even more, to 12 cents a bag if the state tax is heaped on top of the city tax. Chicago may be exempted, but city and state officials said that issue had yet to be worked out.

Regardless, "it's not going to be well received by the customers," said Vanessa Dremonas, executive officer for family-

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"Certainly shoppers didn't like the 7-cent tax the city did, they're not going to like nearly doubling it."

— Rob Karr, president and CEO of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association





ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Singer R. Kelly leaves his Chicago studio Friday. He faces a bond hearing Saturday.

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Court Building. If convicted of the Class 2 felony charges, Kelly would face a sentence ranging from probation to up to seven years in prison.

This marks the second time that Kelly, 52, whose legal name is Robert Kelly, has been charged with a sex crime by Cook County prosecutors. Armed with a sex tape, prosecutors indicted the singer in 2002 on child pornography charges, but following a sensational trial six years later, a jury acquitted him of charges alleging he filmed himself having sex with his goddaughter, a girl estimated to have been as young as 13.

Friday's charges come in the wake of reporting in Buzzfeed and The New Yorker by Chicago-based journalist Jim DeRogatis and after damning allegations in a recent Lifetime documentary series.

Citing the "deeply, deeply disturbing" allegations raised in the documentary, Foxx made an unusual public plea last month for any Kelly accusers to come forward.

High-profile attorney Michael Avenatti had teased the charges for days, telling reporters he gave Foxx a videotape he unearthed that depicted Kelly having sex with a 14-year-old girl.

At a news conference Friday afternoon, Avenatti said the videotape — a VHS dating to about 1999 and more than 40 minutes in length — shows Kelly on two separate days engaged in sexual acts with the girl. He said the audio was clear and the video of "far superior" quality than the tape used at the 2008 trial.

Both the victim and Kelly referred to the girl's young age more than 10 separate times on the tape, according to Avenatti.

"This was in no way role-playing during some

sexual act," said Avenatti, who first gained national attention while representing porn star Stormy Daniels in her allegations that President Donald Trump bought her silence about their alleged affair during the 2016 campaign. "It is clear that this young lady was 14 years of age."

The girl depicted in the tape was one of the four victims cited in Friday's indictments, he said. Avenatti expressed confidence that Kelly would face additional charges in other jurisdictions and would end up serving extensive prison time.

Kelly's alleged victims were "among the most vulnerable in our society ... girls that came from very tough times and tough neighborhoods," he said.

Avenatti also called out Kelly's managers and lawyers over the years, saying "enablers" helped Kelly get away with years of alleged abuse because they were looking for a payday.

"They looked the other way while young girls were taken advantage of because they didn't want to kill the golden goose," he said. "It is disgusting, and every parent in America should be disgusted."

Kelly's lawyer, Steven Greenberg, has consistently denied the latest allegations of wrongdoing and expressed confidence the singer would be cleared of any charges.

The indictment alleges that Kelly sexually abused: ■ H.W. on more than one instance between late May 1998 and late May 1999.

■ R.L. on one occasion sometime late September 1998 and late September 2001.

■ L.C., the lone alleged adult victim, on one occasion on Feb. 18, 2003. Court and police records allege the abuse took place in the 800 block of North Larrabee Street on Chi-

cago's Near North Side. ■ J.P. on more than one instance between May 2009 and January 2010.

The alleged abuse occurred years ago, but prosecutors were able to still bring charges against Kelly. Three of the indictments fall within the Illinois statute of limitations because charges were brought within 20 years of each of the alleged victims' 18th birthdays, according to court records.

Records show the fourth charge, involving the February 2003 incident, could have been prosecuted at any time, since Kelly's DNA was entered into a database within 10 years of the alleged incident and the victim reported the abuse within three years.

The charges come about six weeks after Foxx called on any Kelly accusers to come forward, citing the allegations in the documentary series detailing accusations of sexual misconduct against the singer.

The six-hour documentary, "Surviving R. Kelly," aired on the Lifetime channel and alleged that he has manipulated young women into joining a "sex cult," forcing them to stay with him against their will and keeping them under his control.

In the days after Foxx's plea for help from alleged Kelly victims, her office was inundated with tips.

While the allegations against Kelly have been long-standing, the singer had largely continued to enjoy widespread support. However, the Lifetime documentary, DeRogatis' reporting and a #MuteRKelly nationwide protest movement have brought his career to a virtual standstill even before Friday's indictments.

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Former CTU president endorses Preckwinkle

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Karen Lewis, the influential former president of the Chicago Teachers Union, endorsed Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle in the city's crowded mayor's race Friday.

Lewis' support isn't a complete surprise: The CTU is one of Preckwinkle's biggest and loudest backers in the Feb. 26 election. But Lewis still carries significant cachet of her own, even though health problems forced her away from Chicago's bare-knuckled political scene.

"Toni is the right choice for mayor," Lewis said in a statement. "She has a proven track record of supporting the issues that matter to the people in this city who have been shut out of opportunity and crippled by unjust policies. She is a

fighter who loves this city and the people in it."

Lewis crafted a public persona during her CTU tenure that matched the union's shift into a populist force for minorities and the poor, one that targeted banks and billionaires and jammed Loop streets in its quest to shape how public education is delivered in one of the nation's largest school systems.

That was enough to make Lewis a credible challenger to Mayor Rahm Emanuel until a 2014 cancer diagnosis forced the union chief to abandon a mayoral bid.

Lewis had encouraged Preckwinkle to run for mayor four years ago when she was considering the idea but ultimately didn't enter the contest.

Lewis was not available for interviews Friday, according to her spokeswoman. But the onetime may-

oral hopeful did manage to throw some shade at an old foil and one of Preckwinkle's rivals.

"People should pay close attention to the folks who are now dumping money into this race," Lewis said in comments that revived her criticism of billionaire Ken Griffin.

The hedge fund executive supported former Gov. Bruce Rauner and has dealt \$2 million in contributions to Bill Daley's mayoral campaign.

"This billionaire's double donation to Bill Daley is all the proof you need to understand that he wants things to continue as they are with the wealthy on top and the rest of us stuck at the bottom," Lewis said. "The office of mayor is nobody's inheritance."

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border city of Cucuta, Colombia, after a secretive trip by land from the capital of Caracas.

His arrival to assist in the effort to cart humanitarian aid across the border smacked of an embarrassment for Maduro.

But it also came in defiance of a travel ban issued by Venezuela's Supreme Court, and he risked being arrested upon return or barred from re-entering — something that could significantly dampen the opposition's momentum.

Guido had left Caracas on Thursday with a caravan of 10 vans, and was stopped at checkpoints, according to his spokesman, Edward Rodriguez.

Asked if Guido would be returning to Venezuela, he said "of course he is."

The assault on the Venezuela-Brazil border raised concerns of further violence as the opposition will seek on Saturday to defy Maduro's blockade of humanitarian aid donated by foreign nations, including the United States, and stored in neighboring countries.

Though meant to relieve mounting hunger and disease in Venezuela, the move is also meant to test the military's loyalty to Maduro by encouraging the armed forces to disobey his order to keep the aid out.

Friday's fatalities did not come on the western border, where global attention was focused amid a star-studded benefit concert for Venezuela in the Colombian city of Cucuta, where co-organizer and British billionaire Richard Branson led a crowd of more than 200,000 revelers.

Instead, it happened in the desperately poor Amazonian savanna near Brazil. The victims were indigenous Venezuelans who have long fought for land rights and had backed the opposition. When the military fired, those present said, they were trying to block the military from carrying out Maduro's orders to close the border with Brazil to bar humanitarian aid.

"The majority of the people support the entrance of humanitarian aid, and we want to keep our border open," said Carmen Elena Silva, 48, who was in the crowd of civilians when soldiers began firing. "This is help, not war ... Every day more children die."

At 6:30 a.m. on Friday, a military convoy approached a checkpoint set up by an indigenous community in the southern village of Kumarakapay, on the main artery linking Venezuela to Brazil.

Maduro on Thursday ordered the closure of Venezuela's border with Brazil.

When the opposition supporters sought to block

the military vehicles by standing in front of them, soldiers began firing assault rifles. At least two people were killed and a dozen wounded, at least three of them seriously.

The Trump administration, which had demanded that Mauro step down, denounced the shooting.

In tweets, Guaido — who was en route to the Colombian border — referred to the shooting as a "crime" that "will not go unpunished."

In a news conference at the United Nations in New York, Venezuela's Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza insisted that the bullets recovered in the wounded did not match the rounds used by the armed forces.

"How easy it is to say that it was the soldiers," Arreaza said. "Many of (the indigenous victims) were wounded by arrows."

Friday was also a day of dueling concerts on the Venezuelan-Colombian border. One — the Branson benefit that lured the likes of mega celebrities Maluma and Luis Fonsi — drew massive crowds that organizers placed at over 200,000.

On the other side of the border, Maduro's government held a far more sparsely attended "Hands-Off-Venezuela" concert, set to stretch into Saturday and which critics decried as a ruse meant to physically block access to aid.

ACCURACY AND ETHICS MARGARET HOLT, standards editor

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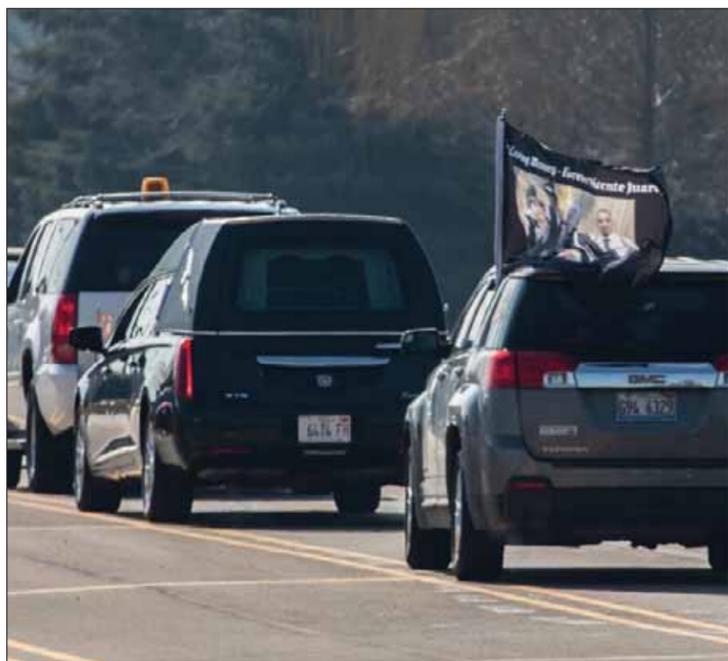
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The casket carrying Vicente Juarez is transported by Dunn Family Funeral Home.

AURORA SHOOTING VICTIM VICENTE JUAREZ

'Always wanted' best for family

By MEGAN JONES
The Beacon-News

Vicente Juarez brought home flowers and chocolates on Valentine's Day for his wife and daughter. He hugged them and said he loved them so much, promising to never leave until he was old.

His daughter Diana Juarez said little did they know the next day would be the worst day of her life. Vicente Juarez was having a typical day at work at Henry Pratt Co. when a gunman opened fire inside the Aurora warehouse and killed him.

"I can't stress it enough, please, please cherish your parents," Diana said during a packed funeral service with hundreds of mourners in Oswego Friday. "Love your parents and tell them that every day, because they can be gone instantly."

Vicente, 54, was remembered as a hard-working and funny man who always took care of his tight-knit family. Collages of photos of him with family and flowers filled the room where the service was held.

A stockroom attendant and forklift operator, he joined Henry Pratt in 2006 and worked as a member of the shipping and warehouse team, the company said.

Leticia Juarez said her husband was the patriarch of the family, always providing for them and being there, she said.

"In the almost 40 years I lived with him, he would work every day, from 5 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. And I never saw him or heard him complain saying, 'Ugh, I have to wake up for work,' or 'Ugh, it's so early,'" Leticia said. "He always made

sure his family was doing well. He always wanted what was best for us."

Leticia Juarez put her hand to her mouth, looking up at the ceiling, as she struggled to get words out. Her three children joined her at the lectern, hugging her to help her get through.

"He would always tell me, 'I'm going to be with you forever. I'm never going to leave you. We will always be together until the end,'" Leticia said.

Vicente lived with Leticia, daughter Diana and four grandchildren in a quiet Oswego neighborhood. He also had two adult sons, Adrian and Christian, and four other grandchildren.

When the weather would take a turn for the worse and it would start raining, he'd shout out, "Ay miya" and laugh, Diana said.

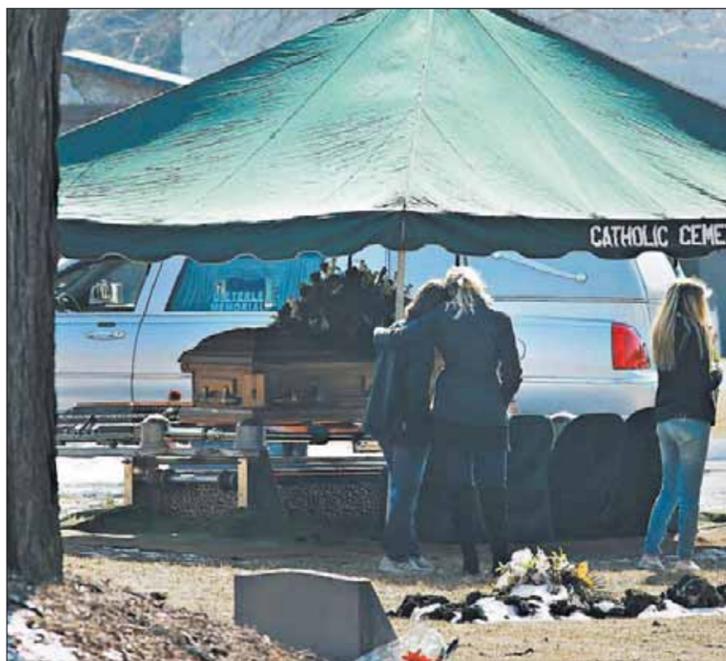
He had a passion for working on cars, holding a particular soft spot for a 1969 Chevy Impala.

Born in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Juarez had a large, extended family living in the Aurora and Oswego area.

At a burial service at Spring Lake Cemetery in Aurora, pallbearers carried him and left their white gloves on top of his casket. Musicians played and sang songs, and white balloons were released by mourners.

"I never imagined I'd be standing here reading a eulogy for a person I thought was unstoppable," Adrian said. "He was a person I always thought was going to be there for me. As far back as I can remember, he's always been there."

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Mourners say goodbye to Russell Beyer at Mount Olivet Cemetery on Friday.

AURORA SHOOTING VICTIM RUSSELL BEYER

A fun, 'proud union guy'

By SARAH FREISHTAT
The Beacon-News

Russell Beyer was a gentle giant who enjoyed having fun, his family said. He was a "die-hard, proud union guy," his brother said.

They remembered Beyer at a music-filled funeral service Friday, one week after he was among those killed at a mass shooting at an Aurora warehouse and one day after what would have been his 48th birthday. Mourners overflowed a funeral home chapel filled with flower arrangements and American flag-bordered photo collages, spilling into a second room.

"I was blessed to be his sister," Dawn Beyer said. "I will forever be broken, because my best friend, my older brother, the gentle giant, my hero, was taken from me too soon. I love you Russell."

Beyer was buried under a large tree at the edge of an Aurora cemetery still partially covered with snow. At the same time in a cemetery across the street, friends and family were burying Vicente Juarez, another of the five employees fatally shot by a coworker Feb. 15 at the Henry Pratt Co. in Aurora.

Beyer worked at Henry Pratt for more than 20 years and was a union shop chairman, according to an online obituary. He was dedicated to Henry Pratt and to helping his coworkers keep their jobs, his brother, Josh Beyer, said. He was a hard worker and proud union guy whose favorite word was "advocate."

Josh told stories of Beyer teaching family dogs to drink from beer cans, and of nights spent in one of their garages talking.

"Dawn and I always looked up to our big brother, Russ," he said. "I, and my whole family, and a lot of people have lost a big piece of my heart. My mom and dad lost their oldest son. Dawn and I lost our big brother. Our lives will never be the same."

The Rev. Kenneth Morell, a relative who led the funeral service, remembered laughing and goofing around on a WaveRunner at a downstate lake with the family. "He was a great dad, he was a great son, he was a great brother, he was a great uncle, he was a great friend," Morell said. "From what I've seen last night (at a visitation for Beyer), he must have been a great coworker. Russ will be forever missed by his family, and not just his family but so many more."

Dawn Beyer offered words of encouragement to family members. She reminded his children, nieces and nephews of Beyer's love for them. She reminded Josh Beyer of the bond between him and Russell, and the way Russell always had his back.

She called on his "Henry Pratt family" to ensure that what Beyer worked for would not die with him, and she thanked Beyer's best friend. "I have no doubt you'll finish what he started, fought and died for," she said to his friend. "Fight for the rights of the employees."

And to his dog, Billy Bob, she said, "Your dad did not abandon you. Thank you for saving my brother."

Beyer is survived by his two children, his parents, his sister, his brother and many other family members.

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Political operative returns to Preckwinkle and Burke

Investigative panel asked to look into campaign cash on eve of election

By HAL DARDICK AND TODD LIGHTY
Chicago Tribune

Just days before the election, a political consultant asked for an investigation into whether Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke violated the judicial code of conduct when a political fundraiser for mayoral candidate Toni Preckwinkle was held in her home.

The request was filed Friday with the state Judicial Inquiry Board by Jeffrey Orr, who said he is not working for any mayoral campaign.

But he previously worked on the campaigns of his father, former Cook County Clerk David Orr, who this week endorsed former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot in the mayoral contest. The younger Orr also worked on the 2015 mayoral campaign of U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, who has endorsed Ald. Edward Burke's opponent Tanya Patino in the three-way 14th Ward election.

Filing the request for a judicial inquiry this close to Tuesday's election could provide an assist to both Lightfoot and Patino by reminding voters of Burke's pending political corruption charge and Preckwinkle's connection to it.

Preckwinkle's campaign contended Jeffrey Orr was working on behalf of Lightfoot. "This is pure politics from a supporter of one of Toni's political opponents the weekend before the election," Preckwinkle spokeswoman Monica Trevino said. "The details of the event have been known for several months."

Asked if his request was politically motivated, Orr responded: "No, I want to get to the truth. I think the voters deserve to know."



KERI WIGINTON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke appears with Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle at a news conference in 2012.

The Tribune and Sun-Times ran stories about the Burke fundraiser for Preckwinkle in early January. Asked why he waited until Friday to request the investigation, Orr said he "didn't have time to review" the issue until now.

Federal authorities have said Burke tried to extract business for his property tax appeals firm from fast-food moguls seeking approval for a driveway permit at a Burger King restaurant. He also allegedly got the restaurant owners to contribute \$10,000 in January 2018 to Preckwinkle's County Board president re-election campaign, according to prosecutors.

Preckwinkle returned the money because it exceeded campaign contribution limits, and she has said she knew nothing of the alleged extortion scheme. She's worked during her campaign to distance herself from Burke, saying the longtime alderman

should resign.

The \$10,000 contribution was connected to a January 2018 Preckwinkle fundraiser held at the Burkes' Southwest Side home.

A copy of the fundraiser invitation reads, "Chairman Edward M. Burke would like to invite you to a fundraiser in support of Hon. Toni Preckwinkle." But Preckwinkle has said it was Burke's wife, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke, who arranged the fundraiser.

Speaking about the issue last month, Preckwinkle said, "Anne offered to help." Preckwinkle said she counts Anne Burke as a friend, and she headed a county criminal justice panel Preckwinkle put together.

Asked at the time why the justice's name wasn't on the invite instead of the alderman's, Preckwinkle replied, "She was a candidate at the time, so the invitation came from Ed." Anne Burke was seeking re-

attention to a second 10-year term as a justice last year.

Preckwinkle, who hired the Burkes' son for a nearly \$100,000-a-year county job, has said she would return the \$116,000 raised during the Burke fundraiser.

In his letter to the inquiry board, Orr pointed out that the Illinois judicial code of conduct bars judges from raising money for political candidates other than themselves.

"The bottom line is that either Justice Burke violated the code or Toni Preckwinkle is not being truthful," Orr wrote.

Attempts to contact Justice Burke for comment were not successful Friday. State Supreme Court spokesman Christopher Bonjean said "the court and Justice Burke have no comment since this is a pending matter."

The Judicial Inquiry Board is a state board that investigates and prosecutes allegations of misconduct against judges. Its rules bar it from commenting on requests for investigations.

But if the board files formal complaints with the Courts Commission, the matter then becomes public. The commission, which is made up of five judges and two members of the public, can reprimand, censure, suspend with or without pay, remove from office or retire a judge.

In addition to Preckwinkle's Burke ties, mayoral candidates Gery Chico and Susana Mendoza have come under attack from opponents. Chico has called Burke a friend and mentor. Mendoza got married in the Burkes' house and has credited the alderman with helping get her elected to the Illinois House in 2000.

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Pritzker's bag tax proposal not an easy sell

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owned Pete's Fresh Market, which has 13 grocery stores in the city and suburbs. "They have a hard enough time accepting the 7-cent tax."

The state's budget proposal, announced Wednesday, projects the bag tax will generate between \$19 million and \$23 million in new annual revenue, depending on whether or not Chicago is exempted.

Chicago's 7-cent bag tax went into effect on Feb. 1, 2017. The city keeps 5 cents per bag, while the retailer keeps 2 cents. The charge shows up on store receipts, right next to other municipal sales tax items such as the Chicago bottled water tax. The tax does not apply to restaurants and families using food stamps.

The city collected \$5.6 million in 2017 and \$5.9 million last year from the bag tax, Department of Finance spokeswoman Kristen Cabanban said.

That's lower than the \$9.2 million the city projected before the bag tax was

implemented, a discrepancy that Cabanban attributed to "greater than anticipated" changes in consumer behavior.

A 2017 study showed a 42 percent reduction in bag use after the tax was implemented. But reports from the checkout lines at Pete's Fresh Market suggest some shoppers reduced their bag usage in unpredictable ways, juggling purchases in their arms or pushing carts full of unbagged products out the door.

"There has been resistance — many people just don't want to pay," Dremonas said.

That's exactly what some environmentalists want.

Jordan Parker, executive director of Bring Your Bag Chicago, a nonprofit environmental organization, not only cheers the proposed state bag tax, but she also believes that adding it to the city tax would encourage Chicagoans to bypass disposable bags.

"I would love to see the tax increase to 12 cents," Parker said. "We've had a couple of years to acclimate



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Antonio Nunez, shown with groceries this month, said he'd consider bringing bags instead of paying a proposed bag tax.

to this tax and I think most of Chicago is used to it. I think increasing it to 12 cents would just be another little nudge in the right direction."

Still, Dremonas said there is a cost beyond the money.irate customers have caused backups at checkout lines over the tax, she said. Customers eschewing bags routinely leave the store with items in their arms, which has led to some theft prevention issues.

Even customers who bring reusable bags have

created problems, insisting that baggers stuff too many items in their bag when they buy more than planned, Dremonas said.

At the very least, Dremonas would like to see a state bag tax exemption in Chicago, where Pete's has seven stores.

Chicago is not the only Illinois city with a bag tax. Oak Park has had a 10-cent-per-bag fee in place since January 2018.

Nationwide, the idea has been adopted by a handful of cities, but is only beginning to be considered by

states. In 2014, California became the first such state, imposing a 10-cent tax on paper bags and reusable plastic bags, while banning single-use plastic bags at large retail stores. Connecticut's new governor recently proposed a new 5-cent tax on disposable bags. Last year, Colorado's governor pushed for a 25-cent tax on bags, a measure that died in the state legislature.

On the flip side, 11 states have a preemption law on the books, essentially banning municipalities from enacting a bag tax, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Four of those states — Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa and Missouri — border Illinois.

Rob Karr, president and CEO of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, said one concern about the proposed state bag tax is whether retailers will get a share of the revenue, as they do in Chicago. He also expressed concerns about the mounting cost to Chicago consumers if the city is not exempted from the state bag tax.

"Certainly shoppers didn't like the 7-cent tax the city did, they're not going to like nearly doubling it," Karr said.

Customers at a Mariano's grocery store in Chicago's Streeterville neighborhood had a decidedly dim view of

the proposed tax.

"It's ridiculous," said Joe Daniels, who works downtown and lives in Country Club Hills, where there is no bag tax. He had heard about the governor's proposal and viewed it as an example of government overreach. "Pretty soon, they'll be taxing how many miles you drive," he said.

As it stands, he avoids Chicago's 7-cent bag tax. "Anything I can buy I put it in my pocket," he said as he grazed the produce section.

Meanwhile, the city of Chicago offered some practical advice to shoppers concerned about the escalating cost of disposable bags.

"The Checkout Bag Tax is an optional tax," Cabanban said. "Consumers can avoid it completely by bringing their own bags when they shop."

For Pruiim, facing a potential 5-cent state bag tax in Willowbrook will not change his shopping habits. He has no plans to tote a reusable bag to the store or carry his groceries out in a bear hug. Instead, he said, he may just bag the state entirely.

"Maybe it's time to start thinking about moving out of the state of Illinois," Pruiim said.

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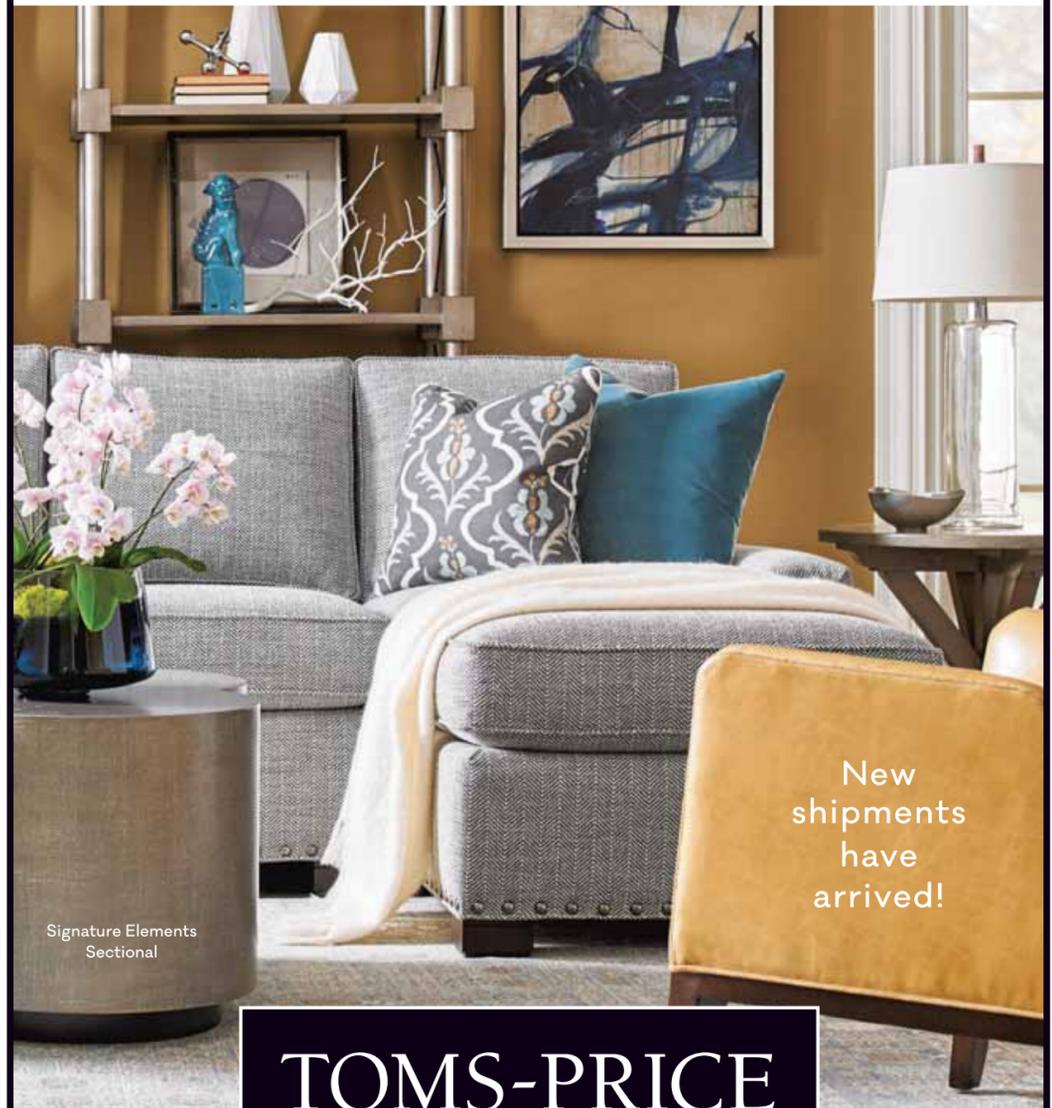
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Mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot declined to say how much she would increase Chicago's hotel tax.

Lightfoot: Raise hotel tax to help keep city's artists

By JOHN BYRNE
Chicago Tribune

Mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot would raise Chicago's hotel tax in order to pay for arts grants to stop artists from leaving the city for the coasts, she said Wednesday.

As part of an arts and culture plan, Lightfoot said Chicago needs to invest in "the reach and the depth of artists' participation in communities and our neighborhoods."

"And that's why I believe that one of the things we should do is have a modest increase in the hotel tax so we can expand the amount of moneys that are actually available for grant-making for our artists," she said. "And I meant what I said earlier: There should be no reason why artists are leaving Chicago to go to New York or LA or some other place that's more friendly and more livable for them."

Chicago's 174 percent hotel tax is now in the top 10 in the U.S., according to HVS, a hospitality industry consulting group. It's higher than rates in Las Vegas and other cities against which Chicago competes for convention

business.

People who support hotel tax increases often point to the fact they hit out-of-towners rather than locals, while business groups say the hikes hurt tourism and convention numbers at McCormick Place.

Lightfoot declined to say how much she would increase the hotel tax. "Look, I'm not proposing something that's going to be out of sight," she said at a City Hall news conference attended by local actors, directors and others. "But I think even a small percentage, 1 or 2 percent, would go a long way in providing us with a steady stream of income where we could significantly expand our reach in grant-making."

Mayor Rahm Emanuel has prided himself on promoting the city's arts. Lightfoot said the city's Cultural Affairs and Special Events department "does a great job focusing on kind of the big events, the Lollapaloozas, the various music festivals downtown, but we know there are arts happening all over the city in our neighborhoods."

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NATION & WORLD

Trump vows 1st veto on crisis

House vote set for next week against emergency action

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
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WASHINGTON — Democrats controlling the House have teed up a vote next week to block President Donald Trump from using a national emergency declaration to fund a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, accelerating a showdown in Congress that could divide Republicans and lead to Trump's first veto.

The Democrats introduced a resolution Friday to block Trump's declaration, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said the House would vote on the measure Tuesday. It is sure to pass, and the GOP-run Senate may adopt it as well. Trump promised a veto.

"Will I veto it? 100 percent," Trump told reporters at the White House.

Any Trump veto would likely be sustained, but the upcoming battle will test GOP support for the president's move, which even some allies view as a stretch — and a slap at lawmakers' control over the power of the federal purse.

A staff aide introduced the measure during a short pro forma House session in which Rep. Don Beyer, D-Va., presided over an almost-empty chamber.

"What the president is attempting is an unconstitutional power grab," said Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, the sponsor of the resolution, on a call with reporters. "There is no emergency at the border."



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Construction workers build a secondary border wall Friday in Otay Mesa, Calif. The House plans to vote Tuesday.

Trump's declaration of a national emergency gives him access to about \$3.6 billion in funding for military construction projects to divert to border fencing. But the administration is more likely to tap funding from a federal asset forfeiture fund and Defense Department anti-drug efforts first.

Trump's edict is also being challenged in the federal courts, where a host of Democratic-led states such as California are among those that have sued to overturn Trump's order.

The House may also join in.

Pelosi said the House measure would "reassert our system of checks and balances."

For Democrats, the vote is another chance to challenge Trump over funding for a border wall, the issue that was central to the 35-day government shutdown. It also puts some Republicans from swing districts and states in a difficult spot, as many have expressed misgivings about Trump's action despite their support for his border security agenda.

Should the House and the Senate initially approve the measure, Congress seems unlikely to muster the two-thirds majorities in each chamber to override a Trump veto.

The measure to block Trump's edict will be closely watched in the Senate, where moderates such as Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., have signaled they would back it. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is a reluctant supporter of Trump on the topic.

Trump's GOP allies promised to uphold any veto denying Democrats the two-thirds votes required to overcome one.

"Democrats' angst over Congress' power of the purse is unwarranted, especially since the commander in chief's authority to redirect military funds for a national emergency is affirmed in a law passed by their own branch," said top House Judiciary Committee Republican Doug Collins of Georgia.

Pelosi wrote in a letter to her fellow lawmakers that

the president's "decision to go outside the bounds of the law to try to get what he failed to achieve in the constitutional legislative process violates the Constitution and must be terminated."

The battle is over an emergency declaration Trump issued to access billions of dollars beyond what Congress authorized to erect border barriers.

Congress last week approved a vast spending bill providing nearly \$1.4 billion to build 55 miles of border barriers in Texas' Rio Grande Valley while preventing a renewed government shutdown. That measure represented a rejection of Trump's demand for \$5.7 billion to construct more than 200 miles.

The Washington Post reported Friday that the Pentagon is sending an additional 1,000 personnel to the border by the start of next month, raising the number of troops to 6,000.

Besides signing the bill, Trump also declared a national emergency and used other authorities that he says give him access to an additional \$6.6 billion for wall building. That money would be transferred from a federal asset forfeiture fund, Defense Department anti-drug efforts and a military construction fund.

Castro said that he has garnered support from a majority of the House as co-sponsors and that he has at least one GOP sponsor, Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan. Castro's measure says Trump's emergency declaration "is hereby terminated." Castro chairs the 38-member Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Judge dismisses charges in water slide decapitation case

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — A judge has dismissed criminal charges against a Kansas water park owner and the designer of a 17-story slide on which a 10-year-old boy was decapitated in 2016.

The Kansas City Star reports that Wyandotte County Judge Robert Burns found Friday that state prosecutors showed grand jurors inadmissible evidence in dismissing second-degree murder charges against Schlitter-

bahn owner Jeff Henry and designer John Schooley.

The judge also dismissed an involuntary manslaughter charge against operations manager Tyler Miles.

State prosecutors alleged that shoddy planning and maintenance led to Caleb Schwab's death on a special day for elected officials. Caleb's father is Scott Schwab, a state lawmaker who's now Kansas secretary of state.

Russian court extends custody for alleged American spy

MOSCOW — A Moscow court on Friday extended the detention for the American arrested in December for alleged spying.

Paul Whelan was detained in a Moscow hotel and his arrest raised speculation that the former Marine could be swapped for one of the Russians being held in the U.S. Whelan's lawyer said his client had been handed a flash-drive with classi-

fied information that he had been unaware of.

The court in Moscow ruled to keep Whelan, who has not been formally charged, behind bars for another three months pending the investigation.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Embassy complained that Russian authorities are not letting Whelan sign and hand over a waiver that would allow consular officials to release more details about his case.

Allegations against son led to Time's Up CEO's resignation

LOS ANGELES — The gender equality initiative Time's Up says its president and CEO resigned because of sexual misconduct allegations against her son.

The group on Friday issued a statement explaining why Lisa Borders stepped down from the organization that was formed last year in response to sexual misconduct allegations in Hollywood. On Monday, Bor-

ders cited family issues but did not elaborate.

The group says allegations were made against her son in a private forum.

The Los Angeles Times reports a woman claims Borders' son, Garry Bowden Jr., touched her inappropriately. His lawyer says Bowden gave the woman a healing massage that she had requested and showed The Times a text exchange in which the woman thanked him.



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Workers place flags of North Korea, Vietnam and the United States above a street in Hanoi on Friday in preparation for the two-day summit next week between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in the Vietnamese capital.

California parents of 13 plead guilty to torture and abuse

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — A California couple pleaded guilty Friday to torture and years of abuse that included shackling some of their 13 children to beds and starving them to the point it stunted their growth.

David and Louise Turpin will spend at least 25 years in prison after entering the pleas in Riverside County Superior Court to 14 counts that included cruelty toward all but their toddler daughter, and imprisoning them in a house that appeared neatly kept outside, but festered with filth and reeked of human waste.

The couple was arrested in January 2018 when their 17-year-old daughter called 911 after escaping from the family's home in the city of Perris, about 60 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

The children, who ranged in age from 2 to 29 at the time, were severely underweight and hadn't bathed for months. They described being beaten, starved and put in cages.

David Turpin appeared stoic as he pleaded guilty, but Louise Turpin's face turned red and she began crying and dabbed her eyes with a tissue.

David Turpin, 57, had

worked as an engineer for both Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman. Louise Turpin, 50, was listed as a housewife in a 2011 bankruptcy filing.

The family led a nocturnal existence and slept during the day, which kept them largely out of sight from neighbors in a middle-class subdivision.

The kids were rarely allowed outside, though they went out on Halloween and traveled as a family to Disneyland and Las Vegas, investigators said. The children spent most of their time locked in their rooms.

White House eyes Acosta role in abuse plea deal

WASHINGTON — The White House said Friday it's "looking into" Labor Secretary Alex Acosta's handling of a secret plea deal with a wealthy financier accused of sexually abusing dozens of underage girls.

A federal judge ruled Thursday that prosecutors

in Florida violated victims' rights by reaching the non-prosecution agreement with Jeffrey Epstein. At the time, Acosta was the Miami U.S. attorney who oversaw the arrangement.

President Donald Trump said he didn't know much about the case but volunteered that Acosta

has done "a great job" as labor secretary. As for the Epstein case, Trump added, "That seems like a long time ago."

Asked if Trump still had confidence in Acosta, White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said: "I'm not aware of any changes."

U.N. agency: Iran within limits of 2015 nuclear deal

VIENNA — Iran is continuing to comply with the landmark 2015 deal with major powers aimed at preventing Tehran from building atomic weapons in exchange for economic incentives despite the United States withdrawing from the pact and re-imposing sanctions, the U.N. nuclear watchdog said Friday.

In a confidential quarterly report distributed to its member states and reviewed by The Associated Press, the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran has been abiding with key limitations set in the so-called Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

The U.S. pulled out of the deal in May and has been pressuring remaining signatories to abandon it as well.

Every IAEA quarterly report issued since Washington withdrew from the pact reported Iran remained in compliance.

U.S. envoy: President Donald Trump said Friday on Twitter that he has picked Kelly Craft, the U.S. ambassador to Canada, as his nominee to serve as the next U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Trump's first pick to replace Nikki Haley, State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert, withdrew last weekend.

Islamic State Bride: The father of an Alabama woman who joined the Islamic State in Syria filed a federal lawsuit against the Trump administration in an effort to allow her return to the United States. Ahmed Ali Muthana argues that his daughter, Hoda Muthana, 24, is an American citizen by birth.

Trump sets up abortion obstacles, bars referrals

New policy likely faces challenges from many groups

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR AND DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration on Friday set up new obstacles for women seeking abortions, barring taxpayer-funded family planning clinics from making abortion referrals. The new policy is certain to be challenged in court.

The final rule released Friday by the Health and Human Services Department also would prohibit federally funded family planning clinics from being housed in the same locations as abortion providers, and require stricter financial separation.

Clinic staff would still be permitted to discuss abortion with clients.

The move was decried by women's groups and praised by religious conservatives, but it could be some time before women served by the federal family program feel the full impact.

Women's groups, organizations representing the clinics, and Democratic-led states are expected to sue to block the policy from going



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

President Donald Trump speaks at the Susan B. Anthony List 2018 Campaign for Life Gala. The Trump administration said Friday it would bar taxpayer-funded family planning clinics from referring women for abortions.

into effect.

Administration officials told abortion opponents on a call Friday that they expect legal action, according to a participant.

Planned Parenthood, whose affiliates are major providers of family planning services as well as

abortions, said the administration is trying to impose a "gag rule," and launched a full campaign to block it.

"We're going to fight this rule through every possible avenue," said Emily Stewart, the organization's vice president for policy.

Planned Parenthood and

other groups representing the clinics say the new requirements for physical separation of facilities would be all but impossible to fulfill.

Planned Parenthood said the administration action is another attempt to drive it out of business, after efforts

to deny it funding failed in Congress.

Religious conservatives said the administration's policy is a major step toward breaking down what they see as an indirect taxpayer subsidy of abortion providers.

Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, called it "a major step toward the ultimate goal of ending taxpayers' forced partnership with the abortion industry."

The regulation was published Friday on an HHS website. It's not official until it appears in the Federal Register, and the department said there could be "minor editorial changes." A department official confirmed it was the final version.

Known as Title X, the family-planning program serves about 4 million women annually through independent clinics, many operated by Planned Parenthood affiliates, which serve about 40 percent of all clients. The grant program costs taxpayers about \$260 million a year.

Abortion is a legal medical procedure, but federal laws prohibit the use of taxpayer funds to pay for abortions except in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the woman.

An umbrella group rep-

"We're going to fight this rule through every possible avenue."

—Emily Stewart, Planned Parenthood

resenting family planning clinics also decried the administration's decision.

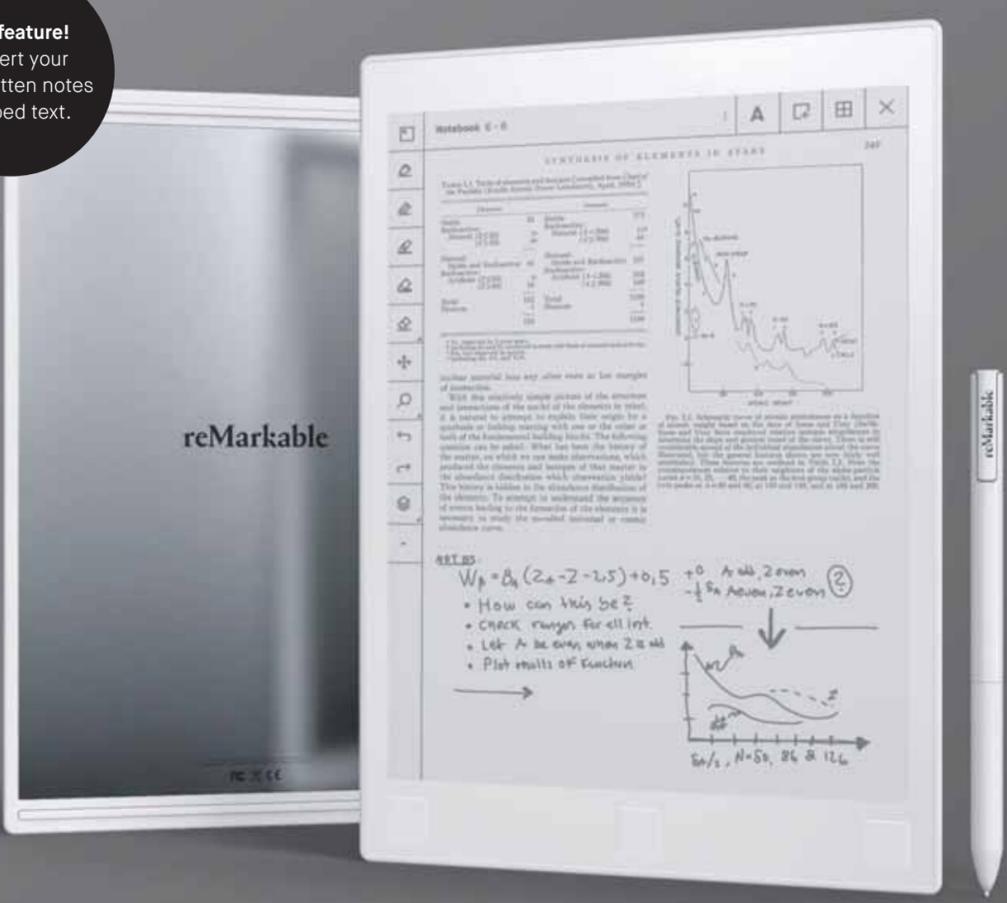
"This rule intentionally strikes at the heart of the patient-provider relationship, inserting political ideology into a family planning visit, which will frustrate and ultimately discourage patients from seeking the health care they need," Clare Coleman, head of the National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association, said in a statement.

Although abortion remains politically divisive, the U.S. abortion rate has dropped from about 29 per 1,000 women of reproductive age in 1980 to about 15 in 2014. Better contraception, fewer unintended pregnancies and state restrictions may have played a role, according to a recent scientific report.

Polls show most Americans do not want the Supreme Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 ruling that legalized abortion.

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Ad agency becomes 4th office tenant at old postal landmark



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

AbelsonTaylor is moving to Chicago's former old main post office, giving the advertising agency room to add 100 or more employees.

The Chicago-based agency becomes the fourth office tenant to lease space in the 2.8 million-square-foot building that is being redeveloped by 601W Cos.

The riverfront behemoth at 433 W. Van Buren St. has been vacant since 1996, but it's set to reopen as one of Chicago's largest office buildings later this year. It is now called The Old Post Office.

AbelsonTaylor signed a 15-year lease for about 85,000 square feet, president and CEO Dale Taylor said. By March 2020, the agency will move from its current offices at 33 W. Monroe St., he said.

"Almost from the beginning, that was everyone's favorite (relocation option)," Taylor said. "It's exciting to be part of the redevelopment of something that's so important to Chicago."

New York-based 601W Cos. is investing more than \$800 million in the building's redevelopment, and its leasing efforts have accelerated since Deerfield-based drugstore giant Walgreens in June announced a 200,000-square-foot lease there.

Since then, Oakbrook Terrace-based Ferrara Candy Co. announced plans to move its headquarters to 77,000 square feet in the building and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning said it will lease 47,000 square feet in a move from nearby Willis Tower.

The landlord was represented in the latest lease by brokers Steve Smith, Jamey Dix and Daniel Heckman of Telos Group. AbelsonTaylor was represented by Jack Keenan of Cushman & Wakefield.

The first tenants will move into the redeveloped post office by September, and second-floor amenities such as a fitness center, conference space and lounges are close to completion, Smith said. 601W's plans also include a 3.5-acre



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The lobby of the long-vacant old main post office, which is being redeveloped by New York-based 601W Cos.

rooftop park.

Because it's three connected structures built at separate times, the property has proved versatile, Smith said. "We're looking at a lot of larger deals, but after Walgreens there has been a lot of demand in the 50,000 to 100,000 (square foot) range," he said. The landlord is negotiating another 400,000 square feet of leases, he said.

AbelsonTaylor's space will include the entire sixth floor of the narrower north building, as well as space on the fifth floor of the south building. The floors will be separated by just a few stairs, essentially functioning as a single floor, Taylor said.

The layout will be more efficient than AbelsonTaylor's current 100,000 square feet on three floors, allowing the company to add employees while reducing its overall space, Taylor said.

AbelsonTaylor has 300 employees and is actively hiring after recently adding new accounts, Taylor said. The firm expects to add about 50 employees in the next year, and has room for 50 more in the new space. The building's size allows for additional future growth without moving, Taylor said.

AbelsonTaylor's clients include makers of prescription and over-the-counter drugs and medical devices, as well as City of Hope Hospital in Los Angeles. Chicago is the only office location of AbelsonTaylor, which was founded in 1981.

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Company alleges GE ignored contract

By **ALLY MAROTTI**
Chicago Tribune

A software company owned by Uptake Technologies has sued GE Digital, alleging the company "simply ignored its contractual obligations" as part of a broader attack on Uptake.

Uptake, launched in July 2014 by Groupon co-founder Brad Keywell, analyzes data from heavy machinery. Last year, it bought software company Asset Performance Technologies and at the time of the sale, GE Digital was using Asset Per-

formance's software, according to the lawsuit filed Friday in Cook County Circuit Court.

The lawsuit alleges misappropriation of trade secrets and breach of contract. It is the latest legal spar between General Electric and the Chicago-based data analytics firm.

In December, GE sued Uptake, alleging it engaged in a "ruthless scheme to poach" executives and trade secrets.

After reports GE hired an investment bank to organize an auction of its digital

assets last year, Uptake launched a webpage targeting GE customers.

Uptake is valued at more than \$2 billion.

The lawsuit said Uptake employs about 500 people, down from 550 in November. In January 2018, Uptake had 750 employees.

Uptake spokesman John Gallagher declined to comment.

A representative from GE did not return a request for comment.

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Shareholder sues drugmaker Akorn

By **LISA SCHENCKER**
Chicago Tribune

An Akorn shareholder has filed a class action lawsuit against the Lake Forest-based drugmaker, accusing it of misleading investors about the severity of problems at the company's Decatur plant.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court Thursday, alleges that Akorn; its former CEO Rajat Rai; and its chief financial officer and executive vice president, Duane Portwood, failed to adequately warn investors about the seriousness of manufacturing problems in Decatur that drew the ire of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The FDA inspected the manufacturing plant in April and May 2018, and Akorn said in a November news release that it had made "substantial progress" in addressing concerns and was "on track."

But in January, Akorn

received a warning letter from the FDA detailing "significant violations" and saying that if not corrected, the FDA could take legal action against Akorn and/or withhold approval of pending drug applications tied to the facility.

The letter listed a number of problems, including not properly sanitizing equipment and a failure to follow procedures meant to prevent contamination of drug products, among other things.

Akorn's shares fell more than 11.6 percent that day, according to the lawsuit.

As a result of Akorn's "wrongful acts and omissions, and the precipitous decline in the market value of the Company's securities, plaintiffs and other class members have suffered significant losses and damages," according to the lawsuit.

An Akorn spokesman said in a statement Friday that "Akorn is focused on long-term value creation for

its investors and other stakeholders."

"We are committed to the highest standards of quality and compliance, and will continue to work collaboratively with the FDA to resolve all issues addressed in the Form 483 letter related to the Decatur facility, as it (is) a key hub for the manufacturing of Akorn's products," according to the statement. "We have made significant investments in the Decatur facility to expand our capabilities, have full confidence in the quality of the products manufactured there and the plant is fully operational."

Akorn's alleged problems meeting regulatory requirements were part of the reason German health care company Fresenius Kabi decided to walk away from plans to acquire Akorn in a deal worth \$4.75 billion.

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Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+0.57	+0.74	+0.62	+5.23	+5.06	+4.80	+2.85	+2.59	+1.65

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	488.50	493	484.50	486.75	+0.25
		May 19	493	497.50	488.75	491.75	+0.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	374.75	377.75	374.50	375.25	-0.25
		May 19	383.50	386.50	383.25	384.50	+0.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	910.25	914.75	907.50	910.25	-0.75
		May 19	923.50	928	920.75	923.75	-0.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 19	30.48	30.55	30.30	30.51	+0.02
		May 19	30.80	30.89	30.62	30.85	+0.03
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	305.90	307.40	304.90	305.60	-0.30
		May 19	309.80	311.20	308.70	309.40	-0.40
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Apr 19	56.84	57.81	56.71	57.26	+0.30
		May 19	57.35	58.28	57.22	57.75	+0.29
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 19	2.701	2.726	2.675	2.717	+0.020
		Apr 19	2.728	2.747	2.698	2.739	-0.30
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 19	1.6100	1.6263	1.6027	1.6112	+0.0132
		Apr 19	1.7641	1.7800	1.7590	1.7669	-0.009

Source: The Associated Press

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Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
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Bank of America	29.08	-0.21
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Newmont Mining	36.48	+1.07
Chesapeake Engy	2.60	...
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Snap Inc A	9.71	+0.32
Nokia Corp	6.24	+0.09
CocaCola Co	45.28	-0.58
Freepport McMoran	13.22	+0.20
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Hewlett Pack Ent	16.32	+0.09
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Vale SA	12.50	+0.47
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Barrick Gold	13.04	-0.28
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Bank of America	29.08	-0.21
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Exxon Mobil Corp	78.42	-0.47
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JPMorgan Chase	105.00	-0.47
Johnson & Johnson	136.60	+1.18
Microsoft Corp	110.97	+1.56
Pfizer Inc	42.96	+0.82
Procter & Gamble	100.25	+0.47
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EDITORIALS

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

History proves valuable teacher

The Feb. 17 Flashback (“Chemist pushed past racial barriers”) about the discrimination that Dr. Percy Julian faced in the 1950s at the Union League Club of Chicago and elsewhere brought to mind the title of our club’s history book, “Glory, Darkness, Light.” Such instances of racial intolerance (the era of “darkness”) that occurred here, and at many other clubs and institutions across Chicago and our nation, must never be forgotten and are painful reminders of the open prejudice once prevalent in America.

As the third African-American president of the Union League Club of Chicago, I am proud of how far our club and our nation have come since those days. In addition to achieving diversity in our membership and our leadership, the club is strongly committed to social justice. Over the past several years, the club has fought alongside other civic organizations to secure enactment of criminal justice reforms in Illinois to help end discriminatory policies and the mass incarceration of African-American youths.

Through our Boys & Girls Clubs Foundation, we make a difference in the lives of the more than 14,000 children we serve each year in the Englewood, Pilsen and Humboldt Park neighborhoods to help them realize a brighter future. And at our 2019 Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, we announced the renaming of our library in honor of the late civil rights champion and jurist George N. Leighton. None of these things erase past bigotry, but they demonstrate that individuals and institutions can and must do more than express regret for transgressions against others. By remembering times of darkness and making a commitment to change, we can step up, do what is right and move together into the light.

— Edward L. Cooper III,
 President, Union League Club of Chicago

Go all-in to stop climate crisis

If we don’t take care of our planet now, our children and grandchildren whom we love so much will not be able to live normal lives as the planet becomes uninhabitable. We need to end our addiction to fossil fuels and convert to renewables like solar and wind. We can do it easily with existing technology. We need to end subsidies to the oil industry, introduce a carbon tax and give incentives to all early adopters of solar and wind energy. We need the Green New Deal. We need to convert to more plant-based diets, which will keep us healthy too. We need to push our elected representatives to develop more public transportation so we can drive less. Let us all become “victory speakers” for the climate crisis, as suggested by professor Mary Christina Wood.

— Raghuram Kalakuntla, Schaumburg

Climate change threatens all

Thank you for publishing coverage of the responses to President Donald Trump’s emergency declaration to build a wall on the southern border. The National Emergencies Act of 1976 may fail to define an emergency, but the dictionary doesn’t. An emergency is “an unexpected situation involving danger in which immediate action is necessary.” This is no emergency. It is a serious humanitarian problem that Trump has worsened, and it can be solved by addressing the plight of asylum seekers. In the longer term, it must be addressed by taking action against the drivers of “migrant caravans” (violence, poverty, climate change) and fixing immigration policy. It cannot be solved by a wall.

What disturbs me most is how frequently those in Congress who oppose the declaration use the argument that future presidents might seize the precedent to declare climate change or health care an emergency. The first is a genuine emergency, and the second is arguably one.

Climate change is a real and existential threat to civilization that has reached crisis proportions while Congress drags its feet.

The increasing cost of health care and health insurance is causing untold suffering and impoverishment of millions for families that must choose between basic needs and lifesaving medicine or treatment. This is becoming a public health emergency while Congress merely screams “socialism!”

If Congress continues refusing to act, I hope the next president will use executive orders, the National Emergencies Act, and all the obscure laws and loopholes he or she can find to protect Americans from climate change and the denial of reasonable health care. I don’t believe that Article I of the Constitution was intended to protect a Congress that refuses to represent its constituents and do its job.

— Carol Steinhart, Madison, Wis.

We take action or we perish

Important voices are silent in the climate debate. Young children, who have no ballot, no platform and no concept of the challenges their generation faces, have far more at stake than any of us. As a parent to two children, I am compelled to speak.

Climate change is real, and it is here. If we do not act, our children will grow up in a world where the seas rise and disasters such as drought and extreme weather become more frequent. This will cause and exacerbate human crises, including mass displacement, crop failures, water shortages and, ultimately, bloody conflict. Even if you are not inclined to believe Greenpeace, then listen to the U.S. Department of Defense and the private insurance industry.

There is broad consensus among experts in the field that, without action on a massive scale, the world our children inherit will be worse, if it is habitable at all. By the time my toddler-age children turn 18, it may be too late to overcome my generation’s indifference. Thus, those of us who have a voice must respond to the challenges posed by climate change on the scale that science demands.

I support the Green New Deal because it does just that. For those who decry the ambition or the cost of such a proposal, I aim to speak for my children when I say: What’s your plan?

— Scott Metzger, Forest Park

Enforcing gun laws might prevent the next Aurora

Illinois and federal gun laws offer a measure of protection against people like Gary Martin, who killed five people and wounded five at a factory in Aurora. But those laws aren’t self-enforcing. Martin’s crime came about partly because of failures by those responsible for keeping firearms away from those who aren’t allowed to have them.

After being convicted of a felony in Mississippi in 1995, Martin was forbidden to buy or own a gun. He should have been blocked when he tried to purchase the handgun that he used. But his conviction wasn’t entered into the federal database, so it didn’t show up when he applied for an Illinois Firearm Owners ID card. Nor did the federal background check snare him when he bought a pistol from a dealer.

The state caught a break when he applied for a concealed carry license. The fingerprints he submitted to expedite approval of his application produced a match from the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

The Illinois State Police then rejected his application, revoked his FOID and sent him a letter informing him he was required to get rid of his guns. The agency’s normal procedure called for notifying the local police of the revocation, but the Aurora police have no record of being told. No one ever followed up. So a known felon who owned a gun was able to keep it — and, tragically, to use it.

This kind of non-enforcement is hardly unusual. In 2018, 10,818 FOID cards were revoked — but only 2,616 of the owners returned Firearm Disposition Records confirming they had surrendered their weapons. Out of all those who failed to comply, a mere 110 arrests have



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FOID card revocation letters and confiscated weapons are on display at the Cook County sheriff’s office headquarters in Maywood on Friday.

occurred since 2014 — including just 10 last year.

Ensuring that guns don’t remain in the possession of unauthorized owners is a challenge. Illinois allows police to get search warrants to confiscate these firearms, but they rarely do so.

On Friday, Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart said law enforcement agencies should go after owners who have lost their FOID cards, as his department does. Over the past five years, he said, it has seized about 1,000 guns. But even that is a small share of the total: Last year alone, there were 3,610 revocations in Cook County. Dart also proposed a fee for gun licensing to finance gun recovery efforts by police.

Illinois may not be ready for Dart’s approach, which would involve not only expense but danger

to both cops and the individuals they would have to confront. But there is another sensible option: Issue arrest warrants for anyone whose FOID is revoked but who fails to relinquish his guns and file a Firearm Disposition Record.

Police wouldn’t necessarily go after those who don’t comply, but they could arrest anyone they stop who has an outstanding warrant. That policy would be simple and inexpensive to administer, and it would serve as an incentive for compliance. If it had been in effect, it could have stopped Martin, who was arrested several times in Illinois, most recently in 2017.

Illinois has laws that go further than those of most states to protect citizens from people who shouldn’t be trusted with firearms. But enacting good laws is one thing, and making them effective is another.

R. Kelly indicted: Will justice finally be served?

Chicago R&B superstar R. Kelly was indicted Friday on sexual abuse charges, finally bringing into the courts a growing set of accusations that portray him as a predator.

It is a long-awaited step that nonetheless came fairly quickly after this winter’s Lifetime documentary “Surviving R. Kelly” turned up the heat, exposing alarming allegations against the performer to a wide new audience.

Kelly is charged with 10 counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse for alleged misconduct against four victims, three of whom were under age 17 at the time, between 1998 and 2010.

Disturbing news coverage of Kelly dates back more than two decades. He was acquitted of child

pornography charges in 2008 but until now had not faced any other sex-crime related charges. Allegations swirled, but he played on. The Grammy Award-winning Kelly, whose “I Believe I Can Fly” won him mainstream popularity, has sold 32 million albums.

This winter, though, demands for justice thrummed. “Surviving R. Kelly” portrayed him as operating a sex cult involving girls who were kept isolated from family. #MeToo provided a social movement in which women could speak up and feel supported. Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx invited potential victims to come forward, and her office says it was inundated with tips. High-profile attorney Michael Avenatti provided her

office with what he says is a tape of Kelly having sex with a then-14-year-old girl.

There was more to this winter’s crescendo. A #MuteRKelly movement began, and his label, RCA Records, dropped the singer last month. A range of artists renounced him. Jim DeRogatis, the Chicago music journalist who has pursued the Kelly story for two decades, drew national attention for his persistence.

The court system will determine if Kelly is guilty of any crimes. But his arrest means that long-standing allegations against him will receive the legal attention they deserve. We hope the accusers can finally tell their stories, and that justice will be served.

As the Feb. 26 Chicago election approaches, you’ll find the mayoral and aldermanic candidates’ answers to our surveys, and our endorsements, at chicagotribune.com/candidates. To find more information about the mayoral candidates, go to chicagotribune.com/mayorsrace.

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IN PERFORMANCE

A moving stillness

CSO performs chilling, fervent accounts of Schuman and Mozart

BY HOWARD REICH
Chicago Tribune

For his first concert with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra since the ensemble's recent Asia tour, music director Riccardo Muti sent a message.

It came in the form of two monumental works, each addressing death — and its implications for those who survive.

By opening Thursday night's performance in Orchestra Hall with William Schuman's Symphony No. 9, "Le Fosse Ardeatine," Muti did more than introduce a major 20th century opus into the CSO's repertoire. For this first CSO performance of the Schuman resonated with Muti's first subscription concerts of this season, when he led the orchestra, men's chorus and vocal soloist in Shostakovich's Symphony No. 13, "Babi Yar."

That landmark piece confronted the Nazi massacre of 33,771 Jews at Babi Yar, outside Kiev, during the Holocaust. Schuman's Symphony No. 9 focused on another Nazi atrocity: The 1944 execution of 335 Italian civilians in Le Fosse Ardeatine — the Ardeatine Caves — in massive, bloody retaliation for an act of resistance.

Though Muti often will say a few words to the audience before a concert carrying such urgent social content, he didn't this time, and indeed, didn't need to. It would be difficult to match the aura of austere stillness and solemnity that opens Schuman's Ninth. The hushed dissonance of its softly stated strings, the air of mystery and dread it implies and the subsequent quizzical figures in the winds set the stage for one of the most chilling works in the American symphonic canon.

Unlike Shostakovich's "Babi Yar," Schuman's Ninth carries no text apart from its subtitle, and it would be incorrect to consider it a depiction of the horrific events in which Italian innocents were murdered by bullet, at close range. Instead, "Le Fosse Ardeatine" stands as Schuman's emotional response to this event, the symphony a landscape of fear, horror, desolation and fleeting references to what might have



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Riccardo Muti leads the CSO in Schuman's Symphony No. 9 on Thursday night.

been.

The slow-but-unstoppable crescendo Muti built in the first movement conveyed the controlled ferocity Schuman intended, leading to a fortissimo climax of terrifying power. Schuman, who died in 1992 at age 81, wrote that the animated character of much of the second movement "stems from the fantasies I had of the variety, promise, and aborted lives of the martyrs."

Even so, these passages are sheathed in layers of harmonic ambiguity and disturbed by asymmetric, unsettling rhythms. The restless syncopations of the pizzicato strings stand in sharp contrast to sweetly plaintive legato phrases that follow, all converging into a storm of orchestral virtuosity (nimble articulated by the CSO).

And yet it was the work's largely muted closing pages that proved most moving, thanks to the simplicity of Schuman's writing and the gravity of his expression. Knowing Schuman's

tragic subject matter, and hearing his fragile closing musical commentary, one had to wonder anew how such crimes ever could have been conceived, let alone committed.

Mozart's Requiem, of course, predated such catastrophes, having been composed in 1791 as he was dying. But Muti told me earlier this year that he was including the work "as a requiem for the poor people that were killed" in the Ardeatine Caves, "and all the people that suffer every day for the cruelty and brutality of some dictators in Syria, the Taliban — every day we have these tragedies."

Muti's performance differed from conventional thought on the Requiem, his performance expressing a quietly elegiac tone, long-lined lyricism and gently stated dynamics, as opposed to more frequently heard thunder and majesty. Though Orchestra Hall's acoustics tend to devour consonants, there was no missing the angelic quality of the CSO Chorus' high female

voices, nor the poetic fervor of soprano Benedetta Torre, nor the warmth and expressive intensity of contralto Sara Mingardo (both in their CSO debuts).

We'll never know exactly how much of the Requiem came from Mozart's genius and how much from the labors of Franz Xaver Sussmayr, who completed it following the master's death. But heard immediately after Schuman's Ninth, it amounted to a devastating statement on humanity's self-made calamities.

This program will be repeated through Saturday in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; ticket prices vary; 312-294-3000 or www.cso.org. A display of photographs and other documentation of the massacre at the Ardeatine Caves is on view in the Symphony Center rotunda.

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IN PERFORMANCE

Scott's thrill ride comes up short

BY GREG KOT
Chicago Tribune

On his previous tour, Travis Scott hopped atop a giant wing-flapping mechanical bird and swooped over the crowd. So what do you do for an encore? If you're Scott, you turn the United Center into a giant amusement park.

That's exactly what the rapper did at a sold-out concert Thursday as he rode not one but two types of thrill rides that rolled him upside down and snaked near the rafters. He even offered the rides to a few fans. With tickets topping out at more than \$100, it's the least he could do.

The artist's personal playground — modeled after the defunct Astroworld in his hometown of Houston — encompassed two stages spread across the floor of the arena. The 80-minute spectacle lived up to Scott's reputation as the king of hip-hop razzle-dazzle, a necessity because his music lost much of its nuance in the cavernous setting.

Born Jacques Webster, Scott has turned himself into a best-selling rapper after first enjoying success as a producer for artists including Kanye West, Jay-Z, Rihanna and Madonna. His latest album, "Astroworld," represents a creative and commercial peak, with a No. 1 chart position, 2 million sales and inventive production that makes Scott's variations on a theme — hedonism — sound nuanced and sometimes oddly introspective. The album is also larded with cameos, ranging from Drake and Stevie Wonder to Tame Impala and Frank Ocean.

But without the window-dressing, the concert came up short musically. Hence, roller-coaster rides. Scott worked himself into a frenzy of strutting, pogoing motion, punctuated by screams and heavily processed vocals that became numbing in their repetition. An hour-plus of processed vocals that allowed for only two modes of expression — distorted rage or reverb-laden melancholy — added up to a dire musical diagnosis: Death by auto-tune.

Like any carnival, the pump-up-the-volume music mirrored the hysteria of the thrill rides, a soundtrack for "raging" and "raving" — two of Scott's favorite words. The set found its comfort zone amid a sea of raised middle digits as prelude to a stomping "No Bystanders," with the audience a mad swirl of bodies that wouldn't have looked out of place at a hardcore punk show circa 1982, except 10 times the size.

In a contrast, a series of more introspective tunes came off hazy and unfocused. The decadence of "Wake Up" and "Drugs You Should Try It," and the street vignettes of "90210" drained the energy that the first part of the show so boisterously cultivated. "Feels like slow motion," Scott crooned during "Skeletons," and who could argue with him?

The lull finally broke with a roller-coaster ride and a shout-along version of "Sicko Mode." Gimmicks aside, raging and raving was the only musical approach that worked for Scott during this up-and-down night at his sci-fi theme park.

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Rapper Travis Scott played the United Center on Thursday.

IN PERFORMANCE 'Mamma Mia!' ★★★

Yes, ABBA is still a hit

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

"'Mamma Mia!' You're Showing Your Age," read the headline on one of my past, ever-wearying reviews of an ABBA-fueled show that is to jukebox cash-cows what eukaryotic single-celled microorganisms are to human life.

That was in 2012.

Since then, the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire has produced the musical (2017). So has the Paramount Theatre in 2016. That really only leaves the Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace — and, well, as of Thursday night under the crystal chandeliers, there we all went again.

Why, wonders the intelligent reader? People love it. One of my great sources of information is the long-serving doorman out at the old-school Drury Lane, a fine and discreet fellow who has seen previews of every show back to when Tony DeSantis was cleaning the bathrooms every hour. I can pretty much write my review based on the expression on his face as I pull up. Thursday night he was sporting a huge grin. Business, he knew, was about to boom.

I walked into the bar. It was five people deep.

Me, last night? I was preoccupied with how to sound vaguely fresh on a show I've now reviewed about 20 times. I've done the song title puns — facing my Waterloo, how can I resist you, money, money, mon-

When: Through April 14

Where: Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

Running time: 2:25

Tickets: \$55-\$70; 630-530-0111 and www.drurylane.com

ey, knowing me, knowing you, yadda yadda. I've strutted my ABBA bonafides, recalling the interview with Benny (or was it Bjorn?) from his island somewhere by Stockholm. I've done the nostalgic trip like Anton Ego of "Ratatouille," whisking readers back to the first time I saw "Mamma Mia!" right before it opened at the Prince Edward Theatre in London, back when the songs were huge hits and the material surrounding them was a complete unknown.

"Hamilton" in Puerto Rico enjoyed a bigger audience response. But my list ends there.

That state of affairs, by the way, now has completely reversed. Far more people know "Mamma Mia!" than could name 10 ABBA hits. The vehicle now was eclipsed the fuel.

And — now I've seen "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again" on the big screen, I have Lily James in my head, here the still-unborn child of Sophie and Sky. Weird! Plus Donna is dead! That adds a whole new level of emotional oomph. And I betcha' good money you'll soon be reading a review of the stage version of that sequel.



BRETT BEINER PHOTO

The cast of "Mamma Mia!" at Drury Lane Theatre.

Enough, critic. You know "Mamma Mia!" or you stopped reading three paragraphs ago. You are inquiring whether this one is any good? Yes siree, absolutely — it has Susie McMonagle played Donna. McMonagle did the national tour of this show in 2008 — I can still recall, as the ABBA song goes. She was fabulous then and we all get better with age.

Other notable matters: Director William Osetek's production actually features an all-Chicago cast. Rebecca Hurd, a vocally terrific Sophie, comes with that crucial nerd quotient. No boring ingenue, she. Elizabeth Ledo's smile (she's an unusal Rosie) hits the back of the house all night. Jane Lanier's flipper-loving choreography actually manages to be funny, and the universe of genuinely amusing choreography is small. And the fabulous Greek Isle costumes, by Marianne Custer, come with the life-affirming pleasures of fashion week in the spring.

When you've seen a show so many times, you're always going to have issue with one thing or another, here and there. But you need those paragraphs about as much as you need a lamentation that the Drury Lane is not doing existential nihilism.

And when you have McMonagle leading a charming company and open hearts all over the stage, you won't care much.

For the record, "Mamma Mia!" stacked its creative team with women long before it became fashionable to crow about stacking your creative team with women. Longevity has been its reward.

Guess we need a rewrite on that old headline. Let's just not go as far as "Now and Forever." Death comes to us all, even if "Mamma Mia!" points toward eternity.

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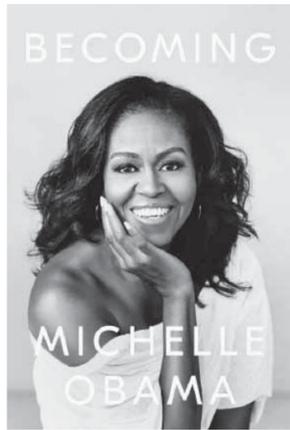
1. **"Where the Crawdads Sing"** by Delia Owens (Putnam, \$27) *Last Week: 2*
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3. **"Black Leopard, Red Wolf: The Dark Star Trilogy"** by Marlon James (Riverhead, \$30) *Last week: 3*
4. **"The Reckoning: A Novel"** by John Grisham (Doubleday, \$29.95) *Last week: 7*
5. **"The Silent Patient"** by Alex Michaelides (Celadon, \$26.99) *Last week: 4*
6. **"Liar Liar: A Harriet Blue Novel"** by James Patterson and Candice Fox (Little, Brown, \$28) *Last week: 5*
7. **"Fire & Blood: 300 Years Before A Game of Thrones, Dragons Ruled Westeros (A Song of Ice and Fire: A Targaryen History)"** by George R. R. Martin (Bantam, \$35) *Last week: 9*
8. **"Every Breath"** by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central, \$28) *Last week: —*
9. **"Turning Point: A Novel"** by Danielle Steel (Delacorte, \$28.99) *Last week: 8*
10. **"The Wedding Guest: An Alex Delaware Novel"** by Jonathan Kellerman (Ballantine, \$28.99) *Last week: 6*

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1. **"Becoming"** by Michelle Obama (Crown, \$32.50) *Last week: 1*
2. **"Grateful American: A Journey from Self to Service"** by Gary Sinise (Nelson, \$26.99) *Last week: —*
3. **"Educated: A Memoir"** by Tara Westover (Random House, \$28) *Last week: 3*
4. **"Dreyer's English: An Utterly Correct Guide to Clarity and Style"** by Benjamin Dreyer (Random House, \$25) *Last week: —*
5. **"It's Not Supposed to Be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments Leave You Shattered"** by Lysa TerKeurst (Nelson, \$24.99) *Last week: 5*
6. **"The Essential Oils Hormone Solution: Reclaim Your Energy and Focus and Lose Weight Naturally"** by Mariza Snyder (Rodale, \$25.99) *Last week: —*
7. **"Homebody: A Guide to Creating Spaces You Never Want to Leave"** by Joanna Gaines (Harper Design, \$40) *Last week: —*
8. **"The Theft of America's Soul: Blowing the Lid Off the Lies That Are Destroying Our Country"** by Phil Robertson (Nelson, \$24.99) *Last week: 10*
9. **"Brave, Not Perfect: Fear Less, Fail More, and Live Bolder"** by Reshma Saujani (Currency, \$25) *Last week: 8*
10. **"Magnolia Table: A Collection of Recipes for Gathering"** by Joanna Gaines (Morrow, \$29.99) *Last week: —*

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ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Who has the last word on names?

Dear Readers: I've stepped away from the Ask Amy column for two weeks to work on a new writing project. I hope you enjoy these edited "best of" columns in my absence. The questions and answers were first published 10 years ago. Today's column asks: What's in a name?

Dear Amy: My brother and his wife divorced last year, but our family is still friendly with her. We believe the marriage didn't work solely because of my brother's actions.

My issue is that she has decided to keep her married name. Because she is no longer officially part of our family, she should go back to her maiden name. My family takes enormous pride in our name, and I don't feel she has the right to it any longer. How can I approach her about this without being rude?
— Proudly Named

Dear Proudly: Here's a script:

You: "Charlotte, I'm so sorry my brother wrecked your marriage. It was really swell having you in the family, but hey, we're done with you now, and so we'd really like our name back."

Charlotte: "Well, you're all so classy I'm reluctant to give your wonderful name back to you, but I'll consider it."

Your former sister-in-law's surname is hers to keep for as long as she cares to possess it. Think of it as a bounty for the privilege of being married to your brother, who, according to you, is a louse. The only way I can see this being resolved in your favor would be if she were

so "over" it that she, of her own volition, sheds your surname on the courthouse steps. (April 2009)

Dear Amy: I am part of a blended family. I have "bonus" family members whom I love. I am pregnant with my first child and have a name selected that I've always wanted for a child.

I have been asked to choose another name because my unborn child's nickname, which I intend to use, is the same nickname that my 4-year-old half sister uses on a daily basis. I have been told that there is unwritten "baby name etiquette" and that I shouldn't use the same name if there are objections to it. Am I wrong if I go ahead with my plans?
— Confused

Dear Confused: Someone should write a book of "unwritten" rules of etiquette so that we all might see them. They generally encompass anything that inconveniences the person citing the alleged rule.

You are the baby's mother. You will be addressing the child dozens of times a day. If you have thought this through and don't mind that your child will be sharing a name, leading people to assume that she's named after her young aunt, then go for it. (May 2009)

Dear Amy: My parents named me after my grandmother's nickname. It's unusual, and I have been ridiculed my whole life. I legally changed it and took my middle name as my first name a year and a half ago, when I was 25. I feel good about the

change, but my parents and sister refuse to call me anything besides my original name. They introduce me to friends by this name and continue to use it in front of family and friends, who then call me by that name, too. I have told them I don't like this, but they say I need a thicker skin and they will never call me anything different.

Is it wrong of me to want them to call me by my legal first name?
— Nicknamed

Dear Nicknamed: Unfortunately, your family members have basically declared that they don't respect your wishes, preferences or needs.

A person's name is the first window into his or her personal identity. Your name has caused you a lifetime of problems, and your family members are either dismissing your concerns because they don't understand how important this is or they are bullies whose message is that they, not you, get to decide who you are.

You should continue to correct them when they introduce you incorrectly. Over time, your legal name should prove "stickier" than this nickname. (September 2009)

Dear Readers: I am very active on some social media platforms. To find me on Twitter and Instagram, look for: @AskingAmy. My vibrant Facebook page address is: Facebook.com/ADickinsonDaily.

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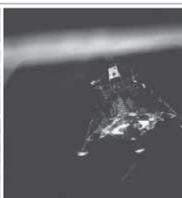


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'PADDLETON'
★★ 1/2

2 men's friendship is put to the test

DUPLASS BROTHERS PRODUCTIONS

By **KATIE WALSH**
Tribune News Service

Michael (Mark Duplass) and Andy (Ray Romano) are neighbors. But they're more like platonic life partners. They make pizza, watch kung fu movies and play a made-up game with rackets, balls and a barrel called Paddleton. It's an easy, mundane and emotionally stunted existence, made comfortable with companionship.

Male friendship is often explored in cinema. But Alex Lehmann's second feature, "Paddleton," which he co-wrote with Duplass, is unlike any other film of that nature, inspecting the softer, gentler elements of the unique dynamic between the two men.

The boundaries of the bond are tested with Michael's diagnosis of terminal cancer, throwing their relationship off its axis. Michael decides he's going to end things on his own terms rather than pursue

help but be struck by the beauty in the simple depiction of men caring for each other in a time of great need.

Lehmann has chosen an aesthetic for his movie that is as bleak as Michael's outlook. Cinematographer Nathan M. Miller shoots the film with natural lighting on real locations, creating a naturalism that somehow defies realism, denying any organic beauty with a pervasive grayish-brown pall. Everything seems to have been shot at dusk, but magic hour this isn't. It looks like dishwasher, and that's not exactly captivating.

But despite the depressing style, the film is a true showcase for Romano's performance, which is as subtle, sensitive, soulful — and as devastating — as it gets. Andy is required to mourn his friend before he's gone, then shepherd him through this final transition. He is earnest, emotional and vulnerable in ways Duplass is not always required to be.

But while the film proves the opportunity for Romano to demonstrate his range, it's not much more than that. We get little sense of who the men are individually — it's about who they are together in this moment in time, dealing with the ugly realities and the hard choices of life before death. It's amusing but not a comedy, never losing its heart to irony or sarcasm. While "Paddleton" takes its time to get there, it ultimately reaches a deeply poignant conclusion. If you're patient enough, that alone could be worth the trip.

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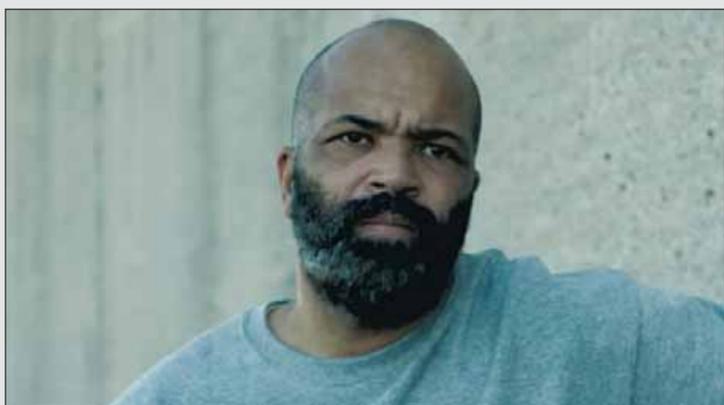
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NC-17 **No children under 17 admitted**

WATCH THIS: SATURDAY



Jeffrey Wright

“O.G.” (9 p.m., 12:50 a.m., HBO): Emmy and Tony Award winner Jeffrey Wright gives a shattering performance in this new prison drama, which was filmed in an actual maximum-security facility with several real inmates and prison staff appearing as first-time actors. The story follows Louis (Wright), formerly the head of a prison gang, who is now serving out the last days of a 24-year sentence.

“2019 Film Independent Spirit Awards” (4 p.m., 11 p.m., IFC): Aubrey Plaza (“Parks and Recreation”) is host for this year’s edition of an awards show honoring work in movies that were made principally outside the studio system. That means some of this year’s most high-profile nominees at the following night’s Academy Award ceremonies — such as “Black Panther,” “A Star Is Born” and “Bohemian Rhapsody” — are ineligible for this competition.

“Love on the Menu” (7 p.m., Hallmark): Hank (Kavan Smith), a handsome chef and restaurateur, is desperate to save his struggling restaurant, so he makes a deal with frozen food executive Maggie (Autumn Reeser), whose ruthless boss has designs on acquiring the eatery. What Maggie hadn’t counted on, however, was the almost instant rapport — and then romantic attraction — she and Hank would feel for each other.

“Who’s Stalking Me?” (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): Amanda (Chelsea Ricketts) has a difficult time moving on after she narrowly escapes death when an intruder breaks into her home, but handsome Detective James Dawson (Michael Welch) tries to help her feel less vulnerable by promising to keep an eye on her safety. Alas, Amanda fails to realize she unwittingly is allowing her biggest threat to get even closer to her in this 2019 thriller.

“Breaking In” (7:30 p.m., 2:40 a.m., HBO): Gabrielle Union was a producer as well as the star of James McTeigue’s 2018 thriller, which casts the actress as Shaun Roberts, a woman who returns to her childhood home, along with her two children (Ajiona Alexus, Seth Carr), after the murder of her father, to get the property ready to be sold. Unfortunately, four criminals looking for a fortune they believe is inside the home seize the house while Shaun is outside, threatening her kids.

“Planet Earth: Dynasties” (8 p.m., 11 p.m., BBCA): The behind-the-scenes special episode “The Making Of” provides insight into the herculean efforts filmmakers and crew made to secure the breathtaking footage that makes up so much of this stunning wildlife series, which was four years in the making. Getting the personal stories of the five featured animals took crews across African plains to the frozen wastes of Antarctica, where temperatures plummeted to -55 degrees F.

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SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 23

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Ransom: “Black Dolphin.” (N) © HD	48 Hours (N) © HD		48 Hours (N) © HD		News (N) ▶		
	NBC 5	NHL Hockey: 2019 NHL Stadium Series -- Pittsburgh Penguins vs Philadelphia Flyers. From Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. (N) (Live) HD				NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)			
	ABC 7	NBA Countdown (N) ©	NBA Basketball: Houston Rockets at Golden State Warriors. From Oracle Arena in Oakland, Calif. (N) (Live) © HD			Eyewitness News (N) ▶			
	WGN 9	† (6:30) True Grit (PG-13,10) *** Jeff Bridges. A crusty lawman helps a teen avenge her father’s death.			WGN Weekend News at Nine (N) (Live) © HD		Man of the People (N)		
	Antenna 9.2	B. Miller	B. Miller	Soap ©	Soap ©	Johnny Carson ©			
	This TV 9.3	The Saint ©		The Saint ©		The Saint ©		The Saint ▶	
	PBS 11	Doc Martin: “Blade on the Feather.” (N) ©		Shakespeare and Hathaway (N)		Father Brown: “The Eagle and the Daw.” ©		Victoria-Master ▶	
	The U 26.1	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad
	MeTV 26.3	Svengoolie: “Strait-Jacket.” ©							
	H&I 26.4	Hunter		Hunter		Hunter		Hill Street ▶	
	Bounce 26.5	† Madea’s Family Reunion							
	FOX 32	9-1-1: “Stuck.” © HD		Proven Innocent: “Pilot.” © HD		Fox 32 News		Flannery Fired Up	
	Ion 38	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU ▶	
	Telem 44	† (6) Fast & Furious 6 **		The Last Witch Hunter (PG-13,15) ** Vin Diesel. ©		Noticiero			
	CW 50	AHL Hockey: Grand Rapids Griffins at Chicago Wolves. (N) (Live)							
	UniMas 60	† (6) Shark Killer (NR,15)		Open Water 3: Cage Dive (R,17)		I, Robot (PG-13,14) ***		†	
	WJYS 62	Refuge	Moses	Bishop	ReJoyce	Pol-News	Paid Prog.		
	Univ 66	† (6:55) Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) (Live)		Fútbol Mexicano (N)		Noticias ▶			
CABLE	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: “Live PD -- 02.23.19.” (N) (Live) © ▶					
	AMC	National Treasure (PG,04) ** Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger. ©							
	ANIM	Pit Bulls and Parolees		Pit Bulls and Parolees (N)		(9:01) The Zoo ©		The Zoo ▶	
	BBCA	† Planet Earth: Dynasties		Planet Earth (N)		Planet Earth ©			
	BET	† (6:55) Madea’s Witness Protection (PG-13,12) ** Tyler Perry, Eugene Levy. Big Mom ▶							
	BIGTEN	† Hockey (N)		College Basketball: Wisconsin at Northwestern. (N) ©		Postgame		BIG Show	
	BRAVO	† (5:52) Vacation (*15) **		Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13,06) ** ©					
	CLTV	News at 7		News (N)		News at 8		News (N)	
	CNBC	Undercover Boss ©		Undercover Boss ©		Undercover Boss ©		Boss ▶	
	CNN	CNN News CNN Special Report ©							
	COM	† (5:15) We’re the Millers		We’re the Millers (R,13) ** Jennifer Aniston, Jason Sudeikis. © ▶					
	DISC	Naked and Afraid ©		Naked and Afraid ©		Naked and Afraid ©		Ed 5 (N) ▶	
	DISN	Bizaardvark	Coop	Sydney-Max	Fast Layne	Sydney-Max	Coop	Andi Mack	
	E!	† (6:30) 10 Things I Hate About You *		Monster-in-Law (PG-13,05) ** Jennifer Lopez. © ▶					
	ESPN	College Basketball: Kansas at Texas Tech. (N) (Live)							
	ESPN2	College Basketball: Memphis at Wichita State. (N) (Live)							
	FNC	Watters’ World (N) ©		Justice With Jeanine (N)		Greg Gutfeld (N)		Watters ▶	
	FOOD	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	
	FREE	† Toy Story (G) (7:40) Toy Story 2 (G,99) **** Tim Allen © (SAP)		Pirates-Tides ▶					
	FX	Despicable Me 2 (PG,13) *** Voices of Steve Carell.		Minions (PG,15) ** Jon Hamm © ▶					
	HALL	Love on the Menu (NR,19) Autumn Reeser. ©							
	HGTV	Love It or List It ©		Love It or List It ©		House Hunters Reno (N)		Maine ©	
	HISTV	Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper: “Ancient Swords.” (N) ©							
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	IFC	† (6:30) The Breakfast Club (R,85) ****		(8:45) The Sandlot (PG,93) ** Thomas Guiry. © ▶					
	LIFE	Who’s Stalking Me? (NR,19) Chelsea Ricketts. ©							
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word		11th Hour ▶	
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	
	NBCSCH	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live)							
	NICK	Henry (N)	Cousins (N)	Knight (N)	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends ▶	
	OVATION	† (6) XXX (PG-13,02) ** Vin Diesel, Asia Argento.		Riviera (N)		Schindler ▶			
	OWN	Iyanla, Fix My Life ©		Iyanla, Fix My Life (N) ©		Love & Marriage (N)		Iyanla ▶	
OXY	Cold Justice ©								
PARMT	† The Dark Knight Rises		Bellator MMA Live (N) (Live) ©		Dark Knt ▶				
SYFY	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13,16) *** Eddie Redmayne. Futurama								
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Drop/Mic	Joker’s Wild	Full Frontal		
TCM	A Star Is Born (NR,37) **** Janet Gaynor. ©								
TLC	Say Yes to the Dress (N) ©				Our Twinsane Wedding		Say Yes ▶		
TLN	Exalted	Pacific Garden Mission	In Grace	Humanitarian	Pure Pas				
TNT	American Sniper (R,14) *** Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller. ©								
TOON	Dragon	Dragon Ball	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Family Guy	Family Guy	Dragon (N)		
TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©								
TVL	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	King		
USA	Fast Five (PG-13,11) ** Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. ©								
VH1	† (6:30) Big Momma’s House (PG-13,00) ** ©				How High (R,01) * Method Man. © ▶				
WE	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ▶		
WGN America	Blue Bloods: “In & Out.”		Blue Bloods: “Lost Souls.”		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood ▶		
PREMIUM	HBO	† Uncle Drew/Breaking In (PG-13,18) * ©		O.G. (NR,18) Jeffrey Wright. © ▶					
	HBO2	Won’t You Be My Neighbor? (*18) ***				(8:40) Down a Dark Hall (PG-13,18) ©			
	MAX	Body Heat (R,81) *** William Hurt. ©				(8:55) Bolero (R,84) * Bo Derek. © ▶			
	SHO	American Assassin (R,17) ** Dylan O’Brien.				Crank (R,06) ** Jason Statham.			
	STARZ	Slender Man (PG-13,18) * Joey King.		(8:35) Howards End ©		(9:37) Counterpart © ▶			
STZNC	† Chuck, Larry (7:17) Say Anything... (PG-13,89) ***				Black Sails: “XX.” ©		Shaun ▶		

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 23): Your professional status is on the rise this year. Community participation multiplies benefits. Adapt to surprising news. Summer romance flowers, supporting you through community changes. Work with friends for a shared win next winter, before changing perspectives in love, fun and passion. Put heart into your work and home.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Study ways to grow your shared account balances. Get the word out about a passion project. Someone gets inspired. The facts you need can be found. Someone teaches you a new trick.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Everything is coming together. Dreams, communications and physical actions align. Actions taken now produce long-term benefit. You and a partner are on the same wavelength.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. The pace quickens. Disciplined, steady action produces satisfying results, especially with physical fitness and exercise. Your energy is on the rise.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. The next two days are reserved for fun. Love and romance arise naturally. Talk about dreams, visions and intentions. Someone finds you especially charming.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Family and home have your focus. Domestic dreams are within reach. Make a long-desired improvement. Talk about how you would love things to be.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Words flow with ease. Get into a super productive and creative phase. Promote your message, and it takes flight. Motivate and inspire others to contribute.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. The cash flow spigot increases velocity. Invest for the future. Take action to protect what you love. The excellent work you're doing reflects you well.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Use your power responsibly. A personal dream appears within view. Grab a golden opportunity for something you've always wanted.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Your team is on fire! Follow a hunch for long-term gain. Share what you're learning. Take advantage of a lucky break. Make your move together.

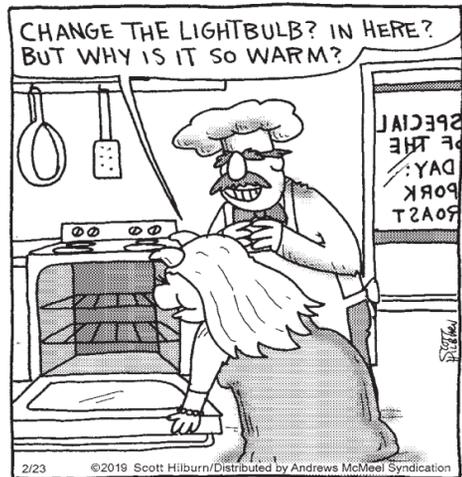
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 6. Clean up and organize things. Peaceful privacy restores your energy. You're especially sensitive and intuitive. Process emotions and feelings.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. A professional opportunity with long-term potential appears. It might be a dream job. Figure out how to advance. Use your persuasive charms. Ace the test.

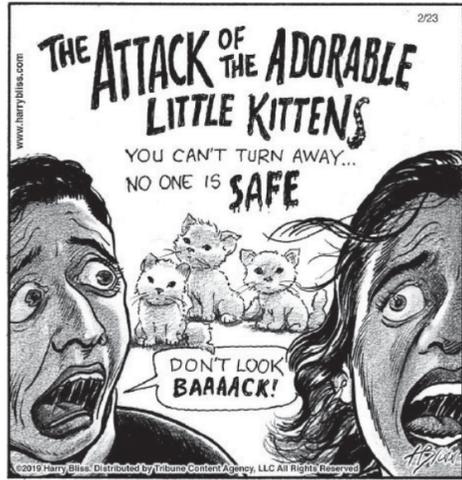
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Embark on an adventure. Realize a travel or study dream. Conditions favor expansion and exploration, whether long distance or in your own backyard.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, North deals

North		
♠ 7		
♥ A Q 8 3 2		
♦ K 10 6		
♣ K Q 8 6		
South		
♠ A Q 8		
♥ 9		
♦ A 8 5 4 2		
♣ A 7 3 2		
West		East
♠ J 5 4 3 2		♠ K 10 9 6
♥ K J 7 5 4		♥ 10 6
♦ Q 3		♦ J 9 7
♣ J		♣ 10 9 5 4

South in today's deal was Paul Bethé. A good player in his own right, he is the son of Henry and Kitty Bethé. His father was a National Champion and his mother a World Champion. He and his partner had a lucky misunderstanding in the auction. Paul thought his fourth-suit forcing three-spade bid followed by five clubs set clubs as the trump suit.

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♦	All pass		

Opening lead: Five of ♥

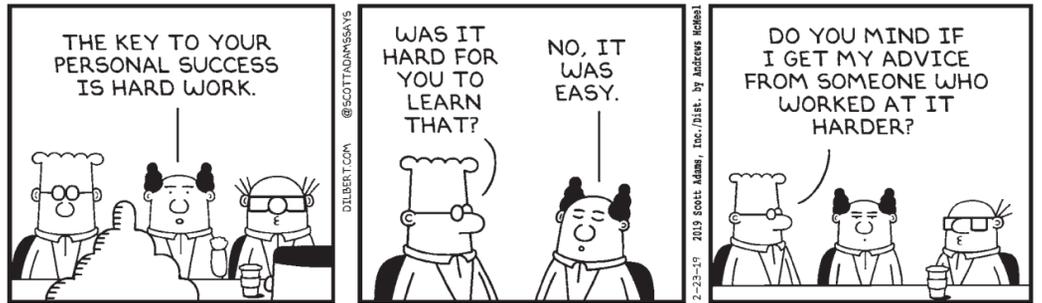
ruffed a spade. He cashed the king of diamonds, ruffed a heart to his hand, and ruffed the queen of spades. A club to his ace and the ace of diamonds left this position:

North		
♠ Void		
♥ Q 8		
♦ Void		
♣ K Q 8		
South		
♠ Void		
♥ Void		
♦ 8 5		
♣ 7 3 2		
West		East
♠ J 5		♠ K
♥ K J 5		♥ Void
♦ Void		♦ J
♣ Void		♣ 10 9 5

Bethé led a club and would have claimed 12 tricks had both opponents followed. He won with dummy's king and led a heart. He didn't know who held the last trump, but it didn't matter. Should either opponent ruff, Bethé would have the rest. He ruffed the heart, led a club to the queen, and led another heart, scoring his last trump "en passant".

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

Dilbert By Scott Adams



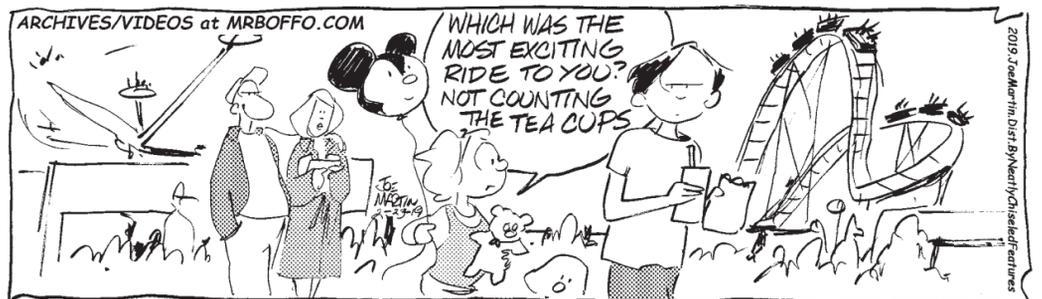
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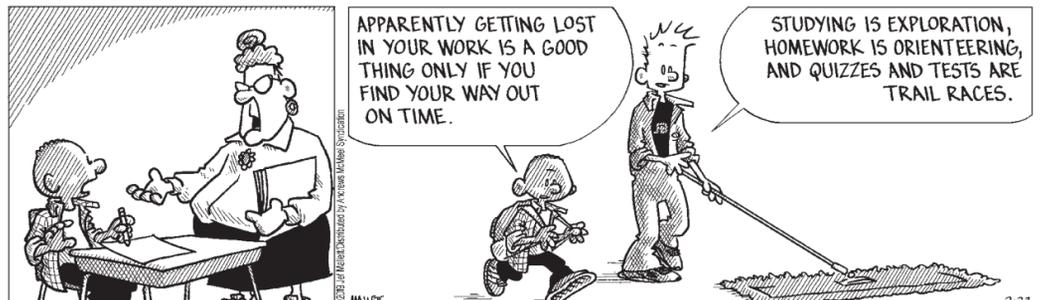
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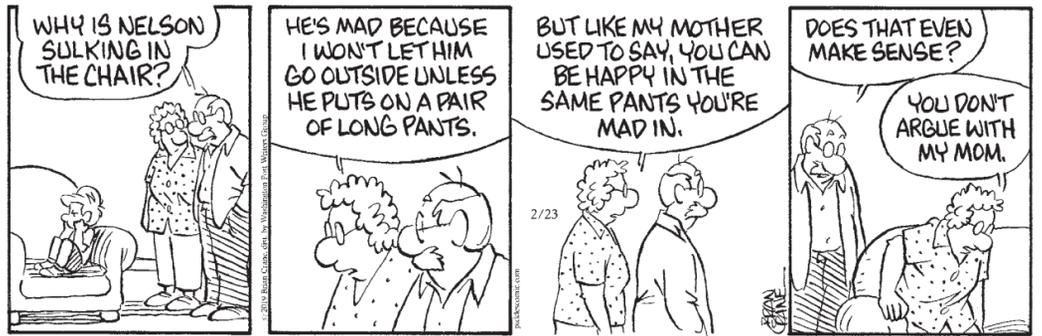
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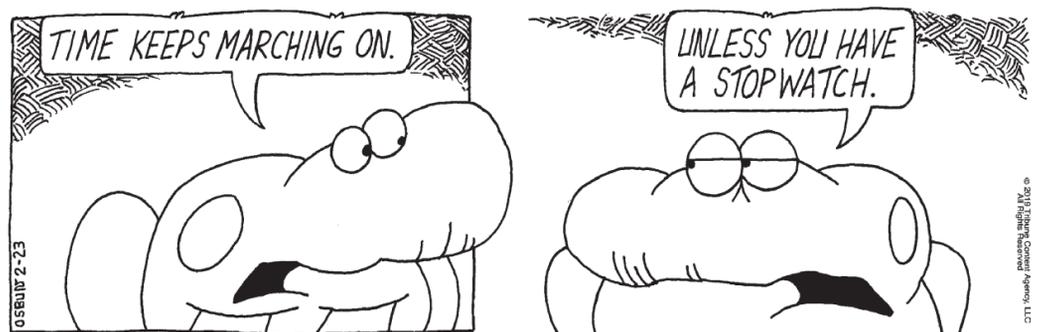
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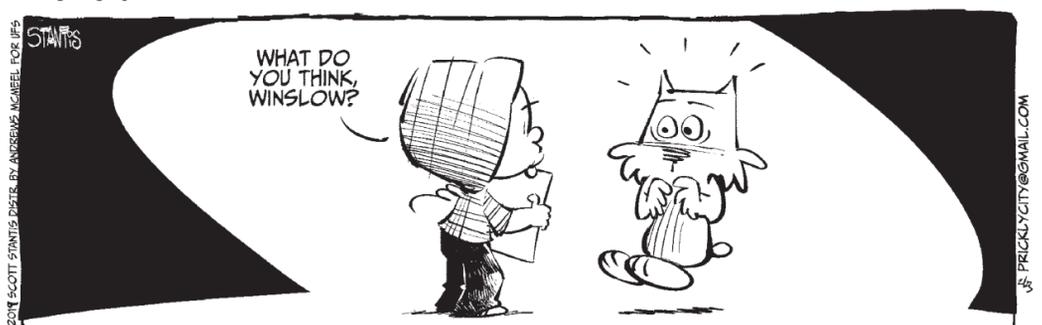
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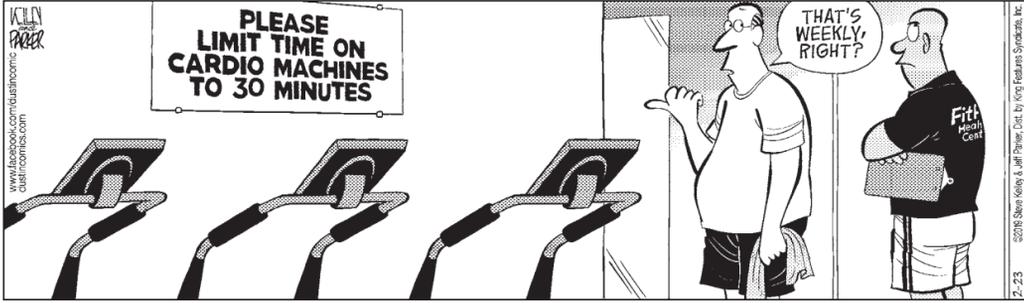
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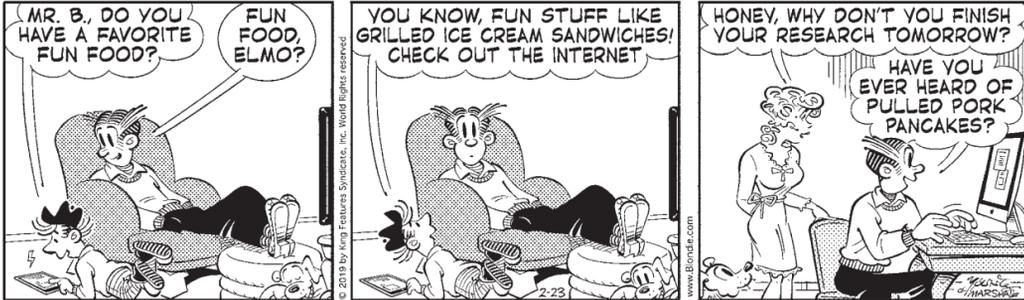
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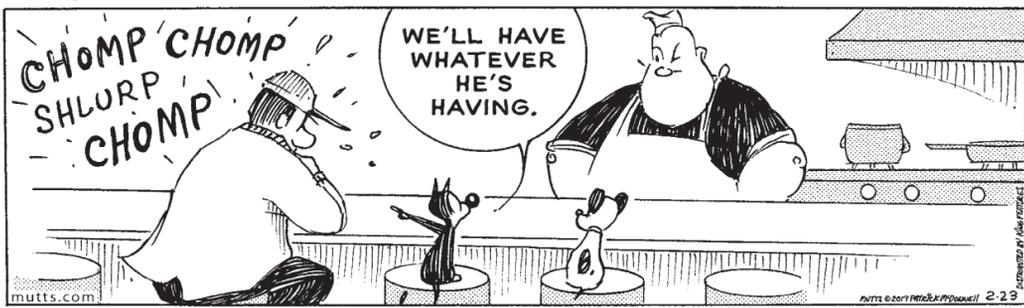
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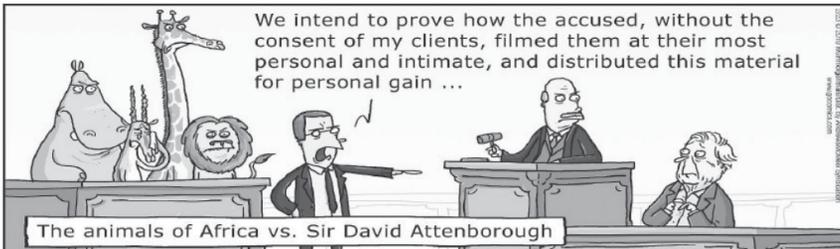
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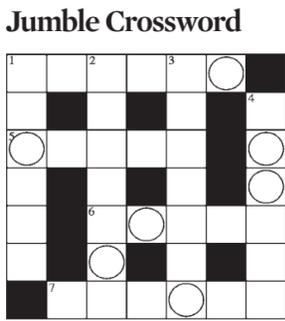
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Trivia Bits

In 1911, which country became the first to officially plant its flag at the South Pole?
 A) Norway
 B) Russia
 C) Sweden
 D) United States
Friday's answer: The musical film "Gigi" was based on a novella by Colette.

Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
 1. Annually
 5. story
 6. Brief, short
 7. Type of merchant

CLUE DOWN
 1. Frozen
 2. Missionary
 3. Sideways
 4. Profession

ANSWER
 LEYAYR
 SHIGO
 RETS
 EAEDLR

ANSWER
 GORTYU
 OALEPST
 AATRLT
 RECERA

TRIPLE BONUS
 The circled letters can be unscrambled to form three different BONUS answers.

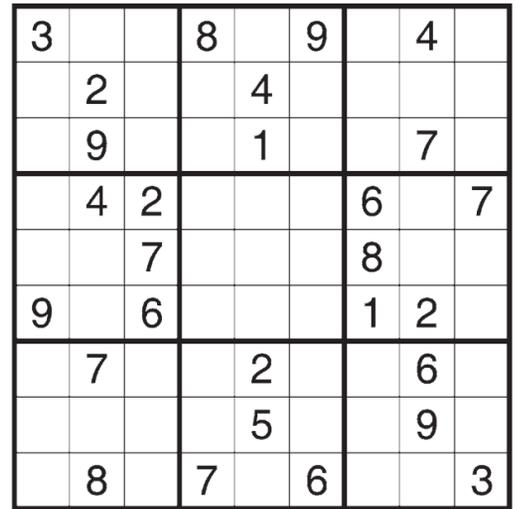
CLUE: medication
 CLUE: Showroom, exhibit
 CLUE: Chiefly

I would love to hear from you... You can e-mail me at: DLHoyt@HoytInteractiveMedia.com

© 2019 Tribune Content Agency, LLC & Hoyt Designs. All Rights Reserved. ANSWERS: 1A-Norway 2B-Russia 3C-Sweden 4D-United States Friday's answer: The musical film "Gigi" was based on a novella by Colette. By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1234

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6	9	8	5	1	7	2	4	3
1	2	3	6	9	4	5	8	7
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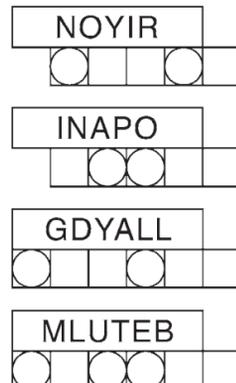
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Friday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



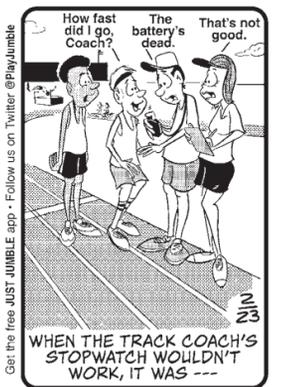
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Friday's answers

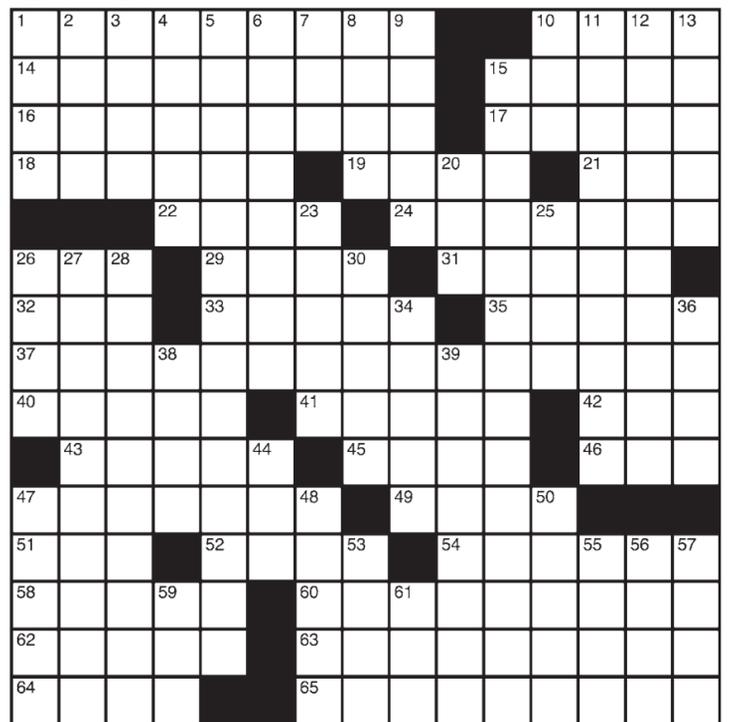
Jumbles: PUTTY WHEEL ENTICE TOFFEE
 Answer: The horse wanted to take dancing lessons but was worried about his — TWO LEFT FEET

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Crossword

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Across
 1 Like some VIP treatment
 10 Global Chic designer
 14 Dog trainer's hand signal, say
 15 It'll blow over soon
 16 Running smoothly
 17 Schindler with a list
 18 Stings
 19 Academic acronym
 21 The past, in the past
 22 Beat but good
 24 Absorption processes
 26 "A Farewell to Arms" setting: Abbr.
 29 Algerian seaport
 31 Pig: British preschool TV show
 32 Start to stop?
 33 Strauss creation
 35 Mexican president after Calderón
 37 Gets all mushy
 40 Kipling's "Lone Wolf"

Down
 41 Feudal servants
 42 Daffy depiction?
 43 Can't get enough of
 45 Abounding
 46 Anti-discrimination initials
 47 Mexico's largest lake
 49 Cunning
 51 "Wow!"
 52 Passed on
 54 Very little
 58 Shut out, in a game
 60 "Pardon, sir ..."
 62 Salon option
 63 Counting-out rhyme opening
 64 Flexible, in a way
 65 Secretly communicate in class, pre-texting

Down
 1 Dollar competitor
 2 Feature of a busy amusement park
 3 What needs to be passed on the way to the bar, briefly?
 4 Foretell
 5 Musical "Late Late" segment
 6 Snowstorm news
 7 Prefix with tourism
 8 Explorers, e.g.
 9 Manage
 10 Gp. concerned with cheaters
 11 Stops the fight
 12 Rhododendron family bloomer

Friday's solution



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SATURDAY, FEB. 23 NORMAL HIGH: 38° NORMAL LOW: 29° RECORD HIGH: 66° (2000) RECORD LOW: -18° (1873)

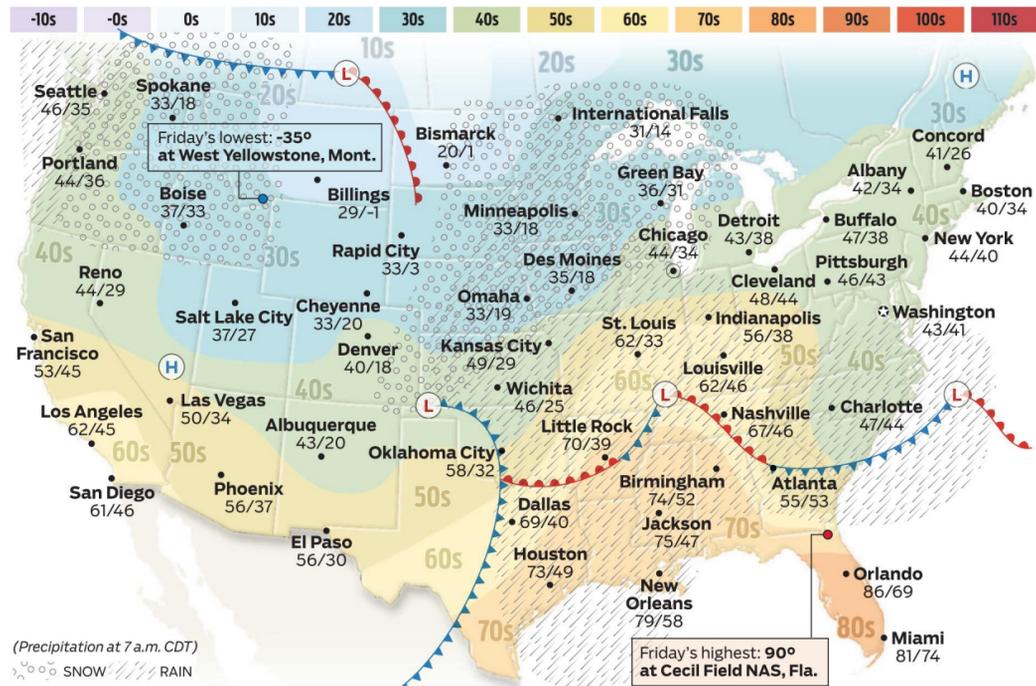
Strong winds to blow Saturday's warmth away

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 44 **LOW** 34

- Chicago lies on warm side of massive weekend storm sweeping across Midwest.
- Cloudy and breezy with increasing SE winds.
- Scattered morning showers increase in coverage in -afternoon, evening. T-storms possible.
- Highs range from the lower and middle 40s north to the lower and middle 50s south.
- Rain and t-storms early, then windy and colder with snow showers by morning. Strong west winds.
- Lows in the lower/middle 30s.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Another winter storm is taking aim at the Midwest this weekend, but this time the Chicago area will be on the storm's warm flank, sparing the area from another glaze or snow event. Far north and west portions will experience some freezing precipitation early Saturday before increasing southeast winds boost area temps into the 40s north and 50s south. Scattered morning showers will increase to a steadier afternoon rain as the storm center approaches, and some rare February thunderstorms are likely to develop, especially south and east of the city.

The warmth will be short-lived. Strong west winds will deliver sharply colder air beginning Saturday night, sending the mercury tumbling through the 20s on Sunday to lows near 10 above by early Monday. The winds could gust as high as 50 to 60 mph.

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

HIGH 34 **LOW** 10

Extremely windy. Mostly cloudy with morning snow showers, followed by a partly sunny afternoon. W winds 30-40 mph. Some gusts as high as 60 mph. Temps fall from mid-30s to 10 by Monday morning.

MONDAY, FEB. 25

HIGH 24 **LOW** 11

Plenty of sunshine, but quite cold as highs only reach the mid-20s. Diminishing northwest winds. Clouds gather overnight. Lows 10-15.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

HIGH 30 **LOW** 16

Cloudy skies dominate Election Day. Some light snow possible in the afternoon and overnight. High peak around 30.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

HIGH 33 **LOW** 15

Any lingering snow ends early then skies become partly sunny. Still cold, but temperatures creep above freezing in the afternoon.

THURSDAY, FEB. 28

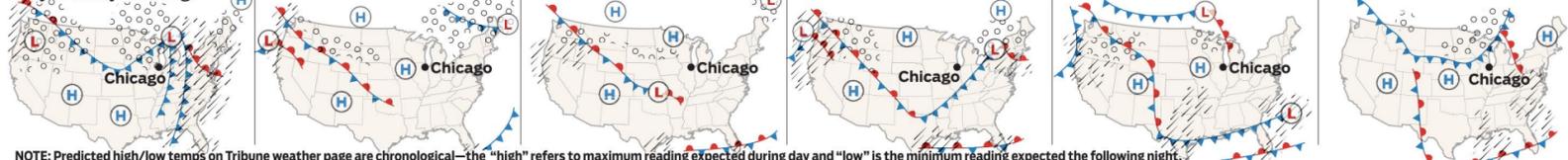
HIGH 34 **LOW** 17

High pressure approaches the area bringing a partly sunny and seasonably cold day. Highs reach the middle/upper 30s. Light winds become southwest in the afternoon.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

HIGH 37 **LOW** 16

Morning sun gives way to afternoon cloudiness. Not quite as cold as increasing southwest winds boost highs into the upper 30s. Turning colder with some flurries possible overnight.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
I remember a winter where the temps plummeted but there was limited snow, allowing the ground to freeze deep enough to burst the water main supplying our house in Sauganash. Any thoughts on which year it might have been?
— Mary Beth Grant, Palatine

Dear Mary Beth,
It was the winter of 1981-82 when severe cold swept into the area, beginning Jan. 7 with subzero readings on 11 of 12 mornings, including minus 26 on Jan. 10 — at that time, the city's all-time record low. Typically, substantial snow cover accompanies severe cold, but this time, snow cover was just an inch or two.

Without the insulating effect of a deep snow cover, the city's freeze depth reached about 5.5 feet, below the 5-foot level of most water mains, resulting in many frozen or damaged water mains.

Write to: ASK TOM
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WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Mammoth late-winter storm to run meteorological gamut

WEATHER HISTORY

Spring warmth is coming
From Feb. 23 through the end of March—since 1871

- 82% of years have produced a 60+ day
- 52% of years have produced a 70+ day
- 7% of years have produced a 80+ day
- Highest temp: 88° on March 29, 1986

RARE FEBRUARY THUNDERSTORMS TO ACCOMPANY WEEKEND STORM

Average number of February t-storm days in Chicago less than one

- 1976: 4
- 1996: 3
- 1999: 3
- 2011: 3
- 2017: 3

So far this February has produced one on February 7

2018-19 SNOW TO DATE

Upper/western Midwest has been buried

Marquette, Mich.	182.5"	126%
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.	114.1"	117%
Duluth, Minn.	77.4"	123%
Alpena, Mich.	74.8"	119%
Madison, Wisc.	50.0"	128%
Twin Cities, Minn.	49.5"	124%
La Crosse, Wisc.	47.9"	146%
Des Moines, Iowa	43.9"	163%
Omaha, Neb.	40.5"	201%

CLASH OF THE SEASONS

Winter vs. Spring as mammoth storms sweep Midwest with blizzards to sever t-storms

- Winter weather advisory
- Winter storm watch
- Winter storm warning
- Blizzard warning
- High wind watch
- Marginal severe t-storm threat
- Slight severe t-storm threat
- Enhanced severe t-storm threat

CHICAGO WIND FORECAST (IN MPH)

Powerhouse winds lock in late Sat. night into Sun. night

Time	Estimated wind gusts	Sustained winds
6AM Saturday	10	8
NOON Saturday	12	11
6PM Saturday	16	18
MIDNT Saturday	40	25
6AM Sunday	60	24
NOON Sunday	50	19
6PM Sunday	48	12
MIDNT Sunday	28	12

MIDWEST CITIES					OTHER U.S. CITIES					WORLD CITIES																									
SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC HI LO	SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC HI LO	SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC HI LO	SATURDAY	FC	HI	LO	SATURDAY	FC	HI	LO													
Illinois	ts	46	37	pc	47	23	Albany	pc	42	34	su	61	39	Fairbanks	pc	16	0	pc	21	0	Palm Beach	pc	82	71	ts	84	68	Acapulco	su	65	44	Kingston	pc	87	74
Carbondale	ts	55	30	pc	47	23	Albuquerque	pc	43	20	su	49	30	Fargo	sh	25	7	pc	10	-18	Palm Springs	su	63	43	pc	67	47	Algiers	su	65	44	Lima	sh	82	72
Champaign	ts	56	30	pc	35	15	Amarillo	pc	47	25	su	58	31	Flagstaff	su	35	8	ci	39	11	Philadelphia	sh	47	40	rs	58	34	Amsterdam	su	55	31	London	su	60	38
Decatur	ts	56	30	pc	35	16	Anchorage	pc	47	25	su	57	33	Fort Myers	pc	86	70	pc	84	66	Phoenix	pc	56	37	sh	63	41	Ankara	su	51	33	Madrid	su	68	36
Moline	ts	40	26	pc	30	7	Asheville	sh	51	47	su	59	31	Fort Smith	ts	65	35	su	56	32	Pittsburgh	sh	46	43	pc	55	23	Athens	rs	51	40	Montreal	pc	62	36
Peoria	ts	52	29	pc	32	12	Atlanta	sh	26	6	pc	32	11	Fresno	pc	58	39	ci	62	42	Portland, ME	pc	38	30	rs	43	31	Auckland	sh	65	47	Manila	su	90	72
Quincy	sh	51	29	pc	35	16	Aspen	sh	26	6	pc	32	11	Grand Junc.	su	34	16	pc	39	19	Portland, OR	sh	44	36	pc	43	34	Baghdad	pc	69	49	Mexico City	pc	79	52
Rockford	fr	38	29	pc	32	4	Atlanta	sh	55	33	pc	32	4	Great Falls	ss	17	-13	ss	-1	-12	Providence	ci	42	32	rs	52	34	Bangkok	pc	92	80	Montrey	sh	77	53
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BULLS

Robin Lopez gets chance to play, delivers late put-back to help Bulls top Magic 110-109 in Orlando. [Page 3](#)

NFL

Patriots owner Robert Kraft charged with sex solicitation at Florida massage parlor. [Page 4](#)

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BEARS

Parkey break

Bears set to release maligned kicker at start of league year next month

BY COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune

The Cody Parkey era in Chicago will come to an unsurprising end soon.

The Bears will release their embattled kicker at the start of the league year March 13, a source confirmed Friday. NFL Network first reported the news.

The move will bring to a close a tumultuous year that started when the Bears signed Parkey to a four-year, \$15 million contract and hit a low point when he missed the potential winning 43-yard field-goal attempt in a first-round playoff loss to the Eagles with a "double doink" off the left upright and crossbar.

After the Bears guaranteed him \$9 million last spring, Parkey made just 77 percent of his field-goal attempts, making him the third most inaccurate kicker in the NFL with more than 15 attempts. The Bears still will owe him \$3.5 million after releasing him.

He was 23-for-30 on field-goal attempts and 42-for-45 on extra-point attempts over 16 games in the regular season. Trouble started brewing for Parkey when he hit an upright an astounding four times — twice on missed field-goal attempts and twice on missed extra-point tries — in a Nov. 11 victory

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Cody Parkey runs off the field after missing his final kick against the Eagles on Jan. 6.

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CUBS

'Something else to offer besides a bat and glove'

Veteran leader Zobrist, 37, vows to be more assertive

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Ben Zobrist thinks complacency might be too harsh of a word to describe the Cubs' early playoff exit last season.

"I think we realize this is never something to take for granted," Zobrist said Friday, his first day at spring training camp. "I don't think anyone was necessarily (complacent). You have to really stay on it and stay on the discipline and the details.

"So we're back working toward those ends. I feel like as a club, if we can continue to spur each other on toward that end, I don't see how there's anyone who can beat us. I believe in the guys in this clubhouse."

Entering the final year of a four-year contract, Zobrist, 37, said he plans to stay with the team for the duration after being excused from the first four days of full-squad workouts to attend to a personal matter.

On the basis of a 13-year career that includes the game-winning hit in Game 7 of the 2016 World Series, a .305 batting average in 2018 and a diligent work ethic, Zobrist has built enough cachet for permission to arrive late while maintaining the respect of his younger teammates.

And Zobrist, who played 139 games last season while serving at four

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ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Blackhawks center Drake Caggiula goes after a loose puck during the first period of Friday night's game against the Avalanche at the United Center.

BLACKHAWKS

Caggiula a welcome sight for suddenly surging Blackhawks

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

A few of Drake Caggiula's teeth already have been sacrificed at the altar of hockey. That's an occupational hazard he's willing to live with.

But losing his eyesight? That's a frightening thought.

"I'd rather take stitches than mess with my vision or anything like that," Caggiula said. "Or maybe even give up a couple more teeth."

Caggiula, his eyesight back to normal but front teeth still missing, joked around Friday, two days after the blade of Jonathan Toews' stick struck him in the right eye and forced Caggiula to leave a game against the Red Wings.

"When it comes to your vision, it's a pretty scary thing," Caggiula said. "At the

HAWKS RECAP

Northbrook native J.T. Compher's second goal of the game with 5 minutes, 22 seconds left in the third period lifted the Avalanche to a 5-3 victory over the Blackhawks on Friday night at the United Center. The loss dropped the Hawks three points out of the final Western Conference wild-card spot. For the full story from Friday's game, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

time, before I was even able to open (my eye), I was pretty worried about how bad it was. And then when I did open it and everything was blurry, that made me a little bit worried as well."

Turn to *Blackhawks*, [Page 3](#)

Prospects get spotlight without Machado

High hopes for young stars Jimenez, Madrigal, Cease



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The long journey from first pitch of the Cactus League opener to last pitch of the regular season spans seven-plus months, more than enough time to measure the growth of a 20-something prospect

whose future already seems written in stone.

Eloy Jimenez, Nick Madrigal and Dylan Cease enter opening day of the White Sox's spring season Saturday with similar visions and confidence, but nothing can be taken for granted in this game, no matter your ranking on anyone's top 100 list.

If they had any question about that, the Sox kids only had to look across the clubhouse at Michael Kopech.

This was supposed to be his spring, the one in which Kopech would become the undisputed staff ace and help vault the Sox rebuild to the next level.

Instead he's rehabbing from a gut-wrenching elbow injury that forced him into being an interested onlooker in 2019. Kopech still dresses, talks and looks like he's ready to play, which only makes it harder for him to miss out on what's in store for this Sox team.

Jimenez is expected to play against the Dodgers in a split-squad game at Camelback Ranch on Saturday, with

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CUBS

CUBS 5 TAKEAWAYS

Rain not spoiling plans to start play

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Here are five takeaways from Cubs spring training Friday:

1. Weather or not, the Cactus League season opens Saturday: Despite persistent showers Friday, the Cubs are confident the rain will give way in plenty of time for Saturday's Cactus League opener against the National League Central rival Brewers at Sloan Park.

"Everything should fall into place," manager Joe Maddon said.

The Cubs are grateful that their spring facility, now in its sixth season, has enough indoor space to accommodate nearly all their scheduled drills. The lone exception is live outdoor batting practice, but Maddon believes the Cubs have completed enough work for the pitchers to remain on schedule.

2. The Cubs are serious about domestic violence prevention training: The entire spring training staff and players will attend a Saturday morning training session on domestic violence prevention. Every team employee must attend classes.

President Theo Epstein decided to take an active role in preventive measures and increased education in the wake of Addison Russell's incident involving his ex-wife that led to a 40-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's policy.

The Cubs also met Friday morning with members of Baseball Assistance Team that raises money to confidentially assist baseball families in need of help.

3. Ben Zobrist could duplicate last season's workload: Zobrist showed no signs of slowing down last season despite turning 37 in May, and Maddon said he may stick with the same schedule that enabled Zobrist to play four defensive positions and in 139 games.

"I felt great last year (with) the way they handled me personally, managing my body where I'm at in my career," Zobrist said. "I felt very well-maximized in what I was capable of doing. I hope I can get to that level again."

"(Playing) 139 games would be good, but I'd rather be 139 games plus (11) more wins or whatever it is when you go through the whole postseason. We'd like to get back there."



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Junichi Tazawa throws during a Cubs spring training workout Friday at soggy Sloan Park in Mesa, Ariz.

"I'm dedicated to getting there." Maddon envisioned the same schedule that saw the switch-hitting Zobrist play as many as three consecutive games followed by a day off or not starting a day game after a night game.

"Against right-handed pitchers, I definitely want to see him batting left-handed," Maddon said. "So you're going to see a lot of the same formula this year as long as he's well."

4. The Cubs are "moving things forward" with Tyler Chatwood: The Cubs are doing their best to help Chatwood focus on the present and not his disastrous 2018 season, from his bullpen sessions to working with new mental-skills coordinator Bob Tewksbury.

"Of course it didn't work out that way (last year), but you don't want to continually go back," Maddon said. "Let's move this thing forward. We know how good you are."

Maddon believes Chatwood, who walked 95 in 103 ²/₃ innings last season, could connect well with Tewksbury because of their pitching backgrounds and the fact that Tewksbury "creates the package that is appealing to a lot of young players, especially pitchers."

5. Victor Caratini is willing to accept any playing time: Caratini is ready for any role, especially because he's saddled behind Willson Contreras, who caught a major-league-high 1,109 ²/₃ innings last season.

"I just prepared as much as I could this offseason," said Caratini, 25, who played winter ball in his native Puerto Rico. "The goal is to get up here and play as often as I can to try to help the team every single day."

"I'm a natural infielder. I grew up being an infielder, so whenever I play first or third, I feel comfortable there. It's not foreign, and it's only a plus for me to play more often at different positions and be as versatile as I can."

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Veteran leader Zobrist, 37, vows to be more assertive

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positions, is willing to become more assertive if the situation warrants.

"I hope that doesn't mean showing up in the 15th inning to pitch an inning," Zobrist quipped. "We saw that happen a couple times. I think the veteran leadership in clubhouses is being potentially undervalued at this point in the game."

"I hope I can provide something, and they can see something that guys with experience, guys that can move around the field. There are guys still in the open market who aren't being picked up yet. And there's a lot of value they can bring to a clubhouse that people won't necessarily see. It may not show up on a Statcast necessarily. But I believe I have something else to offer besides a bat and glove."

Zobrist reiterated he hasn't looked past this season but he appreciates that Cubs executives valued his opinion of the team after the 2018 season.

"When you feel like you get to have a voice and get a chance to potentially have a say in what could happen as a new year comes, you jump in," Zobrist said. "I've thought a lot about it over the offseason."

"I'm excited about the potential of how things can change and the mindset going forward. I can't wait to see it play out."

Because of Zobrist's production, experience and versatility, he presents a pleasant problem as manager Joe Maddon tries to find spots for the less-seasoned, younger players who need

"He looks as good right now physically as last year coming into camp."

— Joe Maddon on Ben Zobrist

playing time.

"That may preclude someone from getting out there, but that's just the way it is right now," Maddon said. "He looks as good right now physically as last year coming into camp."

Zobrist volleyed a reminder that unsigned veteran free agents and players can be worth more than just their statistics.

"The value of the player is being minimized over the course of the entire spectrum of what they're able to bring to the table, so we're looking at specific numbers," Zobrist said. "We're looking at a specific value that those numbers bring on the field, and there's a human element that we really have to continue to recognize."

"Otherwise it's going to get lost in the numbers, and we're kind of seeing that happen over the last couple years. We have to be aware of it and continue to remember these guys are growing and developing, and the numbers will change over time in a good way. We tend to be judged on what we've done recently. But there's also that human element where the guys are going to get better."

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WHITE SOX

WHITE SOX 5 TAKEAWAYS

Santana signing not a risky move

BY PAUL SULLIVAN
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GLENDALE, Ariz. — Five takeaways from Friday at White Sox camp:

1. Signing Ervin Santana is a low-risk deal that could pay off: The Sox finally made a move to add a veteran free agent to the rotation, though it wasn't a high-priced option such as Dallas Keuchel. Santana, 36, signed a minor-league deal, according to MLB Network's Jon Heyman.

Manager Rick Renteria said he could not deny the report but added: "Until I see someone here in camp, I try to stay away from commenting."

Renteria said about three pitchers are vying for the fifth spot, though minor-league acquisition Manny Banuelos and returnee Dylan Covey are the two considered to be in the running. That bodes well for Santana, who has a 149-125 career record with a 4.06 ERA in 14 seasons with the Angels, Royals, Braves and Twins.

Santana went 16-8 with a 3.28 ERA for the Twins in 2017 and made the American League All-Star team before missing most of 2018 after finger surgery.

If he's healthy, he would be a starter who could give the Sox some innings. They can always flip him at the trade deadline for a prospect if Santana pitches well and they're not in contention.

The Sox obviously have the money to sign someone such as Keuchel after offering \$250 million to Manny Machado, but

apparently they won't spend much of it on any of the remaining free agents.

2. As for the one that got away ... Machado wouldn't touch the subject of the Sox when asked about their pursuit during his introductory news conference in Peoria, Ariz.

"Honestly, I'm proud to be a Padre," he said. "This is where I wanted to be and I'm very happy to be here."

Machado even suggested Sox players Yonder Alonso, his brother-in-law, and good friend Jon Jay were raving about San Diego.

"They talked great about San Diego," he said. "They never stopped talking about it. Yonder loves it, Jon Jay as well. They're just happy for me and my family and my situation."

"I'm going to see them quite a bit here in Arizona and we're always going to be a phone call away, like we talk every day."

Padres Chairman Ron Fowler threw some shade at the Sox, according to USA Today's Bob Nightengale, saying: "We're a lot happier than the White Sox right now."

Get back to us in Year 8 of the contract.

3. Yoan Moncada is starting over: The Sox open Cactus League play Saturday with split-squad games at home against the Dodgers at Camelback Ranch and on the road against the A's in Mesa.

Moncada is expected to be in Mesa, beginning his transition to third base.

"His work has been going very, very well," Renteria said. "We haven't been able to get on the field the last couple of days. ... I just want to see him see balls off the bat, make the plays, make whatever adjustments we need to make after we've seen him play there a couple of times. (It's about) getting the feel for the nuances of playing third base again."

4. Pitching plans are top-secret: Pitching coach Don Cooper often has his top starters throwing on back fields instead of in Cactus League games early in spring training, and that seems to be the case again this year with his four main starters: Carlos Rodon, Reynaldo Lopez, Lucas Giolito and Ivan Nova.

"We're going to hold those guys back," Renteria said. "It's just the way Coop has it set up. We'll let you guys know when we're going and, if need be, when we're working on the back fields."

5. Luis Basabe's injury was a shocker: The outfield prospect fractured the hamate bone in his left wrist while swinging in batting practice this week and said he is scheduled for surgery Monday.

"The first time I felt it, I wasn't overly concerned," Basabe said. "I thought I would be good to go in a week."

Instead, the prospect acquired in the Chris Sale trade could miss up to three months.

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Outfielder Eloy Jimenez and the White Sox open their Cactus League schedule Saturday.

Focus turns to prospects

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Madrigal traveling to Mesa for a game against the A's at HoHoKam Park. Cease's pitching schedule is to be announced.

With Manny Machado officially out of the picture and at Padres camp, the Sox finally can go back to what they do best: sell the promise of a brighter tomorrow.

Manager Rick Renteria wouldn't say whether Jimenez will start because, well, he's Rick Renteria, and it's never too early to keep things top-secret.

Hitting coach Todd Steversen said he doesn't know the plan for Jimenez, but in general the Sox hitters get around 50-60 at-bats over the course of the spring to get ready.

What do the Sox specifically want to see from Eloy?

"I just want to see him," Steversen said. "I haven't really seen him live very long. His work is impeccable. His BPs are great. Now I get a chance to watch him in games."

Jimenez was injured much of last spring with left knee tendinitis, though he did manage to hit two opposite-field home runs and finish with a slash line of .571/.667/.1714 in nine at-bats.

Jimenez's two-run, pinch-hit home run at Sloan Park against the Cubs, his former team, was one of those rare spring training moments that sticks in your mind. If he has the season most believe he's capable of, Sox fans

could be wearing "Manny Who?" T-shirts before long.

Madrigal, the 2018 first-round draft pick out of Oregon State, is expected to play second base against the A's in his Cactus League debut, though he wasn't sure of the plan after a rain-shortened workout Friday at the Ranch.

Madrigal said nothing has surprised him so far this spring and he's "ready to show what I can do." Madrigal is not going to make the team, of course, with only a half-season of Class-A experience under his belt.

"Yeah, we'll see what happens," he said.

OK. Correction: Madrigal is unlikely to make the Sox out of spring training.

"I mean, I don't think you know the lineup," he said. "I don't know the lineup. No one knows the opening-day lineup, so I'm going to go as hard as I can and see what happens."

"I don't think there is one person in the world that knows what's going to happen exactly. I don't even think the coaches know yet what they're going to do."

"I'm not going to count myself out. A lot of people can say that."

True, Renteria doesn't even know what he's going to do on opening day, and even if he did, he wouldn't tell us. At least Madrigal doesn't lack confidence, so put him on track for an early arrival, even if it's not opening day.

Cease, who with Jimenez was part of the four-prospect package the Cubs sent to the Sox for Jose Quintana in July 2017, went through his first big league camp last year, making three Cactus League starts and showing he belonged. He went on to become MLB Pipeline's Minor League Pitcher of the Year and like Jimenez is getting closer to learning the best backstreets to avoid postgame traffic in Bridgeport.

"I saw my process have some success, so I know I'm on the right track at least," Cease said. "I feel more like I should be here, whereas last year I didn't feel like I'd necessarily earned the right to be here."

Why wouldn't he have been invited to Sox camp?

"I didn't feel I'd executed pitches well the year previous," Cease said. "I have all the talent in the world. It's just whether I can mold it into something to help the team win. This year I feel like I do deserve to be here."

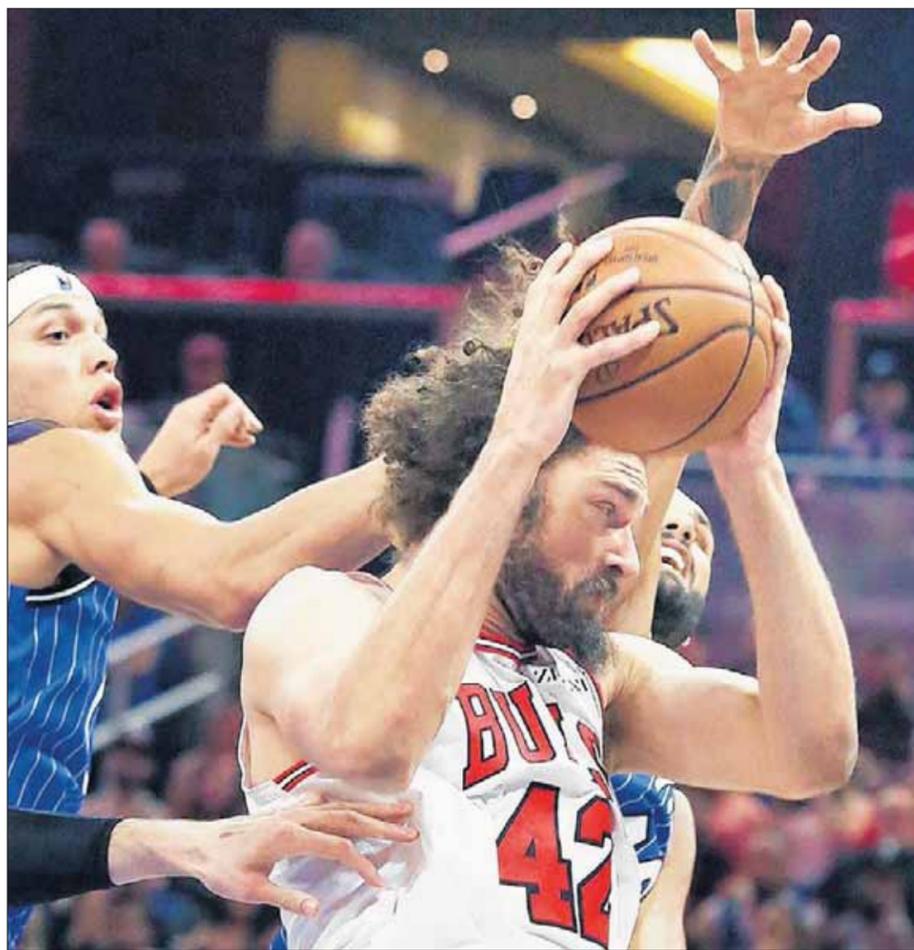
All three deserve to be here on this unseasonably cold stage in the so-called Valley of the Sun, starting the spring season with the major-league team.

No, we don't know how they'll all end up. Life interrupts when you least suspect it.

But we can enjoy the fact they're here now, starting the ride together.

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Robin Lopez clutches the ball as he is hounded by Aaron Gordon, left, and two other Magic defenders.

BULLS 110, MAGIC 109

Veteran's day

Lopez gets chance to contribute, plays key role in victory

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

ORLANDO, Fla. — What a difference a year makes.

Coming out of last season's All-Star break, management told Fred Hoiberg to remove Robin Lopez and Justin Holiday as starters to assist in efforts to maximize draft-lottery positioning.

For Friday night's 110-109 victory over the Magic, Lopez not only started, he played 31 minutes and gave the Bulls a two-point lead on a putback with 8.7 seconds left. He also had several plays called for him, emblematic of coach Jim Boylen's desire to establish a paint presence early.

"Any NBA player always is going to be happy to be playing," Lopez said. "Base motivation right there."

Lopez's professional reaction to last season's demotion is one of the many examples of his selfless contributions to the franchise, both on and off the court, since being acquired in the June 2016 Derrick Rose trade to the Knicks.

Asked again Friday if last season's high road was hard to navigate, Lopez shook his head.

"No NBA player likes to see their minutes cut like that. That goes without saying," he said. "But that's what the team needed from me."

Lopez has downplayed talk of a potential buyout before the March 1 deadline to be playoff-

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eligible if he signed with another team. Similar to his stance when he sat last season, he's not a boat rocker.

Bulls executive vice president John Paxson has expressed his distaste for the buyout process anyway, although the situation is fluid and could change by the deadline.

"I don't know what's going to happen, but I haven't been thinking about that," Lopez said. "It's been going well lately here. And I'm proud to be a part of that. I love playing with these guys."

In fact, here's a crazy possibility: After the trade of Bobby Portis, the Bulls need to sign a veteran big man in free agency this summer. Lauri Markkanen and Wendell Carter Jr. are the starters, but Lopez actually makes sense at the right price as a valuable reserve.

Would Lopez, who will be an unrestricted free agent for the second time in his career, consider it?

"I wouldn't be mad being back here," he said. "I love the dudes on this team, love the staff. So it'd be great to be back with these guys. We'll see what happens."

"There are a lot of variables. So many that I can't possibly divine what might happen right now."

Boylen certainly would welcome it.

"It's his decision, but any program, including us, would be grateful for him," Boylen said. "If he wants to be a part of what we're doing that would be great."

Obviously the business side of it is the business side of it, but Bulls across his chest means something. Even through all the trade rumors, all the junk that goes on before the deadline, he has a winning attitude and a great spirit."

The Bulls had a great spirit throughout this one, improving to 3-2 with Otto Porter Jr., who scored 17 points.

Markkanen posted 25 points and 11 rebounds, his fifth 20-point, 10-rebound game over his last six and sank the winning free throws with 1.5 seconds left after Aaron Gordon fouled him on a 3-point attempt. Markkanen sank two of three after Evan Fournier's 3-pointer answered Lopez's putback for a one-point Magic lead.

Fournier missed at the buzzer. Zach LaVine scored 22 points with six assists, running his career-best streak of five or more assists to six games.

Lopez finished with 18 points and six rebounds, his season-high sixth straight game scoring in double figures.

"He brings a maturity and a work ethic," Boylen said of what he values in Lopez. "Practice is very important to him. He's punctual, which is big for me. He cares about his craft. He's an example to our young guys."

"(That's) besides what he does on the floor, in the pocket and on the boards. His communication and his selflessness, those are great too. He's a team guy. He's a winning player. I'm just thankful he's here."

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BULLS NOTES

LaVine says Dunn is 'doing just fine'

By K.C. JOHNSON
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ORLANDO, Fla. — Kris Dunn returned to the starting lineup after missing the final game before the All-Star break with a lower back bruise.

His stature as a guaranteed member of the Bulls' core has taken some bumps as well, and these final six-plus weeks will be important for the third-year guard.

Zach LaVine, his teammate with the Bulls and Timberwolves, long has had Dunn's back.

"I think everybody gets that stigma every once in a while, but he's handled it the right way," LaVine said. "He practices hard. So I'm cool with Kris. We've always been good teammates."

"He's a great on-ball and off-ball defender, and he's working on his offensive game as well. Last year was his first time starting as a point guard in the NBA. It's always tough to judge somebody on just one year of work. He's doing just fine."

Coach Jim Boylen always touts Dunn's ability to accept coaching and his film study as

benchmarks that his game can still grow. But Dunn will be 25 next month. And with him eligible for an extension of his rookie deal this offseason, he's in a position to be judged.

That's also why it's imperative for Dunn, who has suffered several freak injuries with the Bulls, to stay healthy.

"We're still evaluating Kris and it's important, for the rest of this year, for the good or the bad, to let Kris play," executive vice president John Paxson said last week. "Get him experience and keep trying to become the player that he wants to become."

Schedule stuff: Starting with their game Friday night against the Magic, the Bulls follow their 6½-day All-Star break with three games in four nights, including finishing a back-to-back set Saturday at home against the Celtics.

"It's the first time I've experienced that," said Boylen, who owns two decades of NBA experience. "It's something I spoke to the training and medical staff about, how to get them ready to play three in four but also get them back mentally and phys-

ically from the break. As much as the league wants a longer break, it's tough to manage."

The NBA went to a longer All-Star break in 2014-15 in part to spread the schedule out and help limit each team's number of back-to-back games.

Boylen has a term called "gold days" that represent times where, with two days between games, he can hold a contact practice. One was this week.

Layups: The NBA changed the box score from the Bulls-Grizzlies game just before the All-Star break, taking away a rebound from Lauri Markkanen. So his streak of double-doubles and 20-point, 10-rebound games ended at four. He's one of four players in franchise history to have four straight 20-10 games, joining Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Carlos Boozer. ... Timothe Luwau-Cabarrot played after missing practice with an oblique contusion. ... Boylen opted to hold a walk-through in a ballroom at the team hotel rather than hold a morning shootaround. It was scheduled to be held at a high school that didn't have a 3-point line.

BLACKHAWKS

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Jokiharju recalled to bolster defense

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

With Brent Seabrook still out because of an abdominal strain and Carl Dahlstrom suffering flu-like symptoms, the Blackhawks on Friday recalled rookie defenseman Henri Jokiharju from Rockford.

Despite being on the ice for Friday's morning skate, Seabrook missed his third straight game. Coach Jeremy Colliton said Jokiharju was called up as a precaution in case Dahlstrom wasn't available, which would have left the Hawks with five healthy defensemen.

Shortly before game time, the Hawks announced Dahlstrom would not play and Jokiharju would be in the starting lineup for the first time since Jan. 22.

Jokiharju, who played in 37 games for the Hawks before he was sent to Rockford last month, had one goal and eight assists in nine games for the IceHogs. Last week, Colliton said Jokiharju was "where he should be for now," and there were no plans to bring him back to the Hawks.

"He's playing a lot and getting a little bit of swagger back to his game," Colliton said. "Making a few more plays than maybe (when) he was here, and that's what we need from him."

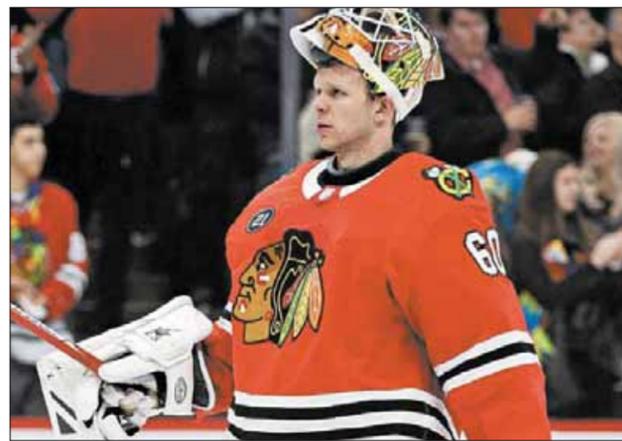
"He's got to make plays. It's part of how he shows he can help the team win."

Mind games: Patrick Kane was well aware he had a 19-game point streak entering Friday's game against the Avalanche, but it hasn't been weighing on him the same way his 26-game point streak did in 2015-16.

"Last time, once it got up there and kept going — I don't want to say you're ready for it to be over, but at that point you're ready to play hockey again and not worry about it," Kane said.

"Now it's like you know the number's there, but you're just playing hockey."

One-timers: Cam Ward crossed the 40,000-minute mark in career ice time during Wednesday's 5-4 overtime win over the Red Wings. He joined Roberto Luongo, Henrik Lundqvist, Marc-Andre Fleury and Ryan Miller as the only active goalies to reach that milestone. ... Kane played in his 882nd career game Wednesday to pass Denis Savard for 10th place on the Hawks' all-time list. With 920 career points, he needs four to move past Steve Larmer into fourth place. ... The Hawks announced 99 percent of season-ticket holders would not see a price increase next season.



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Blackhawks goaltender Collin Delia lifts his mask and takes a break during a stoppage in play Friday night against the Avalanche.

Caggiula welcome sight for surging Blackhawks

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in the league.

All Caggiula had to worry about Friday night was the Avalanche, who came to the United Center tied with the Blackhawks in the Western Conference with 61 points. Along with the Coyotes, they trailed the Wild by a point for the final wild-card spot.

The stakes were high and Caggiula was right in the thick of things, just as he had been for the last month since he joined the Hawks' top line with Toews and Patrick Kane. Coincidence or not, the Hawks had won 11 of 13 games since this line debuted, and Caggiula is a big reason for its success.

As big as Kane and Toews? No, but don't diminish Caggiula's contributions to a line that helped turn the Hawks' season around.

"For his size (5-foot-10, 176 pounds), he's fearless," Toews said of Caggiula. "He likes to go into traffic. (Defensemen) especially don't expect to get hit by a guy like that, but he just comes flying in and throws (his) body, and he'll come up with pucks that you don't expect him to come up with. His skill is definitely underrated."

The NHL trend has been to break up lines if production fades or the team needs a jolt. Over the first three months of the season, the Avalanche's top line of Gabriel Landeskog, Nathan MacKinnon and Mikko Rantanen was the best

Now they're each skating on different lines as the Avs try to recover from a recent eight-game losing streak. They entered Friday having won three of four since the skid.

Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton hasn't been shy about changing combinations. He paired Toews and Kane in November with Alex DeBrincat, Nick Schmaltz and then Brandon Saad, but none of the combos did much damage. Toews and Kane averaged less than a point per game and combined for four goals in eight games with one of the three.

Since joining with Caggiula 12 games ago, Kane (27 points entering Friday) and Toews (19) have been practically unstoppable. Colliton's instinct that it was a good fit for Caggiula was spot-on. He had only one assist in six games after arriving in a trade with the Oilers when the move was made.

"I just like his competitiveness and his willingness to go to the net and get into battles and be physical," Colliton said. "He's not a big guy but wins a lot of 50-50 pucks. He gets pucks out, he gets pucks in. That helps the other two so they're in the offensive zone more and they have puck possession."

"He's been a real nice fit."

And quite a sight for sore eyes.

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Blue Jackets add veteran Duchene

The Blue Jackets acquired Matt Duchene from the Senators on Friday in exchange for a 2019 first-round draft pick and two top prospects, adding a veteran center as they make a push for a playoff spot.

The 28-year-old Duchene, one of the top players available ahead of Monday's trade deadline, was dealt for forwards Vitaly Abramov and Jonathan Davidsson. Columbus also got minor-league defenseman Julius Bergman hours before the teams played each other in Ottawa.

Duchene did not record a point in 19:11 of ice time in his

Columbus debut as the Blue Jackets beat the Senators 3-0.

Columbus will send an additional 2020 first-round pick to Ottawa if it signs Duchene to a contract extension. He will be an unrestricted free agent after the season.

■ The Capitals upgraded their blue line by acquiring Nick Jensen from the Red Wings. They sent a 2020 second-round pick and D Madison Bowey to Detroit for Jensen and a 2019 fifth-round pick. The Capitals then signed the pending free agent to a \$10 million, four-year extension. AP

NFL

Bears parting with Parkey

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over the Lions.

After that outing, the Bears orchestrated trips to the city for him to practice at Soldier Field, and local news outlets deployed helicopters to film the first session.

Parkey hit an upright again on an extra-point attempt in the regular-season finale against the Vikings in Minneapolis.

After making his first three attempts in the playoff game, he missed the winner in the final seconds on a kick that later was ruled tipped.

He drew criticism five days later when he went on NBC's "Today" show, a move he didn't clear with the Bears ahead of time. Coach Matt Nagy made clear he didn't approve of the interview, saying he didn't think it was "a 'we' thing."

"Looking up, I saw it hit the upright and it hit the crossbar, and I'm like, 'Surely it will go in,'" Parkey said during that "Today" interview. "Unfortunately it bounced toward me. I'm disappointed I let the fans, my teammates and the entire organization down, but I'll continue to keep my head held high because football is what I do. It's not who I am."

General manager Ryan Pace said at a news conference in January that the kicker position would be "an emphasis" for the Bears this offseason. They signed kicker Redford Jones after holding tryouts in January.

"We need more production out of that position," Pace said. "We know we need to get better there, and it will be an area of focus."

Jones was not drafted after going 12-for-16 on field-goal attempts and 44-for-45 on extra points as a Tulsa senior in 2017.

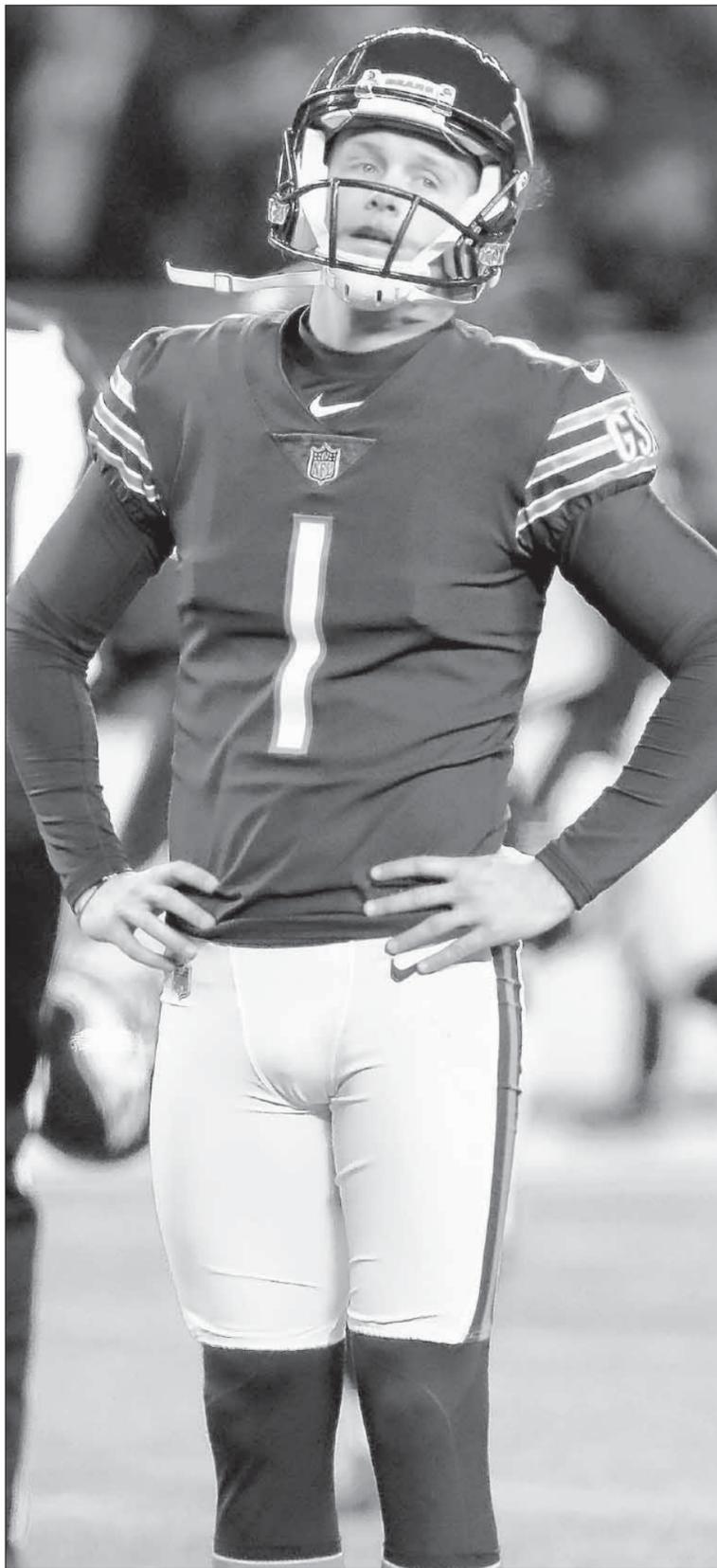
He didn't kick for an NFL team in 2018 but has been training with former NFL kicker John Carney.

Jones might not be the Bears' final answer as they are sure to consider potential prospects through the draft or free agency.

Former Bears kicker Robbie Gould, who made 33 of 34 field-goal attempts with the 49ers in 2018, is set to be an unrestricted free agent in March and might be open to a reunion. But the 49ers could place the franchise tag on Gould or work out a new contract with him.

Pace and Nagy will address the media at the NFL combine in Indianapolis next week.

Parkey now will try to latch on to his fifth team in his sixth year in the NFL. He spent two seasons with the Eagles, making it to the Pro Bowl as a rookie in 2014, before kicking for the Browns, Dolphins and Bears in consecutive seasons.



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Cody Parkey missed seven field-goal attempts during the regular season, in addition to the decisive miss in the playoffs, during his lone season with the Bears.

Kraft charged with sex solicitation

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Joshua Replogle
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Robert Kraft, the billionaire owner of the New England Patriots, faces charges of soliciting a prostitute after he was twice videotaped in a sex act at a shopping-center massage parlor in Florida, police said Friday.

The 77-year-old Kraft denied any wrongdoing. The case comes amid a crackdown on sex trafficking from Palm Beach to Orlando in which police planted cameras in massage parlors.

Kraft was not immediately arrested. Jupiter police said a warrant will be issued and his attorneys will be notified. They said details about the misdemeanor charges against the owner of the Super Bowl champions will not be released until next week.

Hundreds of arrest warrants have been issued in recent days as a result of the six-month investigation, and more are expected. Ten spas have been closed, and several people have been taken into custody on sex trafficking charges.

Most people charged for the first time with soliciting a prostitute in Florida are allowed to enter a diversion program, said attorney David Weinstein, a former prosecutor. Kraft would probably have to perform 100 hours of community service and attend a course on the harmful effects of prostitution and sex trafficking, Weinstein said.

The arrest could also get Kraft in trouble with the NFL, which in a statement said only that it is "aware of the ongoing law enforcement matter and will continue to monitor developments."

Under league policy, players, owners, coaches and other employees can be punished for "conduct detrimental to the integrity of and public confidence in" the NFL.

"Ownership and club or league management have traditionally been held to a higher standard and will be subject to more significant discipline," the policy says.

The Patriots won the Super Bowl this month over the Los Angeles Rams for their sixth NFL championship in the last 18 seasons, making them the most successful team in pro sports during that span. Before the Super Bowl, several retired NFL players appeared in a public service announcement decrying sexual exploitation and human trafficking in Atlanta, the host city.

Spencer reported from Fort Lauderdale. AP's Kyle Hightower in Boston and Kevin Frekking in Washington, D.C., contributed.

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GOLF

Johnson up by 2 shots in Mexico

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Tiger Woods delivered the shot that had the gallery buzzing. Dustin Johnson produced the golf that left everyone chasing him.

Johnson made it through another round at the Mexico Championship without a bogey, and he was so efficient Friday that he putted for birdie on every hole, one of them from just on the fringe. It added to a 4-under 67 and a two-shot lead over Rory McIlroy and Matt Kuchar.

“Just hit a lot of fairways, hit a lot of greens,” Johnson said.

The memorable moments belonged to everyone else, not all of them good.

Woods started to figure out Chapultepec Golf Club a little better in his second full round and made a collection of medium-length birdie putts for a 66 that got him back in the game, though still six shots behind.

He would have liked one more, especially with the shot he hit at the end of his round. From a bunker right of the ninth fairway, a tree in his path, Woods sliced a 9-iron from about 130 yards that caught the left side of the green with so much spin that it zipped sideways at the pin and rolled 10 feet by. He settled for a par.

“The ball was sitting down just enough where I didn’t think I could clear that tree,” Woods said. “I ended up going back to the 9-iron and realized, ‘Jeez, I’ve really got to slice this thing.’ So I opened up and gave it as much of a cut motion as I possibly could. And it worked out.”

Johnson was at 11-under 131 on a course where he won two years ago, when he was No. 1 in the world and playing his best golf. Johnson feels he is heading in that direction again, and the course suits him —



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Dustin Johnson plays his shot from the 17th tee during the second round of World Golf Championships on Friday.

not for the length or how far he hits it in altitude, but for the thinking required.

“It makes you focus. You’ve got to think,” he said. “And you’re doing a lot of calculations with the numbers and trying to figure out how far the ball is going to actually go. So I enjoy it. It’s pretty narrow, but it’s tree-lined, so I do like that.”

McIlroy (70) appeared to be the one to chase when he started with two straight birdies. He lost one shot when he went for the green on the par-5 sixth and his shot caromed off the hill and into the water. The real trouble came at No. 9. He had a 15-foot birdie putt from the fringe, ran it by the hole, caught the lip on his par putt and saw it roll just less than 5 feet away, and he missed again. Four putts from 15 feet led to double bogey, and McIlroy’s momentum was gone.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Boeheim won't miss game after accident

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Jim Boeheim has faced his share of obstacles in his long career at Syracuse, but none like the one the Hall of Fame coach faces now.

When top-ranked Duke comes to town on Saturday evening for a much-anticipated rematch against the Orange, Boeheim will be dealing with many emotions. It’s the team’s first game since he struck and killed a pedestrian on a dark highway after guiding the Orange to a victory over No. 18 Louisville on Wednesday night.

Doubts about whether Boeheim might miss the game were dispelled Friday when Syracuse athletic director John Wildhack announced that the 74-year-old Boeheim would be on the sideline.

“Our community is shaken. The Boeheim family is heartbroken over what happened, as we all are. This is a very difficult time,” Wildhack said in a news release. “I know that Coach Boeheim’s players gain strength from him, just as he gains strength from his players. Our entire

community gains strength from each other.”

The accident happened on a dark stretch of Interstate 690 in Syracuse. Police say 51-year-old Jorge Jimenez was a passenger in a car that apparently skidded out of control on a patch of ice and hit a guardrail. Police say Jimenez was trying to get to safety when he was struck by Boeheim’s SUV. Boeheim had swerved to avoid the disabled car, which was resting perpendicular across two lanes.

Jimenez was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Another man in the car suffered minor injuries.

Sobriety tests administered to Boeheim and the unidentified driver of the other vehicle were negative for any signs of impairment, according to authorities. No tickets have been issued and the investigation is continuing. Police Chief Kenton T. Buckner said Thursday there was “no reason to believe that there are criminal charges that will be coming for anyone.”

Boeheim addressed the team on Thursday but did not take part in practice.

NASCAR

Unknowns lurking with new rules starting this weekend

By JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

HAMPTON, Ga. — NASCAR rolled into Atlanta Motor Speedway ready to begin a new era of racing that is shrouded in unknowns.

Will it be racier? That’s the point.

Will it make Sunday’s race exciting? That remains to be seen.

“We don’t have that answer. I can tell you that it will be drastically different than what we have done before,” said Kevin Harvick, who routed the field to win last year’s race.

“I would hate to speculate on what the direction of it is going to be and what we are going to do because we don’t know. That is good for everyone watching. We have more questions with zero answers, actually.”

The competition package for 2019 was not used in last week’s season-opening Daytona 500, and a version of it will debut Sunday on Atlanta’s abrasive 1.54-mile quad oval. The lower-horsepower, high-downforce, high-drag formula is designed to slow and bunch the cars and create a more entertaining product.

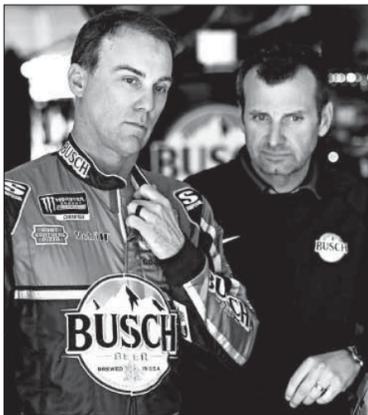
But Atlanta is an anomaly in that its racing surface is one of the oldest in the series and was last repaved in 1997. It is rough and bumpy, quickly eats away at tires and is typically a handful even for the veterans.

In simplest terms, Sunday’s race might look nothing like how the package races the rest of the season.

“This track is unlike any other track, as we all know, with the surface and bumps and the character,” Jimmie Johnson.

“My focus has been to get drivability right and then make speed a secondary item. We’ll see how it all plays out. This package is so new to all of us.”

An early version of the package was used in last year’s All-Star race to rave reviews



CHRIS GRAYTHEN/GETTY-AFF

Kevin Harvick, left, talks with crew chief Rodney Childers during NASCAR practice on Friday.

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from fans that prompted NASCAR to implement it for this season.

Roughly half the field tested the package last month at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, where NASCAR races next week, and the venue that is expected to be a truer indicator of what the competition might look like the rest of the season.

Qualifying: Aric Almirola turned a lap at 181.472 mph Friday to take the top qualifying spot for Sunday’s race and deny teammate Clint Bowyer a slot on the front row. Bowyer was fastest in the lone practice session of the day but slipped to third behind Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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Death Notices

Brage, Erik Brynolf

Erik Brage, 91, peacefully passed away Thursday, February 14, 2019 at Birchwood Nursing Home in Chicago, IL. He is survived by his children, two daughters in Sweden, Sharon and Christina Brogie and four children here, Katrina, Michael, Arne and Anders (Laurie). Erik was predeceased by his wife, Mildred. Erik was a chef for many years at his own restaurants and then later an executive chef at private country clubs in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. In addition to his children, Erik is survived by 11 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

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Farago, Jayne E.

Jayne Farago of Burr Ridge, IL and Scottsdale, AZ, passed away suddenly February 18, 2019 at the age of 65. Jayne is preceded in death by her parents Ralph and Ann Jepsen. She leaves behind her loving husband and childhood sweetheart of 53 years William Farago. Jayne was a devoted mother to William Jr. and Cheryl Miranda; Fabulous Mimi to Madilyn, Ryan, Alana, Samantha and Colin; adored sister to Phillip Jepsen; and cherished sister-in-law and aunt to many. Jayne dedicated her life to taking care of her family and being a loyal friend to everyone who crossed her path.

Visitation will be held Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at 12:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 100 W. Cossitt Avenue, La Grange, IL 60525.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in memory of Jayne Farago to the University of Chicago Medicine Cancer Research Foundation. Checks may be made payable to the “University of Chicago Medicine” and sent to the following address: University of Chicago Gift Administration and Business Date, Jayne Farago Memorial, 5235 S. Harper Court, 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60615. Or gifts can be made online by visiting our website giving.uchicago.edu/jayne-farago

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Fletcher, Delphi ‘Del’

March 7, 1916 – February 21, 2019

Delphi “Del” Fletcher (102), former long time resident of La Grange, passed peacefully on February 21, 2019.

Del moved to La Grange in 1950 and remained active in the surrounding area until her passing, except from 1976-1991, when she returned to Iowa to spend time with her elderly parents. She especially enjoyed her association with the La Grange Presbyterian Church and the fellowship with the Presbyterian Women, the sewing club, luncheons and other church activities. She also enjoyed her association with the La Grange Women’s Club for many years.

At age 96, when she moved into assisted living, she participated in crafts, painting, Bingo, baking, board games and especially enjoyed the bus trips to events and restaurants. She was an avid Chicago Bull’s fan and kept the schedule beside her recliner to keep track of the win/loss record of every game.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Reo J. Fletcher, in 1978, and her two brothers, Dale and Dennis Barr. She is survived by her children, Judy (Jerry) Wallace and Gary (Ellen) Fletcher; her cherished granddaughters Jill Wallace (Dave Gorman) and Julie Wallace (Christopher Hoffelt); and her beloved great-grandchildren Reo, Carrie, Roland, Declan and Adele.

A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue 60525 on March 3 at 2:00. The family will be receiving condolences at 1:00. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange 60525 or to Brookdale Hospice at 3701 Algonquin Rd Suite 100, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

She will be missed by her family and dear friends. As family and friends called, visited or assisted her, she continuously said, “I am so lucky. People are so kind to me. I’m spoiled rotten.”

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Guttman, Sonya Kondritzer

Sonya Kondritzer Guttman, beloved mother of Robert Guttman, Deborah Davis, Ann Guttman (Rick Ratner), and the late Peter Guttman. Cherished grandmother of Isabelle, Marisol, Sandy, Martin (Annabelle), Lillian, Michael, and Benjamin. A memorial service will be held Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 2:00pm at Emanuel Congregation, 5959 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60660. Refreshments following the service at the home of Deborah Davis, 1625 N. Campbell Avenue 2F, Chicago, IL 60647. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sonya’s memory may be made to Planned Parenthood or the ACLU.

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Jenkins, Richard

Richard Jenkins, 84, died on February 17, 2019, after a brief illness. He is survived by his children, Mark (Lynn), Paul (Ellen), Laura (Nathaniel), Peter, and Thomas (Jill), his grandchildren, Christopher (Rachel), Emmett, Cecilia, Caroline, Matthew, Claire, Harry, Teddy, Ruth, Molly, Colin and Sara, and his great-grandchildren, Addison and Elsie. A funeral Mass will be held at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, March 23, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. Donations may be made to Catholic Charities USA at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

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Keil, Beverly K.

Beverly K. Keil, age 86, of Munster, IN passed away on February 20, 2019. She is survived by her loving daughter: Christine (Bruce) Rogers; and loving grandchildren: Andrea Slamkowski, Christine Slamkowski, Emma Rogers, Samuel Rogers, and Nora Rogers. She was preceded in death by her loving husband: Owen I. Keil, and loving daughter: Nancy (Keil) Slamkowski. She was the co-founder of the Keil Chemical Company in Hammond, IN. Visitation with the family will be on Sunday February 24, 2019 from 2-6 p.m. at Burns-Kish Funeral Home, 8415 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN. The funeral service will be on Monday February 25, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with an hour of visitation prior to the service. Interment will be at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, IN. Please visit us at www.burnskish.com.

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Pavnica, Stephanie Ellen

Survived by her devoted husband of 30 years, Mark Erickson, loving children Andrew John and Cassidy Erickson, beloved parents Andrew and Jeanie Pavnica, siblings, Janet (Brian) Casciari, Daniel (Lynn) Pavnica, Maria (Randy) Wright, Father in law, John (Dorothy)

Erickson, Sisters in Law, Lynda (Craig) Ramsey, Julie Erickson, numerous nieces and nephews, and loving companions, Grizzly and Scotty. Stephanie was born in Joliet, Illinois, graduated from Dirksen Junior High School, Joliet Central High School (1979), University of Iowa, 1983 (BS Nursing), University of Illinois Chicago, 1991 (DDS). Stephanie’s love and commitment to her family was her top priority. Stephanie established a private dental practice in Carol Stream, Illinois, Park Dental Care, where she practiced until June 2018. She touched many lives with her passion for dentistry and her personal attention to each patient. She started each day with an early morning run, no matter the weather conditions. She participated in many ½ and full marathons, often recruiting her family and friends to join her in her quest to complete another race. Stephanie was called home to our Lord, doing what she loved, cruising the seas with her family.

Funeral services for Stephanie Pavnica will be held Friday, February 22, 2019 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 701 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers memorials in her name can be made to: NET Research Foundation, (Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation), netfr.org

Peterson, Robert “Bob”

Robert “Bob” Peterson, age 79; beloved husband of Lynn Peterson, nee Morrow; loving father of Joyce Peterson and Kathleen (Michael) Howe; cherished grandfather of Meagan and Stephen Howe. Bob was a proud U.S. Army Veteran, retired Vice President of Merchandising Management in the furniture division of United Supply Company. As an avid golfer, he developed many good golfing buddies in the Chicago area and in Marco Island, Florida. Visitation, Sunday February 24th, 3:00 PM until time of Funeral Service 6:00 PM at Notre Dame Church, 64 Norfolk Avenue, Clarendon Hills, IL. Interment Private. Memorials to, St. Thomas Hospice would be appreciated. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com

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Pink, Phillip J.

Phillip J. Pink, 91. Beloved husband for 65 years of Audrey Pink nee Yanow. Loving father of Bari Pink, Kenneth (Cynthia) Pink, and David Pink. Proud Zadie of Jeffrey, Daniel, Matthew, Alyssa, Jenna and Tristan. Service Monday 10AM at Congregation B’nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, 1201 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL 60015. Interment Zion Gardens. Memorials in his memory to Cong. BJBE, www.bjbe.org where he and Audrey were founding members of Beth Elohim would be appreciated. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals – Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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TO: Prairie Park at Wheeling Condominium Association; Fifth Third Mortgage Company; Taxpayer of 40 Prairie Park Dr. Wheeling, IL 60090. Yun Fu Bai, Changyu Cao, Subramanian Ramaratnam, Murali Suija; Occupant, 40 Prairie Park Dr., Unit 602, Wheeling, IL; Illinois Attorney General; Illinois Dept. of Revenue; Fifth Third Bank; User of Parking Space P-2-62, 40 Prairie Park Dr., Unit 602, Wheeling, IL; User of Park Space P-2-62, 40 Prairie Park Dr., Unit 602, Wheeling, IL; Wheeler Financial, Ltd; Fifth Third Mortgage Corporation; Occupant, 40 Prairie Park Dr., Unit P-2-62, Wheeling, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008450. FILED: 12/14/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-00055885. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 40 Prairie Park Dr., Unit P-2-62, Wheeling, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 03-02-100-074-1270 (n/k/a 03-02-100-082-1270). 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 5/31/2019. 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 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/14/2019. 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 5/31/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Pine Valley One Real Estate LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6144015

TO: Prairie Park at Wheeling Condominium Association; Occupant, 40 Prairie Park Dr., Unit P-2-712, Wheeling, IL; Hamvo Properties LLC; Mickey Hamano; Occupant, 100 Prairie Park Dr., Unit 2-712, Wheeling, IL; User of Parking Space P-2-29, 100 Prairie Park Dr., Unit P-2-712, Wheeling, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008449. FILED: 12/14/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0005884. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 40 Prairie Park Dr., Unit P-2-29, Wheeling, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 03-02-100-074-1237 (n/k/a 03-02-100-082-1237). 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 5/31/2019. 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 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/14/2019. 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 5/31/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Pine Valley One Real Estate LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6144005

TO: Inverrary West Phase II Condominium Association; Alejandro Becerra-Castro; Luis Torres; Alejandra Ocampo; Araceli Barrera Tellez; Occupant, 1229 INVERRARY LN, UNIT 24A, PALATINE, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000156. FILED: 1/14/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0003070. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1229 INVERRARY LN, UNIT 24A, PALATINE, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 02-01-400-102-1009. 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 6/5/2019. 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 6/5/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/19/2019. 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 6/5/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. TTLLB, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6146115

TO: Sherry Preusker, Trustee or her Successors in Trust under the Sherry M. Preusker Revocable Living Trust dated 6/07/2004; Dennis Preusker, Jr.; Michelle Preusker; William; Sherry Preusker; Craig Preusker; Tiffany Preusker; Occupant, 545 Estate Dr., Buffalo Grove, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000432. FILED: 2/1/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0005927. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 545 Estate Dr., Buffalo Grove, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 03-05-312-016-0000. 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 6/5/2019. 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 6/5/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 7/12/2019. 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 6/5/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. TTLLB, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6148675

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Electrical Instrument & Testing Mechanic (Original)

Application Filing Period: February 15, 2019 through March 1, 2019. Examination Date: March 30, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of electrical instrument & testing mechanic practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under general supervision, performs skilled work in the repair, testing and maintenance of various equipment at District facilities including, plant process control equipment, power distribution systems, voice and data communication networks, including telemetry. Pay: \$51,900 per hour

Laboratory Technician II (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: February 15, 2019 through March 15, 2019. Examination Date: April 6, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of Laboratory Technician II practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under supervision, performs all required analyses of sludge, sewage, soils, plant tissue, microbial populations, radiological materials, industrial wastes, and other materials as part of the research or quality control functions of the laboratory; is responsible for specific laboratory apparatus, may act as leader of a work group, or may monitor assigned research projects. Pay: \$52,263.64 per year

Senior Laboratory Technician (Promotional)

Application Filing Period: February 15, 2019 through March 15, 2019. Examination Date: April 6, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of senior laboratory technician practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under general supervision, makes routine chemical, biological or microbiological analyses of sewage sludge, industrial waste, water, fertilizer, and other materials produced, used or disposed of by the District or related to the District's treatment processes. Assists in carrying out chemical and research problems in bacteriology and in determining new or improved methods of analysis. Pay: \$67,032.16 per year

Senior Structural Engineer (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: February 8, 2019 through March 8, 2019. Examination Date: March 29, 2019 at MWRD Main Office Building Annex, 111 East Erie Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of senior structural engineer practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Performs supervisory professional structural engineering work in connection with the design, layout, preparation of plans and estimates and erection or alteration of structural steel, timber, concrete and reinforced concrete structures. Pay: \$97,995.04 per year

Treatment Plant Operator I (Original)

Application Filing Period: February 22, 2019 through March 22, 2019. Examination Date: April 13, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of Treatment Plant Operator I practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under supervision, controls and coordinates the routine sewage treatment process operation on an assigned shift in a sewage treatment plant. Pay: \$59,237.62 per year

Applications can be submitted online only at www.districtjobs.org. Additional information may be found at www.mwrdd.org or call 312-751-5100.

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TO: Lien Unit, Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Dept. of Employment Security; Zbigniew Grzych dba Mike's 3R & Company; Elizabeth Grzych; Carol Grzych; Margaret Grzych; Occupant, 1601 N. Larch Dr., Mount Prospect, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008448. FILED: 12/14/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0003092. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 217 Hamilton Drive, Palatine, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 02-10-406-033-1085. 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 5/31/2019. 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 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/19/2019. 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 5/31/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Pine Valley One Real Estate LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6143948

TO: CitiMortgage, Inc; Steven Goldman; Florence Goldman Revocable Trust; Unknown Heirs & Legatees of Florence Goldman; Diane Goldman; Augusta Wilson; Melissa Bacha; Village of Glenview; Steven Goldman; as possessor, successor, trustee of the Florence Goldman Revocable Trust; Occupant, 624 HUBER LN, GLENVIEW, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008449. FILED: 12/14/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0005884. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 624 HUBER LN, GLENVIEW, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 04-33-412-034-0000. 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 5/31/2019. 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 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/14/2019. 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 5/31/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Cazenovia Creek Funding I, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6148474

TO: Steven Goldman; Steven J. Goldman, as Trustee u/a dated 10/16/02 and Known as The Steven J. Goldman Revocable Trust; Steven J. Goldman; Paula Lieberman; Kwang C. Chung; Angela Nian; Richard Ryan; Irene C. Chung; Occupant, 635 LAKEVIEW LN, Hoffman Estates, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000397. FILED: 2/1/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0002565. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 635 LAKEVIEW LN, Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 07-16-411-018-0000. 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 6/5/2019. 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 6/5/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/19/2019. 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 6/5/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. TTLLB, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6146128

TO: BMO Harris Bank, N.A.; James Campbell; John Campbell; Niraj Kasadia; Occupant, 635 LAKEVIEW LN, HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000158. FILED: 1/14/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0004315. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 635 LAKEVIEW LN, HOFFMAN ESTATES, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 07-16-411-018-0000. 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 6/5/2019. 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 6/5/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/19/2019. 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 6/5/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. TTLLB, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6146128

TO: Cross Creek Consolidated Condominium Association; Beverly Patel; Cross Creek Consolidated Condominium Association; Occupant, 646 Cross Creek Dr. W., Apt. B1, ROSELLE, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000157. FILED: 1/14/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0004385. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 646 Cross Creek Dr. W., Apt. B1, ROSELLE, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 07-35-400-049-1197. 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 6/5/2019. 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 6/5/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/19/2019. 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 6/5/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. TTLLB, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6146123

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TO: Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Richard Lepianka; Monica Lepianka; Martin Lepianka; Anita Lepianka; Jaime Gutierrez; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Richard Lepianka; Occupant, 2544 Rose St., Franklin Park, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000098. FILED: 1/14/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/3/2016. Certificate No. 14-0002085. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 2560 Rose St., Franklin Park, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-28-427-028-0000. 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 5/31/2019. 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 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/19/2019. 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 5/31/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. TTLLB, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6146382

TO: United States Attorney General; IRS; Sonala Fanady; Anthony Fanady; Steve Fanady; ATE Trust Company as Trustee u/a dated 4/21/2017 and known as ATE Trust; L011-073; Village of Skokie; US Attorney, ND of IL; Illinois Attorney General; Illinois Dept. of Revenue; Occupant, 7449 N. LOWELL AVE., SKOKIE, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000228. FILED: 1/17/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/3/2016. Certificate No. 14-00002713. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 7449 N. LOWELL AVE., SKOKIE, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 10-27-409-056-0000. 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 5/31/2019. 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 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/14/2019. 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 5/31/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Cazenovia Creek Funding I, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21

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TO: Robert Peter Molloy; Rita Molloy; City of Chicago; Anna L. Ramos; Jose L. Ramos; Jesse Ramos; Marissa Ramos; Rosalie Kirkpa...

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TO: James S. Hamblen; Roderick Hamblen; Porfirio Rodriguez; Mario Lozano; Outdoor Impact, Inc.; City of Chicago; Camillo Casillas...

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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Co., trustee u/l/a/d 3-15-1991, known as Trust Company 1-1952; Michael J. Konwel; Helen McHale...

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TO: Ford City Condominium Association; Antonio Cazares; City of Chicago; Dennis Nash; Hector Solano; JA Nauden; VP Property...

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TO: REO Acceptance Corp., Ltd.; User of AG-541, 449 E. Oakwood Blvd., Unit 5, Chicago, IL...

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TO: Marquette Bank, as Trustee u/l/a/d 9/15/1987 and known as Trust No. 11719; Byline Bank; Aldea Lebron; Juan Lebron...

TO: Danny Stojanovic; V. Petrovic; US Bank N.A.; Melissa Milicovic; Edward Perales; Stanka Trajkovka; Illinois Dept of Revenue...

TO: Tina M. Cozzi; Anthony A. Cozzi; Richard A. Chisholm; Central Stickney Sanitary District; Grzegorz Barszcz; Henryk Kruzel...

TO: Michael J. Dudek; Anthony Rizzo, Jr. Countryside Bank; Occupant, 5652 W. 44TH PL., CHICAGO, IL...

TO: RV Holdings Three, LLC, Ford City Condominium Association; City of Chicago; Parkway Elevators, Inc.; Marcella Murozzi...

TO: Ravi Rajauskas; Edvinas Rajauskas; Armin Rajauskas; Jo Ann Bdgins; The 4220-28 S. Champlain Condominium Association...

TO: Mohammad R. Aman; Wian A. Ahmad; Taranun Nazli; Maralit Singh; City of Chicago; Department of Water Management...

TO: PNC Bank, N.A.; Bkfred W. Johnson; Kelli Ann Quinn; Emil J. Alkrow; David Quinn; Patricia Aubry; Occupant, 5539 LAUREL AVE., LA GRANGE, IL...

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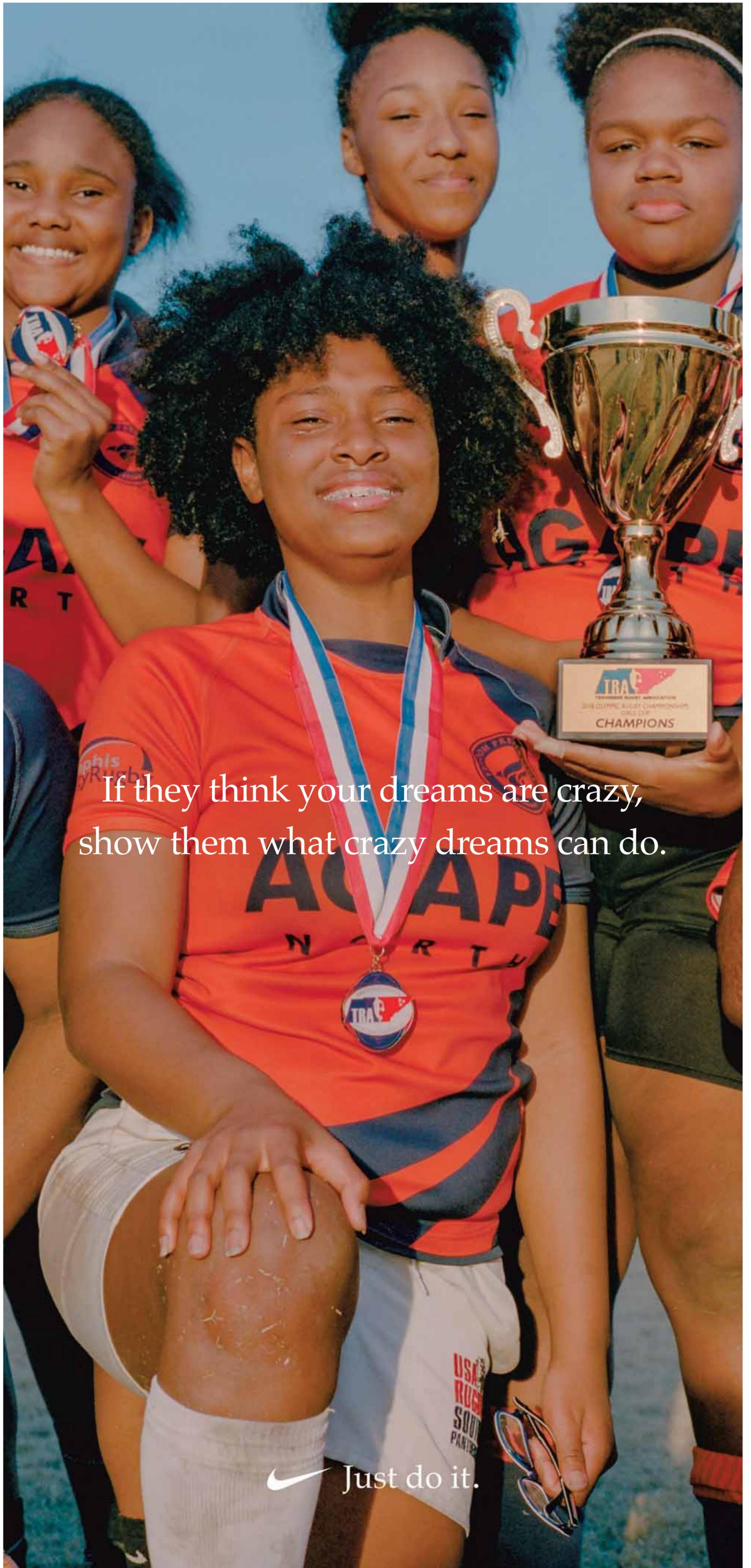
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Michigan basketball coach John Beilein watches Isaiah Livers shoot during practice, top, and speaks from his office, above, in Ann Arbor, Mich. Beilein and Michigan State's Tom Izzo are friendly rivals, whose highly ranked NCAA college basketball teams will play for the first time this season on Sunday at Crisler Arena.

Michigan State coach Tom Izzo, top right, talks with Mike Carey, associate communications director, and gives instructions during practice, above, in East Lansing, Mich. As much as Michigan coach John Beilein and Izzo genuinely like and respect each other, the highly competitive coaches want to win.

The relationship between Michigan's John Beilein and Michigan State's Tom Izzo is filled with respect, from a distance, as they clash for Big Ten bragging rights, championships

Friendly rivals

BY LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan coach John Beilein, shaking off the effects of anesthesia, looked at his phone for the first time a few days after having double-bypass heart surgery last summer.

As Beilein scrolled through hundreds of texts sent from well-wishers, he noticed Michigan State coach Tom Izzo was among the first to reach out.

"He actually suggested, 'I'd like to come down and visit,'" Beilein recalled in an interview with The Associated Press. "I sort of quelled that right away. No, I'm not going to be doing visits for a long time. I appreciate it."

"But that was how our relationship is — much respect."

Izzo simply shrugged his shoulders, saying Beilein would've done the same thing if the roles were reversed.

"Back when he had his heart issues, the human side of me felt bad for him because I know he's a good guy who lives his life the right way," Izzo told the AP. "I couldn't believe when it happened."

Beilein and Izzo are friendly rivals whose highly ranked teams will play for the first time this season on Sunday at Crisler Arena with Big Ten title and NCAA tournament seeding

implications.

The seventh-ranked Wolverines (24-3, 13-3 Big Ten) will host the first of two scheduled games against the 10th-ranked Spartans (22-5, 13-3) before wrapping up the regular season March 9 at the Breslin Center in East Lansing.

As much as Beilein and Izzo genuinely like and respect each other, that does not dampen the competition.

"I would be shocked if either side now doesn't want to beat the brains out of the other one," Izzo said. "But I would think it is in a very respectful manner."

Izzo has not always had a warm-and-fuzzy relationship with Michigan coaches during his 24-season run as head coach, following 12 years as Jud Heathcote's assistant. Izzo spent countless hours recruiting some players who ended up playing for the Wolverines, including Chris Webber, and felt as if he wasted his time in some cases because a federal investigation revealed the now-deceased Michigan booster Ed Martin gave Webber and other Wolverines more than \$600,000.

"There were some tough times there," Izzo said.

These days, though, Izzo and Beilein publicly say they don't worry about either program breaking NCAA recruiting rules, while federal prosecutors are in the midst of one of the biggest crackdowns on the

"When we talk, that's one of our connections. We love getting away with our families and sort of just being a dad and a husband — and a boater — and somebody who just likes to look at the water. It sort of takes you away from coaching."

— Michigan's John Beilein on Tom Izzo

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corrupting role of money in college basketball.

Izzo's program was mentioned in a positive light during a federal trial that began in New York last fall surrounding the recruitment of high school star Brian Bowen Jr. Former sports agent Christian Dawkins pleaded not guilty to charges he plotted to pay Bowen's father in exchange for his son's promise to commit to Louisville. Dawkins' defense attorney Steve Haney said Michigan State was one of the only schools that would not have paid Bowen to attend, according to the Arizona Daily

Star.

"It never crossed my mind at one time with either us or with Michigan State in any way," Beilein said. "We just don't operate that way. You don't have this level of success for all these years without a certain amount of integrity in your program. It will show up, it will eventually show up, if you're cutting corners."

The 64-year-old Izzo, inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2016, won a national championship in 2000 and has coached in a Big Ten-record seven Final Fours. Michigan State's all-time winningest coach has a

596-230 record and won his eighth Big Ten regular-season title last season and will aim for his sixth conference tournament championship next month. Izzo will then lead the Spartans to the NCAA tournament for a 22nd straight year, a streak that trails just two coaches: the late North Carolina coach Dean Smith and Duke's Mike Krzyzewski.

The 66-year-old Beilein may also be enshrined someday with basketball's all-time greats in Springfield, Mass. He led the Wolverines to the national championship game last season for the second time in six years. Beilein has won a school-record 272 games, two Big Ten regular season and two conference tournament championships. He has won more than 800 basketball games over 43 seasons, including his first job as the junior varsity coach near his hometown at Newfane High School in 1975, in a career that doesn't include ever being an assistant coach.

Izzo grew up in Iron Mountain, Mich., in the state's Upper Peninsula, and has had a front-row seat for the in-state series since he was a part-time assistant for Heathcote in 1983. Beilein is from Burt, New York, near the banks of Lake Erie, and is in his 12th season at Michigan.

"I always tell John, I hate Michigan because you've got to," Izzo said. "He didn't understand that at first. I

said, 'You haven't been here long enough.' I mean that with a little bit of laughter. I have great respect for the University of Michigan. I probably have even more respect for John Beilein."

Both coaches say they rarely compete for the same prospects, but they talk about their shared interests while they're recruiting in gyms from coast to coast.

"We're always at the same events," Izzo said. "When we're there, he talks about his cottage. I talk about mine. The place that neither one of us ever gets to be, but we kind of love. Talks about his new pontoon boat."

And, they laugh together. Beilein shared a story from 2015 after Michigan State beat Michigan twice and went on to the Final Four, sending Beilein retreating to his home in northern Michigan to get away and relieve some stress. After a workout, he tried in vain to relax.

"As soon as I ended up putting on the TV, Tom was doing some boat commercial for somebody," Beilein recalled with a chuckle. "It was like the first face I saw. I told him the story, too. That's all I needed to see."

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THE WIDENING FALLOUT FROM A FOOTWEAR FLAW

Williamson's freak knee injury after his shoe implodes sends ripples through basketball, business worlds

By **JOEDY MCCREARY**
Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Soon after Zion Williamson's shoe ripped apart, Nike's stock price took a hit.

The freak injury during one of the college basketball season's marquee games immediately sparked debates about everything from the shoe manufacturer to insurance issues and whether the likely NBA lottery pick should risk his professional future by continuing to play for the top-ranked-for-now Blue Devils.

Williamson is day to day with a mild right knee sprain and is progressing as expected, team spokesman Mike DeGeorge said Thursday night.

By Thursday morning, Nike, which manufactured the shoes Williamson was wearing, also was feeling the impact of the injury.

The company's stock closed down 89 cents at \$83.95 on Thursday as the sportswear manufacturer became the target of ridicule on social media. A spokesman said Nike has begun an investigation into what it called an "isolated" event.

"Shoes have failed before, but not as visibly," said Matt Powell, a senior industry adviser for sports for the NPD Group, a market research firm.

Playing before a crowd littered with celebrities — from Spike Lee to former President Barack Obama — Williamson was hurt in the opening minute of the game as his Nike PG 2.5, from Oklahoma City Thunder star Paul George's signature sneaker line, tore apart. Williamson wears that model frequently during games and hadn't had any obvious problems.

The 280-pound Williamson is one of the most powerful players in the game, and he tried to plant



GERRY BROOME/AP

Duke's Zion Williamson sits on the floor following an injury during a game against North Carolina. Duke might have to figure out what the Zion Show will look like without its namesake. All because of a freak injury to arguably the most exciting player in college basketball.

with his left foot as his right foot was slipping. The blue rubber sole ripped loose from the white shoe and Williamson's foot came all the way through the large gap. He ended up in an awkward-almost-split, clutching the back of his right knee. He walked to the bench and a few minutes later headed to the locker room, leaving the wrecked shoe under his chair.

George said Thursday that he has talked with Nike to see what went wrong and what happened to the shoe.

"It hasn't happened to me as long as I've been in this shoe," George said. "We've made three generations, going on four now of my shoe, of being successful. So I didn't necessarily feel any way about that part — the negative part of it. My only concern was for Zion, honestly."

Since Duke is a Nike-sponsored

school, Williamson has his choice of that company's footwear.

But in the embarrassing moment for Nike, Williamson walked to the bench and a few minutes later headed to the locker room, leaving the pair of shoes under his chair.

"I've seen guys bust through shoes but not sprain their knee," coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "He's gone down a couple times where he's slipped and saved the ball. That's what I thought happened. He goes so fast that maybe if there's something slippery, that happened."

The injury also set off a fresh round of debate about whether Williamson — the possible No. 1 overall pick in the NBA draft, should he leave Duke after his freshman season — would be wise to end his college season in an attempt to avoid an injury that could jeopardize his pro career.

NBA Hall of Famer Scottie Pippen made the case for it a month ago, saying on ESPN that "I would shut it down."

Asked to respond on Feb. 5 to those comments, Williamson turned to his locker room sidekick, walk-on Mike Buckmire, and asked, "Buck, would you hate me if I shut down the season?"

"I couldn't do that to my teammates," Williamson continued.

"Again, thank you for, like, seeing the confidence in me and the type of player I can become. But I love college too much to stop playing. I wouldn't give this up."

Now that he's actually hurt, it's unknown if his feelings have changed.

It's also unclear, if he decides to continue his college career, whether Williamson has an insurance policy to protect him in case of injury like many other elite

college athletes have purchased.

DeGeorge on Thursday could not confirm a report by Action Network that Williamson had an \$8 million loss of value policy written by Winston-Salem-based International Specialty Insurance that would pay out if he slipped past the 16th pick in this June's draft. Officials at ISI did not return telephone and email messages Thursday.

Loss of value policies are not offered by the NCAA, but the governing body does offer disability insurance.

Spokeswoman Stacey Osburn said the NCAA allows schools to purchase policies on a player's behalf. She added that the NCAA also facilitates a disability insurance program for players in five sports, including men's basketball, in which athletes can purchase policies with preapproved financing to protect against future loss of earnings due to injuries suffered in college. Duke spokesman Jon Jackson said the university does provide resource for athletes to purchase policies in limited cases but declined to comment on specific instances.

There are no NCAA restrictions on how much insurance a player can purchase, or if the player wants both types of policies, Osburn said.

A few years ago, former South Carolina running back Marcus Lattimore took out a disability insurance policy.

He purchased a \$1.8 million insurance policy through the NCAA program. Lattimore had a clause in his policy that it would pay out if he did not play four NFL games. Lattimore never played in an NFL game but only received about \$270,000 from the policy, in part because he did get a signing bonus when he was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in the fourth round.

He purchased the policy prior to his sophomore season in 2011 then renewed it the following year. That season he dislocated his knee in a game suffered several torn ligaments when he was tackled. Lattimore currently works as the director of football player development at his alma mater.



GERRY BROOME/AP

Zion Williamson's Nike shoes are seen under his chair on the Duke bench following an injury to Williamson during a game against North Carolina in Durham, N.C. on Wednesday. Williamson did not return to the game. As his Nike shoe blew out, Williamson sprained his right knee on the first possession of an 88-72 loss to the No. 8 Tar Heels.

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REVIEW: 2020 TOYOTA COROLLA HYBRID



Efficiency isn't the only thing guaranteed on the Corolla Hybrid

By Beverly Braga, New York Daily News

As a grandmaster in the world of best-sellers, the Toyota Corolla is a nameplate famous for its commuting dependability, if also infamous for its lack of exciting performance. But 43 million global sales (and counting) can't be wrong, and people still need to get from points A through Z.

An all-new 12th generation was unveiled last year with the 2019 Corolla Hatchback, which itself was a revival of sorts as a five-door version of the compact car last appeared on American shores in 2013 as the Matrix. On sale this past summer, the redesigned Corolla was available only as a hatchback. But for 2020, we welcome back a familiar friend: the sedan. And this time with even more commuting power than ever.

Let's go places farther away

The 2020 Corolla Hybrid is the first-ever hybrid version of the model to be sold in the U.S. Other markets, starting with Japan, have been enjoying the extra fuel economy since 2013. However, although the hybrid's existence might be a global old hat, the 2020 model offers up some new tech.

Projected to achieve at least 50 combined mpg, the Corolla Hybrid utilizes the latest Toyota Hybrid Synergy Drive technology from the new-generation Prius. The drivetrain consists of a 1.8-liter 4-cylinder engine paired with two motor/generators that are mated to a continuously variable transmission. The total system output is 121 horsepower.

By comparison, the 2.0-liter inline-4 that powers the gasoline model offers 168 hp and 151 lb.-ft. of torque. Those vehicles can be had with either a CVT or 6-speed manual with a combined mpg varying between 31 and 36 based on transmission and trim packages.

Adding further efficiency to the new Corolla Hybrid is the electronically controlled brake system. The ECB functions between the regenerative braking of the engine motors and the hydraulic braking system of the vehicle to actively recover electrical energy for increased fuel economy while also improving pedal feel and response for the driver.

Featuring an EV mode, the Corolla Hybrid also can be operated as a pure electric vehicle. Note that a vehicle proximity notification feature activates to alert nearby pedestrians of its otherwise silent battery-operated presence. But as with any electric vehicle your mileage will vary, of course, based on certain conditions like the weather, battery charge, and Earth's position to the sun.

Efficiently designed

The 1.8-liter engine was designed specifically for hybrid application, with the automaker seeking further efficiencies in other aspects of the vehicle. An exhaust heat recirculation system warms up the engine coolant quicker, which allows the hybrid system to take over for the gasoline engine sooner and more often. This means better fuel economy during city driving.

Sitting on the Toyota New Global Architecture (TNGA) platform, the Corolla Hybrid is designed to be efficient without compromise. The battery pack boasts a smaller and flatter package which allows it to be positioned beneath the rear seats as opposed to taking up valuable trunk space. This battery placement allows for a 60/40-split folding rear seatback which means even more cargo capacity.

This is possible due to Hyper-Prime Nickel, a newly developed technology that is employed within the battery pack to increase battery performance while minimizing overall size. The battery's location offers a more balanced vehicle weight distribution which, in turn, should enhance driving dynamics.

And to test out the Corolla Hybrid's handling, drive modes include Normal, Eco, and Sport. Pretty standard fare nowadays, though, with Eco adjusting acceleration inputs for efficiency and Sport siding with increased power.

Like its gasoline sibling, the hybrid does feature a new multi-link rear suspension for improved riding comfort. Don't look for summer sport tires, however, as the Corolla Hybrid will be equipped with low-rolling resistance tires wrapped around 15-inch aluminum alloy wheels.

The standards

Standard features will include Toyota Safety Sense 2.0 and Entune 3.0. The suite of advanced safety features includes a pre-collision braking system, adaptive cruise control, lane departure warning, lane keep assist, lane centering, automatic high beam, and road sign recognition. Also, all Corolla models are equipped with a backup camera. The Corolla Hybrid features an 8-inch touchscreen display and includes Apple CarPlay, Amazon Alexa, and a slew of connected apps and multimedia services.

A hybrid exclusive is a 7-inch MID which shows the speedometer and real-time hybrid system details. Also, as a sort of gamification of hypermiling, an ECO accelerator guide within the MID provides coaching regarding pedal operation in order maximize fuel efficiency. But drivers can change the display to instead show the tachometer, too. You know, because Sport mode.



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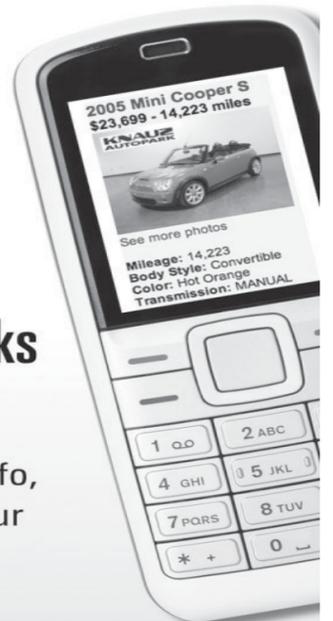
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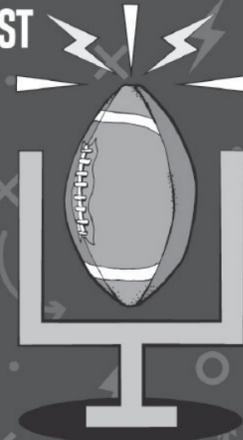
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ACROSS

- 1 Bank vault
- 5 Largest city in Nebraska
- 10 Skillful
- 14 Fibbed
- 15 ___ bear; white animal
- 16 Boast
- 17 Upper limbs
- 18 Owning
- 20 Sorority letter
- 21 Unexceptional
- 22 Minds
- 23 Racket
- 25 Item for confession
- 26 Morphine or codeine
- 28 Praying ___; bug-eating bug
- 31 Desires
- 32 Put on, as a play
- 34 Pasture cry
- 36 TV crime drama series
- 37 Keaton or Sawyer
- 38 Tater
- 39 "Ready, __, go!"
- 40 Winnie-the-Pooh's creator
- 41 Hair color
- 42 Bundle of energy
- 44 Maracas material
- 45 Spanish cheer
- 46 ___ out; say without thinking

DOWN

- 1 Strike with open palm
- 2 Haughtiness
- 3 Womanliness
- 4 Ames & Asner
- 5 Fight against
- 6 Antlered animal
- 7 Too
- 8 ___-been; one no longer popular
- 9 "You ___ what you eat"
- 10 Not in class on a school day
- 11 Soft cheese
- 12 "...tis of Thee, sweet ___ of liberty..."
- 13 Breakfast order
- 47 Man of the cloth
- 50 Unruly tyke
- 51 Fore and ___
- 54 ___ ads; newspaper section
- 57 Patella's place
- 58 The ___; London's subway
- 59 Day before tomorrow
- 60 Like gooey cinnamon rolls
- 61 Observes
- 62 Canary food
- 63 Prescriptions, for short

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- 19 Rise's partner, in phrase
- 21 Takes a load off
- 24 Feed bag morsels
- 25 Wise man
- 26 ___ up; admits
- 27 Walked the floor
- 28 Lion's neck hair
- 29 Significance
- 30 Of ___ mind; rational
- 32 Farm building
- 33 Brown shade
- 35 Chances
- 37 U.S. coin
- 38 Insulting remark
- 40 Soda shop orders
- 41 Boxing match
- 43 Lasso loops
- 44 ___ Knight and the Pips
- 46 Bakery purchase
- 47 Deeds
- 48 Unhappy
- 49 ___ in the woods; innocent one
- 50 ___ one's time; wait
- 52 Nourish
- 53 Koppel & Knight
- 55 "___ Complicated"; Meryl Streep film
- 56 Enemy
- 57 One of the Kardashians



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