

Next mayor may see new pushback

City Council's power dynamic on verge of change, even as pension crisis looms

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Fair or not, critics often malign Chicago's City Council as a rubber-stamp body, slamming its members for advancing Mayor Rahm Emanuel's agenda often absent any rigorous debate. This election cycle, however,

political organizations and activists are working to change that narrative, pushing to elect a wave of progressive leaders on the City Council who say they will be voices for reform and a counter-balance to whoever occupies City Hall's fifth floor after Emanuel leaves later this year. In last Tuesday's election, the

groups succeeded in electing three new progressive aldermen, thumping two incumbents criticized for their ties to Emanuel while replacing a retiring council veteran. Two members of the Democratic Socialists of America won seats outright, and three members of DSA advanced to the April 2 runoff election. Altogether, candidates in 14 aldermanic races advanced to the April 2 runoff. Most of the challengers in the runoffs claim prog-

ressive values. All that means the next mayor could face an emboldened City Council that will push back on citywide issues, a political reality not seen since the 1980s Council Wars era, a time when a bloc of mostly white aldermen feuded with Chicago's first black mayor, often blocking his initiatives. Former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle will face off for mayor in a battle of

self-styled progressives, but no matter who wins, outgoing aldermen said the council is changing. Ald. Ameya Pawar, 47th, who is stepping down as part of a self-imposed two-term limit, said he was laughed at during his 2011 run for office when he campaigned on legislating from the City Council. "That's not the job," he recalled people saying. "Your job is to pick up garbage and fill potholes. My

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Researchers at Brookfield Zoo hope to find out whether dolphins in captivity are emotionally and physically healthy



ANIMAL WELFARE COMBINES SCIENCE AND ART



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Tapeko the dolphin, top, swims after having an MTag with suction cups attached to its back at Brookfield Zoo's Seven Seas dolphin arena in Brookfield. Dr. Lisa Lauderdale, a postdoctoral fellow, above, checks data from her computer showing graphs that document a dolphin's movements at the zoo last month.

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS
Chicago Tribune

The trainer touches her fingertips to the smooth rounded forehead of a common bottlenose dolphin named Noelani, a hand cue for the marine mammal to "chuff" or forcefully exhale through her blowhole, a behavior similar to a human cough. After quickly catching some of the spray on a 3-inch glass slide, the trainer rewards Noelani with a treat – some herring or sardines from a silver bucket resting on the side of the dolphin habitat behind the scenes at the Brookfield Zoo. The respiratory sample is one small piece of data in the largest international study on the welfare of captive dolphins and

whales in history, led by the Brookfield Zoo and incorporating the work of 44 accredited aquariums and zoos in seven countries. The researchers believe these animals are prospering, but say there's little science on what conditions are optimal for dolphins and whales under professional care: What are the characteristics of the best habitat? How does the type and timing of animal training influence the behavior of these marine mammals? The project intends to fill that void by analyzing every aspect of their lives, from swimming patterns to veterinary exams to videos of their behavior, as well as gastric, blood, fecal and other physical samples. Some of these

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House targets Trump officials

Document request from more than 60 people covers family, business

BY HOPE YEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Declaring it's "very clear" President Donald Trump obstructed justice, the chairman of the House committee in charge of impeachment said the panel is requesting documents Monday from more than 60 people from Trump's administration, family and business as part of a rapidly expanding Russia investigation. Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said the House Judiciary Committee wants to review documents from the Justice Department, the president's son Donald Trump Jr. and Trump Organization chief financial officer Allen Weisselberg. Former White House chief of staff John Kelly and former White House counsel Don McGahn also are likely targets, he said. "We are going to initiate investigations into abuses of power, into corruption and into obstruction of justice," Nadler said. "We will do everything we can to get that evidence." Asked if he believed Trump obstructed justice, Nadler said, "Yes, I do." Nadler isn't calling the inquiry an impeachment investigation but said House Democrats, now in the majority, are simply doing "our job to protect the rule of law" after Republicans during the first two years of Trump's term were "shielding the president from any proper accountability." "We're far from making decisions" about impeachment, he said. In a tweet Sunday, Trump blasted anew the Russia investigation, calling it a partisan probe unfairly aimed at discrediting his win in the 2016 presidential election.

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Deadly storms rip across Southeast

At least 22 people were killed by a possible tornado in Alabama as severe storms damaged buildings and left a trail of destruction, authorities said. Weather warnings extending into Georgia, Florida and South Carolina, though the most extensive damage was in Lee County, Ala. **Nation & World**, Page 10

Cubs are rooting for the White Sox

Though many Chicagoans are cheering against the team on the other side of town, in the Cubs clubhouse some are hoping the White Sox's rebuilding effort succeeds — in part because it makes their own jobs more exciting. **Sports**

After 45 years, boy still missed by family

BY BECKY JACOBS
Post-Tribune

Monica Spisak gave away most of the photos she had of her son. In the search for Joseph Spisak, his family handed out his photo to different people and agencies. Some of the family photo albums were ruined in a basement flood. Today, Monica Spisak is left with a small photo of her son that she keeps in a safe space. "That's all I got left," she said. Joseph Spisak disappeared Jan. 27, 1974, in Hammond when he was 11 years old. His family never saw or heard from him again. Now, after more than 45 years, they still want to know



Joseph Spisak

what happened to him. "This family has not quit, has not given up hope and never will," Steven Spisak, Joseph's younger brother, said. "Without a body, without him walking through that door or, the worst case, that he did run away and he doesn't want to see the family again, at least we know something. It's closure," he said. He added, "Now, I'd hate the third one, but I mean, I'd accept it. At least we'd know." "At least we'd know," Elsa Spisak echoed. "Right," Monica Spisak said. The Spisak family sat around a table at a Hammond home re-

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Monica Spisak talks about the 1974 disappearance of her son at a recent family gathering. Hammond police are still investigating.

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Lynne Patton, a senior administrator at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, attends a press conference in New York City in January.

We all can learn something
from Trump's token black friend



DAHLEEN GLANTON

I feel sorry for Lynne Patton. How humiliating it must have been to be dragged before the public as Donald Trump's token black friend.

That's not why I pity her, though. Most African-Americans, at one time or another, have been called upon to vouch for a white friend's authenticity. If not that, we've certainly been held up as the token African-American in our workplace.

Most black people know when they are being used. Patton, no doubt, knew it too. But for some reason, she was willing to put her self-respect aside and stand before a national television audience as living proof that Trump is not a racist.

While the issue of race is not new in regard to Trump, it took an unusual twist last week when Michael Cohen, Trump's former personal lawyer, testified before the House Oversight Committee that he had first-hand knowledge that Trump is racist.

To counter that claim, Rep. Mark Meadows, a North Carolina Republican who has his own set of racial baggage, invited Patton to Capitol Hill to prove Cohen wrong.

So when he mentioned her name at the hearing, Patton stood up in her stylish white cape and didn't say a word, as Meadows spoke for her.

"She says that as a daughter of a man born in Birmingham, Ala., that there is no way that she would work for an individual who was racist," Meadows said. "How do you reconcile the two of those?"

Cohen's answer was revealing. "Ask Miss Patton how many people who are black are executives at the Trump Organization. And the answer is zero."

Days later, Patton is still defending Trump publicly. But she seems to realize that she has been damaged. By allowing herself to be used, this smart woman who managed to work her way up from a Trump family aide to a regional administrator at the Department of Housing and Urban Development diminished her own accomplishments and settled for being merely a FODT (Friend of Donald Trump).

Later, on Instagram, she tried to set the record straight.

"I'm highly educated. I'm not a racist. I'm not low-info. I'm a professional. I'm not brainwashed. I'm not part of a 'cult'. I don't live in a bunker," she posted. "I hate political correctness. I'm a leader — not a follower. I believe we need a big change. I don't blindly believe the liberal media. I'm tired of politicians who lie & cheat. I support Donald Trump."

Who knows why Patton agreed to vouch for Trump. Maybe she feels as though she owes him something. Maybe she enjoys being on the periphery of the president's inner circle. Maybe she just really, really likes him.

More important, though, is why Meadows thought that one African-American could magically transform Trump's prejudiced persona into a man of great tolerance. Unfortunately, that's not unusual either. Even some white people who aren't racist have a token black friend, and often they don't even realize it. If you ask them, they will insist that they are open-minded and inclusive. But when they start naming their black friends, it's only one person.

When they can point to one black person as a good friend, they can navigate through the world proudly as an obviously broad-minded person who is colorblind. But it's impossible not to see color because each of us, regardless of race or ethnicity, is a conglomeration of our life experiences, and many of those are steeped in our racial and cultural identities. That is, in fact, what makes everyone unique.

Meadows obviously didn't realize that his ploy would deeply offend some of his colleagues who are people of color. But in this testy climate of racial politics, the fresh, diverse crop of newly elected congresswomen told him in no uncertain terms that the stunt he had just pulled was racist.

"Just because someone has a person of color, a black person working for them, does not mean they aren't racist," said Rashida Tlaib, who is Palestinian-American. "And it is insensitive that someone would ... actually use a prop, a black woman, in this chamber, in this committee is alone racist in itself."

Visibly upset, Meadows suggested that she had called him a racist and insisted that her words be stricken from the record. Then he turned to his own African-American friend for validation.

"If anyone knows my record as it

relates ... it should be you, Mr. Chairman," he said, looking for backup from Democratic Rep. Elijah Cummings. "I need to be clear: I have defended you..."

"Mr. Meadows, I'm the chair," Cummings said. "I will clear this up." He then asked Tlaib if she wanted to rephrase her comment. Eventually, she said that she had not intended to call the congressman a racist, but rather express her feelings about what happened.

But that wasn't enough for Meadows. He needed everyone, especially his Democratic critics, to hear Cummings acknowledge that they are friends. "You and I have a personal relationship that's not based on color. To even go down this direction is wrong, Mr. Chairman," Meadows said.

For good measure, he threw out the old, "I've got people of color in my family" explanation for why he couldn't possibly do anything racist.

"There's nothing more personal to me than my relationship, my nieces and nephews are people of color. Not too many people know that," Meadows said. "You know that, Mr. Chairman."

Then came the reverse racism card that African-Americans are all too familiar with.

"To indicate that I asked someone who is a personal friend ... who knows this particular individual, that she is coming in here as a prop. It is racist to suggest that I asked her to come in here for that reason," he said.

Finally, Cummings gave Meadows what he so desperately wanted.

"Mr. Meadows, you know of all the people on this committee, I've said it and got in trouble for it, that you are one of my best friends. I know that shocks a lot of people. I've gotten into a lot of trouble for it," he said. "And I could see and feel your pain. I feel it." As it turns out, they are apparently nothing more than work friends. But maybe Meadows will invite the Cummings family to vacation with his family during the next break. And maybe Patton will get to hang out with Trump and the first lady at Mar-a-Lago one weekend.

Who knows what will come of these two great friendships? But at least we learned something from the hearing. It gave us terrific insight into whether Trump and Meadows are actually racists.

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Sanders vows political revolution

Targets minimum wage, tax breaks for rich businesses

By ELYSSA CHERNEY
Chicago Tribune

A crowd of more than 12,000 packed an arena at Navy Pier and boomed with applause Sunday as independent Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders promised to deliver a political revolution in his latest bid to reach the White House in 2020.

“Three years ago, they thought we were kind of crazy and extreme, not the case anymore,” he said. “We are not only going to defeat (President Donald) Trump, we are going to transform the United States of America.”

Sanders hit familiar notes of his economic policy, calling for an end to tax breaks for multimillion-dollar corporations, making it easier for people to join unions and raising the federal minimum wage.

“It is not a radical idea to suggest that anyone in America who works 40 hours a week should not be living in poverty,” he said.

Before Sanders, 77, took the stage, community activists and politicians alike touted his record as a fighter for social and economic justice, citing the sit-in he led as a student at the University of Chicago in the early 1960s to protest racial inequality.

“Students led by Bernie were sitting down and blocking the entrance to the chancellor,” said photojournalist Danny Lyon, who attended college with Sanders. “When they did that sit-in, people didn’t care. No one patted Bernie on the back ... but that demonstration that he led was the first sit-in to take place anywhere in the North.”

Sanders also reflected on his time at the University of Chicago, calling it “an extraordinary moment in my life that very much shaped my worldview and what I



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Presidential candidate and U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders arrives with his wife, Jane, to speak Sunday at Navy Pier in Chicago.

wanted to do.”

He said he learned about reality off-campus, which gave him opportunities to participate in the labor and the civil rights movements.

The Navy Pier rally follows a similar event held Saturday at Brooklyn College in New York, where Sanders contrasted his Jewish and middle-class upbringing with that of the president’s more affluent childhood. Sanders was expected to discuss the importance of defeating Trump, whom he has called the most dangerous president in modern American history.

He is among a competitive and growing field of candidates vying to unseat Trump in the 2020 election. He unsuccessfully challenged Hillary Clinton to become the Democratic nominee in 2016, garnering wide support for his progressive policies.

Earlier in the day, hundreds of people lined up in



Attendees document their presence at the rally before Sanders’ arrival.

an indoor parking garage, waiting to be ushered into the arena. A gospel choir belted out songs as people entered and filled the area around a podium in the middle of the space.

Among the crowd was Chicago mayoral candidate Toni Preckwinkle, who greeted people but was not

on the list to speak on behalf of the senator.

The rally drew hardcore fans from Chicago and Indiana as well as people who haven’t made up their minds about Sanders.

Anita Cox, a 52-year-old social studies teacher from Highland, Ind., calls herself a “huge Bernie supporter,”

and drove about 40 minutes to attend the rally.

Cox said she agrees with Sanders’ progressive agenda — specifically Medicare for All, higher minimum wages and the Green New Deal.

“I want him to talk about that all of these things that he wants to do are possible,”

she said. “I think he needs to get it across to the people who are wavering and thinking that none of these things are going to happen when they definitely could.”

Nick Meshes, a 41-year-old software developer from Uptown, said he is still undecided about whom he will vote for in 2020. He said he supported Clinton in the 2016 primary, but he likes many of Sanders’ policies and wanted to hear whether his views had evolved since his previous run for president.

Younger people also turned out for the event. Sakeli Givens, 18, took the train with friends from the Northwestern University campus, where she is a freshman majoring in neuroscience.

Though she hasn’t been old enough to vote before, she said she’s excited about the prospect of supporting Sanders in 2020.

“I’ve loved his policies and the change he is trying to bring about,” said Givens, who is from Georgia. “I love his true and genuine concern for equality.”

Hours before the rally, the Republican National Committee said it released a Snapchat filter for the event that featured a picture of a receipt with a tally of items backed by Sanders such as the Green New Deal, tuition-free college and Medicare for All.

“Bernie Sanders’s \$126+ trillion agenda will crush our nation’s economy, hike taxes for hardworking Americans, and lead to a government takeover of everything from healthcare to education,” RNC spokesman Kevin Knoth wrote in a news release.

Over the next several weeks, Sanders will crisscross the country, campaigning in Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Nevada, California and Vermont.

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Ex-CPD sergeant faces conspiracy charges over 15 years after fleeing

By JASON MEISNER
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More than 15 years after he fled on the eve of trial, former Chicago police Sgt. Eddie Hicks is set to finally face a federal jury Monday on conspiracy charges alleging he ran a rogue crew of cops who robbed drug dealers and re-sold stolen narcotics.

Hicks, 70, who was the subject of an international manhunt that led authorities from Brazil to Texas, has been held without bond since his arrest in Detroit in September 2017.

The trial before U.S. District Judge Joan Lefkow — who took over the case because the previous judge had long since retired — is expected to center on secret video and audio recordings made by the FBI that are now two decades old.

As he did when he fled in 2003, Hicks faces charges of racketeering conspiracy, drug-trafficking conspiracy, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug crime and theft of government funds.

Prosecutors have since added a charge of failing to appear in court — and plan to present at trial his Michigan driver’s license issued to Hicks under the alias David Rose, court records show.

A 29-year veteran of the police force, Hicks was charged in Chicago in 2001 with heading up a crew that included another sergeant and two police civilian employees. The others were convicted of robbing drug dealers, pocketing the illicit cash and selling the stolen drugs to other pushers.

A Tribune investigation later found that while he was on the lam, Hicks repeatedly conducted financial transactions in Chicago to enrich himself and the people

closest to him. Two years after he vanished, his signature appeared on land records giving his son — also a Chicago police officer — the South Side property that Hicks had used to secure his release on \$150,000 bond.

In addition, by the time of the Tribune investigation in 2011, monthly police pension checks totaling more than \$300,000 had been paid to Hicks’ bank account or cashed by his wife.

A longtime narcotics officer, Hicks retired from the Chicago Police Department while under federal investigation in March 2000. Until then, he seemingly had a charmed career, working personal friendships with top commanders to land plush assignments such as providing security at Chicago Bulls games.

For nearly a decade, Hicks’ crew used fake search warrants to rip off drug stash houses, and also stole drugs and cash from dealers during illegal traffic stops, according to the federal charges.

A major cocaine dealer, Arthur Veal, had been tipping Hicks and his crew to lucrative targets to rob. But in 2000, Veal was busted and told authorities of his history with the officers. The FBI set up two South Side apartments to look like drug houses, equipping them with hidden audio and video equipment.

Veal tipped Hicks off to the locations, the charges alleged, and the two civilian employees were captured on video breaking into both apartments and escaping with a combined \$13,000 in cash. Authorities charged that Hicks was outside providing surveillance and communicating with those inside by cellphone.

In one recorded conversation before a robbery in 2000, Hicks

told Veal that the money they were told would be at the stash house better be there or his crew might get upset.

“I mean if I tell these guys, you know, you might be making a hundred grand and then they end up with four grand, ya know,” Hicks was quoted in one government filing as saying.

Hicks, who had been free on bail, didn’t show up on his trial’s opening day in June 2003.

Federal court officials had allowed Hicks to secure his bond by posting as collateral a gated three-story brick apartment building he owned with his son, Anthony, the Tribune reported as part of its 2011 series “Fugitives From Justice” investigation that focused on Chicago-area suspects who fled across borders.

Authorities didn’t seize that building after Hicks became a fugitive, according to the Tribune story. Two years later, in 2005, Hicks’ signature appeared on a property deed transferring ownership of the building solely to his son.

The Tribune also reported that the day after he fled, Hicks apparently signed paperwork directing the police pension fund to mail his annuity checks of more than \$3,000 each month to a South Side home where he had lived with his wife, Carol Pierce.

Pierce immediately began cashing the checks, which bore Hicks’ apparent signature and endorsement on the back. Two years later, Hicks’ signature appeared on a form directing the fund to wire his monthly benefit payments into his account with the Chicago Patrolman’s Federal Credit Union, the Tribune found.

Pierce, who now lives in Indiana, could not be reached for comment.

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Gurnee mayor: IEPA denies emissions test at Lake County plants

By JIM NEWTON
News-Sun

Gurnee Mayor Kristina Kovarik said she asked the director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Thursday for ethylene oxide testing in Lake County and was told neither the state nor the federal EPA was ready to provide such testing locally.

“I didn’t walk away with what I wanted, but I walked away with other options,” Kovarik said Friday.

Kovarik, along with other local leaders, including Waukegan Mayor Sam Cunningham and Lake County Health Department Executive Director Mark Pfister, met Thursday night in Chicago with IEPA acting director John Kim.

A request for the IEPA to conduct ethylene oxide testing in Lake County, which has two plants that release emissions of the carcinogen, was turned down, as was a request for the agency to hold a town hall meeting on the issue in Lake County, according to Kovarik.

She added neither the federal nor the state EPA are prepared to do such testing now, and she added it was indicated that officials do not believe the situation in Lake County is the “crisis” that was uncovered at the Sterigenics facility in Willobrook, which was shut down on Feb. 15 by Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

“They think we should sit and wait and let them catch up,” Kovarik said, adding that “there is a lot of misinformation being put out there” by activist

groups, further muddying the waters.

Kovarik did say she is “100 percent sure” Kim is listening and paying attention to the EtO issue in Lake County, however.

In response to a request for comment on Thursday’s meeting, the Illinois EPA sent the following statement:

“The Illinois EPA regularly engages with communities around the state on issues that matter to them, and will continue to do so. In this case, based on conversations with the Illinois EPA and U.S. EPA, Vantage has begun taking steps to further reduce emissions from the source,” the statement said. “The Illinois EPA will continue to work closely with local elected officials, community members and businesses to address this issue.”

The U.S. EPA published a Lake County-specific web page last November on the local issue. Residents seeking information about ethylene oxide in Lake County can find the latest updates at www.epa.gov/il/addressing-ethylene-oxide-emissions-lake-county-illinois.

Questions and concerns can be sent via email to the U.S. EPA at eto@epa.gov.

Information on Lake County Health Department activities related to ethylene oxide emissions can be found the Health Department’s website, www.lakecountytill.gov/4158/Ethylene-Oxide-in-Lake-County.

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Dolphins swim in the underwater viewing area at Brookfield Zoo's Seven Seas dolphin area in Brookfield last month.

Data gathered from seven countries

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approaches are novel in examining positive indicators of behavior and emotional states rather than just ensuring the animal isn't showing signs of stress, said Lance Miller, vice president of conservation science and animal welfare research.

"When you think about animal care and welfare, there's the art and the science to it," he said. "I think 30 years ago it was more of an art form. You had a lot of people with a lot of great knowledge because they had worked with the animals for so long. What we do now is we don't try to take away from that art, but we try to use science to kind of mesh the two."

The study, which is expected to be completed in 2020, comes as zoos and aquariums face heightened scrutiny nationwide, with some animal rights activists questioning the ethics of keeping typically wild animals in captivity. And that scrutiny is heightened when tragedy strikes at a zoo.

In 2015, 54 stingrays in the Brookfield Zoo's "Stingray Bay" exhibit died after a malfunction caused oxygen levels in the habitat to drop; soon after, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals filed a lawsuit seeking records to shed light on the incident, and that case is still pending.

In 2016, a 3-year-old slipped through a barrier into the Gorilla World exhibit at the Cincinnati Zoo, resulting in the fatal shooting of an endangered gorilla named Harambe; federal inspectors later concluded that the exhibit barrier wasn't in compliance with standards. SeaWorld in 2016 agreed to stop breeding captive killer whales after coming under fire from animal welfare groups.

The National Aquarium in Baltimore announced in 2016 that its dolphins will be retired to a seaside sanctuary, the first of its kind in the nation, and the aquarium is now working to secure a site and train the dolphins for the transition.

"After careful consideration, the board and staff concluded that the best way forward is to create a protected, year-round seaside refuge for our colony of dolphins," a spokeswoman for the National Aquarium said in an email. "We believe that the relocation of our dolphins to a natural sanctuary setting will offer them an opportunity to thrive in an environment suited to their natural behaviors."

The decision was praised by the Humane Society of



The MTag, or Movement Tag, is a motion-sensing data logger that records acceleration, speed, angular rate, temperature and depth.

"I think 30 years ago it was more of an art form. You had a lot of people with a lot of great knowledge because they had worked with the animals for so long. What we do now is we don't try to take away from that art, but we try to use science to kind of mesh the two."

— Lance Miller, vice president of conservation science and animal welfare research

the United States as well as PETA, which challenges the notion that these marine mammals can be happy and healthy in a state of captivity.

"Fundamentally, these dolphins should be in seaside sanctuaries where they have the space to roam," said Delcianna Winders, PETA's vice president and deputy general counsel. "The concern with dolphins would be more that their complex needs can't be met in a captive situation when they need so much space."

Yet, Brookfield Zoo staff say aquariums and zoos play a critical role in helping animals in the wild through research, education and conservation efforts, while maintaining high levels of care.

"A lot of the animal rights activists, they base a lot of their thoughts on their feelings, and throwing and projecting our human emotions onto the animals," said Rita Stacey, curator of marine mammals. "By going through a study such as this, we're really putting the science behind how the animals thrive in our care."

‘Thriving in our care’

Noelani dives under water, turns and presents her tail, from where the trainer will draw a blood sample once a month.

The seven common bottlenose dolphins at the Brookfield Zoo know the routine and are trained to take part in data collection. Each time they perform a requested behavior, they're rewarded with clapping, body rubs, a favorite toy, a cube of flavorless gelatin or a snack of herring or sardines.

Stacey says participation is voluntary and the dolphins can choose to swim away or engage in another activity — they're never denied food or proper care — though most of the time they choose to take part.

"When somebody asks me are the dolphins happy, it's hard to quantify what's happy to a dolphin," she said. "When our animals are doing the same sorts of behaviors that dolphins do in the wild, when they're healthy, they're disease-free and they reproduce, we have a lot of indicators that say our animals are thriving in our care. But this study should give added information to assure that the animals are in good welfare. And we're hoping to learn more about how can we continue to improve the animals' lives."

The project includes roughly 290 common and Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins, 20 beluga whales and eight Pacific white-sided dolphins at facilities across the globe. The data are gathered in two phases dur-

ing summer 2018 and winter 2019, continuing into March.

Part of the study outfits the animals with movement tags — a device with sensors similar to a human Fitbit — which tracks their speed, depth and location in the water; three-dimensional models show how the animals are engaging their habitat and what percentage of the space they use, giving a better indication of how exhibit size and design impacts movement.

Researchers expect to analyze 7,040 of hours of data from the movement tags, as well as 636 veterinary exams, 880 weekly surveys completed by trainers, 1,320 hours of video of the marine mammals, 636 blood samples and 3,180 fecal samples.

On a recent weekday morning, a new shipment of frozen dolphin poop arrived on dry ice from Hong Kong. A freezer at the Brookfield Zoo contains some 850 vials of feces from all over the world, to be analyzed in the facility's endocrinology lab.

While the study is looking at some hormones that might indicate higher stress levels, like cortisol, it's also examining levels of IgA, which has been associated with positive emotional states in shelter cats and humans, according to zoo staff.

Miller — whose graduate

studies were in experimental psychology — said zoo staff are also looking into future study in cognitive bias in dolphins, a relatively new way of assessing animal welfare.

Animals can be trained to learn that if they go to the right, they get a big reward, and if they go to the left, the reward is small, he said. Then, they're given cues in ambiguous locations between the right and the left.

"You look at their behavioral response," he said. "Are they anticipating that they're going to get the big reward or are they anticipating that they're going to get the small reward? ... Animals that are in a positive emotional state are going to be more optimistic when making a decision, and animals that are in a more negative emotional state will be more pessimistic when making a decision."

Connections, conservation

With another signal, the trainer indicates to Noelani that it's time to take a gastric sample. The dolphin opens her mouth and the trainer inserts a long flexible tube into her esophagus, retrieving contents of her stomach for further study.

To a bystander, the process might appear arduous. But the anatomy of a dolphin is quite different than that of a human.

"With a dolphin, their blowhole is only connected to their lungs, their mouth is only connected to their stomachs," Stacey said. "So when we put this in, they don't have that natural gag reflex that we do. Over time, the dolphins learn the tube just goes down and it comes up and it's no big deal."

Bill Zeigler, senior vice president of animal programs, cautions against anthropomorphizing, or projecting human traits or motives onto animal behavior. For example, visitors sometimes lament that the polar bear seems "lonely" because it's housed alone, but these animals are largely solitary in the wild, he said.

Zeigler said the concept of animal welfare has evolved during the past few decades, and staff are constantly studying and improving the care of all species at the Brookfield Zoo, which was the first zoo to be certified by the American Humane Association for the treatment of its animals.

Staff will sometimes create randomness in exhibits to better simulate nature, such as automatic feeders that drop food periodically,

allowing animals to forage for it as they would in the wild, he said. The first tests were about 10 years ago.

"We began to see a real difference in the behavior of the animal," he said.

The dolphin and whale study was funded by a roughly \$740,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as well as additional funding from some of the institutions involved. The research isn't comparing zoo and aquarium marine mammals to those in the wild.

"My guess is that our dolphins are doing much better," Miller said. "They don't have to deal with things like red tide, they don't have to deal with boat traffic, they don't have to deal with predators, they have amazing food sources."

Yet some remain skeptical. While Wesleyan University philosophy professor and coordinator of animal studies Lori Gruen acknowledged the important animal welfare work conducted at many zoos, she said dolphins, whales and "other long-living mammals who travel long distances" require more space than a zoo or aquarium can provide.

"Part of what it means to be an animal that has a long life, that has a rich culture, that has good memory, is the space they occupy. It's an important part of what allows them to flourish," said Gruen, author of the book "Ethics and Animals: An Introduction." "So to truncate that basic capacity to travel the way they travel is really welfare-impacting. ... Maybe you can improve their welfare within captivity, but ultimately the impact of captivity on them is going to be overall negative."

But Brookfield Zoo staff contend that scientific discoveries and research at zoos often have applications to better understand the lives of animals in the wild.

And allowing humans to experience animals through zoo exhibits and education programs can spur conservation, which also helps protect wildlife and nature, Zeigler said.

"People love animals. They connect to animals," he said. "If we can take that feeling and turn that into conservation action, and get them to change some of the decisions they make every day — how much water they use, if they recycle, what they support in conservation efforts — that is a good thing. And that animal is the bridge that can do it."

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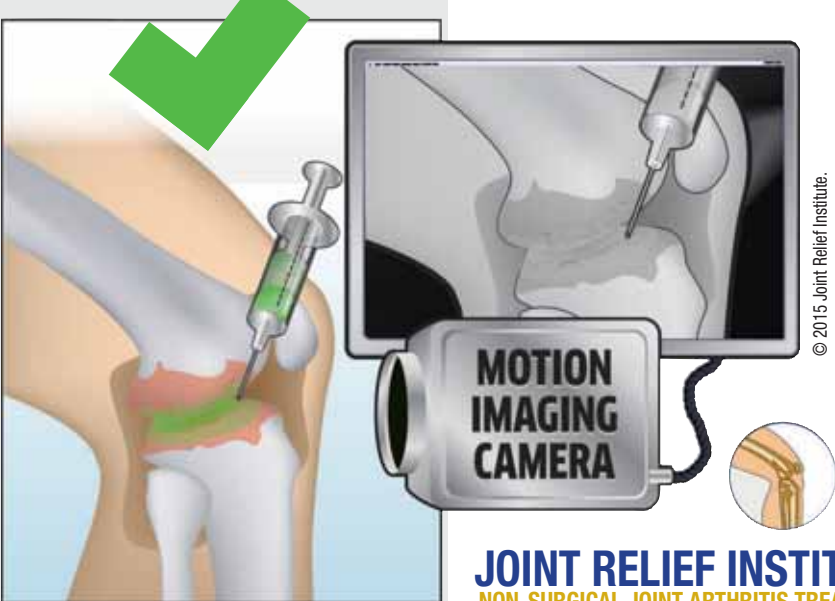
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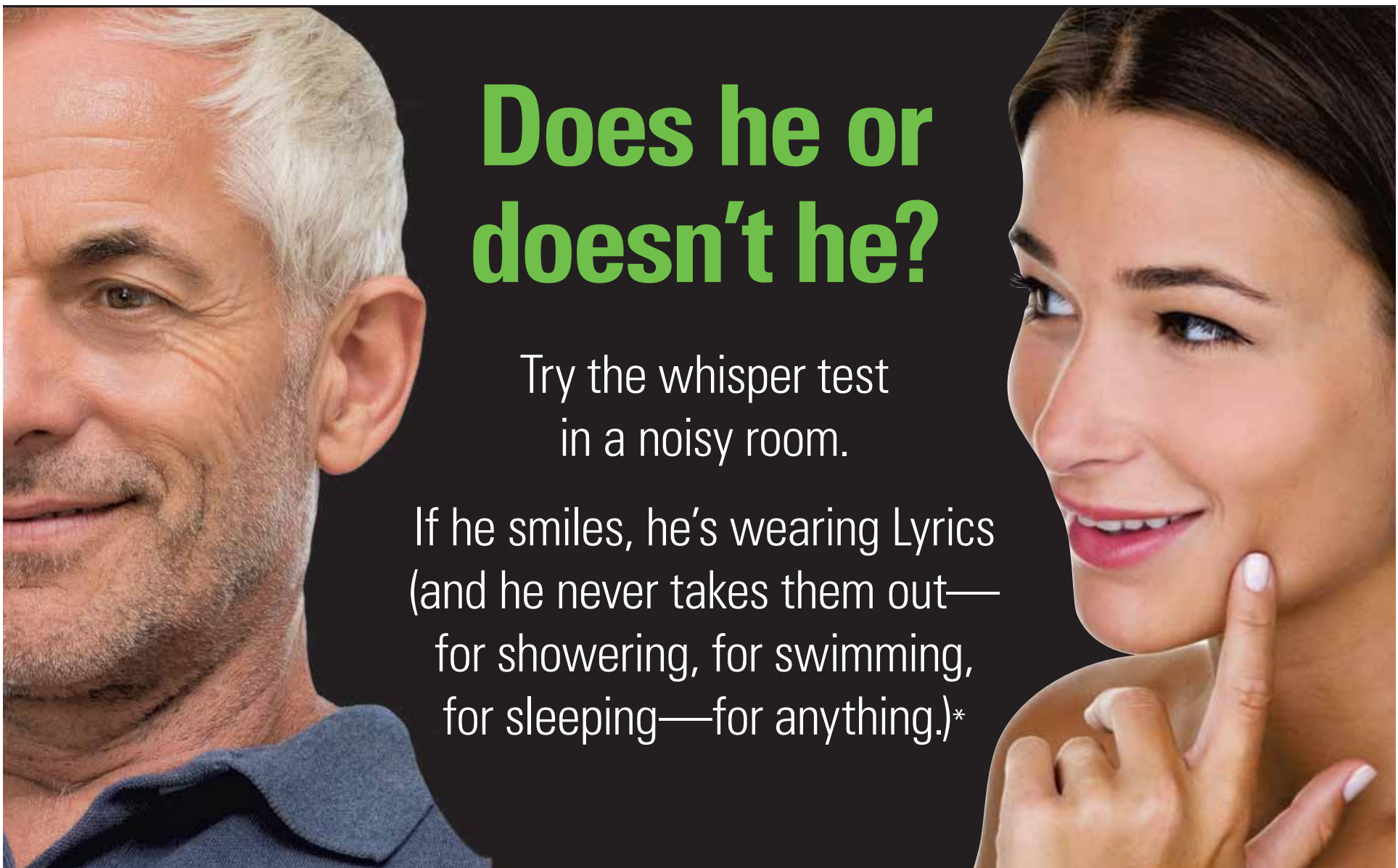
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Next mayor may see council pushback

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response is, yes, it has the service aspect, but it is also legislation.”

Now, though, the idea of aldermen being legislators isn’t considered outlandish, he said.

“The city’s changing and the expectation of City Council is changing,” Pawar said. “It’ll continue to evolve.”

Far North Side Ald. Joe Moore, 49th, an Emanuel ally who lost his seat to challenger Maria Hadden, said the next council will pose challenges for the mayor, especially with enormous pension cost increases looming. Moore said he expects the council will be more progressive and “unlike anything we’ve seen in my lifetime.”

“That’s not necessarily all bad. A little democracy could be a good thing, but I think people need to understand it’s coming at a very inopportune time,” Moore said, referring to the pension crisis ahead. The next mayor and City Council face an extra \$270 million in public employee pensions next year, a figure that will balloon to \$1 billion by 2023.

Retiring Ald. Margaret Laurino, 39th, who has been on the council since 1994 and whose father held the seat for roughly three decades before her, said she sees some new members being “very ideological,” at least at first.

“They may turn out to be like the San Francisco City Council, (which) is dealing with Trump issues,” Laurino said. “I’m not saying we shouldn’t use our bully pulpit to express our concern, and I think that we have. But you can’t suck up all the energy doing that when you have so many serious issues to deal with.”

Her advice to aldermen is to study up on important issues, “but at the same time you’re doing that, you’d better not ignore your own backyard. You’d better make sure they’re getting



Ald.-elect Maria Hadden, 49th, from left, talks with Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez, who's in a runoff for the 33rd Ward, and Jeanette Taylor, who's in a runoff for the 20th, at the Chicago Teachers Union headquarters in Chicago on Friday.

their potholes filled and their recycling blue carts empty.”

Progressive Caucus chair Scott Waguespack, 32nd, said he’s optimistic about the incoming class of left-leaning aldermen but said there needs to be institutional reforms in the next City Council. A lot of progressive legislation is currently sent to committees where it dies quietly, among other current problems, he said.

“It’s good to have progressive ideas, but the system is broken,” Waguespack said. “We need to change that first.”

A leading group pushing change on the City Council is United Working Families, an umbrella organization whose supporters include progressive unions.

Emma Tai, the group’s executive director since 2016, said UWF has been building “essentially (a) po-

litical party that is an alternative to the go-along, get-along model of Chicago politics as usual.”

Eight candidates backed by UWF won their race or made a runoff and are “ready to fight on citywide issues that affect the quality of life for black and brown and working-class people,” Tai said.

Many of UWF’s campaigns have been powered by grassroots organizers, she said, including the Northwest Side 33rd Ward.

In 2015, teacher Tim Meegan nearly pushed Ald. Deb Mell to a runoff. Though unsuccessful, that campaign inspired greater community organizing that has supported Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez in her bid to unseat Mell. On Tuesday, Rodriguez Sanchez took the most votes in a three-person race, setting up a runoff with Mell.

For candidates running this cycle who are being supported by grassroots groups, Rodriguez Sanchez said, “it is very important for us to not lose our connection, to nurture our connection with the movement, with all the people that have been organizing and continue to support that movement building.”

“We’re going to do that at a community level, but we’ll also have to do that at a citywide level,” Rodriguez Sanchez said.

Jeanette Taylor, a UWF candidate who is running against Nicole Johnson to replace indicted Ald. Willie Cochran in the South Side 20th Ward, said no matter who becomes the next mayor, the next council will be there to push them.

“I see a bunch of progressive folks who will really push people to the left and make sure that Chicago becomes what it used to be,”

said Taylor, who gained notoriety as a hunger striker during Emanuel’s school closings. “A city no matter what you make, and what you do, that you could survive and thrive in.”

Of the potential aldermen on the next City Council, five are members of the socialist DSA. That includes Rodriguez Sanchez; Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, who won re-election; and Daniel La Spata, who walloped Ald. Proco “Joe” Moreno, 1st.

“I think people are tired of aldermen who wait for the mayor to tell them how to vote and how to think,” La Spata said.

In the 25th Ward, an open contest to replace disgraced Ald. Daniel Solis, Byron Sigcho-Lopez got the most votes in a five-person race and is headed for a runoff with nurse Alex Acevedo.

In the 40th Ward, Eman-

uel floor leader Patrick O’Connor got about 33 percent of the vote in a five-person race and will face Andre Vasquez. O’Connor has been at City Hall since 1983, a point his opponent seized on.

“Ald. O’Connor is not one to change (the system),” Vasquez said. “He’s been there 35 years.”

Already, progressives are flexing muscle at City Hall. Ald.-elect Mike Rodriguez, 22nd, and Hadden joined a news conference Thursday to call on Uptown Ald. James Cappleman to cancel a Zoning Committee vote on Emanuel’s proposed police and fire academy. Addressing some of her future colleagues, Hadden said Chicagoans want something different from the city’s aldermen.

“We just had an election. The people of Chicago have spoken across the city. People are saying it’s time for a change,” Hadden said. “That change is not just about the individuals who we elect to office. It’s about the way we do government.”

Marianne Lalonde, who’s facing Cappleman in the runoff, also criticized the vote.

But the moment also showed another dynamic that will be in play: aldermen deferring to one another on developments in their wards, even in cases that have generated city-wide interest.

Before the vote, Cappleman noted that West Side Ald. Emma Mitts, 37th, gave the project her support.

“In City Council, when I hear aldermen of color pushing for something that they say will help their community, it gives me pause to consider that perhaps my colleagues know something that I do not, so I listen very carefully,” Cappleman said.

The project sailed through the Zoning Committee.

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Punishing cold to start week could be winter’s last stand

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS
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Line up your parka and long underwear Sunday night — Monday morning is going to be brutally cold — again.

Winter may be making one last stand, with a wind chill advisory warning of temperatures that will feel

like 15 below before relenting, says National Weather Service meteorologist Charles Mott.

“Let’s get this done and out of the way,” Mott said, “and hopefully spring will be showing up here soon enough.”

The high temperature forecast for Monday is 14 and the low is 3, Mott said. It will be coldest around 6 a.m.,

he said, with a wind chill advisory calling for wind chills as low as 15 below covering most of the area. In places like Rockford, it could feel like 24 below.

The same punishing arctic air — known as the polar vortex — that shut down most of Chicago the last three days of January is blowing into town again. Mott said the temperatures

won’t approach the 23 below zero temperature recorded Jan. 30.

“It’s the same kind of arctic air, but it’s March, so it’s a little bit warmer,” Mott said. “This is definitely not a typical March, but this is not the first time it’s been this cold.”

The lowest temperature recorded in March in Chicago was 12 below on

March 4, 1873, Mott said.

What could be in jeopardy Monday, Mott said, is the record for the high temperature. If it does not exceed 17 degrees, it will break the record of lowest high temperature, set in 1890.

This week, temperatures will gradually rise after Monday, which is expected to be the coldest day of the week, Mott said. While

there are no guarantees that this will be the last cold front of the season, looking ahead as far as forecasts were available, Mott said the current forecast for March 10 is 40 degrees.

“I’ll leave it at that,” Mott said, “to give the people some hope.”

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House Dems flex strength with investigations

Trump, from Page 1

“I am an innocent man being persecuted by some very bad, conflicted & corrupt people in a Witch Hunt that is illegal & should never have been allowed to start — And only because I won the Election!” he wrote.

Nadler’s comments follow a bad political week for Trump. He emerged empty-handed from a high-profile summit with North Korea leader Kim Jong Un on denuclearization and Trump’s former personal attorney, Michael Cohen, in three days of congressional testimony, publicly characterized the president as a “con man” and “cheat.”

Newly empowered House Democrats are flexing their strength with blossoming investigations.

A half-dozen House committees are now probing alleged coordination between Trump associates and Russia’s efforts to sway the 2016 election, Trump’s tax returns and possible conflicts of interest involving the Trump family business and policy-making. The House oversight com-



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“We are going to initiate investigations into abuses of power,” said House Judiciary Committee chair Rep. Jerrold Nadler. “We will do everything we can to get that evidence.”

mittee, for instance, has set a Monday deadline for the White House to turn over documents related to security clearances after The New York Times reported that the president ordered officials to grant his son-in-law Jared Kushner’s clearance over the objections of

national security officials.

Nadler’s added lines of inquiry also come as special counsel Robert Mueller is believed to be wrapping up his work into possible questions of Trump campaign collusion and obstruction in the Russia’s interference in the 2016 presidential

election. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., on Sunday accused House Democrats of prejudging Trump as part of a query based purely on partisan politics.

“I think Congressman Nadler decided to impeach the president the day the

president won the election,” McCarthy said. “Listen to exactly what he said. He talks about impeachment before he even became chairman and then he says, ‘you’ve got to persuade people to get there.’ There’s nothing that the president did wrong.”

“Show me where the president did anything to be impeached. Nadler is setting the framework now that the Democrats are not to believe the Mueller report,” he said.

Nadler said Sunday his committee will seek to review the Mueller report but stressed the investigation “goes far beyond collusion.”

He pointed to what he considered several instances of obstruction of justice by the president, including the “1,100 times he referred to the Mueller investigation as a ‘witch hunt’” as well Trump’s abrupt firing of FBI Director James Comey in 2017. According to Comey, Trump had encouraged the then-FBI director to drop an investigation into former national security adviser Michael Flynn. Trump has denied he told Comey to

end the Flynn probe.

“It’s very clear that the president obstructed justice,” Nadler said.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has kept calls for impeachment at bay by insisting that Mueller first must be allowed to finish his work, and present his findings publicly — though it’s unclear whether the White House will allow its full release.

Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., who chairs the House intelligence committee, on Sunday also stressed that it’s too early to make judgments about impeachment.

“That is something that we will have to await Bob Mueller’s report and the underlying evidence to determine. We will also have to look at the whole body of improper and criminal actions by the president including those campaign finance crimes to determine whether they rise to the level of removal from office,” Schiff said.

Nadler and McCarthy spoke on ABC’s “This Week,” and Schiff appeared on CBS’ “Face the Nation.”

After 45 years, search for Ind. boy continues

Missing, from Page 1

cently, eating pizza and talking about Joseph. They finish each other’s sentences and tease one another. The baby of the family, Dave Spisak, who wasn’t born when Joseph went missing, should have the best memory out of all of them, they joked.

“You’re younger than all of us, David,” Elsa laughed.

Jokes aside, the family was serious about wanting to know what happened to Joseph. Decades later, it still brings tears to their eyes and makes their voices break. The siblings want answers, especially for their mother.

“My father and mother raised us that when you don’t have anyone else, you have your family,” Steven Spisak said.

“Family was always really big. Really big,” Elsa Spisak said.

“We kid each other, you know, but we love each other dearly,” Steven Spisak said.

Monica waited a second and jokingly added, “No, they don’t.” They all laughed again.

‘It’s just been so long’

Joseph Spisak delivered the newspapers on his route the morning of Jan. 27, 1974. He stopped home on McCook Avenue to drop off his bag and his toboggan, and then he went back out, Monica Spisak said.

“We had a rule in the family. If you weren’t home for breakfast, OK. Lunch, OK. But supper, you were home. That was our family time,” she said. “When he didn’t show up for supper, we knew something was wrong.”

The family started calling around. They heard Joseph may have been near the railroad tracks, so they looked up and down them for miles.

One theory was that Joseph ran away, but his family and the police officer currently working the case, Detective Sgt. Adam Clark, don’t buy it.

“Being 11 years old, where do you run away to?” Clark said.

Joseph had the clothes on his back and about \$5 in his pocket when he left that day, Steven Spisak said. The three brothers shared a bedroom, so Steven and Thomas Spisak said they would’ve known if their older brother was thinking of leaving. Plus, Joseph was scared of the dark, his family said.

“One of the brothers or a buddy had to be with him when it was dark out,” Monica Spisak said.

Clark is hopeful that they’re going to figure out what happened to Joseph one day. It may be a “long, tedious process, but that’s the goal,” not just for the family’s sake but for Clark’s own curiosity.

Clark went to school with Dave Spisak. Joseph’s story always kind of stuck with him, and when Clark joined Hammond police’s detective bureau, he asked if he could look into the case.

“It’s just one of those things that’s weird,” Clark said. “It’s not very often that a kid goes missing and is never seen or heard of without any trace of him again. Where can he possibly go?”

What’s made the case so difficult to solve is that “it’s just been so long,” Clark said. People have passed away over the years, and there is new technology and strategies now that weren’t available back then, he said.

Clark collected the family’s DNA to send to a national database to compare against unidentified remains recovered across the country, he said. He’s also looking into sexual predators who may have lived in the area at the time, but that’s tricky without a sex offender registry in 1974, he said.

Clark said he welcomes tips or any detail someone may remember that could help. People can call Clark at 219-852-2987.

years, but “everything we try to follow are dead ends,” Steven Spisak said.

There were reported sightings of Joseph. Someone said he was at a park. Another said he was in a neighboring town. A boy in Kentucky was “a spitting image of Joe,” even in Monica’s eyes, but it turned out not to be him.

When Elsa and Thomas Spisak got older, they tried to do their own investigation, talking to neighbors. Elsa Spisak called all the phone numbers she could for anyone listed as Joseph Spisak.

Elsa and Dave Spisak have received messages from people who said Joseph knocked on their doors, telling them someone in a blue car was following him on his newspaper route.

The family tried psychics. Monica Spisak sent Joseph’s dental and medical records out when similar boys were found in different

states. They questioned whether Joseph may have been one of Illinois serial killer John Wayne Gacy’s victims.

The rumor the family was happiest to dispel, though, was that their father killed Joseph and buried him at the family home. They heard it for years at school and from neighbors and even close friends.

The family knew it wasn’t true, but Donald Spisak, their father, died in 2006 “with this hanging over his head.”

“That was just wrong,” Steven Spisak said.

“Yes, it was,” Elsa Spisak added.

Around 2012, investigators used a ground penetrating sonar — like what was used in the case of David Maust, a convicted serial killer who buried boys’ bodies under concrete — at the Spisaks’ old home. Joseph was not found.

“We’re glad they scanned



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Thomas Spisak talks recently about his missing brother, Joseph. They and another brother shared a bedroom, so they figure they would’ve known if he was thinking of leaving home.



Elsa Spisak hopes to learn what became of her brother. Tips can be called in to Hammond police at 219-852-2987.

that property,” Steven Spisak said.

“That’s huge, yeah,” Dave Spisak said.

Having that “hurtful rumor” linger made the situation more painful, but Steven Spisak said they had to “push on” as they sifted through information that came their way.

“That’s where a lot of it was screwed up in the beginning. People trying to be, or mean well, and weren’t trying to be malicious, but they didn’t realize that they were by giving false leads and all,” Thomas Spisak said.

Early on in the investigation, the family said they didn’t feel that investigators were keeping them in the loop of what they were working on. But they give a lot of credit to Clark for his efforts now, working with the family as they go forward.

“Now we know everything,” Steven Spisak said.

‘Never going to forget’

Life has gone on, but “this is something we’re never going to forget,” Steven Spisak said.

“How does it change our life? We all have children. And you keep your children closer when something like this happens,” Steven Spisak said as his siblings nodded in agreement. “...All of us, I believe, are very guarded of our children.”

Thomas Spisak’s children had to be home at a certain time, even if their friends were still out. Elsa Spisak makes sure her children regularly check in. She also gets updated IDs for

her children to give police in case they go missing. Dave Spisak keeps photos of his children on his phone. They all have a habit of not throwing things away. Monica Spisak said she’s kept all the letters she’s received over the years.

“It’s little things you don’t realize you do, but you do it. I don’t want to say out of habit, but you just subconsciously do it,” Dave Spisak said.

One of Elsa Spisak’s children “pulled a disappearing act” one time and didn’t come home after school. They called police and the family searched for hours before he came home. Elsa Spisak said Monica Spisak was her “rock” through the ordeal. It wasn’t until it was all over that Elsa Spisak realized “this must have been *deja vu* all over again” for her mother.

The Spisak parents did everything they could to make sure the children had normal childhoods after Joseph disappeared, Dave Spisak said. That was important for Monica Spisak.

“You felt like a type of freedom that you’ve given them the freedom to be themselves, you know? And it did put me at ease knowing that they were at ease,” Monica Spisak said.

“A lot of people take things for granted,” Dave Spisak said.

He said he “never realized how much seven digits can make a difference” until the family had to change their phone number when they moved.

“It tore mom up,” Elsa Spisak said.

“Because that’s what Joe knew. He knew that phone number,” Dave Spisak said.

All of the siblings can still recite it from memory.

“I don’t even remember my kids’ birthdays half the time, but I remember that phone number,” Thomas Spisak said.

By sharing Joseph’s story, the family hopes that “someone out there may remember something, the smallest thing that they didn’t say back then” that Clark can follow up on, Steven Spisak said.

“This family has not given up. Hopefully, this information will bring Joe home to us. One way or another,” he said.

“One way or another,” Elsa Spisak said.

“Yeah,” Monica Spisak said.

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22 dead as storms slam Southeast

Search efforts to resume Monday amid safety concerns

By **KIM CHANDLER**
Associated Press

BEAUREGARD, Ala. — An apparent tornado roaring across southeast Alabama killed at least 22 people and injured several others Sunday as severe storms destroyed mobile homes, snapped trees and scattered destruction and weather warnings into Georgia, Florida and South Carolina.

Dozens of emergency responders rushed to join search and rescue efforts in Lee County, Ala., after what appeared to be a large tornado touched down Sunday afternoon, springing out of a powerful storm system raking the Southeast.

Lee County Sheriff Jay Jones said late Sunday evening that children are among the dead. He said it's possible the death toll could continue to rise, but authorities are pausing search efforts overnight because conditions are too dangerous in the dark due to massive amounts of debris.

Jones said search and rescue teams will resume their work at first light.

"Unfortunately we believe (the death toll) is going to go up," Jones said, adding that the apparent twister traveled straight down a key local artery, Highway 51, and that the path of damage and destruction appeared at least a half-mile wide.

Several people were taken to hospitals, "some of them with very serious injuries," Jones said.

President Donald Trump has tweeted to Alabama



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A fallen cellphone tower lies across a highway after a storm system raced across the region Sunday in Lee County, Ala.



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A funnel cloud appears Sunday in Dothan, Ala. Storms caused "catastrophic" damage in parts of the state.

residents to be safe in the wake of deadly storms:

"To the great people of Alabama and surrounding areas: Please be careful and safe. Tornadoes and storms were truly violent and more could be coming. To the families and friends of the victims, and to the injured,

God bless you all!"

Authorities in southwest Georgia are searching door to door in darkened neighborhoods after a possible tornado touched down in the rural city of Cairo.

Cairo City Manager Chris Addleton said office and commercial buildings

in the downtown had windows blown out and metal roofs torn off by the storm Sunday evening. He said some residents reported being stuck inside homes that were damaged or had trees on them.

There were no immediate reports of serious injuries in the community, 33 miles north of the Florida capital of Tallahassee.

Electricity was out. Addleton said the full extent of the damage likely wouldn't be known until daylight.

After nightfall Sunday, the rain had stopped and pieces of metal debris and tree branches littered roadways in Beauregard, Ala. Two sheriff's vehicles blocked reporters and others from reaching the area of greatest devastation. Power appeared out to homes and businesses

around the community in southeast Alabama.

Rita Smith, spokeswoman for the Lee County Emergency Management Agency, said about 150 first responders were sifting through debris after the powerful storm hit. She said numerous homes were destroyed or damaged in Beauregard, about 60 miles east of Montgomery.

Radar and video evidence showed what looked like a large tornado crossing near Beauregard shortly after 2 p.m. Sunday local time, said meteorologist Meredith Wyatt with the Birmingham office of the National Weather Service.

Numerous tornado warnings were posted across parts of Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina on Sunday afternoon as the powerful storm

system raced across the region. Weather officials said they confirmed other tornadoes around the region by radar alone and would send teams out early Monday to assess the situation involving those and others.

In rural Talbotton, Ga., about 80 miles south of Atlanta, a handful of people were injured by either powerful straight-line winds or a tornado that destroyed several mobile homes and damaged other buildings, said Leigh Ann Erenheim, director of the Talbot County Emergency Management Agency.

Televised broadcast news footage showed smashed buildings with rooftops blown away, cars overturned and debris everywhere. Trees all around had been snapped bare of branches.

Henry Wilson of the Peach County Emergency Management Agency near Macon in central Georgia said power poles had been snapped, leaving many in the area without power.

Authorities said a tornado was confirmed by radar in the Florida Panhandle late Sunday afternoon. A portion of Interstate 10 on the Panhandle was blocked in one direction for a time in Walton County in the aftermath, said Don Harrigan, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Tallahassee.

The threat of severe weather was expected to continue overnight. A tornado watch was in effect for much of eastern Georgia, including Athens, Augusta and Savannah. The tornado watch also covered a large area of South Carolina.

Trump's declaration may hit Senate snag

Paul latest to say he can't go along with president on wall action

News services

WASHINGTON — Opponents of President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency at the U.S.-Mexico border appear to have enough Senate votes to reject his move, now that Republican Rand Paul of Kentucky has said he can't go along with the White House.

The House has voted to derail the action, and if the Senate follows later this month, the measure would go to Trump for his promised veto.

Three other Republican senators have announced they'll vote "no" — Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Thom Tillis of North Carolina. Paul makes it four, and assuming that all 47 Democrats and their independent allies go against Trump, that would give opponents 51 votes — just past the majority needed.

Paul, R-Ky., said in a speech Saturday night at the Southern Kentucky Lincoln Day Dinner that he "can't vote to give extra-Constitutional powers to the president," the Bowling Green

Daily News reported.

"I can't vote to give the president the power to spend money that hasn't been appropriated by Congress," Paul said, according to the newspaper. "We may want more money for border security, but Congress didn't authorize it. If we take away those checks and balances, it's a dangerous thing."

The disapproval resolution has already passed the Democratic-controlled House and requires a simple majority to pass the GOP-led Senate.

While the resolution is likely to clear the Senate, lawmakers in both chambers lack the votes to override a threatened presidential veto.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., spent weeks warning against a national emergency only to declare his support for the move last month. McConnell faces reelection next year and there is concern within the GOP about being forced to choose between Trump and their self-described opposition to executive overreach. Republicans worry that

in supporting Trump, they will be giving approval to a White House power grab that circumvents Congress' constitutional power over spending. But if they oppose it, they face the wrath of not only the president but his political base — and possibly a primary challenge.

Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., who has been critical of Trump's emergency declaration, delivered a floor speech Thursday in which he outlined what he described as an alternative way for the president to get the money he wants to build his wall. But Alexander has declined to say how he would vote on the disapproval resolution.

Numerous other GOP senators have also expressed reservations about Trump's move, among them Sens. Ted Cruz of Texas and Marco Rubio of Florida, leading to widespread expectations that the disapproval resolution will easily pass the Senate.

The Senate is poised to vote on the measure later this month.

Asked about Paul's decision, his spokesman Sergio Gor said it "speaks for



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GOP Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., says he'll join Maine's Susan Collins, top right, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Thom Tillis of North Carolina in voting against the president's wall action.



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itself" and declined to elaborate further.

Trump has said he would veto the legislation, and the vote margin in the House last week, 245-182, was well short of the two-thirds majority that would be required to override his veto.

Nonetheless, the disapproval resolution represents a blow to Trump's Feb. 15 move to declare an emergency after Congress balked at giving him the money he demanded for his border wall. Trump's declaration

allows him to access \$3.6 billion in funds allocated for military construction projects.

That money would be tapped after the administration exhausts funding from other sources, including \$1.375 billion provided by Congress; \$2.5 billion from a Pentagon counterdrug account that the administration can access without an emergency declaration; and \$601 million from a forfeiture fund in the Treasury Department.

During an interview last week with Fox News Channel's Sean Hannity, Trump urged Republicans not to back the disapproval resolution and said those who do so will "put themselves at great jeopardy."

"I think that really it's a very dangerous thing for people to be voting against border security," Trump said.

The Associated Press and The Washington Post contributed.



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Police examine a Chevy Camaro on Esplanade Avenue in New Orleans that struck multiple people Saturday night.

Driver in fatal crash: 'I have a drinking problem'

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A driver suspected of killing two people and injuring seven others, most of them on bikes, as large crowds gathered in New Orleans for Mardi Gras told police after the deadly crash, "I have a drinking problem," according to a police report.

New Orleans police said Tashonty Toney, 32, was charged with two counts of vehicular homicide and other charges after crashing his car Saturday night on a

busy thoroughfare near the route of one of New Orleans' largest Mardi Gras parades.

Police spokesman Andy Cunningham said in a statement Sunday that authorities are waiting for the results of a blood alcohol test, but they believe the suspect was impaired. Nola.com/The Times-Picayune reported a police incident report said Toney refused to take a field sobriety test and told officers he had struggled with alcohol.

"I have a drinking prob-

lem," the police report quoted Toney as saying. "I should have gotten help, I'm going to jail for a DWI."

Toney's bond was set at \$510,000 by a magistrate commissioner Sunday. Toney did not speak during the hearing and was represented by a public defender, the newspaper said.

Cunningham said Toney was the son of a New Orleans police officer and promised the department's investigation will be "open and transparent."

Saturday was Toney's

birthday, the news release said.

In addition to vehicular homicide, Toney was charged with seven counts of vehicular negligent injury, hit and run, and reckless operation, the release said.

The crash happened along a stretch of Esplanade Avenue, a street that connects the city's biggest park with the French Quarter. The scene was close to the route of the Endymion parade, which was held Saturday night.

Debate puts bite on dog DNA testing

Standards, interpretation and limitations questioned, but owners like added info

BY JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As people peer into DNA for clues to health and heritage, man's best friend is under the microscope, too. Genetic testing for dogs has surged in recent years, fueled by companies that echo popular at-home tests for humans, offering a deep dive into a pet's genes with the swab of a canine cheek. More than a million dogs have been tested in little over a decade.

The tests' rise has stirred debate about standards, interpretation and limitations. But to many dog owners, DNA is a way to get to know their companions better.

"It put some pieces of the puzzle together," says Lisa Topol, who recently tested her mixed-breed dogs Plop and Schmutzy.

A test by Embark — which this fall became the Westminster Kennel Club's first DNA-testing partner — confirmed Topol's guess that her high-octane pets are more Australian cattle dog than anything else. But Schmutzy's genetic pie chart had surprise ingredients, including generous amounts of Labrador retriever and Doberman pinscher.

"They are the dogs that they are. They're unique, and they're special," said Topol, a New York advertising executive. But the testing "makes me understand them better."

Canine DNA testing for certain conditions and purposes goes back over two decades, but the industry took off after scientists mapped a full set of dog

genes and published the results in 2005.

Wisdom Health, part of pet care and candy giant Mars Inc., launched a breed-identification test in 2007, added a health-screening option a few years later and says it has now tested over 1.1 million dogs worldwide. Numerous other brands are also available.

Mass-market tests have fueled research and helped animal shelters attract adopters by providing more information about prospective pets. DNA can back up purebred dogs' parentage and help breeders try to eliminate certain diseases.

The technology has been used to identify dogs whose owners don't pick up their droppings, to pursue accused biters and to free a Belgian Malinois from dog death row after he was accused of killing a Pomeranian in Michigan.

And some veterinarians feel DNA testing enhances care.

"I want to know as much about my patients as possible," says Dr. Ernie Ward, a veterinarian and TV personality in Ocean Isle Beach, N.C.

He recommends testing all puppies.

But qualms about the dog DNA boom spilled into the prestigious science journal Nature last year.

"Pet genetics must be reined in," a Boston veterinarian and two other scientists wrote.

Their commentary opened with a troubling story: a pug being euthanized because her owners interpreted DNA results to mean she had a rare, degenerative neurological disorder,



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

Lisa Topol had the DNA tested on her dogs, Plop, left, and Schmutzy. Genetic testing for dogs has grown in recent years.



"It put some pieces of the puzzle together," says Lisa Topol, who tested her mixed-breed dogs Plop and Schmutzy.

der, when in fact her ailment might have been something more treatable.

"These (tests) should be used in a limited way until we get a lot more information," says co-author and vet Dr. Lisa Moses.

One concern is that tests can show genetic mutations that are linked to disease in some breeds but have unknown effects in the breed being tested. It also may be unclear how often dogs with the mutation ultimately get sick.

That means tests can't necessarily tell pet owners

how much they should worry. Or tell breeders whether a dog shouldn't reproduce. Some in dog-dom fear that DNA test results could keep animals from passing on otherwise good genes because of an ambiguous possibility of disease.

"The risk for overinterpretation is great," but DNA testing can be useful along with other tools, says veterinarian Dr. Diane Brown, the CEO of the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation. It has invested almost \$20 million in geno-

mic and molecular research and supports an international effort to promote standardization for dog DNA tests.

The initiative, led by the nonprofit International Partnership for Dogs, provides searchable data on test labs' procedures and breed-specific health test information.

Test companies say their work can help researchers address the unknowns and provides useful information, such as whether a dog's genes suggest bad reactions to certain medications. Companies including Embark and Wisdom have veterinarians assigned to help people understand worrisome results.

"We're here to help you care better for your dog," says Embark Veterinary Inc. CEO Ryan Boyko, whose company has breed-and-health-tested nearly 100,000 canines in its 3 1/2 years. The alliance with Westminster — for which Embark is paying an amount neither would disclose — stands to give the company exposure, particularly to breeders.

Longtime Belgian sheepdog breeder Lorra

Miller, who has had dogs compete at Westminster, was initially skeptical about consumer-oriented canine DNA tests. They struck her as a novelty for mixed-breed pets.

Now she hopes they can help Belgian sheepdog fanciers build up a body of genetic data to spark more research on the protective herders.

"Even if I don't get immediate benefit it's for the future of the breed," says Miller, who lives near Monroe, Wash.

For Rennie Pasquinelli, the benefit is a new perspective on her dog, Murray.

He was pegged as a border collie-Boston terrier mix when she adopted him. But an Embark test last month detected just a smidgen of border collie mixed with six other breeds, mainly American pit bull terrier. And no Boston terrier at all.

"Obviously, I don't love him more, or less," said Pasquinelli, a graduate student in cognitive science at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. "It's like when you know something new about someone."

On Selma anniversary, Booker calls for a new fight for justice

BY ERRIN HAINES WHACK
Associated Press

SELMA, Ala. — Democratic presidential candidate Cory Booker said Sunday that the anniversary of the infamous "Bloody Sunday" attack on peaceful demonstrators for civil rights is a time to recommit to the fight for justice in America.

"It's time for us to defend the dream," Booker said in a keynote speech at Brown Chapel AME Church, which was the starting point of the 1965 march in Selma. "It's time that we dare to dream again in America. That is what it takes to make America great. It is up to us to do the work that makes the dream real."

Joining Booker, a New Jersey senator, for events commemorating the march were two other 2020 hopefuls, Sens. Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Sherrod Brown of Ohio. Also on hand was Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee in 2016.

Booker and Brown, along with Clinton and civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, participated in a march Sunday afternoon across the city's Edmund Pettus Bridge. Sanders had left for a campaign event in Chicago.

Booker and Sanders have already announced their campaigns. Brown is still considering a White House bid. The three gathered for a unity breakfast in Selma, one of America's seminal civil rights sites, to pay homage to its legacy and highlight how civil rights shaped their personal narratives.

On March 7, 1965, Alabama state troopers beat peaceful demonstrators as they attempted to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge. It was a moment that galvanized support for the passage of the Voting Rights Act later that year.

This year's commemoration came in the early days



JULIE BENNETT/AP

White House hopeful Cory Booker makes the keynote speech at Brown Chapel AME Church in Selma, Ala.

of a Democratic primary that has focused heavily on issues of race. Several candidates have called President Donald Trump a racist, while others have voiced support for the idea of reparations for the descendants of enslaved black Americans.

Booker has cast himself as a direct beneficiary of the civil rights era after his family was denied housing in a white neighborhood. In January, he traveled through Georgia with Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., an Alabama native and civil rights leader who was severely beaten at the bridge 54 years ago.

Brown, currently on a "Dignity of Work" tour inspired by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., returned to Selma for the fifth time. He frequently draws connections between civil rights and worker's rights. A former secretary of state in Ohio, Brown also has a reputation as a leader on expanding voter participation.

Claiming that the Georgia governor election was stolen from Democrat Stacey Abrams, Brown said: "It's not just a Southern issue. In the north we see all kinds of changes in voting laws. We see suppression of the vote in 2016, purging of voters in my state in a big way. This fight continues."

Clinton told those at Brown Chapel that the absence of crucial parts of the Voting Rights Act contributed to her 2016 loss to Trump. The Supreme Court in 2013 struck down a part of the law that required the Justice Department to scrutinize states with a history of racial discrimination in voting.

Clinton said "it makes a really big difference" and warned of the need for continued vigilance about voter suppression heading into the 2020 election.

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Bolton: Trump's talks with Kim at nuclear summit not a failure

WASHINGTON — National security adviser John Bolton on Sunday defended President Donald Trump's second summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, saying the president was right not to make a deal that wasn't in the best interests of the United States.

"I don't agree at all that it was a failed summit," Bolton said on "Fox News Sunday." "I think the obligation of the president of the United States is to defend and advance American national security interests. And I think he did that by rejecting a bad deal and by trying again to persuade Kim Jong Un to take the big deal that really could make a difference for North Korea."

Trump cut short his meeting with Kim last week in Hanoi after they were unable to reach a deal to dismantle Pyongyang's nuclear weapons. Trump first met with Kim in June in Singapore.

Huawei executive suing Canada for December arrest at airport

TORONTO — An executive of Chinese tech giant Huawei is suing the Canadian government, its border agency and the national police force, saying they detained, searched and interrogated her before telling her she was under arrest.

Lawyers for Meng Wanzhou said Sunday that they filed a notice of civil claim in the British Columbia Supreme Court. Canada arrested Meng, the daughter of Huawei's founder, at the request of the U.S. on Dec. 1 at Vancouver's airport. She is wanted on fraud charges that she misled banks about the company's business dealings in Iran.

Meng is out on bail and living in Vancouver. On Friday, Canadian Justice Department officials gave the go-ahead for her extradition proceedings to begin. Meng is due in court Wednesday.

ISIS fighters making last stand to defend sliver of land in Syria

BAGHOUZ, Syria — Islamic State militants are desperately fighting to hang on to the last tiny piece of territory they hold on the riverside in eastern Syria, deploying snipers, guided missiles and surprise tunnel attacks.

The resistance prompted a fierce pounding Sunday by the U.S.-led coalition and its ground allies in their final push to end the extremist group's territorial hold.

The U.S.-backed force known as the Syrian Democratic Forces resumed an offensive to recapture the area in Baghouz on Friday night, after a two-week pause to allow for the evacuation of civilians from the area.

The Islamic State continues to be a threat, however, with sleeper cells in scattered desert pockets along the porous border between Syria and Iraq.



Venezuelans stream illegally into Colombia on Sunday near the Simon Bolivar International Bridge, which Venezuelan authorities closed, in La Parada, near Cucuta, Colombia.

Venezuelan opposition leader calls for a nationwide protest

CARACAS, Venezuela — Opposition leader Juan Guaido is calling for nationwide demonstrations Monday to coincide with his planned return to Venezuela, in a challenge expected to escalate his power struggle with President Nicolas Maduro.

Guaido on Sunday tweeted that Venezuelans should monitor his official announcements and that he would provide details about meeting points for supporters. He said they should gather across the country at 11 a.m. local time.

The leader of the National Assembly who has declared himself president also tweeted a photo of himself walking across an airfield ahead of his departure from the naval base in Salinas, Ecuador, where he met with Ecuadorian President Lenin Moreno on Saturday. Guaido said he was "taking off," but did not say where the plane was heading.

In Venezuela, anticipation grew ahead of Guaido's expected arrival.

Opposition activists circulated a call on social media for people to gather on Monday morning at the Alfredo Sadel plaza in Las Mercedes, a shopping and entertainment area in Caracas where protests have been held in the past.

The government, meanwhile, has urged Venezuelans to celebrate the Carnival season slated for Monday and Tuesday by traveling to beaches and other holiday spots.

Many people don't have the resources for leisure trips and opposition supporters say the country should not celebrate in times of crisis.

Guaido was in Ecuador as part of a tour of Latin American countries designed to increase pressure on Maduro to resign.

Malaysia open to proposals to resume search for missing jet

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Malaysian Transport Minister Anthony Loke said Sunday that the government is open to new proposals from U.S. technology firm Ocean Infinity or any other companies to resume the hunt for Flight 370, as families of passengers marked the fifth anniversary of the jet's disappearance.

Ocean Infinity mounted a "no cure, no fee" search for the plane in the southern Indian Ocean in January 2018 that ended in May without any clue on where it could have crashed. The company hopes to resume the search. The Ocean Infinity mission came a year after an official search by Malaysia, Australia and China ended in futility.

The plane vanished with 239 people on board March 8, 2014, while flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.

In Pakistan: Residents near the disputed boundary in divided Kashmir reported the first lull since an escalation between nuclear-armed Pakistan and India erupted last week. On Sunday, British Prime Minister Theresa May spoke by phone with Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan and welcomed the reduction in tensions.

In Poland: Residents of Gdansk voted Sunday in a by-election to choose the successor to Mayor Pawel Adamowicz, 53, who was fatally stabbed at a charity event Jan. 13. He was serving his sixth term as Gdansk mayor. Some 340,000 voters were eligible to cast ballots in the northern city. Returns are expected Monday.

Rescuers find missing sisters in California woods

LOS ANGELES — Armed with some outdoor survival training, granola bars and pink rubber boots, 5- and 8-year-old sisters survived 44 hours in rugged Northern California wilderness before they were found dehydrated and cold but in good spirits Sunday, authorities said.

A fire chief and firefighter from a local volunteer department found Leia and Caroline Carrico in a wooded area about 1 1/2 miles from their home in the small community of Benbow, where they had last been seen Friday afternoon, Humboldt County Sheriff William Honsal said.

Benbow is about 200 miles northwest of Sacramento.

The girls were uninjured, thanks in part to survival training they got with their local 4-H club, Honsal said.

"This is an absolute miracle," he said. "This is rugged territory."

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EDITORIALS

3 reasons Chicagoans have a stake in Venezuelans' plight

President Donald Trump and Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó's high-stakes gambit to force U.S. humanitarian aid into a starving, shattered Venezuela failed. President Nicolás Maduro's troops kept almost all of that aid stuck on the Colombia side of the border. The opposition's bid to trigger mass defections from Maduro's military also has foundered. Guaidó, the face of hope for beleaguered Venezuelans, isn't even in Venezuela. He's in Colombia, worried that he faces arrest or worse if he returns home.

It wasn't long ago that the movement to oust Maduro and rescue Venezuelans had a full head of steam. Trump had recognized Guaidó as head of state, and more than 50 world governments followed suit. Legions of hungry Venezuelans filled the streets of Caracas and other cities, demanding real, lasting change.

Now, though, the opposition risks losing momentum. It would be easy to write off the crisis as just another withering freedom movement in a faraway country. But here are three reasons Chicagoans have a stake in Venezuela's worsening crisis:

The collapse of what was once South America's wealthiest nation isn't happening in another hemisphere — Venezuela's just a three-hour flight from Miami. That proximity is exactly why Russia has aligned itself so closely with the corrupt, destructive Maduro government. Russia has lent billions of dollars to Caracas, and in December it thumbed its nose at Washington by flying two



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Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó visits Colombia during efforts to deliver aid across the border.

nuclear-capable bombers to Venezuela. Other countries hostile to the U.S. that also back Maduro and would love to further challenge the Americans' dominion in this region: China, Iran, Cuba and North Korea.

Though Venezuela's economy is in tatters, the country possesses the world's largest proven oil reserves. Havana already has huge influence there. Ignoring the crisis in Venezuela risks the prospect of Caracas being turned into an obedient, anti-U.S. outpost

for the Kremlin, Beijing or Tehran. That's too close for comfort, a risk too big for Americans to overlook.

Maduro represents a dying breed in South America — the socialist thug who leads through authoritarian brutality. His mentor, Hugo Chavez, once was the standard-bearer for leftist regimes across South America. In recent years, however, the Pink Tide of leftist rule across Latin America has lost its luster.

Maduro's an outlier.

He's clinging to power, thanks to backing from his staunchly loyal military brass, and his suppression of virtually every democratic institution, from parliament and the Supreme Court to the country's media. Ousting Maduro would topple yet another leftist domino in South America. Most important, that would be good for beleaguered Venezuelans. But calming the neighborhood also would restore normalcy for exporters, importers and other

businesses in Illinois and across the Midwest. Among the goods from this part of the U.S. that Venezuela traditionally has imported: machinery, organic chemicals, agricultural products, autos and auto parts.

The country's humanitarian crisis is reaching a scale that's hard to fathom. Runaway inflation has made Venezuela's currency practically worthless. Hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans are starving. More than 2 million have fled the country. The economy has shrunk by 47 percent since 2013, approaching what Zimbabwe experienced during its years of hyperinflation. It's a level of misery that Americans cannot, and should not, turn away from. And as situations in other Latin American countries attest, many refugees from crises tend to make dangerous journeys north, toward the Mexico-U.S. border, where previous arrivals endure a humanitarian crisis of their own.

The Trump administration is right to back Guaidó, yet also right to resist the Venezuelan opposition's pleas that the U.S. intervene with military forces. Getting militarily mired in another failed state conflict is the last thing Americans want. But reasons abound for the U.S. to not only remain engaged in the Venezuelan crisis but to pave the most effective pathway for Maduro's peaceful exit. What Washington has tried so far hasn't worked. But Chicagoans have reasons to hope that intensified efforts will eventually succeed.

Look up from your phone: Pedestrian deaths have spiked

Walking has become more hazardous to your health. Pedestrian deaths nationwide appear to have hit their highest point in almost 30 years, a troubling spike even amid increased attention to safety.

In another disturbing twist, hit-and-run accidents, some of them deadly, are also up in Chicago and nationwide, the Tribune reports.

More than 6,200 pedestrians died in vehicle-related accidents in the United States in 2018, an increase of 50 percent from the 4,100 killed in 2009, according to projections from the Governors Highway Safety Association. Some factors are relative constants; it's dark in 75 percent of the fatalities, and alcohol use by either driver or victim is involved about half the time.

So why the jump in this category, even as road deaths overall decline? Among the reasons: ■ More drivers and pedestrians are distracted by mobile phones. Deaths ticked up as surely as smartphone sales did. ■ Streets are designed to move cars more efficiently — aka rapidly — than ever. ■ More people drive SUVs, which cause greater injury than cars do at the same speed.

So yes, the typical driver is part of the problem. In the Almost-Goes-Without-Saying Department: Drivers never should text behind the wheel, should forsake speeding, shouldn't drive recklessly. Let's get these personal habits straight before scooters, legalized recreational marijuana

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and self-driving cars join the mix. Cities need to help too. More than one-third of fatalities happen on local streets. Road designs and lighting improvements can better protect pedestrians (although not keep them from texting while ambling). Enforcing laws against jaywalking by pedestrians and sloppy turns by drivers

would help, too.

Both Chicago mayoral finalists say they support pedestrian safety efforts although, yes, don't we all. More specifically, Lori Lightfoot's plan could include moving money into building safe streets, including better crosswalks and pedestrian islands.

Toni Preckwinkle supports funding "complete streets" designed for safe use not just by cars but also pedestrians, cyclists and transit riders. We'll be eager to hear more about those plans and how they'll be paid for.

Chicago notched a slight improvement in the new report, dropping to 41 deaths in 2016 and

2017 from 46 in 2015. New York and Los Angeles, as well as some smaller cities including Houston, Phoenix, San Antonio and Dallas, fared worse.

Chicago was slow to launch its version of Vision Zero, a global safety project that started in 1997 and spread through U.S. cities. It's nowhere near meeting Mayor Rahm Emanuel's "Chicago Forward" goal of eliminating these fatalities by 2022.

New York cut pedestrian deaths dramatically under Mayor Bill de Blasio's plan, which addressed speed limits, street designs and moving violations. Chicago's plan targets infrastructure improvements as well as driver behavior including drinking, distraction, failure to yield the right of way and disobeying traffic signs.

A one-year checkup on the plan found some new efforts in motion, but it was too early to judge results.

Illinois rose to 80 pedestrian fatalities in the first six months of 2018 from 67 in that period the year before, while Indiana and Wisconsin showed notable improvements. Indiana tended to walkways, lighting and audible signals, yet suffered a tragedy in October when a driver killed three young siblings heading to their school bus. That led to demands for enforcement of "stop arm" laws that are already on the books.

Walking, which can keep people fit and reduce use of fossil fuels, is worth encouraging. But let's make it as safe as possible.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

When researchers compiled a huge database of the digital habits of teams at Microsoft, they found that the clearest warning sign of an ineffective manager was being slow to answer emails.

Responding in a timely manner shows that you are conscientious — organized, dependable and hard-working. And that matters. In a comprehensive analysis of people in hundreds of occupations, conscientiousness was the single best personality predictor of

job performance.

I'm not saying you have to answer every email. Your brain is not just sitting there waiting to be picked. If senders aren't considerate enough to do their homework and ask a question you're qualified to answer, you don't owe them anything back. ...

Remember that a short reply is kinder and more professional than none at all. If you have too much on your plate, come clean: "I don't have the bandwidth to

add this." If it's not your expertise, just say so: "Sorry, this isn't in my wheelhouse." And if you want to say no, just say "No."

We can all learn from the writer E.B. White, who, in response to a 1956 letter asking him to join a committee, responded with two short sentences. The first: a thank-you for the invitation. The second: "I must decline, for secret reasons."

Adam Grant, The New York Times

Chicago Tribune
PERSPECTIVE

Next mayor of Chicago will face tough fiscal test

BY MEGAN MCARDLE

Chicago's next mayor will be a black woman. Lori Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, and Toni Preckwinkle, the president of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, took the top two positions in the first-round election Tuesday, beating 12 other candidates, and will advance to the April 2 runoff.

It's a proud moment for a city with a not-always-proud history of racial tensions. But regardless of who wins, the next mayor will face a monumental challenge: Chicago's crushing pension burden.

The city has been underfunding its pensions for decades, with dire results. Chicago's pension plans collectively have only about a quarter of the assets they'll need to pay benefits, one of the worst funding ratios in the nation. To put that hole in dollar terms, Chicago is about \$28 billion short of what it needs, even under relatively favorable assumptions about future returns, or about \$10,000 for every man, woman and child living in the city.

The problem could have been even worse. Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who chose not to seek a third term, has managed to halt what had been a free fall in funding levels. But while emergency action may have stabilized things, the patient is still on life support, with radical surgery still needed. Within a few years, pension contributions are projected to suck up more than 20 percent of the city's budget. And Chicago can't count on much help from the state, which is dealing with its own, equally severe, case of pension underfunding.

From the moment the next mayor takes office in May, she will face fierce pressure. And the rest of the country will be watching, because what's happening in Illinois is merely the earliest



The winner of the April 2 mayoral runoff between Lori Lightfoot, left, and Toni Preckwinkle will have to deal with Chicago's crushing pension burden.

and most extreme manifestation of a quandary that will soon be dominating the public conversation in many states: how to pay for retirement promises to public employees without entering a fiscal death spiral.

Compared with the private sector, oversight for public-pension managers has been almost criminally lax, and the methods that many funds use to calculate their pension liabilities have been preposterously optimistic. The shoddy accounting allowed generations of politicians nationwide to curry favor with public-sector workers by offering them ever-fatter pension packages, gaining immediate benefit while deferring the political cost of paying for all those benefits until much later.

Later is now arriving. Cities and states have to figure out how to pay for all the promises made by their elected

predecessors, and none of the choices are good.

Chicago isn't a poor city like Detroit, unable to pay for its pensions (or much of anything else). It has a robust housing market, and both its per capita and median household income are within striking distance of New York City's. Moreover, Chicago would seem to have plenty of unused taxing capacity, since the tax burden on its higher-income residents is relatively low compared with that of similar cities.

But Chicago lacks the thing that gives other blue-state behemoths nearly unlimited taxing power: a thick upper crust of ultra-affluent taxpayers sustained by a dominant position in a global industry such as tech, entertainment or finance. Los Angeles can effectively tell its wealthiest taxpayers "Pay up — or try getting your movie

produced in Omaha." Chicago doesn't have that many rich residents who are so thoroughly captive to geography.

Chicago has been losing lower- and middle-class residents for years, in part because of its tax burden. And when Chicago and Illinois both start raising the rates on upper earners — as they will have to, and soon — they run the risk that those people, too, will start trickling away, either to smaller cities without the burdensome pension-legacy costs or coastal cities that can offer the economic benefits of living in a dense urban cluster.

Nor are the alternatives any better. The Illinois Constitution forbids both city and state from cutting pension benefits, and so far it has proved politically impossible to amend. The only remaining choice is cutting services: a good way to drive away taxpayers more interested in regular trash pickup than in paying for the workers of yesteryear, and bad for anyone who stays behind. And thus there's a real danger that Chicago could find itself caught in a vicious circle, where any measures undertaken to pay the pensions actually make the pensions harder to pay.

This spring, either Lori Lightfoot or Toni Preckwinkle will make history in Chicago. And the next mayor will have a national impact if she can successfully address the city's looming pension disaster. Because local governments across the country that will soon find themselves in similar straits desperately need a creative leader to show them how to square the vicious circle.

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It's time to retire the old (politicians) to facilitate the rise of the young

BY AMBER PETROVICH

You will call me an ageist, but I don't care. It's time to impose term and age limits on our elected officials and political nominees — and make room for more young leaders.

Our elderly politicians are a frequent source of jest on late-night talk shows and in sketch comedies, and for sure I had a chuckle at the first dozen or so quips about memory loss, early-bird specials, grumpy old men and their sheer ignorance of anything digital.

But there is truth in every joke, and the truth is that too many of our politicians are too out of touch to be making crucial policy decisions that affect millions of lives every day.

Yes, I'm talking about you, Donald Trump, Bernie Sanders, Dianne Feinstein, Patrick Leahy, Chuck Grassley, Mitch McConnell ... (the list goes on and on). I don't care how smart you are. I don't care how much you read or know or what white-privilege Ivy League school you attended. I don't care who your father was. Seventy-seven is an age to be retired, not to be leading our country.

I will never claim to know what adult life was like in the 1960s, '70s and '80s, but I do know what adult life is like now. So why are you still making decisions for people like me who are becoming adults in this century?

When you were in your 30s and 40s, young couples could afford to have more than one child. They could attend college without relying on a six-figure bank account to pay for it. Many young mothers had a choice when it came to working or staying home with their children. People retired with pensions.

And, oh yeah, when you were my age, people wore blackface and thought it was funny. Powerful men sexually harassed women and then became more powerful.

When you were my age, people littered. They drained the wetlands. Polluted the air. Built infrastructure with little consideration of long-term environmental consequences. When you were my



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Sens. Chuck Grassley, second from right, and Mitch McConnell, right, are both powerful men who are well past retirement age.

age, scientists worldwide hadn't yet started sounding the alarms about our rapidly changing climate.

The world now is drastically different ... so why aren't our politicians?

Our elected representatives are not at all representative of the U.S. population. The median age of our current U.S. senators is 65, while the median age of all Americans is 38. And only 15.6 percent of the U.S. adult population is 65 or older, so why are *half* of our senators 65 or older?

One reason is that too many members of Congress stay on the job for too long. Senators are elected to six-year terms, and a number of senators have held

their seat longer than I've been alive. Representatives serve two-year terms, but as long as they are re-elected they can serve indefinitely. Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., who died in February, retired in 2015 after serving for 60 years.

Efforts to enact term limits have come up in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, but they go nowhere — how many sitting members of Congress really want to voluntarily end their seemingly never-ending power? And once they're an incumbent, re-election is often a snap. Name recognition and advantages in fundraising make it easy to stay. About 90 percent of incumbents win their races.

At the very least, isn't it time

for these public servants to step aside gracefully and give other political hopefuls a real, fighting chance?

What will it take? This is 2019. Few people hold the same job for decades anymore. Few of us even hold the same job for two years, thanks to stagnant wages and a corporate shift to contract workers and away from full-time employees.

People my age are entering the political world and running for office. And many more of us in younger generations likely would run for office if we had the same means and opportunities our predecessors did. But we barely stand a chance running against well-known, well-funded and

long-serving incumbents. And if we're also struggling to pay student loans and buy homes, how can we responsibly prioritize our hard-earned money for what is likely a futile campaign?

I do appreciate longevity and loyalty, but innovation is more important, especially in a world in which the global economy (and climate) is changing so rapidly. Innovation means transformation, reorganization, upheaval ... change.

If we truly want change in the United States, we need our oldest leaders to support the rise of younger people in elected offices.

Amber Petrovich is a Los Angeles writer.

PERSPECTIVE



SID HASTINGS/AP

Attendees protest last week at the United Methodist Church General Conference in St. Louis, where the church fortified its ban on same-sex marriage and gay clergy.

We begged our fellow Methodists to love us. They voted no.

By HANNAH ADAIR BONNER

Methodists discern what we believe and form our doctrine by talking to one another — through what we call holy conference. At regional meetings and especially at the General Conference, an assembly of elected voting delegates from all over the world, we open with prayer and worship, and then go through lengthy legislative processes. These conferences are often intense, with long days of conversation followed by late nights of the same. But Methodists, of whom there are more than 7.6 million in the United States, believe we can best hear the will of God when we are willing to listen to one another.

Yet I've never attended one like this year's special session in St. Louis. After days of painful debate, the traditionalist coalitions won a vote that has divided our house. By a 53 percent majority, the church strengthened its ban on queer marriage and clergy — and it toughened punishments for those who defy that doctrine. It encouraged those who would disobey to seek out another church home.

When we arrived in St. Louis for the conference, many of the queer clergy and laity and our allies were optimistic, despite our denomination's disputes about the Scripture's teachings about sexuality. For years, tension had been building as progressive churches became more inclusive. Our Book of Discipline, the central text laying out church law and procedure, allows such cultural, context-sensitive adaptations only in areas outside the U.S.

3 options

But the prospects for the One Church Plan, which had an endorsement from the Council of Bishops, as well as progressive and conservative support, seemed good. Compared with the Simple Plan (which would have removed all exclusionary language on homosexuality from the Book of Discipline) and the Traditional Plan (which affirms prohibitions against same-sex marriage and gay ordination, with harsher consequences for disobedience), it was a moderate path. It would leave decisions about these issues up to individual

churches and regional yearly conferences. It would keep us together while allowing for diversity.

The atmosphere was strained at the Dome at America's Center, the stadium where the delegates gathered to hear speeches and cast votes. My rainbow stole elicited eye rolls from some of the self-described traditionalists. On the floor, some delegates said the progressives were acting unloving and mean by accusing them of being bigoted and unloving — a claim of victimhood that felt surreal to me as I listened to them rail against homosexuality. At one point, a woman making a speech quoted from Luke: "It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin." The implication for queer clergy like myself, who might lead people "astray," was clear.

But there also were instances of soaring love. In the most powerful moment of the General Conference, a gay college student named J.J. Warren, who plans to become a pastor, spoke about sharing his faith at his secular campus: "We have brought people to Jesus, because they say they have not heard this message before. They didn't know God could love them because their churches said God didn't." His address brought the room to applause and tears, compelling even the bishops, who were not supposed to show support one way or another, to break protocol by rising to their feet. Yet when the initial legislative council votes were taken Feb. 25, on the second day of voting, the traditionalists revealed themselves to be unaffected. They had come to make their will known, not to listen and be swayed. Only the Traditional Plan moved forward into the final day, with 461 votes in favor and 359 against.

When Tuesday came around, my friends and I held out hope that enough delegates might reconsider the moderate path — that they might be moved by the testimony and touched by the love of God. But as it became clear that the body would pass the Traditional Plan, numbness set in. For days on end, on the floor and over meal breaks, we'd been making ourselves vulnerable to people who told us to our faces that we

were unfaithful to the Scriptures and a danger to the church — people who denied that we were worthy to preach in the pulpit or be wed at the altar. We strove to help them understand our love and to be loving to them, despite the pain they caused us.

The votes showed we didn't reach them, or enough of them.

Lifelong fight

In a sense, this is nothing new for me: I've been fighting for my call to ordination my whole life. Though the United Methodist Church voted to ordain women in 1956, my conservative home congregation in Pennsylvania ignored that ruling. In my conservative church, school and home, I was constantly told that it was wrong for women to preach. (Paradoxically, such communities also accuse queer clergy of violating the Book of Discipline.) I spent my adolescence reading the Bible cover to cover, wrestling with its teachings, until I finally realized that it did not condemn me for wanting to answer that call. When I was 28, I took my vows in the United Methodist Church.

Earlier this year, I had to repeat that process of acceptance as I came to terms with my queerness. The Book of Discipline permits heterosexual clergy to marry but prohibits queer clergy from being in relationships, offering lifelong celibacy as the only option. Yet as I studied the Scriptures, this time as a pastor, I understood that it was possible for God, far from condemning my sexuality, to call me into a loving relationship. That's the irony: While traditionalists claim that progressives reject Scripture, many of us have spent uncountable hours poring over the Bible's every line. We simply read it differently.

After the final vote came in Tuesday evening, I walked around the stadium seats, checking in on the young adults I'd met over a decade of ministry and speaking at youth events. They were shattered, eyes wide and teary. I told them that this was not over; that we are in this together; that we have a future; that they are beloved. At their own international assembly, in 2018, they made a statement of unity, declaring that despite the diversity of their cultures

and traditions, they wanted to stay together: They voted to support the One Church Plan. The median age of United Methodists in the United States is 57. The delegates should have listened to these young people and their convictions, to the voices leading us into our future — if they had, we would still be united now.

What happens next is uncertain. The most conservative traditionalists, the Wesleyan Covenant Association, had been expected to leave the denomination, freeing them from our bishops and severing any connection to those of us who are queer; the last legislation they passed was an exit plan. On Thursday, however, they made the surprising announcement that they would stay and steer the church. Leaders from the Western Jurisdiction, on the other hand, have declared their commitment to inclusivity, regardless of the cost: They reaffirmed their support of the full inclusion of our siblings who are LGB-BTQIA and queer pastors like myself as we serve and lead. And next year, we will hold another General Conference, where new legislation may be introduced to shift our direction again.

What I do know is that when I returned to Tucson, I was welcomed and embraced. I put on my collar and served Holy Communion to all those who sought it. I began the work of comforting students and others in my ministry at the University of Arizona. Many of them are already acquainted with struggle — they're living in the country illegally, or putting themselves through school, or enduring the effects of racism and discrimination against black and indigenous people in this country — and they know how to be brave. We will move forward. We will grieve, but we will not let the events of this past week shake us in our resolve to continue God's work.

This chapter, of begging people to love us, is over. Now we will lean into God, the one we know loves us unconditionally.

The Washington Post

As told to Washington Post editor Sophia Nguyen. Bonner is the director of Frontera Wesley, a campus ministry at the University of Arizona.

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Move, prove there's no risk

If the director of the Environmental Protection Agency and the officers of Sterigenics, Medline Industries and Vantage Specialty Chemicals are so convinced there is no harm coming from using ethylene oxide, they should move their children and grandchildren to live in the communities near these businesses. I'm sure all those living near these toxic sites would be willing to swap houses.

— Earl and Margie Stone, Deerfield

Costliness of 'family-friendly'

I just finished reading an article in the Tribune ("Want to meet Luna?," Feb. 26) about new experiences available at the Shedd Aquarium, etc. Now offered are the opportunity to visit with Luna the otter and to have a four-hour "trainer for a day" experience. My eyes quickly scanned to the

costs: \$40 to \$360. Lincoln Park Zoo has a \$60 penguin experience, and Brookfield Zoo has a penguin encounter for \$40, plus the cost of admission.

Where have our priorities gone? The cost for a family to experience these wonderful opportunities is getting way out of balance.

Where are those who have the assets to donate to these institutions, which should be able to enrich the lives of our children and adults? Many "could-be" benefactors have the funds to subsidize many "pro" and "anti" organizations. Maybe they should think about donations that can have great and positive effects on the lives of our families, especially the kids.

— M. Neidle, Palos Hills

Be creative in siting for Obama center

I must respectfully disagree with Dahleen Glanton on the placement of the Obama Presidential Center, but for none of the reasons she enumerated.

An endeavor this big does not belong on any pre-existing parkland, Jackson or Washington Park. Parks are underappreciated and crowded as it is. The grass around the projected center won't begin to replace what is already there!

In addition, part of the "solution" is to move the golf course, this at a time when the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate

Change has warned us that we have a mere decade at best in which to turn things around to save the planet. Instead of worrying about where anyone will golf, we should be planning to "Make Chicago Green Again," planting orchards on every available patch of good soil, vines and other sturdy greenery on ground that's adequate.

There are plenty of unused and weedy plots of adequate size, where much of this could be sited right now. We need to look beyond the ends of our own noses, get dirt under our nails, and plan for a non-degraded future for everyone's children.

— Maja Ramirez
Openlands' Treekeeper No. 467, Chicago

There are alternatives to major league clubs

With the Cubs announcement that for the 2020 season, they will no longer be on broadcast TV, it makes me glad that Chicago has two Major League Baseball teams, so they're not "the only game in town."

We also have several independent minor league teams, where a family can attend without spending a fortune, and experience baseball as it was back in the day when it was about the game — and not greed.

— Larry E. Nazimek, Chicago

Illinois, follow Chicago's example on elections

Illinois' statewide elections should mirror that of Chicago's municipal elections. The nonpartisan nature of Chicago's aldermanic and mayoral elections allows for greater fields of candidates, offering voters more choice in who represents them in city government.

During last Tuesday's election, there were few uncontested aldermanic races, voters had 14 candidates to choose from for mayor, and a number of incumbents were held accountable by their constituents and thrown out of office. Compare that to the Illinois 2018 midterm election, where several seats in the General Assembly were uncontested, and not that many offices changed hands from incumbents to challengers.

Nonpartisan elections place checks on the incumbent advantage, political connectedness and gerrymandering, ultimately giving more power to voters, rather than political parties and institutions. By creating a level playing field, they allow everyday citizens, with genuine concern and altruistic passion, to serve their communities through public office. Nonpartisan elections reflect this natural democratic process and should be adopted statewide. Illinois should take a lesson from Chicago.

— Kevin Ryan, Chicago

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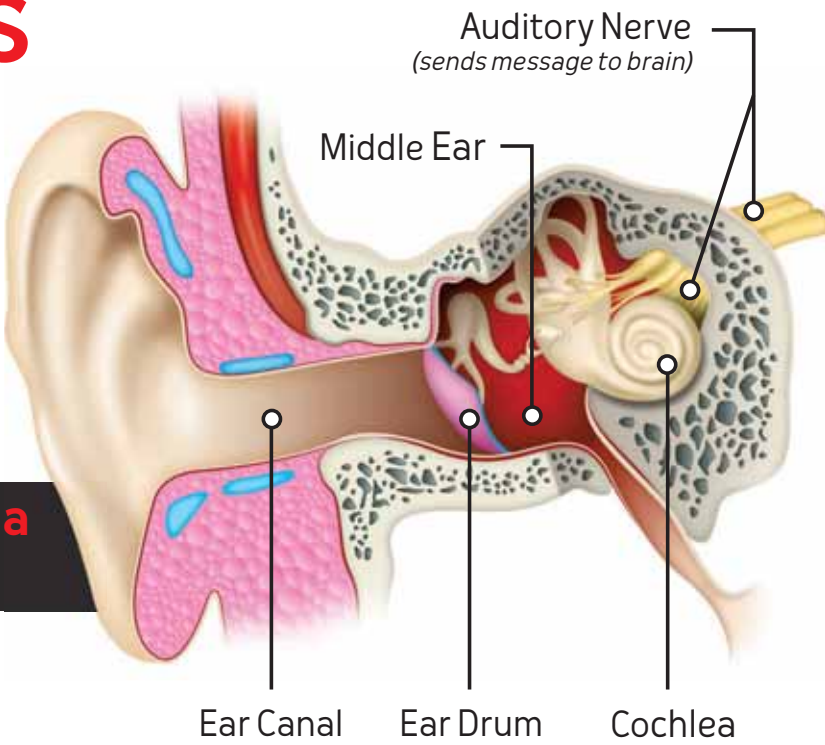
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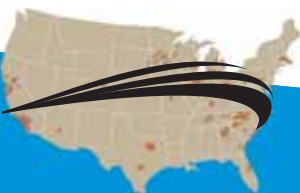
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JILL SCHLESINGER
Jill on Money

Still befuddled by tax changes? Read on

After the IRS reported that the average tax refund amount was lower than last year, many of you asked for a deeper dive into tax preparation, so here is my version of income tax boot camp.

Every taxpayer needs to determine whether to claim itemized or standard deductions, both of which reduce the amount of income subject to tax.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act nearly doubled the standard to \$12,000 for singles and married filing separately, \$24,000 for married filing jointly and \$18,000 for head of household. The larger amount means about 90 percent of taxpayers will claim the standard deduction and their tax prep will be fairly straightforward.

If certain deductions such as mortgage interest, state and local taxes, unreimbursed medical expenses that exceed 7.5 percent of 2018 adjusted gross income and charitable contributions add up to more than the standard deduction amount, then you will Itemize on Schedule A.

You can no longer claim deductions for unreimbursed employee expenses, tax preparation fees and other miscellaneous deductions.

Your total deduction for state and local income, sales and property taxes is limited to a combined, total deduction of \$10,000.

The deduction for home mortgage and home equity interest is limited to interest you paid on a loan secured by your main home or second home that you used to buy, build or substantially improve your main or second home.

If you used a home equity loan or line of credit to pay off another debt, like a credit card or student loan, that amount would not be deductible.

There is a new dollar limit on total qualified residence loan balances. If your loan originated after Dec. 15, 2017, you may deduct interest on up to \$750,000 in qualifying debt. Before that date, the amount remains at \$1,000,000.

The deduction for alimony is eliminated for agreements executed after Dec. 31, 2018, and alimony payments are no longer included as income after this date.

Now that personal exemptions have been eliminated, credits are even more important.

The Earned Income Tax Credit is for workers with low to moderate income (less than about \$55,000). Check IRS.gov to determine if you qualify and for how much. The maximum is \$6,431 with three or more qualifying children.

The Child Tax Credit has increased to a maximum of \$2,000 per qualifying child under the age of 17 and is partially refundable. The income threshold at which the child tax credit phases out increased to \$200,000 (\$400,000 for married filing jointly).

There is a new credit of up to \$500 for each of your qualifying dependents (children over 17 or elderly parents). It is subject to the adjusted gross income phase-out above; check IRS.gov to determine if you qualify.

The American Opportunity (formerly Hope) Credit is partially refundable and worth up to \$2,500 for four years. The Lifetime Learning has no limit on the number of years you can claim it and is worth up to \$2,000 per tax return. Both phase out at \$200,000 for singles and \$400,000 married filing jointly.

The Alternative Minimum Tax should affect fewer taxpayers because the exemption amount is increased to \$70,300 (\$109,400 married filing jointly). The income level at which the AMT exemption begins to phase out increased to \$500,000/\$1M married filing jointly.

Business owners should not count on the new 20 percent deduction for pass-through businesses (Section 199A deduction). The rules are tricky and most do not qualify, so consult the IRS guide for more information.

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DON'T ASK ME

Requesting free help is not the way to build a business relationship

By AMY MORIN | **Inc.**

There's been a big change in my inbox over the last decade and I bet you've noticed it as well.

Every day I receive messages from people asking me to do something for them for free. Ninety-nine percent of them are strangers I've never heard of. Some of them get straight to the point. "I want to write a book. Please give me some advice about how to get started."

Others are vague about what they're really looking for. "I think there's some synergy between what we do. Let's jump on a phone call."

Sometimes, they imply that they want to do something that's mutually beneficial. "Let's team up!" Some people want free writing or editing assistance.

A few go so far as to say, "Let's schedule a call so we can build a relationship." But I know there's an agenda behind their desire to "build a relationship."

And a few are even insulting. "I really like that article you wrote the other day, but you overlooked something big in your argument. I'd like to contribute to your next piece because I can help you make it better."

I suspect many of these people read articles and books or listen to podcasts that encourage them to ask for things because, you never know, now and then someone will say yes. And while it's true that you might get some people to agree to your requests, you're also paying a price for asking.

Sure, you may occasionally strike gold. You reach out to a journalist who replies and says, "Tell me more." You may get a reply if you offer

something that seems valuable or you might get an influencer to agree to review your product.

But, if you're only getting one "yes" every 100 times you ask, you're paying a price for that rare opportunity. You're likely repelling tons of people.

Of course, you have to lose some to gain some. And it's important to make a strong impression.

When you're writing a blog post, polarizing can be good. It evokes strong emotions that stir up conversations and bring you attention.

But asking strangers to share their time and audiences with you is different. You risk repelling people before they have even had a chance to get to know you.

Some of these people might have turned out to be your biggest fans. But you take away that opportunity when you spam their inboxes and turn them off from hearing more.

I have a friend who has become friends with several celebrities and top journalists through Twitter. She didn't send a tweet asking they do anything for her. Instead, she sent a

tweet that started a conversation.

Had she led by asking for something, she may have ruined her chances and missed out on great opportunities.

Seek to establish relationships with people. If your relationship ever lends itself to asking for something, go for it.

But don't start with asking someone for something. That won't work. No one likes feeling used.

And, if you have friends who ask you to perform a service for them for free, make it clear that you get paid for your work or that the task should be performed by someone else. Politely emphasize that this is a business transaction, not something that springs forth from friendship.

You might say, "I'd be happy to give you some names of other people I trust so you can decide."

When you're seeking to make new professional friends, develop genuine relationships. If you're going to give something, make it something useful to the other person if you want to establish a connection.

Rather than send a copy of your book only to ask him or her to promote it, send something that person might appreciate. Or, offer to connect him or her to someone who may help down the road if you're looking to establish a true relationship.

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Paying for long-term care

Options to cover this huge expense

By **KIMBERLY LANKFORD** *Kiplinger*

Long-term-care costs can shatter your retirement nest egg, but here are some ways to pay for these potentially big bills.

Traditional long-term-care policies

These are usually the most efficient way to cover costs if you end up needing care. You choose the daily or monthly benefit and the

benefit period, and usually an inflation adjustment of 3 percent per year. The earlier you buy the coverage, the lower your annual premiums will be, but you'll have to pay premiums for a longer period.

One way to hedge your bets is to get a policy with shared benefits with a spouse or partner.

However, it's becoming more difficult to qualify for long-term care if you have any health issues. And

premiums can increase after you buy the policy.

Hybrid life insurance/long-term care

More insurers are offering life insurance that provides extra coverage for long-term care.

You usually pay a lump sum or premiums for 10 years, and you can receive a death benefit worth slightly more than your premiums if you don't need care. Long-term-care payouts are



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subtracted from the death benefit.

Life insurance with chronic care rider

These policies let you access a portion of your

death benefit early if you meet the standard long-term-care triggers.

Deferred-income annuities

These annuities don't provide coverage specifically for long-term care, but they can provide income for the rest of your life starting in, say, your eighties, when you're likely to need care. A 60-year-old man who invests \$130,000 in a New York Life deferred-income annuity will receive \$37,327 per year starting at age 80, says Jerry Golden of Golden Retirement in New York.

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Retirement money matters

Filing for Social Security benefits, estimating expenses



BY ELLIOT RAPHAELSON
The Savings Game

Readers have many questions and I have some answers. Read on.

Q: My wife filed early for her Social Security benefits before her full retirement age. I am waiting until 70 to file for my benefits. What benefits will she receive when I reach 70?

A: When you turn 70 and file for your own benefits, your wife can file for spousal benefits if she wishes. But should she? Here's how to find out.

Let's assume that when she filed for her benefits, they were discounted by 10 percent because she filed early. Filing for spousal benefits would entitle her to 90 percent of 50 percent of your full retirement age benefit.

If this amount is greater than the benefit she is entitled to on the basis of her own work record, she should opt for the spousal benefit. She is entitled to whichever amount is greater.

A second advantage is available if you predecease her. In that case, she would be entitled to 100 percent of your age 70

benefit, assuming it is greater than her benefit based on her work record. Again, she is entitled to whichever amount is greater.

Q: I am several years away from retirement at age 65. What is a reasonable way to determine the amount of savings I should have to supplement my pension and Social Security.

A: The first step to take is to estimate the expenses you expect to have at retirement age. You can expect that expenses will likely increase by 3 percent per year between now and your retirement date.

Estimate your pension benefit and your Social Security benefit at that time. You can use the Social Security website to estimate your benefits at your retirement age.

When you determine your benefit, take into consideration whether you will have reached your full retirement age when you plan to retire. If not, your Social Security benefit will be discounted.

As an example, assume you expect your retirement expenses would be \$7,000 per month. Assume further that the total of your pension and Social Security benefit would be \$5,000 per month. That's a shortfall of \$2,000 per month, or \$24,000 per year.

Assuming you don't intend to work in retirement, you would need a nest egg of approximately 25 years (difference between life expectancy of 90 and retirement age of 65) times \$24,000, which is \$600,000.

A 4 percent return on the \$600,000 would provide you with \$24,000 income in your first year of retirement. You can adjust the size of this required nest egg if

you believe a 4 percent return is too conservative or too liberal for your subsequent retirement needs.

I suggest you estimate the amount of a nest egg you will have at retirement age based on a conservative growth rate of your current investments as well as the amount you are now saving and expected return.

That computation will tell you whether you are on target to reach an appropriate level of savings. If not, you can consider both an increase in saving and/or a more aggressive investment program.

For example, if you have a major shortfall, and are investing mostly in very conservative securities, you may want to increase your exposure to the stock market.

Q: I understand that if I sell some of the common stock I own in a specific company at a loss, I am not allowed to take that loss for tax purposes if I buy it again within 30 days. Can I purchase those shares in my IRA account within 30 days and bypass that limitation?

A: The simple answer is no. The IRS does not allow that option. You should either wait 30 days or find another option.

Your stock broker or financial adviser could suggest an alternative that will allow you make a purchase in another security that would not be considered "substantially identical."

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.



TERRY SAVAGE
The Savage Truth

Dealing with rising debt problem

Too many Americans are living on the edge, burdened with debt that grows like a cancer and made vulnerable by a lack of savings to deal with emergencies. And this sad situation coincides with the longest period of economic recovery — starting in June 2009 — in postwar history.

During the government shutdown, it became painfully clear that way too many people with decent jobs are living paycheck to paycheck. Missing a paycheck or two during the shutdown forced many to make painful choices.

It's not just a lack of savings that's the problem; it's the burden of credit card debt that is cause for despair. The latest report from CreditCards.com reveals that more than half the people with credit card debt have been carrying the balance for at least a year, 23 percent said at least three years, and 14 percent report they can't recall how long they've been carrying a balance.

It's a vicious cycle, because the interest burden quickly grows to exceed the cost of the original purchase. If you're only making the minimum monthly payment on a credit card balance, the payoff period could extend as long as 18 years — and the interest burden becomes more than twice as much as the original purchase.

Recently I've written about the \$1.5 trillion of student loan debt that is entrapping not only the millennial generation but many parents who co-signed on loans.

At least they are still working and have time to deal with debt. But seniors living on fixed incomes and facing rising medical expenses are one of the fastest-growing groups seeking protection in bankruptcy.

According to a survey by MagnifyMoney, nearly one-third of all Americans over age 50 are carrying non-mortgage debt from month to month. On average, those with debt carry \$4,786 in credit card debt and \$12,490 in total non-mortgage debt.

There are ways out of this morass. Here are a few actions you can take:

Seek credit counseling: The National Foundation for Credit Counseling is the first place you should turn if money worries are keeping you up at night. That call will connect you to the nearest local agency, staffed with people you can trust.

Beware credit consolidation offers: Typically, they will tell you to stop paying your bills so you can set aside money that will let them negotiate the balance. But this can backfire, putting your other assets — and your job — on the line if a creditor or collector gets a lien on your home or garnishes your wages.

Use balance transfers to eliminate interest: Transfer a credit card balance to a zero rate card and use that 12- or 18-month period to pay down your existing balance. Check best deals at Bankrate.com or CreditCards.com.

Make it automatic: It's not always easy to pay down a bill or contribute to a savings plan. But if it's an automatic deduction, you get used to living without that money every month. If you don't believe it, consider the automatic FICA deduction made from each of your paychecks.

Use this simple formula for credit card debt: Write down the current minimum monthly payment, double it and pay that amount every month. Don't charge another penny. Your balance will be paid off in less than three years.

The sooner you deal with debt, the easier it is to cure the problem. And that's The Savage Truth.

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Understanding Medicare surcharge

Why there's a separate premium bill

BY KIMBERLY LANKFORD
Kiplinger

Q: I usually have my Medicare premium paid automatically from my Social Security benefits, but I now receive a separate monthly Medicare premium bill in addition to the amount that is debited from my Social Security benefits each month. Why am I receiving this extra bill?

A: It's likely you are receiving the extra bill because you're now subject to the Medicare high-income surcharge, officially called the Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount. If this is the case, your bill will say "IRMAA."

You have to pay this surcharge if your modified adjusted gross income, plus tax-exempt interest income, was higher than \$85,000 if you're single, or \$170,000 if married filing jointly on your last tax return on file (usually 2017 for 2019 premiums).



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This surcharge boosts your monthly Medicare Part B premium from the standard \$135.50 in 2019 to a range of \$189.50 to \$460.50 per month, depending on your income. If you have Medicare Part D prescription-drug coverage, you may also have to pay an extra \$12.40 to \$7740 per month in addition to your Part D premium.

If you and your spouse file jointly and are both receiving Medicare benefits, you'll both be subject to the high-income surcharge.

But this increase in your premium may

only be temporary. If your income has dropped since 2017 because of certain life-changing events, such as marriage, divorce, death of a spouse or retirement, you can ask to have your Medicare premium based on your more recent income, which could reduce or eliminate the surcharge.

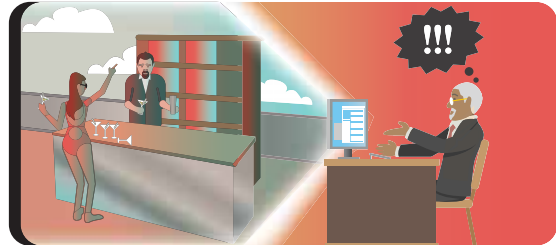
File Form SSA-44 with the Social Security Administration along with evidence of the eligible life-changing event (such as a statement from your employer with the date of your retirement) and an estimate of your reduced income for the year.

If your income was unusually high in 2017 for other reasons — say, you sold investments for a profit or rolled money over from a traditional IRA to a Roth — you won't be able to get your premium reduced this year. But it may go back down next year when your premium will be based on your 2018 income.

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Create a professional online presence

Here are a few ways to build a presence that can give you a boost in your career.



Separate your lives

You should always be mindful of what you say and do on the internet, but that doesn't mean you can't have your privacy. Make your personal social media accounts private and create a separate professional profile for each site you want to be active on.



Use a good photo

Your profile picture is important. Hire a professional photographer to take a few headshot pictures for you. If you can't afford that, ask one of your loved ones to take a picture of you against a solid color background in good lighting.



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Lessons of the wealthy

Apply some of their strategies to your life

By PAVITHRA MOHAN
FASTCOMPANY

One thing people get wrong about wealthy people, according to Manisha Thakor, is assuming they don't fret about their bank accounts. "I see people with \$10 million, and they can tell you exactly how much they're saving each month," says Thakor, vice president of financial education at wealth management firm Brighton Jones. "I think it's a huge misconception that people who are wealthy are not paying attention to how much they're saving and spending." And these aren't solely people with inherited wealth. In fact, some of the savviest wealthy people are ones who worked hard to get where they are. There are some things these rich folks know about saving and making money — lessons you can apply to your own financial life.

Credit cards

People with money tend to be careful about opening credit cards, usually opting for one primary card and one backup option, and largely using credit over debit for increased fraud protection. (If they run their own business, however, chances are they keep personal and business expenses separate by using different cards.) "Most wealthy individuals carry fewer credit cards than the average American," Thakor says. They rarely get suckered into opening store credit cards. "They know that store credit cards have higher-than-normal interest rates to begin with and exceptionally high penalty rates," Thakor adds. It's also important to choose the right credit cards, even if it means paying a higher monthly fee for one "premium" card. People who travel a lot should opt for a card with better travel perks, while others may want a card that offers cash back or more points. When people have a secondary or backup credit card, Thakor says it is usually one with no fee that offers reliable fraud detection and protection. Danetha Doe, a personal finance expert who runs

the blog Money & Mimosas, adds that it's important to find a credit card that rewards you, if only slightly, for your vices. "If you're someone that is never going to cut back on restaurants," Doe says, "find a credit card that rewards you for those lifestyle choices." As you might expect, wealthier folks also pay off their credit card balance monthly without fail, usually through automated payments. But not everyone has the luxury of emulating that behavior. Thakor recommends not charging anything you can't pay off, but in the event that you have to, you should make the necessary changes to try to cover the payment. "The fact of the matter is, every so often life just spits in your eye, and you just have a cash crunch," she says. "What I tell people is not to put your head in the sand. You want to immediately start identifying where you can find extra money — maybe you cut your discretionary spending for a month or six weeks."

Saving

If you are already vigilant about tracking your finances, whether it's your bank account or your 401(k), you're already on the right path. According to Thakor, some of the most valuable money you can save is the money you earn in your 20s and 30s. "When it comes to building wealth, some of the fundamentals are regularly looking at your finances," Doe says. "I recommend having a weekly money date." Thakor says people whose net worth is somewhere in the range of \$10 million are often the most unassuming and don't feel the need to keep up with the Joneses. The ability to live beneath your means is crucial if you're angling to become a millionaire. "You can make a million dollars, but if you spend \$1.2 million, you're in no better shape than someone who makes \$40,000 and spends \$42,000," she says. Another characteristic of people who are likely to build wealth more successfully is a willingness to self-educate, even just at a basic level.

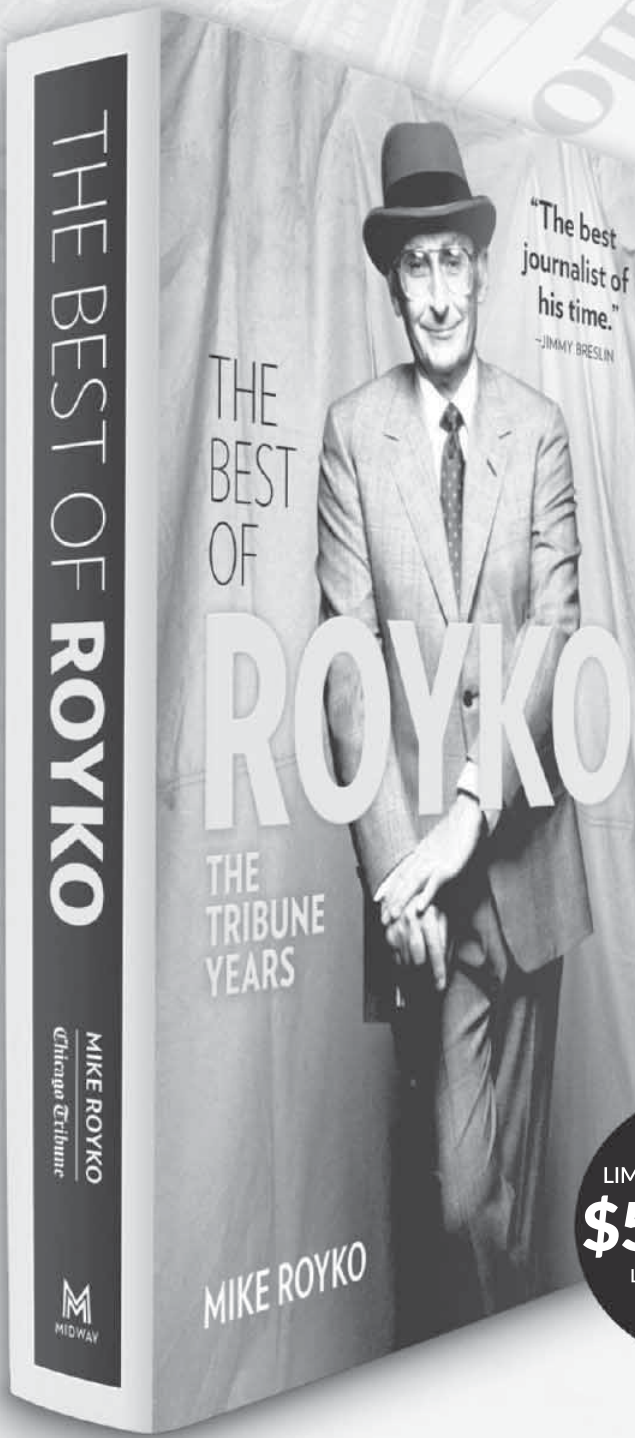


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Even people with money pay attention to the minor tweaks that can save them money, canceling obsolete recurring subscriptions, for example, like one of Doe's well-to-do clients did. Doe also suggests monetizing your checking and savings accounts as much as you can by using a high-yield account with a better interest rate. Investing "Non-wealthy people think you get wealthy by finding the hot stock," Thakor says. "Wealthy people understand the key to building wealth is compounding." That means you can start to build wealth by simply maxing out on your employer-based retirement plan, and then supplementing it with an individual retirement account. The best option in both cases, she says, is a target date retirement fund: long-term investments that are pegged to a future retirement date. "The holy grail is those that are index funds, as opposed to actively managed

funds where the adviser is trying to beat the market," she says, noting that both Vanguard and Fidelity offer such funds. "The first thing a person can do to mimic the habits of the wealthy is narrow the universe of choices and then pick the lowest-cost, simplest way to invest. That's not always how wealthy people invest, but that's the simplest way to start investing." In other words, stick with index funds. As Doe points out, the barrier to entry for investing is far lower with the advent of platforms like robo-adviser Betterment and Ellevest. She recommends testing the waters with money that you're comfortable losing, whether that is \$100 or \$1,000. "When it comes to investing, I would say get started," she says. "If you're nervous or intimidated about investing, know that no one was born with that knowledge. We've all experimented and started before we felt we were ready, and then learned as we went along." Pavithra Mohan is an assistant editor for Fast Company Digital.

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OBITUARIES

KEVIN ROCHE 1922-2019

Leo Burnett Building designed by architect

BY BLAIR KAMIN
Chicago Tribune

Pritzker Prize-winning architect Kevin Roche, whose innovative and widely varying designs include Chicago's Leo Burnett Building and low-slung structures for Lucent Technologies in the city's western suburbs, died Friday in Connecticut.

Roche, a native of Ireland, was 96. His Hamden, Conn., firm, Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo and Associates, announced his death on its website. No cause was given.

Roche was best known for such innovative designs as the Ford Foundation headquarters in New York. Completed in 1968, the 12-story building of glass, rust-colored steel and brown granite wrapped around a light-filled, lushly landscaped atrium. It was recently restored.

Roche also designed the much-praised Oakland Museum of California in Oakland, Calif., which features terraced roof gardens. And he designed additions to New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. He also graced the small-town architectural mecca of Columbus, Ind., with several buildings.

When Roche received the Pritzker Prize, the field's highest honor, in 1982, the jury said: "He is no easy man to describe: an innovator who does not worship innovation for itself, a professional unconcerned with trends, a quiet, humble man who conceives and executes great works, a generous man of strictest standards for his own work."

Born in Dublin in 1922, Roche came to Chicago in 1948 to study architecture with modernist Ludwig Mies van der Rohe at the Illinois Institute of Technology. But his stay at IIT was brief and he eventually joined the firm of Eliel and



PRESTON KERES/THE WASHINGTON POST 2005

Architect Kevin Roche is pictured in the atrium of Station Place in Washington, D.C., in 2005.

Eero Saarinen in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., where he rose to become Eero Saarinen's principal design associate.

After Eero Saarinen died in 1961, Roche and his future partner, John Dinkeloo, assumed leadership of the practice and completed several Saarinen projects that were already underway, including the much-honored Deere & Co. headquarters in Moline, Ill., and the TWA Terminal at JFK International Airport in New York.

Located on a prime riverfront site at 35 W. Wacker Drive, the 50-story Burnett building reflected the influence of postmodernism on Roche's work as well as a trend, which took root in the 1980s, of Chicago developers awarding major commissions to non-Chicago architects.

The columnar, stone-clad high-rise received mixed notices.

Reviewing the building in 1989, Tribune architecture critic Paul Gapp wrote: "To his credit, Roche engaged in none of the paste-on Postmodern gestures or other silly pretensions that have begun afflicting a growing number of new downtown buildings here. Measured against the strength of his past work,

however, Roche's Chicago debut still comes off as little better than mediocre."

In 2000, Roche had more success with west suburban research and development facilities for Murray Hill, N.J.-based Lucent Technologies, which was at the time the world's largest telecommunications equipment manufacturer. Located within sight of the East-West Tollway in Lisle and Naperville, the buildings consisted of glassy, five-story wings flanking highly sculptural entrance pavilions.

The entrance pavilion of the Lisle structure was dubbed "the satellite dish," a reference to its steeply sloping circular roof.

In contrast to the leaden Leo Burnett Building, the Lucent buildings seemed light and sleek — the perfect image for a communications company that sought to be identified with lightning speed.

Lucent later sold the buildings.

Roche's other awards include the American Institute of Architects' Gold Medal, the highest individual honor given by the Washington, D.C.-based organization.

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ON MARCH 4 ...

In 1681 England's King Charles II granted a charter to William Penn for land that later became Pennsylvania.

In 1789 the U.S. Constitution went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.) Also in 1789 President-elect George Washington asked Richard Conway of Alexandria, Va., to lend him 500 pounds so he could get to New York for his inauguration.

In 1791 Vermont became the 14th state.

In 1801 Thomas Jefferson became the first president inaugurated in Washington.

In 1837 the Illinois state legislature granted a city charter to Chicago.

In 1861 Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated president.

In 1888 Knute Rockne, who would become one of Notre Dame's most famous football coaches, was born in Voss, Norway.

In 1902 the American Automobile Association was founded in Chicago.

In 1917 Republican Jeanette Rankin of Montana took her seat as the first woman elected to the House of Representatives.

In 1930 Emma Fahning bowled a perfect 300 for the Germain Cleaning Team in Buffalo — the first woman to do that in a sanctioned game.

In 1933 President Franklin D. Roosevelt launched the "New Deal" recovery program in his first inaugural address, saying, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

In 1975 the United States and Iran announced the signing of an agreement under which Iran pledged to buy about \$15 billion worth of U.S. goods and services over five years.

In 1978 the Chicago Daily News, first begun in 1875, published its last issue with the headline, "So Long, Chicago."

In 1981 a jury in Salt Lake City convicted Joseph Paul Franklin, an avowed racist, of violating the civil rights of two black men who were shot to death.

In 1987 President Ronald Reagan addressed the na-

tion on the Iran-Contra affair, acknowledging his overtures to Iran had "deteriorated" into an arms-for-hostages deal.

In 1994 four Muslim fundamentalists were convicted in the World Trade Center bombing that killed six people and injured more than 1,000.

In 1998 the Supreme Court ruled that sexual harassment at work can be illegal even when the offender and victim are of the same gender.

In 1999, outraging Italian authorities, a military jury in North Carolina cleared a Marine pilot of charges he was flying recklessly when his jet sliced through a ski gondola cable in the Alps, sending 20 people plunging to their deaths. Also in 1999 retired Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, who wrote the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide, died in Arlington, Va.; he was 90.

In 2001 President George W. Bush dedicated a \$4 billion aircraft carrier in honor of former President Ronald Reagan. Also in 2001 perennial presidential candidate Harold Stassen died in Bloomington, Minn.; he was 93.

In 2004 Mounir El Motasadeq, the only person convicted in the Sept. 11 attacks, won a retrial in a German appeals court.

In 2005 U.S. troops in Iraq fired on a car carrying just-freed Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena, killing the intelligence officer who had helped negotiate her release and injuring the reporter. Also in 2005 Martha Stewart, imprisoned for five months for her role in a stock scandal, left federal prison to start five months of home confinement.

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Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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Death Notices

Blaha, Donald

Donald William Blaha, 88, of Western Springs, IL passed away Friday, March 1, 2019. Don was born in Chicago, IL January 26, 1931, to the late William and Marie (Stepulin) Blaha. A Family Man above all else, his love for his family knew no bounds. He was grateful every single day for the "gifts" of his family and friends. Don is survived by his wife, Candace (Gauger) and her two daughters Kristen Kopotic (Greg) and Debra Schneider (Bryan). Loving father of 9: Terri Clune (Jim), Michael (Kym), Donna, Loretta Berndt (Guy), Tricia Krumholz (Marc), Jim (Cathy), Sheila Fisher (Fritz), Mary Doyle (Mike) and Brian. Don is also survived by the mother of his 9 children, Lorry Roantree, 22 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Visitation Wednesday, March 6, 2019 9:00am to 10:45am at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL, followed by Memorial Mass 11:15am at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL. Private Interment. In lieu of flowers please send donations to: St. Rita of Cascia High School, Chicago, IL. 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60620 or https://www.stritahs.com/donate

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Capulos, Bertha

Bertha Capulos, beloved wife and best friend of the late George. Devoted daughter of the late William and Helen Annes. Loving cousin, adored aunt and great aunt of many. Bertha worked at WTTW for many years and was a devoted parishioner of Annunciation. The family would like to acknowledge companions Vicky and Ida for their friendship and support. Visitation from 4:00pm to 8:00pm Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Family and friends will meet Wednesday morning at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral 1017 N. Lasalle Chicago, IL 60610 for funeral service at 10:30am. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Annunciation Women's Philoptochos would be appreciated. Arrangements by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd. (773)736-3833.

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Condic Jr., Mark A.

Son of the late Marko and Tona; husband of the late Mary (nee Aranza); beloved father of Mark (Lorraine), John (Lena), Susan (Dan) Sandra, Nancy (Howard), the late Matthew, and the late Luke (Sheila), Peter (Mila), Paul and Mary Ann; dear brother to the late John (Dorothy), Sr. Bernadine, Joseph (Delores), and Olivia; he is survived by his brothers Peter and Simon, and his sister Rosanda (the late Kenneth) Swift. Mark was a grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, and friend to many and will be missed by all. Visitation March 9, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. prior to the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Church located at 2823 S. Princeton Ave Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to Mercy Home for Boys & Girls. For Info (312)225-8500 or www.colettasonsfuneralhome.com

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Fay, Mary Virginia

Mary Virginia Fay, 88 of McHenry, IL, passed away February 27, 2019. Wife of the late Donald. Mother of Mary (the late Howard) Conkling and the late Michael (Phyllis) Fay. Sister in-law of Donald Minucciani. Sister of the late Theodore Francoeur, the late Edward Francoeur and the late Dorothy Minucciani. Grandmother of Emily (Benjamin) Wiltsch and many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday, March 9, 2019, from 9:30AM to 11:00AM, St. Patrick "little church", 991 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest IL, 60045 with Funeral Mass at 11:00AM. Burial Private info: Wenban Funeral Home (847)234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com



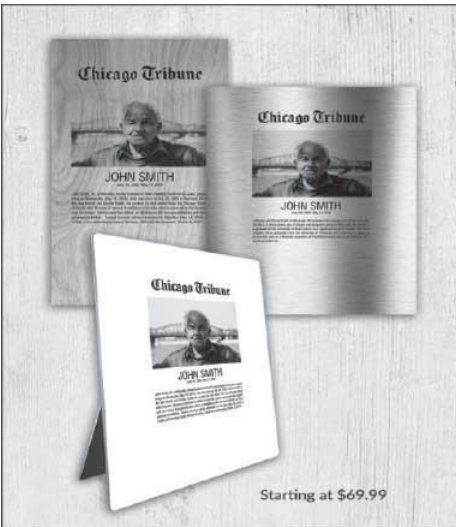
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Francione, John M.

John M. Francione, 87, of Palatine, passed away peacefully March 3rd, 2019, surrounded by family. He was the beloved husband of Gerry, nee Cascio, for 66 wonderful years. Father of Bruce (Becky), Gale, Paul (Terry McGady), Janet (Joe Stoodley), Jeff (Kathy), Leanne (Neil Thompson) and Barbara (the late Scott Paez). Grandfather of Jennifer (David), Alex (Jill), Michael (Krista), Max (Jessie), Theresa (Keegan), Celeste and John (Tina). Great-grandfather of Killian, Marceline and Brooke. Son of the late Sabato and Giovannina Francione. John is preceded in death by his brothers Juliano, Louis, Pasqual, Joseph and Samuel, and his sister Mildred. Adored uncle of many nieces and nephews. John was the Chief Financial Officer at Aetna Plywood for over 30 years. Visitation 4 PM to 8 PM, Wednesday, March 6th, 2019, Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 185 E Northwest Highway, Palatine. Funeral Mass 10 AM, Thursday March 7th, 2019, St. Theresa Catholic Church, 455 N. Benton Street, Palatine. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine. In lieu of flowers, contributions to JourneyCare Hospice Foundation, 2050 Claire Court, Glenview, IL 60025 would be appreciated. Info 847-359-8020 or visit John's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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Hanlon, Gerald Lee 'Jerry '

Gerald "Jerry" Hanlon, age 74, passed away the morning of February 26, 2019, at Holy Cross Hospital Hospice, Fort Lauderdale. Jerry was the son of Raymond and Marion Hanlon. Jerry spent his childhood in Naperville, IL until enlisting in the Air Force as an A.P. Air Force Police. After being discharged, Jerry resided in Fort Lauderdale. He is survived by his brother Raymond (Lorrie), Michael (Valerie), and sister Janice. The family will be holding a private remembrance service on Saturday, March 23 in Waterford, WI.

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Jesilow, Barbara

Barbara Jesilow, nee Giffand, 76, beloved wife of Howard; loving mother of Lee and Andrea; cherished grandmother of Abraham and Nicholas; dear sister of the late Joel (Barbara Sachs); devoted daughter of the late Ann Giffand and Louis Schockett. She loved her family and friends. Chapel service Wednesday 12:15 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. For Information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Kaplan, Shirley

Shirley Kaplan, nee Blonsky, age 99 11/12. Devoted wife of the late Ben Kaplan; loving mother of Elissa (Ira) Swidler and the late Vivian Shavin; proud grandmother of Heidi (Brian) Shavin-Schieman, Bethany (Brian) Gordon, Megan (Dan) Lekan, and Michael (Julie) Swidler; treasured great-grandmother of Hannah Gordon and Rowan Swidler; dear sister of the late Betty (late Dave) Kletcher; caring aunt of many. Shirley loved books, crosswords, and Mah Jongg! She will be greatly missed by her many friends, including those at Brookdale Senior Living in Vernon Hills. Funeral service Tues, March 5, 10:30 AM, at Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to JourneyCare Hospice, www.journeycare.org. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Kudan, Phyllis B.

Phyllis B. Kudan nee Rosenberg, age 85. Beloved wife of Rabbi Harold Kudan for 64 years. Loving mother of Rabbi David Kudan (Dr. Barbara Abrams), Mark Kudan, Jonathan Kudan and Jeremy Kudan. Proud grandmother of Ariel and Talia. Devoted aunt and cousin. She was a graduate of Skidmore College, Master's Degree from IIT, former director of the Young Men's Jewish Council Day Camp and active member of Hadassah. Phyllis was a kind, generous and loving person. Memorial service Tuesday 3PM at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Ave., Glencoe, IL 60022. There was a private family interment. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Phyllis B. Kudan Memorial Fund at Am Shalom, www.amshalom.com. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Leven, Holly

Holly Leven, 55 of Scottsdale passed away February 27, 2019, with family and friends by her side. Holly was born in Chicago, Illinois. She is the beloved daughter of Beverly Hurwitz (Robert) of Tucson and Chicago and Monte Leven of Scottsdale. She is the cherished mother of Chloe Martin (Kiefer) of Montana, sweet grandma of Wilson Martin, adored sister of James Leven (Julie Lu) caring aunt of Alexander Leven, adored cousin and friend to many and special friend of Meredith Whitbred. Services were held at Messinger Indian School Mortuary, Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

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Nitzberg, David M.

David M. Nitzberg, 84, died peacefully at home on February 26. Dear husband for 61 years of Roslyn Nitzberg (nee Gerber); proud and devoted father of Michael, Steven (Abigail) and Susan (Josh) Lott; loving grandfather of Almog Lewis and Gal Emily Nitzberg, Ngaa, Kweyah, and Chaka Bedell, and Adam, Ethan, and Jason Lott. The whole family brought him much joy. Private services have been held.

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Williams, Don M.

On Wednesday, February 28th, of 2019, Don M. Williams, a great husband and father of three, passed away at the age of 76. Don was born on December 27, 1942 in Chicago, Illinois to James and Mary Williams and graduated from Loyola university in Chicago with a degree in biology in 1966. Don went on to receive his law degree at John Marshall University and worked for the Illinois states' attorney's office for the majority of his twenty plus year career in law. On Aug 19th, 1983 Don married the love of his life Nancy Kaus. They both raised two daughters, Meghan and Hilary, and one son Patrick. Don had a passion for knowledge and knew almost everything if you asked him. He traveled and explored the world, enjoying all that it could offer. He would find a way of making you laugh even when things were looking grim. He was a generous and kind man, treating everyone like he knew them his whole life, even if you just met him. He was helpful, friendly, and knew how to enjoy life. Don was preceded in death by his father, James, and his mother, Mary. He is survived by his wife Nancy, his three children Meghan, Patrick, and Hilary, his brothers Jim and Ray, and several cousins, nieces and Nephews.

Mass will be held Tuesday September 5th, 2019 at St Luke Roman Catholic Church on Lake st, River Forest at 10am. Condolences can be sent to 837 North Clinton place, River forest, IL.

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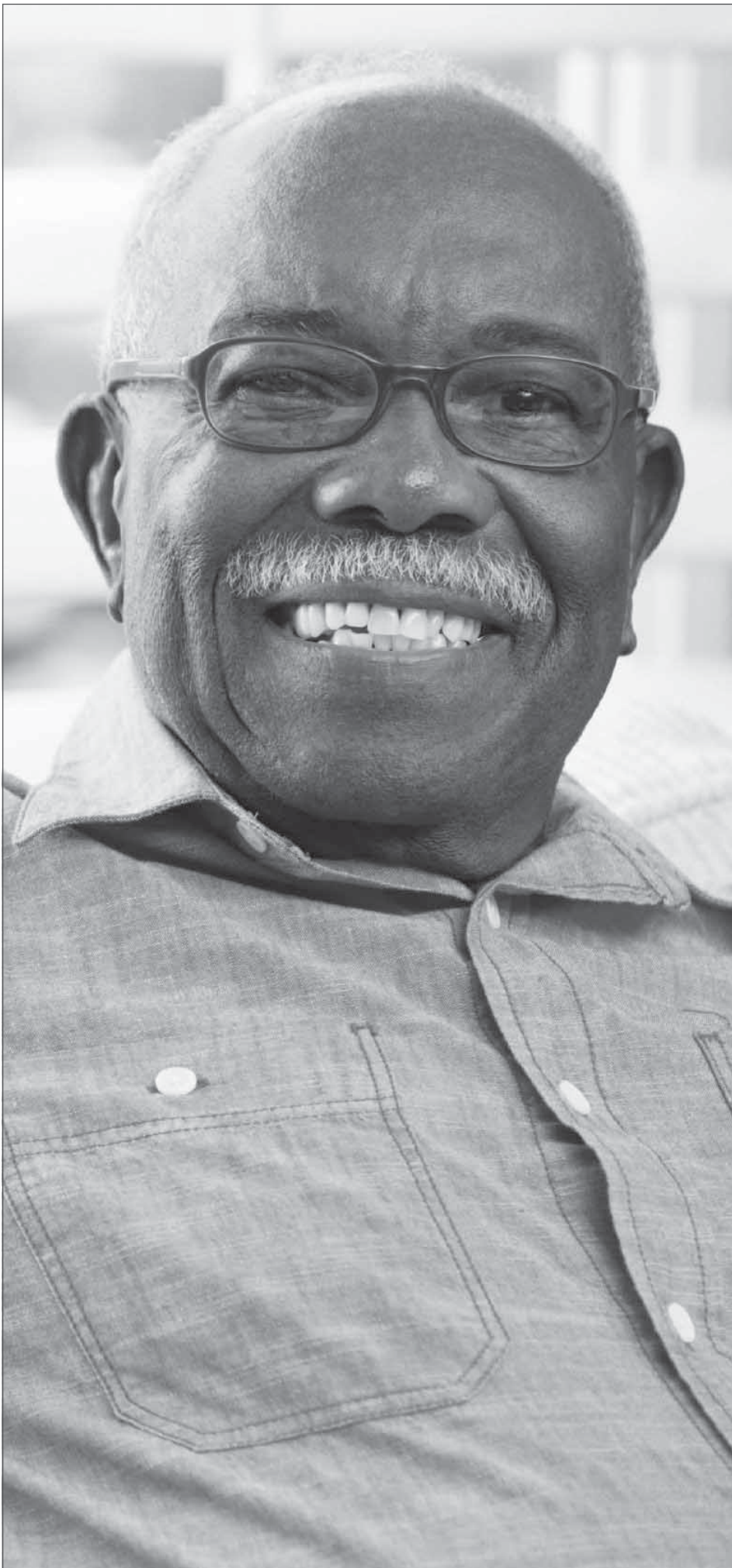
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COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND POLICY INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) FOR SKOKIE ENVELOPE PROJECT SKOKIE COURTHOUSE - ROOFING PHASE IFB No.: 1955-17722 IFB Document: The IFB document is available for download at: https://legacy.cookcountyl.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php

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

Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Field Inspection Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM (CST) Skokie Courthouse Front Lobby 5600 Old Orchard Road Skokie, IL 60077

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 12:00 P.M., March 22, 2019.

Bid Due Date, Time, and Location: Friday, April 12, 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

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Project Location: 803 Joliet Road, Countryside Illinois 60525

Bidding: The Owner will receive sealed bids, for the Countryside City Hall and Police Department Signage in duplicate, until 2:00p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2019 at the Countryside Police Department, 5550 East Ave, Countryside, Illinois 60525. Late bids will be rejected.

Information to bidders: Bidders for the Countryside City Hall & Police Department Signage may purchase complete sets of the bidding documents. Bidders are required to contact the printer for exact pricing. Bid documents shall be available on Monday March 11, 2019. Plans and specifications will be available for purchase at:

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Substantial Completion Dates: Substantial Completion for the installation of all Signage is to be no later than Wednesday, May 17th, 2019.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities, technicalities, formalities, reject any and all proposals, and requires the qualifications as stated in the Instruction to Bidders.

Any comments or questions must be submitted to the Design Architects no later than March 18, by 3 p.m. local time. Contact: Beth Keppler at 847.841.0584 or keppeler@dewberry.com. Any clarifications or revisions to the specifications will be issued by the Architect in the form of an addendum.

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Pace Suburban Bus Division of the RTA Public Hearing on the Proposed Rerouting of Route 803 Carpentersville Local

Notice is hereby given that Pace, the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority, is seeking public comment on the proposed rerouting of Route 803 Carpentersville Local.

In February 2019, Capital Realty Group, the managers of the Fox View Apartments in Carpentersville, IL, requested that Route 803 no longer turn around on Fox View property effective March 4. As a result, a detour routing was implemented for Route 803 northbound trips which operate via Lake Marian - Williams - Kings - before resuming the regular routing.

Since Route 803 is no longer able to enter the Fox View property, Pace proposes that northbound Route 803 trips permanently operate on the detour routing. As a result, Route 803 would no longer operate on the following streets:

- Skyline Drive
- West on Kings Road, between Skyline Drive and Oxford Drive
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PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR THE FORECLOSURE OF A CERTAIN MORTGAGE (ADULT) STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT COOK COUNTY Case Number 2018CONC001322

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 6146889

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F17080290 NSTR IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Barbara N. Walker, Tammy Lacheryl King aka Tammy L. King aka Tammy King aka Tammy L. Walker aka Tammy Walker, John Lydon aka Jack Lydon Special Representative; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Cleary Calendar 63 Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 2360 630 East 88th Place Chicago, Illinois 60619 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Barbara N. Walker, 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 36 in Block 16 in S.E. GROSS' SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 15, 16, 17 AND 18 AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF BLOCKS 23 AND 24 IN DAUPHIN PARK ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.L.N.: 25-03-210-036-0000 Said property is commonly known as 630 East 88th Place, Chicago, Illinois 60619, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Roosevelt Walker and Barbara N. Walker and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0735255026 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 April 3, 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/fag/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 1 866-402-8661 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: 3/4, 11, 18/2019 6169235

F18090143 SLS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, Plaintiff, vs. SUSAN RICKS, DECEASED; KATRINA 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 MILDRED JACKSON, DECEASED; REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF JIMMIE RICKS, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 15492 9124 South Aberdeen Street, Chicago, Illinois 60620 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 THE 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/fag/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 1 866-402-8661 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 6157327

FORECLOSURES

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 WASHINGTON HEIGHTS IN SECTION 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 SOUTH LINE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT TO THE NORTH LINE THEREOF; THENCE EAST OF THE NORTH EAST CORNER TO 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/fag/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 1 866-402-8661 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS CHANCERY DIVISION CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, L.P., 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 MILDRED JACKSON, DECEASED; REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF JIMMIE RICKS, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants. CASE NO.: 2017-CH-04635 Property Address: 12608 South Emerald Avenue, Chicago, IL 60628 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION 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. 1. 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 as follows: a. Name of Mortgage: Susan Ricks and Grace Ricks b. Name of Mortgage: 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, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. ADVANCE FINANCIAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; MANOR CARE OF PALOS HEIGHTS EAST, IL, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DIONTE JACKSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MILDRED JACKSON, DECEASED; THOMAS QUINN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF MILDRED JACKSON, DECEASED, Defendants. Case No. 2018CH11109 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Dionte Jackson, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Mildred Jackson, Deceased, 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 Twenty-two (22) in Block Thiry-Six (36) in the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Twenty-Eight (28), Township Thiry-Seven (37) North, Range Fourteen (14), East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois. 12154 South Emerald Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60628 25-28-116-040-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Dionte Jackson, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Mildred Jackson, Deceased, 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 April 3, 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/fag/gethelp.asp or contact the Clerk of this Court. Zachariah L. Manchester (6303885) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-zlmachels@manleydeas.com FILE NUMBER: 18-037586 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 2/25, 3/4, 11, 18/2019 6169219

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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TOWND POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-3, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INCURER, 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 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/fag/gethelp.asp or contact the Clerk of this Court. Shana A. Netterstrom (6294499) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No. 48928 Email: sef-sannetterstrom@manleydeas.com FILE NUMBER: 18-022871 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 2/25, 3/4, 11/2019 6154171

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 F/X/A 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, vs. LATRICE WOOD, AS INCURER, TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, vs. THE ESTATE OF ANNIE 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/fag/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 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-slbacher@manleydeas.com file number: 18-017159 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, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff, vs. DANIEL MITCHELL, AKA DANIEL T. MITCHELL; EQUABLE ASCENT FINANCIAL, LLC; ALISON ERIN O'CONNOR; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, Case No. 2019CH00679 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-two (22) in the East two thirds (2/3rds) of lot two hundred twenty seven (27) in Schleiter'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 60649 20-08-081-0000 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 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/fag/gethelp.asp or contact the Clerk of this Court. Zachariah L. Manchester (6303885) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-zlmachels@manleydeas.com FILE NUMBER: 18-037586 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 2/25, 3/4, 11/2019 6154149

FORECLOSURES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, v. JONATHAN MELTZER, FIRST BANK OF HIGHLAND PARK, RIVER NORTH COMMONS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants(s). Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Case No.: 2019CH01189 Property Address: 520 W. Huron St., Apt. 502 Chicago, IL 60610 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 520 W. Huron St., Apt. 502, Chicago, IL 60610, more particularly described as: LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY PARCEL 1: UNIT 502 AND PARKING UNIT PU-15 TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS IN RIVER NORTH COMMONS CONDOMINIUM AS DELINEATED AND DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 09066756, AS AMENDED, IN THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PARCEL 2: EXCLUSIVE USE FOR STORAGE PURPOSES IN AND TO STORAGE SPACE NO. 5-78, A LIMITED COMMON ELEMENT, AS DELINEATED ON THE SURVEY ATTACHED TO THE DECLARATION AFORESAID RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 09066756. Permanent Index Number: 17-09-118-015-1078 AND 17-09-118-015-1136 Commonly known as: 520 W. Huron St., Apt. 502, Chicago, IL 60610 AND PARKING PU-15 and Storage space 5-78 UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Court of Cook County at the Richard J. Daley Center located at 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 6060

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City's fans may be divided, but Maddon and Cubs would be thrilled to see Sox build a winner as well



PAUL SULLIVAN
On Baseball

MESA, Ariz. —Some of the biggest believers in the White Sox rebuild weren't sitting in the stands at Sloan Park on Sunday for their Cactus League game against the Cubs.

Believe it or not, they were perched in the Cubs clubhouse, a place one doesn't expect to hear

kind words about an opposing team.

"I'm not here to rub anyone the wrong way," Cubs outfielder Kyle Schwarber said in a hushed tone. "But I think the White Sox have a lot of good things coming."

It wasn't apparent early on Sunday afternoon in their first meeting

of 2019.

Sox starter Manny Banuelos walked four batters in the first inning and reliever Juan Minaya served up a three-run homer to Kris Bryant and failed to retire any of the six men he faced during an eight-run second, giving the Cubs a quick 9-0 lead.

The Sox's misadventures weren't going to make much of a difference in the long run, though it gave Cubs fans reason to crow for one

day at least, just as Sox fans would if the shoe was on the other foot.

We wouldn't have it any other way. Thanks to good parenting, many Chicagoans have been rooting against the team on the other side of town since they were potty-trained. It's part of their DNA and something they no doubt will one day pass on to their own children.

But it doesn't work that way

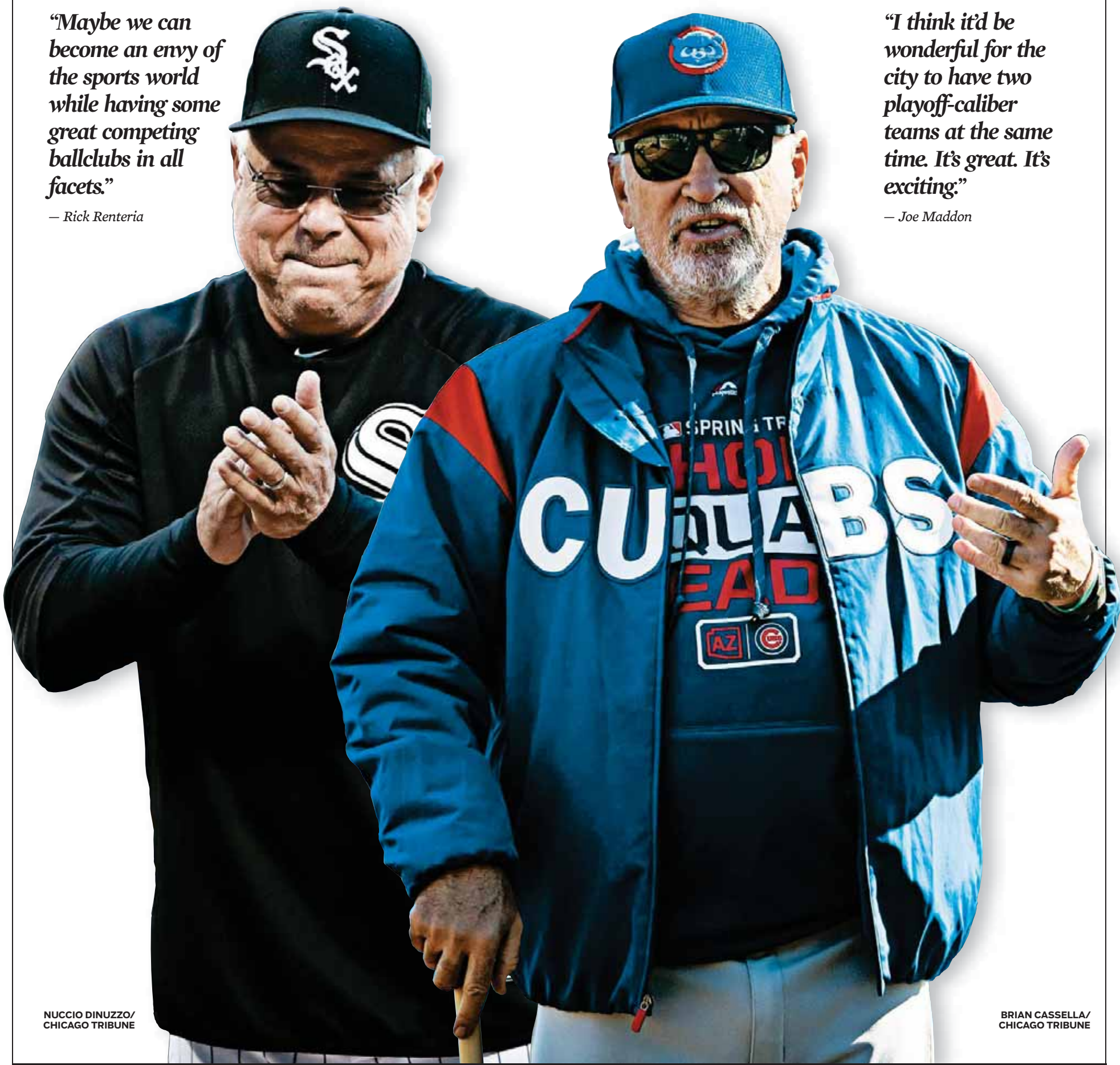
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"Maybe we can become an envy of the sports world while having some great competing ballclubs in all facets."

— Rick Renteria

"I think it'd be wonderful for the city to have two playoff-caliber teams at the same time. It's great. It's exciting."

— Joe Maddon



ILLINOIS 81, NORTHWESTERN 76

'Aggressive' Feliz puts fight in improved Illini

Junior's 26 points power win over struggling Cats

CHAMPAIGN — When Illinois unraveled at Northwestern on Jan. 6, Illini coach Brad Underwood was encouraged by what he saw after the defeat.

"That was a really, really crushed locker room at Evanston," Underwood recalled. "As much as our locker room was hurting, I was pretty happy inside because they were hurting. It let me know they were bought in and dedicated to working to get better. This team has continued to improve. Watch the film of the first game and keep looking at us and the steps we've been taking."

The Illini were celebrating after Sunday's 81-76 payback victory against Northwestern at



SHANNON RYAN
On college basketball

the State Farm Center. No one has personified the improvement of the Illini (11-18, 7-11 Big Ten) throughout the season better than junior guard Andres Feliz. He scored a season-high 26 points to lead the Illini, making 16 of 17 free throws and shooting 5 of 9 from the floor.

Feliz used the word "aggressive" four times in his postgame news conference.

"I was being aggressive and my teammates were able to find me in transition," Feliz said. "It feels great being here, being on this team. We've been fighting and working hard. We never give up."

Illinois coaches had talked up

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BLACKHAWKS AT SHARKS

Colliton making his mark as head coach

Hawks have responded to his methods, are pushing for playoffs

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune



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After 50 games as Blackhawks coach, Jeremy Colliton says, "I do think we're on the right track."



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SAN JOSE, Calif. — Winning over a locker room takes time, and Jeremy Colliton didn't have much of that when he became the Blackhawks' 38th head coach in November.

The challenge of replacing Joel Quenneville was daunting enough, but systems needed to be put in place, coaches' meetings needed to be held and, of course, games needed to be played.

Making time to speak to players individually on a daily basis could easily have been set aside while more important matters were addressed. But for Colliton,

how he communicates with his players is essential to succeeding at his job. There is nothing more important to him, and not making time for conversations wasn't an option.

"I'm always trying to think about what I've got to do better and how I can improve, or what the plan is and how can we deliver the message clearer, cleaner to get results," Colliton said. "Because ultimately that's what we're being judged on. And I don't think anyone in the coaches room or the dressing room is satisfied with where we're at."

"You've got to constantly look at yourself, how can you be better. So yeah, I'm doing that."

Sunday night's game against the Sharks marked the 51st game

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

Combine's silly stuff matters

Going into Monday's final day of the NFL combine, all I can say is that the scouts by now should know my strengths and weaknesses for draft day.

My snack game is strong, though I sometimes zone out. No matter how many times the promo ran, I was left uninterested in "Hanna," a new series from Amazon Prime.

Likewise I learned a few things watching the first three days of on-field drills on NFL Network and, briefly Saturday, ABC.

1. Not everything is as it appears.

When NFL Network's Rich Eisen commented that one of the drills for tight ends seemed silly, he was told what it tells teams about a player's skills and how it translates to the actual game.

That was a recurring theme — not Eisen scoffing at the drills, but showing how a particular exercise showed off some ability that translated to game situations.

It was most effectively explained when archival combine clips were paired with game video that showed, for example, a player making a quick adjustment en route to catch, completion, tackle, long run or critical block.

2. Blink and you'll miss your "Q"

Alabama defensive tackle Quinnen Williams was a 6-foot-3, 303-pound blur in the 40-yard dash, recording an unofficial time of 4.87 seconds.

Williams' agent, Nicole Lynn, advised him to shut it down rather than run a second time.

"He didn't listen," Lynn tweeted. "Decided to bet on himself ..."

The result was a time of 4.83, which, according to NFL Research, ranks fourth among defensive linemen who tip the scales as more than 300 pounds since 2003.

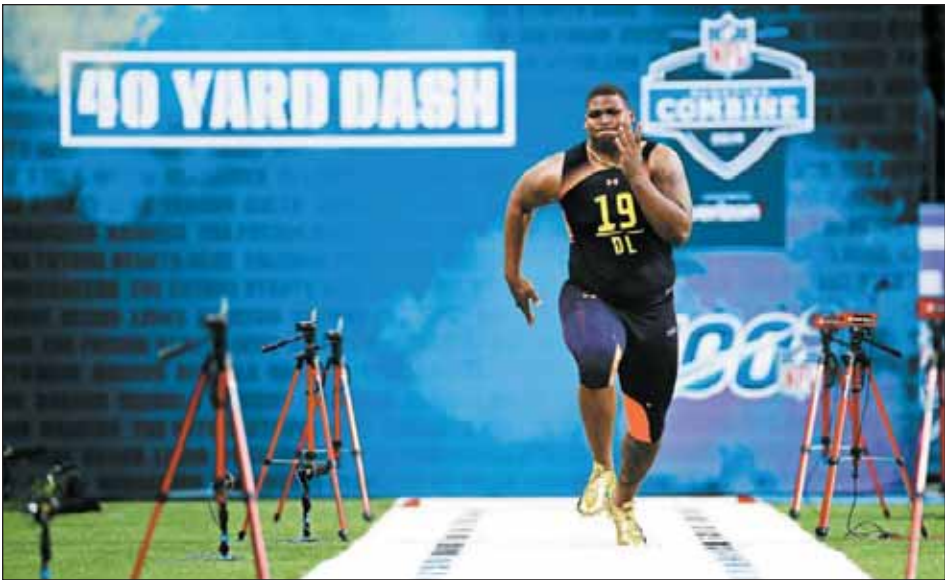
"Somebody's in the mix for the first overall pick," NFL Network analyst Daniel Jeremiah said.

Another player whose stock seemed to rise was receiver D.K. Metcalf, who announced for the draft as a Mississippi red-shirt sophomore after injuring his neck.

Metcalf turned heads with a 4.33 time in the 40-yard dash and a physique that drew comparisons on NFL Network to Batman.

3. There are a lot of ways to look at numbers, guaranteed.

Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray, who decided he wouldn't do drills at the



Alabama DL Quinnen Williams, who weighs 303 pounds, ran the 40 in a speedy 4.83.

combine once he had shown he was taller than 5-foot-10, was asked during his news conference whether he regretted casting his lot with football after baseball's Bryce Harper signed his 13-year, \$330 million deal with the Phillies.

In a word: no.

"There's quarterbacks making more per year than him," Murray said, which is true but shows the former Oklahoma quarterback may not be taking the long view.

Harper will make around \$25 million per year, not counting potential bonuses, and a handful of NFL quarterbacks do make more than \$25 million per season, led by the Packers' Aaron Rodgers at \$33.5 million.

But Harper's deal is fully guaranteed. The most money any NFL quarterback is guaranteed is the Falcons' Matt Ryan, whose five-year, \$150 million 2018 contract guarantees him \$100 million.

At last check: \$100 million is less than \$330 million.

4. Sometimes players need to know it's not always about them.

During the gauntlet — the routine where receivers sprint across the field while catching balls thrown from both sides — the NFL Network crew noticed prospects handling other throws but struggling with mid-drill bullets from University of Buffalo

quarterback Tyree Jackson.

Former Panthers receiver Steve Smith was particularly incensed that Jackson apparently forgot this particular drill wasn't supposed to be a QB showcase.

"I know this is a job interview, but someone needs to throw the ball back to Jackson one time," Smith said. "He'll get the message."

Then Smith confronted Jackson, telling him in no uncertain terms him to stop "messin' up people's money over here."

The other announcers thought it was hilarious, but Jackson got the message, his throws becoming more consistent with the others along the line.

The receivers owe Smith a debt, and they owe Jackson a rocket in his direction.

5. Jason Witten won't be missed on ESPN.

OK, everyone already knew this. But Smith was asked if he was thinking of going back to play in the NFL, like erstwhile ESPN "Monday Night Football" analyst Jason Witten.

Smith could just have said no.

What Smith said was, "I'm actually good on TV, so I'm going to stay here."

Burn.

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MLB

Harper's Phillies jersey a big hit



Phillies fans clamoring to celebrate the signing of Bryce Harper helped make history this weekend.

Fanatics announced record-breaking sales in the 24 hours after the free-agent acquisition was made official. More people bought Harper's No. 3 than any player's jersey launch in any sport.

Fanatics also said sales of Phillies merchandise are up more than 5,000 percent compared with the beginning of March last season.

In Philadelphia, fans were able to purchase Harper jerseys at the team store at Citizens Bank Park as early as Saturday afternoon.

David Freireich, a spokesman for Aramark, which manages the team store, said the company worked overnight to coordinate the production and delivery of jerseys, shirts and hats to South Philly.

Fanatics said they began producing Harper jerseys at their plant in Easton as soon as the news became official.

The Phillies said Sunday that they have sold more than 10,000 spring-training tickets since Harper news broke. They have 11 more games at Spectrum Field in Clearwater, Fla., before they head back north for the March 28 season opener vs. the Braves.

And back in Philly, about 100,000 regular-season Phillies tickets were sold on Thursday, the day the news of Harper signing broke.

"It was awesome," said John Weber, the team's senior VP of ticket operations. "We've never sold that many tickets in a day."

Sunday was the first day for Harper in a Phillies uniform after spending the first eight years of his career with the Nationals. On Saturday, he slipped when answering the final question of his 30-minute news conference by saying he wants "to bring a title back to D.C."

"When you grow up from 17 to 25 in an organization and you're trying to do everything you can to win and bring a title somewhere you're going to have those slip-ups," Harper said. "... But I'm a Phillie and I'm very excited about it."

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BULLS



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The Hawks' Alex Len drives to the basket and collides with Bulls big man Robin Lopez during Sunday's game.

HAWKS 123, BULLS 118

High hurdles

Off games for Markkanen, LaVine, absence of Porter prove key

BY K.C. JOHNSON

Chicago Tribune

Otto Porter Jr. makes \$26 million. He should ask for a raise.

Friday's epic quadruple-overtime victory against the Hawks offered the perfect excuse for the Bulls to do what they said they wouldn't and rest the veteran for "load management." The Bulls are 6-2 in games Porter has played since his acquisition.

Following Sunday afternoon's 123-118 loss to the Hawks, they're 0-2 in games Porter has missed.

The Hawks overcame Trae Young's controversial ejection and the absence of John Collins, Omari Spellman and Taurean Prince to shoot 21-for-42 from 3-point range and place seven players in double figures, topped by Alex Len's 28 points.

Zach LaVine and Lauri Markkanen weren't at their best after logging over 53 minutes Friday, and the Bulls returned to four games clear of the Hawks for the league's fourth-worst record.

For those draft positioning enthusiasts out there, Porter helped the Bulls yet again.

The Bulls still had their chances.

Kris Dunn, who has sank multiple 3-pointers in consecutive games for the first time in his three-year career, missed a wide-open 3 from the wing with 21.2 seconds left. After Kevin Huerter missed both free throws with 15 seconds left, Markkanen also missed a decent look to tie from the top of the key with 11.4 seconds left.

"I could've shot-faked," Markkanen said. "I was talking to (the defender) and he said he definitely would've gone for it. So



Bulls guard Wayne Selden shoots over the Hawks' Alex Poythress during Sunday's game.

that's kind of annoying."

So was a Bulls miscommunication after Kent Bazemore split two free throws with 77 seconds left for a four-point lead. The Hawks fouled LaVine, who sank the first free throw and intentionally missed the second in the hopes of the Bulls getting an offensive rebound and a 3-pointer to tie.

Boyle had subbed Shaquille Harrison for Robin Lopez, hoping for a different outcome.

"We're down four. Make two," he said. "Maybe we steal the ball. They don't have a timeout. So I subbed small to try to match up, get a deflection, steal the ball and maybe tie the game. There was a misunderstanding there. And it's a learning moment."

The Hawks led 78-62 when officials ejected Young for his second technical foul with 9 minutes, 20 seconds left in the third quarter. Young and Dunn drew double technicals in the first for a minor altercation as the teams walked off the court during a timeout.

"Each player made physical contact with each other," crew chief Mark Ayotte told a pool reporter.

Young speculated Dunn might've still been angry about Friday's game, in which Young torched Dunn in the fourth quarter and fouled him out in the first overtime.

"I just came off a migraine so I've got to figure that out," Dunn cracked. "I ain't even worried about (Friday)."

Young then stared down Dunn after sinking a deep 3-pointer for his second technical.

"I don't think he should've been ejected," Dunn said.

Young agreed.

"You try to play with energy, passion and emotion," he said. "I was just having fun. That wasn't the first time I looked at someone after I hit a shot. But he made the call."

Ayotte explained the judgment call.

"He stared down his opponent and was issued a taunting technical foul," the official said. "Taunting is directed at an opponent specifically. Celebration is not directed at an opponent."

With Young's 18 points, five assists and floor moxie gone, the Bulls rallied behind unlikely sources. Cristiano Felicio scored in double figures for the first time since last season's finale. And Antonio Blakeney scored 13 of his 17 in the fourth.

But Markkanen's 6-for-21 afternoon, LaVine's quiet, nine-shot effort and Porter's rest proved too much to overcome.

"I should've been more aggressive," LaVine said.

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BLACKHAWKS

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

'Free Solo' valuable viewing for Perlini

Feeling less pressure, winger enjoying game in return to lineup

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Chicago Tribune

SAN JOSE — Nobody is going to confuse hockey with a day in the park. But it's not nearly as dangerous as trying a free-solo climb up the side of Yosemite National Park's El Capitan.

After watching "Free Solo," which captured rock climber Alex Honnold's bid to scale El Capitan and won the Oscar for Best Documentary, Blackhawks forward Brendan Perlini realized he was approaching hockey with a finality that didn't actually exist.

"One mistake and he's dead," Perlini said of Honnold. "Maybe I was looking at hockey (like that). It's a game, it's hockey. If he makes a mistake he's literally dead."

"Whereas for me I get to wake up and enjoy another day."

That approach helped keep Perlini at ease Saturday against the Kings when he scored two goals in his first game after being a healthy scratch for four consecutive games. Perlini, who arrived in November from the Coyotes in the Nick Schmaltz trade, has five goals and one assist in 30 games with the Hawks.

"I felt kind of at ease," he said. "There was no pressure."

With Drake Caggiula in concussion protocol for a second straight game, Perlini was in the

lineup again on Sunday night against the Sharks. There's no guarantee he'll remain there even if he keeps scoring.

"It's the same speech I've had with him a few times," coach Jeremy Colliton said. "I'm not so concerned about whether the puck's going in the net, I feel that will take care of itself. It's the play away from the puck, it's the pressure on the puck. It's the work ethic, it's the 50-50s around the lines. That's what allows you to have positive shifts. So if he does that, then he'll get his chances."

In and out: Hawks defenseman Slater Koekkoek had been in a rotation with Carl Dahlstrom and Gustav Forsling over the last month before Colliton kept him in the lineup for seven straight games.

That stretch came to an end Sunday against the Sharks when Dahlstrom was back in the lineup along with Forsling, and Koekkoek was the healthy scratch.

"When (Koekkoek) is at his best he's really defending hard and getting stops in D zone and being clean with the puck," Colliton said. "We're not looking for him to make five-bell plays with the puck, but be clean with it and help us advance it and play in the offensive zone. I just think he hasn't been quite as good lately."

"We need a little more competition. We need more from the guys that have been in and out, so it's an opportunity to step forward."



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

After a rough start the Blackhawks have gone 17-10-3 in their last 30 games under rookie coach Jeremy Colliton.

Colliton is making his mark as Hawks coach

Blackhawks, from Page 1

Colliton has been behind the bench for the Hawks, well over half an NHL season. He never had a honeymoon period as the Hawks lost their first three games after he took over and went 4-13-3 in his first 20 games.

Over the last 30 games, the Hawks have posted a very respectable 17-10-3 record to get back into the playoff race, providing breathing room this season as well as hope for next season.

"We're playing a little bit better, so it gets easier to look ahead and think about things a little more," Colliton said. "In the first couple of months there wasn't much time for that. We were just trying to survive there for a little bit."

"I do think we're on the right track. I like the feeling in the group, I like how we carry ourselves. We've got a belief that we've got something going on here. We know we're not perfect, but it doesn't mean we can't win. And I think that's powerful."

Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews, Duncan Keith and Brent Seabrook had the same coach for more than 10 years. It was an

adjustment when Colliton took over and started making changes. Now they're seeing the impact of those changes.

"He brought with him a game plan, (and) if we follow that game plan and bring the effort, we're pretty successful on most nights," Kane said. "He's even brought that game plan into this locker room, (so that when) we don't have our best we're still able to keep ourselves in games and maybe come out on top at the end of them."

"He deserves a lot of credit. He's done a great job."

No doubt the 34-year-old rookie head coach has many things to work on, but getting across to his players what he expects from them in a clear, concise way isn't one of them.

"Anytime you have a coach that can talk to you and tell you what you did wrong, (it's better) than yelling at you in gibberish sometimes when they get too aggravated," winger Brandon Saad said.

"He knows the game well and he's been preaching his way. And it's working out for us."

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BULLS NOTES

Quick rematch 'a teaching moment'

BY K.C. JOHNSON

Chicago Tribune

This isn't a news flash, but the Bulls won't be in the playoffs. Neither will the Hawks.

But after Friday's insane, four-overtime classic, both Bulls coach Jim Boylen and Hawks coach Lloyd Pierce viewed Sunday as their version of a playoff game.

"I'm trying to get all my guys who haven't ever played a playoff game to understand this is what a series is like," Boylen said. "You win an emotional, tough game. Now you have to saddle up, make your adjustments or do what you did better and compete against the same guy. He knows your moves. You know his moves. You know what he's good at. He knows what you're good at. Now it comes down to grit, toughness and competitiveness. I'm trying to use this as a teaching moment."

Pierce said the focus on recovery Saturday and being mentally and physically ready for Sunday proved invaluable for rookies Trae Young and Kevin Huerter. Boylen

agreed.

"It's a strange feeling," Boylen said. "On the plane (home), it was a weird vibe with everybody and the fatigue factor, mentally too. I read Coach Pierce's (Friday) comments. He said, 'I can't remember all the plays that happened in the game.' I said that too. They kind of all run together."

"But I told our guys that I'm happy they got a chance to play in a game like that. It's something they'll always remember. It's kind of a cool. It's nice when you win too. So I'm proud of them."

Lightening the load: After saying they wouldn't, the Bulls joined the draft lottery positioning game. They sat Otto Porter Jr. for "load management." The Bulls are 6-2 when Porter plays.

"Rest after the four-OT game," Boylen said. "We want to protect that calf and just his overall soreness. He wanted to play. That's the kind of competitor he is. But we feel it's best for him and for the team that he takes the day with the amount of soreness he

has and how he's feeling."

Veteran respect: Vince Carter played after logging seven seconds shy of 45 minutes Friday. Several Bulls expressed admiration for Carter, 42, maintaining his level of play throughout the marathon game.

"His minute restriction coming into the year was 14 to 20 and then he plays 44 (Friday) night and he's still dunking and shooting 3-pointers," Pierce said. "I don't know if Vince is getting younger or older. And I keep saying that."

"I'm just continually amazed with Vince. ... He knows there's more in the tank. I hope we get to keep that guy here. He's just a tremendous asset to our locker room and team."

Layup: Chandler Hutchison worked out at the Advocate Center before the game. Although the rookie is running and shooting, there's no timeline for his return from a sesamoid fracture in his right foot. "He's improving," Boylen said.

BEARS



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Robbie Gould, who helped the 49ers beat his old team, the Bears, at Soldier Field in 2017, will remain in San Francisco next season. The 49ers placed the franchise tag on Gould last week.

Going nowhere

Bears out of luck as Niners put franchise tag on Gould for '19

BY DAN WIEDERER
Chicago Tribune

Month by month, Robbie Gould had been allowing himself to envision a happy homecoming.

In late December, before Gould and the 49ers hosted the Bears in the penultimate game of the regular season, the 36-year-old kicker let it be known he had no hard feelings against the organization that gave him his big break but abruptly cut him on Labor Day weekend 2016.

“My heart and my passion will always be in Chicago,” Gould said.

In January, Gould was there at Soldier Field with his family when the Bears played their first playoff game in eight years. He was seated in the northeast corner of the stadium, giving him a clear view of Cody Parkey’s 43-yard double-doink misfire, the gaffe that gave Chicago a nauseating finish to a dream season and ignited a fan fascination that intrigued Gould too.

Couldn’t the Bears’ chronic kicking problems have the simplest of solutions? Wouldn’t a reunion with Gould be an obvious and sensible way to address one of the team’s biggest needs?

Parkey’s notorious miss had barely come to rest near the north goal line at Soldier Field on Jan. 6 when the flood of texts to Gould began with friends and former teammates wondering about a possible return to the Bears. Those curiosities and wishes quickly spread across a scarred football city that so fondly remembered the brightest of days from the 11 seasons Gould was with the Bears, piling up a franchise-record 1,207 points.

A few weeks later at the Super Bowl, Gould again expressed his love for Chicago and entertained the idea of becoming a Bear again.

As February crept on, Gould thought about his expiring contract with the 49ers. He thought of the Bears’ obvious need. He thought of his wife and three sons — newest addition Grayson was born in November. He thought of the house the family was building in the northwest suburbs.

He also thought about his glory days in Chicago and more than once expressed a nostalgic sentiment: “Once a Bear, always a Bear.”

And that left Gould to think more deeply about free agency, about the March 13 start of the

“My heart and my passion will always be in Chicago.”

— Robbie Gould

new league year and what he truly desires at this stage of his career.

He wanted a multiyear contract. He wanted to be with a team that had a legitimate chance to win next year’s Super Bowl. He wanted to find a work-life balance in his decision-making process.

“You field phone calls and you figure it out,” Gould said in an interview on WSCR-AM 670 just two weeks ago. “When that (free-agency negotiating) window opens, it’s kind of a free-for-all. You’re trying to make decisions that are best for your family. And you’re trying to make decisions that fit where you want to go for the next part of your career.”

When pressed on his openness to returning to Chicago, Gould recognized he wasn’t in full control of his situation but said he would “consider all opportunities.”

“I’ve made calculated decisions my whole career,” he said. “And I’m going to do the same thing whenever this decision that we have to make comes up. ... It’ll probably be pretty stressful, but it’s a good problem to have, right?”

Alas, there will be no suspense as March 13 nears. Gould’s current employer was always in the driver’s seat of this situation and earlier this week the 49ers locked the doors and made certain their valued kicker wasn’t getting out.

The 49ers placed the franchise tag on Gould on Tuesday, an affordable and practical stopgap to keep their kicking situation stabilized. General manager John Lynch and Gould’s representatives will continue to negotiate a new contract. But even if they hit a wall in those talks, the 49ers have Gould locked in for 2019 for a one-year price of approximately \$5 million.

Niners coach Kyle Shanahan explained his appreciation for Gould this way.

“I’ve been calling plays long enough [to know] it’s very tough when you get to that 30-yard line and don’t believe the kicker is going to make it,” Shanahan said Wednesday. “It takes a guy a while to earn that belief. Every

time we get there now, I never think we’re going to miss it.

“That’s a very good feeling to have as a play-caller and as a coach, and that’s something Robbie has given us for the last two years.”

Wouldn’t Bears general manager Ryan Pace love to have that feeling again?

On Wednesday, during an extended back-and-forth on the state of the Bears’ urgent kicker hunt, Pace was pressed to reflect on his 2016 decision to cut Gould. In retrospect, with Gould having made 82 of his 85 field-goal attempts since leaving Chicago, the Bears’ inner belief at that time that Gould’s best days were behind him seems like a major miscalculation.

“We’re not going to be 100 percent all the time,” Pace said. “I think you’re honest with your assessments and you learn from those things and get better.”

In fairness, Gould wasn’t at his peak when the Bears let him go. He had missed two kicks, including a potential game-winning 36-yard field goal in an overtime loss to the 49ers in Week 13 the previous season. Seven days later, his 50-yard kick in the closing seconds to tie a game against the Redskins drifted wide right.

Those failures helped sink the Bears’ 2015 playoff hopes. And Gould’s six field-goal misses for the year (on 39 attempts) matched his single-season career high, which came when he was a rookie 10 years earlier.

Relatively speaking, he was struggling. Even Gould says getting cut by the Bears actually revived his career. He had to refocus and do a deep self-assessment and quickly realized he had to become sharper with his footwork, tempo and timing. He had to remind himself to concentrate on football as much as possible.

Over the last three seasons, Gould has been “solid as a rock” in the words of Lynch, whose use of the franchise tag squelched Bears fans’ dreams of a Gould reunion.

“We are huge fans of Robbie Gould,” Lynch said. “He’s as consistent as they come.

“I’ve known Robbie for a long time and I knew that about him. We did put the franchise tag on him, but we’re very hopeful we can continue talking and try to come to an agreement to keep him around for a while.”

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Michigan rebounds, stays in title chase

Associated Press

Playing with intensity and emotion after being cut down to size in defeat, Michigan used a strong performance from its relentless starting lineup to remain in the hunt for the Big Ten title.

Ignas Brazdeikis scored 21 points, Jon Teske had 11 points and 10 rebounds, and No. 9 Michigan pulled away from 17th-ranked Maryland in a 69-62 victory Sunday in College Park, Md.

The Wolverines (26-4, 15-4) clinched a double-bye in the conference tournament and still have chance to overtake first-place Purdue. Michigan, the defending Big Ten Tournament champion, must win its finale at Michigan State and hope the Boilermakers lose at least one of their last two.

“The regular-season championship is a prize for most programs that have any history in this (conference),” coach John Beilein said. “That’s the prize. Michigan, we haven’t won it that many times.”

After losing at Penn State on Feb. 12 and at home against Michigan State a week earlier, the Wolverines found their roots with a big win at Maryland.

“This was as focused as we’ve been,” Beilein said. “We’ve only lost four games, but we’ve had some times this year that we really got pruned. And being a farm boy, when you get pruned you grow

back stronger.”

Bruno Fernando had 12 points, 10 rebounds and a career-high six blocked shots for Maryland (21-9, 12-7), which fell to 7-1 at home in Big Ten play. Freshman Jalen Smith scored 11 and three others chipped in with 10, including leading scorer Anthony Cowan.

Marquette stumbles: Martin Krampelj scored 19 points and Ty-Shon Alexander added 14 to pace Creighton to a 66-60 victory over No. 10 Marquette in Milwaukee.

Creighton (16-13, 7-9 Big East) outscored Marquette 16-3 down the stretch until a 3-pointer in the closing seconds by Markus Howard, who finished with 33 points.

The Golden Eagles (23-6, 12-4) committed 22 turnovers, which Creighton turned into 18 points.

Cardinals top Irish: Jordan Nwora scored 20 points, Malik Williams added 16 and matched a career-high with 13 rebounds, and Louisville topped visiting Notre Dame 75-61.

Louisville (19-11, 10-7 ACC) offset an impressive effort by Notre Dame junior forward John Mooney, the ACC’s rebounding leader (10.8) entering the game. Mooney scored 22 points on 9-of-16 shooting and grabbed 13 boards.

The Irish (13-16, 3-13) were 15 of 46 otherwise and shot 39 percent in losing their fifth in a row.

DEPAUL 92, ST. JOHN’S 83

Strus’ 43 points lift Demons

Associated Press

Max Strus scored a career-high 43 points as DePaul beat St. John’s 92-83 on Sunday at Wintrust Arena.

Femi Olujobi had 23 points and 10 rebounds for the Blue Demons (14-13, 6-10 Big East), who snapped their four-game losing streak. Jaylen Butz added eight rebounds.

After falling behind 42-33 at the half, DePaul outscored St. John’s

59-41 in the second half to earn the nine-point victory. The Blue Demons’ 59 second-half points were a season best for the team.

Shamorie Ponds had 29 points for the Red Storm (20-10, 8-9). Marvin Clark II and LJ Figueroa each added 13 points.

The Blue Demons improved to 2-0 against the Red Storm on the season. DePaul defeated then-No. 24 St. John’s 79-71 on Jan. 12.

DePaul plays Georgetown at home on Wednesday.



STEPHEN HAAS/AP

Illinois guard Andres Feliz drives to the basket between Northwestern’s Vic Law, left, and Ryan Greer on his way to a career-high 26 points.

Illini get revenge vs. NU

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their junior-college recruit in the preseason. But by mid-January, the feisty guard had only three double-digit scoring games.

In the first Big Ten game of the season, Feliz scored only two points against Nebraska. In three games in early January, he went a combined 3 of 10 from the field, including a 1-of-4 performance in the loss at Northwestern.

Where was this kid who promised to wow?

“We were 10, 11 games in,” Underwood said. “It takes junior-college players a semester to get acclimated, and now he’s confident. You’re seeing a guy who can pick and choose his spots. He was terrific tonight.”

Feliz, a junior, is one of several exciting players returning next season for the Illini. Despite Illinois’ struggles this season — including a five-game losing streak in late December and early January — there are clear signs of improvement.

Northwestern, which sits at the bottom of the Big Ten, dropped its 10th straight game and looks like it’s in a spiral with only two games remaining before the conference tournament.

Coach Chris Collins pointed to players being forced into unnatu-

ral positions because of injuries but said their second-half spike should make observers realize the team still has a pulse. After shooting only 30 percent and making only 1 of 13 3-point tries in the first half, the Wildcats (12-17, 3-15) shot 50 percent in the second half and hit 6 of 14 3s.

The skid hasn’t been easy for them, Collins conceded.

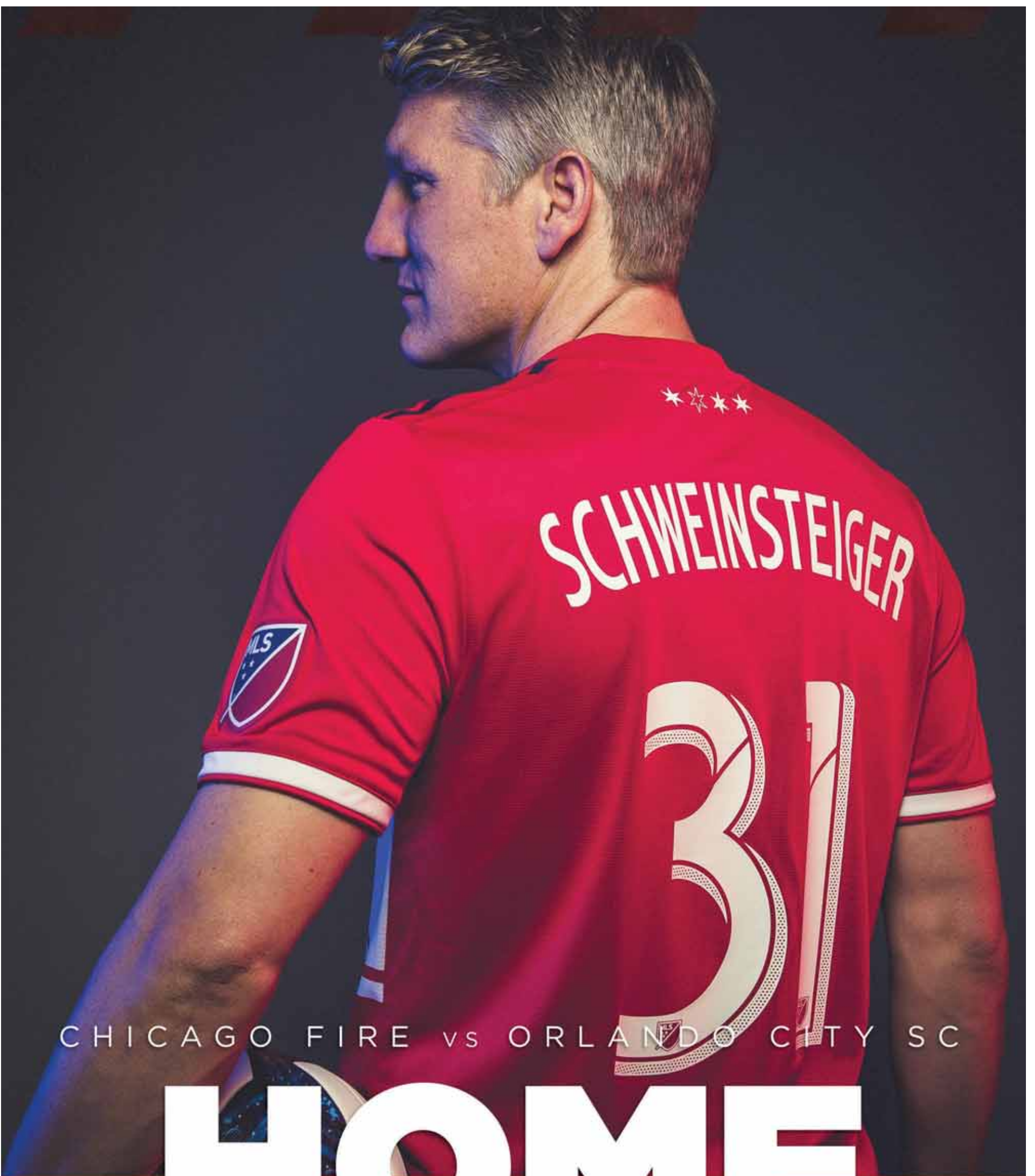
“I applaud our guys for their attitude,” he said. “Have they been knocked back? Absolutely. You lose (10) in a row, you haven’t tasted winning, it’s going to be tough. The morale is going to be hard. Our guys continue to come to practice. We had every reason at half to lay down. Our guys didn’t. They kept fighting and got themselves back in the game.”

Neither team will make the NCAA tournament, barring a shocking conference tournament championship.

“You just never know how quickly things can flip,” Collins said. “We need a game where we put it together.”

Both programs are looking for signs they are moving in the right direction. Illinois found a few more reasons to feel encouraged on Sunday.

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MONDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB			
Noon	Red Sox at Mets		MLB Network
3 p.m.	Angels at White Sox		MLB Network (tape delay)
NBA			
6:30 p.m.	Mavericks at Nets		NBA TV
9:30 p.m.	Clippers at Lakers		NBA TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m.	Virginia at Syracuse	ESPN
8 p.m.	Texas at Texas Tech	ESPN
8 p.m.	Kansas State at TCU	ESPN2
8 p.m.	Prairie View A&M at Alabama State	ESPNU

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m.	UConn at South Florida	ESPN2
6 p.m.	Baylor at West Virginia	FS1
7 p.m.	UCF at Houston	CBSSN

NHL			
6 p.m.	Oilers at Sabres		NHL Network

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED SUNDAY

- Gonzaga (29-2) did not play. Next: WCC semifinals, Monday, March 11.
- Virginia (26-2) did not play. Next: at Syracuse, Monday.
- Duke (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Tuesday.
- Kentucky (24-5) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Tuesday.
- North Carolina (24-5) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Tuesday.
- Kansas State (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Tuesday.
- Tennessee (26-3) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Tuesday.
- Houston (27-2) did not play. Next: vs. SMU, Thursday.
- Michigan (26-4) beat No. 17 Maryland 69-62. Next: at No. 6 Michigan State, Sat. 11.
- Marquette (23-6) lost to Creighton 66-60. Next: at Seton Hall, Wednesday.
- Texas Tech (24-5) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Monday.
- Nevada (26-3) did not play. Next: at Air Force, Tuesday.
- LSU (24-5) did not play. Next: at Florida, Wednesday.
- Purdue (22-7) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Tuesday.
- Kansas (22-7) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Tuesday.
- Kansas State (22-7) did not play. Next: at TCU, Monday.
- Marquette (21-9) lost to No. 9 Michigan 69-62. Next: vs. Minnesota, Friday.
- Florida State (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Virginia Tech, Tuesday.
- Wisconsin (20-9) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Iowa, Thursday.
- Virginia Tech (22-6) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Florida State, Tuesday.
- Florida State (22-6) did not play. Next: at Ohio, Tuesday.
- Iowa (21-8) did not play. Next: at San Jose, Wednesday, Thursday.
- Cincinnati (25-4) did not play. Next: at UCF, Thursday.
- Wofford (26-4) did not play. Next: vs. VMI or Western Carolina, Saturday.
- Washington (23-6) beat Stanford 62-61. Next: vs. Oregon State, Wednesday.

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED SUNDAY

- Baylor (27-1) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Monday.
- UConn (22-7) did not play. Next: at South Florida, Monday.
- Louisville (27-2) beat Pittsburgh 67-60. Next: ACC Tournament.
- Notre Dame (27-3) beat Virginia 103-66. Next: ACC Tournament.
- Mississippi State (27-2) beat No. 14 South Carolina 68-64. Next: SEC Tournament.
- Oregon (27-3) beat No. 21 Arizona State 66-59. Next: Pac-12 Tournament.
- Stanford (25-4) beat Washington 72-53. Next: Pac-12 Tournament.
- Maryland (26-3) did not play. Next: Big Ten Tournament.
- Oregon State (24-6) beat Arizona 65-60. Next: Pac-12 Tournament.
- Kansas State (25-4) beat No. 15 Miami 70-68. Next: ACC Tournament.
- Kentucky (24-6) beat Georgia 58-53. Next: SEC Tournament.
- Iowa (23-6) beat Northwestern 74-50. Next: Big Ten Tournament.
- Marquette (24-6) beat Princeton 80-57. Next: Big East Tournament.
- North Carolina (21-8) lost to No. 5 Mississippi State 68-64. Next: SEC Tournament.
- Miami (24-7) lost to No. 10 N.C. State 70-68. Next: ACC Tournament.
- Gonzaga (27-3) did not play. Next: WCC semifinals, Monday, March 11.
- Syracuse (22-7) beat Boston College 76-59. Next: ACC Tournament.
- Texas (21-8) did not play. Next: at TCU, Tuesday.
- Iowa A&M (23-6) beat Arkansas 66-53. Next: SEC Tournament.
- Texas State (22-7) did not play. Next: at Kansas, Monday.
- Arizona State (19-9) lost to No. 6 Oregon 70-62. Next: Pac-12 Tournament.
- Florida State (22-7) beat Georgia Tech 64-55. Next: ACC Tournament.
- Drake (23-5) beat Missouri State 70-61. Next: vs. Illinois State, Thursday.
- Drake (24-3) did not play. Next: at UTSA, Thursday.
- UCLA (19-11) beat Colorado 84-50. Next: Pac-12 Tournament.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

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Boston	65	39	17	9	87	194	161	24-7-3	15-10-6	13-6-2
Toronto	65	40	21	4	84	233	186	21-12-1	19-9-3	12-6-3
Montreal	66	35	24	7	77	201	193	19-11-4	16-13-3	10-8-5
Buffalo	65	30	27	8	68	187	207	19-9-4	11-18-4	9-9-4
Florida	65	28	26	11	67	207	224	16-12-6	12-14-5	11-7-3
Detroit	65	23	33	9	55	179	232	12-17-5	11-16-4	7-10-4
Ottawa	66	23	38	5	51	195	246	14-15-4	9-23-1	7-12-2
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Washington	66	38	21	7	83	226	208	19-9-5	19-12-2	12-5-2
N.Y. Islanders	65	37	21	7	81	187	157	19-10-4	18-11-3	15-7-1
Carolina	65	36	23	6	78	196	176	18-10-4	18-13-2	9-9-2
Pittsburgh	65	34	22	9	77	226	202	17-12-2	17-10-7	11-7-2
Columbus	65	36	26	3	75	203	197	17-16-2	19-10-1	13-7-1
Philadelphia	66	32	26	8	72	201	219	17-12-4	15-14-4	8-9-2
N.Y. Rangers	65	27	27	11	65	190	218	16-11-8	11-16-3	7-10-5
New Jersey	66	25	33	8	58	188	223	17-12-5	8-21-3	8-12-2

PGA

Mitchell tops Koepka, Fowler to claim 1st title

BY TIM REYNOLDS | Associated Press

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Keith Mitchell's first and until now only win as a professional was three years ago, on something called the G Pro Tour.

As is the case with minitour life, hardly anybody was watching and hardly anybody noticed. He earned \$5,600.

Those days are long gone. After 97 tries on the PGA Tour, the Web.com Tour and even the Latinoamerica Tour, Mitchell is finally a winner — and had to outslug two of the game's best players for that long-awaited victory. A birdie on the par-5 18th on Sunday capped Mitchell's win at the Honda Classic, where he held off Brooks Koepka and Rickie Fowler.

"It was awesome," Mitchell said. "I wish that I could come up with a better word than that, but just having a chance to come down the stretch against Rickie Fowler and Brooks, those guys are the best in the world. ... And I'm just pleased that I could prove myself against guys like that."

Mitchell birdied four of his final seven holes, including a 15-footer on the last for a

3-under 67 and a 9-under 271 total. Koepka (66) and Fowler (67) made big charges as well on a wild and windy day at PGA National, yet settled for a tie for second at 8 under, one shot behind Mitchell.

Fowler gave Mitchell a warm embrace when they crossed paths after the final putt. "Awesome guy," Fowler said. "Obviously, a good enough player to win."

Ryan Palmer (63) and Lucas Glover (66) tied for fourth at 7 under. Vijay Singh, the 56-year-old who was bidding to become the oldest winner of a PGA Tour event ever, settled for outright sixth after a 70.

Koepka and Fowler both birdied the 18th. Fowler actually birdied three of his final four holes, including a 45-footer on the 17th.

But Mitchell didn't waver in the wind. He was on the upslope of a fairway bunker about 205 yards from the pin for his second shot at the par-5 18th. All he could do from there was hit a popup, leaving him with a wedge in for his third.

That checked up about 15 feet below the hole, giving him a putt to win. He made it, pumped his fist and waited for the final group to finish about five minutes later.

NASCAR

Logano holds off Keselowski, finally cashes in at Vegas

BY GREG BEACHAM | Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Joey Logano and Brad Keselowski were side by side off the fourth turn, teammates fighting for the last burst of speed on the final lap at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Logano barely managed to block Keselowski's move, and the defending NASCAR Cup Series champion hung on for his first win in his title defense season.

"That was more intense than I wanted it to be," Logano said.

Logano held off Keselowski on Sunday for his first Cup victory in Vegas, driving his Team Penske Ford to his 22nd career win.

"There's been plenty of times when we've led a lot of laps here, but we've never won, and that's the most important stat to have," Logano said. "Something happens at the end, and Brad becomes the fastest car and he wins. I looked in the mirror, and I was like, 'Oh, my gosh, this is happening again.'"

But after narrowly answering Keselowski's last-lap passing attempt, Logano celebrated his victory in NASCAR's first

race under its full new rules package designed to foster tight racing and excitement.

"What a great race," Logano said. "Brad and I were so evenly matched, and you just can't pull away (under the new rules). My heart is still running."

Excitement is exactly what NASCAR got on the final lap, although the quality of the 266 laps before that sharply divided drivers and observers — no surprise in a sport that rarely agrees on much of anything.

The Vegas race featured no cautions, which meant the thrilling restarts expected under the new rules were limited to a couple of wild laps after the two segment breaks.

"There towards the end, the way this drafting package, these rules work, it was intense," Logano said. "You can't get away. You're constantly looking around. Mentally, I'm exhausted right now. It proves you don't need crashes to have an exciting race. There's so much strategy that goes into driving these race cars now. I thought it was as entertaining as can be. I don't really know what to say if you don't like that."

BASEBALL



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cubs slugger Kris Bryant, greeting White Sox pitcher Carlos Rodon before a game last season, would like local baseball fans to "just enjoy two Chicago teams going at it."

Cubs want Sox to become a winner

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with most Cubs personnel, at least not those who have no beef with the South Siders. Joe Maddon said he'd like to see Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf succeed with his rebuild.

"Absolutely I want to see it work," Maddon said. "I love that. I think it'd be wonderful for the city to have two playoff-caliber teams at the same time. It's great. It's exciting. I don't wish poorly on anybody."

"I know Mr. Reinsdorf now a little bit, and I really like the man a lot. I wish them well. I think they've done a lot of really good things. What they've done this year, combined with the young players they have, if they pitch it they're going to be fine, and they've normally pitched (well) in the past."

"Absolutely I'd like to see them do well." Ditto, Sox manager Rick Renteria said.

Renteria said he also hopes the Cubs do well despite being fired by the team after one season and replaced by Maddon.

"Maybe we can become an envy of the sports world while having some great competing ballclubs in all facets," Renteria said.

Sure, Renteria could have been at the helm of the Cubs when they turned the corner in 2015. Instead he's in charge of another rebuild. But he said he holds no grudges and enjoys seeing old friends from the North Side.

"This is the job I have (and) we happen to compete against each other in two different cities, whether it's here in Arizona or Chicago," Renteria said. "But when it comes to the game, the game is the game. We go out there and try and do our job."

Schwarber remembered playing in the instructional league in 2014 with then-Cubs prospects Eloy Jimenez and Dylan Cease, and playing against then-Red Sox

prospects Yoan Moncada and Michael Kopech. He knew back then they'd all succeed, though he had no idea they'd one day be the core of a rebuilding team.

Bryant, who defended Sox outfielder Nicky Delmonico for claiming Cubs fans were the most "annoying" in baseball, said everyone needs to lighten up a bit when it comes to hating on the other team. It is, after all, entertainment, not politics.

"I root for a good, healthy rivalry (with) our fans going crazy when we play them at our place and their fans really wanting to beat us there," Bryant said. "I hate to see when it turns personal or super hostile. I mean this is just a baseball game. Can we just enjoy two Chicago teams going at it?"

Easy for him to say. Bryant doesn't have to work in an office with Sox fans, who enjoyed watching the Cubs collapse last October.

Maddon said he runs into Sox fans on Rush Street once in a while, adding "I don't often engage" with them.

Has he ever had any issues?

"No, it's always been good," Maddon said. "I think there is mutual respect right there. My conversations have been normally good. Even one of the dudes that parks the car for me in my apartment building is all White Sox, but he's very, very respectful (to me), as I am of him."

Schwarber agreed Sox fans have been nice to him on the street, though he conceded someone threw a plastic beer bottle at him a few years ago during a Cubs-Sox game on the South Side. Schwarber said he hopes they don't throw beer at him again this year when the Cubs return July 6 and 7.

"But if they do, I want them to be empty," he said with a laugh. "I was a little disappointed it was half-full."

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SPRING TRAINING NOTES

No rush to judgment: Tanaka picks up pace

Associated Press

Yankees right-hander Masahiro Tanaka got along just fine with baseball's new 20-second pitch clock in his first spring training start.

Tanaka is one of the majors' slowest workers, but he didn't have any violations in three scoreless innings during the Yankees' 7-1 victory over a Tigers split-squad on Sunday in Tampa, Fla.

Tanaka was ranked 76th out of 78 pitchers throwing 150 or more innings last year at 26.1 seconds between pitches, according to Fangraphs. He was ahead of only the Astros' Justin Verlander (26.3) and Red Sox's David Price (26.7).

"Yes, I was conscious of that," Tanaka said through an interpreter. "It's something MLB is testing during spring training and it might come into effect once we get into the season. You don't want to be not prepared if that were to happen."

Correa going easy: Carlos Correa would take more than 200 swings and lift weights every day during spring training in years past.

After a season when he missed six weeks with a back injury that lingered for the rest of the year, he has altered his preparations. The Astros shortstop has vastly cut back on everything from swings to how many sprints he runs in hopes that taking it a bit easier in February and March will lead to better health in September and October.

"I overworked during spring training and it showed up midseason with all the other workload," Correa said. "Obviously my back getting hurt, it came from all that

work. It was way too much. This year I've laid off a little bit of some of the things I did last year and I'm trying to work smarter."

That means limiting his swings to no more than 30 at a time and about 85 in a day and cutting his weightlifting to three times a week.

"I'm still working hard, it's just not like I did back then," he said. "It's just being smart about it."

Correa hit .268 with 13 homers and 49 RBIs the first half of last season. But he never got over a pinched nerve in a disk in his back in the second half and batted just .180 with two home runs and 16 RBIs.

Hicks wants to do more: As unhittable as Jordan Hicks' 105 mph heater can be, a pitch a little bit closer to the speed limit might ultimately be what makes him the Cardinals' closer.

Developing the slider, a pitch Hicks began to get a feel for late last season, into a reliable second option has been Hicks' focus this spring.

"I felt like I needed to come in prepared, more ready to go with a better arsenal," Hicks said. "Closers, they normally have pretty dirty secondary pitches."

Hicks threw seven of baseball's 10 fastest pitches last season, when 659 of his offerings were clocked at 100 mph or higher.

He only reached 102 mph Thursday in his spring debut, but that was plenty fast enough to keep Mets hitters off balance.

"He's already an amazing weapon," Cardinals manager Mike Shildt said.

If he could master the slider?

"Then he would be a force," Shildt said.

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- ACROSS**

 - 1 Put through a sieve
 - 5 Fundamentals
 - 9 Shapeless mass
 - 13 Monsters
 - 15 Beret material
 - 16 Etna's output
 - 17 Rushmore or Everest
 - 18 Poison remedies
 - 20 Trauma ctrs.
 - 21 Famed
 - 23 Linear measures
 - 24 Implied, but not said
 - 26 Floor pad
 - 27 Bowler's delight
 - 29 Aviators
 - 32 ___ away; erodes
 - 33 Pares
 - 35 FedEx rival
 - 37 Carney & others
 - 38 Regretting
 - 39 The Bee Gees, e.g.
 - 40 Prefix for arranged or heated
 - 41 High schoolers
 - 42 Written slander
 - 43 Warships
 - 45 Tenor Enrico
 - 46 ___ away; fled
 - 47 Absorbent cloth
- 48 Shocked; horrified
 - 51 Rogers or Clark
 - 52 Common street name
 - 55 Fraternal
 - 58 "Sesame Street" fellow
 - 60 Walkway
 - 61 McClanahan & others
 - 62 Ran fast
 - 63 Black-___ peas
 - 64 In a ___; pouting
 - 65 Strong urges
- DOWN**

 - 1 Partial amount
 - 2 Mr. Stravinsky
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 - 4 Smallest 2-digit number
 - 5 Expect
 - 6 "___ voyage!"
 - 7 Rollaway
 - 8 ___ down; losing weight
 - 9 Very drunk
 - 10 Tardy
 - 11 Think ___; contemplate
 - 12 Lowest singing voice
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- 30 Unrest
- 31 007 and others
- 33 Takes to court
- 34 Relations
- 36 Fly alone
- 38 Goes in again
- 39 Become fatigued
- 41 Garbage
- 42 Attorney
- 44 Gave a speech

- 45 Dove's cry
- 47 Rendezvous
- 48 Qualified
- 49 "The Old ___ Mare"
- 50 Sharpen
- 53 Claim against property
- 54 Prescriptions, for short
- 56 Pantyhose mishap
- 57 Ring of flowers
- 59 Charles or Romano

CUBS & WHITE SOX



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Roger Bossard is in his 53rd year of caring for the White Sox's fields at spring training and in Chicago. He became head groundskeeper in 1983.

Making the grounds

Whether in Arizona or Chicago, 'Sodfather' always keeps Sox fields ready for play

BY PAUL SULLIVAN
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — It's hard to shock the Sodfather. White Sox head groundskeeper Roger Bossard, known far and wide for his reputation as the Don of Dirt, has seen it all in his 53 years of tending fields for hundreds of Sox players. Bossard was there when the Sox installed an AstroTurf infield in 1969 and kept it through the 1975 season. ("It's not the way the game should be played. It's phony," he later grouched to the Tribune.) He was there pulling out his thinning hair during the Disco Demolition riot of '79 that ravaged old Comiskey Park and forced the Sox to forfeit a game. And he's still there battling the polar vortexes that have become more commonplace the last few years.

But the Sodfather wasn't prepared for snow in Arizona on the night before the Cactus League opener. "I'm used to taking ice and snow off the field back home," he said. "But opening day here I bring the crew out and we dump the tarp and get nothing but ice and snow. I've been in Arizona 21 years for spring training, and it was the first time I ever ran into it. The hoses were all frozen too. "The grounds crew here had never seen anything like this either. It was an eventful morning, I can tell you that. We got the game in, so it turned out OK, but none of us have ever seen weather like this here. You can get a couple bad days here, but the first 2 1/2 weeks we had like



NANCY STONE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox head groundskeeper Roger Bossard said he wasn't prepared for snow in Arizona the night before the Cactus League opener.

five nice days. I felt like I was back home." Bossard began working on the Sox fields on the South Side and in spring training in 1967 as the third generation of Bossards to take up the craft. "In our family, this isn't a job," he told Tribune writer David Israel in 1979. "It is our life." Now the Sodfather, 70, is the longest-tenured groundskeeper in major-league history and has been with the Sox longer than any other employee. His grandfather Emil Bossard and uncle Marshall Bossard worked for years for the Indians and were inducted into the Major League Baseball Groundskeepers Hall of Fame. His father, Gene Bossard, was the Sox's head groundskeeper at old Comiskey from 1940 to '83. Former Sox great Nellie Fox

once credited Gene Bossard for adding an extra year to his career by letting the grass grow a little longer in front of the area where the second baseman played at Comiskey. The area in front of home plate was kept so wet in the '60s for ground-ball pitchers Tommy John, Joe Horlen and Gary Peters that the players nicknamed it "Bossard's Swamp." Roger became Gene's assistant in '67 before taking over as head groundskeeper upon his dad's retirement in '83. I began referring to him as "The Sodfather" when I was covering the Sox in the '90s, and eventually it stuck. Things are fine now at Camelback Ranch after the odd cold snap of February. But with temperatures expected to hover around zero in Chicago this weekend, Bossard has one eye on the fields in Arizona and the

other on the field at Sox Park. "It was sort of an odd winter for me back home," he said. "You know I love snow. I'd love to have snow on the field from Nov. 1 to March 14. But this year I have about an inch and a half of ice on the field, and ice is something you don't want because you're smothering the grass. "I have a feeling I'm going to be putting a lot of iron down on the field when I get back home on March 15. Iron brings the color out in the plant. "If you remember two or three years ago, I had to put my tent up on the field. I'm thinking I may have to do that again (because) opening day is coming." The home opener isn't until April 4 against the Mariners, so Bossard will have a few weeks to get the field ready when he returns. As much as he loves the work, he did admit to taking a weekend off early in camp to fly with his wife, Geri Lynn, to Los Angeles to see their son, Brandon, play shortstop for St. John's against UCLA. The Sox drafted Brandon, now a junior, in the 31st round in 2016. He could wind up being drafted again this year or next, in which case Roger could one day be tending a field in the afternoon and watching the son of the Sodfather play on it at night. "He wants to keep playing because he knows I have my rake and shovel put aside for him," Roger said. "He wants to stay away from there as long as possible."

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WHITE SOX TAKEAWAYS
Jimenez appears headed for familiar path

BY PAUL SULLIVAN
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Four takeaways from White Sox spring training Sunday:

1. Eloy Jimenez's homecoming to Sloan Park was uneventful. Jimenez memorably hit a two-run pinch-hit home run last year in his return to the ballpark he played in as a Cubs prospect. But Sunday he went 0-for-3 the Sox's 13-4 loss to the Cubs. Jimenez is expected to be sent back to the minors before the end of camp to avoid starting his service time clock. But Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant hopes Jimenez knows that he belongs in the majors.

"We both know this is such a drawn-out and tired thing," Bryant said of service-time manipulation. "Every year at this time I have to answer questions about it because it's happened to me. I feel for him. It's frustrating, but it's just about going out there and performing in the spring and making the decision tough on them, even though we know it's a very easy decision."

Bryant led the Cactus League in home runs as a top Cubs prospect in 2015 but was sent down to Triple-A Iowa to delay his free agency an extra year until after 2021. Jimenez and Blue Jays prospect Vladimir Guerrero Jr. are in the same boat this spring. "It's going to sting," Bryant said. "There are going to be a lot of articles written on it and a lot of attention brought to it, and I'll always be attached to it. Vlad Jr. (and the Padres' Fernando Tatis Jr.) as well. Wow. There a lot this year ... When it happened to me it was just me and (the Phillies' Maikel) Franco. "It's one of those things I wish personally would go away. Let's figure out a way to come up with something so we don't have to talk about it each spring. I think eventually we will get there. ... It's going to be frustrating for (Jimenez), but no doubt he's going to be a great big leaguer."

2. Dylan Cease will make his first Cactus League start Tuesday against the Indians.

Cease, one of the top pitching prospects in the minors last year, finally gets a chance to show his stuff in a split-squad game in Goodyear, Ariz. Sox manager Rick Renteria said Cease likely will get another start in five days, which puts him on schedule to pitch March 10 against the A's at Camelback Ranch. Cease made two Cactus League starts last year, and he's physically fine. But he threw 124 innings in the minors last year, and the Sox believe his delayed start this spring will save some bullets for September, when presumably Cease will be in the big leagues.

"We're trying to put him in a position where we get him going a little later," Renteria said. "Still get him ready for the season, but we're going to expand his inning usage a little this year so we're trying to wean it, get it closer to where he's supposed to be. ... Hopefully we're doing it right."

3. Ervin Santana's nickname is "Magic."

Santana threw batting practice Sunday as he rehabs his surgically repaired right middle finger and tries to win a job in the Sox rotation. With Manny Banuelos walking four Cubs hitters in the first inning, the competition for the fifth spot isn't too strong. Renteria said Santana "absolutely" has a shot at being ready by the end of camp, even though he is just beginning to throw after missing most of 2018 with the Twins. "This kid is pretty good," Renteria said. Santana is 36. Renteria referred to Santana as "Magic," which of course is the nickname of Lakers legend Earvin Johnson.

4. Chicago beat writers cured Renteria's hiccups.

Renteria apologized to the media before his press briefing for having the hiccups, and said he'd had been hiccupping since around 9 p.m. Saturday, or about 15 hours. But after seven minutes of answering questions, Renteria's hiccups suddenly had stopped. "It's awesome," he said. "It's you guys. You guys put me in a good place." All part of the job.

CUBS TAKEAWAYS

Darvish: I've got 'best stuff' of career

BY PAUL SULLIVAN
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Four takeaways from Cubs spring training Sunday:

1. Yu Darvish is ready to go, like right now.

Darvish hit 97 mph and threw two scoreless innings in his second Cactus League outing Sunday as the Cubs beat the White Sox 13-4, then made a bold statement when asked how he feels. "I'm at the best in my career," he said. What? Darvish can already tell this early in spring training? "Yeah," he said. "Because I'm throwing 97 and the slider was very good and the split was good too. Best stuff in my life." Darvish walked one after walking four in his first appearance, the first time he pitched against major leaguers since May. So if he feels that good, what does that mean for the Cubs' chances? "I can help a little bit," he said with a laugh. "If I can help the team, that means we can win the division and playoffs." Being back with Cole Hamels, his former teammate with the Rangers, seems to agree with

Darvish, who said the Cubs have the "best starting pitching" in the National League. He was injured when the Cubs acquired Hamels last July. "He's my almost best friend," he said. "I wanted to be in the same starting rotation with him. That's my dream."

2. Don't ask Joe Maddon about lost "mojo."

Asked if the Cubs could get their mojo back in 2019, Maddon suggested it was an inappropriate question. "I mean, to rediscover a mojo after a 95-win season is really difficult to jump on board with," he said. "I'm sorry. We were disappointed we got eliminated quickly. Absolutely. We had a lot of injuries. Some guys we had underperformed. I'd say we want to recapture our offensive mojo. ... So when you talk about the way we've been over the last four years, to be condescending or critical of my guys, I can't do it." Maddon said the Brewers deserve credit for catching the Cubs. "I don't think that we've so much lost our mojo, but maybe someone else found a little bits of theirs, and that's what's made this so difficult," he said. "It's not easy to compete and win on an annual



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Yu Darvish hopes to boost the Cubs this year. "If I can help the team, that means we can win the division and playoffs," he said Sunday.

basis ... but overall man, to average almost 97 wins the last four years it's hard to say we lost our mojo."

3. No more greasy kid stuff for Maddon.

Maddon had most of his hair lopped off for his "Respect Bald" charity event on Saturday, and said he's not going to dye it when it grows out, as he did last year and in the second half of 2017. "I'm going to let it fly," he said. "It's been kind of fun." Did the loss in the wild-card game convince him to go back to the old silver-haired look? "No, I've won and lost with black hair, brown hair, white air, bald head," he said. "My biggest superstition is putting my left sock and shoe on first, and that's been happening through thick and thin. I don't even know why. There is nothing politically atta-

ched to that by the way, if you want to go there." Maddon admitted he once got a Mohawk in Tampa Bay to change the team's luck, telling his barber to "just do it." "So that one had purpose," he said. "The others (dye jobs) have just been frivolous fun."

4. The Cubs set an attendance record Sunday and signed all their players.

The Cubs and Sox drew 16,069 fans on Sunday, a record for spring training in both the Cactus and Grapefruit Leagues. The Cubs set the old record last year with a crowd of 15,849 against the Giants ... The Cubs also signed all 17 of their players with zero to three years of service time. The top three were Willson Contreras (\$684,000), Albert Almora Jr. (\$615,500) and Ian Happ (\$603,500).

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Fans hold up their cell phones with the flashlight on as music plays before an NCAA college basketball game between Tennessee and Vanderbilt in Knoxville, Tenn. College basketball teams are trying to get fans to keep coming to games in the age of smartphones by making those phones an integral part of the experience.

Setting screens: Teams use tech to involve fans

BY STEVE MEGARGEE | Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — College basketball teams are trying to get fans to keep coming to games in the age of smartphones by making those phones an integral part of the experience.

That's evident every time cellphones in the stands light up arenas across the country during pregame lineup introductions.

Over 20 schools subscribe to a service enabling fans to have their phones light up in sync with music playing during pregame festivities. The program, organized by a company called Cue Audio, adds glitz to lineup introductions at various arenas from Oregon to Georgia.

"The light show's pretty cool," Tennessee guard Admiral Schofield said. "Especially when we have sold-out games, I think for the opposing team, you really see how many people are in the building, just by the cellphones. It brings a different intensity to the game."

The success of the Cue Audio project shows the variety of ways colleges are trying to assure fans keep coming to games when HD television makes it tempting to stay home instead.

Football Bowl Subdivision attendance has dipped every season from 2014-17 (2018 figures haven't been released yet). The same concerns exist in basketball.

The average attendance for a Division I basketball game last year was 4,807, a slight increase from the 2017 total of 4,799. Attendance rose 4.9 percent in the Southeastern Conference and 3.6 percent in the Big East, but dropped 5.2 percent in the Pac-12 and 4.3 percent in the Atlantic Coast Conference, while holding steady in the Big

Ten and Big 12.

"One of the challenges we have nowadays with getting fans to invest in purchasing tickets and actually using them is to try to create moments you can't necessarily get at home from your couch or wherever you are watching on your phone," Virginia Tech assistant athletic director for marketing and promotions Lauren Belisle said. "Anything we can do to make fans feel when they're in the building that they're impacting the game and part of the whole experience is big for us."

Arizona State has added a disc jockey. North Carolina installed four new video boards at a cost of just over \$5 million. Nebraska has a contest in which a blindfolded student

gets on his or her knees to search for a pile of cash on the court.

North Carolina assistant athletic director for marketing Michael Beale says the aim is to make sure spectators experience something they couldn't see just as easily on television.

"What we're doing now, we don't put our team entrance video out on social media or out for people to see," Beale said. "If you want to see the entrance video, you need to be in the Smith Center."

And it's those pregame entrances that exemplify the steps being taken to get fans into their seats as early as possible.

Cue Audio co-founder Ira Akers says the company's idea of lighting up arenas with cellphones started out with a minor league hockey team in Nebraska. They eventually started marketing it to colleges.

Akers declined to offer pricing information, but Tennessee associate athletic director Jimmy Delaney said the school got a season pass for its men's and women's basketball programs at a cost of close to \$15,000. Tennessee, like most schools, found a corporate sponsor to offset all or most of the costs.

Delaney said Tennessee officials were looking at ways to upgrade their pregame experience when they saw how spectators at a Taylor Swift concert got wristbands that lit up in sync to the music. They looked online for additional ideas and discovered what other schools

were doing with Cue Audio's service.

"Wristbands are really cool, but we'd have to pass them out and get them back and all that," Delaney said. "What's a better way? Cellphones."

Early adopters of the program included North Carolina, Marquette, Purdue, Nebraska and Wisconsin. Tennessee came aboard with plenty of other schools this year, as the number of colleges subscribing to the service nearly doubled.

That's raised some concern about whether the novelty of these pregame light shows will wear off. In the Big Ten alone, Cue Audio subscribers include Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio State and Purdue.

"It's, in my opinion, kind of lost its wow factor because so many people use it now," said Michaela Patt, Purdue's director of content, strategy and innovation.

Many schools also have capitalized on other services offered by Cue Audio. That includes participating in basketball trivia contests at halftime or having fans take selfies that appear on the video board.

"It's all about capturing the fans' attention and keeping them engaged in the game when what they came for is not going on," Beale said.

Other teams have discovered more organic ways of attracting fans.

Tennessee's players added some flair to the end of their pregame warmups this season by having one player dunk

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— Jimmy Delaney, Tennessee associate athletic director

while teammates jumped in unison, a stunt nicknamed "One Fly, We All Fly."

After slow-motion versions of this stunt started circulating on social media, the stunt went viral with numerous high school and college teams and even the NBA's Miami Heat trying out their own versions.

Tennessee has won 25 consecutive home games, and its average attendance of 18,945 is up 16.9 percent over last season and 38.9 percent over 2016-17. Delaney says fans email and call before every game asking when they must arrive to see the pregame dunk.

"No doubt," Tennessee forward Grant Williams said after a recent victory over Vanderbilt. "I saw it tonight. I was like, 'Wow, there are a lot of people here,' when we first got here. And I think it was like an hour-and-a-half before the game."

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Patrons visit the sports betting area of Twin River Casino in Lincoln, R.I., before the Super Bowl. In Rhode Island, one of the eight states to legalize gambling on sports, Patriots fans were able to place legal bets on their team's game against the Rams.

Legal sports gambling in 3 big states no safe bet

BY GEOFF MULVIHILL
Associated Press

Over the last decade, teams from California, Florida or Texas have competed in more than half the championship series in the four major professional sports — including every NBA final.

That may be no surprise, considering the three states account for 27 percent of all franchises in those leagues. The sheer number of teams and their relative success make them fertile territory for legalizing sports gambling now that the U.S. Supreme Court has allowed every state to offer it.

“These states are the brass rings given the size of the populations and the potential opportunity,” said Sara Slane, a spokeswoman for the American Gaming Association.

So far, that ring remains elusive. A 50-state review of sports gambling legislation by The Associated Press reveals that legalization efforts are nonexistent or very unlikely to happen anytime soon in the nation's three most populous states, which together hold more than a quarter of the U.S. population.

The reasons vary. In California and Florida, powerful tribal interests that control most casino gambling are reluctant to reopen their agreements with the state and potentially share the gambling market with other players, including card rooms and race tracks.

In Texas, a combination of political clout from out-of-state casino interests and social conservatives who are morally opposed to gambling have effectively killed any prospects for legalized sports betting.

In all three states, any attempt to allow sports gambling would likely require a statewide vote to amend the constitution — a high hurdle for any issue, much less an expansion of gambling.

“The dynamic at work here is the larger the state, the larger the market, the larger the opportunity — the more complex the stakeholder environment and the more political stasis sets in,” said Chris Grove, managing director of gambling research firm Eilers and Krejcik.

Sports gambling is now legal in eight states, including Nevada, which had a monopoly before the high court ruling last spring.

Arkansas, New York and the District of Columbia also have legalized sports gambling in some form and are working on regulations before bets can be placed, while at least 22 other states are considering bills to legalize it.



JOHN LOCHER/AP

Nevada regulators say gambling revenue in the state decreased 3 percent in Jan. 2019 compared to Jan. 2018.

Advocates think the legislation has a realistic chance of passing in about half those states.

California, which alone accounts for one-eighth of the U.S. population and has 16 teams among the four major professional leagues, will not be joining the sports gambling states anytime soon.

Gambling there is largely controlled by casino-operating tribes that have compacts with the state. The tribes that are part of the California Nations Indian Gaming Association oppose an expansion of gambling even though it could bring more traffic to their casinos, said Steve Stallings, the group's chairman.

The group is in the midst of a dispute with the state's card rooms and doesn't want to see more competition for the tribes by opening a debate over sports betting.

“We feel like protecting the industry in California is more important,” he said.

Just in case it does become legal, the United Auburn Indian Community struck a deal last year with a joint venture of casino company MGM and online gambling company GVC to run the sportsbook at its Thunder Valley Casino Resort, northeast of Sacramento.

Even so, the tribe doesn't want that to happen, said Howard Dickstein, the lawyer who negotiated the deal on the tribe's behalf.

“The tribe is not a strong advocate of legalizing sports betting under any circumstance,” he said. “The agreement with MGM



JOHN LOCHER/AP

A patron checks the board at a sports book in Las Vegas.

is an insurance policy to become allied with a leader if and when it becomes legal in California.”

Dickstein said the tribe would welcome sports betting if it were clear that tribal casinos would control the market in California. But if betting is allowed at card rooms, racetracks or lottery retailers, it would not be so appealing for the casinos. Even if the tribes would receive a big piece of the action, it might mean renegotiating their agreements with the state that determine what is allowed at their casinos — and that could give the state an opportunity to insist on concessions.

A similar dynamic is in play in other states, including Arizona and Minnesota, where bills that would allow tribes to operate sports betting are in danger, partly because many of the tribes oppose them.

In Florida, a major casino-operating tribe also is a key factor. Last year, voters agreed to make it tougher to expand gambling with a constitutional amendment that requires 60 percent voter approval for any future expansion of gambling in the state. The measure's supporters included Disney, whose Orlando resort is a major economic force, and the Seminole Tribe, which owns seven of Florida's eight tribal casinos.

State Senate President Bill Galvano, a Republican, said he believes sports betting could be legalized without voter approval, although he said he might ask for it, anyway. He said broader gam-

bling legislation is being developed that would allow wagering, likely at racetracks, tribal casinos and perhaps in some form at sports venues.

“Sports betting has been taking place here, as it has other places, just not regulated and taxed,” he said.

Any attempt to push through legalization in Florida without voter approval would hit opposition and likely trigger a lawsuit, said John Sowinski, who led the campaign for last year's constitutional amendment and leads the group No Casinos.

“Any sort of sober analysis of any type of gambling finds it doesn't add anything to the economy,” he said. “It's basically parasitic.”

In either case, Galvano said his bill is not likely to be a top priority during the 60-day legislative session that begins on Tuesday. Seminole Tribe spokesman Gary Bitner said in a text message that the tribe would not comment on the status of sports betting in Florida.

Texas, in addition to being home to eight teams in the four major professional sports, has hosted three Super Bowls, three NBA All-Star games and six NCAA men's Final Four basketball tournaments since 2004.

But the state is far less welcoming when it comes to gambling because of a mix of morality and money: Social conservatives assail it as a regressive tax on the poor, and the official Texas Republican Party platform opposes expanded gambling in any form.

A bill from a Democratic lawmaker seeking to legalize sports gambling has little chance this year in the Republican-dominated Legislature.

The biggest winners if Texas maintains the status quo are casinos in neighboring Oklahoma and Louisiana, whose operators are major contributors to Texas politicians.

Billionaire Tilman Fertitta, owner of the Golden Nugget casinos, has donated more than \$500,000 to Texas Gov. Greg Abbott. Two Oklahoma casino empires, the Chickasaw Nation and Choctaw Nation, have given more than \$5 million combined to Texas officeholders and candidates since 2006.

Rob Kohler, a lobbyist who opposes gambling as a consultant for the Christian Life Commission, said the consistently winning argument in Texas has been that gambling preys upon the poor.

“Dollars don't come from the sky,” he said.

“They're coming out of people's pockets.”



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Soprano Brenda Rae, on top of the table, makes her Lyric Opera debut as Ginevra during a dress rehearsal Wednesday of Handel's "Ariodante."

IN PERFORMANCE 'Ariodante' ★★★★★

A startling Handel update

Lyric Opera production of 'Ariodante' is vocally, visually and dramatically arresting

BY HOWARD REICH | Chicago Tribune

This has been a rough year for the stars at Lyric Opera. After opening as Violetta in "La Traviata," soprano Albina Shaginuratova has been forced to miss several performances due to laryngitis. Soprano Nina Stemme had to curtail her movements as "Elektra" during the opening night of Richard Strauss' opera due to a knee injury. And on Saturday night, mezzo-

soprano Alice Coote couldn't appear in the trouser role as Handel's "Ariodante" because of the flu. In each instance, the show went on — to varying degrees of success — but never more strikingly than in "Ariodante," a Lyric premiere. Apart from a few minor shortcomings, the new-to-Chicago production proved vocally, visually and dramatically arresting, not least because of director

Richard Jones' daring re-conception (brilliantly realized by revival director Benjamin Davis, in a Lyric debut). The production catapults the 1735 work into the 1960s/'70s, its cast of Scottish islanders caught up in the villainous schemes of Polinesso (insinuatingly sung by countertenor Iestyn Davies). He's presented here as a corrupt, lascivious priest angling for power by duping Ariodante (sung on opening night by mezzo-soprano Julie Miller, a Ryan Opera Center

alumna). Specifically, Polinesso has tricked the title character into believing he has been betrayed romantically by his betrothed, Ginevra (soprano Brenda Rae in a Lyric debut). In shattering the romance between Ariodante and Ginevra, Polinesso hopes to win favor and power from Ginevra's father, the king. Adding to the romantic complications: Polinesso has manipulated Ginevra's friend Dalinda (sung by soprano Heidi Stober)

into joining his machinations. Meanwhile, Ariodante's brother, Lurcanio (sung by tenor Eric Ferring), pines hopelessly for Dalinda. All of this would amount to little more than the usual operatic cliché of mistaken identities leading to disastrous results, but for the melodic grace of Handel's score, the high caliber at which it was performed and the production's innovations. Turn to **Lyric, Page 3**



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Kiss members perform during their End of the Road tour at the United Center in Chicago on Saturday.

IN PERFORMANCE

Kiss celebrates its legacy with zip lines, cranes, heavy grooves

BY BOB GENDRON
Chicago Tribune

Forget about going out with a bang. Kiss ended its allegedly final Chicago show Saturday at a packed United Center with a barrage of pyrotechnics and a storm of confetti so thick it obscured the band. For a group legendary for extravagance, the blowout proved a fitting farewell — and put an exclamation point

on a 125-minute performance awash in waves of similarly captivating visuals. More than 18 years after playing its first farewell tour, Kiss is saying goodbye. Again. Ultimately, the group claims the taxing weight of wearing its lavish outfits, as well as the desire for closure, factored into the decision. Whether or not the quartet stays off the road remains to be seen. But the timing

appears prescient in terms of providing framework for evaluating the band's career, particularly in light of current entertainment trends. Maligned by many critics even in its heyday for gimmickry, Kiss now seems to have been far ahead of its time — at least in terms of strategies. The band helped establish the idea of the

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IN PERFORMANCE

Part music, part funny, Metro show is all deadpan Fred Armisen

BY ZACH FREEMAN
Chicago Tribune

Usually before a comedian takes the stage, the music quiets, the lights dim and — especially if they're a headliner — someone announces them onto the stage. If the comedian has an opening act, the opener typically takes the stage first to warm the crowd up and then they do the announcing themselves, making extra sure the audience is hyped up for the main event. Not so with comedian, former "Saturday Night Live" cast

member, "Portlandia" co-creator and musician Fred Armisen. On Saturday night at Metro, with the house music still playing and no change in the lighting, Armisen strolled across the stage in black jeans and an olive jacket over a black shirt waving to the crowd with a very Armisen mixture of confidence and timidity. "Hi," he said nonchalantly. "Hello." The crowd — standing, as if for a music concert — noticed. Turn to **Armisen, Page 3**



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Fred Armisen performs his touring show, "Comedy for Musicians but Everyone Is Welcome" at the Metro on Saturday.

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Actor Johnny Depp is suing former wife Amber Heard in a \$50 million defamation lawsuit.

Johnny Depp sues ex-wife for \$50M

Actor Johnny Depp is suing his ex-wife, actress Amber Heard, in a \$50 million defamation lawsuit, citing a piece she wrote for The Washington Post about domestic abuse.

The complaint, filed Friday in the Circuit Court of Fairfax, Va., said that, while Depp was not named in the Post article, it was clear Heard was talking about him. The lawsuit called her ongoing allegations of domestic abuse “categorically and demonstrably false.”

“They were part of an elaborate hoax to generate positive publicity for Ms. Heard and advance her career,” the lawsuit said, claiming that “she is the perpetrator.”

The suit said Depp, 55, has suffered financial losses because of the accusations, including being dropped from his role as Capt. Jack Sparrow in the “Pirates of the Caribbean” films.

In her article, published in the Post in December, Heard also said she lost an acting role and a contract with a major fashion brand because she went public with her claims of abuse. “I spoke up against sexual violence — and faced our culture’s wrath,” the 32-year-old actress wrote.

Heard’s publicists and attorney did not return phone calls or emails from The Associated Press seeking comment Saturday.

In a statement to People magazine, her attorney, Eric M. George, called the lawsuit “frivolous” and “just the latest of Johnny Depp’s repeated efforts to silence Amber Heard.”

Depp’s attorney, Adam Waldman, responded to People that he and his client looked forward to presenting “overwhelming video, photographic and eye-witness evidence” that would clear Depp’s name.

— Associated Press

Box office

1. **“How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World,”** \$30 million
2. **“A Madea Family Funeral,”** \$27 million
3. **“Alita: Battle Angel,”** \$7 million
4. **“The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part,”** \$6.6 million
5. **“Green Book,”** \$4.7 million (tie)
- “Fighting With My Family,” \$4.7 million (tie)
6. **“Isn’t It Romantic,”** \$4.6 million (tie)
- “Greta,” \$4.6 million (tie)
7. **“What Men Want,”** \$2.7 million
8. **“Happy Death Day 2U,”** \$2.5 million

SOURCE: Associated Press
Estimated sales,
Friday-Sunday



ANDREW MEDICHINI/AP 2017

Ian McKellen apology: Actor Ian McKellen has apologized for remarks in which he appeared to suggest that allegations of sexual abuse that have been leveled against Kevin Spacey and Bryan Singer resulted from the entertainers’ unease with their own sexuality. McKellen tweeted Saturday that comments made during the live #QueerAF podcast were “clumsily expressed.” He said, “I suggested that if closeted people were instead open about their sexuality they wouldn’t abuse others. That, of course, is wrong.”

March 4 birthdays: Movie director Adrian Lyne is 78. Actress Catherine O’Hara is 65. Actor Steven Weber is 58. Jazz drummer Jason Marsalis is 42. Actress Audrey Esparza is 33. Actress Jenna Boyd is 26.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Politics may hurt neighborly kindness

Dear Amy: Our next-door neighbor is widowed and in her 80s. She has no family nearby, so I often help her with small tasks such as changing light bulbs, shoveling snow, etc. She is very nice, and we get along well.

Recently she posted a radical, right-wing political ad on her Facebook page, which I found highly offensive. I do not want to help her out anymore.

I know I cannot change her, but how can I deal with my anger?

— *Furious Neighbor*

Dear Furious: You are a good neighbor. I hope you feel proud of the role you have played in your neighbor’s life. Many neighbors are unsung heroes in the everyday lives and care of older people.

One way to deal with your anger is to find a way to express it.

I hope it is obvious to you that your neighbor may not know how to use social media. Her FB page might have been hijacked or used by someone else. She may have shared this post accidentally. Or yes, she may actually agree with the content in this ad.

Rather than simply and mysteriously withdraw from this relationship, you should respect her enough to be honest with her.

Bring your laptop or phone to her house and try this: “Maude, I need to be honest with you about something. See this? I think this is really hurtful. It’s offensive to me. And it bothers me. Can you tell me why you posted this?”

If she claims not to understand how this ad landed on her page, believe her. If she says any version

of “Well, this reflects my opinion,” then there you have it. If this reflects her beliefs, then what next? It is within your rights to give in to your desire to flee the relationship.

But should you continue to be a respectful and helpful neighbor to her? Yes, you should. Your behavior should reflect who you are, not who she is.

Dear Amy: I am trying to interpret someone’s behavior toward me. There is this guy I really like. I’ve known him for about two years. We chat and hang out, but we don’t hang out very often.

I do not know what to feel about him, as I sense that if I do not initiate any conversation between us, he would not initiate it on his own. Sometimes he goes off-radar without any valid reason.

Can you advise me about whether I should keep trying to be closer? Do you think we are headed toward a relationship?

— *Confused*

Dear Confused: I don’t think you are headed toward a relationship. I think you’re already in a relationship. Granted, it is completely one-sided (at least the way you describe it), but speaking literally, it is a relationship. Unfortunately, this is not the relationship you want to have.

Here’s a basic truism that might help you to gauge this person’s (and anybody else’s) relationship to you, and to place it on a spectrum: People do what they want to do. You want to be closer to him, so you initiate contact. If this guy wanted to be in a

closer relationship with you, he would be. If he wanted to be closer but had a valid reason not to be — such as health struggles, anxiety or depression or being in a competing relationship — he would find a way to let you know.

If being in this relationship solely on his terms gives you enough juice to keep trying, then do that. If hanging on is interfering with your emotional growth and development, then you’d do best to stop initiating, which would create room for other more balanced relationships to take root and grow.

Dear Amy: “Wondering Friend” wrote about a GoFundMe request from a teen football player to attend an out-of-state game.

In your answer, you state, “GoFundMe takes an ample percentage of the donations,” but in fact, we have a 0 percent platform fee and we offer donors the ability to give a voluntary tip so GoFundMe can cover the costs of its world-class services. The standard credit card processing fee is 2.9 percent plus 30 cents per donation.

— *Heidi at GoFundMe*

Dear Heidi: Thank you. Last year, GoFundMe switched from charging a 5 percent fee to asking for donors to add to their donation with a voluntary fee (a “tip”) to the site.

My research was outdated, and I appreciate the opportunity to correct it.

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Lyric

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For starters, the 20th century setting enabled Polinesso to become that much more menacing a character, at least by contemporary standards. When Dalinda removed his vestment in an attempt at seduction, Polinesso's too-tight jeans and tattoo-laden arms instantly suggested trouble. The masochistic ways in which Davies' Polinesso bedded her may not have been precisely what Handel had in mind, but it certainly illuminated the danger of the character.

Countertenor Davies threw off intricate passage-work with apparent ease, but he also offered a penetrating tone and snarling legato, rendering Polinesso a serpent-like figure in sound as well as gesture. Still, the production's conceit of having Polinesso (and others) hold up ribald sketches of the male anatomy seemed not only crassly obvious (in comparison with the rest of this staging's ingenuity) but rather sophomoric.

In one of the production's boldest moves, the dance sequences that concluded each act were replaced by puppetry vi-



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Puppeteers perform alongside Brenda Rae as Ginevra, left, in Lyric Opera's "Ariodante."

gnettes staged by the islanders (with Handel's instrumental music unfolding as written). Some observers may have found this a bit hokey, but if you were willing to suspend your disbelief, as I was, the passages proved quite moving. For as the common folk manipulated miniature versions of Ariodante and Ginevra, we saw new manifestations of the lovers' aspirations and disappointments.

Ultimately, of course, the singing matters most, and in this regard three performances made the great-

est contributions.

From the outset, soprano Rae created a Ginevra of luscious timbre and ample vocal heft, her top register radiant in "Orrida, a gl'occhi miei," her virtuosity unmis-

takeable in "Volate, amori." Stober was her equal as Dalinda, the passion of her delivery a centerpiece of this production, especially in "Neghittosi or voi che fate?" — which at certain junctures amounted to an outcry.

The most noteworthy solo breakthrough of the production belonged to tenor Ferring — a first-year

member of the Ryan Opera Center — as Lurcanio. The bright youthfulness of his instrument and the unyielding ardor of his delivery perfectly suited the character's impetuousness. Listen to him fervently dispatch "Il tuo sangue, ed il tuo zelo," and you're encountering an emerging tenor of considerable promise.

Which brings us to mezzo-soprano Miller, the Ariodante understudy who learned late Saturday afternoon that she would have to step into the title role on opening night, the very

definition of high pressure. Miller's work was consistently polished and sensitive to melodic contour, but she alternated from sounding too demure and self-effacing to producing the fuller, more vibrant tone required.

When she gave full voice to her part, as in "Qui d'amor, nel suo linguaggio," Ariodante came to life. When she was more hesitant, as in "Con l'ali di costanza," we needed to hear more sound, presence and commitment.

Still, in the culminating duet, "Bramo aver mille vite," Miller's Ariodante very nearly held her own alongside Rae's Ginevra. And Miller's "Scherza infida," one of Handel's most sublime creations, was deeply musical, if slow and a bit shy of vocal weight. That Miller was able to achieve as much as she did under these circumstances, however, spoke well of her art and professionalism.

Bass-baritone Kyle Ketelsen was regal as the king, and tenor Josh Lovell (a Ryan Opera Center member) commanding as the courtier Odoardo. Not surprisingly, conductor Harry Bicket, artistic director of the English Concert, brought forth clarity and rhythmic verve from the

Lyric Opera Orchestra and Chorus (the latter prepared by Michael Black).

The set and costume design by Ultz added significantly to this production's meaning. A tableau of three distinct rooms positioned alongside one another allowed multiple scenes to play out at once, each commenting on the others.

Mimi Jordan Sherin's lighting contrasted the amber shadings of the Scottish islands with the hot, bright lights of Ginevra's bedroom, where both perfidy and deliverance occurred.

And this production's new, feminist ending amounted to an exclamation point on an already bold staging. The final scene, which I won't spoil here, reminded the audience that an opera penned nearly three centuries ago can resonate profoundly with modern times, when staged as tellingly as this.

"Ariodante" plays on select dates through March 17 at the Civic Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Dr.; ticket prices vary; 312-827-5600 or www.lyricopera.org.

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Kiss

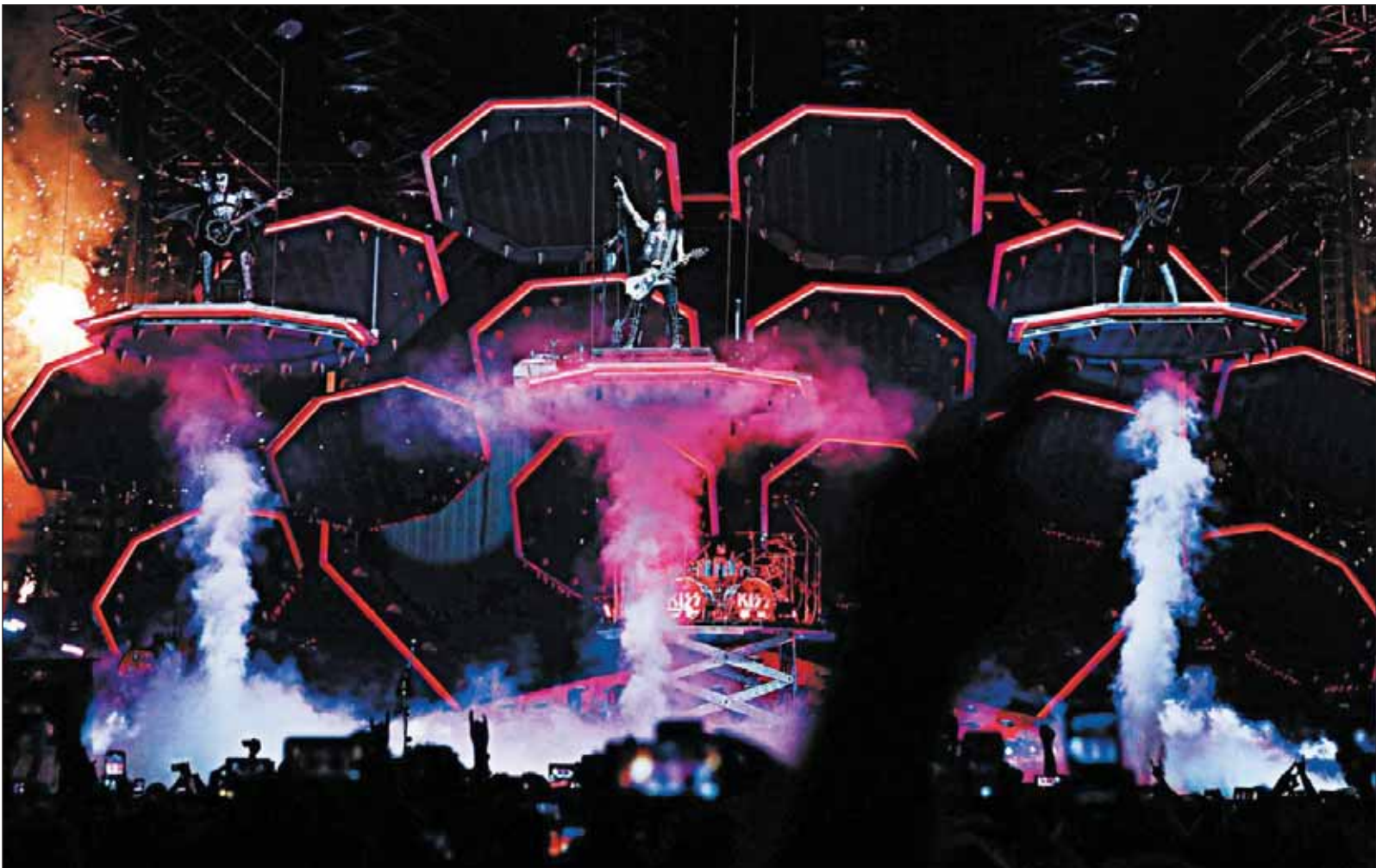
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artist as a marketable brand, the notion of the concert as spectacle and the dissolution of boundaries between rock and pop-culture — all practices adopted by the modern music industry — in the 1970s. In addition, the members' individual make-up-and-costume-aided character identities long preceded comic books' ascension to serious art and superheroes serving as subjects of blockbuster film franchises.

Possibly aware of such parallels, Kiss celebrated its legacy of fantasy, imagination and fun in a manner that made even its past circus-like exhibitions feel modest. All the familiar stunts — tongue-wiggling bassist Gene Simmons' fire-breathing and blood-spitting sequences, the rocket-launching guitar solos, the levitating drum kits and elevating surfaces, the exaggerated poses for the cameras — occurred on a stage devoid of excess save for a small dragon prop. The minimalist setting actually heightened the scale of the theatrics and the magnitude of the video-screen backdrop.

Other effects shouted their grandiosity. The group entered on platforms that descended from near the ceiling. At one point, a pair of cranes swung Simmons and guitarist Tommy Thayer over the crowd. During another, front man Paul Stanley, affixed to a zip line, sailed over fans en route to a second stage. Repeat torrents of flames, fireballs, sparks, smoke and concussion bombs put most cities' Independence Day festivities to shame. It all amounted to Kiss giving a giant bear-hug to arena rock — and its devoted followers.

Ironically, for all the bombast, the group's songs came across as simple and lean. Kiss wisely focused on its peak creative period



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Kiss provided a fitting farewell during a 125-minute performance awash in waves of captivating visuals Saturday at the United Center.

(1974-1983), almost entirely bypassed its unmasked era and barely touched upon its later years. Simmons' voice — husky, deep, self-assured, limited in range yet befitting his demon persona — echoed with the same commanding tones it did decades ago. His deliveries brought assertive certainty to the anthemic "I Love It Loud," a demented bent to the aptly titled "God of Thunder" and authoritative bluster to "Calling Dr. Love."

His lead-vocal partner, Stanley, who pranced in knee-high platform boots with relative ease, retained his penchant for campy banter, cheerleading and *Noo Yawk*-style accents. While his singing was occasionally uneven or off key, and his once-stratospheric falsetto absent, the 67-year-old transformed the disco-laden "I Was

Made for Lovin' You" into a dance-off and the glam-smacked "Do You Love Me" into an innocent tease. With Thayer, he also provided dual-guitar harmonies crucial to the decay of "Black Diamond" and drama of "Detroit Rock City."

Relatedly, Kiss' eginess and discipline infused songs with a swagger that matched the apparent enthusiasm of the band. Combinations of hot-wired rhythms ("Let Me Go, Rock 'N Roll"), heavy grooves ("War Machine") and catchy riffs ("Cold Gin") paired with a melodic sensibility that revealed an understated craftsmanship. Behind the expert showmanship, it turns out even Kiss understands less can be more.

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Bassist Gene Simmons, whose voice kept its commanding tones, is cast on the big screen.

Armisen

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him in waves and quieted down just as he launched into his first bit, a quick observational joke about the music in instructional videos. The focus on music would come up again and again over the course of the hour-and-45 minute show, aptly titled "Comedy for Musicians but Everyone Is Welcome."

Building off of last year's "Standup for Drummers" — Armisen's subtly hilarious Netflix special that mixes non sequiturs and bits about drumming — "Comedy for Musicians" expands the comedian's focus, playing a lot with observational humor, songs, impressions and even a short

sketch, all centering on music and musicians in various capacities.

He also delved into his soft spot for Chicago and his history with the city, explaining that he saved Chicago for the final stop on his current tour. "I really, really in a major way grew up here," he gushed at one point. "I lived with Wayne (Montana, of the rock band Trenchmouth, my bass player, two doors down from here.)"

Digging into the nostalgia, Armisen brought Montana and Damon Locks (another Trenchmouth member) out for a staged reading of a short play he called "Band Breakfast Drama," that played like a trimmed down "Portlandia" scene in which three band members talk about when and where

they're going to get breakthrough.

Along with his former bandmates, Armisen also brought comedian Mary Lynn Rajskub (best known as an actress for her work on "24" and "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia") to the stage for her own 15-minute set early on and a few pop-up bits later in the show.

But for most of the night Armisen paced the stage on his own, moving from mic to mic, playing the drums and the guitar, and providing commentary or impressions while sampling recorded snippets of various songs.

Armisen is a fan of very deep dives into very specific topics (see either "Portlandia" or "Documentary Now!" for ample evidence). He's also an incredibly

precise impressionist (most notably on "Saturday Night Live," he portrayed former President Barack Obama).

During "Comedy for Musicians," he combined these interests several times with funny, almost instructional rundowns of various topics, from the history of punk rock drumming (here he described and then played snippets of punk drums from the Ramones to now) to a cross-country tour of the accents in each state (frequently drilling down into multiple parts of a given state) to the "American" accent's evolution from 1920 through today.

Not all of this stuff is laugh-out-loud funny, and that's actually one of Armisen's strongest assets as a performer: He's comfortable going for accuracy and depth over a steady

stream of laughs. Armisen's resting look is a slightly intrigued deadpan and he resets between each bit, returning to Armisen Neutral before proceeding. This small check-in helps break his set up, whether he's telling jokes, playing original songs (he played seven Saturday night, some by request) or fielding questions in a sprawling (and often intentionally ludicrous) Q&A.

"If you had a week to eat an entire door, including the doorknob, what would you do?" asked one audience member. Armisen, nodding knowingly, responded immediately: "This is so easy," he said calmly. "I get this all the time." (For the record, his longer answer was that he'd move to Morocco because the doors there are made of

bread.)

"Maybe I'll say something funny," he said by way of preparing the audience for the Q&A session, "Maybe I won't." That might as well be Armisen's motto on stage. And it's what makes his performance that much more engaging. When he goes into a bit (whether it's a song, an impression or an observation), there's a consistent suspense about when (or if) the joke will hit. The good news is that it almost always does. Both as a comedian and as a drummer, Armisen has got timing down. And you don't have to be a musician to appreciate it.

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IN PERFORMANCE ‘I Wanna (expletive) Tear You Apart’ ★★

Millennial roommates slowly break up

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

Despite its misleading, click-bait title, “I Wanna (expletive) Tear You Apart,” now at the Rivendell Theatre Ensemble, is actually a variously sweet and (mildly) bitter play about roomie friendship and the intense, difficult-to-define relationships that (depending on how they turn out) can either merely suck up a lot of our 20s or sustain us for the rest of our lives.

The millennial couple in question here is made up of Sam (Teresa LaGamba), a ghostwriter of young-adult fiction, and her pal Leo (Robert Quintanilla), a journalist who works at some BuzzFeed-like traffic factory. Calling themselves the “gay-fat alliance,” the pair live together in a Brooklyn-ish apartment and arm themselves against all the micro-aggressions to be found in this tough old world by sharing an ironic repartee that, Sam argues in an especially stressed-out moment, is based on the truth that they are actually far smarter than everyone else.

That’s a clue to another truth: These two characters are not as likable as they would think, and maybe not even as their creator, the playwright



MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

Teresa LaGamba, from left, Robert Quintanilla and Jessica Ervin star in “I Wanna (expletive) Tear You Apart” at Rivendell.

Morgan Gould, had in mind. They’re funny at times, yakking on about “The Great British Bake Off” or the merits of a Charlotte over a Miranda, playing video games together and dancing around their living room, but they’re also exhausting.

Tension in the play come courtesy of a third wheel, Leo’s workplace friend Chloe (Jessica Ervin), the very kind of annoying woman that Sam thought they both detested. Leo, alas, does not turn to be as loyal as she anticipated. Might he be secretly gun-

ning to move out? You might well be thinking the world has bigger problems, and you’d be right. But there’s a place for shows meditating on friendships and delayed adulthood, and Gould’s writing is certainly wittier and wiser than you’d find

in plenty of sitcoms plowing these same fields. Alas, director Jessica Fisch’s production, while lively and staged on a cool set from Regina Garcia, also is consistently overplayed, which means that it often feels like the show you’re watching is playing

When: Through March 23
Where: Rivendell Theatre Ensemble, 5779 N. Ridge Ave.
Running time: 1 hour, 45 minutes
Tickets: \$38 at 773-334-7728 or rivendelltheatre.org

into the very stereotypes that the play is fighting against. More specifically, Rivendell is a tiny space, able to effectively invite you into Leo and Sam’s apartment. It shouldn’t feel like you are watching performances but rather characters working to find their truth, and their true allies in life. Fisch achieved this so marvelously last year with her Northlight production of “Cry it Out,” but that was in a much larger theater, of course. I liked all three of the actors in moments — especially LaGamba — but the show unspools too slowly and show-ily to really work. It feels like it is never going to end, which isn’t a recommendation for a piece so dependent on us seeing parts of ourselves in those with whom we’re keeping company.

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COCO VAN OPPENS PHOTO

Kate Beckinsale plays a former army captain searching the Congo for the husband she believed had died in a plane crash in “The Widow,” which began streaming Friday on Amazon.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Don’t miss these 2 binge-worthy Amazon thrillers

BY ROBERT LLOYD
Los Angeles Times

When you strip away the distinguishing details, there are only so many stories to tell. But the similarities between two new Amazon Prime series — “The Widow,” which premiered Friday, and “White Dragon” which began streaming in early February, are worth mentioning. Each follows an English person (a white English person, for enhanced cultural contrast) into a foreign land on the trail of a spouse — dead in one, believed to be alive in another — and a multistory maze of secrets and lies and things turning out to be Not What They Seemed. Each gets a lot of energy from its setting, as if an episode of the late Anthony Bourdain’s “Parts Unknown” had been strained through Alfred Hitchcock or Graham Greene and stretched into a mystery miniseries. Both are highly watchable, if occasionally confusing, old-fashioned entertainments — well acted, energetically directed without being mannered, cinematic without being fussy. Each has an emotional intensity unusual for the genre; tragic events

have lingering effects on the characters, not to be swept aside with jokes or romance. At eight episodes apiece, they have space to develop multiple story lines, which run together in twists and twirls toward a conclusion. And each takes care to tie up loose ends, with the somewhat inelegant effect of seeming about to end a few times before they actually do. They are perhaps too scrupulous in this regard — not every question needs an answer — but in terms of overall customer satisfaction, it is not a bad plan. Similarly, while both series take their protagonists into worlds of violence and corruption, their point is not so much that the world is violent and corrupt, but that sometimes it isn’t. Though the series run on dark paths, each ends, brightly, on a major chord, as it were — not wholly convincing, but not unexpected, either, and not unwelcome. (One notes with interest that “The Widow” creators Jack and Harry Williams, who earlier created the fine “The Missing,” also wrote the final episode of “White Dragon.”) Created by Mark Denton and Jonny Stockwood, and



COLIN HUTTON PHOTO

John Simm and Katie Leung look for answers to a mysterious death in “White Dragon.”

directed throughout by Paul Andrew Williams (“Broadchurch”), “White Dragon” stars John Simm (“Life on Mars”) as Jonah Mulray, a mild-mannered London university lecturer who travels to Hong Kong after the death of his wife (Dervla Kerwin). Though he is told her death was accidental, he comes to believe that she was in fact murdered, and in the course of his self-propelled investigations — over which he becomes increasingly less mild — he discovers that she had another husband, disgraced former cop David Chen (Anthony Wong, a titan of Hong Kong cinema), and a grown daughter, Lau (Katie Leung, Cho Chang in the “Harry Potter” films). He is news to the Chens, as well. Jonah’s dangerous path takes him through a full complement of familiar types and tropes, the cop

on the take, the immoral industrialist, a Hong Kong godfather, a down-on-his-luck journalist, feckless hoods, politicians with agendas. Jonah and the rival ex-husband played by Wong gradually form an uneasy partnership in pursuit of the truth, which will become a marginally easier one as time goes on. But what makes “White Dragon” a (much) better than average thriller is not the particulars of its plot, but the excellence of its execution. Eben Bolter’s camera vividly translates the extraordinary look of Hong Kong, playing itself, while sets feel authentically inhabited over time, not freshly dressed for the camera. Universally intelligent performances make even minor characters interesting and hard to pin down even as they are being employed by the writers to well-defined,

practical ends. I could not tell you why it is titled “White Dragon,” other than that John Simm snorts fire wherever he goes. (You might think, “Drugs,” but it isn’t that.) The title was changed to “Strangers” for the UK, where it was broadcast over ITV last September, not inappropriate to the material, but perhaps less tempting to a person wondering what to binge next. Well, I do recommend this. In “The Widow,” Kate Beckinsale, making a welcome return to television (after two decades of being merely a movie star), plays Georgia Wells, a woman who believes her husband had died in an African air crash until, three years later, she thinks she sees him in news footage of a riot in Kinshasa. Despite being warned against it, she heads to the Democratic Republic of Congo to

track him down. (When she gets there, people will tell her to go home; she never listens.) Other threads — one involving child soldiers, another beginning when two blind people meet at a clinic in Rotterdam — will head to meet hers. Unlike Simm’s Average Joe in Unusual Circumstances — think Cary Grant in “North by Northwest,” but shorter and less freshly pressed — Beckinsale’s Georgia is a former army captain, with training that allows her to plausibly carry on like an action hero. (Beckinsale has played them before, and handles it well.) It’s pleasurable too to see Charles Dance as an old friend and former intelligence officer accompanying her — the world can use a few septuagenarian swashbucklers. Like “White Dragon,” it’s a compelling puzzle, a potato-chip show — as soon as you finish one episode, you reach for another. (Of course, Amazon does that work for you.) If “The Widow” has a problem, it’s that it is largely a story of white Westerners (including Alex Kingston as a colleague of Georgia’s husband) working out their destinies in a non-white, non-Western world. (“White Dragon” is more invested in its setting and Chinese characters.) If it is too busy and multifarious to be classed as a “white savior” movie — see the recent controversy over the Oscar-winning “The Green Book” — it certainly has elements of one. You will or will not find it distracting. robert.lloyd@latimes.com

WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Kyle Cooke

“Summer House” (9 p.m., 11:31 p.m., 1:32 a.m., Bravo): After several bumpy years, Kyle Cooke and Amanda Batula decide to take a leap of faith together in both their personal and professional lives, although some of their friends think they’re doing it for all the wrong reasons, as this unscripted series returns for Season 3. Elsewhere, having cut Everett loose over the winter, Lindsay Hubbard makes herself over into a career woman.

“The Neighborhood” (7 p.m., CBS): Worried that her overenthusiastic new friend Gemma (Beth Behrs) is likely to become overwhelmed while trying to pull off her first fundraiser as the local school principal, a well-meaning Tina (Tichina Arnold) jumps in to offer her help and almost immediately starts getting carried away in “Welcome to the Fundraiser.” Meanwhile, Dave (Max Greenfield) helps Calvin (Cedric the Entertainer) in his crusade to win a highly coveted silent-auction prize for his mother.

“Home Town” (8 p.m., 11 p.m., HGTV): In the new episode “Sweet Home Laurel,” a native of Laurel, Miss., has reached a stage in her life where she’s finally ready to put down roots in the charming community her family has called home for generations. With an overall budget of \$100,000, Ben and Erin manage to create a breath-taking transformation that includes a quaint take on a home office and a master bedroom and bathroom that’s truly fit for a queen.

“Inside My Heart” (8 p.m., 4:19 a.m., Starz): Canadian filmmaker Debra Kellner’s 2018 documentary recounts the plight of three refugee families who were driven to flee their war-torn countries, over the span of about three years. All of them left with little more than the clothes on their backs, but despite having lost nearly everything to the hellscape they left behind, these resolute refugees continue fighting for survival. In most cases, that means living with the consequences of broken dreams.

“I Am the Night” (8 p.m., 9:06 p.m., TNT): In the series finale of this atmospheric mystery, “Queen’s Gambit, Accepted,” Fauna (India Eisley) frantically searches for a way to get back home after discovering the horrible truth about what happened to Jimmy Lee (Golden Brooks). As the community of Watts explodes around her into chaotic riots, the only way out she can see could, in fact, be a final, fatal trap. Meanwhile, Jay (Chris Pine) sees his options dwindling as he shares a cell with violent types — until he hatches a desperate plan.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Deon Cole.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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	NBCSCH	NBA G League Basketball: Warriors at Bulls (Tape)				Girls H.S. Basketball ♦		
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows (’16) ** ♦ ©				
	OVATION	♦ (6) Lethal Weapon 2 (R,’89) ****		Lethal Weapon 3 (R,’92) ****	Mel Gibson. ♦			
	OWN	20/20 on ID ©		Deadline: Crime		To be announced		20/20 ♦
	OXY	In Ice Cold Blood (N)		Killer Couples (N) ©		In Ice Cold Blood		Killer ♦
	PARMT	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops (N)	Cops ©	Cops ©
	SYFY	Sleepy Hollow (R,’99) ***	Johnny Depp. ©			Freddy vs. Jason (R,’03) ** ♦ © ♦		
	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American (N) Amer. Dad		Conan (N)
	TCM	King of Jazz (NR,’30) **	Paul Whiteman, John Boles.			Craig’s Wife (NR,’36) *** ♦ ©		
	TLC	Counting On		Counting On (N)		Little People, Big World © ♦		
	TLN	Supernatural	Humanit	Faith Chi	Pastor Greg	Robison	Billy Graham	Humanit ♦
	TNT	♦ Captain America		I Am the Night (Series Finale) (N)		(9:06) I Am the Night		Sniper ♦
	TOON	Adventure	Adventure	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy
	TRAV	Fear the Woods (N) ©		Paranormal 911 (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Haunted Hospitals (N) ©		Haunted (N)
	TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody 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 ♦
	WGN America	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	Gone © ♦ ♦
PREMIUM	HBO	Leaving Neverland (NR,’19)	Wade Robson. ©			Pacific Rim Uprising (PG-13,’18) ** ♦ ♦		
	HBO2	(7:15) The Wolfman (R,’10) **	Benicio Del Toro. ©			The Shop	Last Week	High Main.
	MAX	Strike Back: Revolution	(7:50) RoboCop (R,’87) *** ♦ ©			Resident Evil ♦		
	SHO	Shameless: “Lost.” ©		SMILF ©	Black Mon	Shameless: “Lost.” ©		Black Mon
	STARZ	♦ (6:13) Fever Pitch ** ♦ ©		Inside My Heart (NR,’18)		(9:15) Country Strong (’10) ** ♦		
	STZENC	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13,’02) ***						Roman ♦

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 4): Your career hits a growth spurt this year. Practice with your team for tight coordination. Fall into a fine summer romance, before a team challenge requires attention. Support your crew to victory this winter, before a romantic obstacle or test. Trust your heart to lead.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. You have more friends than you realized. Expand territory together. Diversity provides greater strength. Share your contributions. Thank people for their gifts. Make a delightful discovery.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Career opportunities tempt. Review the options. Wait for developments, and hold out for the best deal. Consider the consequences before choosing.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Slow to enjoy the scenery. Avoid traffic by lingering with a scenic detour. Investigate a tempting possibility. Make sure the numbers balance before compromising.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Reaffirm financial commitments and partnerships. Stick to practical priorities. Review plans carefully before making your move. Everything seems possible.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Rely on support from a strong partner. Share resources, talents and experiences. Revise plans to suit current circumstances. Find a hidden treasure.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Your practice is paying off. Focus on the details, and refine your technique. Avoid distractions, and put your heart into your work. Expand your boundaries.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Relax, and enjoy the view. Celebrate with people you love. Do something nice for someone.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 6. Home and family have your attention. Stay objective, and listen to more than one view. Avoid passing judgment.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Practice your creative arts and skills. Issue public comments and promotions. Your greatest strength is love. Find interesting ways to articulate your passion.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Your work is in demand. Can you raise your rates? Do the market research. Your morale gets a boost with increased cash flow. Monitor closely.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Smile and wave for the cameras. Step into the spotlight and shine. Keep high standards. You can find what you need. Friends provide a boost.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Contemplate your next move. There's always more to learn. A beautiful transformation is within reach. Make harmony a goal. Peace and quiet soothe your spirit.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 8 3 ♥ A K Q 6 5 ♦ Q 3 ♣ 10 7 4 2

As dealer, what call would you make?

A.1—This is close, but the excellent five-card major and a likely easy rebid make this hand barely worth an opening bid. Bid 1H.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A Q 9 2 ♥ 10 ♦ A K 8 7 ♣ A K Q J

East	South	West	North
1♥	Dbl	Pass	1♠
Pass	?		

What call would you make?

A.2—This hand is too good to just bid 4S. Try a cuebid of 2H and hope to see some signs of life from partner. You can always bid 4S later.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K 6 ♥ J 5 4 ♦ A K 8 ♣ K J 10 9 5

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
?			

***Transfer to hearts**

What call would you make?

A.3—Partner has an invitational hand with five hearts. You have a minimum in point count, but the ruffing value in spades and the good five-card side suit offer potential. Bid 4H.

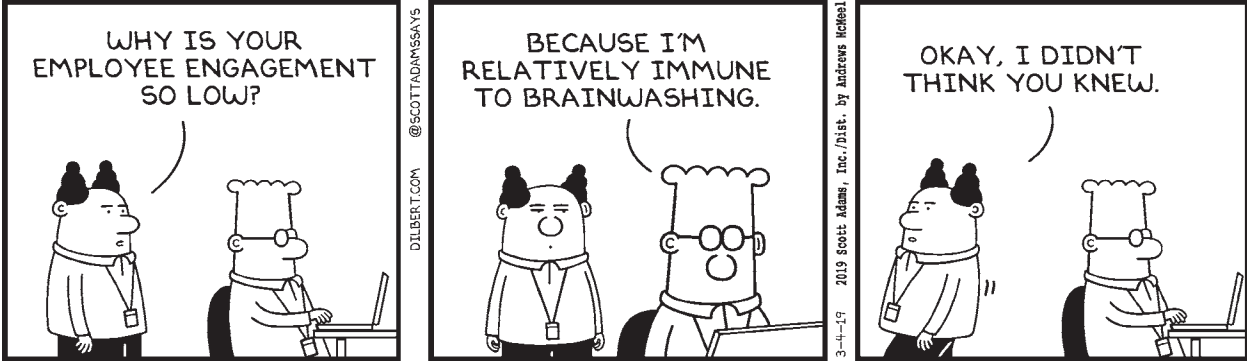
Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q 8 7 5 ♥ A K ♦ A 10 8 7 3 2 ♣ K

Partner opens 3H and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A.4—Don't get excited — this hand isn't that good. Bid 4H, but don't be overconfident that partner will make it.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert



Baby Blues



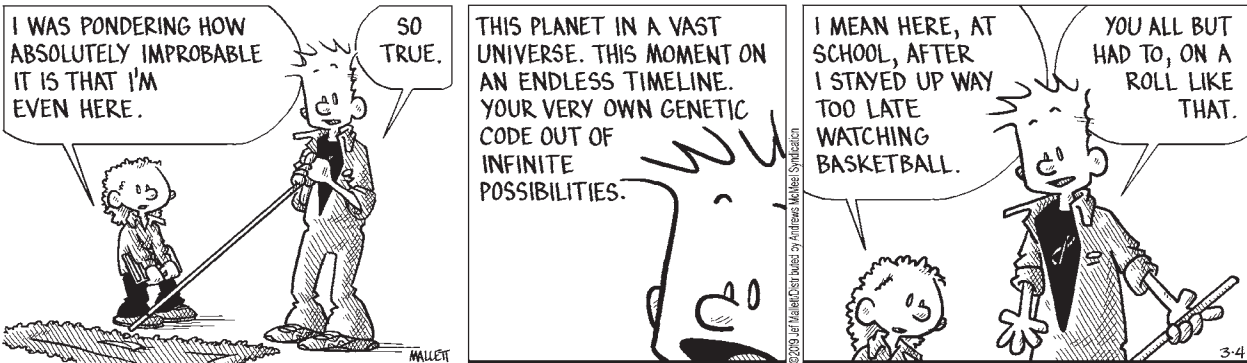
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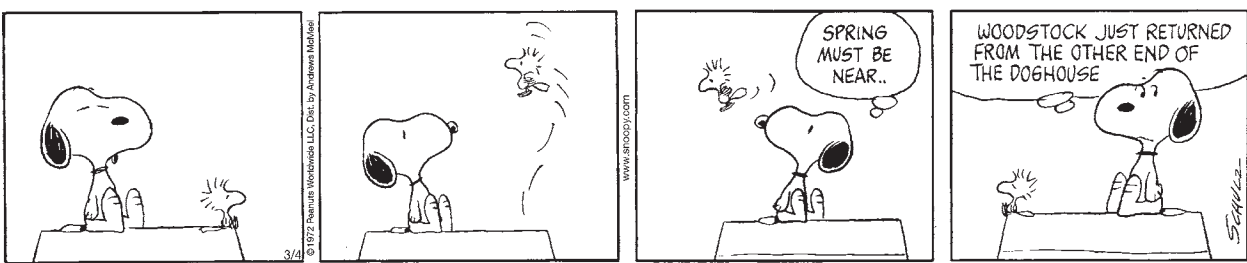
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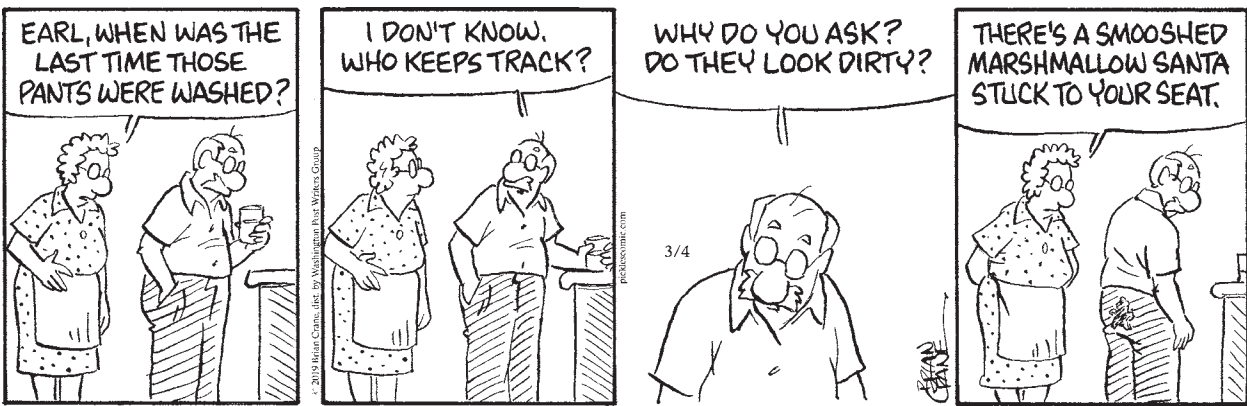
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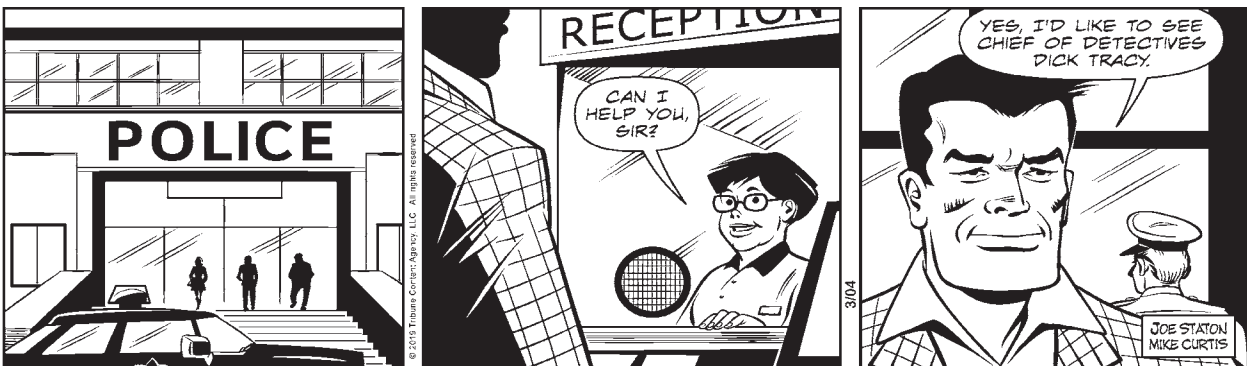
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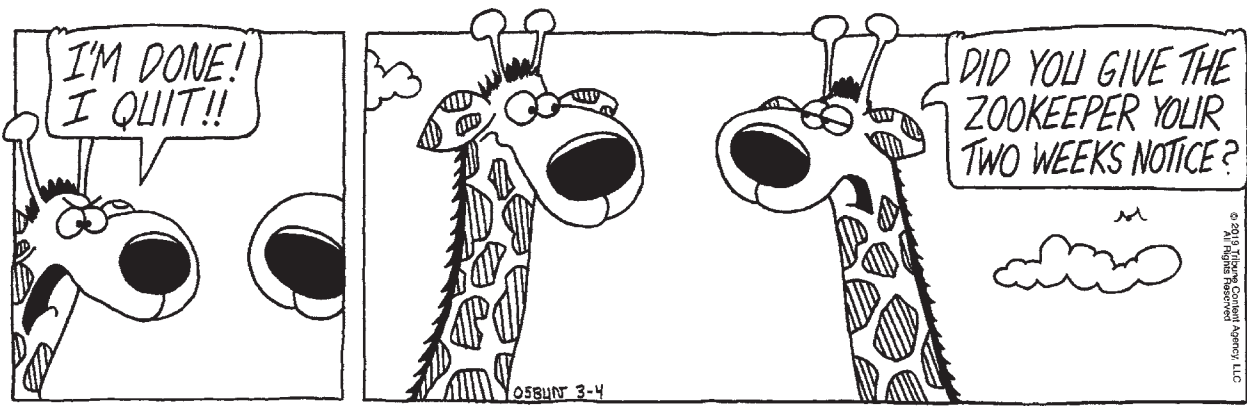
Pickles



Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



Prickly City

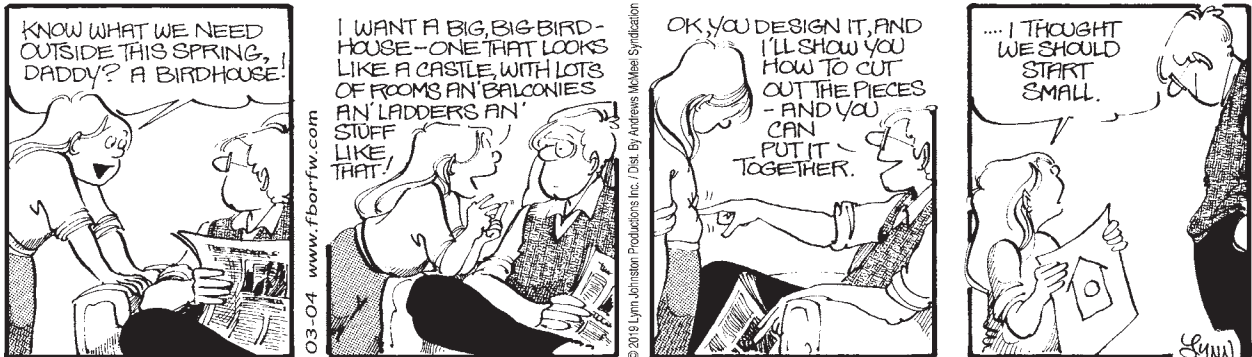


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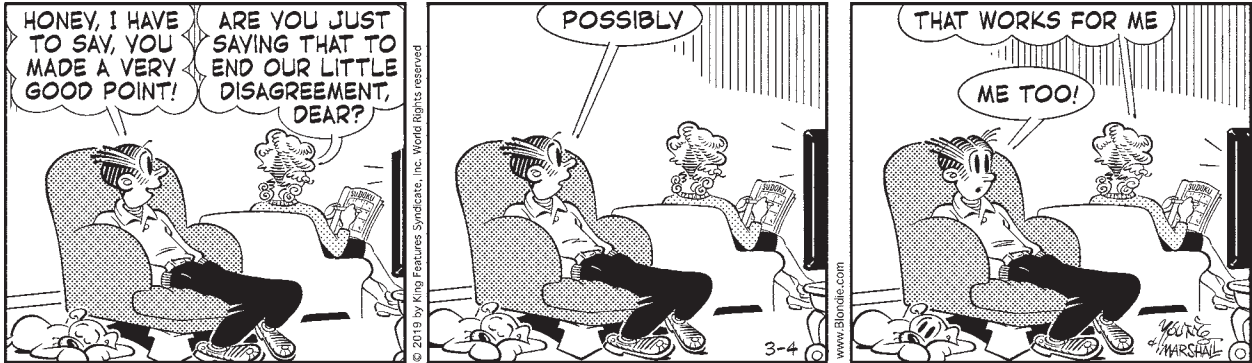
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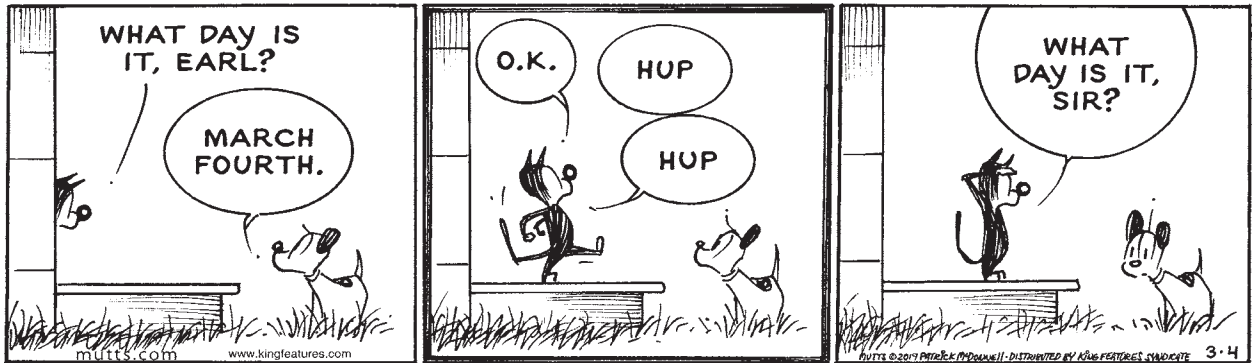
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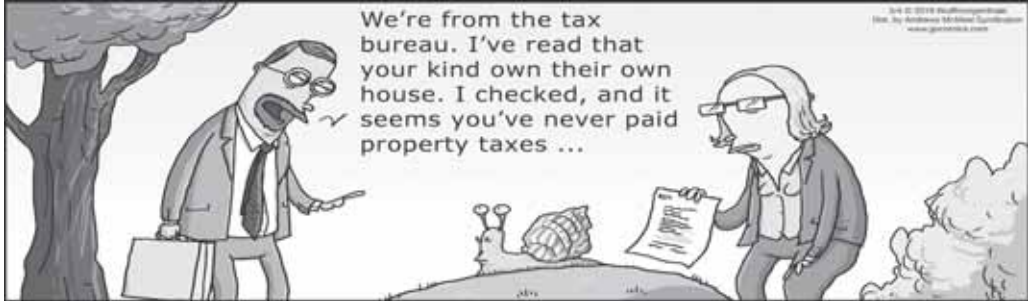
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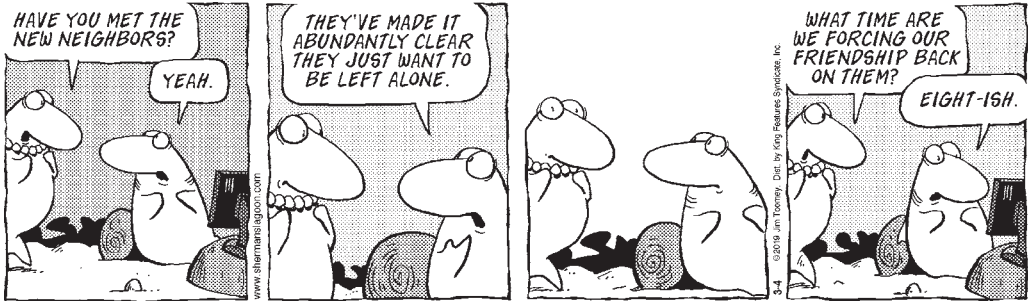
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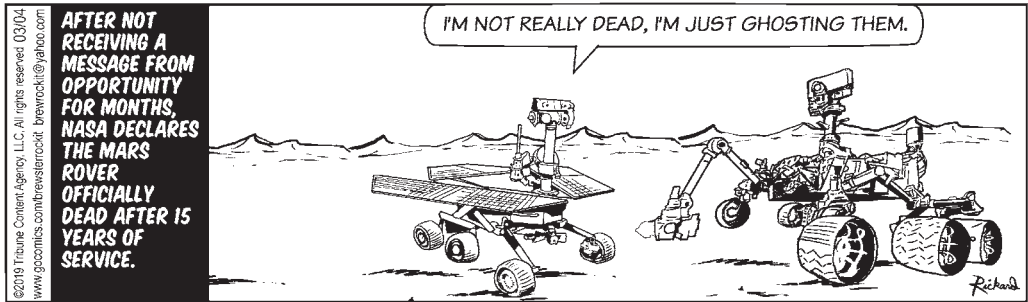
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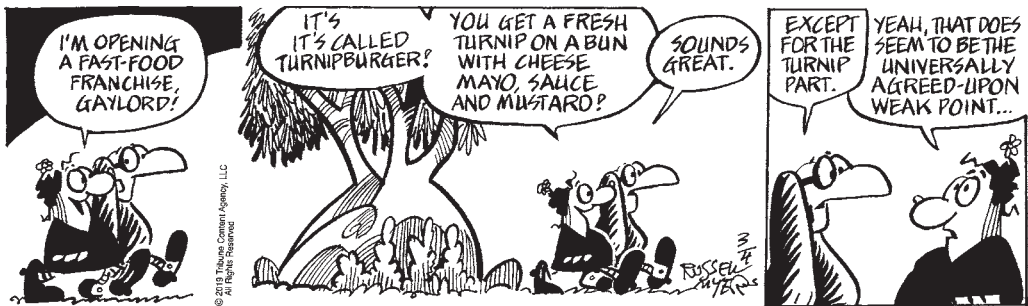
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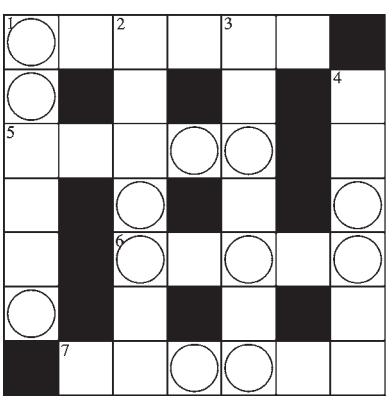


Trivia Bits

Paul Dee “Daffy” Dean and his brother Jay Hanna “Dizzy” Dean were pitchers for what team, which won the 1934 World Series?
A) Detroit Tigers
B) New York Giants
C) Pittsburgh Pirates
D) St. Louis Cardinals

Saturday's answer: Helvetica is the Latin name for Switzerland.
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Jumble Crossword



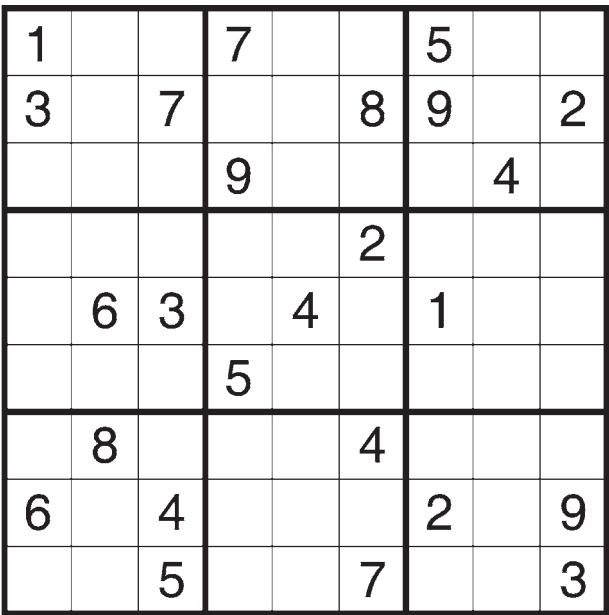
CLUE: This is equal to 39,370.1 inches.

BONUS: [Grid of 10 circles]

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ANSWERS: 1-A-McManis 2-D-Habib 3-D-Walker 4-D-Sprong 5-B-Orin 6-Kilometer
By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

3/4



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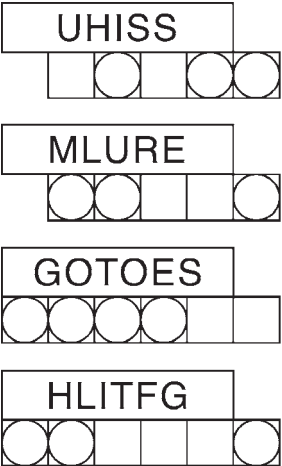
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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.



Answer here



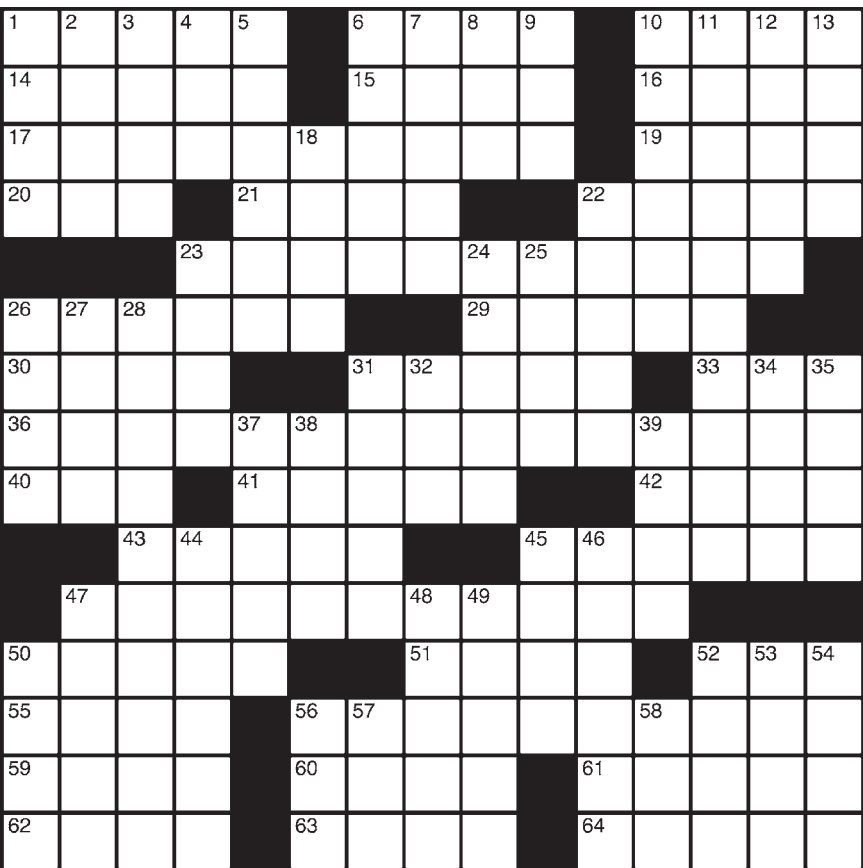
Saturday's answers

Jumbles: THICK OUTDO UNEASY TIPTOE
Answer: Her grandparents gave her their old car, and she really — TOOK A SHINE TO IT

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Crossword

3/4



Across

- 1 Moorehead of “Bewitched”
- 6 Whole bunch
- 10 This is one
- 14 Sparkling topper
- 15 Extremely
- 16 “With this — ...”
- 17 Poet’s Rambler?
- 19 Gas brand in Canada
- 20 Ronan Farrow’s mom
- 21 Ding in a car
- 22 Parcels (out)
- 23 “High Noon” actor’s Mini?
- 26 Most-feared Hun
- 29 2001 scandal company
- 30 Deity with goat legs
- 31 Canonized pope who kept 26-Across from invading Rome
- 33 Gumshoe
- 36 President’s Continental?
- 40 Stocking flaw

- 41 La Scala solos
- 42 Dijon darling
- 43 Touch of color
- 45 Most slippery, as roads
- 47 “Pillow Talk” actor’s Horner?
- 50 Complex tales
- 51 Tale teller
- 52 Tour gp. with tees
- 55 School attended by many English statesmen
- 56 First lady’s Mustang?
- 59 Has a cold, say
- 60 Rowboat movers
- 61 Like horror film music
- 62 Fuss
- 63 Cloudy
- 64 Most high schoolers

- 24 Phones in pockets or purses
- 25 “That’s — haven’t heard”
- 26 A distant place
- 27 “Forbidden” perfume
- 28 What things do when touched by Midas
- 31 Actress Jada Pinkett —
- 32 Flight safety org.
- 34 Fans of college sports’ Bulldogs
- 35 Tech product review website
- 37 Actor Tom who said, “There’s no crying in baseball”
- 38 Curved parts
- 39 Eve’s firstborn
- 44 “No problem for me!”
- 45 “By Jove!”
- 46 Tight undergarment
- 47 Betting odds, e.g.
- 48 Michelob diet beer
- 49 Rattlebrained
- 50 Chair or sofa
- 52 Skin opening
- 53 Broad smile
- 54 Citrus drinks
- 56 Peat source
- 57 Organ with a drum
- 58 Lawyer’s charge

Down

- 1 Split bit
- 2 1958 Chevalier musical
- 3 Nothing, in Spain
- 4 Before, poetically
- 5 Open-toed shoe
- 6 Cher’s singing partner
- 7 Online talks
- 8 Beast of burden
- 9 Head-slapping word from Homer
- 10 Sleazy sort, in slang
- 11 “Pay attention when I speak”
- 12 Racing family name
- 13 They may clash on film sets
- 18 Toxin fighters
- 22 Dummy
- 23 Actress Torres of “Firefly”

Saturday's solution



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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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MONDAY, MARCH 4

NORMAL HIGH: 42°

NORMAL LOW: 26°

RECORD HIGH: 73° (1983)

RECORD LOW: -12° (1873)

City to slowly emerge from unseasonable cold

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH	LOW
12	5

■ Mid-winter cold grips the area. Wind chill advisory in effect through mid-morning

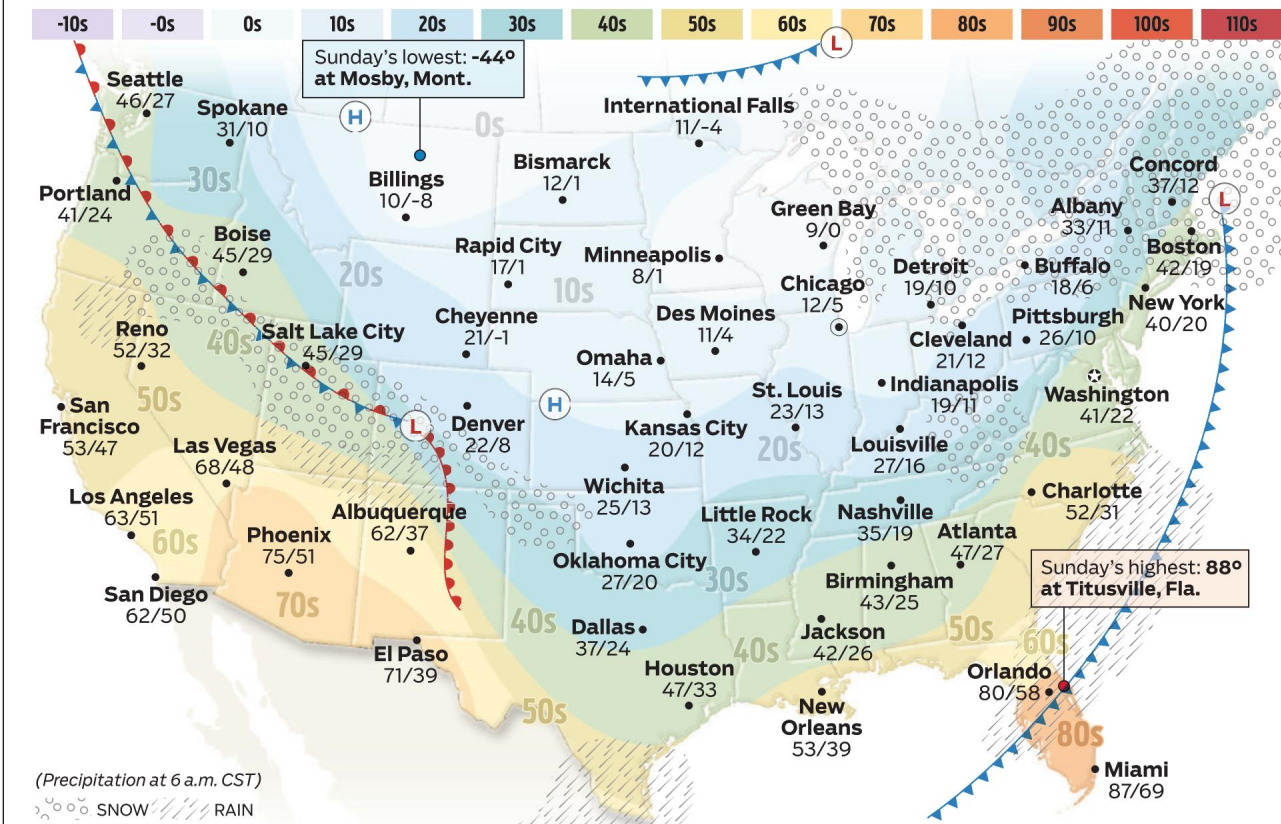
■ A frigid start with temperatures from 5 below well inland to 2 above downtown. Wind chills 15 to 25 below zero.

■ Mostly sunny, unseasonably cold. A record-breaking low maximum around 12 (old record 17 in 1890) - 30 degrees below normal.

■ West winds 10-20 mph.

■ Clouds gather overnight. Some snow showers developing. Continued very cold with lows around 5 above.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Much of the Chicago area is experiencing rare March subzero temperatures Monday morning, as an unseasonably cold arctic air mass settles over the area. Gusty northwest winds, in tandem with the cold, are dropping wind chill values as low as minus 25. Monday's expected high of 12 will be a record-breaker, displacing the current 17-degree record low maximum for March 4, that has been on the books since 1890. The cold will ease through the week, with the mercury breaking above the freezing mark Friday for the first time in nearly a week. The cold descended into the Midwest in the wake of a storm system that brought several inches of snow to the southern Midwest and triggered a severe weather outbreak in the South that spawned numerous, deadly tornadoes across portions of Alabama and Georgia.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

HIGH	LOW
19	9

Cloudy and very cold for the season. Morning snow showers end as clouds thin, yielding some afternoon sun. Highs struggle to reach 20 degrees.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

HIGH	LOW
26	15

Abundant sunshine allows the cold to moderate a bit as highs reach the middle 20s, but still more than 15 degrees below normal. Clouds gather overnight.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

HIGH	LOW
29	20

Cloudy with a chance of snow by afternoon, especially south of the city. Temperatures creep toward 30. Southeast winds 10-15 mph.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

HIGH	LOW
35	26

Any lingering clouds and snow depart early setting the stage for a mostly sunny afternoon. Temperatures break freezing for the first time in nearly a week.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

HIGH	LOW
38	34

A sunny start, but clouds increase through the afternoon with some rain or snow developing overnight. Highs climb to the upper 30s, still about 5 degrees below normal.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

HIGH	LOW
39	25

Cloudy, some rain or snow. High peak around 40, then fall back through the 30s as wind shift into the west

ASK TOM

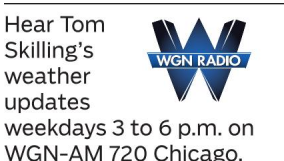
Dear Tom,
Chicago's two least snowy winters were 1920-21 and 1921-22. How did that snow fall, in dribbles or in a few big storms? Were temperatures above or below normal?

— Tony Russo, Chicago

Dear Tony,
Chicago's least-snowy winters were in 1920-21 and 1921-22. The 1920-21 winter recorded 9.8 inches of snow. The snowiest month was December, with 4.4 inches, followed by 3.2 inches in January. February logged 0.3 inches and March just a trace, with the season's final snowfall 0.4 inches in April. The next winter produced slightly more: 11.5 inches. Once again, December was the snowiest month, with 4.2 inches, and March's 2.6 inches ranked second. Both winters produced white Christmases, with a 1-inch snow cover, the same as Chicago's snowiest winter, 1978-79, with 89.7 inches.

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Deadly twisters rake the South while record cold hits city

2019 SEVERE WEATHER SEASON WAS OFF TO A SLOW START...

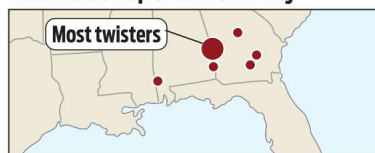
U.S. Tornado statistics since 2016 (January- February totals)

YEAR	TORNADOES	DEATHS
2019	43*	1
2018	62	2
2017	206	25
2016	120	9

*Preliminary totals

...BUT NUMEROUS DEADLY TWISTERS DEVELOPED SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN ALABAMA/GEORGIA

At least 20 tornadoes and many fatalities reported Sunday



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

CHICAGO MISSES THE SNOW SUNDAY—BUT NOT THE COLD...

1-3 inches fell across southern Midwest

SNOWFALL TOTALS	CHICAGO
Catawissa, Mo. 3.0"	1-3" SNOW
Wentzville, Mo. 3.0"	
Hazelwood, Mo. 3.0"	
Springfield, Ill. 2.0"	
Lincoln, Ill. 2.0"	
Jacksonville, Ill. 1.9"	
Champaign, Ill. 1.0"	
Carmel, Ind. 1.0"	

CURRENT MARCH COLD SPELL NOTEWORTHY

Back-to-back sub-20° high temps expected

MONDAY FORECAST	TUESDAY FORECAST
12°	19°

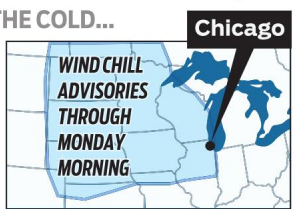
Two or more consecutive sub-20° highs have only happened in 7 other years

MOST RECENTLY: March 7-8, 2014 (17°, 15°)

Monday's expected 12° high should eradicate the March 4 record low maximum of 17° recorded in 1890

Most consecutive March sub-20° high temperatures in Chicago occurred March 6-9, 1932:

MARCH 6	MARCH 7	MARCH 8	MARCH 9
15°	14°	10°	17°



CHICAGO TEMPERATURES

Extended period of lack of warmth unprecedented

Oct. 31, 2018 high: 61°—since then the city's highest temp has been 53° (Dec. 27-28, Jan. 7, and Feb. 23).

Since 1871, this is the only Nov. 1 through March 4 period not to produce a temp of 54° or higher.

FEWEST 54°+	MOST 54°+
2019 0	1880 34
1873 1	1976 33
1893 3	2017 30
1993 4	1932 29
2015 4	2002 28

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CHICAGO DIGEST

SUNDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	25	13	Midway	28	18
Gary	30	18	O'Hare	25	16
Kankakee	27	19	Romeoville	26	15
Lakefront	28	18	Valparaiso	30	18
Lansing	27	19	Waukegan	24	13

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Sun. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.08"
Season to date	41.3"	38.9"
March to date	Trace	0.23"
Year to date	4.77"	3.75"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sun. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	41.3"	38.9"
Normal to date	30.2"	31.4"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY
Wind W 15-25 kts.	W 15-25 kts.
Waves 3-5 feet	3-5 feet
Sun. shore/crib water temps	35°/32°

U.S. SNOW COVER

MARCH 3	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	47.6%	34.2%
Average snow depth	7.6"	5.4"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	36 days	32 days
Subzero lows	6 days	6 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Sunday's reading	Good
Monday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particulates

MONDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:21 a.m.	5:44 p.m.
Moon	5:38 a.m.	3:55 p.m.

MONDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:45 a.m.	7:06 p.m.
Venus	4:32 a.m.	2:17 p.m.
Mars	8:37 a.m.	10:44 p.m.
Jupiter	1:54 a.m.	11:04 a.m.
Saturn	3:41 a.m.	12:59 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:30 p.m.	6:5° SE
Venus	5:30 a.m.	9° SE
Mars	7:15 p.m.	38° WSW
Jupiter	5:15 a.m.	22.5° SSE
Saturn	5:15 a.m.	12° SE

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