



91ST ACADEMY AWARDS GOLD FOR 'GREEN BOOK'

Interracial road-trip drama "Green Book" took home three Oscars on Sunday night, including the Academy Award for best picture. See more winners and a look at Oscars fashion in **A+E**.

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Frenzied final campaign weekend

14 mayoral candidates scurry for votes ahead of Tuesday election

BY **BILL RUTHHART, GREGORY PRATT AND LOLLY BOWEAN**
Chicago Tribune

Bill Daley walked into the crowded sanctuary at the Indiana Avenue Pentecostal Church of God on Sunday afternoon and received the blessing of the Bronzeville congregation — literally.

The elderly Bishop Charles E. Davis slowly rose from his seat as Daley approached the blue carpeted stage and was encircled by the pastor and more than a dozen

church elders who put their hands on the 70-year-old politician's shoulders as he bowed his head.

"Bless us, God, with what is going on today. You know what Chicago needs," Davis said as some in the historic African-American congregation raised their hands in the air. "We ask you to empower this man here and that when he is elected, he will not forget that he has earned something to please you for your people and the city of Chicago. Bless him with the wisdom and knowledge to carry on for this great city. Hallelujah!"

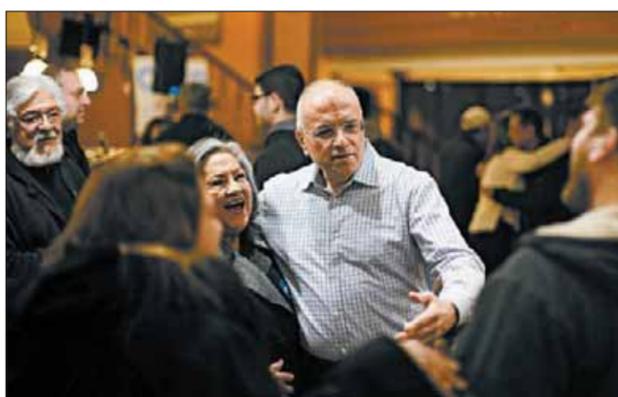
Daley's anointment inside the 85-year-old African-American church marked a small sliver of the frenzied final weekend of

campaigning ahead of Tuesday's historically competitive election for mayor.

From scores of church pulpits and "L" stops to grocery store aisles and front stoops, Chicago's 14 mayoral candidates fanned out across the city as part of a mad scurry to secure votes in a race that could come down to the closest of margins. If no candidate reaches 50 percent of the vote Tuesday, which is widely expected, then the top two finishers will face off in an April 2 runoff.

Amid the largest field of candidates in modern Chicago history, most of the campaigns believe they have a strong shot to make

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Mayoral candidate Gery Chico holds a get-out-the-vote rally at the Copernicus Center in Chicago on Saturday.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Ellen Smith, of Glenview, holds a photo of her mother, Gertrude Laarman, with fiancé Bernard Steenwyk; they dated in the 1940s.

A WINDOW ON MOM'S LIFE

Letters reveal sorrows, joys and a fiancé who died in battle in WWII

Ellen Smith remembers the bracelets and locket her mom wore to church every Sunday.

"Love, Bern" was engraved on the back of each one, and Smith, as a child, assumed they were an early gift from her dad, Bernard, to her mom, Gertrude. Although she'd never heard anyone, not even her mom, call her dad "Bern."

In 1973, Smith's maternal grandmother passed away. Smith was 15 at the time, and she and her two sisters spent a few days sorting through the belongings in their grandmother's little home near Holland, Mich. They discovered a box of newspaper clippings.



HEIDI STEVENS

"You start reading them, and they're all about my mom's fiancé's death," said Smith, now 62 and living in Glenview. "My mom's fiancé's death! And this whole part of our mother we didn't know about suddenly opens up to us."

Her mom's fiancé was Bernard Steenwyk. He served in the U.S. Army's 38th Infantry Division during World War II. He died Feb. 6, 1945, during the Battle of Zig Zag Pass, a fight against the Japanese for control of a strategic highway on the coast of the Philippines.

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Hit-and-runs in Chicago are up; cause is unclear



MARY WISNIEWSKI
Getting Around

Linda Harig does not understand how someone could run over her brother and not stop to help.

"If I hit a human being, I couldn't live with myself," said Harig, of the crash in September that nearly killed Bernardo Cardenas, 60, of Irving Park. Cardenas was so severely injured that six months later, he has trouble recognizing his grandchildren, Harig said.

"I can't figure out how could a person do this," Harig said.

The crash that injured Cardenas was one of 46 hit-and-runs in the city last year in which a vic-

tim was either killed or suffered a life-threatening or life-altering injury, said Chicago police. A total of 26 people were seriously injured, while 20 died.

Nationally, both the number of hit-and-run crashes and deaths have hit historic highs. In 2016, hit-and-run fatalities reached 2,049, the highest annual number recorded since the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration began compiling such statistics in 1975.

In Chicago, total hit-and-runs, from fender benders to fatalities, climbed almost 6 percent in the last five months compared to the same period a year earlier, the most complete comparison available, according to Chicago Police data. Like Harig, transportation experts say it is hard to know why.

"Do people not care as much anymore?" wondered Patrick

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Growers of Rx pot look down the road

Now officially lobbying for the legalization of recreational marijuana

BY **ROBERT MCCOPPIN**
Chicago Tribune

Medical marijuana growers, once banned from making political contributions, are now spending money to influence the expected legalization of recreational cannabis in Illinois in an effort to keep that market to themselves — at least temporarily.

Leading members of the industry have formed a political action committee, hired a former state senator as a lobbyist and begun contributing to political office holders.

The aim is to limit cultivation licenses being issued to competitors if recreational pot is legalized. Critics say that would create a market that benefits a small number of growers at the expense of retail marijuana stores and the public. And it runs counter to two new studies that find that demand will race past the current capacity.

The state's tightly regulated marijuana industry is expected to undergo huge growth if the drug is legalized for general use. Existing medical marijuana dispensaries are expected to be allowed to sell for recreational use as well, but because of the federal ban on marijuana, they must buy their supply only from licensed growers within the state. The Medical Cannabis Alliance of Illinois, which is seeking to limit the licenses, represents many of the cultivation centers and dispensaries, but the growers dominate fund-

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Ratings agency critical of Ill. budget

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's plan introduced last week to use a host of new taxes as a "bridge to a stable fiscal future" is receiving poor marks from a Wall Street ratings agency. **Chicagoland, Page 3**



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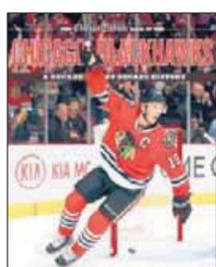
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Come meet writer, producer and author Jacob Tobia. From interviewing former U.S. presidents to working with queer and trans youths, Tobia helps others embrace the full complexity of gender and their own truth, even when that truth is messy. Tobia's soon-to-be-released memoir, "Sissy: A Coming-of-Gender Story," follows Tobia's story from the moment a doctor put "male" on the birth certificate though Tobia's work today. With fierce honesty, wildly irreverent humor and wrenching vulnerability, "Sissy" takes readers on an odyssey sure to make you never think about gender — both other people's or your own — the same way again. The event is 6:30 to 8 p.m., March 12, at WeWork, 515 N. State St., 14th Floor, Chicago. To learn more and purchase tickets, go to jacobtobiaunscripted.eventbrite.com.

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North Side lawyer Herbert Caplan, who founded Protect Our Parks, says Washington Park is better for the Obama center.

Unspoken issue at heart of Obama center opposition: Race



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Let's stop tiptoeing around what's going on with the Obama Presidential Center.

We all know that from day one, some people have been dead set against the project going up in Jackson Park. And while they insist otherwise in public, they would rather see the presidential center die if they don't get their way.

What might surprise you is that quite a number of them are our liberal white friends next door in Hyde Park. They talk a good game about inclusion and helping to advance the causes of African-Americans, but what they don't say upfront is that there are conditions. They will do it as long as it does not inconvenience them.

Many of the opponents are unwavering purists, who simply don't believe that anything belongs in Jackson Park other than what designer Frederick Law Olmsted envisioned nearly 150 years ago. They refuse to accept that Chicago has changed and so have the needs of many of the people who live around its parks.

Others simply don't want to deal with the increased noise and traffic a thriving center would create. They want to play golf on Sunday mornings, just as they have done for years. They don't want to have to detour around South Cornell Drive to get to work. They want to make sure those feral monk parakeets aren't displaced.

I'm not saying the opponents don't have genuine feelings for birds and trees and golf courses. What I'm saying is their concern for the well-being of the human beings who live on the other side of the park obviously isn't as strong.

The priorities of many African-Americans on the South Side are much different and the stakes are a lot higher. They cannot afford to allow Barack Obama to walk away from the first major development to come to their neglected neighborhood in a lifetime. They desperately need the

jobs, the access to educational opportunities and the economic development the Obama center has promised.

The historic Jackson Park has long been a dividing line between the poor people of Woodlawn and the more affluent people of Hyde Park. The University of Chicago, with its history of supporting restrictive covenants and urban renewal, kept it intact for decades.

Now with the presidential center comes an opportunity to bridge that gap. Building a library atop the dividing line could erase the barriers and allow everyone on the other side to prosper. But the folks who like things to stay the way they always have been aren't buying it.

It isn't that they don't want to see African-Americans thrive. It's just that they've convinced themselves that they know what's best for black people, much better than black people know themselves. And in this case, black people would be better off if the Obama center were built farther north in the predominantly African-American neighborhood of Washington Park.

Several people who don't even live in Chicago are part of a lawsuit that, in essence, is holding a knife to the project's throat. Tuesday, a federal judge gave the group, Protect Our Parks, permission to move ahead with that threat by allowing the lawsuit to move forward. That could delay the project for months, years or maybe forever.

Herbert Caplan, a white North Side lawyer who founded the environmental group, explained why Washington Park is a better fit for African-Americans. "It's a location that acknowledges the African-American experience in Chicago. It's where African-American migrants lived ... it's where Obama worked as a community organizer," he told the Tribune.

That's a kind of entitled superiority that many African-Americans find condescending and degrading. It's like someone who has never tried to walk in your shoes insisting that you're wearing the wrong size.

This overt opposition to the Jackson Park site isn't surprising, though. White people in Chicago, like the rest of America, have a long history of telling black people what is best for

black people. They are, in fact, rationalizing what is best for them.

They are following a centuries-old script that ensures that they come out ahead, while the people whom they have deemed weak end up with nothing. It is a habitual and sometimes even unintended practice.

The reasons the Obama Foundation selected Jackson Park over the Washington Park neighborhood are clear. Its close proximity to the already established Museum Campus most likely would give it immediate success. If we were to be honest, many people simply would feel more comfortable going to Jackson Park than to Washington Park.

A site near the Museum of Science and Industry would attract more traffic than an isolated site in the heart of a community where many Chicagoans are often too afraid to venture. That has nothing factual to do with the good people who live in the community. It has everything to do with perceptions.

Without a steady and enduring string of visitors, the center would fail as an economic engine. At least in this underutilized portion of Jackson Park where the center would be built, there is a chance that wealth can begin to spread not just in the immediate area, but throughout the South Side.

African-Americans haven't always been on the same page about where the presidential center should go. And that has been part of the problem, as well.

In our division over what promises Obama should make to the black community, we created an opening that allowed the opposition to slip in and take hold. As late as last year, Obama was still making trips to Chicago to convince African-Americans that his \$500 million investment in the community is a good thing. That's shameful.

On this issue, black people have to stand together or risk losing everything. It would also be nice if white people stopped acting like they know what's best for black people and start treating African-Americans like they're an important part of this city too.

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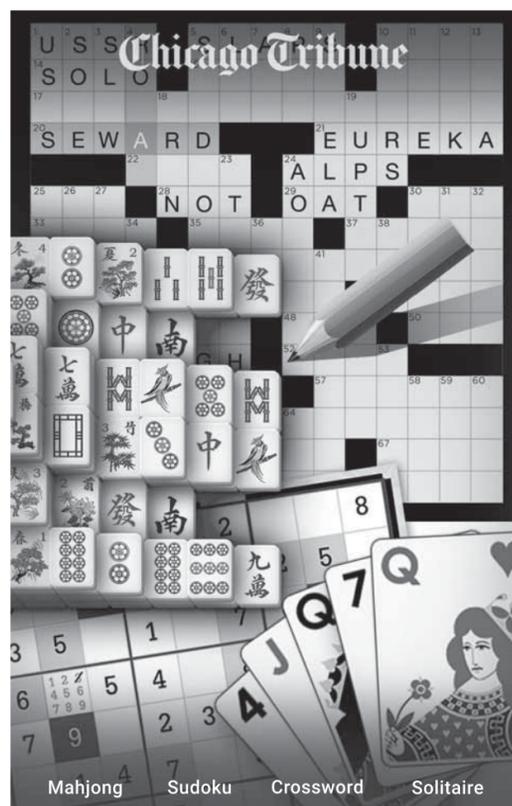
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Ratings agency critical of Ill. budget

Says Pritzker's plan 'punts' tough calls to future years

BY DAN PETRELLA
Chicago Tribune

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's plan to use a host of new taxes as a "bridge to a stable fiscal future" that includes a graduated income tax is receiving poor marks from a Wall Street ratings agency.

Pritzker on Wednesday introduced a plan that relies on nearly \$1.3 billion in new revenue from taxes on legalized recreational marijuana and sports betting, e-cigarettes, and plastic shopping bags, among other sources, all of which "precariously balances the current

budget, but punts measures to address fiscal progress to future years," S&P Global Ratings said Friday in a news release.

"It prioritizes service solvency at the expense of lower pension contributions and does not make meaningful progress toward tackling the \$7.9 billion bill backlog or projected out-year deficits," the ratings agency said.

In addition to his new revenue ideas, Pritzker proposes reducing pension contributions by \$878 million in the budget year that begins July 1 by extending the state's funding deadline by seven years. It's one element of a multipart plan that also includes infusing cash into the severely

underfunded retirement systems by selling unidentified state assets, issuing up to \$2 billion in bonds, and dedicating \$200 million in future years from the proposed graduated tax on top of legally required contributions.

S&P notes that Pritzker's long-term plan "hinges largely on a tough campaign to pass a progressive income tax that requires a constitutional amendment."

The Illinois Constitution mandates a flat-rate income tax. Changing to a federal-style graduated system, under which higher earners are taxed at a higher rate, would require voters' approval. That couldn't happen until the November 2020 general election at the

earliest, and three-fifths majorities of the Illinois House and Senate would have to sign off first.

"The state needs a fair tax, and I am going to be relentless in pursuing one over the next two years," Pritzker said in his budget address. But the issue is shaping up to be the most expensive ballot measure in Illinois history. "Dark money" groups that aren't required to disclose their donors already have formed to advocate on either side.

While Democrats hold enough seats in both chambers to approve a constitutional amendment without Republican votes, doing so could be politically perilous. Meanwhile, the leaders of the GOP caucuses, state

Rep. Jim Durkin of Western Springs and Sen. Bill Brady of Bloomington, issued statements Friday vowing opposition to the graduated tax.

"This revenue stream is far from certain, and there is no detail yet on rates, brackets, or the amount of revenue it is supposed to generate," S&P said. "Despite the potential for a more collaborative budget process with single-party control of state government, Illinois has yet to prove its ability to make politically difficult decisions in favor of structural balance and sustainability. If it adopts the budget in its current form, it remains at risk of repeating a pattern of putting off hard choices while eroding pension

funding."

In response to S&P's assessment, Pritzker spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh said the governor "has offered a long-term solution" to a problem that was years in the making.

"The governor proposed a realistic plan to serve as a bridge to the future, with the ultimate goal of a fair tax system that will transform state finances, including pensions," Abudayyeh said in an email. "No element of the comprehensive approach can be viewed in isolation and Gov. Pritzker is ready to work with the legislature to put the state back on a path toward fiscal stability."

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After deployment, Kinzinger backs wall declaration

BY LISA DONOVAN
Chicago Tribune

U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger, recently back from an Air National Guard deployment to the U.S.-Mexico border, said Sunday he won't vote to block President Donald Trump's national emergency declaration to build a wall along the United States' southern boundary.

Kinzinger, a Channahon Republican, said that during his deployment he saw "disturbing" scenes that warrant Trump's national emergency declaration.

"I went down there kind of undecided," the U.S. Air National Guard pilot said on CBS News' "Face the Nation" Sunday. "I think if this was just an issue of immigration it wouldn't constitute a national emergency, but what I saw was really disturbing," and a security threat, he said.

"What I saw was a lot of people coming over the border, a lot of drugs (on) the border and a lot of human trafficking. I mean these coyotes ... get paid a lot of money to bring groups over and then desert them to save their own backside — it was extremely disturbing."

Trump's national emergency declaration has triggered intense debate over whether the president is overstepping his constitutional authority.

Kinzinger's comments come as House Democrats push for a vote as soon as Tuesday to block Trump's emergency declaration. The move will get bipartisan support, but Kinzinger said he wouldn't support the measure to block Trump because he believes the move meets constitutional muster.

"I won't vote to try to block it," he said. "Look, I wish this would have happened a different way. I voted for comprehensive immigration reform. I think Republicans, the Democrats both have good ideas" about immigration reform that is compassionate and welcoming.

"Face the Nation" moderator Margaret Brennan questioned the need for a wall, pointing to U.S. Customs and Border Patrol statistics showing apprehensions on the U.S.-Mexi-

co border at an all-time low. But Kinzinger questioned that, saying during his deployment, which began in mid-February, he saw so many people crossing into the United States that it was tough for border agents to keep up.

"From my experience there were many, many groups that we would see on technology with camera radar or something like that that we could not go address because there were not enough border patrol agents," he said. "These agents sometimes left to take a truck and then walk two miles through terrible terrain to get to these groups only to have them run while they're already exhausted and they get lost in that chaos. So is it down? Maybe."

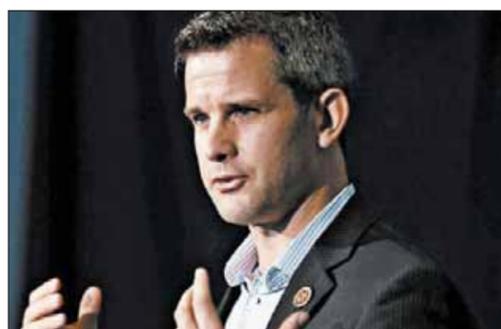
Kinzinger, whose 16th District stretches from Watseka, near the Indiana border, west to Dixon and north to Rockford and the Wisconsin border, was deployed several weeks ago and was "serving on active duty in his capacity as Lieutenant Colonel," according to a statement from his office. "As with previous border missions while elected, the Congressman will stay within the United States."

Elected to Congress in 2010, Kinzinger is a pilot and has flown RC-26s for surveillance and reconnaissance. He has not always sided with Trump. Ahead of the 2016 presidential election, he told CNN he wouldn't back Trump.

And during the recent federal government shutdown — triggered by a stalemate over the border wall — he tried to ride middle, telling CNN that Democrats and Republicans would have to compromise. "It's just nobody wants to give anyone a win or anything else. We've got to get past this or we're going to continue in this stupid shutdown idiocy cycle for the rest of our time out here."

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U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., is an Air National Guard pilot. He was elected to Congress in 2010.



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EARLY VOTING WITH MOMMY

Shannon Leigh votes as her 3-year-old son, Jack, looks on at the 47th Ward polling place at Welles Park in Chicago on Sunday. Voters had no waiting time for a booth around noon. The municipal election is Tuesday.

Beautification, frustration at Union Station



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

It's easy to understand why Metra commuters who endure the dismal conditions of Chicago's Union Station are frustrated and furious.

The station's soaring Great Hall, which glows after a \$22 million rehab, is hosting the Professional Squash Association's world championships through March 2. A glass-walled squash court temporarily occupies the north side of the ornate hall, normally a lightly used Amtrak waiting room. To beleaguered commuters, the event must seem like Amtrak, the station's owner, is fiddling with Roman-inspired architecture while they do a slow burn.

Every weekday, in the dismal underground east of the Great Hall, commuters run a gauntlet of low ceilings and narrow corridors that lead to packed platforms. The crush is so bad that some riders complain that they never know if they'll be able to make it to their train on time.

Is this any way to run a railroad station — Roman imperial grandeur for the few, a rat maze for the many?

The obvious response is to bash Amtrak for lavish spending on beautification while ignoring fundamental problems that affect the Metra commuters who make up the vast majority of the 120,000 passengers who use Union station on a typical weekday.

But I think it makes more sense to ask why Amtrak isn't doing a better job of pursuing architect-



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Workers build a squash court in Union Station's Great Hall last week for the World Squash Championship.

tural restoration and a smoother-functioning Union Station simultaneously.

After all, the restoration of the Great Hall, one of the nation's great indoor public spaces, is no small thing. Designed by Chicago architects Graham, Anderson, Probst & White, the firm that succeeded the great architect and planner Daniel Burnham, the hall forms the heart of Union Station, which opened in 1925 and originally consisted of a main "headhouse" building west of Canal Street and a vaulted concourse to the east.

Chicago would be a lesser city without the Great Hall. So the meticulous work done by Chicago architects Goettsch Partners and its principal Leonard Koroski is worth celebrating, especially if you remember that Union Station's concourse was demolished in 1969 to make way for an office building at 222 S. Riverside Plaza and a black, X-braced low-rise at 444 W. Jackson Blvd. The station's mezzanine and concourse levels are crammed beneath those buildings.

The Great Hall's once-leaky skylight, a jaw-dropping 219 feet long, now has two layers of glass that keep out the rain and let in

ample natural light. The hall's plaster walls and Beaux-Arts decoration, including golden statues that symbolize the 24-hour operation of the railroads (Night holding an owl and Day grasping a rooster), have been given the warm, rosy glow the original architects intended.

Carefully concealed lighting dramatizes these architectural features without being flashy. The treatment extends to the equally stirring interior spaces around the Great Hall, including the staircase made famous by a shoot-em-up scene involving a baby carriage in the 1987 movie, "The Untouchables."

So kudos to Amtrak and the architects for doing this job right, but the good station/bad station optics are still terrible.

Amtrak has promised better passenger conditions for years, and expectations rose in July 2016 when the highly regarded global engineering company Arup was awarded a \$6 million contract for preliminary designs that would address the station's long-simmering functional problems. Arup's team included Grimshaw Architects, a global firm noted for its transportation designs.

But two and a half years later, it's unclear what, if anything, we're getting for that \$6 million in public funds.

Brian McElhatten, an associate principal in Arup's Chicago office, declined to comment Friday.

In emails, Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said Arup created conceptual designs for future work on platforms, concourses, and tracks. As funding becomes available, he added, having those designs ready will create "a better way forward."

Perhaps, but it would be better if the public could see the designs in order to assess them: Are the plans grandiose or practical? Would they improve the traveler's experience? And how would they be funded?

In the short term, Amtrak can upgrade passengers' experience by carrying out a key aspect of its vision for Union Station: It has moved a variety of functions, including its Metropolitan Lounge, as well as Amtrak ticketing and waiting areas, from the concourse building into the headhouse. Those moves, the railroad has said, will allow it to carve out rooms in the concourse so corridors can be widened, sightlines opened, and street-level entrances made more spacious.

Amtrak's view, in essence, is that it had to fix the Great Hall before it could fix the concourse building.

With the restoration of the Great Hall essentially complete, it's time for the railroad to finally deliver on that promise.

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Cardboard box opens window on mom's life

Stevens, from Page 1

"We spent a couple years fishing around and trying to get the story," Smith said. "It wasn't until my dad died that my mom spoke freely about it."

Smith's dad, a well-loved pastor and, in Smith's telling, "just an extraordinary man," passed away nine years ago. A few years later, Smith and her sisters moved their mom into a one-bedroom apartment, and Smith's mom handed her a box.

"She said, 'Here. Take these letters,'" Smith recalled. "I don't know what to do with them."

They were in a Majorska vodka box marked, in a fit of wild understatement, "Historic Stuff."

"My mom never had a drink of vodka in her life," Smith said with a laugh.

Smith thinks one of her sisters may have stashed the letters in the vodka box when she was helping her mom downsize.

Smith set the box aside. For another time, she thought.

Another time arrived a few months ago, when Smith started preparing for her own downsizing chapter. Her kids are grown, and her Glenview house is bigger than she needs. She remarried a few years ago. She and her husband want to move a little farther west, near Elgin.

She opened the box.

Inside were decades upon decades of letters. Letters between Smith's mom and dad. Letters to her mom from her mom's best friend, Millie. Letters to her mom from her fiancé, Bern — from basic training in Georgia, from Camp Livingston in Louisiana, from the Philippines. Letters that Smith's mom had written to Bern, which Smith guesses the Army returned to her mom after Bern was killed.

The letters opened a window to a world of her mother's memories and sorrows and joys that Smith didn't know about. Didn't even know to ask about.

Now she knows. Now she brings the letters, one or two at a time, to talk about when she visits her mom at her independent living community in northern Michigan.

"I didn't even realize I saved all those letters," Gertrude Van Someren, Smith's mom, told me last week by phone.

She's 95 now and living



Bernard "Bern" Steenwyk and Gertrude Laarman in the early 1940s. He died before they could get married.



Photos of Laarman are still in the plastic holder that her fiancé carried in World War II.

not far from the farm where she grew up. She was the valedictorian of her eighth-grade class, but her parents wouldn't let her go to high school, she said. They were sharecroppers, and they needed her labor.

Van Someren was around 19 when she started to date Bern, she said. (She was Gertrude Laarman at the time.) He grew up on a farm near Hudsonville, Mich., not far from where she and her family lived. He was three years older than she was, but they shared many of the same friends. They were engaged within a year.

He entered the service in August 1942.

Van Someren didn't realize, until her daughter started going through the vodka box, that she still had so many of Bern's letters.

"After he died, that was a rough time," she said. "I remember being angry at God, probably, and I took the letters outside, and I burned them. I thought I burned everything, but Ellen tells me some of them are still there."

There are love notes and photos from Bern, tucked into envelopes with a few more words printed neatly onto the flap just before it was sealed.

I Love You, Dear. I'd sure like to be near you once again for a real close hug and a dozen Kisses. Think

you'd mind it, Honey?

Hi Darling. Wish you could be near me. We sure will be this close won't we when we get a chance.

There is a series of heartbreaking letters from Van Someren to her beloved, written in late February and early March 1945, wondering why she and his parents hadn't heard from him in weeks.

Sweetheart, I know I shouldn't tell you this but I came home and I cried all day long and for two nights already. Today, though, somehow I managed to be brave. Not once did I break down while there and somehow while, dearest, I can't bring myself to believe God, after answering our prayers for a Christian partner and bringing us together, then would part us so cruelly. Oh, I can't believe it and I cry out to God.

Darling, it's just a week ago that I came home from Grand Rapids and was told your folks thought something was wrong. But after a whole week of suspense there still has not been a word either of hope or

Sometimes, most of the time, in fact, I'm certain you're coming back. Darling, may God grant that it be so.

The news they all feared arrived a few weeks later.

Smith has a letter dated March 17, 1945, addressed to Bern's mother. It's from his Army captain.

Dear Mrs. Steenwyk, On behalf of myself and the officers and men of the company I want to extend to you our deepest and sincerest sympathy on the death of your son, Bernard.

The letter describes the battle in which he was killed and where he was buried, in an American cemetery on the Luzon island in the Philippines.

Bernard was a fine, clean living, upright young man and the kind of son any mother and father would be proud of. He was a credit to the home from which he came.

Smith isn't sure what was sent directly to her mother from the Army and what found its way into her possession later. Her mother doesn't remember either. Van Someren remained close to Bern's siblings and cousins, Smith said, and they likely gave her some of his family's possessions and letters over the years.

"Our mom always sent a Mother's Day card to someone other than my grandma," Smith said.

"Suddenly, it's starting to make sense to my sisters and I."

Rivaling Bern's letters, in bulk if not emotional weight, are notes from Millie, Van Someren's childhood best friend who lived down the road. They would write each other letters every day and wait eagerly for the postman to deliver the replies.

Boyfriend troubles, innocent gossip and upcoming plans take up much of the correspondence. It's clear they shared the sort of deep and loyal love that best friends know.

One, from January 1942, contains Millie's plea to her best friend to cherish her time with Bern, who had not yet enlisted in the Army.

When you stand under the stars on a crisp winter night and breathe deeply of the cold air; it is hard to imagine that outside of our safe little world, there are terrible things happening elsewhere in this world.

After Bern's death, Millie eventually introduced Smith's parents to each other. Millie's twin brother was serving in the Army and stationed at Fort Sheridan. So was Bernard Van Someren, who grew up on a dairy farm near Baldwin, Wis.

The year after Bern was killed, Millie's brother brought his friend Bernard home with him for a visit. That's when Smith's parents started to date.

"It all comes back to Millie," Smith said.

The friends even lived in the same retirement community after their husbands passed away. Millie died about three years ago, Smith said. Van Someren told me she still wears some of Millie's old clothes.

"I have a couple of her sweaters and nice shirts," she said.

That friendship, Smith said, sustained her mother.

"My mother is a woman who has had a great deal of sadness in her life," Smith said.

When Smith's mom was just 9 months old, her father died by suicide. Her mother remarried when Smith's mom was 7, and Smith remembers the stepdad as a decent man but not especially warm.

Before Smith was born, her parents lost their first baby. She was stillborn.

"So you think of how, by age 24, 25, she'd had a lot of grief," Smith said.

"You get to this period of your life when you begin to

appreciate your parents' history, and we've become really close friends."

The letters help. They don't contain everything, but they contain hints. Strings for Smith to tug.

Smith's mother taught her children to be resilient, Smith said. She has never pretended to make sense of life's trials.

"She is a person who would sit back and question the ways of God, whereas my dad, a pastor and a theologian, always had the right words," Smith said. "My mom was the one who would say, 'How can this happen?' Just like she expresses in here."

Smith holds up one of the letters her mom wrote to her fiancé, wondering whether she'd ever hear from him again.

At her retirement community, Van Someren just signed up for a writing course. She and her fellow students are learning to write memoirs.

"The teacher says our children are going to want to know what life was like when we were young," Van Someren told me. "Now that I'm older, things are coming back to me more. I have 90 years of memories."

Many of which live in the careful possession of her daughter, who wonders, long-term, where they should go next.

"There have got to be thousands of women from that generation whose children are finding this stuff," Smith said. "And where are they putting it? Where is it going?"

I'd love to know. The letters are such a poignant glimpse into a part of the American experience. Surely other families have similar collections. Surely they deserve a permanent home, housed side-by-side for context.

The Newberry Library? The Smithsonian? The National World War II Museum?

For now, they live in Glenview, acting as windows and mirrors and glue — guiding a mother and daughter toward a better understanding of each other's hearts and minds and worlds.

It's hard to imagine a better, truer gift.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she hosts live chats every Wednesday at noon.

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Hit-and-runs are up; cause is unclear

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Salvi, a personal injury attorney who has noticed the rise in hit-and-runs.

He said the increase is "confounding" because the ubiquity of cameras makes it more likely that offenders will be caught.

"It's such a break of the social contract — you negligently caused my injury and now you're going to add insult to injury by not even helping me?" Salvi said.

"It's pretty despicable."

Why the increase?

The rising number of fatal hit-and-run crashes may be tied to the increased number of cars on the road, which has led to more crashes overall. The strong economy and low gas prices have prompted more people to drive.

Motor vehicle deaths overall also are climbing because of the growing number of both distracted drivers and pedestrians, plus the ongoing problems of high speed and alcohol use, said Kelly Nantel, of the National Safety Council, an advocacy group.

But the increase in total traffic deaths does not explain why hit-and-runs represent a higher percentage of fatalities in recent years, more than 5 percent between 2015 and 2017.

Most European countries have rates of 3 percent or less, said the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

One factor may be higher numbers of pedestrian and bicyclist deaths in recent years, since two-thirds of

fatal hit-and-runs involve a car versus a pedestrian or bicyclist, AAA said.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found last year that pedestrian deaths have jumped 46 percent since reaching their lowest point in 2009. Fatal crashes are increasingly likely to involve SUVs and high-horsepower vehicles, whose drivers also are more likely to speed, the Institute found.

There's a simple and depressing reason why more fatal hit-and-runs involve pedestrians and cyclists — the driver can get away, said Brian Tefft, senior researcher with AAA. In serious vehicle-to-vehicle crashes, the driver at fault may be injured and his car damaged, so he cannot leave.

Who runs?

While transportation experts are not sure why hit-and-runs are increasing, there is research into who is most likely to flee the scene.

Drivers involved in fatal hit-and-runs are often young men with a history of driving under the influence and license suspension, AAA said. They tend to drive older cars, suggesting a lower socioeconomic status, and often have been drinking. A drunken driver with a criminal record does not want to go jail and may be motivated to flee, AAA found.

Victims are also often male, representing about 70 percent of those killed in crashes between a single car and a single pedestrian. Tefft said this may be be-

cause more hit-and-runs happen late, when women are less likely to be out walking.

The link between young male drivers and hit-and-runs fades when researchers look at all crashes, not just fatalities. A Canadian study found that women aged 55 and older are most likely to take off after a collision.

The vast majority of all reported hit-and-runs in Chicago result in property damage, according to police data. More than half involve parked motor vehicles, followed by rear-end crashes and sideswipes.

Personal injury attorney Jeff Kroll said the increase in distracted driving might be leading to more hit-and-run crashes overall.

"There are so many people in these hit-and-runs who just don't know what they're doing because they're so distracted or they have loud music on," said Kroll.

Brendan Kevenides, a personal injury attorney who specializes in bicycle crashes, thinks it's "rare" that someone did not realize they were in a crash.

"I generally don't believe that nonsense," said Kevenides.

Lt. Allison Schloss, commanding officer of the Major Accident Investigation Unit of the Chicago Police Department, said people may flee the scene because they are scared. Sometimes they come back and turn themselves in.

"It's sad because what may not have been a crime in the first place, something which may have been an accident, now becomes a



Bike messenger Jonathan Rogers rides this month. In 2015 he was hit by a driver who went on to hit another bicyclist.

crime," said Schloss.

Penalties for hit-and-runs vary among U.S. states, with maximum prison sentences for a fatal crash ranging from 6 months to 30 years, AAA said.

In Illinois, failing to report a crash is a misdemeanor and can result in up to a year in prison. Fleeing the scene of a fatal crash is a felony and could result in up to five years in prison, Salvi said.

Solving the crimes

Salvi said police are most likely to aggressively pursue a case if there is a death or serious injury, because they lack the manpower for other cases. "They're good about getting surveillance footage and witnesses," said Salvi.

Schloss said police also put out community alerts, which can prompt witnesses to call. "People do a lot of times come forward and provide information... they get mad," she said.

Individuals who witness or are victims of a hit-and-run should, if they are able, get a picture of the license

plate and a good vehicle description, Salvi said.

Good Samaritans can be crucial, Kevenides said.

One of his clients, Jonathan Rogers, a 29-year-old Humboldt Park bike messenger, was struck by a hit-and-run driver on North Kedzie Avenue one night in December 2015.

Rogers said he rolled over the hood and windshield and off to the side, so there was no chance the driver did not see him. Rogers was saved from serious injury by his helmet, which was "pretty destroyed," he said. He had front and rear lights, and reflective material on his bag and jacket.

"I was both angry and not surprised," said Rogers of the hit-and-run. "Check and see if I'm OK, man. Own up to it, at least."

Two sisters, Keyannah Wolf and Dontalisha Hodges, saw the crash from another car and, after checking on Rogers, took after the hit-and-run driver.

Wolf, the passenger, took video while calling police. While she was on the phone, her video shows the driver hitting another cy-

clist, a friend of Rogers'. The case was resolved for \$12,000.

"We thought it was so wrong for someone to do that," said Wolf.

"They're my heroes," said Rogers of the sisters. Bernardo Cardenas is still waiting for a hero to come forward.

Cardenas, a retiree, suffered a collapsed lung and fractured skull and ribs when a car hit him as he was walking at 3900 North Pulaski Road, on the west side of the street near Irving Park Road and the Kennedy Expressway.

Police say the case is still under investigation — the only clues are grainy photos of what appears to be a Cadillac Escalade SUV. "It's very, very sad," said his sister, who wants anyone with information to call police. "He was on his way home from dinner, just walking."

Transportation song quiz

■ The most recent transportation song was a reaction to another song: "God Bless America." The song is "This Land Is Your Land," by Woody Guthrie. The winner was Ruth Ann Curl of Naples, Fla.

■ This week's song is about a kind of street, and how it's affected by a Chicago weather phenomenon we hope to be rid of soon. What's the song, and who wrote it? The first person with the right answer gets a Tribune bookmark, and glory.

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The study revealed that these doctors missed the target most of the time . . . In fact, 30% of the time, they didn't even



Alternative to the knife for your knee pain? Non-Surgical treatment success rate soars after using new digital technology

place the treatment inside the joint. Yes THIRTY percent. It is not a typo.

Even after missing the target, they had no way of knowing they missed, because they are not SEEING it with advanced imaging.

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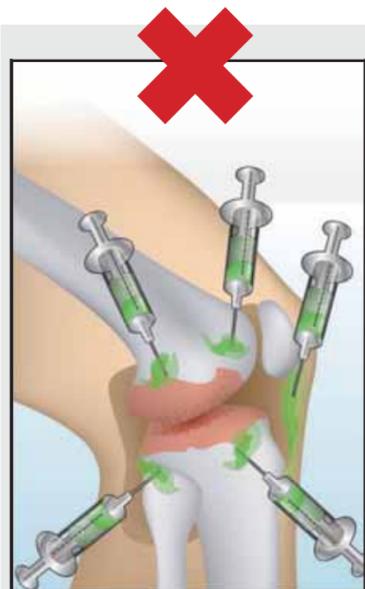
untreated, it can keep you awake at night, and hurt with every step.

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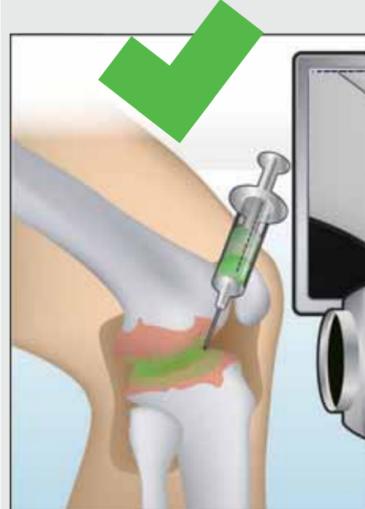
It's FDA approved and is a perfect cushion and shock absorber for your joints. Once it's correctly placed inside your knee, it can make them feel just like new again, eliminate any rubbing and friction, and make your joints glide smoothly.

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Candidates rally for votes in final weekend

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the runoff. The little reliable polling that has emerged shows a jumbled race to replace outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel, with no candidate having reached 20 percent of the vote, leaving many campaigns to believe a finish in the high teens could be enough to move on to the next round.

Alyssa Chico Ravine and Sarah Chico Brancky can tell it's close. They've watched their dad, former school board President Gery Chico, run for office before.

There was the 48-point loss to Barack Obama in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate in 2004 and the 32-point defeat to Emanuel in the 2011 mayoral race, but this time his daughters say it's different. He's more upbeat.

"We've never seen him more happy than when he's campaigning," Chico Ravine, 31, said after her father gave a speech to volunteers at Los Amantes banquet hall in Archer Heights. "This time, truly not knowing what the outcome's going to be, that's so exciting."

Chico dropped by a late Lunar New Year soiree and a St. Patrick's Day pre-parade party while visiting firehouses, nursing homes and restaurants over the weekend.

"We call it a 'mayor-a-thon,'" Chico deadpanned, before going on to say he's confident he'll qualify for the runoff, thanks to a strong ground game, solid debate performances and a sound media and TV plan. "I think we've hit every one of our targets. Now it all flips to 'get out the vote.' ... We're surging right now."

Weather complications

As often is the case with Chicago's February municipal election, the weather made it difficult on the campaigns' ground game efforts.

Saturday had highs in the 50s but came with heavy rain and thick fog. On Sunday, it was dry but the temperatures dropped into the 20s with wind gusts as high as 50 mph. That left volunteers on former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy's campaign debating which set of conditions was worse. The edge went to warmer and wet.

But as the campaign's 45-passenger bus with McCarthy's face plastered on the side prepared to leave its River North headquarters, the candidate was comfortably seated toward the front and ready to dig into a breakfast burrito. After spending Saturday on the Southwest Side, McCarthy was headed back to Edison Park and Jefferson Park on the Northwest Side. Both areas are home to heavy populations of cops, firefighters and city workers, where the former top cop is hoping for strong support in a race he believes remains "wide open."

In the final days, McCarthy said it also hasn't hurt to have high name ID and to be instantly recognizable after running the Police Department for four years before being fired by Emanuel late in 2015 amid the fallout of the Laquan McDonald police shooting.

"Believe it or not, a lot of people talk to me like I'm a victim. They say what happened with me and Rahm and Laquan McDonald just wasn't fair and leaves people a little sympathetic," McCarthy said. "I don't want sympathy. Things happen for a reason, maybe the reason was I'm supposed to be mayor and not superintendent."

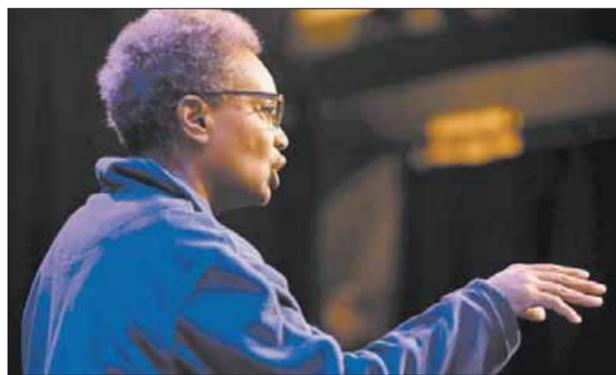
State Comptroller Susana Mendoza had planned to spend most of Saturday visiting early voting sites, but the heavy rain and election-eering law that requires candidates to stay 100 feet away from a polling place quickly ended that plan. Mendoza improvised by visiting restaurants instead before going to an Archer Heights church and a grocery store Sunday to meet voters in better elements.

She roamed the aisles of a Shop and Save in Garfield Ridge on the Southwest Side on Sunday afternoon, at one point approaching a woman pushing a grocery cart with one hand and holding a bottle of laundry detergent in the other.



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Chicago mayoral candidate Willie Wilson bows his head in prayer during a service at Providence Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday.



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Mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot speaks with supporters and volunteers on Sunday.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mayor candidate Garry McCarthy and his wife, Kristin Barnette McCarthy, left, talk with prospective voters Sunday.

"Are you building muscle here?" Mendoza asked the woman, as she grabbed the detergent and placed it in the woman's cart. She soon moved on to helping another woman pick out tamales while giving her a way to remember who to vote for.

"Think of that old song, 'Oh Susana, won't you vote for me?'" Mendoza sang, before approaching some shoppers who spoke little English put plenty of Polish. After saying "good morning" and "thank you" in their native tongue, Mendoza told the shoppers about her husband's Polish descent. "We made a really good-looking kid," she said to one of them.

On Saturday, former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot's campaign handed out ponchos and hand warmers to dozens of volunteers who crammed into an Equality Illinois canvassing kickoff in the intimate dining room of Andersonville's Vincent restaurant. The LGBTQ advocacy group has backed Lightfoot, who if elected would become the city's first African-American woman and lesbian mayor.

Lightfoot fired up volunteers in front of a blown-up copy of a Chicago Sun-Times cover from when the newspaper endorsed her for mayor. The former Police Board president mockingly thanked Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's campaign for making repeated mistakes — including an ally confronting Lightfoot at a news conference last week and the firing of a top Preckwinkle aide after he invoked Nazis to criticize Lightfoot in a social media post.

"It's all about peaking at the right time, and this is our time. We had an incredible week. Thank you, Toni Preckwinkle," Lightfoot said, as the crowd laughed. "They doubted us from the very beginning. They thought we would be an afterthought, that we would be irrelevant. ... Luckily, the voters still matter. We have seen this incredible coalition of people all over the city who want change."

Activist and policy consultant Amara Enyia is another candidate who has campaigned heavily on change. Her weekend had a full slate of neighborhood parties and meet-and-greets, but there were no publicized stops with her most famous backers — hip hop artists Chance the Rapper and Kanye

West, who poured a combined \$600,000 into her campaign.

She addressed about three dozen people Sunday evening at an event hosted by local leaders of the Nigerian community, recalling her childhood as the daughter of African immigrants hanging around the diverse North Side neighborhood while noting the improbable nature of her campaign.

"When we started, we did not have decades of political favors that we could call in. We didn't have millions of dollars in the bank. We did not have (Democratic) party infrastructure behind us," Enyia said as her parents looked on. "What we have is the belief the city can be better and the belief that people should determine their quality of life ... and that we're entitled to have a say in what happens in the city moving forward."

She then emphasized the importance of getting supporters to the polls in the final days. "None of this matters if we don't manifest our enthusiasm at the polls."

Pulpit politics

Plenty of politics and preaching mixed Sunday, with many of the candidates dropping by to toe the line between church and state.

As part of several visits to churches, former CPS CEO Paul Vallas started the morning speaking to about three dozen worshippers at New Christian Joy Missionary Baptist Church in West Pullman, not far from Roseland where he grew up. Vallas gave a 12-minute talk detailing his plans to take on the city's pension crisis, cap property taxes and replace lead service pipes to homes while promising to invest in South Side and West Side communities that he said continue to be food and retail deserts with struggling schools.

"We have two cities in Chicago," he said. "We have a city that is prosperous and growing and dynamic. And we have a city that is struggling with high crime, struggling with inadequate schools, struggling with deteriorating infrastructure, struggling with a limit in economic opportunities."

At Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Gresham, businessman Willie Wilson stepped in as a guest preacher. He strayed away

from promoting his political platform and instead talked for nearly an hour about his faith and his life's journey from humble beginnings in rural Louisiana to becoming a millionaire in Chicago.

He opened his sermon by singing a medley of songs with the band of musicians he calls his orchestra. And keeping with what has become his custom, he gifted the church a \$10,000 donation.

"We get criticized for doing good. I decided I'd continue to do good," Wilson said, alluding to his many cash giveaways to struggling Chicagoans, as the crowd of 200 people cheered. "Even though I'm running for office, right now I'm running for Jesus."

Preckwinkle visited three churches Sunday — Triedstone Full Gospel Baptist Church in East Beverly, Corinthian Temple Church of God in Christ in West Garfield Park and St. Stephen AME Church in East Garfield Park. That came after a Saturday rally to try to fire up two constituencies she's counting on: female voters and members of the Service Employees International Union, which endorsed her.

The union's presence was palpable at the "Stand with Toni" event at Northeastern Illinois University. Tom Balanoff, president of SEIU Local 1 and the SEIU Illinois State Council, was among a crowd packed with people wearing SEIU gear as SEIU International President Mary Kay Henry took the stage and touted Preckwinkle's credentials.

The SEIU has poured money into the Preckwinkle campaign, and she needs its members to help her get voters to the polls in coming days. Former U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley Braun and U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky were there to urge them on.

"None of the conversations, the hoopla, the banners and the ads will matter if the voters don't come to the polls and choose Toni," Moseley Braun said.

At the Triedstone church on Sunday, Preckwinkle cited her nearly 30 years as an elected official in city and county government while highlighting her reforms to increase access to health insurance and to reduce the county jail's population.

"Health care is our main responsibility, but we're also responsible for the courts and the jails

and have worked hard to make the criminal justice system fairer to black folks," Preckwinkle told about 150 worshippers. "We all know that black and brown people are disproportionately impacted in our criminal justice system."

Daley also spent much of the day visiting predominantly African-American churches. After a pancake breakfast at St. John Fisher Parish in West Beverly, Daley visited New Beginnings Church in Park Manor, Apostolic Church of God in Woodlawn and the Pentecostal church in Bronzeville. Daley was accompanied by U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush and former Illinois Senate President Emil Jones, both of whom have endorsed him.

In Bronzeville, Daley gave a brief speech to a few hundred worshippers, noting his experience in the White Houses of Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton while being a lifelong Chicagoan. He alluded to the fact that his father, Richard J. Daley, and brother, Richard M. Daley, both served long tenures as mayor, but sought to distance himself from that history ever so slightly.

"I appreciate the chance to present myself to the voters as someone whose name may be known, but as an individual is not well-known," Daley said, while portraying Chicago as a city "in crisis" that needs a mayor who will make Chicago "more inclusive than it's ever been," which he called "a big challenge for whoever the mayor is."

Daley gave his speech across the Dan Ryan Expressway and about a mile from the ancestral Daley home in Bridgeport and just around the corner from De La Salle Institute, where both future Mayor Daleys attended high school.

"I know this area well. I've known this city for my whole life. I've seen it improve, change, some areas get more difficult. I feel it," Daley said. "And when you come into a church like this that's been such a part of the community for so long, you feel the city. It's home."

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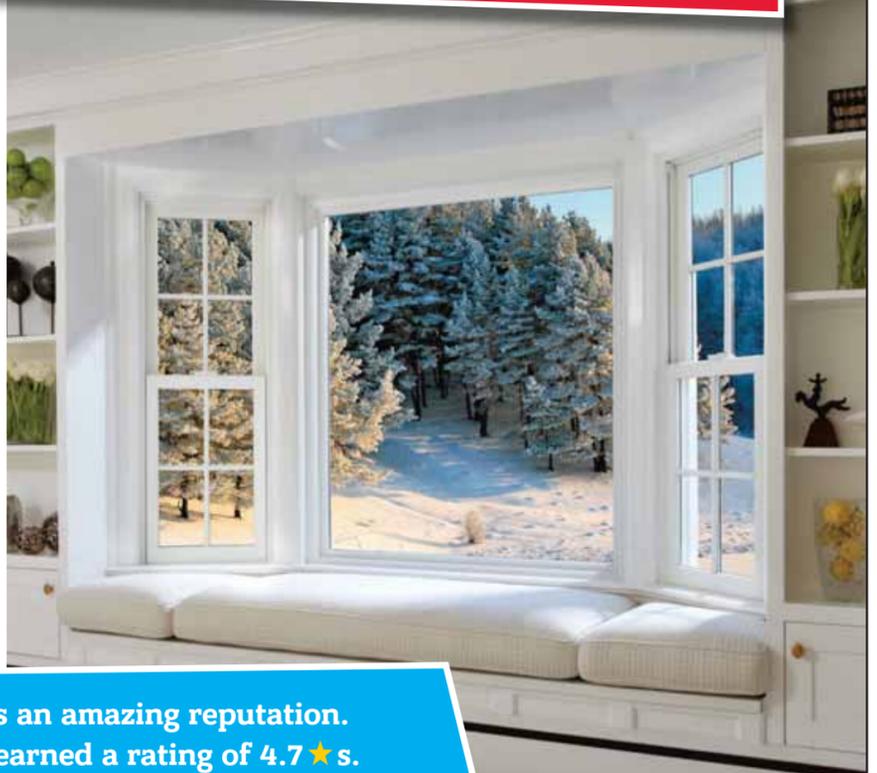
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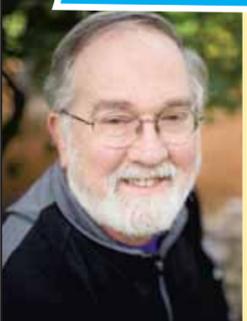
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Growers lobby for recreational pot legalization

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ing of the lobbying.

The alliance's efforts are not sitting well with some people within the industry.

"If you continue to have a limited number of (growers') licenses, it'll be more expensive, and you'll get more people continuing to buy on the black market," said Dan Linn, executive director of the pro-marijuana legalization group Illinois NORML, and general manager of Maribis medical cannabis dispensaries in Springfield and Chicago. "There's a natural demand for more license holders."

Former state Sen. Pam Althoff, the new executive director of the Medical Cannabis Alliance of Illinois, says existing medical growers should have a chance to show they can handle the coming boom in retail marijuana.

"My organization believes they have the current capacity to meet the demand," she said. "Until we see substantive data that indicates differently, we support no new cultivation licenses."

However, that position is undermined by findings of an ongoing study commissioned by state lawmakers and conducted by former Colorado state marijuana

czars-turned-consultants Andrew Freedman and Lewis Koski.

"The study shows market demand in Illinois will quickly outstrip supply from (the) state's existing licenses," according to a statement from the sponsors of the legalization legislation in the Illinois General Assembly.

In addition, Illinois NORML (formerly known as the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws), which held its own lobbying day in Springfield on Wednesday, released a draft study on supply and demand for cannabis in the state.

The study is based on comparisons with other states that allow adult use. Citing current shortages of some products in Illinois, it predicts that existing medical growers will not be able to supply the expected increase in demand for recreational marijuana. It found that Illinois has among the fewest licensed growers per patient or per potential recreational customer, and that it has the highest priced marijuana in the country, based on prices from online markets like leafly.com, at slightly more than \$3,000 per pound.

The study suggested licensing more growers, in-



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Illinois' tightly regulated marijuana industry is expected to undergo huge growth if the drug is legalized for general use.

cluding allowing existing dispensaries to begin growing the product, since they have already been vetted and authorized by the state to handle the drug.

The lawmakers also advocate expanding the number of businesses in the industry.

"I'm committed to ensuring that this market is competitive — and that entrepreneurs from all communities have access to it," said state Sen. Heather Steans, one of the sponsors of legalization.

Medical cannabis growers, who already have been vetted by state regulators, want to be grandfathered in to get recreational licenses immediately and would like a ban on new licenses for a year or more. After Illinois lawmakers legalized medical marijuana in 2014, more than 300 groups applied to get business licenses, but only 16 growers ended up with licenses from state regulators. They currently supply pot for 55 medical dispensaries in the state.

The law expressly pro-

hibited license holders or their political action committees from contributing to political candidates, to prevent the appearance of unfair influence. But that provision of the law was challenged and overturned by a federal judge in 2017.

Now, those companies are taking advantage of the change in the law. In August, medical cannabis businesses pooled their money to contribute more than \$100,000 to create a new political action committee, the Illinois Relief Fund. Its top donors were some of the largest medical cannabis growers in Illinois — GTI Clinic Holdings, Cresco Labs and GTI Rock Island, each of which donated the maximum amount allowed, \$22,200, on Nov. 22, 2018. WCCC, operating as Windy City Cannabis, also donated \$22,000 that day, according to Reform for Illinois, a nonpartisan watchdog group that tracks state records.

Among other medical marijuana companies, Salveo Health & Wellness donated \$7,500; and Nature's Grace and Wellness, and PharmaCann each donated \$5,000.

Medical cannabis license holders have also begun donating to individual office holders. Cresco Labs contributed \$3,500 in 2017 to former state Rep. Lou Lang, who helped make the company's existence possible by sponsoring the law that created the medical marijuana industry in Illinois.

Lang, a long-time Democrat representative from Skokie, resigned in January to join a lobbying firm led by Nancy Kimme, who was chief of staff for the late Republican state Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka.

Kimme's clients have included medical marijuana companies Cresco Labs, Custom Strains and Illinois Grown Medicine, state records show.

Cresco also contributed \$1,000 to Citizens for Bridget Degnan, the former deputy director of the state's medical cannabis program, who was elected Cook County commissioner in 2018.

In addition, Windy City Cannabis gave \$2,500 to Friends of Don Harmon for State Senate. Harmon, an Oak Park Democrat, sponsored a new law that allows anyone who qualifies for prescription opioids to qualify for medical marijuana. The law, which took full effect this year, has begun to expand the business greatly.

Nationally, more than 1,200 marijuana growers and sellers have contributed nearly \$6 million to political causes, according to the National Institute on Money in State Politics.

Kevin Sabet, president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana, which opposes legalization, said the contributions are not surprising.

"Legalization is always about money for a privileged few," he wrote in an email. "It has little to do with social justice or state revenues. We need a balanced policy that doesn't criminalize users but also doesn't promote and commercialize high potency pot — which is exactly what this proposal would do. Their true colors are showing."

Alisa Kaplan, policy di-

rector for Reform for Illinois, said the situation bears watching but is no different than legal lobbying by other industries.

"We're concerned whenever there's the possibility of undue influence that would diverge from the public interest, but we don't know if that's happening yet," she said.

Kaplan is concerned, however, about revolving doors that allow former state lawmakers to begin working immediately as lobbyists. In this case, Althoff resigned her office in September, and became executive director and a lobbyist this year for the Medical Cannabis Alliance of Illinois. Althoff also ran unopposed and won a seat last fall on the McHenry County Board. Reform for Illinois supports at least a one-year ban on lawmakers who leave office before they start lobbying.

Althoff, who once voted against allowing medical marijuana before supporting it in 2014, said the medical cannabis industry in Illinois should serve as a model for the recreational programs in Illinois and nationwide. She emphasized that the program has had an excellent track record with the quantity, quality and safety of its products, with sales limited to qualified customers and no major diversions of marijuana to illegal markets.

Other states, like California, Oregon and Washington, have hundreds of licensed adult-use dealers, which have produced a glut of marijuana, Althoff said. That is both unsustainable for businesses and causes the excess to be sold illegally, she said.

However, when legal adult-use was rolled out elsewhere, as in Canada in 2018, Nevada in 2017 and Colorado in 2014, there was a severe lack of legal marijuana that in some cases prompted shortages even for medical patients. Some of that was due to problems attracting financing, issuing licenses, and getting the program up and running, but some observers predict supply problems may continue in Canada for months or longer.

Sponsors of the bill to legalize and tax marijuana, which would be for adults 21 and over, said they are negotiating with Gov. J.B. Pritzker, lawmakers, law enforcement, medical cannabis license holders and other stakeholders before introducing a proposal in March or April. If passed, it may take until 2020 before sales begin.

Medical growers pointed out that they have spent millions of dollars to build and operate cultivation centers and dispensaries, but have been losing money because the program is limited to people who have any of about 40 severe medical conditions. Previous constraints to the program, such as fingerprinting and criminal background checks of patients, have been removed, and the program has grown recently to about 55,000 patients, generating \$136 million in sales last year.

State Rep. Kelly Cassidy, a co-sponsor of the legalization legislation, emphasized that there will be new licenses for growing, trans-

portation and processing of marijuana to ensure that minorities who were disproportionately criminalized by the war on drugs will participate in the industry and its benefits.

The state's medical marijuana program required a lot of money to participate, with \$2 million surety bonds and \$200,000 licensing fees plus millions of dollars to build facilities, which limited participation, particularly by minorities.

To address minority participation, one proposal is to create smaller craft licenses of perhaps 7,000 square feet or less, in comparison with existing medical grow houses, the size of which is unlimited by state regulation.

"There are legitimate concerns about diversification and undue concentration," Cassidy said. "That's why we sought this study."

Industry members argue that they've earned their place at the table. Larry O'Hern, chairman of the Medical Cannabis Alliance of Illinois, helps run the Nature's Grace and Wellness growing warehouse on the family farm near downstate Vermont.

With his son and chief operating officer Timothy O'Hern qualifying as a patient with multiple sclerosis, and other family members using cannabis to treat epilepsy and cancer, he said, "We know first-hand what this medicine can do in our lives."

He said the industry in Illinois has helped change public opinion and legitimized marijuana, even in conservative rural areas, by running a highly regulated program that's become a model for other states.

Not all growers oppose new licenses. Mark de Souza, CEO of Revolution Enterprises, which grows marijuana in downstate Delavan, said he welcomes competition, as long as it maintains current testing to ensure truth in labeling, with contaminants below maximum allowed limits, and weekly random checks by regulators.

"The most important aspect is that the market does not grow faster than regulatory bodies can service," he said.

Customers say they want more choice.

Legal marijuana costs too much, in the view of Eric Clements, 37, Ottawa, who said he is a disabled medical marijuana patient. He and his friends would like to break into the business, but he is on Social Security disability income and has to buy the cheapest "shake," meaning the small crumbs left over from handling larger buds, for about \$45 for a quarter ounce.

In addition to licensed growers, there is also the question of whether and how much people will be allowed to grow at home. A previous bill proposed five plants per home, which licensed growers and law enforcement oppose. But advocates say that's the only way to guarantee that people can afford the drug if it becomes legal.

"Prices are way too high," Clements said, adding, "I know a lot of people who want to grow it."

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Pope vows to end abuse cover-ups

Survivors saddened by lack of an action plan after summit

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis closed out his extraordinary summit on preventing clergy sex abuse by vowing Sunday to confront abusers with “the wrath of God” felt by the faithful, end the cover-ups by their superiors and prioritize the victims of this “brazen, aggressive and destructive evil.”

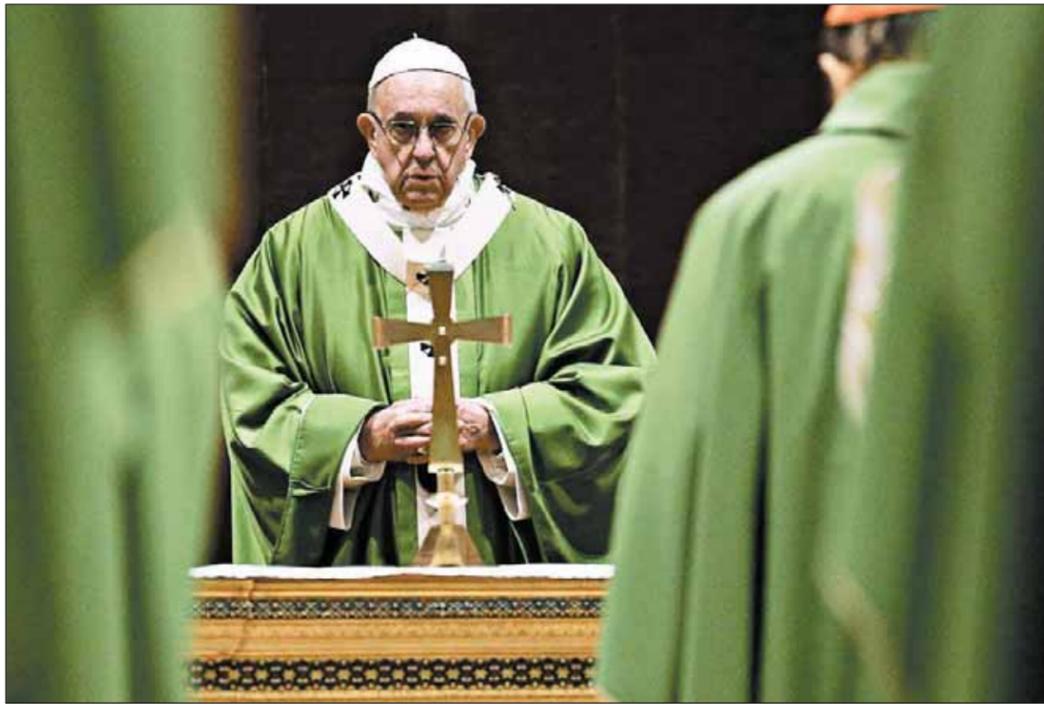
But his failure to offer a concrete action plan to hold bishops accountable when they failed to protect their flocks from predators disappointed survivors, who had expected more from the first-ever global Catholic summit of its kind.

Francis delivered his remarks at the end of Mass before 190 Catholic bishops and religious superiors who were summoned to Rome after more abuse scandals sparked a credibility crisis in the Catholic hierarchy and in Francis’ own leadership.

“Brothers and sisters, today we find ourselves before a manifestation of brazen, aggressive and destructive evil,” the pope said.

In a sign of new measures being taken, the Vatican announced that it would soon issue a new law creating a child protection policy for Vatican City State that covers the Holy See bureaucracy.

The Associated Press reported last year that the headquarters of the Catholic Church had no such policy, even though it insisted in 2011 that local



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Pope Francis attends a closing Mass at the end of a four-day summit on sexual abuse scandals Sunday at the Vatican.

churches have one and told the United Nations five years ago that a policy for Vatican City was in the works.

“It’s not like there is an enormous diffusion of these crimes inside Vatican City State or the Curia,” summit moderator the Rev. Federico Lombardi said. “But since we insist that we need laws and rigorous procedure (elsewhere), they should also exist where we are and in our institutions, starting with the Vatican City State.”

In his final remarks to the summit, Francis noted that the vast majority of sexual abuse happens in the family. And he offered a global

review of the broader societal problem of sexual tourism and online pornography, in a bid to contextualize what he said was once a taboo subject.

But he said the sexual abuse of children becomes even more scandalous when it occurs in the Catholic Church, “for it is utterly incompatible with her moral authority and ethical credibility.”

Francis summoned the bishops from around the world to the four-day meeting to impress upon them that clergy sex abuse and cover-ups aren’t just a problem in some countries but a global problem that threatens the very mission of the

Catholic Church.

He offered an eight-point pledge of priorities going forward, calling for a change in the church’s defensive mentality and a vow to never again cover-up cases.

Victims, he said, must take center stage while priests must undergo a continuing path of purity with the “holy fear of God” guiding the examination of their own failures.

“If in the Church there should emerge even a single case of abuse — which already in itself represents an atrocity — that case will be faced with the utmost seriousness,” he said. “Indeed, in people’s justified

anger, the church sees the reflection of the wrath of God, betrayed and insulted by these deceitful consecrated persons.”

But survivors who came to Rome expecting concrete action were disappointed.

“I have been waiting for seven years for all of this to change,” Italian survivor Alessandro Battaglia said. “There are people who have been waiting for 30 years that all this will change. Why don’t they start with something concrete like removing the bishops who cover up?”

U.S. survivor Peter Isely, of the victim advocacy group Ending Clergy Abuse, said the pope didn’t go far

enough.

“There is nothing in his remarks about releasing documents that demonstrate the truth of how they are and have been covering up child sex crimes,” he said. “So what that is, is secrecy. So, if he is against secrecy about cover-ups, on Monday morning, we would be seeing those archives and criminal evidence released.”

Francis did propose one concrete step going forward, saying he wants to change church law governing child pornography. Currently the church only considers it a “grave delict” — or a crime handled by the Vatican office that processes sex abuse cases — if the child in question is under age 14. Francis wants to raise the age to 18 to cover all minors.

It wasn’t clear if the change was inspired by a recent case involving an Argentine bishop close to Francis.

The AP has reported that the Vatican knew as early as 2015 about Bishop Gustavo Zanchetta’s inappropriate behavior with seminarians. Yet he was allowed to stay on as bishop of the northern Argentine diocese of Oran until 2017, when he resigned suddenly, only to be given a top job at the Vatican by Francis, his confessor.

New diocesan documents published by the Tribune of Salta newspaper show that the original 2015 complaint reported that Zanchetta had gay porn on his cellphone involving “young people” having sex, as well as naked images of Zanchetta masturbating that he sent to others. The age of the “young people” isn’t clear.

Trump aims to break more summit ground

President to leave for 2nd round of talks with N. Korea’s Kim

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is trying to manage expectations for his second summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, predicting a “continuation of the progress” made last time.

Trump tweeted Sunday that he was leaving Monday for the meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam, adding a tantalizing nod to “Denuclearization?”

He also said Kim knows that “without nuclear weapons, his country could fast become one of the great economic powers anywhere in the World.”

Their first meeting, in Singapore in June, produced a vaguely worded commitment from North Korea to dismantle its nuclear weapons program.

Heading into the two-day summit Wednesday, Trump has said that North Korea has not tested any nuclear weapons in months and that as long as that testing has ceased, he’s in no rush.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on “Fox News Sunday” that he was hoping

“So funny to watch people who have failed for years ... telling me how to negotiate with North Korea.”

— President Trump

for a “substantive step forward.” But, he cautioned, “it may not happen, but I hope that it will.”

“President Trump has also said this is going to take time. There may have to be another summit. We may not get everything done this week,” Pompeo said.

Sen. Ed Markey, a Massachusetts Democrat who serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, expressed concerns about Trump’s negotiating efforts Sunday on CBS, saying the president must be “careful” with what he offers.

Said Markey: “Nothing is clear, and I think as a result we could run the risk that Kim is given concessions

which are not accompanied by real concessions that the United States is receiving in return from Kim and his regime.”

Trump pushed back against his critics on Twitter on Sunday, saying: “So funny to watch people who have failed for years, they got NOTHING, telling me how to negotiate with North Korea. But thanks anyway!”

Pompeo said he hoped to put a “road map” in place, but would not discuss the possibility of declaring a formal end to the Korean War or pulling some U.S. troops from South Korea, in keeping with his stand against publicly discussing issue that could arise during the negotiations.

Pompeo told CNN’s “State of the Union” that the commitment Kim made “had substantially taken down the risk to the American people.”

Speaking on CNN, Pompeo also said “verifiable denuclearization” remained the administration’s goal, and he insisted the administration has not changed conditions for sanctions relief.



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President Donald Trump and North Korea leader Kim Jong Un, who met last June in Singapore, will meet again for nuclear talks at a two-day summit Wednesday in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Pompeo sees nation as nuclear threat

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Sunday that North Korea remains a nuclear threat, contradicting a tweet last year by President Donald Trump.

Pompeo made the remark in an interview on CNN’s “State of the Union” days before Trump holds his second summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Asked by CNN’s Jake Tapper whether he believes North Korea remains a nuclear threat, Pompeo responded, “Yes.”

After last year’s summit with Kim in Singapore, Trump tweeted, “There is

no longer a Nuclear Threat from North Korea. Meeting with Kim Jong Un was an interesting and very positive experience.”

But Pompeo on Sunday disputed that Trump had said as much.

“What he said was that the efforts that had been made in Singapore — this commitment that Chairman Kim made — have substantially taken down the risks to the American people. It’s the mission of the secretary of state and the president of the United States to keep the American people secure. We’re aiming to achieve that,” Pompeo

said.

He also said that Trump is focused on ensuring that Kim takes “demonstrable” steps toward denuclearization as a result of this week’s summit in Hanoi.

He maintained that there has been “no change” in the U.S. position on sanctions relief, while also indicating that the North Koreans could receive some relief for taking verifiable steps toward denuclearization. The past U.S. position had been that any sanctions relief would be contingent on full denuclearization.

— The Washington Post

Trump extends China tariff deadline, cites progress

BY PAUL WISEMAN
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Sunday that he will extend a deadline to escalate tariffs on Chinese imports, citing “substantial progress” in weekend talks between the two countries.

Trump tweeted that there had been “productive talks” on some of the difficult issues dividing the U.S. and China, adding that “I

will be delaying the U.S. increase in tariffs now scheduled for March 1.”

Trump said that if negotiations progress, he will meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping at his Florida resort to finalize an agreement.

U.S. and Chinese negotiators met through the weekend as they seek to resolve a trade war that’s rattled financial markets.

Trump had warned he would escalate the tariffs he has imposed on \$200 billion

in Chinese imports, from 10 to 25 percent, if the two sides failed to reach a deal. The increase was scheduled to take effect March 2.

The reprieve is likely to be greeted with relief by financial markets.

The world’s two biggest economies have been locked in a conflict over U.S. allegations that China steals technology and forces foreign companies to hand over trade secrets in an aggressive push to challenge American technolog-

ical dominance.

The two countries have slapped import taxes on hundreds of billions of dollars of each other’s goods. The conflict has unnerved investors and clouded the outlook for the global economy, putting pressure on Trump and Xi to reach a deal.

“Trump clearly wants a deal and so do the Chinese, which certainly raises the probability that the two sides will come to some sort of negotiated agreement,

even if it is a partial one, in the coming weeks,” said Cornell University economist Eswar Prasad, former head of the International Monetary Fund’s China division.

On Twitter, Trump said the two sides had made headway.

“Encouraging news from @POTUS that progress is being made in a trade deal with China. Hopefully this leads to an agreement that stops China’s theft of US intellectual property and

avoids a full blown trade war,” tweeted Republican Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania.

But critics worry that the president has given up leverage.

“They now have lost the advantage of a deadline,” said Philip Levy, a senior fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and a White House economist under President George W. Bush, adding that “I see the odds tilting” in China’s favor.



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Protesters clash with Venezuelan forces Sunday at the international bridge linking the country with Colombia. Two people were killed and hundreds injured in clashes Saturday.

Guaido ramps up appeal to solve Venezuela crisis

Pompeo says Maduro's days are 'numbered'

BY CHRISTINE ARMARIO AND LUIS ANDRES HENAO

Associated Press

CUCUTA, Colombia — Opposition leader Juan Guaido has called on the international community to consider “all options” to resolve Venezuela's crisis, a dramatic escalation in rhetoric that echoes comments from the Trump administration hinting at potential U.S. military involvement.

Guaido's comments late Saturday came after a tumultuous day that saw President Nicolas Maduro's forces fire tear gas and buckshot at activists trying to deliver humanitarian aid in violent clashes that left two people dead and some 300 injured.

For weeks, the U.S. and regional allies had been amassing emergency food and medical kits on Venezuela's borders in anticipation of carrying out a “humanitarian avalanche” by land and sea to undermine Maduro's rule.

With activists failing to penetrate government blockades and deliver the aid, Guaido announced late Saturday that he would escalate his appeal to the international community — beginning with a meeting Monday in Colombia's capital with U.S. Vice President Mike Pence on the sidelines of an emergency summit of leaders of the so-called Lima Group to discuss Venezuela's crisis.

He said he would urge the international community to keep “all options open” in the fight to restore Venezuela's democracy, using identical language to that of President Donald Trump, who in his public statements has repeatedly refused to rule out force and reportedly even secretly pressed aides as early as 2017 about the possibility of a military incursion.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has also stepped up the belligerent rhetoric, saying on CNN's “State of the Union” on Sunday that Maduro's “days are numbered.”

A close Guaido ally, Julio Borges, the exiled leader of congress who is Guaido's ambassador to the Lima

Group, was even more explicit in urging a military option. “We are going to demand an escalation of diplomatic pressure and the use of force against Nicolas Maduro's dictatorship,” he said Sunday.

It's a prospect that analysts warn risks fracturing a hard-won coalition of Latin American nations who've come together to pressure Maduro's socialist government. Most Latin American governments are on the record opposing a military solution and would face dissent should they back any military action led by the U.S., whose interventions in the region during the Cold War remain an open wound.

“These governments know they would face a huge tide of internal opinion greatly offended by a U.S.-led invasion for historical and political reasons,” said Ivan Briscoe, the Latin America director for the Crisis Group, a think tank.

At the same time, though polls say Venezuelans want Maduro to resign, almost an equal number reject the possibility of a foreign invasion to resolve the political impasse.

Dems warn of subpoena if Russia report withheld

Schiff says court action, Mueller testimony possible

BY FELICIA SONMEZ
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., said Sunday that House Democrats will subpoena special counsel Robert Mueller to testify before Congress if his report on Russian interference in the 2016 election is not made public.

Schiff, chairman of the House intelligence committee, said on ABC News' “This Week” that Democrats will also subpoena Mueller's report and are prepared to go to court against the Trump administration.

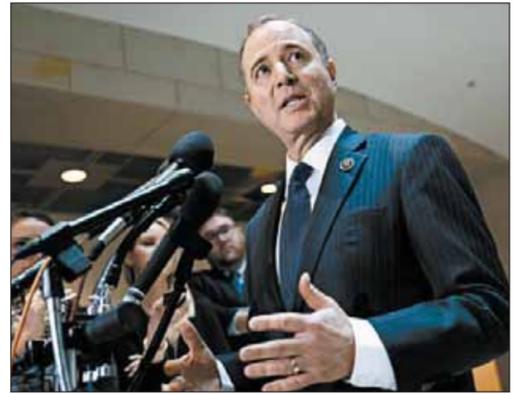
With Mueller's nearly two-year investigation believed to be coming to an end, Democrats are seeking to ramp up pressure on Attorney General William Barr to release the full findings of the report — and setting down a marker for what course they will take if he doesn't.

“Well, we will obviously subpoena the report. We will bring Bob Mueller in to testify before Congress. We will take it to court if necessary,” Schiff said. “And in the end, I think the Department (of Justice) understands they're going to have to make this public. I think Barr will ultimately understand that, as well.”

A Justice Department spokeswoman and a Mueller spokesman declined to comment.

During his confirmation hearing last month, Barr said his goal would be to “provide as much transparency as I can consistent with the law.”

His testimony prompted concern among Democrats that he could choose not to release any of the findings of Mueller's team that have not already been made public through indict-



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Rep. Adam Schiff and Democrats are ramping up pressure on Attorney General William Barr to release the findings.

ments.

Rumors swirled last week that the report could be delivered before the end of the month. But a senior Justice Department official said Friday that the report will not be coming this week.

President Donald Trump is traveling to Hanoi this week for a summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Justice Department regulations call for Mueller's report to be a confidential account of the individuals charged, as well as those who were not charged. Barr, who was confirmed earlier this month, will then summarize the work for Congress.

Democrats have been pressing the Trump administration to make available as much of the Mueller report as possible.

On Friday, Schiff and five other House committee leaders sent a letter to Barr emphasizing their expectation that he will release the report to the public “without delay and to the maximum extent permitted by law.”

Schiff on Sunday stepped up his focus on Barr, saying that if the new attorney general withholds any part of the report, his legacy will be “tarnished.”

Ultimately, the Democratic lawmaker added, Trump should welcome the report's release, given his repeated claims that there was no collusion between his campaign and the Russian government.

In a separate appearance on the program, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., warned that if Democrats “keep pushing” the issue of collusion, “It's going to blow up in their face in 2020” among voters at the polls.

In an appearance on NBC News' “Meet the Press,” Neal Katyal, who was acting solicitor general in the Obama administration, said it was “certainly possible” that Mueller would testify before Congress.

If Mueller ends up finding information that points to potential wrongdoing by the president, Barr not only has the discretion to turn the report over to Congress, “indeed, he has to,” said Katyal, who drafted the special counsel regulations.

On CBS News' “Face the Nation,” Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., voiced uncertainty about whether Democrats could enforce a subpoena against Mueller.

“I don't know that you can,” he told host Margaret Brennan.

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NEWS BRIEFING

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2 dead, 12 injured as storms, tornado pound Southern states

COLUMBUS, Miss. — Weekend storms raked parts of the Southeast, leaving deaths and injuries in their wake as a tornado smashed into a commercial district in a small Mississippi city and drenching rains fed a rising flood threat.

A woman was killed when a tornado hit Columbus, Miss., and a man died when he drove into floodwaters in Tennessee, officials said.

Columbus Mayor

Robert Smith Sr. said Ashley Glynell Pounds, 41, of Tupelo, and her husband were renovating a house Saturday, and when the building collapsed in the storm and killed her.

Smith said 12 other people were injured, but the injuries did not appear to be major.

In Knox County, Tenn., officials said a man died after his vehicle became submerged in high water.

2 bodies pulled from cargo jetliner crash near Houston

ANAHUAC, Texas — A southeast Texas sheriff said Sunday that two bodies have been recovered at the site where a Boeing 767 cargo plane crashed into a coastal bay. All three people aboard the Flight 3591 died, according to the plane's owner.

Crews continued to search for the third body at Trinity Bay, about 35 miles east of Houston, Chambers County Sheriff Brian Hawthorne said at a

Sunday afternoon news conference with officials from the National Transportation Safety Board and the FBI.

The plane's owner, Atlas Air, issued a statement Sunday confirming the deaths.

NTSB Chairman Robert Sumwalt said security video from a jail about a mile away from the crash site showed the plane heading toward the ground nose first.

Dubai-bound flight lands after hijacking attempt; suspect dead

A Dubai-bound flight made an emergency landing in southeast Bangladesh on Sunday after a man attempted to hijack the plane, authorities said.

The man, described by authorities as a "terrorist," was fatally shot by military commandos who stormed the plane after it landed at an airport in Chittagong, an official told the Associated Press, declining to specify where, exactly, the

shooting occurred.

The flight, operated by state-run Biman Bangladesh Airlines, took off from Dhaka, the country's capital, just after 4:30 p.m. local time but had to make the emergency detour just 40 minutes later, officials said.

More than 140 passengers and seven crew members were on the Boeing 737-800 jet, and all were safely evacuated, an official said.



ARTHUR EDWARDS/THE SUN

Meghan, duchess of Sussex attends a reception Sunday hosted by the British Ambassador to Morocco at the British Residence in Rabat during the second day of her tour of Morocco. The royal couple met influential Moroccan women and disabled athletes.

U.N. report: Civilian deaths in Afghanistan reach record in '18

KABUL, Afghanistan — A record number of civilians lost their lives last year in Afghanistan, due to a mix of increasing aerial attacks by foreign troops and militant ground attacks, the United Nations reported Sunday, as meetings were set to resume Monday in Qatar between Taliban and U.S. negotiators on a potential settlement to the civil conflict.

The report from the U.N. Assistance Mission to Afghanistan said that 3,804 civilians died in 2018, including 930 children. That reflected an 11 percent increase from 2017, a year

that also saw near-record levels of civilian war-related deaths. In the past decade, it said, more than 32,000 noncombatants have been killed.

"The level of harm and suffering inflicted on civilians in Afghanistan is deeply disturbing," Tadamichi Yamamoto, the U.N. Special Representative for Afghanistan, said in a statement issued with the report. "It is time to put an end to this human misery."

He said the best way to do so is to "stop the fighting" and use all efforts to "bring about peace. I urge all parties to seize every

opportunity to do so."

The expected resumption of talks Monday comes after a period of confusion, mixed signals and setbacks for the peace process.

The Afghan government, led by President Ashraf Ghani, has remained sidelined in the talks, due to Taliban insistence that it does not legitimately represent the country. According to reports, Afghan-born diplomat Zalmay Khalizad is now pressing Afghan officials to name a broad, inclusive negotiating team that includes opponents and electoral rivals of Ghani.

Voters in Okinawa reject plan for new U.S. base

TOKYO — Voters in the Japanese prefecture of Okinawa resoundingly rejected the construction of a new U.S. military base on their island in a referendum Sunday, causing a fresh headache for the central government and for U.S. forces in Japan.

Okinawa is home to

about half the 54,000 U.S. troops stationed in Japan and houses the largest U.S. air base in the Asia-Pacific region. The U.S. military says its presence on the island is vital not only for the defense of Japan but also for keeping the peace in the region.

But Okinawans feel their

small island bears an unfair burden of the U.S. military presence in Japan, and Sunday they made their resentment felt.

The results showed 72.2 percent of voters rejected construction of a U.S. base at Henoko, in the north of the island. The turnout was over 52 percent.

Official says EU will hit back on car tariffs by U.S.

BUCHAREST, Romania — A European Union official says "there is full support" from member states to hit back if President Donald Trump imposes tariffs on cars and car parts.

EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom said EU trade ministers had discussed the bloc's trading relationship with Washington during an informal meeting Friday in Bucharest.

She said there were concerns about "certain aspects of the trade policy being pursued by the current U.S. administration."

Trump says the U.S. is mulling tariffs on imported vehicles from Europe, suggesting a final decision will hinge on the two sides reaching a trade deal in the coming months.

Malmstrom said the EU was preparing a list of "rebalancing measures," if tariffs were levied.

In Sweden: Sweden says it will summon Russia's ambassador on Monday to explain why a Russian fighter jet flew just 66 feet away from a Swedish plane in international airspace earlier this week. A spokeswoman told Swedish TV Sunday that the Russian Sukhoi Su-27 plane "jeopardized flight safety."

In Kashmir: Three rebels, a counterinsurgency police officer and an army soldier were killed during a gunbattle in Kashmir on Sunday, officials said, as shops and businesses shut down to protest a sweeping and ongoing crackdown against activists seeking the end of Indian rule in the disputed region.

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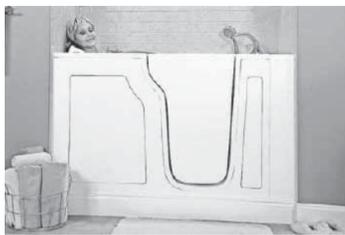


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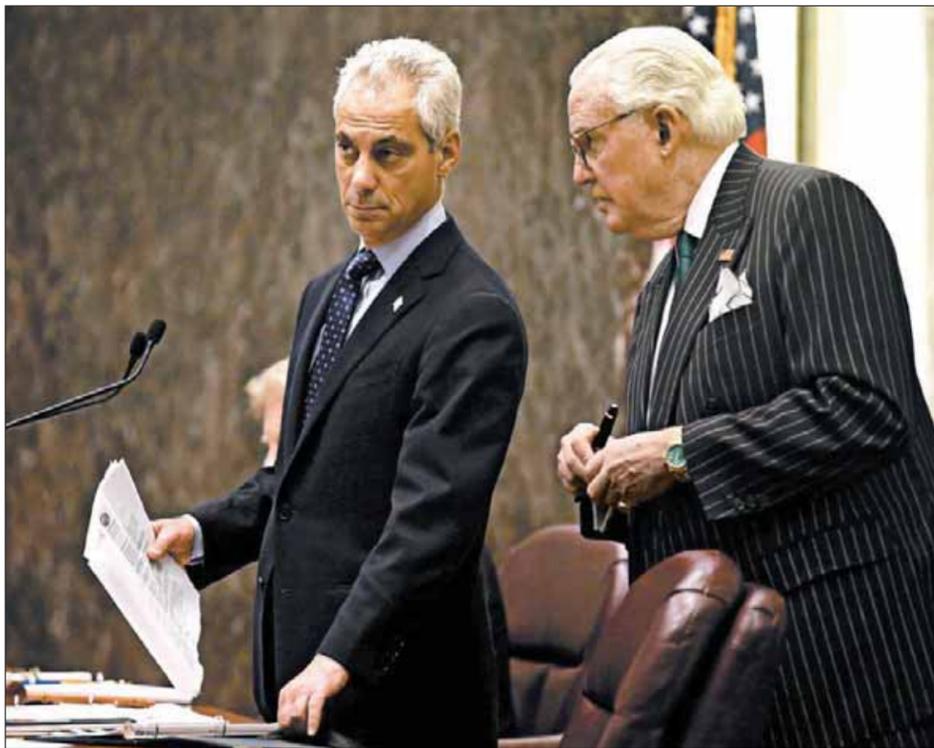
For the victors, a mission: Combat endemic corruption at Chicago's City Hall

Until November, when the feds raided Ald. Edward Burke's offices, the 2019 municipal election seemed ready to pivot on three big issues: taming Chicago's pension crisis, reducing gun violence and improving the schools. Pensions ... violence ... schools.

Then came the federal corruption investigation of the City Council, in which Burke, an alderman for 50 years, was charged with attempted extortion. He is accused of trying to shake down a Burger King franchisee to gain business for his law firm. Burke denies wrongdoing, but the investigation is ongoing. Oh boy, is it ongoing. Recall that investigators listened in on 9,475 of Burke's calls over eight months. Ald. Danny Solis, who has not been charged with any wrongdoing, is known to have worn an undercover wire. A lot of people around City Hall have gotten very nervous contemplating what may have been heard by whom.

Activity surrounding the investigation has quieted in recent weeks. That's not surprising, given the tradition of federal prosecutors of trying to avoid making headlines just before elections. But Election Day is Tuesday. Runoffs, if necessary, will happen on April 2. Then what? That's a good question for voters — and for victors.

The federal investigation will take whatever path is required, but even if it winds down quickly, the next mayor and City Council had better add a category to their list of big problems to solve: End corruption in city government. A naive generality? How about demanding that the politicians take these measurable steps: Combat corruption and restore



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Mayor Rahm Emanuel, left, and Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, at a City Council meeting in 2016.

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.

public trust by reforming political practices that lend themselves to abuse.

We're urging that the new mayor and City Council take a serious look at such issues as aldermanic prerogative, which

gives council members significant influence over routine permitting decisions. Reforms can come in many shapes and sizes, from reining in that privilege, to putting limits on outside employment for aldermen, to strength-

ening oversight of them, to instituting term limits. Anywhere government power and personal gain may intersect in City Council chambers is potentially problematic. The track record tells us so: Since 1972, 33 aldermen have

been convicted of crimes related to official duties.

What's required is that elected officials commit themselves to cleaning up government. Again, naive? No. The dramatic sweep of this investigation and the timing, coming so close to an election, is a gift to the people of Chicago. No one running for office can pretend that the political culture here is saintly. Maybe the city isn't inherently corrupt, but clearly something went wrong after Honest Abe left town with the Republican nomination for president in 1860. We've spoken with dozens of candidates, and when asked about how to defeat endemic corruption, they all accept the premise that Chicago needs to change. They all offer up ideas. Easy for candidates, of course.

Let's not allow the politicians off the hook after the election. We're reminded of wisdom from two Chicago contemporaries. First, there's departing Mayor or Rahm Emanuel, oft-quoted as observing: "You never want a serious crisis to go to waste. And what I mean by that is it's an opportunity to do things that you think you could not do before." And there's President Barack Obama: "Elections have consequences." We certainly hope to see some.

Chicagoans go to the polls Tuesday. As people vote, federal agents and prosecutors will be beavering away on their investigation of City Hall. In May, a new mayor will take office alongside a new City Council. All of us expect them to work on three important issues: pensions, violence and schools. Plus this fourth: corruption.

Indiana Dunes National Park: A long-sought summit achieved

Spring peeks into view at the Indiana Dunes with Maple Sugar Time in early March and migratory birdwatching through May. In summer, the beach and lake beckon for swimming and sunbathing. Then come changing leaves and passing sandhill cranes before snow sweeps over the dynamic hills once again.

Welcome to the Chicago area's first national park.

The federal spending bill better known for providing \$1.4 billion for security at the U.S.-Mexico border included a welcome bonus: the elevation of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore to Indiana Dunes National Park. The designation comes with an expansive new identity, if not

budget, for the popular getaway in northwest Indiana.

The Dunes, less than 50 miles from Chicago and in a region of Indiana known more for industry than natural beauty, becomes the state's first national park. Illinois and Wisconsin have none, and Michigan's Isle Royale is 400 miles away. For millions of people in and around Chicago, the Dunes puts a national park within day-trip distance for the first time.

Tourism brings more than \$400 million a year into Porter County, Ind., and supports more than 5,000 jobs. Dunes visits have climbed in recent years, and a further uptick in tourism would be welcome. More than 1 million

people have national parks passports that encourage guests to collect stamps from every park they visit. The designation has already made headlines on news and travel sites and will surely put the spot on more people's radar.

The reverse may also prove true. Casual visitors, out to hike or just keep the kids busy for an afternoon, will now experience the Dunes as part of a larger ecosystem of 61 national parks, perhaps sparking their interest in visiting and protecting gems such as Yellowstone and Yosemite.

Many national parks are surely more breathtaking than the Dunes, and the crowning came as something of a surprise after the Trump administration said last

year it opposed the idea.

But the 15,000 acres are significant ecologically, with prairie, bogs and wetlands, and the park had one champion who was hard to argue with: Stephen Mather, the Chicago businessman who became the first director of the National Park Service. In 1916, he rhapsodized about the Dunes as "a Paradise for the artist and writer" and worthy of National Park status. World War I derailed this agenda item, and Mather died in 1930.

Just north of the Dunes, the Northern Indiana Public Service Co. has announced plans to close a coal-fired unit in Michigan City by 2028. This will improve the view from Mount Baldy, the park's most popular attraction.

The 126-foot wandering dune famously "swallowed a boy" in 2013 (he was rescued) and was closed for several years afterward, reopening in 2017. The event presented a geologic mystery — dunes aren't supposed to swallow boys — that fascinated scientists and naturalists.

The dunes themselves are constantly evolving. The setting certainly looks different today from what Mather saw a century ago. Now, 100 years after he identified its charms, the park is poised for a new wave of attention. Grab your national parks passport, and don't forget your pails and shovels. There are sand castles to build.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

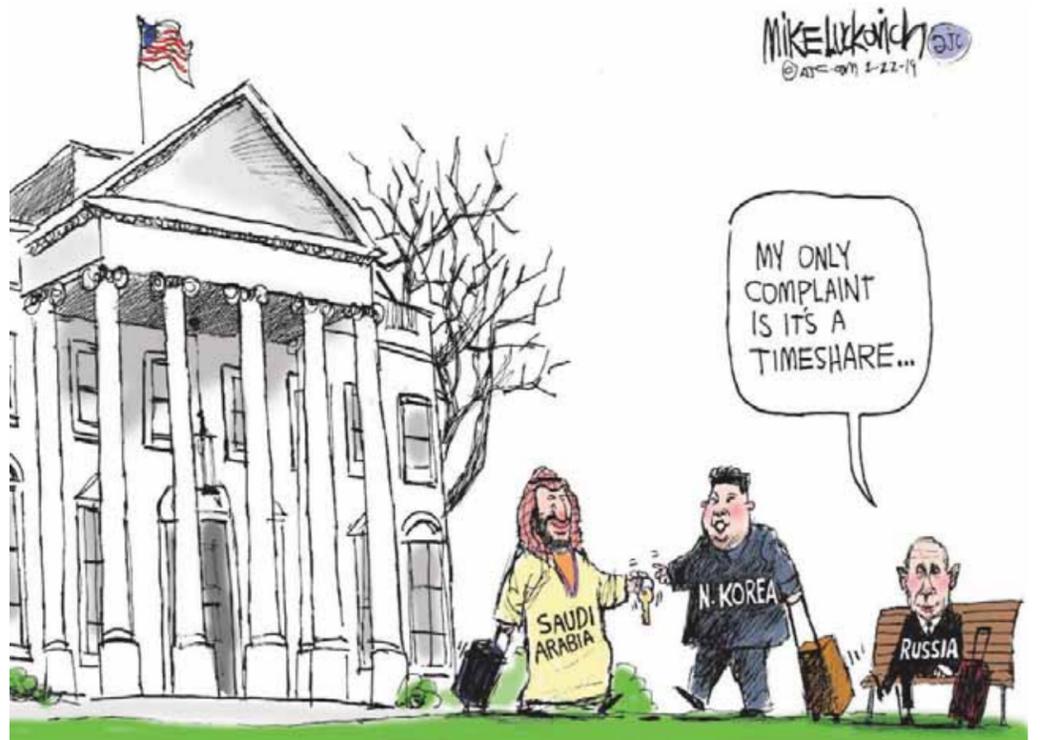
Two years on, it remains self-evident that the Trump presidency poses a grave threat to democracy, nonwhite people, and even our ability as human beings to inhabit the planet. It remains equally apparent that there is a collective responsibility to resist — him, his supporters, what they mean, what they want — though what shape that resistance should take, and what demands it places on those who partake in it, are less apparent.

The Resistance, capitalized into a movement, was supposed to answer that. It should be a source of power in contending with Trump's destructive agenda. Instead it has been little more than a tool, a form of branding, for the most benign type of opposition, trading on the radical resonance of the word "resistance" in order to appear more powerful than it actually is. The Resistance is a movement in the sense that those who have taken up its banner call it a movement, but no more than that. It is a movement because it is rather than because it does.

Perhaps it's unfair to ask the Resistance to be anything more than that. It may, charitably, be best understood as a social media campaign rather than a movement. ... What it has done is given people a slogan under which they can rally. It has allowed them to find others who are frustrated, isolated, and afraid. It has raised awareness and kept people informed about some of the most pressing issues of this still young presidency. That's worth something.

Mychal Denzel Smith,
 The New Republic

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PERSPECTIVE



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker delivers his first budget address to a joint session of the Illinois House and Senate at the Capitol in Springfield on Wednesday.

Pritzker's tax-and-spend plan will drive employers out of Illinois

BY GREG BAISE

"A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking about real money."

The now-prophetic quote most often attributed to former U.S. Sen. Everett Dirksen, the Illinois Republican, almost seems trivial in the world of trillion-dollar deficits on the national level. One has to wonder: Do politicians today even know what they mean when it comes to talking about the spending of taxpayer dollars? The evidence suggests they don't have a clue.

Take Illinois, for example. Our previous governor, Bruce Rauner, himself about a half-billionaire, barreled into office with a grand plan promising to fix our budget problems, and all we ended up getting was deeper into debt and higher taxes.

Last week, our new billionaire governor, J.B. Pritzker, delivered his first budget address, which outlined a still massive budget deficit yet promised more spending increases. More money for kids! Who's going to say no to that?

The governor outlined a \$3.2 billion deficit and more than \$15 billion in

debt from unpaid bills — that is on top of an underfunded pension obligation to the tune of \$133 billion. Yet he proposed hundreds of millions in new spending, while calling it a very austere budget and proclaiming his preference to spend even more.

Recently the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago outlined its proposals to fix Illinois' budget woes. The group proposed \$6 billion in tax increases and a mere \$2 billion in unidentified spending cuts. Did I mention that a third of the tax increase would come from raising taxes on retirement income? Tell that to your average retiree on a fixed income.

Who is looking out for the jobs of everyday folks — those who too often have to bear the brunt of these decisions? The billions that politicians so quickly and easily reference have to come from somewhere.

To be clear, Illinois has the second highest property taxes in the nation. Politicians in Springfield have raised income taxes by historic amounts, yet we are still billions in the hole.

The Pritzker administration would say that's where its "progressive income tax" comes in. The state raises taxes on people at a certain income

The state cannot stay on this trajectory — we are losing substantial numbers of people because of the poor jobs climate and high taxes.

level, and they pay for all the new spending ideas. Ask some of the small business owners and job creators you know how they feel about that.

Let's call it the "jobs tax" — because it will accelerate the push of already-struggling job creators out of Illinois.

In addition, the governor has floated this idea without telling voters the rates at which they would be taxed. Raise your hand if you think it's a good idea to give Springfield politicians, through a state constitutional amendment, an unfettered ability to raise taxes year after year.

Keep in mind — because this jobs tax requires a constitutional amendment — the Pritzker administration even floated the idea of another "temporary" income tax hike to pay for all

the increased spending until the amendment could potentially be placed on the ballot in 2020.

Two months into his administration and that's the best they have? Increased spending and more taxes? A kinder, gentler public approach than we've had in the recent past doesn't excuse the disappointment that yet another governor wants to embrace job creation by attacking those who actually create jobs.

It is a one-sided argument coming from Springfield politicians. And it is as if no one has any new ideas that will help solve the state's problems — other than asking already-beleaguered job creators to pony up more of their hard-earned money.

The state simply cannot continue on its current trajectory — we are losing substantial numbers of people because of the poor jobs climate and high taxes. The coming months are critical for taxpayers, and both political parties must be held to account.

Gov. Pritzker may have won by a hefty margin, but voters did not hand him a proverbial blank check to draw on their hard-earned money.

Greg Baise is chairman of Ideas Illinois, a pro-job-creation political committee.

We must strictly regulate gene editing now, before it becomes the norm

BY ADIL E. SHAMOO

Science magazine, not known for sensationalism, highlighted the first human germline gene-editing endeavor in its recent publication with this headline: "CRISPR bombshell: Chinese researcher claims to have created gene-edited twins."

Dr. He Jiankui conducted the research, in which the genes of twins were edited to resist HIV infections; it has created a scientific uproar. The genomic alteration occurred at the embryonic stage — known as germline editing — which means the edited genes will be inherited by future generations. Previous human gene research has been on somatic cells, which affect only an individual's cells.

Early statements from many scientists in China, around the world and especially in the U.S. condemned this newest foray into gene research. Dr. He was fired from his university, Southern University of Science and Technology of China in Shenzhen, and could face charges of disobeying regulations regarding ethics and research integrity.

Even though germline engineering (not by gene editing) has been prevalent for plants, animals and agricultural purposes, its use in humans had been considered an ethical breach because of potential unknown risks and



Dr. He Jiankui, shown at a human genome editing conference in Hong Kong in November, announced he had created gene-edited twins.

consequences for future generations.

The National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine issued a report in February 2017 recognizing the serious ethical risks of heritable genome editing. Unforeseen biological complications are a concern, but societal factors — including the dividing line between those with the means to accomplish enhancements for their children and successive generations — are a grave concern.

Yet in spite of ethical recommendations to refrain from such research, the push for such gene

editing is on, with a recent report of research underway at Columbia University in New York into germline editing of human embryos.

Such genetic tampering is thought to have the potential to cure known diseases, such as sickle cell anemia, a devastating single gene mutation genetic disorder affecting many sub-Saharan Africans and at least 100,000 Americans, which is the focus of a half-dozen clinical trials using gene therapy. But it also could be used to gain better physical capabilities, change one's appearance and create a better

brain — to name just a few possibilities. The wealth of parents will play a major role in opening such pathways for enhancements, especially when medical tourism is becoming an accepted practice.

The United States has the highest health care cost per capita in the world. Despite the U.S. having the highest health expenditure, twice that of other rich countries, our health outcome is lower, including a lower life expectancy compared with other developed nations. Currently, somatic gene therapy could cost nearly \$1 million or more per patient treatment. Lifetime treatment with drugs could require that amount as well. Germline therapy, while expensive, could be favorable to eliminate such diseases by treatment with one expensive process.

With cost-cutting pressures on one side and wealthy patients desiring enhancements on another, risk/benefit analyses may not be able to hold back the advancement of scientific discovery, especially considering this: Gene editing may soon become a risk-free or low-risk procedure for individual patients. Ethical arguments may not be able to withstand the pressures of the public health need coupled with attaining advantages that money can buy.

Successful enhancement procedures could put us on the road

to having a master class of wealthy and more intelligent individuals. It also could pave the way to a service class of individuals who are sicker, less intelligent and less strong. Francis Fukuyama, conservative economist and philosopher, in his 2002 book, "Our Posthuman Future," predicted that such issues would result in social unrest and would eviscerate the Enlightenment ideals of fairness to which current developed countries have subscribed.

We stand in a moment in which the risks of such research must be strictly regulated. The gene editing "machine" should become as restrictive as possible, integrated into an international law ratified by governments around the world and augmented by international treaties.

With such regulations in place, we can move forward in gene editing research and treatment, carefully considering the consequences of each to protect our ethics, our moral code and fairness to each of us.

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PERSPECTIVE



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A poll found two-thirds of voters favor "Medicare-for-all." Only one-third would if it meant more taxes or cutting private health plans.

Stop looking to other countries for the path to U.S. health care reform

BY MEGAN MCARDLE

It's the killer argument, the coup de grace that every advocate for universal health care coverage eventually delivers: "Other countries have better outcomes than we do at half the cost." And since Democrats seem to be gearing up to make another big push for health care reform, you can expect to hear it over and over for the next few years.

Ironically, the discussion will probably fall under the very American slogan "Medicare-for-all," but that's just a catch-all for "more and cheaper health care coverage." The reformers will take a variety of approaches to achieving that goal.

All the way to the left, we find Bernie Sanders' vision of a universal, government-run, single-payer system, similar to the ones found in Canada and Scandinavia, only more generous. Inching toward the center, we see proposals for some sort of government-run fallback for the private markets, more akin to what exists in Australia or Germany.

The Sanders model is more popular with young progressives, but it has limited appeal outside the Democratic base. Creating the most generous system in the world would entail the highest price tag in the world — estimated by economic policy analyst Charles Blahous to cost \$32 trillion in new government spending over a decade, even under implausible assumptions about the new system's ability to wring costs out of the health care sector.

Also, while "Medicare-for-all" polls quite well, getting rid of private insurance doesn't. A recent survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation showed that while two-thirds of voters would support something called "Medicare-for-all," only one-third would support it if the policy in-

involved paying more taxes or eliminating private health insurance.

Using Medicare as a public option avoids some of the political difficulties of trying to do a full Canada. But while the challenges of enacting less-totalizing schemes aren't so immediately evident, they're nonetheless considerable.

It's worth noting that this isn't the first time Americans have looked enviously abroad at some other country's universal health care system and tried to import it here. You may remember the last time it happened: 10 years ago, when the Obama administration put together its landmark health care plan.

That plan was designed along roughly the same lines as systems in Switzerland and the Netherlands, both of which have achieved universal coverage while spending a substantially lower fraction of their national income than America does. Yet, when the United States implemented the same structure — mandatory private insurance that's subsidized for lower-income people — it didn't work here the way it did there. Nine years in, we're spending almost 40 percent more on health care than the Swiss and 70 percent more than the Dutch. Meanwhile, almost 15 percent of the U.S. population lacks health insurance.

You can point to various reasons for that: court decisions, Republican obstruction or flaws in the law itself, which had a much weaker mandate and cost controls than the Dutch or Swiss models. But then, that's the point: Attempts to reform the American health care system will be undertaken within the constraints of the American political system. We can't import Dutch politicians and voters — or the Germans or Australians or Canadians — to get the job done for us.

The American political system is more fragmented, and easier for interest groups to lobby, than most other systems in the developed world. The nation's health care system is also fragmented — and huge, accounting for upward of 15 percent of gross domestic product. Any attempt at reforming it would be tremendously expensive, triggering a taxpayer revolt. Reform also would set off alarms because the system is vital to many people as a source of income. When Americans' incomes are threatened by government action, they have an almost unparalleled ability to organize themselves to block it.

And so, the last time around, Democrats passed a weak, flawed version of other systems, because American voters wouldn't stand for a stiff mandate or stiff new taxes to pay for subsidies. Instead of imposing robust cost controls that would threaten the income of politically powerful hospitals and health care professionals, Democrats enacted a bunch of complicated and opaque programs that they hoped would somehow confuse providers into accepting less money for providing the same treatments. Those half-measures didn't work very well.

The next round of health care reform will encounter exactly the same obstacles. If we try to go the route of Canada or Germany, we will probably end up in roughly the same place we did when we tried to go Dutch: which is to say with a system that looks like nothing else in the world.

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Falling tax refunds highlight the Republican tax scam

BY HELAINE OLEN

Earlier this month, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, chair of the Senate's Finance Committee, and Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, the ranking Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee, penned a commentary in USA Today telling Americans they've got it all wrong when it comes to the Republican tax reform and their own personal finances. If you received a surprisingly small tax refund for 2018, don't you worry. You received the money last year, when you got paid. "Since many workers and their families live paycheck-to-paycheck, getting at least some of their tax cut in advance rather than delaying it a year is a life saver," they wrote. Besides, they added, "You get to control your money. Not the IRS."

Note to Republicans: When you need to scold Americans on how they handle their money, you lose, even if you've got a point. Tax refunds are down more than \$5 billion from this time last year, according to an analysis performed by Investor's Business Daily. People are squawking — on Instagram, on Twitter and/or to any reporter who will listen to them. Republicans assumed Americans would become converts when they saw they were getting a slightly bigger paycheck, after withholding tables were recalculated in early 2018. They assumed wrong.

First, most people never noticed they were receiving more money in their regular take-home paycheck. This isn't because they like or dislike President Donald Trump. It's because there's plenty of evidence that small tax cuts — the typical middle-income filer received a break of less than \$20 a week — often go unnoticed. The same thing happened when Barack Obama enacted a temporary tax cut early in his presidency. According to a

The big winner on tax reform: corporate America. Think Amazon and GM.

New York Times-CBS News poll conducted in 2010, more than a year after Americans should have been seeing an increase in take-home pay, a solid majority of people had no clue they'd received a tax rollback. More people, in fact, thought their taxes had increased than decreased.

Second, taking a tax refund is not a financially optimal decision, and one that many personal-finance gurus howl about every year, but people like it. The reason for that is rooted in human psychology. Tax refunds work as a form of forced savings for many people, a way of making themselves put money aside for post-holiday bills, vacations or a household repair. Yes, they could set up a savings strategy themselves, but that would leave it there, forever available to spend on a passing fancy or immediate need. More relevant: Many people don't get around to setting aside dollars. They spend their money as it comes in. As a result, they rely on their tax refund. They would, apparently, prefer to receive something like a lump sum of \$2,135, the average tax refund received in 2018 for a 2017 return. (About 75 percent of all filers got refunds in recent years.) Real estate — if you don't take the money out in the form of a second mortgage or refinancing — works in a similar fashion. It's an expensive savings vehicle, but it's a savings strategy nonetheless, something that accounts for the fact that for many Americans, their home is their main source of wealth.

This behavior around tax refunds, contra congressional Republicans, is not a

surrender of control. It's knowing your weaknesses and making them work for you. People plan on their refunds and react to them in unsurprising ways. According to the recent paper, "Tax Refund Expectations and Financial Behavior," when low- and moderate-income filers receive the refund they expect, they use about 15 percent of it to pay down debt. An unexpected refund, on the hand, leads to increased spending and debt.

Finally, as millions of Americans grapple with their smaller-than-expected refunds, they are hearing more and more about the big winner of the tax-reform scam: corporate America. Amazon (whose founder, Jeff Bezos, is the owner of The Washington Post) owed zero in corporate income tax last year. And as Axios reported recently, General Motors, which made \$11.8 billion in profit last year, filed for a refund of slightly more than \$100 million.

There is no argument the Republicans can come up with to get around this reality. It's not just that getting into arguments with people about human nature is a loser's game. It's that the GOP tax scam was always designed to benefit one group and one group only — the richest and wealthiest among us. Remember when Rep. Chris Collins, R-N.Y., claimed, "My donors are basically saying, 'Get it done or don't ever call me again'?" It's why they pushed their reform effort as hard as they did. The refund imbroglio is branding this point home to voters once again. Little wonder majorities of Americans say they support raising taxes on the highest earners and the wealthiest Americans. They know they've been had.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Teach history pragmatically

I had two reactions when reading Max Boot's lament about the public's ignorance of history ("If schools stop teaching history, we're doomed," Feb. 22). The first was that this accusation is hardly new. George Santayana is credited with stating in 1905 that, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Nevertheless, the results Boot reports from the survey taken by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni are shocking, which leads me to ask: What is the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, and who where they surveying? Were these incoming freshmen? Did the survey sample the general population? This matters because organizations are always taking surveys and using the results to accuse school systems of not doing their jobs.

That leads me to my second reaction to Boot's column, his assumption that you have to major in history in college to be literate in it. He states that in the late 1960s, 5 percent of female and 6 percent of male undergraduates majored in history as opposed to less than 1 percent and 2 percent currently, respectively. Why did he feel the need to distinguish between female and male undergraduates? Although the percentages are lower now, are the actual numbers of undergraduate students majoring in history about the same? That is, are there more students in college now than in the late 1960s? But that still leaves us with the issue that, if you are measuring the historical knowledge of the public by the number of college history majors, isn't 5 or 6 percent still abysmally low?

The problem with history is that there is so much of it. When students are studying it, they are most concerned with learning what they need in order to pass the test at the end of the unit.

There is something now in schools called everyday math. It is an attempt to help those students who don't love math to learn what they need to use to be successful adults. Historians could try to do the same with history. For example, take a current event and trace it backward through its historical lineage.

Rather than focus on memorizing tons of facts and dates, students should know how to access historical information, judge its credibility and weigh its relevance. Through timelines, students could come to understand how today's events were formed by yesterday's circumstances and will become tomorrow's history. This is something we all need, not just the 1 or 2 percent.

— Janice Cody, Chicago

The devolution of Bobby Rush

People do change, as demonstrated by my congressman, U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush, co-founder of the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party, who is now so enamored with capitalism, he's endorsing Daley for mayor.

The Daley family has championed far-reaching, deeply racist policies, leaving Chicago the most segregated city in America. The "new" Daley would continue to prioritize the moneyed interests of Chicago, instead of focusing on repairing the mistakes his family made.

So is Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam's overt blackface racism in the '80s worse than Bobby Rush's insidious, passive racism in his older years in the modern era? Rush's brand of racism is arguably much more far-reaching. Why aren't his constituents yelling for him to step down?

— Anna Carvlin, Chicago

What a bounty from the GOP

Just finished doing my taxes. Thanks, GOP, for the middle-class tax cut. It's obvious where your loyalties lie.

— Bill Jones, McHenry

Taxes as simple as Trump says

I have just finished working up my 2018 tax return. As usual, I employed an electronic program to help me work through the annual exercise. Now that the work is done, I owe Mr. Trump an apology.

I was skeptical when he said that his involvement would make it possible for me to do my taxes on the back of a postcard. After completing my taxes, I must admit that I could have done them on the back of a postcard. I accept full responsibility for the error of my ways. Based on the output, my problem is that I failed to find a postcard that is 110.5 inches wide and 143 inches long. Maybe next year.

— Terry Ferrari, Dyer, Ind.

Funnel some 'wall' cash to I-80

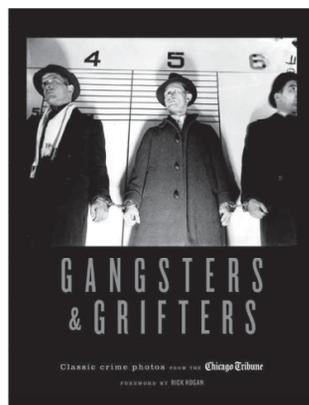
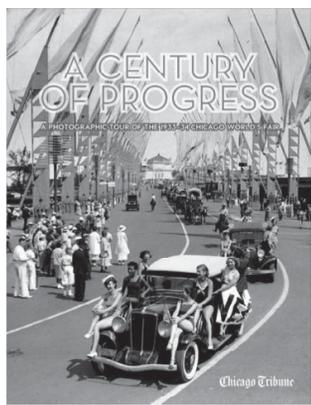
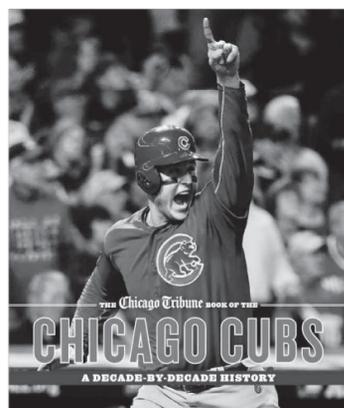
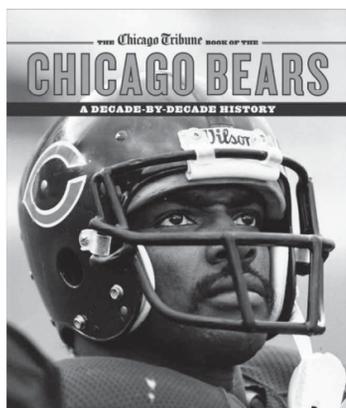
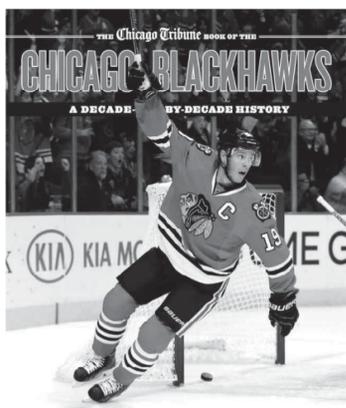
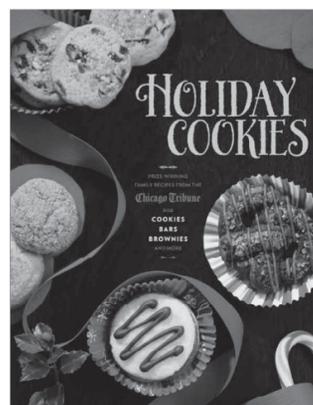
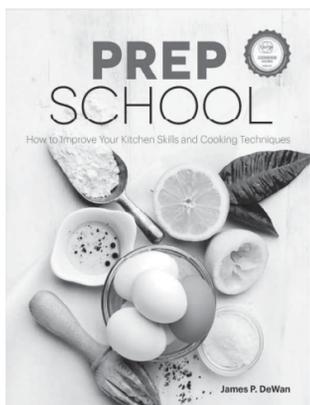
I'm wondering if Illinois can appropriate some of the "wall" money to fix the lethal and outdated Interstate 80?

— Judith Studer, Joliet

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JILL SCHLESINGER
Jill on Money

How to talk to loved ones about money

It's February, so it's a good time to talk to your special someone(s) about money. That "s" is intentional, because we need to expand our financial conversations from our partner/spouse to all of our loved ones: the romantic ones, the kids and the parents.

Talking to a spouse/partner

You know that stress about money causes a lot of relationship friction. The conflicts usually occur because each person arrived into adulthood with a different relationship with money. When I conducted research for my latest book, I found that your family of origin shapes these feelings and habits, for the good and the bad.

Keep that in mind as you talk to your partner about money and know that he or she may come from a dissimilar circumstance and also may be hardwired differently about finances.

According to psychotherapist Benjamin Seaman, before you start any dialogue about money, "you need to check yourself. Ask whether this conversation will bring you together or not." If you are using it as an excuse to launch an interrogation, stop in your tracks because that is not going to serve anyone well.

Once you have shifted from adversarial to collaborative, set aside a specific time and place to talk and share information about concrete issues, such as any secret or separate accounts (including outstanding debt), and also review financial priorities, such as retirement, college planning and cash flow management.

Talking to kids

In my book, I note that how you behave around money with your kids matters, because you run the risk of saddling your kids with your own money issues. And the conversations have to start early, because according to research from Cambridge University, money habits start to form by age 7.

To help educate your kids, try to strike a balance between educating them so they can take responsibility for money and not conveying too much of a focus on money.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's "Money as You Grow" guide is great resource for parents to talk about money at each stage of kids' lives.

Talking to aging parents

This is a tough one, because it requires that you balance being a responsible adult child without prying. Ideally, this is an ongoing conversation that begins when your folks are considering retirement and while they are still healthy.

Seaman suggests breaking the ice by saying something like, "This is such a hard topic and it really scares me, which is why I have avoided it. But I want to make sure we are on the same page when it comes to your wishes."

If your parents are receptive, ask whether or not they feel financially secure and try to find out if they have up-to-date estate documents (reviewed within the past three years). If they voice concern, or you sense anxiety, suggest that they consult an impartial financial professional, such as a certified financial planner or a CPA. Planning can help integrate the family game plan and allow for plenty of time for siblings to get on the same page with future responsibilities.

If your parents completely shut down when you introduce the topic, don't fight it. You can revisit the issue when a good opportunity arises, perhaps at tax time ("How did the new tax law impact your tax filing?"), at year's end ("Are you happy with how your money did last year?"), etc.

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By **JESSICA STILLMAN** | Inc.

I imagine you have two choices on how to proceed in your career: You can sign on to a high-profile, high-stress project that will result in long hours but greater earnings, or you can stick with a less prestigious career track and make less money but have a much more humane schedule.

For many the answer seems obvious — the bigger, more important job. That's what success looks like, right? Aren't we constantly urged to reach high, take chances and invest in ourselves?

But here's the rub: A huge amount of research has been done on these sort of tradeoffs and it reveals our instincts are all wrong. We think we should work hard to make bank to buy ourselves security and nice things, and that will make us happy.

But tons of science shows we'd probably be happier if we had less money but more time.

That's the takeaway from a Harvard Business Review story from Harvard business professor Ashley Whillans. Here's the essence of her argument:

Research consistently shows that the happiest people use their money to buy time. Research with nearly 100,000 working adults from all over the world has found that people who are willing to give up money to gain more free time — by, say, working fewer hours or paying to outsource disliked tasks — experience more fulfilling social relationships, more satisfying careers, more joy and, overall, live happier lives.

The science might be clear, but that doesn't mean following this path is easy. As Whillans acknowledges, our world is set up in such a way to make obsessing about money the default approach to life. Net worth is our most common shorthand for success.

It's also true that modern life is expensive — the cost of housing, education and health care have all shot up relative to incomes — so fretting about finances can feel unavoidable. And for those struggling to get by, more money will lead to less stress, of course.

Some research has even put a price on just how much someone needs to feel fine. It peaks at \$75,000 per year. At more than \$75,000, people don't report any greater degree of happiness, a Princeton University study found.

Giving up you crazed workweeks to become a craftsman and live in a cabin or retire to a beach shack feels impossible for most of us. Entrepreneurs, in particular, may struggle to work less when they're in the thick of starting a new venture.

But Whillans has some realistic ideas for how to start spotlighting time rather than money in our decision making. Here are a few.

Make the most of small blocks of time: If you have 20 minutes, you might be tempted to fritter it away on social media or the news. But these little chunks of time can boost our happiness more than we expect if we use them thoughtfully.

"Because we overestimate the amount of time needed to enjoy an experience, we end up wasting small pockets of free time that we could use more effectively. Five minutes spent socializing with a colleague or 20 minutes on an elliptical machine often have more powerful mood benefits

than we expect," Whillans says.

Plan your leisure time: The research is clear and it runs counter to our intuition — if you plan your free time you'll get more joy out of it than if you try to be spontaneous.

Savor meals: The French are famous for their love of a good meal. Sandwich-wolfing Americans could learn something from them. When Whillans and a French colleague "surveyed 12,000 French and American adults about their dining habits, we found that on average, the French spent significantly more time eating. Because they savored their food more, the French derived greater satisfaction from it, which in turn reduced their stress."

Volunteer: It seems counter-intuitive that spending time on others would make you feel as though you have more time for yourself, but that's just what the research shows.

"Volunteering is not only linked to greater happiness but also increases your feelings of time affluence," reports Whillans.

Buy back your commute: "Consider taking public transit or an Uber to work once a week. Instead of sitting in traffic, you can spend that time in a leisure activity like reading. Or, if you use it to work, you can leave the office earlier and have more time with friends and family. Even an hour a week adds up significantly over a year," Whillans says.

These five ideas are only the tip of the iceberg. Start thinking more about time and less about money, including what leaders can do to help employees be less stressed about time.

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Secrets of the super agers

Keeping mind, body healthy, medical costs lower
By **ELEANOR LAISE** Kiplinger

If you're reading this while pedaling a stationary bike, sipping a spinach smoothie and chatting with your gym buddies, congratulations: You just might become a "super ager."

Super agers are seniors who have cognitive abilities comparable to people decades younger. And a growing body of research suggests that we can all boost our odds of joining their ranks by tweaking our daily habits and rethinking our views on aging.

Exercise and healthy eating

also are great for our bodies, of course. And another bonus of aging in a healthy way is the boost to our wallets that comes from not having as many prescriptions, medical treatments and other health-care costs.

Super agers tend to share a number of traits. They're generally active and engaged, and they're resilient in the face of setbacks.

"These individuals didn't necessarily have easy lives," says Emily Rogalski, associate professor at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. But they "tend to do a very good job of finding the silver lining."

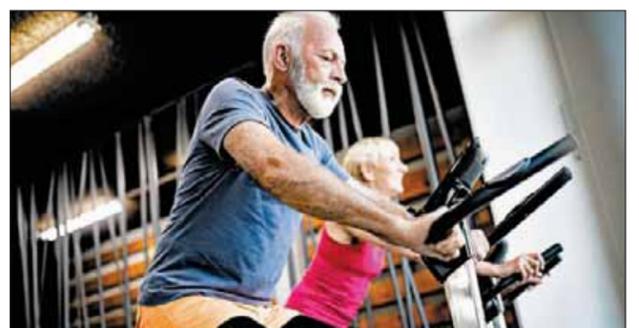
Strong friendships may be key

to protecting the brain in later life.

"Different neurotransmitters are released when we feel compassion, empathy, love and friendship," Rogalski says.

Physical exercise is also critical. People who do more aerobic exercise, such as walking and biking, tend to have better memory and problem-solving skills and lower rates of dementia, says Art Kramer, professor of neuroscience and psychology at Northeastern University.

The brain needs exercise, too. The type of exercise doesn't matter, Rogalski says, so long as it interests and challenges you.



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Finally, stick to a healthy diet. The MIND diet focuses on whole grains, leafy greens, nuts, berries, beans, fish and poultry, while limiting butter, sweets, cheese and fried food.

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Avoiding interest-rate risk

Target-majority bond fund can help



BY ELLIOT RAPHAELSON
The Savings Game

Traditional bond funds lost value last year as the Federal Reserve steadily increased interest rates. The Fed may also increase interest rates in 2019, and this causes some concern among bond fund investors.

One of the disadvantages of traditional bond funds in a climate of rising interest rates is that there is no fixed maturity date; fund managers are continually modifying their portfolios. Accordingly, when an investor sells shares of the fund, he or she may face a loss of net asset value.

There are ways that bond investors can mitigate interest-rate risk. The simplest is to buy individual bonds and hold them to maturity. In this way, an investor is sure to receive the par value of the bond when it matures. Laddering bond purchases makes it easier to hold issues to maturity and avoid having to sell in a

time of rising rates.

The major disadvantage of holding individual bonds is that it exposes an investor to greater default risk, especially with corporate bonds. An investor could buy U.S. Treasury notes and bonds, but the added security comes at the cost of lower coupon rates.

There is another option for those looking for higher coupon rates, the benefits of diversification and relative protection from interest-rate risk: target-maturity bond funds. These funds hold bonds that mature in the same year.

For example, assume you know that you want to invest in bonds for a 10-year period and then liquidate your holdings because you are facing a specific payment such as college tuition.

A target-maturity bond fund allows you to avoid interest rate risk because the bonds held mature at the time you wish to liquidate.

Two financially stable fund families that specialize in this type of investment are Invesco and BlackRock. Both companies issue exchange-traded funds. Invesco invests in corporate and emerging markets with maturities every year up to 2028. BlackRock iShares are invested in corporate and municipal bonds with maturities from 2020 to 2028.

These ETFs have modest fees of approximately 0.5 percent per year. If you invest in traditional bond funds, you can find some funds with lower annual fees. However, as I indicated, traditional bond funds expose you to the risk of selling your shares at a time when the NAV is lower because of unfavorable interest rate increases.

Target-maturity bond funds do have some disadvantages. The bonds held in the fund mature in the same year, but some will mature months before the fund's closing date. The cash associated with the sale of these bonds will be idle and have negligible return.

Another disadvantage is that some of the bonds in the portfolio might be called, and the fund management will not be able to invest these proceeds with high returns.

Another potential disadvantage is liquidity risk: If you decide to sell your shares prior to the closing date you selected, you could be facing some loss in value as there may be insufficient interest in purchasing your shares.

If you are a short-term bond investor and are concerned about interest rate risk, invest in bond funds with three- to five-year maturities. You will receive reasonable returns with minimum interest rate risk.

If you are a long-term bond investor, then traditional bond funds have advantages over the target-maturity bond funds. However, if you are pretty certain as to when you need the funds in your bond portfolio, and you are concerned about interest-rate risk, then you can consider target-maturity bond funds as an alternative.

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TERRY SAVAGE
The Savage Truth

Watch out for fees on savings plans

Are you paying too much for your 529 college savings plan?

If you've bought through a broker or adviser, the answer is almost certainly yes. States have a "direct-sold" plan that you can access through a website, without paying commissions, so it has always mystified me why some parents and grandparents pay extra to get virtually the same access to tax-free college savings plans.

States run their own plans, and typically offer both broker-sold and direct-sold plans. Direct-sold plans typically have low fees and there is no broker or adviser to be compensated.

Both types of plans have similar funds, typically age-based options as well as individual mutual funds. However, broker-sold plans include up-front commissions and higher ongoing management fees for each fund, depending on the class of shares they recommend to investors in the plan.

Now, in the face of overwhelming evidence that many brokers are recommending expensive and inappropriate share classes within the plans they sell, FINRA, the industry self-regulatory organization, is giving firms 60 days to identify — and rapidly present a plan to return — excess fees to the clients' accounts.

After that, they could be subject to punitive fines as well. FINRA stresses the obligation of the firm to monitor brokers' recommendations in 529 plans.

In these days of online access, it is easy to research and compare direct-sold 529 plans at SavingforCollege.com. The site even awards gold stars in its evaluations of overall internal investment costs and performance results of every state plan. Their analysis takes state income tax benefits into consideration in helping savers choose the best plan.

What's the need for a broker in this process? Because state treasurers receive income from program managers based on total assets in the plans, they try to provide multiple points of purchase. And brokers do offer guidance.

But the brokers and advisers who sell these plans get up-front commissions and ongoing fees, based on the choice of share class within the plan. That adds additional costs and affects results.

It is the broker's responsibility to recommend a suitable 529 plan and the most suitable funds within the plan — not the plan that gives him or her the largest commission. In fact, a fee-only financial planner would probably suggest the family go directly to the state plan's website to open a 529 account.

In broker-sold plans, the Class A shares (which have an up-front commission of up to 5 percent) will likely be less expensive over the long run than the Class C shares (which may have annual fees of 1.5 percent). Yet Class C shares might be suitable for a family that will need the money within a few years — especially now that 529 plans can be used for K-12 education.

If you want to know how your 529 investment choices compare based on fees, go to FINRA.org and use their College Savings Plan Fee Calculator to see how much you are paying on your own 529 account. You might even want to send your broker or adviser a link to your findings!

Comparing fees in a 529 plan is one obvious case where it pays to do your homework — and do it yourself. And that's The Savage Truth.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and the author of four best-selling books, including "The Savage Truth on Money." She responds to questions on her blog at TerrySavage.com.

SOURCE: Fast Company

Rolling over money to HSA

You can only do it once

BY KIMBERLY LANKFORD | *Kiplinger*

Q. I'm going to have knee surgery in a few months, and I'd like to roll over money from my traditional IRA to my health savings account so I can take the withdrawal tax-free. How much can I roll over and what are the rules?

A. You can make a one-time rollover from your IRA to the health savings account, as long as you have an HSA-eligible health insurance policy. You can roll over up to your HSA contribution limit for the year, minus any contributions you've already made.

That means you can contribute or roll over up to \$3,500 in 2019 if you have single health insurance coverage, or up to \$7,000 if you have family coverage. If you're 55 or older, you can contribute or roll over an extra \$1,000.

Rolling over money from a traditional IRA to an HSA converts it from tax-deferred to tax-free, if you use the HSA money for eligible medical expenses. You

can only make an IRA-to-HSA rollover once in your lifetime. And you must transfer the money directly from the IRA to the HSA for the transfer to be tax-free. Ask your HSA administrator for its procedure.

To qualify as an HSA-eligible policy in 2019, the insurance must have a deductible of at least \$1,350 for single coverage or \$2,700 for family coverage.

Rather than a rollover, it's usually better to make new contributions to the HSA instead, if you can afford it. That way you can benefit from the tax-deductible contribution to the HSA this year and also withdraw the money tax-free from it, while keeping the other money growing tax-deferred in your IRA.

Q. Is it safe to immediately stop paying medigap premiums for someone who died, or do we need to keep paying premiums until all of the deceased's outstanding hospital bills have been paid?

A. In most states, when a death is reported, the Medicare supplement

policy (medigap) cancels as of the first of the month following the date of death. There are a few states where the policy cancels on the date of the death, and a prorated refund is issued for any premium already paid for the remainder of that month.

Medicare supplement plans will consider all claims for service provided while the policy was in force, even if it's currently terminated. So even if a hospital or doctor submitted a claim for care after the plan was canceled, medigap will still process and pay those claims, according to UnitedHealthcare Insurance Solutions.

Contact the insurer to let it know about the death and to find out about the specific procedure and requirements for the policy. Your state insurance department can provide more details about your state's rules. (Find contact information at www.naic.org/map.)

Kimberly Lankford is a contributing editor to *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine. Send your questions and comments to moneypower@kiplinger.com.

Please don't go

Retaining top talent should be a major concern of all leaders. Here are a few ways to keep your top performers happily employed with you.



Freedom

Don't limit top talent to their job descriptions, says Sanja Licina, leader of Globant's Future of Organizations Studio. "Giving ambitious employees the autonomy and opportunities to pursue passions is a great way to intrinsically motivate them, and provides ways for them to advance in their careers and make them feel fulfilled," she says.



Stay interviews

Many companies perform exit interviews as employees leave in order to learn where the company could improve. Keep your top talent by conducting "stay interviews," says Elizabeth Malatestinic, a senior lecturer in human resource management at the Indiana University Kelley School of Business.

"With stay interviews, managers have periodic discussions with their employees to determine how they are feeling about the organization, asking questions such as ... 'Do you feel that you are challenged?' 'What changes would you make to your job if you could?'" she says.



Responsiveness

People change during their careers, and companies should be willing to change with them, says DeLisa Alexander, executive vice president and chief people officer at open source software provider Red Hat. "What they are excited and energized by changes over time as well," she says. "Being responsive to an associate's pain points, successes and aspirations helps them thrive, feel engaged and often drives them to deliver value beyond their roles."

SUCCESS

GAME OVER

It's high time to ditch the Ping-Pong tables, beanbag chairs and beer taps at work

By HOWARD TULLMAN
Inc.

It seems we're reaching the end of the Ping-Pong and pool table period.

It couldn't come soon enough for me. Something just feels different these days, and maybe it's a growing need to hunker down a bit and take the task of "taking care of business" a lot more seriously.

Let's dial back leisure in the office, lower the volume on the whining and worrying about hurt feelings, and double down on sweat and toil.

We call it "work" for a reason and, while it can certainly be plenty stimulating and rewarding, work is not intended to be all fun, all the time. Never was.

There's still no substitute for hard, purposeful work and no more likely path to eventual success. Talent and creativity are great, and should certainly be encouraged, but effort and execution are what really matter.

These aren't the frothy, kombucha-and-beer times of yore any longer.

Global competition is rising, a recession is almost certainly on the horizon (it's only a question of when), and when the market and the investors start seriously keeping score, all the touchy-feely awards for "the very best place in the whole wide world to work" aren't gonna matter much if your team isn't monetizing your business and putting some real numbers on the bottom line.

The thought of a bunch of clowns playing Pong (analog or throwback digital) in the middle of the day while other team members are busting their butts trying to get a new software release out the



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door no longer computes.

Camaraderie is crucial in any new business, but it's important to make sure that it comes from the shared pride of completing what needs to get done, not solely from Thursday night shots, smelly cigars and card games.

That also includes the pinball machines, foosball tables and the pool table, which is just as passé today as the phony masse shot that Matthew McConaughey makes in the latest Lincoln Navigator TV ad.

Real company cultures are built on respect, recognition and well-earned rewards, not free food, laundry services and recre-

ational resources.

Your customers don't really care about the perks, the toys or the cereal selections in your break room. When their system's not working, they want the best software engineer on the case, not the guy who racked up the highest score playing pinball.

And your best and most important employees don't really care about all this nonsense, either. They're the ones who are head-down and have no time to fool around.

Businesses rapidly become the behaviors that they tolerate, and it only takes a few slackers and snowflakes to suck the life, energy and momentum out

of any startup. Part of the job is to make sure that doesn't happen.

When people are struggling to answer too many incoming customer calls or polishing a PowerPoint for an important funding pitch, or cold-calling piles of prospects, it seems foolish to show up at a meeting late because you were tapping the keg or sitting on a beanbag chair playing a video game.

You don't really want to be the office's social director and party person. The goal is to be the "go-to" guy — not the mope you'd probably have a drink with, but never count on for much of anything else.

Late night and after-

hours bonding activities might be fine, but what authentic entrepreneur has ever had regular office hours to? In the real world, you work until you're about to fall over and then you go home so you can pick yourself up in the morning and do it all over again.

If you want to build a serious business, that's the behavior you want to model. That's what people inside and outside the business pick up on. Passion and commitment make a difference.

You want to build a team that finds its satisfaction in achievements and accomplishments and not one that's fixated on freebies and fresh fruit. If you have

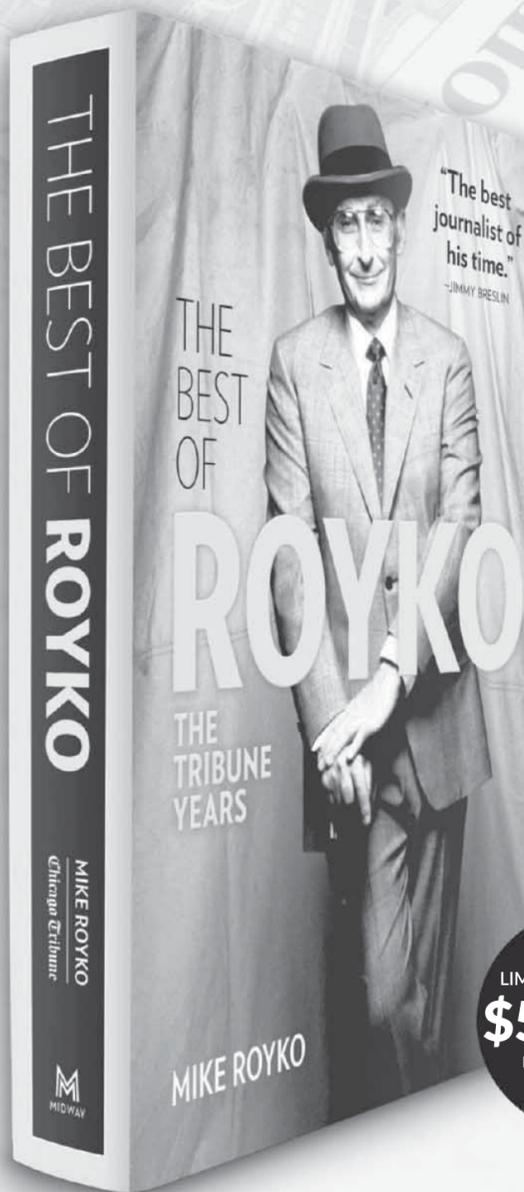
to bribe your people with goodies or otherwise convince them to work hard and do their best, you've got the wrong people and you're sending the wrong message.

And if you think having a Ping-Pong table in the office makes you look cool, you're wrong.

It's all about revenues and results, not refreshments and recreation.

Howard Tullman is executive director of the Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship at the Illinois Institute of Technology. He is the former CEO of Chicago-based 1871, an incubator for 500 digital startups.

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OBITUARIES

EDITH IGLAUER 1917-2019

Magazine writer charted Canadian life

By **HARRISON SMITH**
The Washington Post

Edith Iglauer, an American writer who became a leading chronicler of Canadian life and culture, most notably through precise and intricately detailed profiles in the pages of The New Yorker magazine, and in a best-selling memoir about her romance with a salmon fisherman, died Feb. 13 at a hospital in Sechelt, near Vancouver, British Columbia. She was 101.

She had pneumonia, said her son Richard Hamburger.

Iglauer was a dual citizen who straddled American and Canadian literature, with the avowed aim of teaching each side about the other.

"I am not just an American journalist writing about Canada for Americans," she wrote in "The Strangers Next Door," a 1991 collection of her articles, "but a Canadian journalist writing about America for Canadians as well. ... I want them to know and respect one another as much as I do."

Iglauer spent much of her career as a staff writer at The New Yorker, where she wrote lengthy profiles of Arthur Erickson, one of Canada's most renowned architects, and Pierre Trudeau, the country's long-serving prime minister and father of its current head of government, Justin Trudeau. She was also a contributor to magazines including Harper's and the Atlantic.

"She was equally comfortable with Supreme Court justices, orchestra conductors from Cleveland and Inuit fishermen who had just recently emerged from the Stone Age," said Iglauer's book publisher and editor, Howard White of Harbour Publishing. Iglauer, he added, was a master of "kindly interroga-

tion," someone who "could find out people's secrets without pain. She didn't hammer it out of people; she made them want to tell her."

Her characters were frequently hardscrabble frontiersmen with poetic souls, loggers and fishermen and truck drivers who "eat and drink like Henry VIII," as she put it. Few were more compelling than John Daly, whom her son described as "the last of the gentlemen salmon fishermen."

He had been fishing alone for four decades when, in 1973, he met Iglauer through a mutual friend, while she was in Vancouver on a reporting trip.

She soon fell in love, married and moved aboard his 41-foot salmon troller, the MoreKelp, which she later described as "the single most uncomfortable fishing boat in British Columbia."

Her years on the boat formed the seeds of a best-selling memoir, "Fishing With John" (1988), in which Iglauer recalled mornings spent reading poetry, trips to the shore to forage for berries, a dip in a hot spring and an early incident in which she yelled at the boat, demanding that it stop rocking and stand still, and was told by Daly, "Good, good. You'll make an excellent fishwife."

The memoir was short-listed for the Governor General's Award for nonfiction, a leading Canadian literary honor, and adapted into a TV movie in 2000.

Its writing, Iglauer said, was partly an act of grieving. Daly had died in 1978, some four years after they met, suffering a heart attack while dancing at a family gathering in Manitoba. His death had come just as suddenly as their marriage. Daly, Iglauer recalled,

had called her late one night soon after they met, when she was back home in New York. "I've just bought a wooden toilet seat that I think will fit very well on top of that pail on the boat," he said. "It's sky blue, and I paid \$8.50 for it."

"Lovely," Iglauer replied. "But it's two o'clock in the morning. What about it?"

"What about it?!" he said. "Marriage! That's what."

Edith Theresa Iglauer was born in Cleveland on March 10, 1917. She graduated from Hathaway Brown, an all-girls private school in nearby Shaker Heights, Ohio, and received a bachelor's degree in political science from Wellesley College in 1938 and a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University in 1939.

In 1942, she married Philip Hamburger, a writer for The New Yorker. When the magazine sent him to the Mediterranean to cover World War II, Iglauer went as well, filing dispatches from Yugoslavia for the Cleveland News. Back home, she focused on raising their two children, waking at 4 a.m. to write before her sons went to school.

By all accounts, Iglauer maintained a close relationship with William Shawn, The New Yorker's longtime editor. But Iglauer "was quite outspoken about pointing out that The New Yorker at that time, and the journalism world in general, was a very entrenched old boys' club," White said.

Iglauer's first marriage ended in divorce in 1966. Her third husband, Franklin White — a trucker, logger and pioneer turned writer, who was also the father of her publisher, Howard White — died in 2015.

Survivors also include another son from her first marriage, Jay Hamburger; and two grandsons.

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ON FEBRUARY 25 ...

In 1570 Queen Elizabeth I of England was excommunicated by Pope Pius V.

In 1601 Britain's Earl of Essex was executed for treason.

In 1793 federal department heads met with President George Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record.

In 1836 inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1913 Congress was given the authority to levy income taxes when the 16th Amendment went into effect.

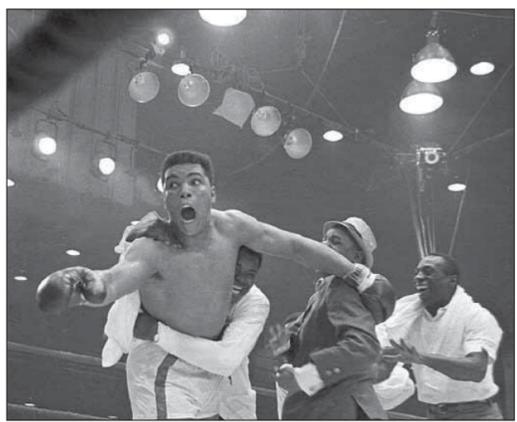
In 1919 Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. troops reoccupied the Kasserine Pass.

In 1956 Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev harshly criticized the late Josef Stalin in a speech before a Communist Party congress in Moscow.

In 1973 the Stephen Sondheim musical "A Little Night Music" opened on Broadway.

In 1986 President Ferdi-



AP 1964

In 1964 Cassius Clay, who later changed his name to Muhammad Ali, became world heavyweight boxing champion by defeating Sonny Liston. Above, he reacts to the announcement that he won.

nand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

In 1988 the Chicago City Council passed an ordinance permitting limited night baseball at Wrigley Field.

In 1991, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, during the Persian Gulf War.

In 1993 President Bill Clinton ordered the Pentagon to mount an airdrop of relief supplies into Bosnia-Herzegovina, representing the first unilateral U.S. military involvement in Yugoslavia's civil war. **Also in 1993** Kim Young-sam was sworn in as South Korea's first civilian president in 32 years.

In 1998 Kim Dae Jung, once South Korea's leading dissident, was inaugurated as its president.

In 2000 a jury in Albany, N.Y., acquitted four white New York City police officers of all charges in the shooting death of unarmed African immigrant Amadou Diallo.

In 2001 the commander of the U.S. submarine that struck and sunk a Japanese trawler off Hawaii expressed his "most sincere regret" — but Cmdr. Scott Waddle stopped short of an apology.

In 2004 the Supreme Court ruled states do not have to underwrite the religious training of students planning careers in the ministry.

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James 'Moose' Murphy
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Death Notices

Black, Rosemary

Rosemary Black, nee Drabek. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Dear mother of Diane, David and Kathy (Steve) Schuch. Loving grandmother of Steve, Kristine (Bill Wanda), Lauren, Bob Schuch and Michelle (John) Ryan and great grandmother of Camryn, Kacey, Charlotte, Stephen, Michael, Joshua and Caleb. Dear sister of Susan (Pat) Shelmadine and sister in law of Mary Lou Miele. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Wednesday 8:45 a.m. from Beverly Ridge Funeral Home; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave to St. Bernadette Church Mass 9:45 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. 773-779-4411

Beverly Ridge Funeral Home

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Brennan, Michael V.

Michael V. Brennan; Native of Carrigaholt, County Clare, Ireland; Devoted husband of the late Bridget, nee Faley; Loving father of Joanne (Christopher) Pilgrim, Tina (Scott) Cruz, and Alana Brennan; Cherished "Buddy" of Hailey, Owen, and Adeline; Dear brother of the late Shawn, and Sylvie; Fond uncle and friend to many; Visitation Tuesday, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. Chapel Service at Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Chresaidos, Jane A.

Jane "Auntie Jane" A. Chresaidos peacefully passed away on February 22, 2019. Born January 10, 1960 to Nicholas A. and Selma (Nee Schuler) Chresaidos. A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday March 2, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge # 799, 925 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin IL 60123. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Cancer Society will be appreciated. Laird Funeral Home is in care of arrangements. 847-741-8800 or www.lairdfamilyfuneralservices.com

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Cohen, Julian

Julian "Jules" Cohen, age 82, beloved husband and best friend of Sharon Cohen (nee Doppel) happily married for nearly 57 years; adored son of the late Jack and Shirley Cohen; loving father of Tammy (Douglas) Swill and Steven (Caryn) Cohen, cherished Papa of Jessica, Hannah and Matthew Swill, Ryan, Hayley and Talia Cohen; much loved brother of Al (Myrna) Cohen and the late Sandra Liebman; brother-in-law of Irene (Jeffrey) Silverstone; treasured uncle of many nieces and nephews. Chapel service Tuesday, February 26, 12:15 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Gabel, Dorothy M.

Dorothy M. Gabel nee Maloney beloved wife of the late Edward Gabel; loving mother of Eileen Neiditch, Jim (the late Diane) Gabel, Mike (Carole) Gabel, Mary Gabel and Kathleen (Pat) O'Leary; devoted grandmother of Brian (Whitney) Neiditch, Erin (Joey) Harris, Marie (Dave) Rivers, Kelly (Nate) Matthews, Joan Gabel, Megan (Brian) Maulding, Caroline Gabel, Edward Gabel, Jim Gabel, Michael Gabel, Joe Gabel, Patrick O'Leary, Erin O'Leary and Margaret Grace O'Leary; cherished great grandmother of Brandon, Mason, Robert, Andrew, George, Grace, Holly, Ronan, Shae and Coraline; dearest aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Wednesday 9:14 A.M. from Lawn Funeral Home 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park Il 60487 to St. Mary Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Funeral info (708) 532-3100



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Gottmann Sr., Charles F.

Charles F. Gottmann Sr. beloved husband of the late Anne V.; loving father of Deborah (Brian) Boyle, and the late Charles Jr.; dearest grandfather of Stephen, Heather, Cory, Brian, Elizabeth, Evan, Sarah, and great grandfather of Annika, Faye, Lenny, Trudy, Richie, Angie, Sara, and Cary; also many fond nieces and nephews. Funeral Wednesday 10 AM from the Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home 7710 W Addison St to St Francis Borgia Church for a 10:30 AM mass. Interment St Joseph Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 3 PM - 9 PM. 773-625-3444

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Jensen, Ralph

Ralph Harry Jensen, 83, of Barrington, was born September 14, 1935 in Chicago to Emil and Harriet (nee Rossing) Jensen. He passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 2, 2019 in Barrington. As many people say, Ralph was a fixture in Barrington. He graduated from Barrington High School in 1952 where he met the love of his life, Delores. They

were married in 1956 after he graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in agriculture. "Healthy, Happy & Terrific" is a phrase Ralph said frequently. A phrase learned from W. Clement Stone while employed by Combined Insurance Company as V.P. of Sales. Ralph had envisioned farming, but with the passing of his father he began his career in insurance and moved to Ohio. He returned to Barrington in 1963 and raised 3 children. Ralph tried his hand at farming in 1968 on a 15 acre "funny farm" in Barrington Hills. He enjoyed horses, ponies, cows, pigs, sheep, a goat, a burrow, dogs, and lots of cats. The garden had too many tomato plants, sweet corn, watermelon and blackberry bushes for one family. In 1980 he opened an Independent Insurance Agency in Barrington and enjoyed being a member of the Barrington Noon Rotary (Past President). He was a director for The Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce, a member of The Barrington Plan Commission and a Duck's Unlimited Board Member. In 2007 the legacy continued when his daughter joined the family business and continues to run the agency today with the help of his granddaughter. Ralph enjoyed watching his children in their many sporting events in Barrington and later his grandchildren. He was very proud of his family as he spent many "Happy Dollars" at Rotary, bragging about everyone on a weekly basis. He will be deeply missed and always remembered as a man with a Positive Mental Attitude. May he be "Healthy, Happy and Terrific" forever. Ralph is survived by his spouse, Delores (nee Anderson) Jensen, whom he married on August 11, 1956 in Barrington; his children, Scott (Deb) Jensen, Bruce (Catherine) Jensen, and Patricia (David) Jacobsen; his grandchildren, Eric Jensen, Jacqueline (Joel) Werner, Kyle Jensen, Cara Jensen, Cody Jensen, Anne Jacobsen, and Kirsten Jacobsen; and his sister, Janet (Paul) Wauchope. He is preceded in death by his brother, Richard Jensen; his grandson, Kevin Jensen; and his parents. A memorial gathering will take place from 4 to 7pm with a memorial service at 5pm, Monday, March 4, 2019 at Barrington's White House, 145 W. Main Street, Barrington, IL 60010. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Barrington Rotary Charities, P.O. Box 42, Barrington, IL 60011 or JourneyCare <https://journeycare.org/donate/>

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Jeuk, Mary Lou

Mary Lou Jeuk (Cunningham) passed away peacefully surrounded by family on February 23, 2019. Proud Daughter of Catherine and Cornelius Cunningham. Preceded in death by her late husband George and brother Cornelius (Sally). Devoted mother of Michael (Peg), Kathy Maloy (Pat), and George. Beloved grandmother of Danny (Karolina), Michael (Nancy), Sean and Molly. Loving sister in law to Sally Cunningham. Loving aunt of many nieces and nephews, and their families. Visitation Monday 3-8pm at Cooney Funeral Home 3918 W Irving Park Rd Chicago. Funeral Tuesday 9:30am prayers for 10am Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Interment All Saints Cemetery. For info call 773-588-5850 or www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Jordan, Thurman

Thurman Jordan, CPA/MBA, 82, born in Harrisburg, IL, of Grayslake, IL, formerly of Evanston, IL. Beloved husband for 56 wonderful years to Telko, nee Ijichi. Dear father of Eric, Neal, and Philip Jordan. Loving brother of John (Carrie) Threadgill. Thurman was a devoted family man, a world traveler, and a mentor to many. He lived his life with passion and love for his friends and family. A celebration of life in Thurman's honor will be held at a later date. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Thurman's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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Kosteck, Raymond Donald 'Bo'

Raymond "Bo" Kosteck, age 83, passed away on February 23, 2019. Loving husband to late Jackie Kosteck and brother late Leonard Kosteck. He is survived by daughter Pam (Eric) Hitzeman, FL; Elly (Doug) Dannewitz, Geneva, IL and their children Penny, Cesi and Colton; brother Paul and sister Carol; spouse Helen Augustine. Ray was a gentle soul who loved his family, the outdoors, animals, a good laugh, singing and helping anyone in need. He lived life to the fullest and will be missed by all of those he touched. Services private. Donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association or Best Friend's Animal Sanctuary.

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Krejci, Pearl G.

Pearl G. Krejci, beloved wife of the late Joseph A.; loving mother of Glenn (Debbie) Krejci, Donna (Richard) Mazur, Carol Cherifisi & Lois (Karl) Kolubar; proud grandmother of Bobby, Richie, Sarah, Amy, Kelly, Joey, Nickie & Lindsey, great grandmother of 12; fond sister of Rose, Nancy, Patsy, Harold, Francis & Bernard; aunt of many. Funeral service Thursday 10:30 a.m. at **Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory**, SW corner of Roosevelt & Mannheim Roads, Hillside/Westchester. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 p.m. Info 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com



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Liss, Warren Alan

Warren Alan Liss, 78, of Ormond Beach, Florida, passed away, February 24, 2019 surrounded by close family. Warren was born April 9, 1940 in New York, NY to wonderful parents, Martin and Elsie Liss of blessed memory. He grew up in Sunnyside (Queens) and was exceptionally gifted in the area of mathematics going to a magnet high school in Manhattan subsequently getting his undergraduate and master's degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering. He was an engineer and software developer for more than 20 years at Bell Labs and MCI before starting his own engineering firm in Washington DC. Warren loved designing and inventing things. He spent free time bicycling, motorcycling, and enjoying the beach. Warren is survived by his brother, Donald (Elyse), his children, Mitchell and Karyn Liss and Dina and Yona Lunken as well as his seven grandchildren Jordan, Cameron, Jonathan, Mara, Adira, Ronit and Ilan. Service Monday, 12:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. <https://www.michaeljfox.org>. Info: **The Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Merritt, Grace

Grace M. Merritt, 90, of Lake Summerset, IL and formerly of Palatine, IL died at 3:15 a.m., Wednesday, February 20, 2019 in Swedish American Hospital. Born March 16, 1928 in Milwaukee, WI, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William and Florence (Kurtz) Herbst. Graduated from University of Wisconsin at Madison, Class of 1949. Married William E. Merritt in Milwaukee, WI on June 4, 1955. She was a Registered Dietitian and worked in the health care industry, retiring in 1990. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Durand, IL and was active in the church choir and book club. She was active in the duplicate bridge card club at Lake Summerset and enjoyed swimming, figure skating and gardening. Survivors include husband William Merritt; sons David Merritt, Thomas (Elizabeth) Merritt and Stephen (Meryl) Merritt and grandchildren Mark, Daniel (Lilly), Stephen, Luke and Michelle. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Norman Herbst. Funeral ceremonies will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 2, 2019 in Trinity Lutheran Church, 15585 Durand Road, Durand, IL with Sharon Beksel officiating. McCorkle Funeral Home-Durand Chapel, 101 W. Main Street, Durand, IL is assisting the family. Final resting place will be in South Rock Run Lutheran Cemetery, Durand, IL. A visitation will be held at the church from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Friday, March 1.

To share a memory or send an on line condolence, visit www.mccorklefuneralhome.com

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Messineo, Barbara A.

Barbara A. Messineo (nee Grego) age 75, beloved wife of Philip J.; loving mother of Deborah (Thomas) Jones, Joseph (Deneen) and Michelle Messineo; cherished grandma of Lauren, Christy, Rachel, Gina, Mark, Jennifer, Matthew, Gwen, Brandon and the late Nicole; dear sister of Richard and Frank Grego. Visitation Tuesday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Wednesday 9:30 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park, IL 60462 to St. Julie Billiart Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Funeral Info: (708) 429-3200



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Neumark, Miriam 'Mimi'

Miriam "Mimi" Neumark nee Nathan. She died in the prime of her life at 91. Beloved wife of the late George Neumark. Loving mother of Daniel (Ellen) Neumark, Dianne (Hector) Neumark-Sztainer and David (Donna) Neumark. Proud Grandma of Griffith, Lior (Taylor), Tal (Sophie), Maya, Shahar, Noey and Eitan (Fiancée Emily). Cherished great grandmother of Levi and Matan. Caring sister of the late Cissie, Sally, Sid, Alf, Kit and Barry. She is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins who saw her as the family matriarch. She saw the best in every person and was there for everyone. Service Tuesday 11 AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to Hadassah, 60 Revere Dr., Ste. 800, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, www.hadassah.org and Habonim Dror Camp Tavor, 4444 Second Ave. Detroit, MI 48201, www.camptavor.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.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 1/2 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), netrf.org

Schmucker, Dorothy E. 'Dolly'

Dorothy E. "Dolly" Schmucker, nee Scheiwe, 88, of Chicago, February 19, 2019. Wife of the late Richard "Dick". Loving mother of Nancy Schmucker, and Ken (Jackie) Schmucker. Grandmother of Greg (Stephanie), Tim, and Jill (Wes) Mitui. Sister of Elaine (Alan) Peterson. Sister in law of Don (Helen) Schmucker, and the late Bob (the late Connie) Schmucker. Devoted Aunt. Visitation Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Malec and Sons Funeral Home, 6000 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60646. In state Wednesday, February 27, 2019, from 9:30 am to time of funeral service, 10:30 am at St. Luke Church, 1500 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60657. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Luke Ministries. Interment St. Luke Cemetery, Chicago, IL. For info 773-774-4100, www.malecandsonsfh.com

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Splansky, Susan

Susan Spansky, age 70. Daughter of the late James and Dorothea Spansky. Beloved wife of Mitch Bloomfield and step mother to Zach Bloomfield. Dear sister of Rabbi Donald (Greta Lee) Spansky and the late Joseph (the late Marilyn) Spansky. Caring aunt to Sandi Spansky, Dr. Cheryl Greene, Roy Spansky, Dr. Karen Farbman, Rabbi Yael Spansky and Joshua Spansky and great aunt to 15 grandnieces and grandnephews. Service Tuesday, 10 AM at Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, 1201 Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield, IL 60015. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, www.bjbe.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.

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Trudeau, Shirley M.

Shirley M. Trudeau, 89, passed away February 23, 2019. Info @ www.williams-kamp.com or (630) 668-0016.

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Umbright, Charles J.

Charles J. Umbright passed away Dec. 9, 2018 at the age of 88. Charles was born April 30 to John C. and Madeline (Gehring) Umbright in Chicago. After high school, he served four years in the Navy on the USS Columbus. He received an MBA from Northwestern University and worked as an insurance agent and financial advisor. Charles loved to travel and sharing his adventures with others. He is survived by his ex-wife, four children, six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A memorial will be held in April.

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Vazquez, Anthony J.

Anthony J. Vazquez, age 84, of Skokie. Beloved husband of Isabelle, nee Trevino; loving father of Anthony "Tony" J. III and Rebecca "Gigi" Vazquez; cherished grandfather of Ana Maria and Anthony J. IV; fond brother of Jorge and the late Sergio; uncle to several nieces and nephews. Visitation, Wednesday, February 27, 2019, from 9:30 a.m., until the time of Funeral Service, 11 a.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.



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Yusim, Arnold "Arnie"

Arnold "Arnie" Yusim, 93, beloved husband of the late Elizabeth (Betty) Yusim; loving father of Allan (Linda) Yusim and Jerry (Sandy) Yusim; cherished grandfather of Emily (Howard) Green, Jonathan Yusim, Amy (Tim) Tregar and Bradley Yusim; adored great grandfather of Benjamin, Terry and Tanner; devoted son of the late Molly and Abraham Yusim; dear brother of Shirley Patzik Samuels; treasured uncle, cousin and friend of many. Graveside service Tuesday 2 PM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. For information, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, (847)255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

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:** \$51.90 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 and 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

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DATE ADVERTISED: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019 COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) FOR PAVEMENT MARKINGS (COUNTYWIDE) IFB NO.: 1928-17779 SECTION NO. 19-8MARK-00-GM

IFB Document: The IFB Document is available for download at: <https://legacy.cookcountyil.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the IFB or if you have other questions, please contact Cho Ng, Assistant Procurement Officer, at (312) 603-2391 or cho.ng@cookcountyil.gov

Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 2:00 PM (CST) Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Cook County Building 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 3:00 PM, March 8, 2018.

Bid Due Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 10:00 AM (CST) Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Cook County Building 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Toni Preckwinkle President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Raffi Sarrafian Chief Procurement Officer

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Major Traylor

A MINOR NO. 2018JD02087

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Marian Traylor (Mother)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on December 24, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Lana Charisse Johnson** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on 03/11/2019 at 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 68 COURTROOM 3,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT February 25, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: C. Valiulis, D. Auguste ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK

In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2019:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2019 assessment of Real Property located in the following township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County.

NORWOOD PARK

Identified also as Area(s) 12,13, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.

The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at such sitting is March 25, 2019.

**LEGAL NOTICES
GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION**

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS COMBINED NOTICE

02/25/2019
Cook County Department of Planning and Development
69 W. Washington Street, Suite 2900
Chicago, IL 60602
312-603-1000

To All Interested Persons, Agencies, and Groups:

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 12th, 2019 the Cook County Department of Planning and Development will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following project:

Cook County will provide approximately \$75,000 in CDBG federal funds towards two demolition projects. The first project will pay for the demolition of commercial structures located at 11955 South Vincennes Street in Blue Island.

The second will pay for the demolition of residential structures located at 3216 North Salk Road in unincorporated Arlington Heights.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file and available for the public's examination and copying upon request, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday (except holidays) at 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Cook County Department of Planning and Development. All comments received by March 12, 2019 will be considered by the Cook County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Cook County is certifying to HUD that Cook County and Jay Stewart in his capacity as Bureau Chief consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Cook County to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Cook County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer; (b) the applicant has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at 77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 2401, Chicago, IL 60604. Attn: Donald Kathan. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jay Stewart, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

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COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR COLLECTION OF CONSUMER ELECTRONIC RECYCLING ACT RESIDENTIAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES RFP No.: 1868-17366

RFP Document: The RFP document is available for download at: <https://legacy.cookcountyl.gov/purchasing/bids/listalibids.php>

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the RFP or if you have other questions, please contact Danuta Rusin, Senior Contract Negotiator, at (312) 603-3948 or danuta.rusin@cookcountyl.gov

Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 2:00 PM (CST)
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
Cook County Building
118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 12:00 P.M., March 7, 2019.

Proposal Due Date, Time, and Location: Friday, March 22, 2019 at 3:00 PM (CST)
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
Cook County Building
118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018
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DATE ADVERTISED: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019 COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RISK MANAGEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RFP No.: 1944-17617

RFP Document: The RFP document is available for download at: <https://legacy.cookcountyl.gov/purchasing/bids/listalibids.php>

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the RFP or if you have other questions, please contact Michael Schieve, Contract Negotiator, at (312) 603-6707 or Michael.Schieve@cookcountyl.gov

Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 11:00 AM (CST)
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
Cook County Building
118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 4:00 PM (CST) March 15, 2019

Proposal Due Date, Time, and Location: Friday, March 29, 2019 at 3:00 PM (CST)
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
Cook County Building
118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Toni Preckwinkle
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INVITATION TO BID-SCIENCE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

District 219 is accepting bids for Science Supplies and Equipment. Sealed bids for Science Supplies and Equipment will be received by the Niles Township High School District 219 at their District Office located at 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60077 until 10:00 p.m. prevailing time on March 11, 2019. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the above stated time and place. Bidders may obtain proposal specifications by contacting Dr. Eric Trimmerger at etrir@dt19.org or (847)626-3967. Bid specifications also are available at the District 219 District Office, 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60077.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

**IN THE INTEREST OF
Takwon Drake**

A MINOR
No. 2019JD00152

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Gerald Drake (Father)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **January 27, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY** through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Terrence V Sharkey** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 16501 S. Kedzie Parkway, Markham, Illinois on **03/11/2019 at 9:30 AM IN CALENDAR 76 COURTROOM 099**,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
February 25, 2019**

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

Arrow Road Construction Co. is seeking IDOT approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDSVBS) And Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) Subcontractors/ Suppliers and Trucking Companies to quote on IDOT Letting March 8, 2019 items 5, 15, 21, 22, 28, 32, 35, 107, 124, 144, 146, 148, 149 & 167 Plans and specifications are available at www.dot.state.il.us Please email or fax quotes and executed SBE 2025 forms to bids@arrowroad.com or 847-437-6887. Arrow Road is an equal opportunity employer M/F. 6152794 02/25, 02/26/2019

LEGAL NOTICE

Notification is hereby given that JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 1111 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, Ohio 43240 has filed an application with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the "OCC") on or about February 25, 2019, as specified in 12 CFR Part 5, for permission to establish a domestic branch at the southeast corner of the intersection of West Madison Street and South Halsted Street, Chicago, Cook County, IL 60661. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the Licensing Manager, Large Banks Licensing Operations, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20219 within 30 days of the date of this publication. The public portion of the filing is available upon request from the OCC. The public may find information about the filing (including the closing date of the comment period) in the OCC's Weekly Bulletin available at www.occ.gov. 6141350 2/25/2019

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT) STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT COOK COUNTY

Case Number 2018CC001322
Request of: Wai Ki Ricky Li

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Wai Ki Ricky Li to the name of: Ricky Wai Ki Li

The court date will be held on April 18, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at 50 W Washington Street Chicago Cook in Courtroom #1707

/s/ Wai Ki Ricky Li
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FORECLOSURES

F18090143 SLS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2007-HSBC1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-HSBC1 Plaintiff, vs. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, AQUA Finance, Inc.; Unknown heirs and legatees of Carey Hammond; Joseph Hammond aka Joseph Willie Hammond aka Joe W Hammond aka Joseph W Hammond, Thomas P. Quinn Special Representative; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants, CASE No. 18 CH 15492 9124 South Aberdeen Street, Chicago, Illinois 60620 Cleary Calendar 63 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown heirs and legatees of Carey Hammond and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT NINE (9) IN WALTER R. LAFLETTE'S SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST HALF (1/2) OF BLOCK TWO (2) IN ISAAC CROSBY AND OTHERS SUBDIVISION OF THAT PART OF THE SOUTH HALF (1/2) OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING WESTERLY OF THE CHICAGO ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILROAD IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS P.L.N.: 25-05-401-018-0000 Said property is commonly known as 9124 South Aberdeen Street, Chicago, Illinois 60620, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Roosevelt Hammond and Carey Hammond and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0428741008 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before MARCH 27, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 1866-402-8661 430-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 lpleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 2/25, 3/4, 11/2019 6157327

F18110117 CNLR IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Citizens Bank, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. Bonita A. Furcron aka Bonita Ann Furcron aka Bonita A. Washington aka Bonita A. Furcron-Washington aka Bonita Washington aka Bonita Furcron; Administrator of the Small Business Administration, HomeMakers Remodeling, Inc.; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants, CASE No. 19 CH 1284 10400 South Prospect Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60643 Curry, Jr. Calendar 57 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, HomeMakers Remodeling, Inc., and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 2/3 OF THAT PART OF LOT 5 IN BLOCK 5 IN THE WESTERLY OF THE CHICAGO ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILROAD IN COOK COUNTY, IL 17 AND 18, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 5, 193.6 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTH EAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT, 50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT TO THE NORTH LINE THEREOF; THENCE EAST TO THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF THE POINT DUE EAST OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.L.N.: 25-18-204-068-0000 Said property is commonly known as 10400 South Prospect Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60643, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Bonita A. Furcron and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 1624508016 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before MARCH 27, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 1866-402-8661 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 lpleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 2/25, 3/4, 11/2019 6154159



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS CHANCERY DIVISION CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, VS. SUSAN RICKS, AS KNOWN HEIR AND LEGATEE OF JIMMIE RICKS, DECEASED; KATRINA RICKS, AS KNOWN HEIR AND LEGATEE OF JIMMIE RICKS, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JIMMIE RICKS, DECEASED; THOMAS P. QUINN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF JIMMIE RICKS, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, CASE NO. 2017-CH-0485 Property Address: 12608 South Emerald Avenue Chicago, IL 60628 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JIMMIE RICKS, DECEASED; defendants in the above-entitled action, that an action for foreclosure was commenced on March 30, 2017 in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division, by the plaintiff against you and other defendants, referenced above. The name of the Plaintiff and the Case Number is identified above. 2. The Court in which said action was brought is identified above. 3. The names of the title holders of record are as follows: JIMMIE AND GRACE RICKS. 4. The legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: LOT 4 IN BLOCK 13 IN THE SECOND ADDITION TO WEST PULLMAN, A SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Parcel ID: 25-28-322-028-0000 5. The common address of the subject real estate is as follows: 12608 South Emerald Avenue, Chicago, IL 60628. 6. An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: a. Name of Mortgages: Jimmie Ricks and Grace Ricks b. Name of Mortgagee: First Home Mortgage Corporation, An Illinois Corporation c. Date of Mortgage: June 29, 1998 d. Date of Recording: March 29, 1999 e. County where Recorded: Cook County, Illinois f. Recording Document Number: 99300454 Summons was duly issued out of the court against you as provided by law and the action is now pending. NOW, therefore, unless you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JIMMIE RICKS, DECEASED; defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the action or otherwise make your appearance in the action, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division, in the courthouse in the city of Chicago, Illinois, on or before March 20, 2019, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of the complaint. Clerk of Court Cook County Pub: 2/18, 25, 3/4/2019 6146044

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-3, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE., Plaintiff, VS. REYNALDO MARTINEZ, MARIA ANTONIA MANSUELO UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF UNKNOWN NATIONAL BANK; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; NCEP, LLC; EQUABLE ASCENT FINANCIAL, LLC; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA), N.A.; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MARIA JUSTINA MARTINEZ, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH15788 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Reynaldo Martinez, Maria Antonia Mansuelo, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Maria Justina Martinez, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 14 in Block 1 in Kralovec and Kasper's Subdivision of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 (Except the South 44 acres) of Section 26, Township 39 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. Plat Book recorded on April 30, 1887 as Document Number 823055. 2223 South Sawyer Avenue, Chicago, IL 60623 16-26-207-013-000 Now, therefore, unless you, Reynaldo Martinez, Maria Antonia Martinez, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Maria Justina Martinez, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before MARCH 13, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Shara A. Netterstrom (6294499) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phn: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-sanetterstrom@manleydeas.com FILE NUMBER: 18-022871 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 2/11, 18, 25/2019 6135122

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-3, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE., Plaintiff, VS. REYNALDO MARTINEZ, MARIA ANTONIA MARTINEZ, WORLD FINANCIAL NETWORK NATIONAL BANK; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; NCEP, LLC; EQUABLE ASCENT FINANCIAL, LLC; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA), N.A.; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MARIA JUSTINA MARTINEZ, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH15788 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Equable Ascent Financial, LLC, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 14 in Block 1 in Kralovec and Kasper's Subdivision of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 (Except the South 44 acres) of Section 26, Township 39 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. Plat Book recorded on April 30, 1887 as Document Number 823055. 2223 South Sawyer Avenue, Chicago, IL 60623 16-26-207-013-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Equable Ascent Financial, LLC, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before MARCH 27, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Shara A. Netterstrom (6294499) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phn: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-sanetterstrom@manleydeas.com FILE NUMBER: 18-022871 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 2/25, 3/4, 11/2019 6154171

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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. RUFUS ALLEN, AKA RUFUS L ALLEN, DISCOVER BANK CAVALLARY SP, I, LLC; SYMPHONY SOUTH SHORE LLC DBA SYMPHONY OF SOUTH SHORE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; JEANETTE JOHNSON-ALLEN; CITIBANK NA; FIRST CREDIT CORP. Defendants, Case No. 2018CH16129 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, First Credit Corp, and the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 54 in E.B. Shogren & Company's South Parkway Subdivision of part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, Township 37 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. 200 E 89th Pl, Chicago, IL 60619 25-03-116-011-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, First Credit Corp, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before MARCH 13, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Shara A. Netterstrom (6294499) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phn: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-sanetterstrom@manleydeas.com FILE NUMBER: 18-037135 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 2/11, 18, 25/2019 6135138

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUST ADMINISTRATOR, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE CSFB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-10, Plaintiff, v. LATRICE WOOD, AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ANNIE L. WOOD, AKA ANNIE L. WOOD, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; STATE OF ILLINOIS; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY; EQUABLE ASCENT FINANCIAL LLC; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., Defendants, Case No. 2019CH00679 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Equable Ascent Financial LLC, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: The East 35 feet of Lot 28 in Division 4 in the South Shores Subdivision of the North Fractional 1/2 of Section 30, Township 38 North, Range 15, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. 2416 East 74th Street, Chicago, IL 60649 21-30-109-023-0000 NOW, therefore, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Equable Ascent Financial LLC, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before MARCH 27, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Shanna L. Bacher (6302793) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phn: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-slbacher@manleydeas.com file number: 18-07159 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 2/25, 3/4, 11/2019 6156898

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER., Plaintiff, v. DANIEL MITCHELL, AKA DANIEL T. MITCHELL, EQUABLE ASCENT FINANCIAL, LLC; ALISON ERIN O'CONNOR; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2019CH00972 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Equable Ascent Financial, LLC, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: The West two thirds (2/3rds) of lot two hundred twenty six (226) the East two thirds (2/3rds) of lot two hundred twenty seven (227) in Schaefer's Addition to Norwood Park, in Section 1, Township 40 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. 7518 West Clarence Avenue, Chicago, IL 60631 12-01-208-081-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Equable Ascent Financial, LLC, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the

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The Stars' Radek Faksa upends Slater Koekoek of the Blackhawks just before the Stars' Jason Spezza (90) scored the game-winner on a 5-on-3 power play in the third period Sunday.

STARS 4, BLACKHAWKS 3

Points of no return

Agonizing weekend continues as Hawks drop tough game against Stars after critical loss to Avalanche

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD | Chicago Tribune

A month ago, this weekend wasn't supposed to matter to the Blackhawks.

But a funny thing happened on the way to the NHL draft lottery: The Hawks didn't give up.

They won just enough games in January and February to put themselves in position for a playoff spot, nicely setting themselves up with home games against the Avalanche and Stars that, with victories, could give them a little breathing room in the Western Conference wild-card race.

Instead, they got the wind knocked out of them.

On the heels of a painful loss to the Avalanche on Friday, the Hawks dropped

an even more gut-wrenching 4-3 decision to the Stars on Sunday at the United Center. Jason Spezza scored on a five-on-three power play with 11 minutes, 5 seconds remaining in the third period for the game-winner.

It paled in importance, but Patrick Kane's 20-game point streak ended in the loss.

The Hawks are now four points behind the Avalanche for the second wild-card spot, pending the Wild's game Sunday night against the Blues, as they head to California this week for games against the Ducks, Kings and Sharks.

"We would've liked the standings to look different coming out of the weekend, but it's

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Ben Lovejoy of the Stars catches Jonathan Toews' stick in his face during the third period.

Ace case: Time for Rodon to lead Sox staff



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

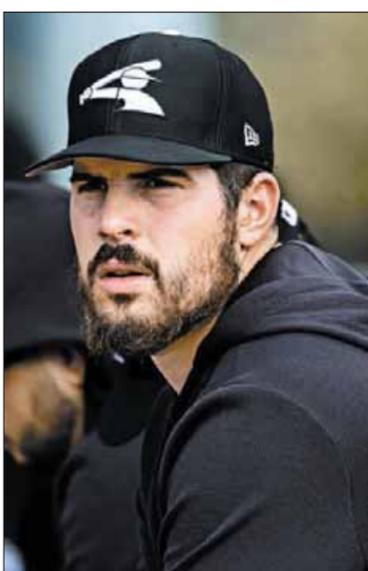
GLENDALE, Ariz. — The White Sox have not announced Carlos Rodon as their opening-day starter, though really there is no other option.

Rodon not only pitched well enough last year in his comeback from shoulder surgery to merit the honor, but also has tenure in the Sox rotation, having been there since 2015.

Amazingly, the only teammates who've been in a Sox uniform longer are Nate Jones and Leury Garcia.

"Twenty-six years old and I have ten-

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Despite a strong return from shoulder surgery in 2018, Carlos Rodon said a poor September left a bad taste in his mouth.

CUBS

Reviving anemic offense takes on sense of urgency

Maddon uses some old hitting drills to get team back on track

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Anthony Rizzo provided a comprehensive response Sunday when asked if the offense was overly scrutinized in the wake of the Cubs' second-half skid.

"Yes, but for the right reasons," Rizzo said. "It's overly scrutinized because our expectations are so high. If we're a team that is trying to get to the playoffs, it's not over-scrutinized because you're trying to do damage in the playoffs."

"We've got to score more runs, play better defense. As long as guys continue to have good at-bats, you can't control all the other stuff."

The front office responded to a late collapse that saw the Cubs bat .235 in

September with a .300 on-base percentage and .363 slugging percentage. That helped the Brewers erase a five-game deficit in 28 games and win the National League Central.

Anthony Iapoce replaced Chili Davis as hitting coach, and manager Joe Maddon is taking a greater role in "opportunity" hitting after the Cubs went 0-for-6 with runners in scoring position in a 2-1, 13-inning loss to the Rockies in the NL wild-card game.

Virtually all of the younger players who contributed to the late struggles arrived at spring training with the hope they can return to the progression that was forecast after they won the 2016 World Series.

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

Illinois, Cubs bet on future

While Gov. J.B. Pritzker was proposing legalizing sports gambling in Illinois, the Cubs were making a bet of their own.

The Cubs were among the named investors last week in the latest round of funding for the Action Network, a sports media outlet targeting fans who gamble by giving them betting content, analytics, real-time odds and other tools.

Some of its material is free. Other info is available by subscription only. Among the Action Network's platforms is a mobile app through which users can track their wagers, receive alerts relevant to their bets and see how much is being invested on either side.

Somebody clearly sees this as a growth industry, which suggests Illinois should get in the game even if the revenue projections Pritzker has thrown out are untested.

Cubs fans may be up in arms about how the team can afford to invest in, well, anything after Chairman Tom Ricketts said "we don't have any more" money.

Now the Ricketts family is sinking money in the outfit that hired Twitter enthusiast Darren Rovell, with Highland Park High School graduate and former ESPN the Magazine editor-in-chief Chad Millman overseeing content.

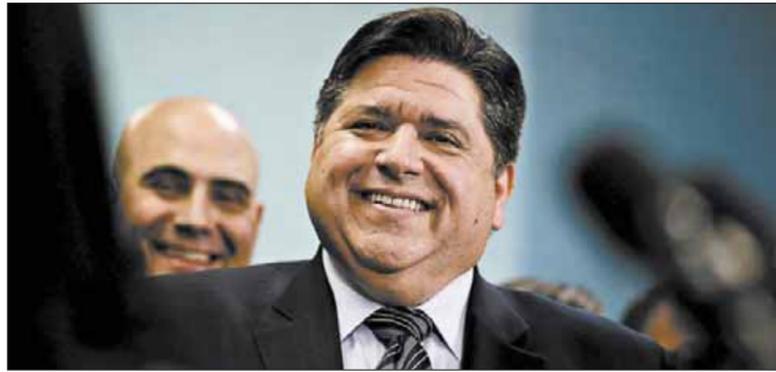
A Cubs spokesman didn't respond Sunday to an inquiry about the investment. But in the Cubs' defense, not only does the Action Network look like a forward-looking opportunity, the total amount raised in this round was only \$17.5 million.

That's not exactly loose change, but it might buy Bryce Harper's services only through the All-Star break. Never mind that the Cubs aren't the only contributor to that \$17.5 million total.

They're in interesting company on this. Leading this Series B financing was Fertitta Capital, which was launched by casino-owner brothers Frank and Lorenzo Fertitta after their 2016 sale of the Ultimate Fighting Championship for \$4 billion.

Besides the Fertittas, the Cubs and the Chernin Group (which formed the Action Network in 2017), contributors to this funding round included 76ers and Devils co-owner David Blitzer, sports marketing and entertainment executive Casey Wasserman's 6721 Capital fund, BITKRAFT Esports Ventures and SoFi chief executive Anthony Noto, who used to be Twitter's chief operating officer.

"With sports betting now legal in eight



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker believes legal sports gambling in Illinois will boost the state budget.

states and more than a dozen other states considering legislation to legalize, we see an incredible opportunity as we focus on securing the necessary approvals in regulated U.S. sports betting jurisdictions as well as those around the world," Action Network CEO Patrick Keane said in announcing the investments.

Politicians such as Pritzker see those same opportunities.

They love anything they think can help their budgets that doesn't involve raising traditional taxes or cutting spending, from the lottery to plastic bag levies.

Bringing sports gambling out in the open makes sense. It is going on already, just outside the realm of legality, regulation and the state getting a cut — save for those bettors who declare their winnings on their tax returns.

Legalization holds the promise of the state getting a piece of the action through licenses and other fees. Amen to that.

Whether legal sports gambling will be as lucrative long term as the governor of Illinois or any other state believes has to be tested in the real world in real time over many years.

For one thing, if the state tries to take too much out of licensed sports books, the legal operators won't be able to match the value illicit ones can on bets, and gamblers will stick with the underground bookies.

Then there are enforcement costs, which could affect the net proceeds of legalization, assuming it's necessary to crack down on illegal sports books to drive people to licensed operators.

It also remains to be seen whether legal sports wagering would siphon money from other sanctioned gambling, such as horse racing and the lottery.

But the biggest unknown variable for Illinois and others is there simply hasn't been enough time since the Supreme Court last year liberated New Jersey and other states.

No one quite knows how much wagered money can be banked upon by taxing authorities there or anywhere else.

Vegas Stats & Information Network (VSIN), another sports gambling media venture, extrapolated average NFL action and predicted roughly \$113.75 million would be bet on Super Bowl LIII in New Jersey. The state came up with a similar \$100 million estimate.

What everyone learned is what everyone should have known: New Jersey is not the gambling destination Las Vegas is.

New Jersey fielded only \$34.89 million in legal bets for the Super Bowl. Better than nothing for the state to dip into but not the windfall many anticipated.

Forget about what happens if the amount invested by gamblers fails to grow. Once a state banks on a revenue source, it can ill afford to see it flatten out or decline.

Which is why the Cubs, the state of Illinois and anyone thinking of wagering on what they see as a sure thing need to remember two important words:

Bettor beware.

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NBA

James to Lakers: Show time is now



These are choppy, relatively uncharted waters for LeBron James, and he doesn't like them one bit.

The Lakers lost 128-115 on Saturday to the Pelicans, who were

playing without Anthony Davis, marking the first time since his second NBA season in 2004-05 that a team led by James has dipped below .500 at this point in the season.

"Everyone's so accustomed to the losses that I'm just not accustomed to," James said after the Lakers dropped to 29-30. "I'd never get comfortable with losing. Losing Game 1 (the home opener) to Houston, feels the same way as losing Game 59 in New Orleans. That's how I'm built. That's who I am."

Cultural change isn't instant, and James asked: "How do you know what's at stake if you've never been there before?"

"It's how you approach the game every day," James said in a video posted by Spectrum SportsNet. "It's how you think the game every day. It's how you play the game. It's how you prepare for the game, and that's not even when you get to the arena. That's way before that."

"Basketball — is that the most important thing? Why are we doing this? Is this the most important thing in your life at this time? If you feel you gave it all (in that game), then you have nothing to look back on. You can go on and do other things. But if you feel like you're not giving as much as you can, then you can't focus on anything else."

The Lakers are 4-6 in their last 10 games, and James stressed that there has to be a "sense of urgency from the jump" with the team in 10th place in the Western Conference.

"You've got to be comfortable with being uncomfortable," he said. "I'm not saying that's what we are as a whole. It kind of looks that way at times, that sometimes we feel like we're afraid to be uncomfortable and get out of our comfort zone and ... have that sense of urgency from the jump and not be afraid to fail to succeed. We have, what, 23 games left? We'll see what happens."

— Washington Post

SPRING TRAINING NOTES

Yankees' Farquhar pitches 1 inning in simulated game

Associated Press

Danny Farquhar took another big step in his comeback, and his family was in the stands to see it.

Farquhar struck out two and walked one during a scoreless inning Sunday in his first simulated game for the Yankees since he collapsed in the White Sox dugout April 20.

The right-hander was diagnosed with a ruptured aneurysm and brain hemorrhage and had surgery the next day. He was hospitalized until May 7. Farquhar was not cleared to pitch again in 2018, became a free agent after the season and signed a minor-league contract with the Yankees.

"Extraordinarily successful being the fact that I wasn't thinking about anything besides striking everybody out," Farquhar said. "I wasn't thinking about my helmet hat, I wasn't thinking about anything else. My focus was what it's been in the past. Just create swings and misses. That's what I call normal."

Farquhar, 32, is using a specially designed protective cap which includes Kevlar and foam.

Pitching coach Larry Rothschild said Farquhar will have another simulated game later this week.

Goldschmidt debut: In his first at-bat in a St. Louis uniform, Paul Goldschmidt nearly showed the pop missing from last year's Cardinals lineup.

After getting a standing ovation from the spring training crowd, Goldschmidt launched a long fly ball that Nationals right fielder Chuck Taylor caught on the warning track.

Though appreciative of the crowd re-

sponse, Goldschmidt was focused on his pre-pitch routine.

"I did notice a little bit, but you're in there to compete," he said. "I was just in there getting ready for that at-bat and trying to find a way to get on."

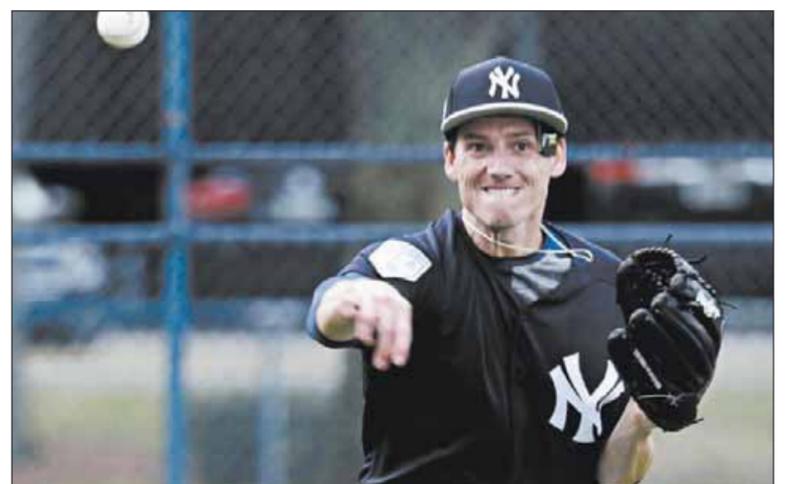
Indians pick up Ramirez: Free agent first baseman Hanley Ramirez agreed to a minor-league contract with the Indians.

Ramirez, a former NL Rookie of the Year, will join the Indians in camp once he passes a physical.

Ramirez, 35, played in just 44 games last season with the Red Sox before he was released in May. He hit .254 with six home runs and 29 RBIs.

A three-time All-Star, Ramirez is a .290 career hitter with 296 career home runs.

Extra innings: Marlins outfield prospect Victor Victor Mesa strained his right hamstring against the Pirates. Mesa pulled up and grabbed his hamstring after beating out a ground ball and avoiding a double play in the sixth inning. He was removed from the game. Mesa was to return to the Marlins' camp in Jupiter on Sunday rather than accompany the team to Port Charlotte for a game Monday against the Rays. ... Reigning NL Cy Young Award winner Jacob deGrom tossed one inning and gave up Tyler White's RBI single on a 97 mph fastball in the Mets' 10-1 loss to a split squad of Astros. DeGrom allowed two hits and threw 14 of his 17 pitches for strikes. The 30-year-old righty made his spring training debut after posting a 1.70 ERA last season. Often throttled by a lack of run support, he went 10-9 for the fourth-place Mets.



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Danny Farquhar, pictured Saturday, pitched a scoreless inning in a simulated game Sunday.

Chicago Tribune

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Addison Russell, shown Friday, received barely audible boos before his first at-bat Sunday in Scottsdale, Ariz.

5 TAKEAWAYS

A quiet 1st start

Russell preparing for more heckling as the season progresses

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Here are five takeaways from Cubs spring training Sunday:

1. Addison Russell is bracing for future heckling.

The Cubs shortstop realizes he'll face more hostile crowds than Sunday, when he received barely audible boos before his first at-bat.

"It's going to happen," Russell said. "I'm just trying to prepare myself for when that happens. The (Scottsdale Stadium) crowd was a pretty nice crowd, a lot of supporting fans. That made my heart explode as well. It definitely was good to be back there."

Russell singled and hit a sacrifice fly against the Giants in his first game since the Cubs placed him on administrative leave Sept. 21 after his ex-wife accused him of physical and mental abuse. Major League Baseball eventually suspended him 40 games for violating its domestic violence policy.

Russell believes he will continue to play until the completion of the exhibition season. He must sit out 28 more games on his suspension, and the Cubs can release him at any time or activate him May 1 if he completes terms of his suspension.

Russell played 3½ innings at shortstop, which Javier Baez will handle for the first month.

"It felt great to get the clay beneath my cleats," Russell said. "Being in the lineup, especially with guys we won the World Series with ... it was a great day. I had a lot of fun."

"I think the tough stuff is pretty much out of the way, but there's still room for growth. That's what I'm looking forward to, and that's what I'm looking for."

2. David Bote is under evaluation after a beaming.

The third baseman got hit by a fastball from Giants ace Madison Bumgarner in the second inning and had to leave the game.

Bote fell to one knee before receiving attention from trainer Matt Johnson and manager Joe Maddon. He remained down for about a minute before walking off with Johnson's assistance.

A Giants doctor examined Bote before he returned to the Cubs spring training complex for further evaluation.

"That's terrible," Bumgarner told reporters. "It sucks. I'm sorry for that."

Ryan Court pinch-ran for Bote.

3. Tyler Chatwood is encouraged after making his spring debut.

After walking 95 in 103⅓ innings and losing his spot in the rotation with two months left in 2018, Chatwood walked only one batter in two innings, though the free pass to Evan Longoria set up Brandon Belt's two-run homer.

"I'm getting more in rhythm with my hands," Chatwood said of the slight alteration in his delivery. "My takeaway was bad last year. I didn't realize it. I worked hard on it this offseason and felt great and in more rhythm."

Chatwood said he threw a "good" changeup that Belt hit over the right-field fence.

The Cubs will continue to groom Chatwood as a starter even though their rotation is set with Jon Lester — who makes his spring debut Monday against the Padres — Yu Darvish, Cole Hamels, Kyle Hendricks and Jose Quintana.

4. Mike Montgomery feels healthy after his first bullpen session.

Montgomery is one of the Cubs' most valuable pitchers from the standpoint of being able to start and pitch in a variety of relief roles. So it was encouraging that his left shoulder felt fine after Saturday's bullpen session.

Montgomery said he threw at about 80 percent and plans to throw his next bullpen session Tuesday with more intensity. He expects to catch up in plenty of time after coping with shoulder stiffness.

5. Dakota Mekkes is seeking to increase the Cubs' Big Ten representation

Mekkes might have joined the Cubs last September if their 40-man roster wasn't filled.

The 6-foot-7, 250-pound reliever from Jenison, Mich., believes he would have no trouble adapting to the cold weather at Wrigley Field in April and most of May.

"Playing in the Midwest, you know what it's like to be there," said Mekkes, who struck out 71 in 53⅓ innings at Double-A Tennessee and Triple-A Iowa.

Mekkes, a Michigan State alumnus, would like to join former Indiana standout Kyle Schwarber as Big Ten representatives on the Cubs roster. Mekkes redshirted in 2014 when the Spartans played Schwarber and the Hoosiers.

"(The Big Ten) isn't known as a baseball powerhouse conference, so it's really cool to see Big Ten guys in the organization," Mekkes said.

As for the sub-50-degree weather that has chilled early workouts in Arizona, Mekkes declared: "I'm sweating. I can still wear a T-shirt and shorts. Up in Michigan, it's still snowing. When I left, it was minus-10 degrees. This is perfectly fine with me."

Maddon tries a few old-school drills

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"I really don't know what optimal levels are, what they can be or cannot be," said Iapoco, who worked with some of the younger batters when he served as a special assistant from 2013 to 2015. "If you think there's a certain level, then maybe you stop yourself from attaining more or being a better player. You try to create an environment and energy for the players to work in and be there for them."

The sense of urgency includes Maddon's involvement in improving certain facets such as producing with runners in scoring position and adjusting to specific situations.

Maddon resurrected some of the drills he applied as a roving hitting instructor with the Angels from 1987 to 1993.

The latest instruction consisted of Maddon setting up a pitching machine 33 feet from home plate with a smaller, harder ball traveling at about 63 mph, which Maddon said equates to more than 90 mph.

The drill is designed for batters to take a shorter approach to the ball, with Maddon calling the situation to create a game-like condition.

"When you play situations, some coaches are throwing it up there at 55 mph," Maddon said. "You can do anything you want with that pitch. Now with the added degree of difficulty, velocity, size of baseball, discipline, I like them to use a heavier bat to force them to force the action of their hands."

Maddon said he used this drill with the Rays to help Carlos Pena and B.J. Upton.

"Right now we're trying to get it across to shorten your swing, use your hands and use a heavier bat to use your hands and work on situations," Maddon said.

Maddon called for batters to adapt to situations with runners at first and second and two out. The Cubs batted .151 in that situation in 2018.

But that was just part of the problem. The Cubs were 11th in the NL with 167 home runs, and their OPS slipped from .771 in the

first half to .705 in the second half.

It didn't help that Kris Bryant missed 50 games because of a left shoulder bruise that affected his power.

Willson Contreras, who hit 21 home runs in 2017, had only 11 extra-base hits and batted .200 in the second half.

With Maddon, Ben Zobrist and Cole Hamels entering the final season of their contracts and arbitration-eligible players such as Bryant and Javier Baez getting more expensive, the shape of the Cubs' future could hinge on the offense maximizing its potential.

"These guys are good," Maddon said. "KB has been an MVP already. Javy almost was one, (Rizzo) should be in the (MVP) running every year. Albert Almora, Kyle Schwarber and all these other guys are ascending."

"I still believe Contreras is the best catcher in the NL. We've just got to get him unearthed on the offensive side."

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WHITE SOX

3 TAKEAWAYS

Time to go? Calls to ditch pitch clock

BY PAUL SULLIVAN
Chicago Tribune

PEORIA, Ariz. — Three takeaways from White Sox spring training Sunday:

1. The verdict is in on the pitch clock: Get rid of it.

Nationals ace Max Scherzer spoke for many players when he said Major League Baseball's attempt to negotiate a 20-second pitch clock with the union will be a non-starter. The pitch clock has been used in spring training games, though no violations will be called yet as MLB wants players to get used to the clock.

Eventually hitters would have a strike called if they're not in the box, and pitchers would have a ball called if they're not ready to deliver.

"I don't think there's negotiation here," Scherzer said. "As players, it just shouldn't be in the game. Having a pitch clock, if you have ball-strike implications, that's messing with the fabric of the game. There's no clock in baseball for a reason."

MLB can unilaterally implement the pitch clock for the 2019 season, and most believe it will.

Sox catcher James McCann said before Sunday's 6-5 loss to the Padres he would pay no attention to the clock. According to the employee in charge of the clock at Peoria Stadium, there were no violations during the game, as McCann predicted.

"One of the beautiful things about baseball is there is no clock," McCann said. "You're going to have games that last 2 hours, 20 minutes and games that last four hours. The game was not invented with the idea of putting time limitations on anything."

"There's a lot more that goes into the pace-of-the-game (issues) than the 20 seconds between pitches. Most guys are already within the parameters. I honestly think if you're worried about pace of play, there are a lot of other areas that can be addressed."

"That's not baseball. That's ... changing the game."

Pace of play has been an obsession with Commissioner Rob Manfred, who seems intent on adding new rules every season.

"This game has been played 100-something years without a pitch clock, so why all of a sudden



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Sox right fielder Daniel Palka left Sunday's game after one inning with cramps in his left hamstring.

do it now?" Sox pitcher Carlos Rodon said. "I know it sounds crazy, but guys can get hurt with that short amount of time between pitches. Everyone has a starting routine, like Scherzer, from the time they start in the weight room before starts to the time in between pitches. And now you're going to limit us on the time we have in between pitches? It's a little childish."

2. If you had Daniel Palka in the pool for first Sox Cactus League injury, collect your winnings.

The outfielder left Sunday's game after the first inning with left hamstring tightness after running out a fly out and hitting the bag awkwardly.

"Just a little crampy," Palka said. "... Just one of those things where it's not worth playing Day 2 when you feel a little dehydration."

Palka expects to be ready to play Monday if needed.

3. The Sox are handling Dylan Cease with kid gloves.

Their top pitching prospect isn't scheduled for a start yet, even if he looks ready to go.

"We're trying to make sure we measure his usage for the season," manager Rick Renteria said, "and we're going to do everything we can to get him through as long of a season as we possibly can in terms of innings and usage in games."

Cease threw a career-high 124 innings last year at Class A Winston-Salem and Double-A Birmingham. He's expected to be up with the Sox soon, though they likely will limit his innings if he's on the team in September.

Time is now for Rodon to take lead of Sox staff

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ure," Rodon said Sunday at Camelback Ranch. "Wow."

Rodon enters the season as the undisputed Sox ace, even though he hasn't pitched a full season since 2016. Reynaldo Lopez? Too inexperienced. Lucas Giolito? Too inconsistent. Ivan Nova? No.

So does Rodon care if he's chosen to start the opener?

"For sure, it's something any pitcher would aspire to do," he said. "I would love to be slotted for that."

Perhaps he can lobby manager Rick Renteria, as Eloy Jimenez did successfully last spring training to get a pinch-hitting appearance against the Cubs.

"I'd like to lobby for it by the way I perform this spring," Rodon replied. "I'm not going to talk my way into it. I'd rather just show them how I pitch."

How Rodon pitches this season will be a key to whether the Sox can go from 100 losses to respectability. Last year was a mixed bag, with more good than bad. After returning from the disabled list in June, he went 6-3 with a 2.70 ERA in his first 14 starts. But Rodon inexplicably struggled in September, going 0-5 with a 9.22 ERA.

Overall Rodon was satisfied with his return to the mound, but the ending left a bad taste in his mouth, and he had no answers for why it happened.

"I did not forget that last month," he said. "It stuck with me the whole offseason. I just wasn't good, man. I felt good. My arm felt fine. I can't say it was fatigue. I just didn't perform."

"It's weird because I had such a good two months prior. They were phenomenal, or pretty good. And all of a sudden it was just the polar opposite. In this game, consistency and durability are the keys. That's what the greats, the elite pitchers do. It just can't happen."

The Sox's plans for Rodon this spring are classified information. He'll throw a simulated game Monday at Camelback Ranch, but

that's all the Sox will say.

"In terms of getting into the regular games and preseason here, I'd have to look at the schedule," Renteria said.

Renteria added Rodon has "come into camp looking very good, physically loose, and everything we do now is just to make sure he's on track to open up the season."

That seems to indicate he'll be starting a Cactus League game at some point, but Rodon was at a loss as to when that might happen.

"I don't know what I can disclose," he said. "All I can say is I'm throwing Monday. I don't know if it's like top-secret or something."

Everything is top-secret at Sox camp, especially the pitching plans.

Rodon said he doesn't care "whether it's on a back field or in a so-called real game." He likes the idea of working on things on a back field, but he also conceded that facing major-league hitters is a plus.

"The nice thing about being in a Cactus League game is the competition is there, and you get that feel of competing," he said.

There's no denying this is an important year for Rodon. The Sox have a lot of arms in their system, but he is supposed to be one of the core starters for the rebuild, along with Lopez, Giolito, Michael Kopech and Dylan Cease. We won't see them all together until next year, but no one wants to enter Year 4 of the rebuild with another season of 90-plus losses.

"It's something we've dealt with in the past," he said. "I've always been an underdog, and the teams I've been on have been overlooked quite often. I don't mind it. I like it because we've got something to prove."

"And when a team has something to prove, they play with a chip on their shoulder. I like that. That just brings a lot of fire to when you show up to the field."

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Johnson rolls to 20th title of career

He tops McIlroy by 5 at WGC in Mexico

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Dustin Johnson arrived in Mexico trying to figure out what was wrong with his swing.

He left Sunday night with his 20th PGA Tour victory and sixth World Golf Championship and now wonders how far that swing will take him.

He played only two of the 72 holes in worse than par. No one got closer than two shots to him all weekend.

Johnson overcame a sloppy start, caught a good break from behind a tree and made the rest look easy, just like when he was on top of his game two years ago. He closed with a 5-under 66 for a five-shot victory over Rory McIlroy.

"This is a big one for me, and it gives me a lot of confidence for the rest of the year," Johnson said. "I feel like the game is in good form right now."

Johnson becomes the 38th player in PGA Tour history with 20 victories, which makes him a lifetime member once he puts in 15 years. He won on both sides of a four-week journey that started with his victory in the Saudi International, and he will return to No. 1 in the world next week.

McIlroy did all he could, making six birdies in a seven-hole stretch on the back nine, and closed with a 67.

"I was making birdies and going nowhere," McIlroy said. "He just played great this week. Hats off to him. He's arguably the best player in the world. He's got two wins already this year, and he has been one of the best players for a long time."

Johnson won the Mexico Championship for the second time in three years. It was in 2017 when he was playing the best golf of his life, with three straight victories against the strongest fields, only to suffer a back injury when he slipped down the stairs of his rental house on the eve of the Masters.

"It's the closest I've felt to that since I got hurt two years ago," Johnson said. "I finally feel like everything is getting very close to where I was then. If I know I'm hitting it well and driving it good, it's going to give me a lot of confidence."

The only drama came early. Johnson had to make an 18-foot par putt on No. 2 to avoid a two-shot swing. He had to make a 6-foot putt to salvage bogey on the next hole to keep his lead at two. McIlroy made bogey on the next hole, and then the tournament turned on two holes and two trees.

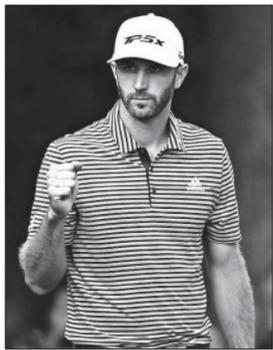
Johnson hit iron off the tee to the right at No. 5 and his ball settled right behind a tree. He called for a ruling and showed the official that with a shot slightly behind toward the fairway, his right heel was on the curb of a cart path.

He was given free relief, carved a punched 6-iron under the tree limbs and two-putted from 50 feet for an unlikely par.

On the par-5 sixth, McIlroy went left and his ball settled behind a tree. He asked for relief and was denied. He wound up with a bogey while Johnson birdied to go up by five.

Johnson finished at 21-under 263, the lowest score by five shots in the three years at Chapultepec.

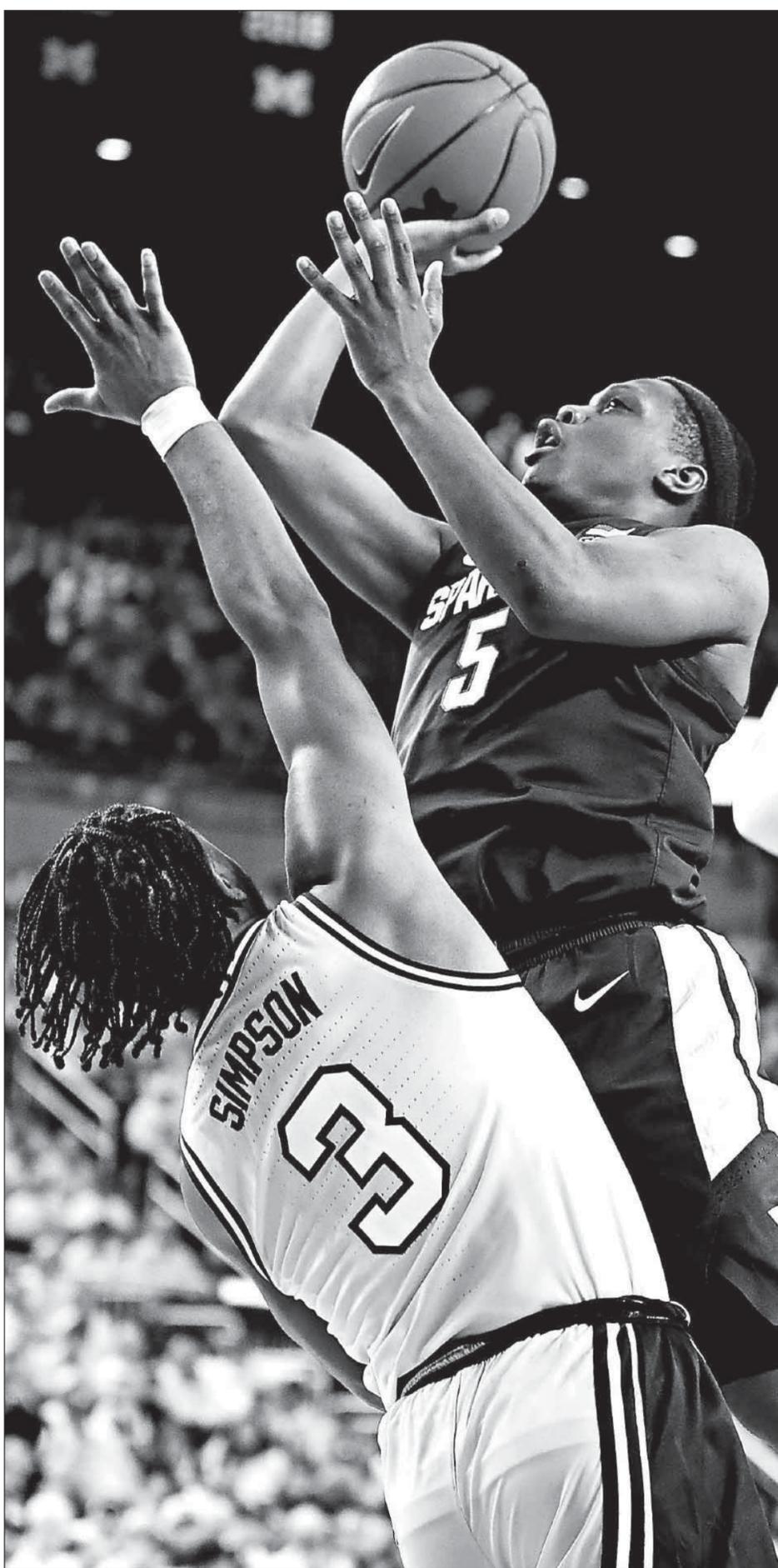
Tiger Woods got his first top-10 finish of the year but again declined to speak to reporters.



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Dustin Johnson celebrates after completing his five-shot victory over Rory McIlroy in the WGC-Mexico Championship.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY

Cassius Winston of Michigan State takes a shot over Xavier Simpson of Michigan on Sunday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

On ropes, Spartans get statement win

Associated Press

Underestimate Tom Izzo and Michigan State at your peril. The Spartans are plenty dangerous — even short-handed and playing on the road against a highly ranked rival.

Cassius Winston had 27 points and eight assists, and 10th-ranked Michigan State moved into sole possession of first place in the Big Ten with a 77-70 victory over No. 7 Michigan on Sunday in Ann Arbor.

Kenny Goins had 16 points and 11 rebounds, and Xavier Tillman added 14 points for the Spartans, who snapped Michigan's 22-game winning streak at Crisler Center despite being without two of their top three scorers.

"I don't need to be an underdog

anymore — those days are over," said Izzo, who moved within three victories of 600 as Michigan State's coach. "I don't need to have anybody feel sorry for us. Those days are over. Doesn't matter, nobody cares — put a jersey on a kid and he goes."

Joshua Langford is out for the season, and Nick Ward is recovering from a broken hand, but Goins and Tillman produced in Ward's absence.

Michigan (24-4, 13-4) led by six early in the second half, but it was short-lived. Down 51-45, the Spartans (23-5, 14-3) outscored Michigan 21-7 to take control. The Wolverines shot 2 for 14 from 3-point range in the second half.

Michigan had won three straight games in this series, in-

cluding two last year when Xavier Simpson more than held his own against Winston in the matchup of point guards. Simpson led Michigan with 19 points. Both he and Winston played the full 40 minutes.

Villanova sliding: Naji Marshall scored 17 points, and Xavier used a big surge in the second half to rally past No. 17 Villanova 66-54 in Cincinnati, leaving the Wildcats with three straight Big East losses for the first time since the conference was reconfigured.

The Musketeers (15-13, 7-8) won their fourth straight and ended their run of lopsided losses against the Wildcats. Villanova (20-8, 11-4) had won five in a row against the Musketeers.

STATE ROUNDUP

Associated Press

Armon Fletcher had 18 points and seven rebounds as Southern Illinois beat Loyola 63-53 on Sunday in Carbondale, Ill.

The loss kept the Ramblers (17-12 overall) in a tie for the Missouri Valley Conference lead at 10-6 with Missouri State, a winner over Indiana State on Saturday, and Drake, which lost Sunday at Illinois State.

Kavion Pippen had 12 points and nine rebounds for the Salukis (15-14, 8-8), and Aaron Cook

added 11 points.

Cameron Krutwig and Clayton Custer each had 17 points for the Ramblers, and Marques Townes had eight points and 10 rebounds.

The Salukis evened the season series after Loyola defeated them 75-50 on Jan. 27 at Gentile Arena. Loyola visits Northern Iowa on Wednesday before concluding the regular season Saturday at home against Bradley.

UIC 74, Milwaukee 59: Godwin Boahen scored 22 points, Marcus Ottey had 14 points and eight

rebounds and Tarkus Ferguson added 12 points and eight assists for the host Flames (15-14, 9-7 Horizon League).

DeAndre Abram scored 15 points to lead the Panthers (9-20, 4-12), whose losing streak stretched to nine games. Darius Roy, who led Milwaukee in scoring coming into the game with 16 points per game, had five points on 2-of-11 shooting.

The Flames visit Oakland on Thursday and Detroit Mercy on Saturday in their final two regular-season games.

NASCAR

Keselowski shows the stomach for victory

Driver shakes off flu to finish 1st at Atlanta

By JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

HAMPTON, Ga. — Brad Keselowski had his hands full with a new car and new rules package — enough to make for a trying race — before a stomach virus nearly flattened him.

Keselowski missed a portion of final practice, received intravenous fluids at Atlanta Motor Speedway's medical center and had a replacement driver on standby Sunday in case he couldn't last the full 500 miles.

Sick day? No way.

Keselowski recovered to win at Atlanta and move past Mark Donohue as the winningest driver in Team Penske history. It was the first win for Ford's new Mustang and a rebound for the manufacturer after Toyota swept the season-opening Daytona 500.

"A race-car driver is who I am — it's what I do and what I love, (so) I'm not going to let anything get in the way of it," Keselowski said after the win. "We had the team to win. Of course things still have to go your way, but I don't want to be the reason they don't."

He was admittedly hot, tired and somewhat dazed after 3½ hours of racing. Had the event been one day earlier, Keselowski said he wouldn't have been healthy enough to drive. He lost nearly six pounds battling the illness but wasn't complaining after the win.

"Whenever you have a fast car, it's funny how fast those things disappear," he said.

Keselowski has proved his toughness before, most notably in 2011 when he won at Pocono just days after breaking his ankle in a crash while testing. This time he fell ill late Friday after surprising fans in the Atlanta infield with beer during their rainy night of partying.

Keselowski's wife also was sick, and he missed the start of Saturday's final practice as Austin Cindric turned laps in the No. 2 Ford. Keselowski was able to complete two runs before practice ended, but medical workers took him via golf cart from the garage to receive treatment.

"Whatever we had ... it floored both of us," he said.

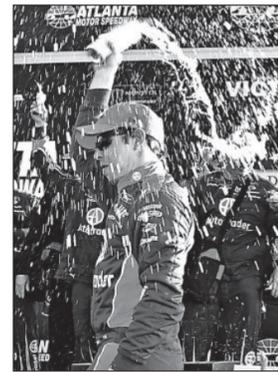
NASCAR debuted its new competition package Sunday that is designed to improve the on-track product and help the smaller teams contend. But the first look at the new rules was tempered because the abrasive asphalt at Atlanta is unlike any other surface on which NASCAR will race this season.

But it was clear NASCAR successfully designed a package that slowed the cars and bunched them closer together, which made for intense racing when the field was packed on restarts.

Keselowski, meanwhile, raced to his 60th win for Roger Penske to pass Indianapolis great Donohue's mark as the team leader. Twenty-seven of his 28 Cup victories have been with Penske.

"When you know what Mark meant to our team as we were building it over time, it (was) a mark we thought nobody would ever beat," Penske said. "But Brad had that on his windshield. He's been looking at that now for a year, and he said this was the year he was going to make it happen."

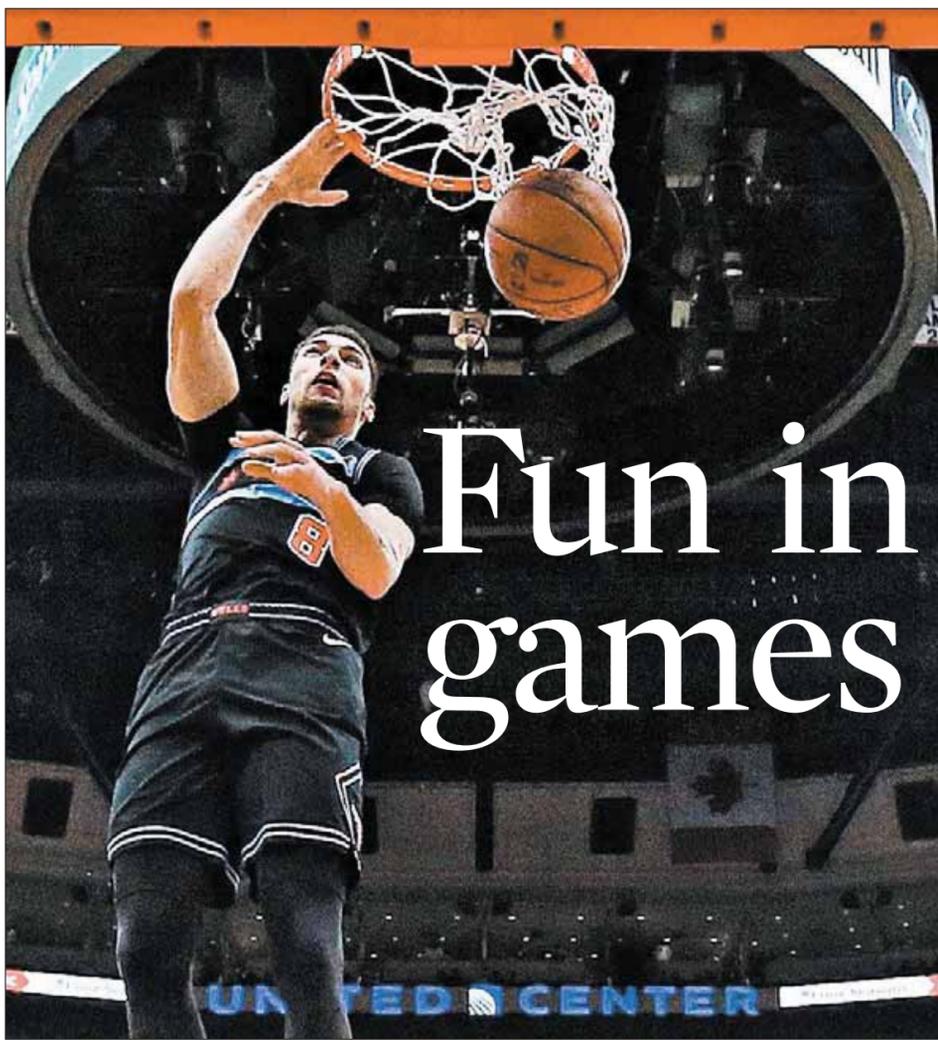
Martin Truex Jr. finished second in a rebound from his disappointing debut with Joe Gibbs Racing but felt "we probably should have won."



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Brad Keselowski gets sprayed in victory lane after winning Sunday's Cup Series race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

BULLS



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Zach LaVine dunks for two of his career-high 42 points Saturday night in the Bulls' victory against the Celtics.

LaVine, Markkanen combine to give Bulls a recipe for success

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Even before reporters marched into the postgame locker room late Saturday with news that Zach LaVine and Lauri Markkanen had become the first Bulls teammates since Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen to score at least 35 points apiece, LaVine had talked to Markkanen.

"I told him, 'We'll have more of those games,'" LaVine said.

At the time, LaVine didn't know Jordan and Pippen in November 1996 were the last Bulls to pull off the statistical feat. And LaVine wasn't really referring to his career-high 42 points or Markkanen's career-high 35 in a 126-116 victory over the Celtics.

What he meant was there will be more games when the wealth is shared, the hot hand is acknowledged and properly fed and a suddenly potent one-two punch plays off each other. And perhaps most importantly, LaVine meant there will be more wins.

Put aside thoughts of pingpong balls and Zion Williamson dunks for a minute and recognize what's happening. The Bulls are looking like a legitimate basketball team. Check no further than the last nine games.

While going 5-4, the Bulls are tied with the Trail Blazers for the NBA's No. 1 offensive rating in that stretch with 117.8 points per 100 possessions. Their net rating of plus-2.8 ranks 12th. And they achieved those numbers against four top-10 defenses.

Otto Porter Jr.'s steadying influence and Robin Lopez scoring in double figures in seven straight games have been significant factors. But the roll LaVine and Markkanen are on continues to raise eyebrows.

Perhaps more significant, both players are putting up big numbers without forcing much.

"It's a really good feeling because we're starting to understand each other's games really well," LaVine said. "Even at points in the game where I'm hot and he's hot,



Lauri Markkanen blitzed the Celtics with a career-high 35 points Saturday. He is averaging 24.1 and 13.4 rebounds in his last 11 games.

we can still help each other get shots because there's so much attention on either one of us at that time. Any given night, whoever is hot, you have to feed him.

"Earlier in the season, Lauri was hurt, so we weren't able to build off last year, where we didn't get to play a lot together. We're starting to figure out the spots we like and the two-man game that we go with where each game we're guys you can count on."

LaVine fell one assist shy of extending to seven games his career-best streak of five or more assists. Still, his fourth assist spoke volumes.

After Kyrie Irving had sliced the Celtics' 25-point deficit to eight with a 3-pointer, LaVine dribbled against Irving up top and drove into the lane. Drawing a second defender, LaVine could have — and has in the past — forced a shot in traffic. Instead, he kicked to a wide-open Markkanen on the wing for a 3-pointer.

"Zach is doing a great job of letting the game come to him," Ryan Arcidiacono said. "He did a great job when they started to blitz him."

Markkanen has at least 20 points and 10 rebounds in six of his last seven games. Over his last 11 games, he's averaging 24.1 points, 13.4 rebounds and 2.4



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assists while shooting 45.7 percent, including 37.7 percent from 3-point range.

This is the offensive burden LaVine had to carry when Markkanen missed the first 23 games with his right elbow injury. Now LaVine is still putting up numbers — he's averaging 24.7 points and 5.2 assists in his last 11 games — but doing so more efficiently.

"You have to defend multiple guys," LaVine said. "It's tough when you get double- and triple-teamed. You have to make some really tough shots. That's what I had to do.

"Now we have three guys (including Porter) who can get 20 points any game, so it's really easy. I can get 20 points on 15 shots.

"We're spreading the floor and playing the right way instead of having to force things. It's easier. We're getting open looks and we're playing better as a team."

Porter missed the second half Saturday with a strained lower left leg that isn't considered serious. That didn't stop LaVine and Markkanen from taking over.

Notably, Saturday night marked the second straight postgame that LaVine used the word "fun" in his remarks to reporters. Contrast that to his palpable postgame frustration for most of January, and there's another tangible sign of progress.

"When you're one of the better players on a team and you're not winning, that bothers you," coach Jim Boylen said. "He's maturing. Remember, he took a year and a half off. This guy is still a young guy in the game. I know he's talented and a great kid, but he's learning.

"That's just part of the process. I'm happy for him."

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BULLS NOTES

Arcidiacono real take-a-charge guy

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Asked if he knew where he ranked among league leaders for assist-to-turnover ratio, Ryan Arcidiacono joked that a new statistic of charges per minute should be created.

Arcidiacono leads the Bulls with 10 charges taken, which is tied for 14th in the league. And his 4.45 assist-to-turnover mark ranks third.

"Third? I knew I was pretty high, but I didn't know where," Arcidiacono said. "That's what I want to be: a solid player."

Solid is why a new wrinkle developed Saturday night.

Coach Jim Boylen closed the victory against the Celtics with Arcidiacono at point guard over Kris Dunn. Arcidiacono, who finished with eight points, four assists and one turnover, played

the entire fourth quarter. Dunn played only the final 42.9 seconds for defensive purposes.

"He's just a tough, competitive kid," Boylen said of Arcidiacono. "He made shots early in the game, and I felt we were going to have to make a big shot. With the way he shot and had control of the game, I thought it was a good sub for us.

"Kris is all for the team. Some nights it will be his night."

Arcidiacono finished several possessions on the floor, either diving for a loose ball or trying to take a charge.

"It's like my football roots," he said. "I'm used to contact. I enjoy it. Anytime I can take a charge, I try to do that."

Team bonding: For what it's worth, the Bulls took Sunday off.

That's notable because Boylen called for a rare practice after back-to-back games the last time

the Bulls played the Celtics, losing by a franchise-record 56 points on Dec. 8. The next day featured two players suggesting a boycott of practice in a group text exchange, two hours of team meetings and national headlines.

"We've had a ton of adversity," Lauri Markkanen said. "I've said in every interview that the only way you can fight through it is to come together. That's what we've been doing. We demand greatness from each other every day. Just glad to see finally some results."

The Bulls have won three straight for the first time this season.

Positive thinking: Shaquille Harrison somehow finished plus-26 in just 19 minutes. He scored two points with two assists, two rebounds and two steals.

"I thought Shaq Harrison was unbelievable," Boylen said.

BLACKHAWKS

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Kane's 20-game point streak is over

Right wing scored 17 goals, made 26 assists during impressive run

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

Patrick Kane's 20-game scoring streak ended when he failed to register a point Sunday in the Blackhawks' 4-3 loss to the Stars.

He wound up six games shy of tying the 26-game point streak he had in 2015-16, but this streak might be remembered as the more impressive of the two.

Kane had 43 points (17 goals, 26 assists) during the latest streak, surpassing the 40 points (16 goals, 24 assists) he scored during the 26-game streak.

"It just didn't go in for him or for the guys he was playing with," coach Jeremy Colliton said. "But I'm sure he'll start a new one next game."

Imperfect 10: If Collin Delia goes back to Rockford when Corey Crawford returns from a concussion, it won't be only because the Hawks don't want to carry three goalies.

Delia's numbers over his last 10 games are down considerably after he posted a .947 save percentage in his first five appearances.

Delia has an .883 save percentage over those 10 games, including .831 in his last three starts against the Bruins, Senators and Avalanche. Colliton knows it has been a difficult stretch for Delia but believes the entire experience will help his development.

"You can't just look at it as the

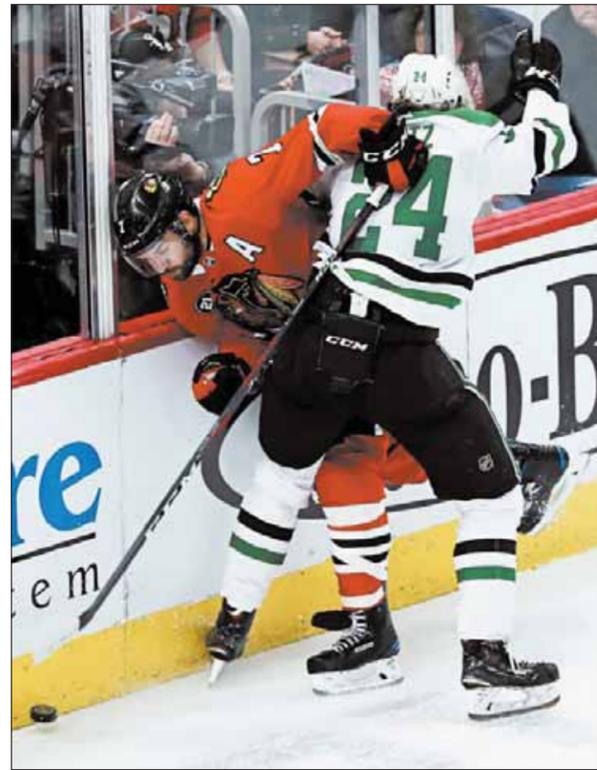
last few weeks," Colliton said. "It's the total picture since he's been up. He started extremely well and won some big games for us. As of late, it's been a little tougher for him. That's part of his progression. He's going to go through times where it's not coming easy for him and there's some adversity, and that's going to make him better in the end.

"Sure he wouldn't look at it like that, but from our standpoint it's a development thing where, when he gets through this, he's going to be better for it."

Jim's dandy: The Hawks' top two lines have been on fire for more than a month, and the third line has been pretty good. But Stars coach Jim Montgomery might have gone a little overboard when heaping praise on their offense.

"Kane's having an incredible season with (Jonathan) Toews and (Drake) Caggiula right now, but it's not just them," Montgomery said. "Watching the tape of them, there's four lines playing. It's almost like they're playing like the Russians of the '80s."

One-timers: Erik Gustafsson had two assists, giving him seven in his last three games and 45 this season in 60 games. He came into the season with 30 points in 76 career games. ... The Hawks traded minor-league forward Matheson Iacopelli to the Kings for forward Spencer Watson, 22, who will report to Rockford. Watson had 47 points in 47 games with the ECHL's Manchester Monarchs.



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Hawks defenseman Brent Seabrook takes a hard check along the boards from the Stars' Roope Hintz in the second period Sunday.

Lost weekend: Hawks drop 2 crucial games

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probably not as ugly as it looked a month ago," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "Just got to have a good road trip, get some points. There's lots of points available. Nobody's going to win every game. If we win more than our fair share, we'll get in."

The Hawks never led in either game but rallied throughout the weekend. They erased three one-goal deficits against the Avalanche and fought back from a 3-0 hole against the Stars early in the second period to tie the game on Jonathan Toews' power-play goal with 15:24 left in the third.

After a long shift in the Stars end, all five Hawks on the ice tried to change at the same time, which resulted in a bench minor for too many men on the ice. Thirty-eight seconds into the power play, Duncan Keith was called for tripping to create the five-on-three opportunity for 1:22.

"Five-on-three goal, what are you going to do?" Toews said. "Skilled players are going to make plays."

The Hawks had their golden opportunity late in the third when they got a four-minute power play after Roman Polak was called for high-sticking. They had several great scoring chances but couldn't get the tying goal past Stars goalie Anton Khudobin, who had 44 saves.

The Hawks aren't expected to deal for any major reinforcements before Monday's 2 p.m. trade deadline like other contenders have, including the Stars. On Saturday, they picked up defenseman Ben Lovejoy from the Devils and forward Mats Zuccarello from the Rangers.

In their debuts with the Stars on Sunday, Lovejoy played more than 18 minutes and Zuccarello had a goal and an assist. Unfortunately for the Stars, Zuccarello suffered an upper-body injury late in the second period while blocking a Connor Murphy shot and is expected to miss four weeks.

Despite the losses and falling behind in the wild-card race, Toews and the rest of the Hawks are undeterred with 19 games remaining.

"It can swing either way pretty quickly," Toews said. "Unfortunately we couldn't find a way to get the four points that we needed. But every team is playing hard and every team is going to have a couple games here and there where they're falling back or jumping ahead. So we've just got to stay with it and focus on the next available two points. Can't worry about much else."

Except, of course, time running out.

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eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



MATT ROURKE/AP

Flyers fans celebrate after Claude Giroux scores against the Pittsburgh Penguins during overtime of an NHL Stadium Series game Saturday at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. The Flyers won 4-3 in front of nearly 70,000 fans despite rain pounding the ice in the third period.

Innovations allow NHL to stage outdoor games almost anywhere

BY STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Dan Craig sleeps maybe four hours a night leading up to outdoor games. He only goes out to dinner because he can check the status of the ice on his phone.

“Your mind’s always going,” said Craig, the NHL’s vice president of facilities operations.

After staging outdoor games in a deep freeze (Edmonton) and summerlike warmth (Los Angeles), the NHL seems capable of taking hockey outside just about anywhere in the U.S. and Canada knowing the ice will be almost as good as the sheets found inside.

When the Flyers hosted the Penguins on Saturday night, it was the 27th NHL outdoor game since 2003. Next season’s Winter Classic is at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, where the average high on Jan. 1 is 56 degrees (13.3 Celsius).

No worries, hockey fans. “We put the parameters out there as into what we feel the challenges are going to be at a certain climate in a certain area and this is what we’re going to run up against,” said Craig, who has worked all but two outdoor games. “And if we have to go to get different equipment, we go get different equipment. If we need more staff, we just go get more qualified people to come in and give us a hand to make sure that everything works the way it’s supposed to.”

Weather is the biggest hurdle that can’t be controlled. It is instead managed by Craig, his son Mike, senior facilities operations manager Derek King and the 100-person crews that work each game. As he sat on the boards Thursday at Lincoln Financial Field, Craig pointed to the sky and acknowledged the swirling wind was on his mind.

Still, improved technology and techniques learned over the past 15 years have helped perfect the science and execution of making and maintaining outdoor ice.

“It seems like they’ve streamlined the process so they know how to react and how to handle different elements,” said Flyers winger James van Riemsdyk, a veteran of five outdoor games. “For the last few that I’ve been in, it’s all been pretty good. If you can start with that, that leads to a better product in the game.”

It starts with a 53-foot refrigeration truck that feeds coolant into aluminum trays set up on the field, and while indoor facilities have ice typically an inch or so deep, outdoor rinks go beyond 2 inches to protect the surface from the elements. Smaller Zambonis



DREW HALLOWELL/GETTY

A fan celebrates during the Stadium Series game between the Philadelphia Flyers and the Pittsburgh Penguins in the second period Saturday.

have less impact on the ice, and covering the surface with heat-reflecting insulation tarps helps. The ice can be monitored with sensors that provide real-time readings to a smartphone app.

The ideal ice temperature is 22 degrees (-5.5 Celsius), but all was fine in Denver in 2016 when the air temperature was 65 (18.3 Celsius) because officials can just turn the A/C up.

“When we’re monitoring the air temperature we’ll just make the sheet colder,” King said. “If we can keep it in the in the mid-40s, it would be great. But we’ve got a lot of control. We have a lot of control of the truck, so we can manipulate our temperatures on the sheet with the air temperature.”

Craig remembers the 2014 Winter Classic at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor: The snow shoveling started at 5 a.m. and

never really stopped. The sun has been just as big an impediment — it delayed the 2012 Winter Classic in Philadelphia because the glare was considered a danger to players. The ice at the 2011 Heritage Classic in Calgary had to be covered because it was so cold there were worries the surface would crack, the most concerned Craig has ever been.

The tarps with air bubbles inside became a mainstay beginning in 2014 at Dodger Stadium to combat the Southern California sun as temperatures soared to almost 80 (26.7 Celsius) in the days before the game.

“Sun was a huge issue for us in just the temperature on the ice, so we kind of came up with a system of how to cover the ice and reflect that sun,” King said. “We still use those same ideas anywhere we go.”

The Dodger Stadium experi-

ence showed the NHL’s ice crew it could adapt to just about any situation. Previous weather dilemmas also taught Craig and his staff they couldn’t just leave snow on the ice like so many nature-made rinks in cold climates, which paid dividends this week in Philadelphia when snow turned to sleet and then rain.

“Everybody’s looking at us like, ‘Why don’t you just leave the snow?’ Well, it’s going to cause us 18 hours of work if we don’t get the snow off, like, right now,” Craig said. “(If) it happened to rain, the top is going to freeze and then the bottom is going to be nice and soft. Well, no. Where we were, it just goes all the way through and then it freezes to the bottom. Those are the types of things that we have learned over time: how to manage the different circumstances that we’re put into.”

There are three more outdoor games next season — in Regina, Saskatchewan, Dallas and the Air Force Academy in Colorado — and trips to Nashville and maybe even Las Vegas could be coming someday.

Craig doesn’t see any challenge as too daunting and he is focused on giving players an unforgettable experience.

“They step out there for the first time and they do about three laps around and the grins and their eyes are just phenomenal,” he said. “They’ve always been in organized hockey, they’ve always been indoors, they’ve always traveled and all of a sudden they get their chance. That’s when you see the guys and you just see them, they’re beaming because this the first time, they’re getting paid for it, they’re playing a game that they love and they’re playing it outdoors where we started.”

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A timeless question: Baseball slowly phasing in pitch clock

BY JIMMY GOLEN
Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Baseball is on the clock.

The traditionally timeless sport implemented a pitch clock all around major league spring training for the first time Saturday in an attempt to hurry up both pitchers and hitters and keep the modern fan from tuning out the increasingly lengthy games.

Sixteen games across Florida and Arizona were played under the new rules for the first time, rules that were being phased in without threat of penalty for the first few days or more. There were no notable incidents the first afternoon, when three of the six games approached or surpassed 3 hours.

“I hope it gets the tempo up,” Marlins manager Don Mattingly said after the St. Louis Cardinals beat Miami 11-1 in 3 hours, 15 minutes. “It sounds like at the minor league level they get used to it, and that’s the way you go.”

Baseball has long billed itself as a timeless sport, but as average game times crept over 3 hours that has become less a badge of honor and more a reason for some young or short-attention-span fans to turn to other forms of entertainment.

Since taking over as commissioner, Rob Manfred has made speeding up games one of his primary goals. Last year, the average length of a nine-inning game fell to 3 hours — five minutes shorter than the previous season, but still 36 minutes longer than a typical game in 1976.

After pushing for an agreement with players last season, baseball management decided on its own to experiment with pitch clocks during spring training this year. Owners have the right to implement them for the regular season but would prefer to reach an agreement with the union.

“I don’t think there’s negotiation here. As players, it just shouldn’t be in the game. Having a pitch clock, if you have ball-strike implications, that’s messing with the fabric of the game. There’s no clock in baseball and there’s no clock in baseball for a reason,” said Washington Nationals ace Max Scherzer, a newly elected member of the Major League Baseball Players Association’s executive committee.

“I’m not going to put my name next to this clock.”

Los Angeles Dodgers veteran Rich Hill threw seven pitches in the first inning and retired the Chicago White Sox in order.

“I didn’t notice the pitch clock,” he said. “I’m against it, but I think it’s just really a fundamental thing for me. That’s it, period. It’s there, great, maybe we can be aware of it. But if it’s going to dictate the outcome of the game, I would hope everybody who loves the game and watches baseball would be against it for that reason only.”

“If it’s out there and it’s, ‘Hey, we have to pick it up, we’re using the clock to use as a warning or a guideline,’ that would be fine. But I didn’t really notice the clock. I usually pitch with pretty decent pace anyways,” he said.

Dodgers manager Dave Roberts, who has two of the slowest pitchers in the game in Joe Kelly and Pedro Baez, said he thinks they will figure it out.

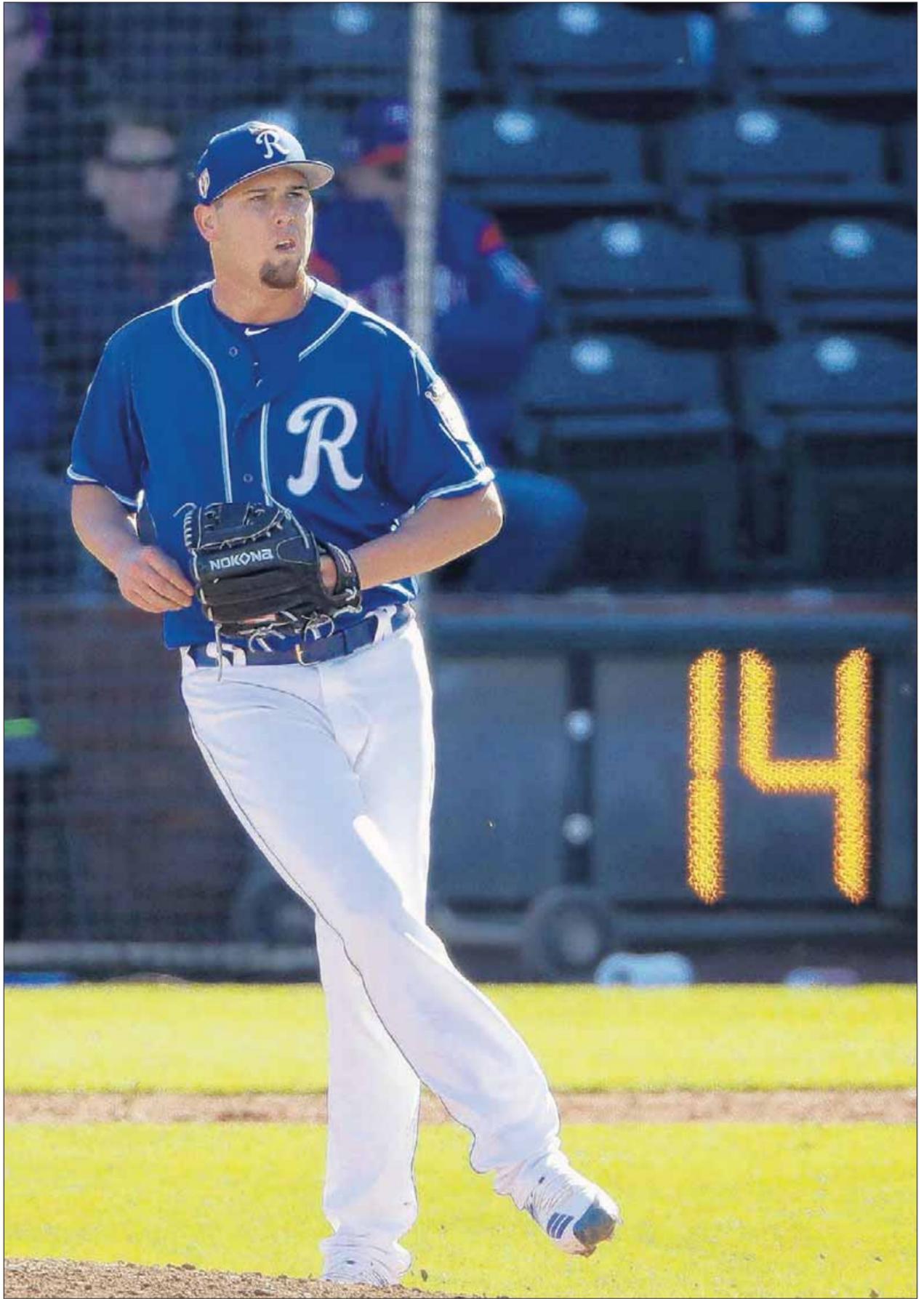
“They have to adjust,” he said. “That’s just the way it goes. We’ll have those conversations with those guys. I think with spring training, it’s a good opportunity for these guys to make an adjustment.”

They’ll need to hurry. Of the six early games on Saturday, three finished at 2:30 and under and three were at 2:56 or more. The Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees — a rivalry that has repeatedly resulted in four-hour regular season games ending at or near midnight — finished in 3:06 in 85-degree heat in front of a half-empty ballpark.

Each team scored two runs and used two relievers to get through the eighth inning. As the Yankees drew two walks and sent the tying run to the plate in the ninth, a boy in a Dustin Pedroia T-shirt in the front row near the Boston dugout lazily threw a ball against the protective netting.

“In spring training, the game is going to slow down,” Red Sox manager Alex Cora said.

Many players around the



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Kansas City Royals pitcher Jake Newberry prepares to throw during the fifth inning of a spring training baseball game against the Texas Rangers as a pitch clock counts down in the background Saturday in Surprise, Ariz.

Grapefruit and Cactus Leagues said they talked about the clocks in their pregame meetings, but didn’t pay much attention to them on the field.

“Now having to actually throw to it, I think it’s more of a distraction than anything,” Scherzer said after his outing. “I get that there are parts of the game that we can clean up and I think that there can be meaningful changes. I’m fundamentally against this.”

At Boston’s spring training ballpark in Fort Myers, there is a clock behind home plate, one near third base and one in center field. It counted down the time between innings, or when a relief pitcher entered the game, and switched to a pitch clock starting with the second pitch to a batter.

Yankees center fielder Aaron Hicks, one of the few regulars to play on Saturday, said he was aware of the clock but it didn’t make him feel rushed.

“I’m looking, I’m looking. I just wanted to make sure I was on time,” he said swiveling his head around in the visitor’s clubhouse after leaving the game. “Out of the corner of my eye, I noticed it a couple of times but it was still pretty early” in the countdown.

Under the phase-in designed to allow teams to get used to the concept without fear of penalty, pitchers and batters who were taking too long in Saturday’s games were merely warned to



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

A pitch clock is seen as the Cubs’ Willson Contreras waits on deck during the first inning of a spring training game against the Milwaukee Brewers on Saturday in Mesa, Ariz.

hurry up. (When the policy, which has been used in some minor leagues since 2015, is phased in, a ball will be charged to pitchers who do not begin their motion in time.)

“In the minors, we had a pitch clock like that,” Orioles starter Yefry Ramirez said through a translator. “So I was already used to that rhythm.”

Pirates reliever Aaron Slegers

delivered a pitch to Phillies shortstop Jean Segura after the clock expired in the fifth inning after catcher Jacob Stallings spent half the time giving defensive signs with runners on base. Other times, the clock nearly ran out after batters stepped out of the box.

Yankees starter Nestor Cortes Jr. said he heard home plate umpire Fieldin Culbreth tell one batter to hurry up; The Associated

Press requested permission to talk to the umpires, but a spokesman for Major League Baseball declined, saying it was too early in the process to comment.

“It’s a work in progress. Everyone is aware of that,” Cardinals manager Mike Shildt said. “That’s what spring training is for. I’ve gone through similar things with instant replay. It’s a good opportunity to see where it goes.”



VALERIE MACON/GETTY-AFP

Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper perform the Oscar-winning song "Shallow" from "A Star Is Born" on Sunday at the Academy Awards.

91ST ACADEMY AWARDS

The host-less Oscars

Sunday's Academy Awards show from Los Angeles featured a wide-open competition and a fashion-forward red carpet. For a look at the night's best-dressed

celebrities and how the show fared, go to **Page 3**. For the latest results and Tribune critic Michal Phillips' take on Oscar, go to chicagotribune.com/oscars.

APPRECIATION

Last great director from Hollywood's Golden Age



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
 Tribune movie critic

Stanley Donen brought a new kinetic freedom to the screen musical. Until news of his death, at 94, came Saturday, many considered him the last of the great Golden Age Hollywood directors.

Donen began his career as a 16-year-old chorus boy in the 1940 Broadway landmark "Pal Joey." The musical made a star of Gene Kelly.

With Kelly, he went on to co-direct the MGM film versions of "On the Town" (1949); a lot of people's favorite musical, "Singin' in the Rain" (1952); and "It's Always Fair Weather" (1955). On his own, Donen directed eight other musicals, including "Royal Wedding" (1951), "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" (1954) and "Funny Face" (1957), the latter starring his boyhood idol, Fred Astaire.



Donen in 1963

"Funny Face" also starred Audrey Hepburn, whom Donen directed in two of the 1960s' most fashionable and unpredictable romantic comedies: "Charade" (1963) and "Two for the Road" (1967).

Donen died Thursday in New York City. The cause of death was a heart attack, confirmed Saturday by one of his sons, Mark Donen.

Famously combative as well as highly inventive, Donen started as a dancer and later moved into choreography and directing. He was born in Columbia, S.C. All his life he retained stinging memories of his classmates' anti-Semitic taunts, recounted in many interviews. His father, Mordecai Moses Donen, ran a dress shop, and hailed from Augusta, Ga.; his mother, Helen Cohen, was a native of Columbia.

"It was sleepy, it was awful, I hated growing up there, and I couldn't wait to get out," Donen told biographer Stephen M. Silverman, who wrote "Dancing on the Ceiling: Stanley Donen and His Movies." Those movies provided solace. Donen often cited the experience of seeing "Flying Down to Rio" when he was nine as a life-changer.

"It just seemed wonderful," the director told another biographer,

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Act(s) of God' ★★ 1/2

Big ideas and a gassy deity in a play that takes on too much

BY CHRIS JONES
 Chicago Tribune

The first act of God in Kareem Bandealy's "Act(s) of God" is an explosion of unexpected flatulence, as the visiting deity, ensconced in a redundant computer room, makes his (or her) presence known in the air to the extended family sitting in the neighboring living room. By the way, it's 2029.

That is probably enough to tell you that "Act(s) of God," which premiered this weekend at the Lookingglass Theatre Company under the simpatico direction of Heidi Stillman, is not a typical evening at the theater nor one lacking in guts.

This sprawling, intensely intellectual, three-act play is, at various points in its 2 1/2-hour run-

ning-time, a wacky farce, a throbbing dysfunctional family drama in the "August: Osage County" mode, a satire poking fun at Northwestern University, theater artists, patriarchs and other such islands of privilege, a existential and absurdist comedy, a dystopian cautionary tale about pending environmental disaster, a meta-theatrical bit of nihilism and a very personal play probing the intersection of religiosity and rationalism and the pain of disappointing your parents.

At the end of Act 1, we all pause for an operatic aria.

There is not one play here. There are about six.

Sure, life is complex and sometimes the clashes occurring during this particular moment in the journey of humanity sure feel



LIZ LAUREN PHOTO

Walter Briggs, from left, Kristina Valada-Viars, Emjoy Gavino, Anthony Irons, Rom Barkhordar and Shannon Cochran star in "Act(s) of God," which premiered over the weekend at Lookingglass Theatre Company.

apocalyptic. But the act of artistic creation is very much about making those difficult choices, about choosing where a focus must lie, deciding what an audience can hope to gain from coming to the theater. Here, it's as if the Chi-

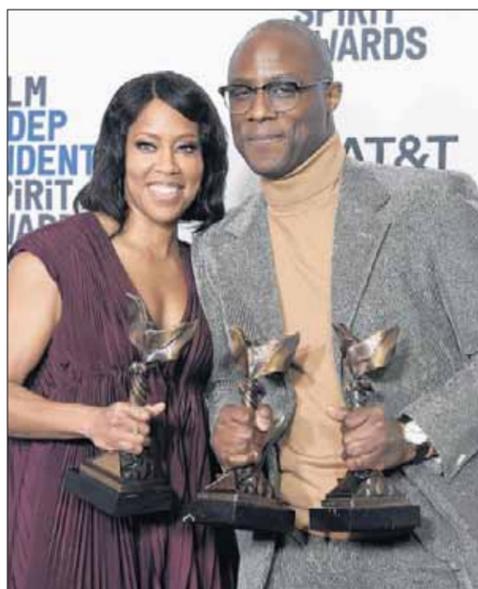
cago-based Bandealy, one of the city's most distinguished actors, unloaded everything in his head at once. It's as if he expected "Act(s) of God" to be his only play. One hopes not. Actually, "Act(s) of God" is the kind of first draft

that would have a producer salivating — it is as full of rhetorical talent as of thematic ambition and Bandealy clearly has his own skin in the game. But this show wasn't

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RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION

Regina King and Barry Jenkins won Independent Spirit Awards on Saturday for "If Beale Street Could Talk."

'Beale Street' wins big at Spirit Awards

Two years after his "Moonlight" triumphed on the eve of the Oscars, Barry Jenkins' adaptation of the James Baldwin novel "If Beale Street Could Talk" on Saturday topped the 34th Film Independent Spirit Awards, winning best film, best director and best supporting female for Regina King.

The Spirit Awards featured a few things the Oscars don't have: a host (actress Aubrey Plaza) and female filmmaker nominees, including Tamara Jenkins ("Private Life"), Debra Granik ("Leave No Trace") and Lynne Ramsey ("You Were Never Really Here").

But as much as the afternoon belonged to women, Jenkins' lyrical period drama emerged the biggest winner two years after his "Moonlight" won at the Spirits and at the Oscars. Given his fellow nominees, even Jenkins was sheepish about it. "I'm not gonna lie, man," he said. "I didn't want to win this."

Best female lead went to Glenn Close for her performance in "The Wife." Close was accompanied everywhere by her loyal white Havanese dog Pip: on the awards' "blue carpet," on stage with her and backstage speaking to reporters. While Close accepted her award, Pip rolled on his back alongside her.

Ethan Hawke won best male lead for "First Reformed," an award collected for the absent actor by his co-star, Amanda Seyfried.

Marielle Heller's "Can You Ever Forgive Me?" took awards for both Richard E. Grant's supporting performance and best screenplay for Nicole Holofcener and Jeff Witt.

— Associated Press

Box office

1. "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World," \$55.5 million
2. "Alita: Battle Angel," \$12 million
3. "Lego Movie 2: The Second Part," \$10 million
4. "Fighting With My Family," \$8 million
5. "Isn't It Romantic?," \$7.5 million
6. "What Men Want?," \$5.2 million
7. "Happy Death Day 2U," \$5 million
8. "Cold Pursuit," \$3.3 million
9. "The Upside," \$3.2 million
10. "Run the Race," \$2.3 million

SOURCE: Associated Press
Estimated sales,
Friday-Sunday



ANDY KROPA/INVISION

'Empire' star shows support for Smollett: Terrence Howard, who plays the father of Jussie Smollett's character on "Empire," is expressing support on social media for his fellow cast member, who is accused of staging an attack on himself in Chicago. Howard took to Instagram on Saturday and posted a video of Smollett holding a giggling baby with the message: "All your lil homies got you." Smollett is charged with felony disorderly conduct for allegedly filing a false police report. Smollett denies the allegations.

Feb. 25 birthdays: Actress Ann McCrea is 88. Talk-show host Sally Jessy Raphael is 77. Musician-actor John Doe is 66. Actress Tea Leoni is 53. Actress Rashida Jones is 43. Actor Justin Berfield is 33.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Hub forgot anniversary; whose fault?

Dear Readers: I've briefly stepped away from my column to work on a new writing project. This week, I'm rerunning topical Q&A's from 10 years ago. Today's topic is: celebrations. I'll be back with new columns next week.

Dear Amy: I forgot my 18th wedding anniversary. I discovered my sin when I opened the coffee cabinet that night and found a "happy anniversary" note my wife had left in front of the coffee can. I was devastated. She was already in bed asleep. I'd noticed she was acting coolly toward me that evening. I asked her what was up, and she said nothing was wrong.

Doesn't she share some of the blame here? One of us has to be the first to say, "Happy anniversary." She was in a position to do something about it but was waiting for me to make the move. I know it's a husband's job to not pass up an opportunity to make a woman feel special, but isn't this a 50-50 partnership? Doesn't she owe me the same apology I gave her?

— Anxious Anniversary

Dear Anxious: Your letter provoked much discussion in my household, as I'm sure it will in others. The consensus is that you are right to take responsibility for your own forgetfulness. You are also right that your wife handled this poorly.

My insight into a woman's (or any spouse's) motivation on the anniversary is that, on some level, she is eager to relive and replay the joy and drama of her engagement day, which is so often orchestrated and initiated by a man (or

whoever initiated the engagement and proposal).

This might be why a wife waits for her husband to remember the day. Regardless, when you asked what was wrong, she should have told you. You can understand that she felt hurt and embarrassed that this day slipped your mind, but she also tossed away an opportunity to perhaps experience the joy of remembering your wedding day together.

This is not your responsibility alone, nor is it a man's unique duty to make his wife feel special. (April 2009)

Dear Amy: My 19-year-old cousin graduated from high school this spring. She had a rough road through adolescence and a hard time with high school, but she finally graduated. I am proud that she persevered. Her graduation party, however, was not a pleasant affair. She barely acknowledged her adult guests and left with her friends to "take a walk." What she really did was go to a park with her friends to get high.

Her mother (my aunt) not only condoned it but was amused in relaying this news to guests at the party. When the kids came back, they were, of course, famished; inhaling all the food they could find, laughing, cursing and carrying on. Again, her mother joked about them having "the munchies." I was disgusted by the behavior of both the parent and the child.

Should I speak to my aunt? My gift to my cousin involved tickets to an event that I planned to take her to. Now I don't want to go

with her. Should I just give her the tickets to take someone else?

— Disappointed Cousin

Dear Disappointed: It's fairly obvious why your cousin has struggled so much. It would be very challenging to rise above such neglectful and enabling parenting.

If you are close, you should raise this issue — not to express your disgust, but rather your concern. Be prepared that whatever you say, it might have little impact.

What I love about your gift is that gifts such as yours — gifts of experiences, rather than material goods — give you and the recipient the opportunity to share something.

By all means continue with your plans. It won't kill you to spend a few hours with your cousin, and the experience might influence both of you in a positive way. Don't judge her while you're with her. (June 2009)

Dear Readers: Are you curious about my background and life outside of this space? Read my two memoirs, "The Mighty Queens of Freeville: A Mother, a Daughter, and the Town that Raised Them" and "Strangers Tend to Tell Me Things," available wherever books are sold or borrowed. You can also follow me on Twitter or Instagram: @askingamy; on Facebook at Facebook.com/ADickinsondaily.

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 - 19 ___ nutshell; briefly
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 - 40 Author Jules ___
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91ST ACADEMY AWARDS

'Green Book,' Colman surprise

BY JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The segregation-era road-trip drama "Green Book" was crowned best picture at the Academy Awards, handing Hollywood's top award to a film seen as a feel-good throwback to some but ridiculed as an outdated inversion of "Driving Miss Daisy" by others.

In a year when Hollywood could have made history by bestowing best-picture on Netflix ("Roma") or Marvel ("Black Panther") for the first time, the motion picture academy instead threw its fullest support behind a traditional interracial buddy tale that proved as popular as it was divisive. But Peter Farrelly's "Green Book" weathered criticism that it was retrograde and inauthentic to triumph over more acclaimed films and bigger box-office successes. Spike Lee was visibly upset by the win. "Green Book" also won best supporting actor for Mahershala Ali and best original screenplay.

Lee won his first competitive Oscar while the motion picture academy spread around awards for Ryan Coogler's superhero sensation "Black Panther," Alfonso Cuarón's black-and-white personal epic "Roma," and the Freddie Mercury biopic "Bohemian Rhapsody" at a brisk, hostless Oscars awash in historic wins for diversity.

Lee's win for best adapted screenplay to his white supremacist drama "BlacKkKlansman" gave the Dolby Theatre ceremony Sunday its signature moment. The crowd rose in a standing ovation, Lee leapt into the arms of presenter Samuel L. Jackson and even the backstage press room burst into applause.

The biggest surprise of the night was in the best



CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

Director Peter Farrelly, center, and the cast and crew of "Green Book" accept the award for best picture Sunday at the Academy Awards.

actress category. Olivia Colman won for her Queen Anne in the royal romp "The Favourite," denying Glenn Close her first Oscar. Close remains the most-nominated living actor never to win, with seven nominations.

"Ooo. It's genuinely quite stressful," said a staggered Colman, who later turned to Close to say she was her idol, "And this is not how I wanted it to be."

"Bohemian Rhapsody," which kicked off the ABC telecast with a performance by Queen, won four awards despite pans from many critics and sexual assault allegations against its director, Bryan Singer, who was fired in midproduction. Its

star, Rami Malek, won best actor for his full-bodied and prosthetic teeth-aided performance, and the film was honored for editing, sound mixing and sound editing.

"We made a film about a gay man, an immigrant who lived his life unapologetically himself," said Malek. "We're longing for stories like this. I am the son of immigrants from Egypt. I'm a first-generation American, and part of my story is being written right now."

The lush, big-budget craft of "Black Panther" won for Ruth Carter's costume design, Hannah Beachler and Jay Hart's production design, and Ludwig Goransson's score.

Beachler had been the first African-American to ever be nominated in the category. Beachler and Carter became just the second and third black women to win non-acting Oscars.

Two years after winning for his role in "Moonlight," Ali won again for his supporting performance in "Green Book" — a role many said was really a lead. Ali is the second black actor to win two Oscars, following Denzel Washington, who won for "Glory" and "Training Day." Ali dedicated the award to his grandmother.

The night's co-lead nominee "Roma," which was favored to hand Netflix its first best picture win, won

best director and best cinematography for Cuarón, whose film also notched Mexico's first foreign language film Oscar.

The wins for "Roma" gave Netflix its most significant awards yet, while "Black Panther" — along with best animated film winner "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" — meant the first Academy Awards for Marvel.

To compensate for a lack of host, the motion picture academy leaned on its presenters, including an ornately outfitted Melissa McCarthy and David Tyree Henry and a Keegan-Michael Key who floated down like Mary Poppins. Following Queen, Tina Fey

— alongside Amy Poehler and Maya Rudolph — welcomed the Dolby Theatre audience to "the one-millionth Academy Awards."

The trio presented best supporting actress to Regina King for her pained matriarch in Barry Jenkins' James Baldwin adaptation, "If Beale Street Could Talk."

Though the once-presumed front-runner "A Star Is Born" appeared to flame out as awards season continued, it won, as expected, for the song "Shallow," which Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper performed during the ceremony. As she came off the stage, Cooper had his arm around Gaga as she asked, "Did I nail it?"

For Oscars, red carpet thinks pink

BY DAVID SYREK | Chicago Tribune

From the glammed-out gowns to edgy menswear, the 91st Academy Awards red carpet had enough style to keep the fashion pack buzzing until next year. The night's standouts were Gemma Chan in a Valentino gown and Kacey Musgraves in Giambattista Valli. Actor Billy Porter made a sartorial statement in a tuxedo jacket and strapless ball gown.

Pink was the big color trend of the night, from vibrant shades (Angela Bassett) to soft pastels (Kacey Musgraves). Gowns made from sustainable materials as part of the Red Carpet Green Dress sustainable fashion campaign also made a splash.

Hey, who needs a host with fashion this entertaining? Here are a few memorable looks of the night.



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Best showstopper: Lady Gaga in a dramatic black Alexander McQueen gown and gloves.



RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION

Best shoulder: Angela Bassett in Reem Acra's dramatic hot pink gown.



CHARLES SYKES/INVISION

Hottest hot pink: Actress Gemma Chan in a stunning pink Valentino Couture gown — with pockets.



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Best tower of tulle: Kacey Musgraves wows in a pale pink Giambattista Valli tulle gown.



MARK RALSTON/GETTY-AFP

Best minimalist glamour: Charlize Theron in a super-chic Dior Haute couture gown with peaked shoulders and Bulgari jewels.



MARK RALSTON/GETTY-AFP

Best sparkle: Emma Stone shines in a bronze sequin gown by Nicolas Ghesquiere for Louis Vuitton.



MARK RALSTON/GETTY-AFP

Best sustainably sourced dress: First-time attendee "BlacKkKlansman" actress Laura Harrier in a baby blue embroidered gown by Louis Vuitton.

IN PERFORMANCE

Clarkson grown up — and in command

BY ALTHEA LEGASPI
Chicago Tribune

Kelly Clarkson beckoned for unity during her concert at Allstate Arena on Friday. “There’s a lot of division in our country,” she said, pointing out that most people can find common ground. That seemed to be the case in the audience — which spanned in age from young kids to grandparents, and included individuals, friends and couples of all stripes — a testament that her music brought together a wide swath of backgrounds.

She added that this “is art, it’s supposed to be fun.” And though she touted the entertaining side of the show, it was the emotional impact that the unassuming pop star skillfully delivered that made it a commanding performance and showcased her growth.

Clarkson’s latest album, eighth LP “Meaning of Life,” finds the artist free from the constraints of her

original label deal garnered from her “American Idol” win in 2002 and showcases the soulful side of the singer that hadn’t been fully explored on previous albums. A decade after her Rosemont Theatre performance, where a less assured, though still endearing Clarkson alluded to her then-label woes, the singer’s charm remained intact, along with some excellent sass and a more mature sound.

She opened by paying tribute to her come-up on “American Idol’s” first season and being its first winner (performing a rare “A Moment Like This”), and her coaching duties on “The Voice” have culminated in tour slots (she mentored warm-up act Brynn Cartelli, who together with fellow opener Kelsea Ballerini joined Clarkson for a fiery “Miss Independent,” and D.R. King served as Clarkson’s duet partner during “Run Run Run”).

Backed by a band and emotive backing singers that adeptly traversed Clarkson’s wide-ranging material, Clarkson was savvy in mostly culling crowd pleasers delivered with a downhome approach driven home with her easy banter. She joked about almost showing fans “the meaning of life” when her outfit was coming undone, self-deprecatingly joked of her love of wine, comfortably appeared barefoot after one of her costume changes and directly addressed individual fans in the audience.

That disarming, charismatic realness — one void of big stage production; her beguiling voice and personality were more than enough to fill the arena — also permeated her material, from her own songs to her covers. New soul-tipped material honed in on empowering verve (“Whole Lotta Woman”), sultry flirtation (“Love So Soft”) and the sizzling come-on of

“Heat” highlighted her raw grit and earthy vibrato while she also acrobatically reached upper ranges during her vocal runs.

Clarkson’s powerful voice conveyed a range of emotions, whether it was her own songs, such as the audience-buoyed “Breakaway” and the tearful disillusionment of “Piece by Piece,” or during her rendition of Shawn Mendes’ “In My Blood” or her moving “Hamilton” cover, “It’s Quiet Uptown.”

Clarkson closed with a pair of her anthemic, signature pop hits, “Stronger (What Doesn’t Kill You)” and “Since U Been Gone.” Those natural standouts also pointed to another of Clarkson’s strengths. Having long publicly battled for creative control, her resolute resilience through her songs and while carving out some meaning of life resonated at her Allstate show.

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ROB GRABOWSKI/INVISION

Kelly Clarkson performs Friday at Allstate Arena. This “is art, it’s supposed to be fun,” she told the audience.

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Joseph Andrew Casper. “And my life wasn’t wonderful!”

With his mother’s encouragement, Donen moved to New York and landed a chorus spot in “Pal Joey.” Gene Kelly, the show’s fast-rising star, deployed Donen as assistant choreographer and stage manager. The two men shared a fearsome competitive streak and an often corrosive sense of humor. Both men dreamed of making it in the movies.

As recounted in the Kelly biography “He’s Got Rhythm” by Cynthia Brideson and Sara Brideson, Donen, Kelly, fellow cast member Van Johnson and future film director Charles Walters, among others, would hit the town after an evening performance of “Pal Joey.” Often they’d catch a midnight showing of the latest Astaire picture.

Recalled Walters: “We all used to go up to the balcony so we could smoke, talk, and dream out loud.”

After “Pal Joey,” Donen landed a chorus role in the 1941 Broadway musical “Best Foot Forward.” The collegiate romp turned out to be the aspiring dancer-choreographer’s meal ticket west. When MGM optioned the show, Donen joined fellow cast members June Allyson and Nancy Walker to do the 1943 film. Donen appears in the chorus; without screen credit, he also assisted with the choreography. That led to working on “Cover Girl,” again with Kelly as star and choreographer.

The Donen-Kelly protégé-mentor relationship was as mutually beneficial as it was personally fraught. Their egos were enormous and their battles frequent, especially on their three co-directed film projects, including the evergreen classic “Singin’ in the Rain.”



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Gene Kelly in 1952’s “Singin’ in the Rain,” one of three co-directed projects with Stanley Donen. Their egos were enormous and their battles frequent when they worked together.

“A nightmare,” Donen once said of his Kelly partnership. “To work with somebody, particularly somebody who is so concerned with his image, was impossible.” Yet Donen knew he was a singular talent.

Adolph Green, who co-wrote the Broadway version of “On the Town,” once said Donen was fully

Kelly’s equal “for ambition, taste, intelligence and feeling for show business.”

Behind the camera, Donen met a series of technical and logistical challenges in style. He and Kelly convinced “Cover Girl” director Charles Vidor to let them try a complex combination of trick photography and superimposition to pull off Kelly’s “alter

ego” dance, where he dances with himself.

Directing his longtime idol, Astaire, in “Royal Wedding,” Donen helped cook up the fabulous rotating cube of a set, with sets and props nailed to the floor, walls and ceiling. Astaire’s gravity-defying dance to “You’re All the World to Me” remains a wonderful cinematic illu-

sion, done without camera tricks.

The widescreen CinemaScope process, notoriously daunting for musicals, rarely looked as good as it did in “It’s Always Fair Weather.” Co-director Donen managed the split-screen sequences and, especially, co-director and star Kelly’s roller-skating number (“I Like Myself”) with remarkable aplomb.

In comedies and dramas as well as musicals, Donen knew how to provide pleasure, payoffs and triumphant correctives to his own unhappy childhood. Think of the sheer joyousness of the title number in “Singin’ in the Rain.” Or Astaire on the ceiling in “Royal Wedding.” Or a very different brand of escapism, created by the helter-skelter editing and breathless, bittersweet byplay between Audrey Hepburn and Albert Finney in “Two for the Road.”

None of it was possible without Donen.

Along with Vincente Minnelli, who made his MGM directorial musical debut six years prior to Donen, the director showed the world how to activate song and dance cinematically. He tried things; Donen elevated a highly mobile camera (and a film’s editors) to the status of valuable partners in the screen musical. Donen married five times. His first wife, Jeanne Coyne, later married Gene Kelly. Donen had two sons with his second wife, Marion Marshall, and a third son with his third wife, Adelle O’Connor Beatty. He married the actress Yvette Mimieux after that, and then his fifth wife, Pamela Braden.

He capped his romantic life with a long relationship unencumbered by marriage to another great show business talent, Elaine May. Decades earlier, in between marriages, Donen dated, among others, Judy Holliday and Elizabeth Taylor.

He received an honorary

Academy Award in 1997. His memorable acceptance speech turned into a pas de deux featuring Donen and his Oscar, complete with a tap break and vocal rendition of “Cheek to Cheek.”

The director is survived by two sons, Mark Donen, who lives in Paris, and Joshua Donen, a film producer based in Los Angeles. A third son, Peter, died in 2003.

Reached in Paris, Mark Donen recalled with particular fondness a speedboat excursion with his father in the South of France.

“I guess I was six at the time,” he said Saturday. “It was on Stanley’s speedboat, and we went out to meet Prince Rainier’s and Grace Kelly’s yacht, anchored somewhere near Monaco. That I vividly remember.”

Mark Donen acknowledged Saturday that his father wasn’t around much when he was growing up. And “he could be pretty fierce on a movie set. He wasn’t particularly interested in collaboration — unless it was with someone he respected very much.”

In interviews with “Hollywood Heyday” authors David Fante and Tom Johnson, Donen reflected on the topic of his career ambitions and frequent dust-ups with his colleagues.

Working on a scene or a number, Donen told the authors, he’d ask himself: “Do you really like it, or have you settled? That’s where you get screwed up. Are you telling the real truth about how you feel? Or are you fudging?”

The work speaks for itself. Small egos don’t come up with a “Singin’ in the Rain.” And few directors understood the glorious charade and heady intoxication of star quality better than Stanley Donen.

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‘God’

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yet fully ready for an audience. It needs workshoping, shaping, honing, cutting and above all focusing. At the top of Act 2 (far and away the best of the three acts), I found myself wishing that Bandedeally had just started right there — with God farting in the computer room and a family caught between faith, secular humanism and intergenerational conflict, all breathing the fetid air and wondering what on earth to do.

Much of Act 1 is concerned with the heralding of the deity by a fluttering of the junk mail and sounds of junk from a radio. It lacks attention-grabbing oomph. Why not just start with a bang?

Yet although I found this play nearly impossible to follow in places, I often found myself leaning into

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Bandedeally’s writing — it’s stuffed to the brim with ideas, so much so that the various characters in the play all speak in great globs of heightened rhetoric, pouring out their theories and insecurities and resentment, and crashing their notions against each other. You’ve got it all going on various points: overwhelming maternal pressure to conform (courtesy of the actress Shannon Cochran), angry/needful sibling rivalry (as played by Kristina Valada-Viars, Anthony Irons and Walter Briggs), the arrival of an outsider into a



LIZ LAUREN PHOTO

Kristina Valada-Viars and Walter Briggs deal with sibling rivalry in “Act(s) of God.”

strange family (Emjoy Gavino, as a fiancée), a snovino patriarch (Rom Barkhordar) who spends most of his time opining in his favorite chair, until his seat is finally removed by God’s stage hands, like we were watching something by Samuel Beckett. (None

of these characters have names, by the way, beyond the Likes of Mother, Eldest and Fiancee.)

At times, the sheer rush of thought is nothing short of thrilling, and the fabulous scenes between Cochran and Valada-Viars give you the kind of goose-

bumps of the head you get when you’re watching something by Tom Stoppard. And Irons has some moments when you feel like he’s bared his soul for your edification.

But here’s the thing. Audiences will accept all kinds of eclectic craziness

(as designed here by Brian Sidney Bembridge) if you also establish a clear set of rules, a base-line of truth, somewhere recognizable even if deep inside our heads. That just never happens here, and thus Stillman’s production accommodates so many different styles that, in the end, you don’t have anything to hang on to as a referent of truth. You’re watching a theater company determined to do all they can do for a non-commercial but impassioned new play by one of their own — this is one of Lookingglass Theatre’s longtime strengths — but what Bandedeally also needed was a few more skeptics in the room, people willing to say get rid of that so we can better see this.

His play would have been all the better.

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Jennifer Carpenter

"The Enemy Within" (9 p.m., NBC): Jennifer Carpenter ("Dexter") returns to series television in this taut psychological drama, in which she stars as Erica Shepherd, a former CIA agent forced into treason to save a loved one. She's subsequently sentenced to life in a supermax prison, where she is incarcerated until FBI Agent Will Keaton (Morris Chestnut) reluctantly must ask her assistance to find a deadly villain with whom she is all too familiar.

"The Voice" (7 p.m., NBC): When this reality competition blockbuster returns for Season 16, fans will see a newbie in one of the show's four revolving chairs. Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony Award winner John Legend assumes the role of coach this season, replacing the departing Jennifer Hudson, who will be filling a similar role in "The Voice UK," the British version of the series. As for the other coaches, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton, will be back, joined by returnee, Kelly Clarkson.

"Shadowhunters" (7 p.m., FREE): The fantasy series resumes its third and final season with the new episode "Lost Souls," which finds Alec, Isabelle and Jace (Matthew Daddario, Emerald Toubia, Dominic Sherwood) still reeling from the explosion that capped the midseason cliffhanger. That blast destroyed Lilith's apartment, along with (apparently) Clary (Katherine McNamara). Magnus (Harry Shum Jr.), meanwhile, struggles with his new life bereft of magic.

"In Ice Cold Blood" (7 p.m., 10 p.m., OXY): Ice-T ("Law & Order: Special Victims Unit") returns to host Season 2 of this true-crime series, which uses in-depth interviews and archival footage to revisit some often lurid yet fact-based mysteries. In tonight's opener, a wholesome young woman, pretty much the quintessential girl next door, is discovered brutally slain one Thanksgiving weekend.

"I Am the Night" (8 p.m., 9:05 p.m., TNT): In the new episode "Aloha," Fauna and Jay (India Eisley, Chris Pine) have separate agendas in mind as they try to figure out how to get to Hawaii. She, needless to say, is all about finding her mother, Tamar Hodel (guest star Jamie Anne Allman), who may finally provide an explanation as to why Fauna was given up for adoption.

"It's a Hard Truth, Ain't It" (9 p.m., 2:35 a.m., HBO): This new documentary, filmed at Pendleton Correctional Facility in Indiana, follows 13 inmates as they study filmmaking as a means of exploring their memories and reflecting on how they have ended up serving decades-long sentences. Several of these men also were cast as first-time actors in the recent HBO prison drama "O.G."

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Ben Sinclair.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Tina Fey; actor Ben Stiller; TV personality Robert Irwin; actor Robert De Niro; Florida Georgia Line performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Former Gov. Chris Christie; actress Yvette Nicole Brown.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

* Subject to change

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MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 25

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	The Neighborhood (N)	Man With a Plan (N) ©	Magnum P.I.: "Murder Is Never Quiet." (N) ©		Bull: "Forfeiture." (N) ©		News (N) ♠
	NBC 5	The Voice: "The Blind Auditions Season Premiere." (Season Premiere) (N) ©	The Blind Auditions Season Premiere." (Part 1 of 2)			The Enemy Within: "Pilot." (Series Premiere) (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♠
	ABC 7	The Bachelor: "2308." (N) ©				The Good Doctor: "Believe." (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♠
	WGN 9	blackish ©	blackish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©		3's Comp.
	This TV 9.3	The Flying Scotsman (PG-13,'06) ** Jonny Lee Miller.				Eight Men Out (PG,'88) *** ©		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Antiques Roadshow (N) ©	Antiques Roadshow (N) © (Part 2 of 3)			Independent Lens (N) ♠
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith		Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek: "Court Martial."		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♠
	Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	Last Call	In the Cut	Something New (PG-13,'06) ***		
	FOX 32	The Masked Singer ©		The Passage: "You Are Like the Sun." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family
	Ion 38	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♠
	TeleM 44	Exatón EE. UU. (N)		Betty en NY (N) ©		El barón (N) ©		Chicago (N)
	CW 50	Arrow: "Unmasked." ©		Black Lightning ©		Law Order: CI		Chicago ♠
	UniMas 60	Tres Milagros		Atrapada		Rosario Tijeras		Tiro de ♠
WJYS 62	J. Savelle	K. Hagin	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Blakeman	Wonderen	Monument	
Univ 66	Jesús		Mi marido tiene familia		Amar a muerte		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	Biography: The Trump Dynasty (Premiere) (N) © (Part 1 of 3)				Trump ♠
	AMC	The Day After Tomorrow (PG-13,'04) ** Dennis Quaid. ©				Deep Impact ('98) ***		
	ANIM	The Last Alaskans ©	The Last Alaskans ©			The Last Alaskans ©		Last Alask ♠
	BBCA	WarGames (PG,'83) *** Matthew Broderick, Dabney Coleman. ©				Real Genius ('85) *** ©		
	BET	*(5) Training Day ('01) *** Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself (PG-13,'09) *** ©						
	BIGTEN	♠ Basketball Women's College Basketball: Iowa at Nebraska. (N)				Passion & Perseverance		
	BRAVO	Vanderpump Rules ©	Vanderpump Rules (N)	Vanderpumped (N) ©				Watch (N)
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNBC	Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No Deal ©		The Profit ♠
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♠
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ♠
	DISC	Street Outlaws (N) ©		Street Outlaws: "Defend Ohio." (N) ©				Garage ♠
	DISN	Sydney-Max	Coop	Raven	Raven	Sydney-Max	Coop	Andi Mack
	E!	Just Go With It (PG-13,'11) ** Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston. ©				Nightly Pop		Busy
	ESPN	♠ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Kansas State at Kansas. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	College Basketball: Oklahoma at Iowa State. (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) (Live) ©		30 for 30 ♠
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Kids Baking (N)		Kids Baking (N)		Winner Cake All (N) ©		Chopped ♠
	FREE	Shadowhunters (N) ©		(8:01) Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13,'02) ** (SAP)				700 Club ♠
	FX	X-Men: Apocalypse (PG-13,'16) ** James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender. ©						X-Men ♠
	HALL	Love Struck Café (NR,'17) Sarah Jane Morris. ©				Movieguide Awards (N)		Golden Girls
	HGTV	Hunters (N)	Hunters	Home Town (N) ©		Hunters (N) Hunt Intl (N)		Hunters
	HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(9:03) Pawn Stars (N)		Pawn ♠
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
	LIFE	Surviving R. Kelly ©		Surviving R. Kelly ©		Red Table Talk (N)		Red Table ♠
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour ♠
	MTV	Teen Mom 2 ©		Teen Mom 2 (N) ©		Lindsay Lohan (N)		Lindsay (N)
	NBCSCH	NBA Basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live)				Postgame		Bulls (N)
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows ('16) ** ©				
	OVATION	*(6) Interview With the Vampire (R,'94) *** ©				Young Guns (R,'88) ***		
	OWN	Dateline on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		Deadline: Crime		Dateline ♠
	OXY	In Ice Cold Blood (Season Premiere) (N)		Killer Couples (N) ©		Snapped ©		Ice Cold ♠
	PARMT	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops (N) ©	Cops ©	Cops ©
	SYFY	♠ Witch	The Fifth Element (PG-13,'97) *** Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman. ©					Futurama
	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American (N) Amer. Dad		Conan (N)
TCM	The Public Enemy (NR,'31) ***		(8:45) Little Caesar (NR,'30) ***				Citizen K ♠	
TLC	Counting On		Counting On (N)		Little People, Big World		Twinsane ♠	
TLN	Supernatural	Humanit	Faith Chi	Pastor Greg	Robison	Billy Graham	Humanit ♠	
TNT	*(5:30) Doctor Strange		I Am the Night (N)		(9:05) I Am the Night		Sorcerer ♠	
TOON	Samur. Jack	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRAV	Alaska Haunting: Where Evil Lives (N) ©				Haunted Hospitals (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Haunted ♠	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©						Mod Fam ♠	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop (N) ©		Love & Hip Hop Miami (N)		Cartel Crew (N) ©		Hip Hop ♠	
WE	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♠	
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HBO	O.G. (NR,'18) Jeffrey Wright. ©						True Det ♠	
HBO2	Clash of the Titans (PG-13,'10) ** Sam Worthington.				(8:50) Ocean's 8 (PG-13,'18) ** ©			
MAX	Strike Back: Revolution		(7:50) Black Widow (R,'87) **			(9:35) Conviction ***		
SHO	Shameless ©		SMILF ©		Black Mon		Black Mon	
STARZ	*(6:16) Wreck-It Ralph		Cars 2 (G,'11) ** Voices of Owen Wilson. ©				Odd Life ♠	
STZNC	♠ Kicking & Screaming **		Fantastic Four (NR,'05) ** Ioan Gruffudd. ©				Mr. Mom ♠	

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 25): Take your career to new heights this year. Together, you're a formidable force. Summer love flowers, before a group obstacle challenges. Friends pull through to win next winter, before you resolve a family matter. Your wisdom and skills grow with practice and passion.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Get out and explore. You can get farther than expected. Discover unexpected treasure. Stay focused; grab an educational opportunity.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Review reserves and resources over the next two days. Work out priorities and practicalities with your partner. Your collaboration can get especially fruitful.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. You and a partner are really cooking now. The next two days get especially productive and even romantic. Good fortune blesses your venture together.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Get moving! Physical action produces satisfying results. Practice, prepare and then perform with confidence. For best outcomes, get yourself energized, motivated and inspired.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Fun comes naturally over the next few days. Prioritize family and romance. Your passions grow and blossom with attention. You're especially lucky in love.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Invest your heart and muscle into domestic renovation. Improve your sanctuary to nurture your family more. Words and action come together for beautiful results.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. A creative project develops in satisfying directions. Get your message to a wider audience. Grow your networks, connections and community participation.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Your ideas are attracting attention. Keep providing the value that's bringing home the bacon. Demand for your services is on the rise.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Have faith in your own imagination. You're especially creative and confident today and tomorrow. Try a new outfit or style.

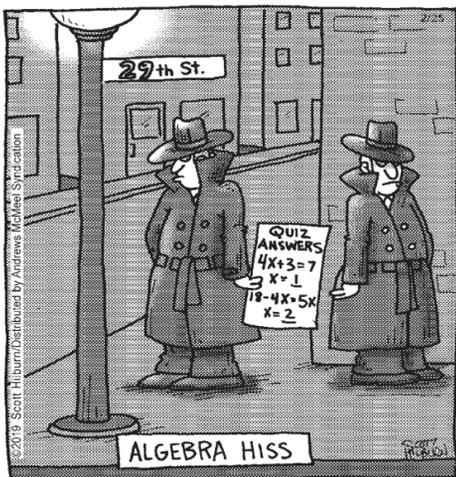
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 6. Slow down to recharge. Process recent activities with rest and meditation. Plan and organize for what's coming next. Nurture yourself; body, mind and spirit.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Friends can open doors. Reach out and connect for shared goals. Attract community attention to a cause everyone can get behind.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Schedule carefully at work. A professional goal is within view. Old assumptions can get challenged; strike out in a new direction. Advance boldly.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 7 4 ♥ K Q 8 5 3 ♦ K Q J ♣ 10 6

Partner opens 1D and right-hand opponent overcalls 1H. What call would you make?

A.1—It's tempting to pass, but going for penalties at a low level when you are probably cold for a game is usually a poor idea. Bid 3NT.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 4 3 ♥ K J 10 9 6 ♦ 9 8 6 ♣ Q 4

West	North	East	South
1♦	1NT	Pass	?

What call would you make?

A.2—Three low diamonds is a worry, as diamond ruffs are possible against a heart contract. We like the idea of bidding 2C, Stayman, and only playing in hearts if partner has four of them and playing in 3NT if he doesn't.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 10 6 5 ♥ Q J 2 ♦ 8 7 ♣ K Q J 5

Partner opens 1H and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A.3—Raising hearts can wait. Bid 1S.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

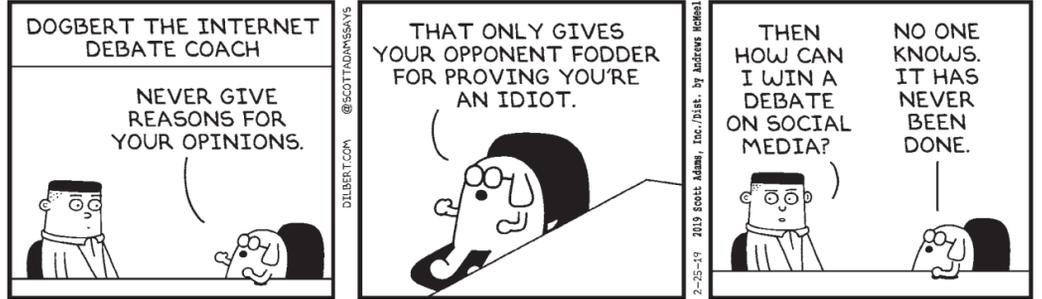
♠ Void ♥ K 8 7 5 4 ♦ Q 10 8 7 5 4 ♣ 8 6

Partner opens 1NT, 15-17, and right-hand opponent passes. What is your plan?

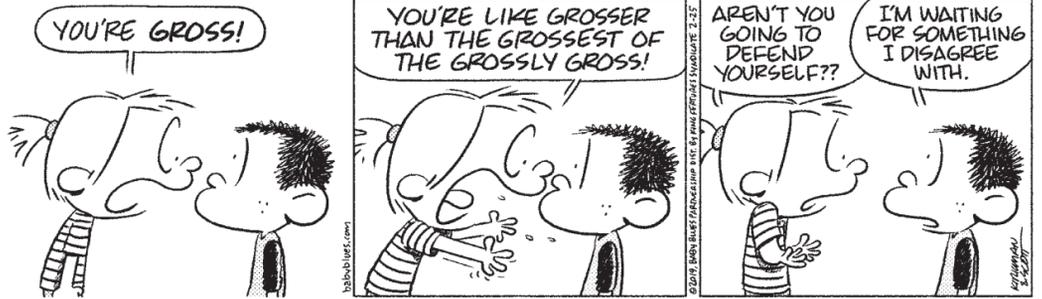
A.4—Bid 2D, transferring to hearts. Should partner jump to 3H, carry on to game. Pass if he bids 2H.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



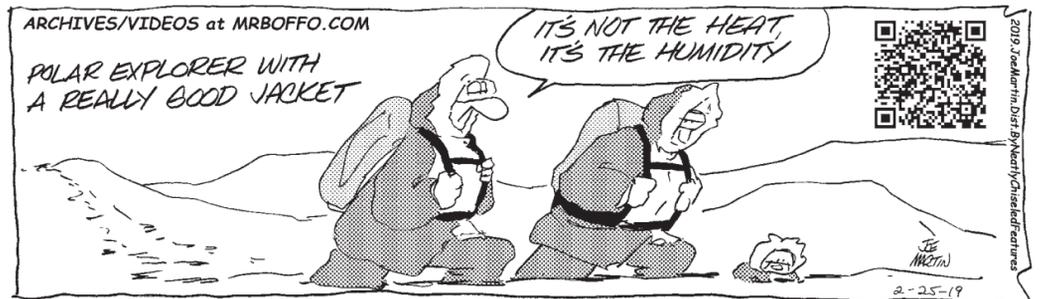
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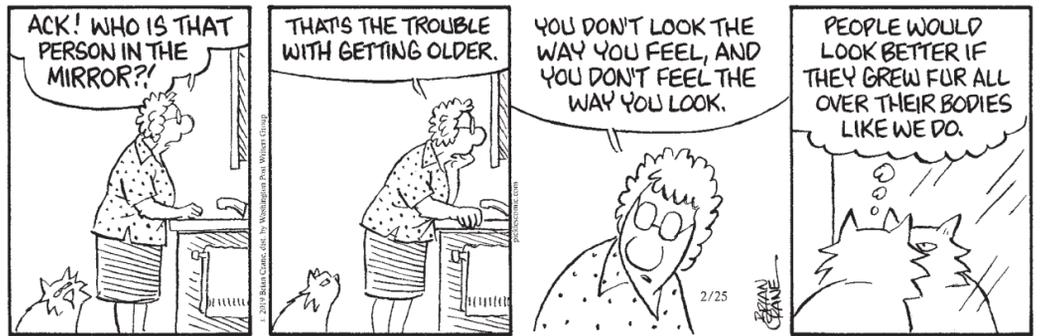
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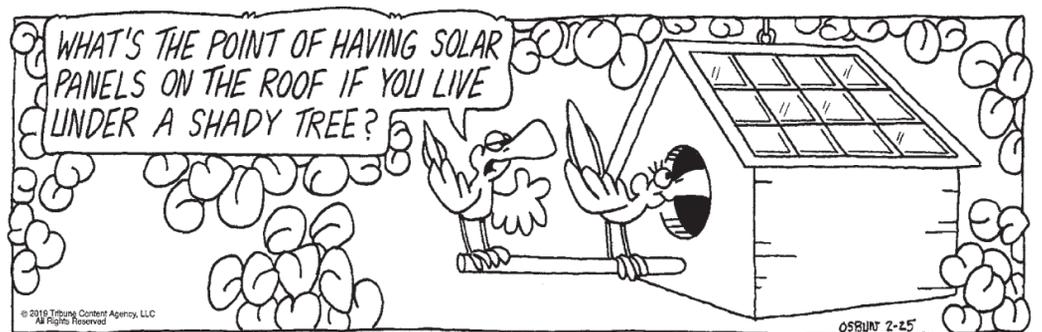
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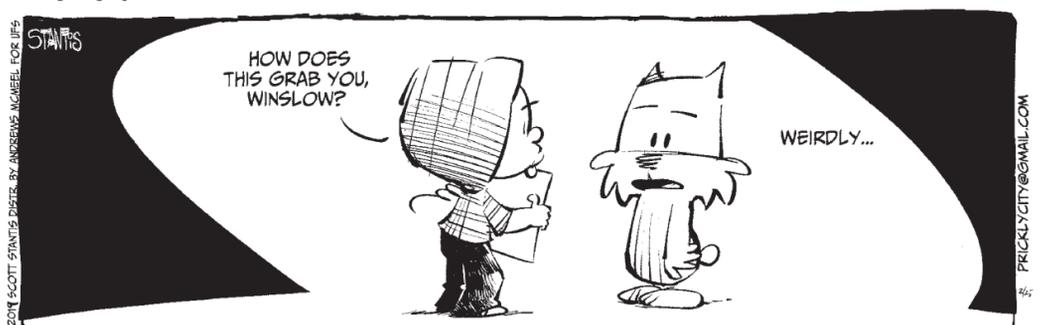
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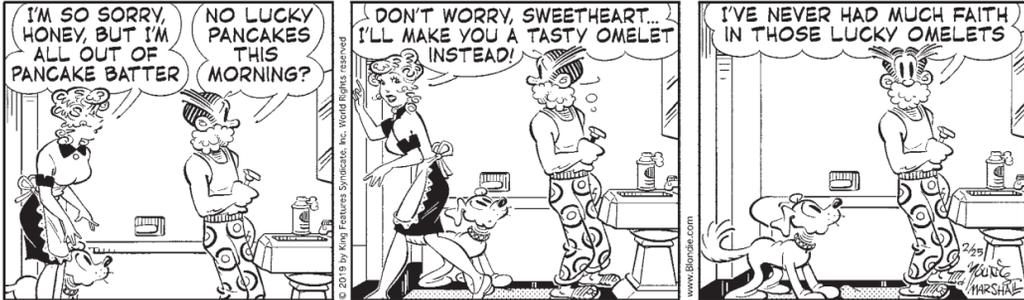
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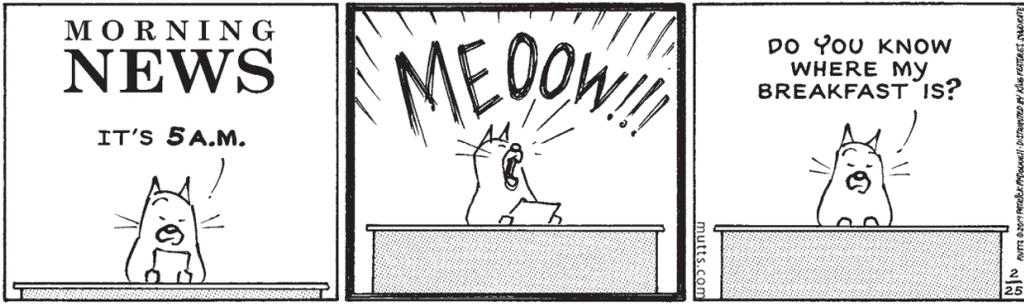
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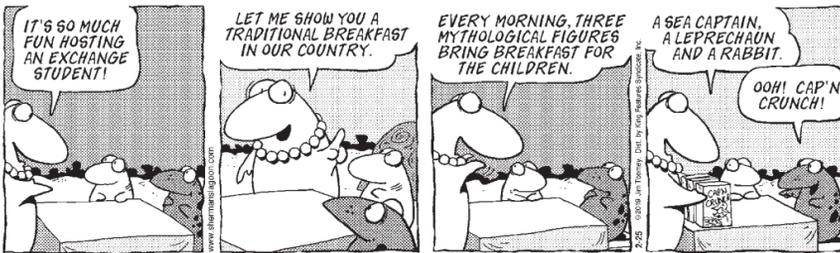
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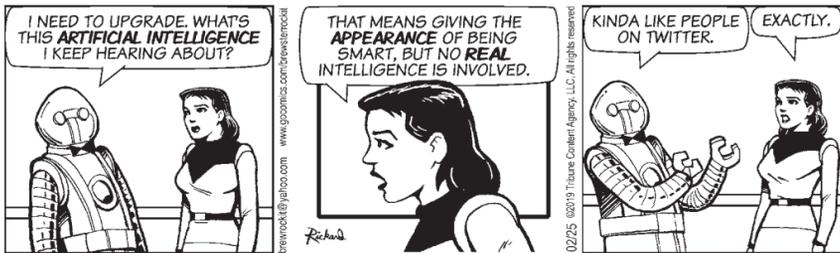
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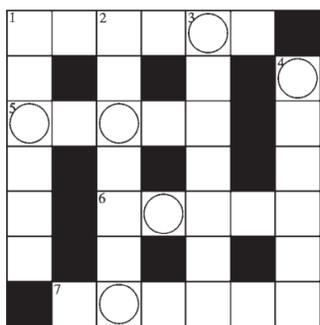


Trivia Bits

White Diamonds is a fragrance created for which screen legend?
 A) Ava Gardner
 B) Marilyn Monroe
 C) Elizabeth Taylor
 D) Natalie Wood
 Saturday's answer: An expedition led by Roald Amundsen of Norway reached the South Pole in 1911.

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Jumble Crossword



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CLUE: This company was incorporated on July 15, 1916.

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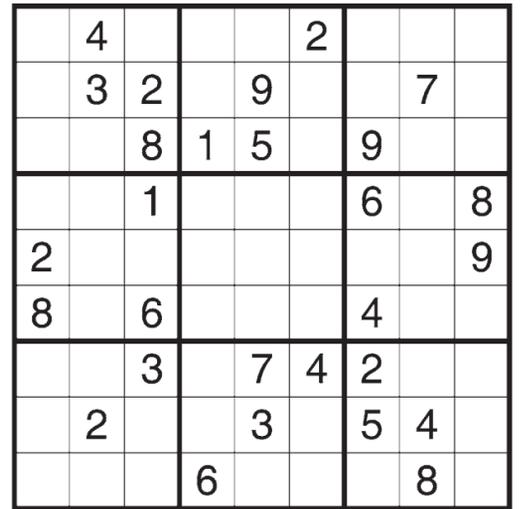
- CLUE ACROSS**
- Horse gait
 - Newly married woman
 - Below
 - Myth, fable
- CLUE DOWN**
- Slender ape
 - Free time
 - Late
 - Gave a dirty look
- ANSWER ACROSS**
- OLPLGA
 - DRBEI
 - NURDE
 - GLEDNE
- ANSWER DOWN**
- BNGIBO
 - SLEERUI
 - VUEDROE
 - RADGLE

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1A-Gallip 5A-Brhde 6A-Under 7A-Legend 1D-Gibbon 2D-Leisure 3F-Century 4D-Clered B-Boeing By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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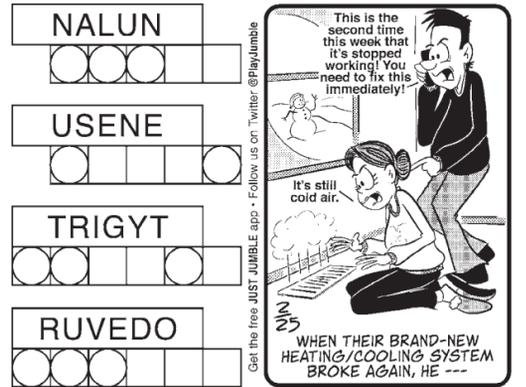
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday'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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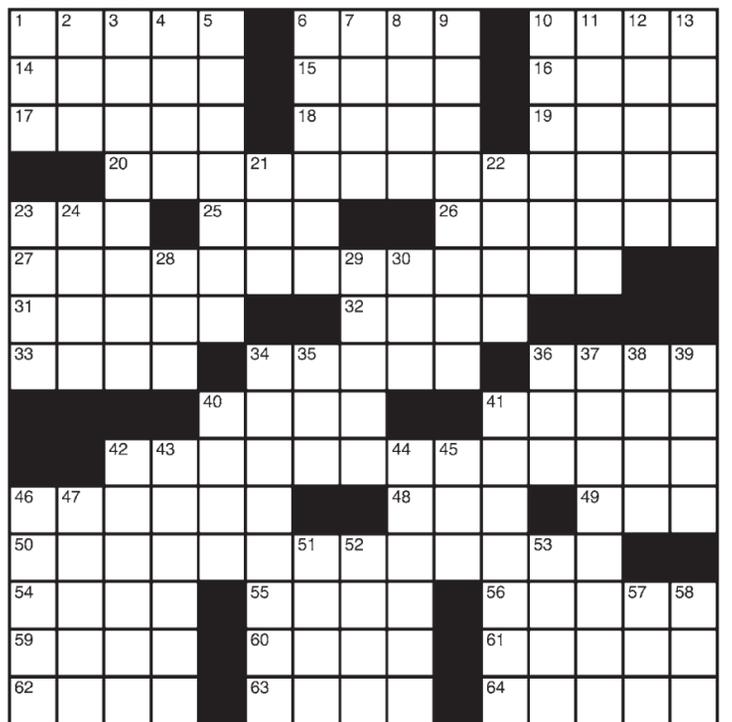
Saturday's answers

Jumbles: IRONY PIANO GLADLY TUMBLE
 Answer: When the track coach's stopwatch wouldn't work, it was — BAD TIMING

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Crossword

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- Across**
- Sources of nuclear energy
 - Wolf call
 - Banned pollutants, briefly
 - Exodus mount
 - Author Wiesel
 - "I smell trouble"
 - Tavern mug
 - Get off the lawn, as leaves
 - Noncurrent currency of Italy
 - Tricolor flier in Dublin
 - Longtime forensic drama
 - The first "T" in TNT
 - Bitcoin, notably
 - Quality sound reproduction
 - Prefix with violet
 - Shipshape
 - Mineral hardness scale
- Down**
- Carried
 - Shielded from the sun
 - College sr.'s exam
 - Send out
 - Buddy
 - Grain storage area
 - Tax-collecting agcy.
 - Like most light switches
 - Classic roadster
 - Used car lot event
 - The "F" in TGIF: Abbr.
 - Furry sitcom ET
 - Landing site for Santa's sleigh
 - Dance in a pit
 - Olympic fencing event
 - Wise one
 - Opinions
 - Dog at a cookout
 - Ramis of "Ghostbusters"
 - "Doesn't bother me at all"
 - NFL official
 - "Oh, no, bro!"
 - Dazzled
 - Relaxed running pace
 - Fells with an ax
 - Steak order
 - Mate, across the Channel
 - Tazo product

Saturday's solution



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- Down**
- Stubborn animal
 - Chickadee relative
 - 20% expressed as a fraction
 - Snail or junk follower
 - "New York, New York" crooner
 - Valiant
 - Disney snowman
 - User-edited site
 - Eyed wolfishly
 - Don, as boots
 - China's ___ Kai-shek

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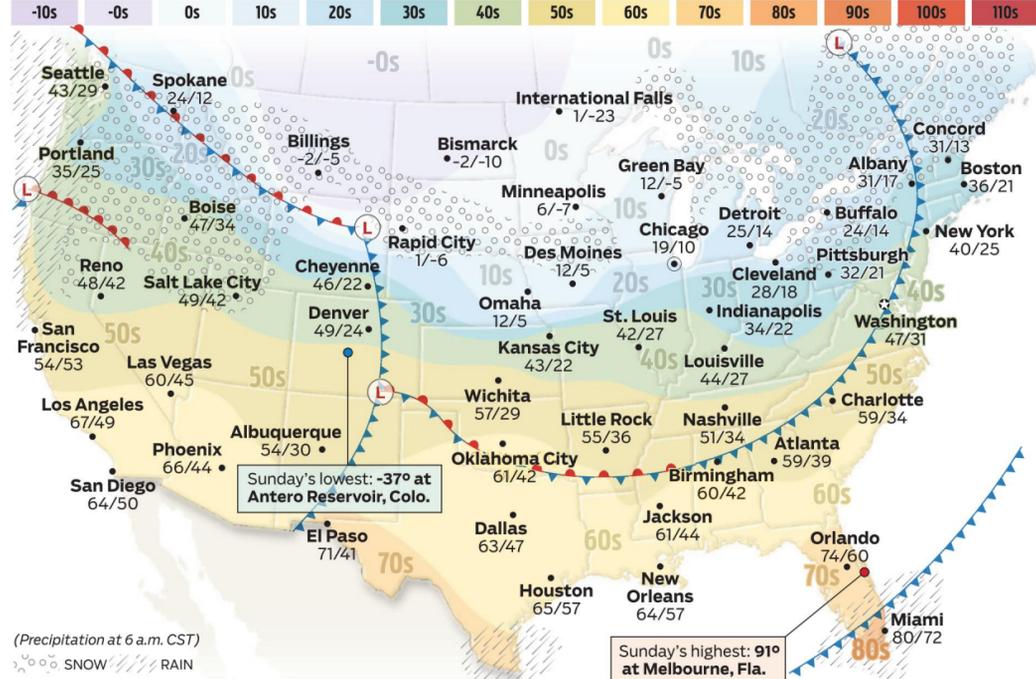
After high winds, expect a cold, unsettled week

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 19 **LOW** 10

- Very cold weather for late February grips Chicago. Much less windy as high pressure moves in.
- A sunny, but very cold start with single-digit temps at daybreak.
- Clouds increase with some light snow or flurries developing late or at night.
- West to northwest winds 10-20 mph.
- Highs struggle to reach 20, nearly 20 degrees below normal.
- Cloudy overnight with some light snow possible. Lows fall to around 10.

NATIONAL FORECAST



High winds battered the Chicago area Sunday as an intense late-winter storm passed through the Midwest. Winds gusted as high as 65 mph much of the day, bringing damage and power outages while sending the mercury plunging.

On Monday, morning temps should cluster in the single digits and afternoon highs will struggle to reach 20 as a weak weather disturbance threatens to bring some light snow at night.

The rest of the week looks cold and unsettled with more light snow possible Tuesday followed by a wintry mix Wednesday. March and meteorological spring will arrive on a cold note Friday as a storm system from the Gulf states threatens rain or a wintry mix that will transition to snow Saturday.

A reinforcing cold air mass will follow, possibly bringing some late-season subzero weather.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

HIGH 26 **LOW** 23

Election Day opens cloudy with a chance of some light snow. Quite cold with highs only climbing to the middle 20s. Some light snow or a wintry mix developing at night.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

HIGH 33 **LOW** 20

Cloudy and cold with a wintry mix in the morning ending as light snow or flurries in the afternoon. Highs hover near freezing. Cloudy and cold overnight.

THURSDAY, FEB. 28

HIGH 30 **LOW** 20

Sunshine returns, though filtered at times by passing cloudiness. Continued cold with highs about 10 degrees below normal.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

HIGH 36 **LOW** 19

March arrives as a cold lion. Highs creep above freezing but a developing storm brings rain or a wintry mix that changes to snow at night.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

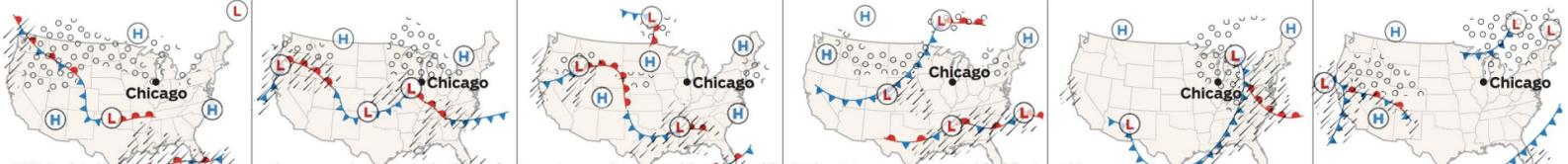
HIGH 22 **LOW** 0

Windy and cold with snow tapping off by afternoon. Strong and gusty north-northeast winds. Falling temperatures much of the day dropping to around near zero at night.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

HIGH 14 **LOW** -1

Exceptionally cold weather for early March. Despite a good deal of sun highs struggle to reach the mid-teens when the normal high is 41. Late-season subzero temps 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,
 Why the sudden use of the term "polar vortex"?

— Scott Marcinko, Hampshire

Dear Scott,
 The polar vortex is a large area of low pressure and cold air that circulates around both poles. It is strongest in winter when the pole-to-equator temperature gradient is the largest. During the Northern Hemisphere winter, the vortex can expand south, sending arctic outbreaks into the middle latitudes, and this has always been the cause of the extreme cold episodes that affect the Midwest. It is not a new phenomenon and has been mentioned in the literature as early as the 1850s. The term's use has recently gained prominence as public awareness of weather and climate has increased through the efforts of meteorologists.

Prior generations used terms like "arctic" or "Siberian high pressure" to explain the extreme cold.

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Windy storm sends temps tumbling; cold persists into March

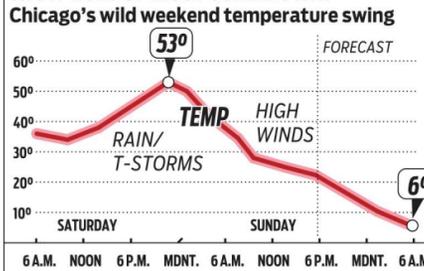
STORM BROUGHT FULL-BLOWN BLIZZARD TO PORTIONS OF THE UPPER MIDWEST



SUNDAY'S PEAK WIND GUSTS
 O'HARE MIDWAY
 60 MPH 60 MPH



WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN!



Some snow totals

Buffalo Center, Iowa	16"
Laurens, Iowa	16"
Havelock, Iowa	16"
Harcourt, Iowa	15"
Dorchester, Wis.	13"
Theilman, Minn.	12"
Alma, Wisc.	12"
Chippewa Falls, Wis.	10"

WHY WAS SUNDAY SO WINDY?
 Air pressure difference of nearly two inches



MARCH COULD OPEN COLD AND SNOWY
 Signs of another storm next weekend
 Saturday morning low temperatures



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

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MIDWEST CITIES

MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	45	30	sh	54	36
Carbondale	pc	31	20	su	35	27
Champaign	pc	31	20	su	35	27
Decatur	pc	33	22	pc	39	28
Amarillo	pc	66	30	pc	69	39
Anchorage	cl	27	11	cl	27	16
Peoria	sh	28	18	sh	33	27
Quincy	su	34	21	pc	40	31
Rockford	sh	17	8	ss	23	19
Springfield	pc	33	22	pc	40	30
Sterling	cl	17	10	sh	25	22
Indiana	su	38	23	pc	44	29
Bloomington	pc	42	28	sh	52	33
Evansville	pc	29	19	pc	30	23
Fort Wayne	su	34	22	pc	39	28
Indianapolis	su	31	21	pc	33	28
Lafayette	pc	31	21	pc	33	28
South Bend	pc	20	17	sh	28	23
Wisconsin	cl	12	-5	ss	14	10
Green Bay	sh	18	8	ss	22	20
Kenosha	sh	9	-1	sh	12	6
La Crosse	sh	15	4	ss	20	17
Madison	sh	12	2	ss	16	13
Milwaukee	sh	9	-4	ss	10	10
Wausau	cl	-8	-12	ss	11	5
Michigan	pc	25	14	pc	24	18
Detroit	sh	16	12	cl	22	17
Grand Rapids	pc	9	-1	sh	12	6
Marquette	pc	11	1	sh	11	6
St. Ste. Marie	ss	15	8	sh	15	10
Traverse City	ss	11	8	sh	15	10
Iowa	sh	10	1	sh	15	12
Ames	sh	10	4	sh	19	16
Cedar Rapids	cl	12	5	sh	18	15
Des Moines	cl	12	5	sh	18	15
Dubuque	sh	12	2	ss	19	16
Other U.S. Cities	pc	65	51	pc	71	50
Albino	pc	31	17	pc	24	7
Albuquerque	pc	54	30	su	58	32
Albany	pc	66	30	pc	69	39
Amarillo	pc	66	30	pc	69	39
Anchorage	cl	27	11	cl	27	16
Asheville	pc	51	30	pc	61	39
Aspen	pc	40	16	pc	44	19
Atlanta	pc	59	39	pc	63	49
Atlantic City	pc	42	27	pc	42	24
Austin	pc	66	54	sh	70	60
Baltimore	pc	44	29	pc	46	27
Billings	ss	-2	-5	ss	3	-4
Birmingham	pc	60	42	pc	63	51
Bismarck	pc	-2	-10	ss	5	-6
Boise	sh	47	34	sh	39	34
Boston	pc	36	21	pc	29	12
Brownsville	sh	74	66	ts	81	67
Buffalo	su	24	14	sh	21	14
Burlington	ss	30	8	pc	13	0
Charlotte	su	59	34	pc	64	45
Charlottesville	pc	64	46	sh	65	55
Charlottesville	su	44	25	cl	49	27
Chattanooga	pc	55	36	pc	63	46
Cheyenne	pc	46	22	pc	52	23
Cincinnati	su	39	22	pc	43	28
Cleveland	pc	28	18	pc	23	21
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