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Political insider linked to corruption probe

FBI affidavit portrays Brian Hynes, a figure in Blagojevich case, as involved in Ald. Solis' affairs

BY JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

Ali Ata had just been subpoenaed in the intensifying corruption probe of the Gov. Rod Blagojevich administration in 2005 when he got a call from a young, well-connected attorney who said

he had a message from on high.

The caller was Brian Hynes, a close friend of businessman and political fixer Antoin "Tony" Rezko. With a federal noose tightening around Rezko's neck, Hynes asked Ata, the head of the Illinois Finance Authority, to meet him at a restaurant in Greektown.

"(Hynes) told me that he was aware that I was served a subpoena, and I've been a good team player and should continue to do so," Ata testified at Blagojevich's first criminal trial in 2010.

When asked what he thought Hynes meant, Ata said it was clear: "That I should not cooperate," he testified.

Now, nearly a decade and a half after that meeting, Hynes has surfaced in another potentially

far-reaching federal investigation — the City Hall probe that has already ensnared two powerful Chicago aldermen, Daniel Solis and Edward Burke.

A longtime lawyer and lobbyist, Hynes, 48, is a consummate Chicago political insider who has associated with some of the state's most powerful people over the years, including Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, Blagojevich and his wife, Patti, and the

family of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, according to court records and other public information reviewed by the Tribune.

He also has long-standing connections to Solis, who has not been seen in public since January when it was revealed that he worked undercover for the FBI for two years, wearing a wire on colleagues at City Hall.

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Mourners pass through a makeshift memorial Sunday for the 50 people killed in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Mourning in New Zealand

BY NICK PERRY
AND JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand — A steady stream of mourners paid tribute Sunday at a makeshift memorial to the 50 people slain by a gunman at two mosques in Christchurch.

Hundreds of flowers were piled up amid candles, balloons and notes of grief and love outside the Al Noor mosque. As a light rain fell, people clutched each other and wept quietly.

"We wish we knew your name to write upon your heart. We wish we knew your favorite song, what makes you smile, what makes you cry," read one of the tributes, which contained cutout paper hearts under a nearby tree. "We made a heart for you. 50 hearts for 50 lives."

Two days after Friday's attack, New Zealand's deadliest shooting in modern history, relatives were still waiting for authorities to release the bodies. Islamic law calls for bodies to be cleansed and buried as soon as possible

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- Facebook removes 1.5M versions of shooting video.
- Mourning families grieve as they wait to bury loved ones.

after death, usually within 24 hours.

Supporters arrived from across the country to help with the burials in Christchurch and authorities sent in backhoes to dig graves at a site that was newly fenced off and blocked from view with white netting.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said authorities hoped to release all the bodies by Wednesday, and Police Commissioner Mike Bush said authorities were working with pathologists and coroners to complete the task as soon as they could.

The suspect in the shootings, 28-year-old white supremacist Brenton Harrison Tarrant, appeared in court Saturday amid strict security, shackled and wearing all-white prison garb,

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Amtrak seeks more short-distance trains

Exec addresses House panel in quest for funding



MARY WISNIEWSKI
Getting Around

Chicago's Union Station is one of Amtrak's biggest hubs — you can travel almost all over the country from here.

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car. You could be like Cary Grant in "North by Northwest."

That's the romance of rail travel. The reality is, few people go the full distance on long-haul Amtrak routes, which typically only run once a day from Chicago. Most riders make shorter, more prosaic trips. To Springfield, for example. Or Milwaukee.

Amtrak says that because of this reality, it wants to increase its city-to-city, short-haul trips. That could mean adding trains between cities like Chicago and Cleveland, or Chicago and Cincinnati — routes that could offer a time-competitive alternative to driving.

"The nation has added 118



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Amtrak should not have to choose between long-haul and short-haul service, but needs to do both, according to a passenger rail advocate.

million people since Amtrak was formed in 1971, and yet our network looks remarkably similar," Stephen Gardner, Amtrak's senior executive vice president for strategy, told the U.S. House appropriations committee's

transportation subcommittee last week. He said the country has seen "tremendous growth" in the south and west, but the rail network hasn't responded to

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Experts worrying about '20 census

Illinois is said to need good count 'more than almost any other state'

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

The 2020 U.S. census is a little more than a year away, but that hasn't stopped Jay Young from worrying about what it will mean for Illinois.

Young, of the watchdog group Common Cause Illinois, has spent so much time thinking about the decennial count of the state's population that he recently had a dream that he showed up to a census-related meeting unprepared.

"There is so much at stake and I constantly worry that we are behind," he said.

Indeed, at least \$34 billion in federal funding goes to programs that directly assist people across the state, and the funding for those programs is tied to census figures, according to an analysis from the George Washington University Institute of Public Policy. Aside from federal funding, Illinois could lose as many as two congressional seats if the count shows a loss of population, according to a report from the Illinois Complete Count Commission. Population figures from the once-a-decade census also factor into redistricting that will take place in 2021.

The nationwide count takes place next year, and across the state officials and local organizations are ramping up efforts to get the word out. People will be able to respond to the census online, by phone or by mail, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

In January, the bureau will start the decennial count in remote parts of Alaska, and the rest of the country will be able to start responding by March 16, 2020, according to the bureau.

Young is worried that Illinois is behind in getting funding into the hands of organizations that will do outreach to hard-to-count populations to ensure a complete count.

Jesse White, the Illinois secretary of state, said

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South by Southwest: 12 bands that stood out from the crowd

There were plenty of established musical performers at the 2019 South by Southwest conference, but the focus was on the up-and-comers, the bands that will define the next year of music and beyond. Read Greg Kot in **A+E**.



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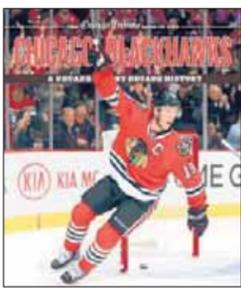
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Dream presidential ticket for Dems in 2020: Biden-Abrams



DAHLEEN GLANTON

He is a charismatic, experienced statesman with a knack for mixing serious politics with the perfect amount of humor.

She is relatively new to the national scene, but in the Republican-dominated state of Georgia, she has firmly established herself as a Democrat to be reckoned with.

He is an old-school moderate, a Washington insider, entrenched in the traditional values of the late 20th century Democratic Party. She is a symbol of the party's future — a diverse, progressive wing that is forcing Democrats to move in a fresh direction.

He is a 76-year-old white male, a lifelong politician and former vice president with an unmatched political resume. She is a 45-year-old African-American woman who recently came very close to becoming the nation's first black female governor.

Without a doubt, they would make a stunning political couple. And last week, they met for lunch.

There once was a time that Joe Biden and Stacey Abrams might have seemed an unlikely pair to be at the helm of a presidential ticket. But in the era of Donald Trump, the two of them together would make a dream ticket for the Democrats in 2020.

Of course, we don't know what they talked about over lunch. But for the purpose of this column, let's assume that Biden asked Abrams about being his running mate should he win the party's nomination.

Democrats are anxiously awaiting the former vice president's decision as to whether he will run for president this time. Abrams, a former Georgia state House minority leader who narrowly lost the Georgia governor's race last year, also is weighing her options.

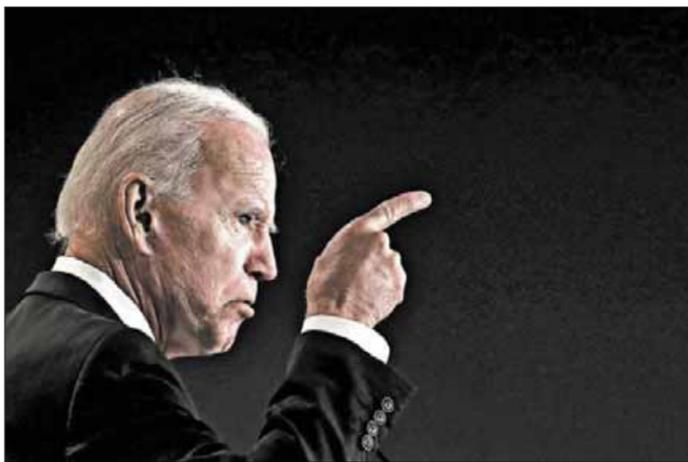
Some might argue that she should be the one heading the ticket. Biden has had two unsuccessful runs at the presidency, and he is getting up in age. The newly appointed darling of the Democratic Party, Abrams is seeing lots of opportunities dangled in her face — a U.S. Senate seat or perhaps her own presidential bid.

An Abrams presidency likely would be an insurmountable long shot. Biden would have to be at the top of the ticket. As broad-minded as Americans like to think we are, we have yet to prove that we can elect a woman as president. So it isn't really a stretch to think that the next U.S. president probably will not be an African-American female.

In order to unseat Trump next year, Democrats will need someone who not only Democrats feel comfortable with, but also Independents and Republicans who are on the hunt for somebody other than Trump. They will need a "safe" candidate.

The safest bet would be an older white man with a proven track record. Like it or not, that's the type of leader many Americans trust the most.

There are many excellent qualities about a Biden-Abrams ticket. Their contrasting political ideologies definitely would give each faction of the party a voice.



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Democrats await former Vice President Joe Biden's decision about running for president in 2020. He has had two unsuccessful runs at the White House.



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Stacey Abrams, a former state House minority leader who narrowly lost the Georgia governor's race last year, also is considering her options.

It could lead to a much-needed discussion about the direction of the party and how to best address the needs of the nation's changing demographics. This is a conversation that America is in dire need of, and it will not happen under Republicans, especially under a Trump presidency.

But more than that, choosing a white man and a black woman would give Americans a chance to make amends for the horrible mistake of electing Trump.

Contrary to how America has looked the last few years, it would paint us, in the eyes of the world, as a racially progressive nation after all. It would send a message that, while we have some serious flaws, Americans — for the most part — are tolerant people. And it would reaffirm our belief that inclusiveness is the only way to build a strong nation.

Such a campaign might even catch Trump by surprise, leaving him no one to turn to for validation other than those who fear change and progress the most.

With the party at a crossroads, what the Democrats need most is a ticket that can bridge the gap between the old and new. They need people who may see America's future through different lenses, but are willing to try on the other's glasses and take a look.

Though they grew up under en-

tirely different circumstances, Biden and Abrams have somewhat similar economic backgrounds. Having spent most of his adult life as a public servant, Biden long has been touted as a champion of the working class.

Five years ago, Biden said he owned not a single stock or bond and that he had no savings accounts. What he did have, he said, was a great pension and a good salary. After eight years as vice president, his wealth is said to have doubled to about \$1 million.

But unlike Trump and the stream of multimillionaires who are paying their way into state and national politics, Biden, by many standards, is still more like the rest of us.

Abrams' story is even more familiar. During her gubernatorial campaign, it was revealed that she had more than \$200,000 in personal debts. Much of it came from student loans obtained while attending law school and from expenses incurred while helping less fortunate family members out financially.

Lots of Americans can relate to that. A great number of them might even be some of Trump's die-hard supporters. But in this divided society Trump has cemented during just one term in office, his supporters would never acknowledge they are like so many other Americans.

It is unlikely that Biden would throw his hat into such a crowded field of contenders unless he is pretty certain that he could come out on top. That means he'd probably want to get everything he needs lined up, including an early endorsement from Barack Obama. That's not guaranteed. Abrams could help fill the gap, giving him immediate viability among the party's most loyal African-American voters.

Abrams, on the other hand, has a lot more at stake. She could have a real chance at winning a U.S. Senate seat in Georgia, but she has to decide whether to risk everything by spreading her wings even further.

Hopefully, they discussed all those things over lunch and sealed the deal with a glass of Champagne.

There would be nothing more rewarding than seeing Trump lose to a biracial ticket in 2020. It would prove to him once and for all that though he won the presidency on a fluke last time, he can never win the soul of America.

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Garcia endorses Lightfoot for mayor

BY GREGORY PRATT | Chicago Tribune

U.S. Rep. Jesus “Chuy” Garcia endorsed Lori Lightfoot’s candidacy for Chicago mayor before Sunday’s South Side Irish Parade, saying she would serve as a departure from old-school machine politics and bring needed change to the city.

Garcia stood alongside Lightfoot on Sunday in making his endorsement ahead of the April 2 runoff election.

“I believe that she will become the change agent that Chicago needs so desperately at this critical juncture. I believe that she has the moral compass to guide our city and that she has the skill set required for making critical policy decisions. I believe she has the heart and the soul to usher in a new era of bold municipal policy that improves especially the lives of working people everywhere across our city, especially the people who have the least,” Garcia said.

“Chicago must enter a new era of equitable development, and I believe that Lori Lightfoot will usher in that new era.”

Garcia’s support could boost Lightfoot with Latino voters on the Southwest Side, where Garcia is particularly popular, as well as with progressive voters. Garcia pushed Mayor Rahm Emanuel into Chicago’s first mayoral runoff four years ago and received the backing of many progressive unions that are now supporting Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, including the Service Employees International Union and the Chicago Teachers Union.

“I am incredibly grateful and I’m mindful of the fact that I am here today because of the work that (Garcia) did and really ignited this incredible spark for change across our city,” Lightfoot said.

“We’re carrying the torch of the 2015 movement forward and we’re building on what was ignited in this city long before with Harold Washington and the multiracial, citywide coalition that Harold Washington built.”

Garcia flirted with a mayoral bid last fall but ultimately decided not to run. U.S. Rep. Luis Guterrez, who stepped down after 13 terms, endorsed Garcia to succeed him in Congress. After Emanuel made the surprise announcement in September that he wouldn’t seek a third term, Guterrez launched a “draft ‘Chuy’” movement to get Garcia to run for mayor.



Chicago mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot greets people before the South Side Irish Parade on Sunday.



Preckwinkle

But Garcia said the possibility of winning a congressional seat and then immediately running for another office left a bad taste in his mouth.

At the time Garcia bowed out, Preckwinkle released a statement through her mayoral campaign thanking Garcia for his work on behalf of Cook County residents. “I know that Chuy will continue advocating on behalf of our shared priorities for immigrants, women, and seniors in his new role as congressman,” the statement said in part.

Before going to Congress, Garcia served as a commissioner on the Cook County Board and was Preckwinkle’s floor leader.

Their relationship has frayed over the years, though. Part of that stems from Preckwinkle not endorsing Garcia in his bid to defeat Emanuel. Garcia also was upset because Preckwinkle was late to support his choice to succeed him on the board, Alma Anaya. And the two also split over Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios, whom Preckwinkle backed in a losing bid to fend off Fritz Kaegi while Garcia supported Kaegi.

Lightfoot said she voted for Garcia against Emanuel in both rounds of the 2015 mayoral election.

Garcia said he got to know Lightfoot about 3 1/2 years ago, when she was working on the issue of police accountability.

“I think she is eminently qualified to address the issues of safety, of greater police accountability,” Garcia said. “Let me be very

clear: Some of her most important contributions to moving the city forward have been the task force report on police accountability. It is a damning indictment, a very important guide to move forward that helped usher in the consent decree that will guide the next mayor, the council, the people of Chicago in bringing about (change) in the Chicago Police Department.”

Garcia did not criticize Preckwinkle directly, though he did say the city “needs to break from the vestiges of old machine politics and is close to making that a reality.”

Asked whether Preckwinkle’s the machine, a criticism often made by Lightfoot, Garcia instead said there’s “signs of corruption in the Chicago City Council” and in the property tax system — a shot at Berrios, Preckwinkle’s ally.

But he declined to criticize Preckwinkle personally, saying the future “looks great.”

“A new mayor in City Hall and across the hall, on the fifth floor, a very competent president of the (county) board who I had the great honor to work with for eight years and move Cook County government forward, leaving behind the old reference that it was Crook County,” he said.

But Garcia also said Lightfoot “ushers in a new era that Chicago has been waiting for a long time.”

Asked about SEIU and CTU backing Preckwinkle, and how it feels to be on the opposite side of them four years after they helped push him into the runoff, Garcia said, “Those relationships don’t change. There are progressives in both camps.”

Preckwinkle spent the early part of her birthday attending church services with Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, before eating breakfast with staffers in a corner booth at Eppel’s Restaurant in the South Loop.

But the County Board president skipped the politician-friendly South Side parade — and Garcia’s display with Lightfoot — and instead elected to campaign at the city’s Northwest Side Irish Parade.

Preckwinkle, when asked about Garcia’s endorsement for her opponent, said her campaign planned to unveil more endorsements from West Side officials later in the week.

“We’ve gotten lots of support from other Latino elected officials. I’ve been to the Latinx community, not just in this cam-

paing, but in the course of my entire political career,” Preckwinkle said of Garcia’s decision during a Sunday evening birthday party with her sorority allies.

“So I’m a known quantity there in a way that she isn’t,” she said of Lightfoot.

Though Garcia’s endorsement is a boost to Lightfoot’s campaign, he also suffered embarrassing defeats in the Feb. 26 aldermanic elections.

Garcia most notably supported civil engineer Tanya Patino in her unsuccessful campaign to defeat embattled Southwest Side Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, who has been charged in a federal public corruption investigation at City Hall. Garcia also backed community organizer Hilario Dominguez’s losing effort to replace Ald. Danny Solis — who secretly wore a recording device while cooperating with the FBI — in the Pilsen-centered 25th Ward.

At the same time, Garcia’s organization helped elect Mike Rodriguez to replace retiring Ald. Ricardo Munoz, 22nd. And Garcia has pointed out that he endorsed in 15 races, with six outright wins, seven runoffs and two losses.

Lightfoot also accepted an endorsement from Southwest Side attorney Jerry Joyce Jr., who won the 13th, 19th and 23rd wards on the Southwest Side, and the 41st on the Northwest Side in the first round of the mayor’s race.

Joyce introduced Lightfoot to a crowd at a party for his volunteers, friends and family as “somebody I know to be honest, hardworking, extremely bright and just a kind person.”

“I am proud to endorse Lori Lightfoot,” Joyce said, to loud cheers.

Lightfoot beamed and told the crowd, “I could not be more proud to accept the endorsement of my friend Jerry Joyce.”

Since the crowded field of 14 mayoral candidates was cut down to two, six former candidates have endorsed Lightfoot while none has come out for Preckwinkle. Lightfoot has received support from Willie Wilson, Paul Vallas, Gery Chico, Joyce, Neal Sales-Griffin and John Kozlar.

Ald. George Cardenas, 12th, also released a statement endorsing Lightfoot on Sunday.

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Parade about family traditions

South Side Irish festivities warm hearts on chilly Sunday

BY GREGORY TEJEDA
Daily Southtown

The spirit that is “Erin go Bragh” took a tough challenge from none other than Mother Nature herself on Sunday, as winterlike temperatures and snowfall hit a significant chunk of the Chicago area.

Yet, perhaps it was the famed “luck of the Irish” that caused the morning snowfall, at least, to skip over the Beverly neighborhood and allow some 150,000 spectators to line up along Western Avenue during midday for the 41st version of the South Side Irish St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

The event, first held in 1979, is meant to be a more neighborhood-oriented version of the St. Patrick’s Day Parade that Chicago holds each year, with this year’s event being on Saturday.

But the people who gathered to watch the parade in mid-30-degree temperatures made a point of saying that their attendance on Sunday was something that felt mandatory.

Brian Plendergast may live in Minooka, but he was a southwest suburban native who used to often come to the South Side parade when he was a child. He felt compelled to bring daughter Delilah with him so they could share the experience.

“I like to bring her to places around here where I grew up, so she can see what my life was like,” Plendergast said. “I think it’s important she knows where we, and she, comes from.”

As for Delilah? She found the parade enjoyable but noted the nip in the air.

“I wish we could have found something warm for us to do,” she said.

Plendergast was far from the only person who turned Sunday’s parade into a family affair.

Erika Burke of suburban Burbank picked out a viewing spot in front of the Original Pancake House, 10437 Western Ave., for her nearly two dozen relatives — which included some 15 children, ages 5 weeks to 15 years.

“We keep coming back every year because this is something we enjoy doing,” Burke said. “It’s something we can do as a family, and that we’ll probably keep doing for years to come.”

Herschel Daniel, who now lives in Lake



Members of the Pipes and Drums of the Chicago Police Department march in the South Side Irish Parade on Sunday — St. Patrick’s Day.



Multiple generations from longtime neighborhood families value the parade as a tradition.

Station, Ind., made the trip to Beverly with his wife and son, saying, “It’s a Chicago tradition, and it’s our heritage.”

“This is an event that can bring us all together in celebration,” he said.

Sunday’s parade had as its grand marshal members of the Honor Flight Chicago organization, which has members who did military service in Vietnam, Korea and World War II, and travels the country to visit memorials built in their honor.

Norman Lasmer, a Mount Greenwood neighborhood resident who served in the Navy aboard the USS Bunker Hill from

1943-46, said he thinks it is important to make people aware of the contributions to our society of our nation’s military veterans.

“People need to remember these things, so they can appreciate what we have now,” he said.

Maggie Clifford, another Mount Greenwood native, served as the parade’s queen, and she said it was an honor because her family has been involved in coordinating the parade’s details for the past few years. “It means a lot to me to be able to say I had a chance to do this this one year,” she said.

Parade-goers got to see 110 attractions in



Morgan Park High School’s marching band performs in the parade, which included 15 bands and dozens of other attractions.

the parade that included 15 bands, said Tom McGourty, a parade coordinator, who said the number of attractions has to be limited. “If the parade stretches longer than two hours long, people start to get antsy.”

Officials also arranged for a strong police presence around the neighborhood that controlled the flow of traffic and the availability of alcohol — although Daniel said he did not see much in the way of liquor-related problems.

“Maybe somebody spilled a drink, but this wasn’t a drinking binge,” he said.

It also was an event that saw people of various races and ethnicities manage to co-exist peacefully within Chicago, with Lavana Williams, a 15-year employee of the Walgreens store at the parade’s starting point at 103rd Street and Western Avenue saying, “For one day, all Chicago is green.”

Gregory Tejada is a freelance reporter for the Daily Southtown.

Political insider linked to corruption probe

Hynes, from Page 1

An FBI search warrant affidavit unsealed last week paints Hynes as intricately involved in Solis' business and personal affairs, arranging a loan from a mutual friend when Solis was hard up for cash, offering early advice on a development before the alderman met with the city's planning commissioner and providing counsel when Solis' daughter was entangled in a legal dispute.

Hynes' connection to Burke is murkier. Two files pertaining to Hynes were among the evidence seized in a high-profile raid by the FBI on Burke's City Hall office in late November, according to documents. But what those files contained remains a mystery.

In 2014, Hynes testified under oath that Burke made a key introduction for him with a top executive with Citadel, the hedge fund group run by Chicago billionaire Kenneth Griffin, at a time Hynes was looking to start an investment firm, according to court records. One of Hynes' partners in the firm testified he had first met Hynes through Burke's daughter, the records show.

Hynes declined to comment when contacted by the Tribune last week. He recently told the Chicago Sun-Times that he has not spoken to Burke in eight or nine years and has no idea why the alderman kept files on him.

Hynes has not been accused of any wrongdoing in the ongoing City Hall investigation.

'Always live by my word'

A 1996 graduate of Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Hynes has used his deep political connections within the Democratic Party to bolster a succession of business and real estate deals, some successful and others that flopped, records show.

He's described in court testimony by those who know him as personable, someone comfortable making big-money deals over a handshake at lunch.

Hynes, no relation to the prominent Hynes family of Chicago and state politics, grew up a block away from Madigan's home in Chicago's West Lawn neighborhood and once worked as an aide to the speaker.

"The guy is the smartest man in politics," Hynes said of Madigan, whom he considers a mentor, in a 2009 interview. "I met so many people through working for him."

Like Hynes, Madigan plays a central role in the FBI search warrant affidavit filed in the Solis investigation, but the two are mentioned in separate sections. According to the 120-page document, the FBI secretly recorded a 2014 meeting at Madigan's law office at which the speaker solicited business for his tax appeals firm from real estate developers brought to him by Solis.

Madigan has not been charged and has denied any wrongdoing.

While Hynes got his start under Madigan, records show his career as a government consultant blossomed after Blagojevich became governor in 2003.

Soon, Hynes was serving as outside counsel for several state and county agencies, including the finance authority once headed by Ata. He represented Rezko in a succession of lucrative real estate deals and joined a firm that employed clout-heavy lawyers such as Victor Reyes, the founder of the Hispanic Democratic Organization who ran a patronage army for then-Mayor Richard M. Daley.

In 2005 — the same year Hynes allegedly warned Ata not to cooperate against Rezko — Hynes was recognized by Crain's Chicago Business as a "Top 40 under 40."

Around the same time, Hynes was part of a team headed by the Rev. Jackson's son Yusef that made a failed bid for the Washington Nationals baseball team.

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BRIAN HYNES FACEBOOK PHOTO

Ald. Daniel Solis, left, is shown with attorney Brian Hynes in part of a group photo. An FBI search warrant affidavit unsealed last week paints Hynes as intricately involved in Solis' business and personal affairs.

people," Hynes told Crain's. "I've done well by them, and they do well by me."

Now an attorney with the Howard & Howard law firm in the Loop, Hynes also founded several lobbying entities that did business at City Hall. City records show Hynes' clients have included Nadhmi Auchi, an Iraqi billionaire developing a 62-acre South Loop site once owned by Rezko.

In 2010, Hynes formed what's become by far his most lucrative venture — Vendor Assistance Program LLC — with Solis' sister, Patti Solis Doyle, a top Democratic operative who was a senior adviser on Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign, records show. Doyle is no longer affiliated with the company.

When it was started, VAP had its office at the same address as Ald. Solis' 25th Ward headquarters, records show. The firm has since made millions of dollars by fronting money to state vendors and later collecting interest owed by the state — profits that have accelerated since the state's budget impasse was resolved in 2017.

Over the last nine months of 2018, the comptroller's office issued more than \$133 million in late-payment interest penalties to VAP, according to state records and testimony at a recent state hearing.

Over the years, Hynes and his various companies have made nearly half a million dollars in local political donations, with a large chunk going to elected officials with direct control over his business interests or clients, state campaign records show.

The donations include \$57,400 to Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza, who has oversight of VAP. Mendoza, a close Madigan ally, gave those contributions to charity in the midst of her unsuccessful run for Chicago mayor after news of Solis' legal troubles surfaced in January.

Hynes and his companies have also donated nearly \$51,000 to Solis and at least \$3,000 to funds controlled by Burke, records show.

Hynes has made no secret that he's enjoyed success. He splits his time between Chicago and Puerto Rico, where VAP is expanding. He's jetted around the world on business, wooed clients at fancy restaurants and major sporting events.

But Hynes also has had tax problems. The Internal Revenue Service has filed at least a half a dozen liens against him since 2003, alleging he owed tens of thousands of dollars in back taxes, public records show.

In 2009, Hynes was featured in Chicago Magazine's "Most Eligible Singles" edition. By that time, he had been subpoenaed by federal investigators as part of the

Blagojevich scandal.

In an interview for the profile, Hynes spoke of his love of spas and boasted his business style was decidedly old school.

"I've made many deals without a contract," he said. "It's kind of how you did it in the neighborhood where I grew up. I always live by my word."

Clout-heavy connections

Hynes' handshake style with business dealings has sometimes landed him in court.

In 2013, he was sued by a former business partner in Abraham Lincoln Alternative Investments, a failed startup that had sought to parlay its minority-owned status to convince lucrative hedge funds run by heavyweights such as Citadel to invest state pension funds, court records show.

Hynes testified in a sworn deposition stemming from the lawsuit that a "mutual friend" had arranged a key meeting with a top executive at Citidel, according to the records.

When asked the identity of the mutual friend, Hynes replied, "Alderman Burke," a transcript of his testimony said.

Another partner in the firm, politically connected restaurateur Mark O'Malley, testified in his deposition that he'd been introduced to Hynes by Burke's daughter, Sarah, another transcript shows.

To make ALAI politically palatable to the big funds, Hynes wanted high-profile minority owners and shopped the idea to then-Ald. Sandi Jackson, then the wife of U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., as well as to Jackson Jr.'s younger brother Yusef records show.

He had also sought to bring in Gary Fears, a wealthy businessman and former transportation official under Gov. Dan Walker who had connections with potential investors in the Middle East, according to testimony from the suit.

But deals with the Jacksons and Fears never panned out. Gordon Wright, an experienced hedge fund operator with UBS O'Connor LLC, served as the firm's chief executive, and Hynes also tapped his friend Jon Bauman, who stepped down from his role running the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois to line up pension investment opportunities, records show.

To help raise the capital needed to fund the launch, Hynes turned to Michael Rumman, a mutual friend of Rezko's and the former head of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services under Blagojevich, according to testimony in the lawsuit.

In the summer of 2008, Rum-

man gave Hynes a check for \$250,000 but later sought the money back because of financial difficulties.

But as the stock market crashed that fall, ALAI started to implode before ever getting off the ground. The fledgling company was also hurt when word began to circulate that Rumman and Hynes had been subpoenaed in the Blagojevich investigation, according to court records.

Rumman filed suit in 2013 in Cook County Circuit Court over the \$250,000 he allegedly lost. The case went to trial in 2015 but settled before the jury began deliberating, the records show.

The financial fallout over ALAI also caught the interest of the U.S. attorney's office. During a deposition for the lawsuit, Hynes testified that federal prosecutors told him during an interview in 2012 that he "did nothing wrong." No charges were filed. A spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office declined comment.

Close ties to Solis

In the Solis affidavit, the FBI painted an intricate picture of financial dealings between Hynes and the influential 25th Ward alderman, including loans and payments that allegedly date back nearly a decade.

Bank records show that in February 2011, Hynes' company, Chicago Real Estate Consulting, paid \$30,000 to a private firm owned by the alderman, according to the affidavit.

Hynes also arranged for a \$160,000 loan for Solis from Fears. Solis needed the cash to "retire a debt on a property," the affidavit said.

Many of the dealings described in the affidavit stem from Hynes' close relationship with real estate developer Frederick Latsko, a onetime driver for Bears quarterback Sid Luckman who built a small real estate empire in the boom years of the late 1990s and early to mid-2000s.

In a recorded call in June 2015, Hynes talked with Solis about a Latsko project that had won the approval of Chicago's building commissioner, the affidavit said.

"Yeah, so tell Fred we had, and it will go, it will help him out with the property he owns," the affidavit quoted Solis telling Hynes.

That August, the two discussed another project in Solis' ward in which the alderman was looking for a developer to put commercial and residential property into a planned manufacturing district along the Chicago River — a move that would require action by the zoning committee.

"I'm going to set up a meeting with (Chicago Planning Commissioner) David Reifman. I'd like to

talk to you and Fred about it first," the affidavit quoted Solis as telling Hynes.

Hynes appeared enthusiastic about the deal, telling Solis he and Latsko "would love to talk about that."

Largely unscathed by Blago scandal

Like many who counted Rezko as an associate, Hynes found himself in the mid-2000s on the fringes of Operation Board Games, the massive federal criminal probe that wound up bringing down Blagojevich.

In testimony at the first Blagojevich trial, real estate developer Sean Conlon said Hynes had made an unusual request of him in 2003 involving the sale of two floors of a renovated building in the West Loop.

After contracts were drawn up, Hynes called to say he had a broker whom he wanted added to the deal and paid a commission, Conlon testified. The broker was River Realty agent Patti Blagojevich, who in reality had no involvement in the transaction, Conlon said.

"Obviously, I was surprised because the price had not taken into account that we were going to be paying somebody," testified Conlon, who later sued Hynes over the real estate deal. "So I indicated to him that I would not personally be paying the broker as a seller."

Hynes agreed to pay more for each floor — about a combined \$65,000 — in order to pay Patti Blagojevich out of his end, Conlon said.

He said Hynes later asked that the contract be altered to replace any reference to Patti Blagojevich and River Realty in the document, instead adding Rezko's development firm.

Financial records introduced at trial showed Rezko steered the \$65,000 commission back to the Blagojeviches, who used most of it to pay contractors who were renovating their Chicago home.

Hynes was never charged in the investigation.

Asked under oath about the West Loop deal years later, Hynes made no mention that Patti Blagojevich was ever in line to receive a commission.

In his 2014 deposition in the hedge fund lawsuit, Hynes said that Rezko had unselfishly arranged to take a commission instead of buying the property — partly owned by the Illinois Tollway — in order to avoid any appearances of impropriety because of his government connections.

"So Tony, in a good government move, said he couldn't be a part of it. It wouldn't look right," Hynes testified. "... As hard as it is for people to believe, the reason I was never called (in the Blagojevich trial) was because actually what went on was good government, if you want to believe that with Rezko and Blagojevich."

Rezko was convicted by a jury in 2008 of corrupting state boards and demanding kickbacks from companies that had business dealings with the state. He was sentenced to 10½ years in prison.

Hynes, though, emerged from the Blagojevich scandal largely unscathed, only to find himself more than a decade later in the middle of yet another politically charged criminal investigation.

In a 2009 videotaped interview as part of the Chicago Magazine story on top eligible singles, Hynes was asked where he saw himself in 10 years.

"Hopefully, professionally, not working as hard as I work now," he said, according to a video still available on YouTube. "My goal is to get some things started, get some businesses going and then be able to spend time with my family."

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State veterans home in Chicago set to be done in Dec.

Last structural piece of building placed; budget battle had slowed work

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A long-delayed state veterans home in the Dunning neighborhood on Chicago's Northwest Side is set to be completed in December, with the first residents expected to move in next spring, officials said.

Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker was joined by U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, other elected officials and local veterans at a ceremony Friday marking the placement of the last structural piece of the

building, which was proposed a decade ago by then-Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn.

"We're committed to seeing that this work is completed and getting it done efficiently and effectively for the taxpayers as well as making sure that it happens as quickly as possible for our veterans," Pritzker said.

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs held a ceremonial groundbreaking for the 200-bed facility at 4250 N. Oak Park Ave. in September 2014, but the project stalled after Quinn lost his reelection bid less than two months later.

Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner halted construction of the facility, which had an initial price tag of

\$70.5 million, during his protracted budget impasse with the Democratic-controlled legislature. Construction resumed after Rauner and Democratic leaders reached a budget truce in June 2016. The federal government is covering roughly two-thirds of the cost.

"Politics and ideology won't over our fundamental responsibility to those who served our country," Pritzker said Friday. "A personal agenda took precedence over doing what's right for the people of Illinois, but those days are over. 'I'm so proud to make this veterans home a reality and to make clear to veterans in every corner of our state that this state is on your side.'"

The Chicago home will be Illinois' fifth state-run long-term care facility for veterans. Among the four existing facilities, the nearest one to Chicago is about 50 miles south in Manteno. The state's management of the facilities during the Rauner administration came under scrutiny after a 2015 outbreak of Legionella bacteria at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy. Since then, 14 people have died and 70 others have been sickened at the facility, which opened in 1886. A resident of the state veterans home in Manteno died in January after contracting Legionnaire's disease.

Pritzker on Thursday visited the Quincy home in western Illinois, vowing to break ground

this year on a \$245 million replacement facility.

Among those who joined Pritzker at the ceremony Friday was Linda Chapa LaVia, acting director of the state Veterans' Affairs Department.

Pritzker appointed Chapa LaVia, a longtime Democratic state representative from Aurora who previously served in the Illinois Army National Guard, last month after his initial appointee withdrew his name from consideration. Jaime Martinez, the executive director of Illinois Joining Forces, did not publicly give a reason for his decision.

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

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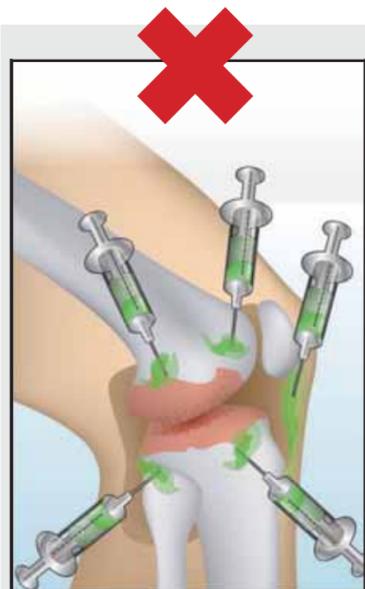
untreated, it can keep you awake at night, and hurt with every step.

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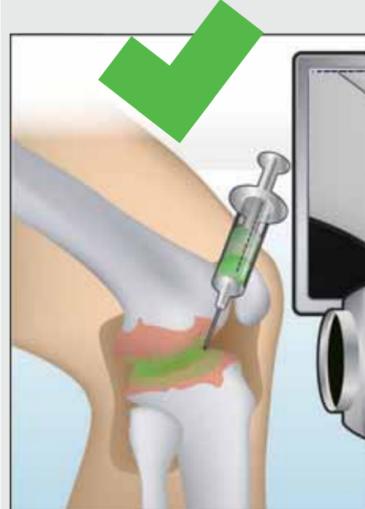
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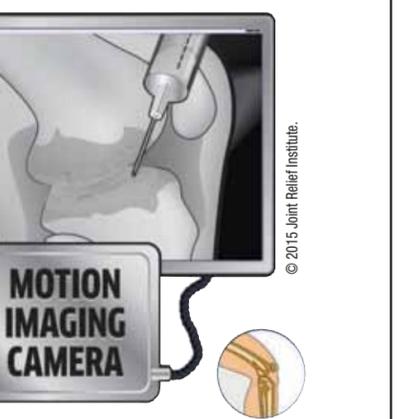
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Amtrak seeks more trains for short distances

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changing demands.

Gardner also told lawmakers about Amtrak's huge needs for track and bridge repair and new equipment, and warned that "trade-offs" could be necessary.

This kind of talk worries passenger rail advocates, who fear that faced with limited funding, Amtrak could curtail long-distance service in favor of more short runs along sections of long-distance tracks. The trick for Amtrak is how it can both grow short-distance ridership while also growing service on long-haul routes, which are popular with the rural Republican lawmakers Amtrak needs to secure funding.

Amtrak should not have to choose between long-haul and short-haul service, but needs to do both, said Jim Matthews, president of the Rail Passengers Association.

"I suspect that if they go to Congress with a really bold vision, they would not be forced to choose between a national network and expanded regional service," said Matthews. "I think there's an appetite to fund both, especially if you look at the economic payoff for doing that."

Amtrak's choices

Chicagoans already have a lot of short-distance, city-to-city service. There are Amtrak trains to Detroit; Carbondale; Indianapolis; Cleveland; Omaha, Neb.; St. Paul, Minn.; St. Louis; and many other Midwestern towns and cities.

Rick Harnish, director of the Midwest High Speed Rail Association, said he's "thrilled" that Amtrak is trying to figure out how to

expand service.

"You should be able to get five trains a day minimum to Detroit, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Cincinnati," he said.

The problem is that for many Midwestern cities connecting to Chicago, there are not enough trains and they often arrive at inconvenient times.

On the plus side, there are seven daily trips from Chicago to Milwaukee along the popular Hiawatha service, and Amtrak and Wisconsin hope to add three more. There are four trips daily along the Lincoln Service to Springfield and St. Louis.

On the negative side, there are just three trains a week from Chicago to Cincinnati, and you get there after 3 in the morning, if the train is even on time. This is because this route currently only exists as part of a longer trip, the Cardinal to D.C.

Amtrak would like to have more trains that just go between places like Chicago and Cincinnati, instead of having one train make the whole East Coast run.

But that would require cooperation from Indiana, which is not interested in passenger rail, said Fritz Plous, a passenger rail advocate and director of communications with Corridor Rail Development in Chicago.

"That's the rub," agreed Harnish. Without state help, more short-haul corridor trains cannot operate. And not all states want to come on board.

Indiana did start paying the lion's share of costs for a Chicago-to-Indianapolis route in 2014 but hasn't seen any increase in ridership, said Indiana Department of Transportation spokesman Scott Manning. Ridership has in fact



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Routes shy of 750 miles must be partly funded by states. Amtrak gets help from 18 states for 29 short-distance routes.

dropped over the decade.

"That would be a limiting factor in exploring adding any short-term routes," Manning said.

State help and problems

Currently, the path to more short-distance trains is through state funding. Under a 2008 law, routes of fewer than 750 miles must be partly funded by states. Amtrak receives funding from 18 states for financial support of 29 short-distance routes.

Illinois, for example, has demonstrated a willingness to contribute to passenger rail funding. The state's department of transportation spent almost \$2 billion in state and federal funds over seven years improving service between Chicago and St. Louis.

One obstacle to states participating is that Amtrak does not have equipment to spare for new service, said Plous. North Carolina, for instance, bought its own cars and

locomotives to expand city-to-city service, he noted.

"Amtrak doesn't have anything to bring to the party right now," said Plous.

Congress also may need to change funding rules in order to coax more states to invest. Right now, states together with riders pay about 85 percent of operating costs for corridor services, while Amtrak picks up about 15 percent with federal funds, according to Amtrak.

It might be easier for some states to get into a service expansion program if the funding requirement was reduced, that is, if states could provide just 60 percent of operating costs in the first few years, while the route is getting established.

It also would also help if Congress would give Amtrak enough money to improve the tracks so that the trains ran well enough to cover costs, instead of dumping all that on the states, said Harnish. Both

freight interference and poor track condition hurt Amtrak service, whether it's long distance or short distance, said Harnish.

"They have to get the trip times down, and frequencies way up," said Harnish.

He said that on Amtrak's balance sheet, long-distance service does not look like a strong performer because states don't want to put money in it.

"They would perform great if they ran on time," said Harnish. "To get them to run on time, you need the same kind of fixes you need to run more frequent service to Cleveland."

What really needs to happen is strong national policy and support for a complete passenger rail network, just as there is national policy for highways and aviation, said Plous.

"That's what the federal government is for," said Plous.

Matthews said it is important for Congress to realize that passenger rail

offers a public good, just as street lights do. The question is not whether the Southwest Chief makes money, but whether the community makes money because the train is there.

"We don't want Grandma in Cut Bank (Montana) to lose her service because it's not profitable," said Matthews.

Transportation song quiz

■ Last week's song was sung by stevedores, tired of being cheated by boat captains. The song is "Pay Me My Money Down," which has been covered by both The Weavers and Bruce Springsteen. Deborah Ehrhart of West Town was first with the right answer.

■ This train song refers to m-m-m-my generation. What is it, and who did it? The first person with the right answer gets a Tribune bookmark, and glory.

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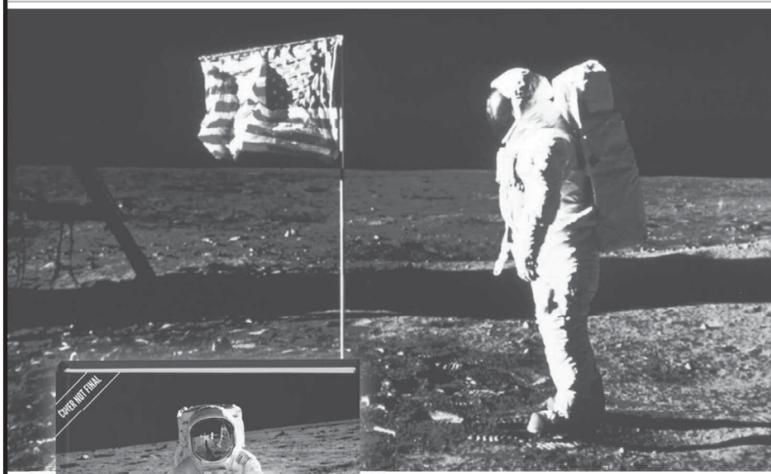
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Worried about counting everyone in 2020

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tary of state, recently announced his office was accepting requests for grant proposals totaling \$1.5 million for census participation. Forefront, a statewide coalition of nonprofits, is in the middle of going through its own funding requests from organizations to conduct census outreach.

The latest data show that the city's population was up by 1 percent but the state's population was slightly down compared with 2010 census figures, said Rob Paral, a Chicago demographer. Even if the state doesn't have a loss of population, the data show that Illinois is not growing as fast as other states, Paral said.

Data released in December by the U.S. Census Bureau showed Illinois lost an estimated 45,116 residents from 2017 to 2018. Since 2013, the state has lost more than 100,000 residents, according to population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau.

"Illinois needs a good census count more than almost any other state," Paral said.

The loss of African-American residents is one of the biggest drivers of the state's population loss, Paral said.

African-Americans are



U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., speaks Friday at a panel discussion at Access Living of Metro Chicago about the 2020 census. According to estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, Illinois has lost more than 100,000 residents since 2013.

one of 11 populations the Illinois Complete Count Commission identified as "hard to count," meaning a lack of participation in the census could lead to an undercount of people in those communities. The commission was created by a 2017 law to prepare for the decennial count, said state Rep. Ryan Spain, R-Peoria,

one of the sponsors of the law. Kathie Kane-Willis, the director of policy and advocacy for the Chicago Urban League, said some African-Americans don't believe that information they share with the U.S. census won't be shared with private entities or with other government agencies. Kane-Willis is part of a subcommittee for the Illinois Complete Count Commission that is developing strategies for reaching hard-to-count populations.

"They don't believe that the census ... information is protected ... and that it doesn't go to other governmental agencies," Kane-Willis said.

Federal law mandates that no personal information gathered in the census be released for 72 years after the date of the census — so information on individuals from the 2020 census won't be available until 2092. The information collected can be used for statistical purposes, according to the bureau.

David Druker, spokes-

man for the Illinois secretary of state, described the Trump administration's proposal for a citizenship question on the 2020 census as the elephant in the room.

The question, which would ask respondents about their citizenship status, has been met with legal pushback. The U.S. Supreme Court is slated to hear arguments in the case in April and the high court could hand down a decision by June, The Associated Press reported.

Druker said White is strongly opposed to a citizenship question ending up on the form. Jeanine Stroger, the designated chairperson for the Illinois Complete Count Commission, said the state's strategy will be the same if the citizenship question does end up on the final form, though there will have to be a more vigorous outreach to immigrants in Illinois.

"We understand that we want everyone counted, and that's the goal," Stroger said.

Some communities might be harder to reach, especially because of some

services that were lost during the years the state went without a budget, Young said. "I'm worried that not enough thinking is being done for folks outside of the city."

Concerns about data privacy and a distrust in the government are among five barriers that the U.S. Census Bureau identified as reasons why someone might not participate in the count, according to a report published by the census.

Forefront, the nonprofit coalition, is working with nonprofits on census outreach while the state commission is focused on state entities, said Anita Banerji, the director of the democracy initiative for Forefront.

Each hard-to-count community will require a different outreach strategy, because some communities might respond better to social media while others might need someone to walk them through the process, Banerji said. In the past couple of months, Forefront has had community briefings with various officials and groups to begin

talk about next year's census.

"We are looking for organizations who are trusted messengers," Banerji said. Next month, Forefront will unveil at an event in Springfield the organizations that will receive funding for census outreach, Banerji said. Then, they plan to spend the spring planning a campaign that will roll out around June.

Forefront is also among the groups supporting Senate Bill 1408 in the Illinois General Assembly, which seeks \$25 million for the state's Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to distribute as grants for census outreach.

Young, who also supports the bill, said he would have liked for the funds to be appropriated sooner. He pointed out that even if the bill is approved, a grant process will mean that funds won't get to organizations until near the end of the year, which would then be only months away from the count.

"We are a cash-strapped state," Young said. "My hope is that we would do a better job of setting priorities."

In California, officials have set aside \$100.3 million toward things related to the census, according to the governor's website. And the governor's proposed budget for 2019-20 requests additional millions of dollars to go toward census initiatives.

Stroger said the commission is reaching out to various agencies, from the lottery to libraries, to get information to the public and to get past indifference people might have about whether to fill out the form. Stroger said she wants the public to know that the 2020 census figures will affect everything from road construction to social services.

"Those kinds of decisions are based on census data and that's why it's so crucial to have an accurate and complete count," Stroger said.

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Families grieve, wait to bury loved ones

BY ANNA FIFIELD
The Washington Post

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand — Mucad Ibrahim was wearing little white socks, the type with grips on the bottom so that toddlers don't slip, when he was carried out of the Al Noor mosque in Christchurch.

His shoes were still at the entrance, where he'd left them when he arrived for Friday prayers with his father and older brother. His big brown eyes, usually alight with laughter, were closed as he was rushed to the ambulance.

That was the last time his family saw him.

They hope they will finally get to wash and wrap his tiny body and bury him Monday, much later than is traditional in Islam, which calls for bodies to be interred quickly, preferably within 24 hours.

Mucad, who was more commonly called by the Arabic diminutive "Mou'adee," was 3 years old. He was born in New Zealand to a Somali family who had fled fighting in their home country more than 20 years ago.

Mucad was "energetic, playful and liked to smile and laugh a lot," his teenage brother Abdi wrote on Facebook. "Will miss you dearly brother."

He was the youngest of

the 50 victims in the attacks on two mosques that have shocked New Zealand and especially this city, which is no stranger to tragedy after a devastating earthquake in 2011 that killed 185 people.

"He could have grown up to be a brilliant doctor or the prime minister," said Mohamud Hassan, a 21-year-old member of the Somali community here, which comprises about 60 families. He shook his head, an expression of the common refrain after all mass shootings: "Why?"

Mucad's father, Adan Ibrahim, took him around noon to Friday prayers at the mosque, as usual. After prayers, the young men often went to play soccer in Hagley Park across the road, and Mucad often went with Abdi.

But when the gunman stormed into the mosque about 10 minutes into the sermon and started spraying bullets indiscriminately around the men's section, little Mucad appeared to think it was a scene from the kind of video game his older brothers liked to play. He ran toward the gunman, Hassan said.

On Sunday night, Mucad's father was waiting at the hospital, hoping to see his smallest son for the first time since he was killed, hoping that Monday would be the day he could finally



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Relatives show photos of their loved ones who are believed to be among the 50 victims of the Christchurch mosque shootings. Some of the bodies have been identified and families notified, but some remain unidentified.



ABDI IBRAHIM

Mucad Ibrahim, 3, was the youngest of the 50 victims of the shooting.

lay his youngest to rest.

There is some frustration among families at the length of time it is taking the

authorities to release the bodies.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said during a news conference Sunday that a few bodies would be returned to their families that night, and that she hoped all would be returned by Wednesday.

"Just give us back the bodies," one woman yelled at the TV screen Sunday afternoon as members of the local Indonesian community gathered to support the family of Lilik Abdul Hamid, an engineer for Air New Zealand who was killed in the attacks.

About 90 disaster victim identification officers, including 20 from abroad, are working to identify the victims. But Christchurch's coroner said it was a time-consuming process that in-

cluded identifying clothing, and obtaining medical records and fingerprints.

Wally Haumaha, the deputy police commissioner, said he understood that not being able to comply with religious funeral rites was adding to the families' trauma.

"Our sole focus is to get their loved ones back and to follow the cultural traditions such as the washing and shrouding of the loved ones," he said Sunday.

Heavy machinery was being used to dig dozens of graves at the Memorial Park Cemetery in Christchurch, not far from the site of the second mosque that was attacked. A local funeral home has been designated to receive bodies for families to conduct ritual washings.

But families still don't know where the funerals will be held. The mosques in Christchurch are still closed.

"This doesn't change my feelings about New Zealand," said Said Abdulkadir, whose 70-year-old father was killed in the attacks, which were allegedly perpetrated by an Australian specifically to cause shock in a country often lauded for being a safe haven. Abdulkadir was late for mosque that day and pulled up just as the gunman was leaving.

"This is what the terrorist wanted," he said, recalling how his father loved to walk through Hagley Park on his way to the mosque. "He wanted us to feel like we are not safe anywhere. But we know what New Zealand is."

Facebook said it pulled 1.5M versions of shooting video

BY SHIBANI MAHTANI
The Washington Post

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Facebook said that it removed 1.5 million videos of footage from the shooting rampage at two mosques in Christchurch within 24 hours of the attack, underscoring the massive game of whack-a-mole social media giants have to play with even the most high-profile problematic content on their platforms.

In a statement, Mia Garlick, spokeswoman for Facebook New Zealand, said that the company continues to "work around the clock to remove violating content from our site, using a combination of technology and people." Of the 1.5 million videos of the massacre, filmed by a body-worn camera on the perpetrator

almost in the style of a video game, 1.2 million were blocked at upload.

Facebook's statement came after New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said in a Sunday news conference that there were "further questions to be answered" by Facebook and other social media sites over their response to the events.

Ardern said that her country had done as much as it could to "remove or seek to have removed some of the footage" circulated in the aftermath of the attack, but that ultimate it has been "up to those platforms."

When the horror began Friday morning in New Zealand, alleged shooter Brenton Tarrant's Facebook followers were the first to know. He livestreamed his assault, from the time he started driving over to Al

Noor Mosque to the moments when he fired his first shots.

Many hours later, and long after he and other suspects had been arrested, others were still uploading the video to YouTube and other online video platforms. A Washington Post search of keywords related to the event, such as "New Zealand," surfaced a long list of videos, many of which were lengthy and uncensored views of the massacre.

And though Facebook, Instagram and Twitter have all removed Tarrant's accounts, dozens of archived versions remain available, along with the links and videos he shared.

Facebook says that it is using audio technology to detect more versions of the video, allowing it to catch more footage even if there isn't an exact match to the



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Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said there were "further questions to be answered."

full version.

On Sunday, the New Zealand government informed online platforms that sharing any version of the footage, even the edited, non-graphic versions, is a violation of the law. Facebook says that since the attack, teams have been also

working to remove content in support of the massacre and hateful posts.

The restrictions have also applied to news media. Local media reported that Sky News Australia was pulled off New Zealand broadcaster Sky TV for airing "distressing footage."

Ardern acknowledged that the problem of hate speech and the difficulty of controlling the proliferation of violent videos was a global problem.

"But it doesn't mean we can't play an active role in seeing it resolved," she added.

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and showed no emotion when the judge read one murder charge and said more would likely follow.

Bush said at a news conference that another body had been found at Al Noor mosque as they finished removing the victims, bringing the number of people killed there to 42. An additional seven people were killed at Linwood mosque and one more person died later at Christchurch Hospital.

Thirty-four wounded remained at the hospital, where officials said 12 were in critical condition. A 4-year-old girl at a children's hospital in Auckland was also listed as critical.

People across the country were still trying to come to terms with the massacre that Ardern described as "one of New Zealand's darkest days."

At the Vatican, Pope Francis offered prayers for "our Muslim brothers" killed in the attack.

At his traditional Sunday prayer, Francis renewed "an invitation to unite in prayer and gestures of peace to oppose hatred and violence."

Acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney said Sunday that there is no sign of a conspiracy in the mosque attacks

that killed 50 people in New Zealand, and he rejected suggestions that President Donald Trump hasn't spoken out against white supremacists.

"We have no indication that this is part of a larger conspiracy," Mulvaney said on "Fox News Sunday." He said there's been no proposal for added security around mosques in the U.S. in response to the "truly sorrowful and tragic event."

Mulvaney appeared to be saying there is no plot extending beyond New Zealand, as he later noted there has been "concern that other folks might be involved down there."

He blamed the attacks in Christchurch on "a disturbed individual, an evil person" and condemned as "absurd" the idea of connecting the killer and Trump's hard-line rhetoric on immigrants and "Islamic terrorists."

"The president is not a white supremacist," Mulvaney said.

Mulvaney said in a separate appearance on CBS' "Face the Nation" that the question is "how do you stop these crazy people" who are "willing to go on live TV and stream the murder of people." He said "Donald Trump is no more to blame for what happened



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Candles light the path at the Botanic Gardens wall of flowers before dawn Monday in Christchurch, New Zealand.

in New Zealand than Mark Zuckerberg," the CEO of Facebook, whose platform the gunman used to livestream his killings.

Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., said Trump uses language often similar to that of racists and bigots, and if he's not going to call them out, other leaders must. While Trump didn't create white nationalists, his comments can encourage them, Kaine said.

"The president is using language that emboldens

them," Kaine said on "Face the Nation."

Ardern has said Tarrant was a licensed gun owner who legally bought the five guns he used.

At a news conference, the prime minister reiterated her promise that there will be changes to the country's gun laws. She said her Cabinet will discuss the policy details Monday.

The organizers of New Zealand's largest gun show say they have canceled the event to show respect for

victims of the Christchurch massacre and because of "elevated security risks."

The Kumeu Militaria Show, near Auckland, has been held for about five years.

Ardern said banning private ownership of semi-automatic rifles, which were used in the attacks, is an option.

Arden used some of her strongest language yet about gun control, saying that laws need to change and "they will change."

Neighboring Australia has virtually banned semi-automatic rifles from private ownership since a lone gunman killed 35 people with assault rifles in 1996.

Before Friday's attack, New Zealand's deadliest shooting in modern history took place in 1990 in the small town of Aramoana, where a gunman killed 13 people following a dispute with a neighbor.

Bloomberg News contributed.

Demonized Filipino priests see threats

Filipino clerics say Duterte's 'kill the bishops' message has fueled spike in vows of harm

BY REGINE CABATO
The Washington Post

MANILA, Philippines — At least two Philippine bishops and three priests critical of the government have received threats to their lives in the last month following President Rodrigo Duterte's denunciations of church leaders, including a call for the killing of bishops.

The threats, unprecedented in Asia's largest Catholic country, where about 4 in 5 people belong to the faith, underscore how Duterte's insults against the institution can have real-world consequences. Three priests have been killed during his term, from December 2017 to June 2018, and their murders have gone unpunished.

"Ready the places where you'll be buried ... because the next mass ... will be a mass for your souls to rest in peace," read a text message, sent Feb. 14, to Archbishop Socrates Villegas of the Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan north of Manila. The sender was anonymous, and the message was in all caps.

Another, sent Feb. 10 to the Rev. Albert Alejo, a Jesuit priest, read: "You son

of a whore! Your days are numbered, you animal."

At a news conference, three priests — Alejo, Robert Reyes and Flaviano Villanueva — along with Villegas and another bishop shared the expletive-riddled messages sent to them. All of the clerics have been critical of the Duterte administration and his war on drugs, in which thousands have died at the hands of police outside the justice system, prompting calls for an International Criminal Court investigation.

Duterte's tirades against the Philippine church, the priests said, were an attempt to undermine what is possibly the biggest and most powerful institution critical of his drug war. Reyes slammed what he said was a "systematic and deliberate and purposeful tactic to divide the church, which is now leaping on its moral duty to fight against injustice and extrajudicial killings."

While the messages cannot be directly linked to the Duterte, the priests believe they were at least inspired by his rhetoric.

"These bishops of yours, kill them," the president said in December. "They're good-for-nothing fools. All



AARON FAVILA/AP

Three Filipino Catholic priests who say they have received death threats from unknown people, are prayed over by nuns and religious leaders north of Manila.

they do is criticize." His spokesman later dismissed the statement as "hyperbole." Duterte has also claimed that he was sexually assaulted by a priest as a student.

"The president is the president. Whether he says it as a joke, it becomes policy," said Reyes. "Kill the bishops, it's policy."

Bishop Pablo Virgilio David, who oversees a diocese in northern Metro Manila, first revealed threats against his life in February. They started arriving after the president suggested in

November that he was involved in drugs.

His diocese of Caloocan City has been a hot spot for drug-war-related executions.

Duterte has said he has nothing to do with the threats. His spokesman, Salvador Panelo, has said such messages probably came from people trying to put Duterte "in a bad light."

David has declined a police offer of a security detail. The three priests have not approached authorities either. "The reason why is obvious," Reyes said.

They are considering raising the case to the attention of the Supreme Court.

Villanueva, who runs a feeding and hygiene center for the poor in Manila, presented surveillance-camera footage of a man wearing a mask and cap roaming the premises of the building. The priest is a former drug addict who has welcomed those seeking help for their addictions, as well as widows and orphans of people slain in the drug war.

The man in the video spent about 17 minutes

knocking at the center before crossing the street, as a white van rolled out of the footage, leading the priest to suspect that there was a plan to abduct him.

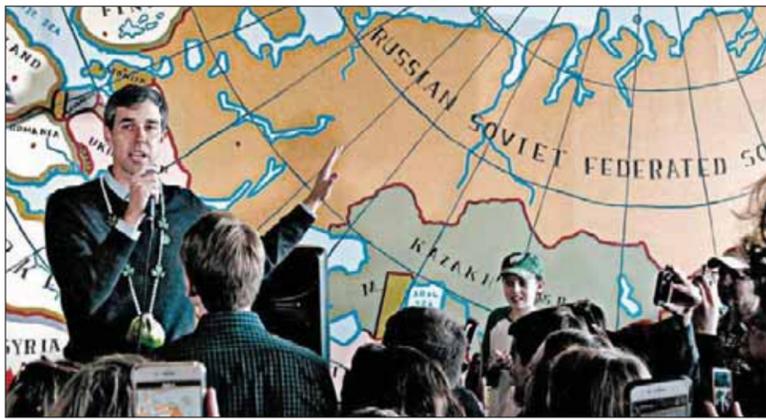
Clerics say the threats have been fed by disinformation spread on social media. In October, pro-Duterte Facebook accounts shared false information that the church had excommunicated Reyes. Facebook has removed dozens of pages in response.

Reyes, who took a leave of absence between 2006 and 2016 after protesting the church leadership's political ties, said he has also been called a serial rapist and a homosexual and accused of being obscenely wealthy.

The priests are calling for a firmer stance from the Catholic leadership in the face of what they view as provocations from Duterte, who took office in 2016.

"After three years, the diplomatic approach I think is valid, but it's not working," said Alejo.

Surveys show that a majority of Filipinos consider Duterte's insults against the church to be vulgar. But those who study the role of religion in society say the church's leadership is in a precarious position, particularly as the tirades and quips come from a popular president with influence.



SCOTT BAUER/AP

Presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke speaks Sunday at a coffee shop in Madison, Wis.

RNC links 'noted Irishman' O'Rourke's heritage to DWI

BY FELICIA SONMEZ
The Washington Post

The Republican National Committee on Sunday sent out a tweet linking Democratic 2020 presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke's Irish heritage to his 1998 drunken-driving arrest, in an attack that a scholar said raises questions about the party's "use of stereotypes to wound potential opponents."

Republicans have previously sought to focus attention on O'Rourke's DWI arrest, but the tweet by the RNC — which came on St. Patrick's Day and described O'Rourke as a "noted Irishman" — appeared to be the first time they have raised the topic of his ancestry.

"On this St. Paddy's Day, a special message from noted Irishman Robert Francis O'Rourke," the tweet states. It includes O'Rourke's 1998 mug shot with a leprechaun hat on top, along with the message "Please drink responsibly."

An O'Rourke campaign spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Robert Schmuhl, professor emeritus of American studies at the University of Notre Dame, said the tweet appeared to be an effort by the RNC "to try to neutralize the charisma of

O'Rourke by using his formal name and Irish stereotypes."

"There's a long, tortured heritage, if you look at the way the Irish were depicted in the 19th century, in newspapers. There, you had depictions of them as rum-loving individuals who were creating havoc in America. To a certain extent, the message about O'Rourke draws on that questionable past," said Schmuhl, who has studied portrayals of the Irish in America and is the author of the forthcoming book "The Glory and the Burden: The American Presidency from FDR to Trump."

Schmuhl added that the RNC's tweet, combined with President Donald Trump's frequent use of the derisive nickname "Pocahontas" for Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., raises questions about how the Republican Party is approaching its messaging against 2020 contenders more broadly.

"Is the party engaging in the use of stereotypes to wound potential opponents?" Schmuhl asked.

Even before announcing his 2020 White House bid on Thursday, O'Rourke, a former congressman who narrowly lost last year in his bid to unseat Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, had drawn

considerable attention from across the aisle: The day before his campaign launch, the conservative Club for Growth released an ad focusing on O'Rourke's family wealth and accusing him of being "entitled."

Trump responded Thursday to O'Rourke's announcement by poking fun at his body language. "I think he's got a lot of hand movement," the president told reporters. "I said, 'Is he crazy, or is that just the way he acts?'"

O'Rourke has called his DWI "a serious mistake for which there is no excuse." His arrest has long been publicly known, but reports surfaced last summer suggesting that the episode was more serious than detailed in previous media accounts.

The state and local police reports said O'Rourke, who was 26 at the time, was driving drunk at what a witness called "a high rate of speed" in a 75 mph zone of an interstate when he lost control of his Volvo and hit a truck.

O'Rourke "attempted to leave the scene," according to a witness, and was arrested and charged with DWI. He later completed a court-approved diversion program, and the charges were dismissed.

Rain, snowmelt, floods force more evacuations in Midwest

BY JIM SALTER
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Residents in parts of southwestern Iowa were forced out of their homes Sunday as a torrent of Missouri River water flowed over and through levees.

Heavy rainfall and snowmelt forced river levels across several Midwestern states to dangerous levels. At least two deaths were blamed on flooding, and two other men have been missing for days. While river levels on Sunday were starting to level off in Nebraska, other residents in Iowa, Kansas and Missouri were bracing for worse flooding to come.

The Missouri River reached 30.2 feet Sunday in Fremont County, Iowa, in the state's far southwestern corner, 2 feet above the record set in 2011. People in the towns of Bartlett and Thurman were being evacuated as levees were breached and overtopped.

County Emergency Management Director Mike Crecelius said it wasn't just the amount of the water, it was the swiftness of the current that created a danger.

"This wasn't a gradual rise," Crecelius said. "It's flowing fast and it's open country — there's nothing there to slow it down."

Thurman has about 200 residents. About 50 people live in Bartlett.

Lucinda Parker of Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management said nearly 2,000 people have been evacuated at eight Iowa locations since flooding began late last week. Most were staying with friends or family. Seven shelters set up for flood victims held just a couple dozen people Saturday night.

Hundreds of people remained out of their homes in Nebraska, but rivers there were starting to recede. The National



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Anthony Thomson, left, and Melody Walton make their way out of a flooded neighborhood Sunday, in Fremont, Neb.

Weather Service said the Elkhorn River remained at major flood stage but was dropping. It was expected to dip back below flood stage by Tuesday. U.S. 30 reopened near Arlington on Saturday.

The flooding is blamed on at least two deaths. Aleido Rojas Galan, 52, of Norfolk, Neb., was swept away in floodwaters Friday night in southwestern Iowa, when the vehicle he was in went around a barricade.

Two others in the vehicle survived — one by clinging to a tree. On Thursday, James Wilke, 50, of Columbus, Neb., died when a bridge collapsed as he used a tractor to try and reach stranded motorists.

Two men remain missing. A Norfolk man was seen on top of his flooded car late Thursday before being swept away. Water also swept away a man after

a dam collapse.

In St. Joseph, Mo., home to 76,000 people, volunteers were helping to fill sandbags to help secure a levee protecting an industrial area. Calls were out for even more volunteers in hopes of filling 150,000 sandbags by Tuesday, when the Missouri River is expected to climb to 27 feet — 10 feet above technical flood stage.

The rising Mississippi River also was creating concern. The Mississippi was already at major flood level along the Iowa-Illinois border, closing roads and highways and swamping thousands of acres of farmland. Moderate Mississippi River flooding was expected at several Missouri cities, including St. Louis.

Flooding has also been reported in Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Trump attacks McCain, drawing rebuke from his daughter

BY FELICIA SONMEZ
The Washington Post

President Donald Trump is again training his fire on the late Sen. John McCain, nearly seven months after the Arizona Republican's death from brain cancer.

Trump's tweets over the weekend prompted a rebuke from the senator's daughter, Meghan McCain, and from some lawmakers.

On Saturday, Trump quoted former independent counsel Ken Starr, who criticized McCain on a re-

cent Fox News show. In the segment, Starr referred to reports that a McCain ally had shared with the media parts of a dossier that allegedly included information linking Trump to the Russian government.

Trump piled on in his Saturday night tweet, criticizing McCain — as he has repeatedly done on the campaign trail and in interviews — for his vote against repealing the Affordable



McCain

Care Act in 2017.

Meghan McCain tweeted in response: "No one will ever love you the way they loved my father ... I wish I had been given

more Saturday's with him. Maybe spend your family instead of on twitter obsessing over mine?"

Sunday morning, Trump was at it again.

Returning to the subject of the Steele dossier, Trump incorrectly stated that John

McCain, who the president claimed had been "last in his class" at the U.S. Naval Academy, had "sent the Fake Dossier to the FBI and Media hoping to have it printed BEFORE the Election."

Meghan McCain responded to Trump via Twitter.

"My father lives rent free in your head," she said in a tweet that later appeared to have been deleted.

Trump's tweet contained three errors. McCain, a member of the Naval Acad-

emy's class of 1958, graduated fifth from last in his class. The senator was not made aware of the Steele dossier until Nov. 18, 2016 — after Trump had won the election. And there is no evidence that McCain gave the dossier to the media.

Former McCain aide David Kramer, a Russia expert, testified in the Buzz-Feed libel case in Florida that he gave the dossier to the media in December 2016. McCain himself gave the dossier to the FBI, but there is no evidence that he

gave it to the media.

Some of McCain's former Senate colleagues defended him in the wake of Trump's tweet.

On CNN's "State of the Union," Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., a 2020 presidential contender, called Trump's attacks on McCain "just another outrageous action by the president."

Klobuchar also defended McCain's handling of the dossier, arguing that turning it over to the FBI "was the right thing to do."



MAJDI MOHAMMED/AP

Israeli forces search for a Palestinian gunman Sunday in the West Bank.

West Bank attack leaves Israeli soldier dead, 2 wounded

BY RUTH EGLASH
The Washington Post

JERUSALEM — One Israeli soldier was killed and two others seriously wounded after a Palestinian assailant opened fire at two locations in the occupied West Bank on Sunday, Israeli authorities said, the latest in a spate of shooting attacks.

Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus, an Israeli army spokesman, said that a manhunt was underway for the assailant, who fled the area after first assaulting an Israeli soldier with a knife, stealing his weapon and then opening fire on passing vehicles and at a busy intersection.

"We will spare no effort to find this perpetrator and bring him to justice," Conricus said in a press briefing. The army confirmed later that the dead Israeli was a soldier, Staff Sgt. Gal Keidan. It was not immediately clear whether the assailant was acting alone or as part of a terrorism cell.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the army was "in pursuit of the terrorists," indicating that there may have been more than one gunman.

"I am certain that we will apprehend them, and we will deal with them to the fullest extent of the law, as we have done in all of the

recent incidents," Netanyahu said.

The shooting comes just three weeks before a general election, April 9, and puts the Israeli leader in the difficult position of not appearing too soft in dealing with such attacks, but also avoiding further inflaming tensions.

Netanyahu draws a large portion of his base from the roughly 450,000 Israeli Jews who live in settlements in the West Bank, territory that Israel captured in the 1967 Six-Day War and Palestinians hope to include in a future sovereign state. Most of the international community deem these settlements as illegal.

Immediately after Sunday's shooting, two militant Palestinian factions — Hamas and Islamic Jihad — released statements praising the attack as "heroic." Hamas, the Islamist group that rules the Gaza Strip and has an increasingly powerful presence in the West Bank, said the shooting was in response to "the crimes of the Israeli occupation."

Such attacks on Israelis have increased tensions in the West Bank in recent months. Though figures published by Israeli authorities show an overall decrease in the number of

attacks, they have grown more severe.

Official figures also show a rise in violence by settlers against Palestinians. The January shooting of a Palestinian man in the village of Mughayyir, allegedly by members of a volunteer security team from the nearby settlement of Adei Ad, is still being investigated.

Sunday's incident follows two deadly shootings by Palestinians against Israelis in December. In the first, near the settlement of Ofra, a pregnant woman was shot in the stomach, forcing her to give birth via emergency Caesarean section to a baby boy, who later died. The second killed two soldiers.

Also, in the same area in October, a Palestinian gunman shot two Israeli civilians and then fled the scene, evading an Israeli military manhunt for more than two months.

In its statement on Sunday's attack, Hamas said the shooting was in response to recent events, particularly a dispute last week over the opening of a gate at one of the entrances to the holy Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem, as well as the expansion of Israeli settlements and the confiscation of Palestinian lands.

Transport minister: 'Clear similarities' in air crashes

BY ELIAS MESERET
Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Preliminary information from the flight data recorder of an Ethiopian Airlines plane that crashed a week ago and killed 157 people shows "clear similarities" with an earlier disaster involving the same kind of Boeing aircraft in Indonesia, Ethiopia's transport minister said Sunday.

The disclosure came as thousands marched in the capital of Addis Ababa, accompanying 17 empty caskets at a funeral for the Ethiopian victims of Flight 302. The caskets were empty because authorities have said that recovering and identifying the remains will take months.

The crash of Ethiopian Flight 302 on March 10 and that of a Lion Air plane in Indonesia in October — both of them Boeing 737 Max 8 jetliners — have prompted the United States and other countries to ground the aircraft.

The flight recorders from Flight 302 that went down shortly after takeoff from Addis Ababa for Nairobi were recovered "in a good condition that enabled us to extract almost all the data inside," Transport Minister Dagmawit Moges told reporters.

Information collected so far from the flight data recorder has indicated "clear similarities" between both crashes, she said. Both the flight data recorder and the cockpit voice recorder were sent to Paris for analysis by the French air accident investigation agency BEA.

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration already has said satellite-based tracking data showed that the movements of Flight 302 were similar to those of Lion Air Flight 610, which crashed off Indonesia, killing 189 people.

Both planes flew with erratic altitude changes that could indicate the pi-



JEMAL COUNTESS/GETTY

A woman lies on the coffin of her loved one during a memorial service in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on Sunday.

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Suspicions emerged that faulty sensors and software may have contributed to the crashes.

Moges said the Ethi-

opian government intends to release detailed findings within a month.

At the memorial service earlier in the day, some of the relatives who marched behind the flag-draped coffins were overcome with grief and fainted.

The service came one day after officials began delivering bags of scorched earth from the crash site to family members of the victims because of the problems with identifying the remains.

Family members said they were given a 2.2-pound sack of dirt from the crash site.

Many relatives already have gone to the dusty field outside Addis Ababa where the plane went down to pay their respects.

Mourner Elias Bilew said he had worked with one of the victims, Sintayehu Shafi, for the past eight years.

"He was such a good person," Bilew said. "He doesn't deserve this. He was the pillar for his whole family."

NEWS BRIEFING

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Gillibrand formally joins 2020 race, plans Trump Tower rally

WASHINGTON — New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand formally joined the 2020 White House race Sunday and previewed the hard line she will take against President Donald Trump by announcing a rally outside one of his signature Manhattan properties.

She had spent more than a month traveling around the country to gauge support for a run.

Her announcement that she was joining the

dozen-plus candidates who want to challenge Trump came in a nearly three-minute video and released early in the morning. She says the national anthem poses this question: "Will brave win?"

"Well, it hasn't always, and it isn't right now," she says.

She said her debut speech will come next Sunday in front of the Trump International Hotel & Tower.

Woman facing charges in killing of family wants charges tossed

PIKETON, Ohio — Attorneys for a woman facing charges in connection with an Ohio family massacre have filed a motion to have obstruction of justice and perjury charges against her dismissed.

Fredericka Wagner's son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons are jailed in Ohio awaiting trial in the slayings of eight people in Pike County in April 2016. They have pleaded not guilty to aggravated mur-

der charges and other counts that could lead to the death penalty if they are convicted.

Wagner, 76, also has pleaded not guilty to the charges against her.

The victims included seven adults and a teenager of the Rhoden family. One of Wagner's grandsons shared a daughter with one of the victims, and authorities say a custody dispute was a possible motive.

May warns Parliament of delays if Brexit plan rejected again

LONDON — British Prime Minister Theresa May warned Sunday that it would be "a potent symbol of Parliament's collective political failure" if a Brexit delay meant that the U.K. has to take part in May's European Parliament election — almost three years after Britons voted to leave the bloc.

Writing in the Sunday Telegraph, May also cautioned that if British lawmakers failed to back her

Brexit deal before Thursday's European Council summit, "we will not leave the EU for many months, if ever."

"If the proposal were to go back to square one and negotiate a new deal, that would mean a much longer extension," she wrote.

May is expected to try to win Parliament's approval of her withdrawal agreement from the EU for the third time this week.



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St. Patrick's Day toast: Duke and Duchess of Cambridge Prince William and Kate enjoy a pint of Guinness with the 1st Battalion Irish Guards after the parade in west London.

U.S.-backed forces admit to 'difficulties' beating IS in Syria

BAGHOUZ, Syria — U.S.-backed forces fighting to recapture the last Islamic State group outpost in Syria admitted Sunday they were facing "difficulties" defeating the extremists, saying they were being slowed by mines, tunnels and concerns over harming women and children among the militants.

The battle to capture the extremist group's last patch of territory in eastern Syria — a collection of tents covering foxholes and underground tunnels in the village of Baghouz — has dragged on for weeks amid an unexpected exodus of

civilians from the area.

The sheer number of people who have emerged from Baghouz, nearly 30,000 since early January according to Kurdish officials, has taken the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces by surprise. Most have been women and children whose existence in a labyrinth of underground caves and tunnels was unknown to the fighters.

In the last two weeks, many fighters appeared to be among those evacuating. But an unknown number of militants and civilians remain inside, refusing to surrender.

"We are facing several difficulties regarding the operations," SDF commander Kino Gabriel told reporters outside Baghouz on Sunday.

He cited the large number of mines and explosive devices planted by IS and the existence of tunnels and hideouts beneath the ground that are being used by the militants to attack SDF forces or defend themselves.

The camp is all that remains of a self-declared Islamic "caliphate" that once sprawled across large parts of Syria and neighboring Iraq.

Fire breaks out at Houston chemicals terminal

HOUSTON — Some residents in the Houston area are being urged to find a safe location indoors after a fire broke out at a petrochemicals terminal.

The fire started Sunday at Intercontinental Terminals Co. in Deer Park, about 15 miles southeast of Houston. Deer Park officials is-

sued a shelter-in-place directive after the fire was reported.

Harris County officials say the fire started about 10 a.m. at the terminal, which stores petrochemical liquids and gases, including fuel oil. The company's website says the terminal has a storage capacity of

13.1 million barrels.

The fire is the second in as many days at a Houston-area petrochemical facility. A fire at an ExxonMobil plant in nearby Baytown that broke out Saturday afternoon has been contained. Company officials say no injuries were reported.

Israeli court rules far-right candidate is disqualified

JERUSALEM — Israel's Supreme Court on Sunday disqualified a far-right candidate from the April 9 election and overturned a decision by the Central Election Committee to block a joint Arab slate and a candidate from a leftist alliance from the race.

Human rights groups and representatives of the Arab-led parties welcomed the court's ruling rejecting last week's vote by the election committee, a body made up of representatives of each political faction in Israel's parliament, the Knesset.

Michael Ben Ari, leader of the far-right Otzma Yehudit faction, called the decision to prevent his candidacy anti-democratic.

Ben Ari said, "This is not democracy."

Ben Ari accused Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit of scuttling his political plans.

In New York: Fox News weekend host Jeanine Pirro's show didn't air a week after her comments questioning U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar over her wearing a Muslim head covering. No explanation was given.

Pirro's show, "Justice With Judge Jeanine," was replaced Saturday night by other programming. The Fox News schedule for the upcoming weekend doesn't include the show.

President Donald Trump tweeted Sunday about Pirro, saying she should be brought back.

"Stop working soooo hard on being politically correct, which will only bring you down, and continue to fight for our Country. The losers all want what you have, don't give it to them," a tweet said.

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EDITORIALS

Another issue Lightfoot and Preckwinkle should talk up: Chicago transportation

The pension plight. Violent crime. Job creation. Mayoral runoff candidates Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle have tangled often on these and other topics. But there's a subject they haven't hit as hard that's just as central to the lives of Chicagoans.

What is it? Getting to work. If neighborhoods are the city's lifeblood, its streets and expressways, train lines, bus routes, bike paths and sidewalks are its vascular network. The City that Works doesn't work if congestion brings mobility to a crawl. Lightfoot and Preckwinkle have touched on some transit issues, but we'd like to hear more.

If the candidates need something to stoke their thoughts on transportation, they've got one. A task force Mayor Rahm Emanuel put together last fall to tackle the city's biggest transportation challenges just released its report. It lays out suggestions on how getting from A to B in this city can be improved. Some highlights:

■ Uber and Lyft have revolutionized transportation in urban America. In Chicago, ride-share trips have gone up from 2 million in 2015 to 9 million last year. Ride-share's been a godsend when it comes to broadening transportation options for Chicagoans, but it also worsens downtown congestion and siphons ridership from CTA buses and trains. The mayor's mobility task force report suggests requiring ride-share companies to produce trip data, particularly about locations of passenger pickups and drop-offs. That's information the city needs to better understand the impact on



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

traffic patterns.

Other suggestions include creating incentives for ride-share drivers to operate in underserved neighborhoods on the South and West sides. A similar incentive, in the form of a tax credit, is in place — but it goes to Uber and Lyft, not to the companies' drivers. The report also suggests higher fees for ride-share trips downtown. ■ CTA bus ridership is down, but the report suggests looking for corridors for bus rapid transit,

which give buses their own lanes and makes service more reliable. Both candidates say they support bus rapid transit.

■ Transportation planning experts have told us Chicago isn't doing enough to ready itself for a driverless future. The task force report agrees. "Chicago is behind many other cities in (driverless) technology deployment," the report states, adding, "without active engagement by the city ... technology deployment will likely

be disjointed, poorly organized."

The task force suggests setting up a working group that can brainstorm what infrastructure changes the city needs for the advent of a driverless world. It also recommends that the city should consider pilot projects that introduce Chicagoans to driverless vehicles and "help build trust" in the technology.

These ideas and more, the task force says, should be stewarded by a new post at City Hall, a chief

mobility officer who would oversee transportation policy and keep a lookout for what's working elsewhere in the world.

Bottom line: Innovations in the way cities move people and freight are inevitable, and not as far away as you might think. The report isn't binding — it's merely a road map of sorts that preaches the value of innovative transportation planning, a road map the next mayor should have handy in the glove box.

The fading of Virginia's blackface scandal

When the stories broke six weeks ago about Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam wearing blackface in the 1980s, it was pretty clear how the controversy would end: with Northam deferring to outrage and resigning.

A host of presidential candidates called for their fellow Democrat to step down, and his muddled account and show of remorse didn't look like a winning formula.

But the governor upended the usual script by staying put, vowing to make a priority of racial progress, and hoping he could weather the storm.

Shortly after the revelations about Northam, Democratic Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax was accused of sexual assault by two women. Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., urged him to resign, as did former Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe.

Fairfax, however, counterattacked, comparing his treatment

Changing sentiments carry the risk of overreaction.

to past lynchings of African-Americans, and called for an investigation of the charges.

And don't forget Democratic Attorney General Mark Herring, who acknowledged wearing blackface in 1980.

How to look at these February events now? Well, the national furor has waned and the three men remain in office.

Opinion polls suggest that Virginians — black voters included — don't want them to resign. Their continued presences keeps Democrats from having to surrender the governor's office to the Republican House speaker.

The three cases, of course, aren't identical. Wearing blackface, as both Northam and Herring admit doing, is a far less serious offense than sexually assaulting women, which Fairfax denies doing.

The behavior of Northam and Herring suggests that in their younger days they were blind to the ugly history of blackface. But their records in public life don't suggest they are bigoted or indifferent to the concerns of African-Americans.

As for Fairfax, Virginians may reasonably want more than the word of accusers before demanding an officeholder's head.

The initial uproar in each case had a legitimate basis. Racial insults and sexual assault are understood and taken far more seriously today than they were in the past, and the refusal to pass over such transgressions is a healthy change.

But changing sentiments carry

the risk of overreaction.

Three thoughts: Not every alleged offender is guilty. Some offenses are less deserving of stern punishment than others. The punishment must fit the crime.

All of which leaves us with three takeaways: ■ We don't pretend to know the hearts and minds of voters in the commonwealth. But evidently they don't want revenge. They want fairness and justice.

■ A skeptic would say Democratic wrath faded because the three cases confronted the party with a collision of identity politics. Cribbing from Wall Street Journal columnist Daniel Henninger's synthesis, "if the Democrats threw a black man over the side for sexual abuse, they couldn't protect two white guys for racial violations. Sex and race have separate progressive constituencies, so the Democrats would have to appease both camps."

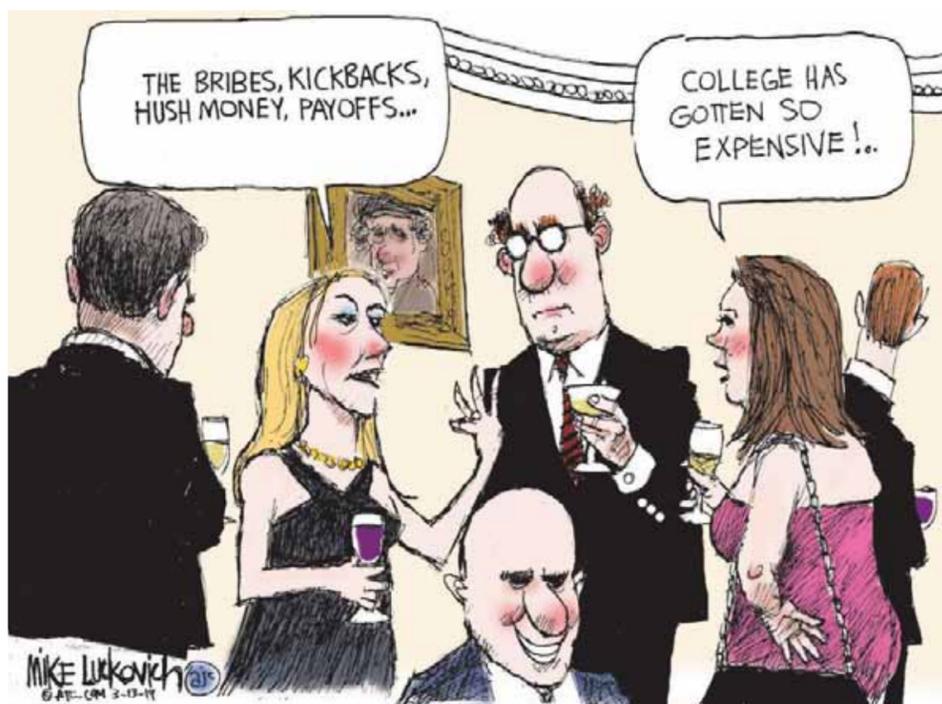
■ Or maybe — in the two blackface cases, neither of which involves an alleged crime — Americans are coming to view youthful behavior as less important than later conduct. George W. Bush explained his years of heavy drinking by acknowledging that, "When I was young and irresponsible, I was young and irresponsible."

We wouldn't apply a blanket statute of limitations on the mistakes of youth. That would be a dangerous absolute.

Perhaps that's the point. The outrage industry, which does operate by absolutes (and which, yes, gets bountiful attention from journalists), typically flies into action without thinking through the specifics of each case.

That, too, can be dangerous. Which all of us should remember the next time disclosure of a decades-old offense tempts a rush to judgment.

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For Chicago treasurer: Ameya Pawar

Chicago voters: In the heat of the Chicago mayoral runoff, don't skip the treasurer's race. Departing Ald. Ameya Pawar, 47th, faces Rep. Melissa Conyers-Ervin, who represents a West Side Illinois House district. Because of his good-government record on the Chicago City Council, we endorsed Pawar in the February election. We reassert that endorsement for the April 2 runoff.

Pawar wasn't afraid to challenge the political establishment at City Hall. He rejected pay increases and advocated reform of tax increment financing. We hope he will continue to pursue TIF reform as treasurer. Pawar also was a firm advocate for an independent financial officer to help aldermen navigate complex financial deals, rather than rely solely on staff from the mayor's office.

Finally — this is important — Pawar remains skeptical of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's propos-



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Ald. Ameya Pawar, candidate for Chicago treasurer, speaks during a debate last month.

al to sell \$10 billion in pension bonds. Should that idea gain momentum, the next treasurer will be key in warning aldermen to reject it. Conyers-Ervin is a capable and qualified candidate. But Pawar's independent record on the council pushes him to the forefront. Pawar is endorsed.

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This photo released by HBO shows Wade Robson shaking hands with pop icon Michael Jackson in 1987, in a scene from the documentary "Leaving Neverland."

5 strategies to protect children from 'grooming' by sexual predators

BY KIMBERLY KING

When secrets are about surprises, surprises that are meant to make someone happy such as planning a surprise party, they are harmless and can bring joy.

But secrets can be very dangerous for a child. A predator can trap a child in a sticky web of secrets through duplicity, pressure, and manipulation — part of a process called "grooming." A child who keeps these secrets, becoming a victim of abuse, will often suffer a lifetime of emotional damage.

The recent broadcast of the HBO documentary "Leaving Neverland," which delves into the lives of two men who say they were sexually abused when they were children by pop superstar Michael Jackson, has put a new spotlight on the idea of "grooming."

Similarly, Lifetime's documentary "Surviving R. Kelly," about the R&B singer — and recent criminal sexual abuse charges against the star, whose full name is Robert Kelly — has sparked conversations about the grooming of potential abuse targets.

The technique can be quite slick as the abuser methodically grooms a child over time. The abuser may first ask a child to keep a secret that seems innocent, saying things like, "Let's keep this treat our little secret." Then, when certain the child has kept that secret, the perpetrator will move on to acts of sexual abuse, demanding secrecy about that behavior as well. At that point, the child may feel so guilty and ashamed that he or she feels they cannot tell.

It would be hard to explain to a young child the dangers inherent in secrets. A simpler way to go is to tell young children that they must never keep secrets from their parents. If they follow that rule absolutely, they are far less likely to be targeted and entrapped in a molester's web of secrecy.

When a child is old enough to understand, a parent may want to explain that certain secrets, the kind that are meant to be happily revealed later on, surprises, are fine for them to keep, but just temporarily. Surprises are things you want to tell, but wait for the right moment to share.

Here are five strategies to protect children:

1. Review your rules about private parts with your child. Teach your kids to raise a red flag in certain situations. In order to identify dangerous, "red-flag" situations, kids need to learn body safety boundaries. It is essential that parents teach young boys and girls to keep the parts of their body that are covered by their bathing suits private.

Kids need to be taught that only a few people (such as a parent, caregiver or doctor), under certain circumstances (like help with hygiene or supervised checkups), are allowed to see their private parts.

2. Teach children they must never keep red-flag secrets. Teach your child that once an adult or friend violates their body boundaries, they must go to a trusted adult right away and tell what has happened, for their own safety.

3. Help your child make a list of trusted adults they can talk to. Your children

may be too scared or embarrassed to tell their secret to you directly. So, have your child make a list of at least three additional adults that they can contact in red-flag situations. Make sure you know and trust these adults to act responsibly.

4. Kids need to know that red-flag people lie! Abusers use lies, bribes and tricks to keep children quiet. Remind kids that if a person asks them to keep a secret about private parts and they say, "you can't tell anyone" — that is not true. They can and must tell a trusted adult.

Brainstorm with your kids things that a red-flag person might say that could trick them into keeping secrets.

Examples of some bribes are:
 ■ "You are special, let's keep this our secret."
 ■ "If you keep our secret, I will bring you a treat."
 ■ "If you keep this secret, I will give you money."

Examples of some threats are:
 ■ "If you tell, nobody will believe you."
 ■ "If you tell, your parents

will be mad at you."

■ "If you tell, I will say it was your idea."

To stay safe, it is important that children rehearse scenarios and responses to these kind of events.

5. Remind kids that even if they have been keeping a red-flag event secret for a long time, it is never, ever too late to tell. Make sure your kids know that it is never their fault. They should feel comfortable telling you anything and trust that you will believe them, no matter what.

If your child does reveal an abusive incident, as upsetting as it may be, try to remain as calm and supportive as you can manage. That will encourage your child to speak freely and will avoid the possibility of compounding a child's fear or shame.

Kimberly King is a certified early childhood education teacher and certified sexual abuse prevention facilitator. She is the author of "I Said No! A kid-to-kid guide to keeping private parts private," a book for children on sexual abuse prevention.

Social media sites were used like a lethal weapon in New Zealand — that must change now

BY MARGARET SULLIVAN

Right from the twisted start, those who plotted to kill worshippers at two New Zealand mosques depended on the passive incompetence of Facebook, YouTube and other social-media platforms.

They depended on the long-time priorities of the tech giants who, for years, have concentrated on maximizing revenue, not protecting safety or decency.

They got it. Many hours after the massacre, a horrific 17-minute video — showing a man in black shooting with a semi-automatic rifle at those running from mosques and shooting into piles of bodies — could still be easily accessed on YouTube.

My colleague, Washington Post tech reporter Drew Harwell, summed up the social-media disaster succinctly in a tweet: "The New Zealand massacre was live-streamed on Facebook, announced on 8chan, reposted on YouTube, commented about on Reddit, and mirrored around the world before the tech companies could even react."

It gets worse. The brutality that killed at least 49 people and wounded many others was fueled and fomented on social media — inviting support and, no doubt,



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Local residents leave flowers near the Al Noor mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand, after the Friday attack.

inspiring future copycats.

One of the suspects had posted a 74-page manifesto railing against Muslims and immigrants, making it clear that he was following the example of those like Dylann Roof, who in 2015 murdered nine black churchgoers in Charleston, S.C.

All of it ricocheted around the globe, just as planned.

The platforms, when challenged on their role in viral violence, tend to say that there is no way they can control the millions

of videos, documents and statements being uploaded or posted every hour around the world. They respond when they can, which is often with agonizing slowness and far too late.

And they insist on presenting themselves not as media companies with some sort of gatekeeping or editing responsibility, but as mere platforms — places for their billions of users to do pretty much what they wish.

To the extent that the companies do control content, they

depend on low-paid moderators or on faulty algorithms.

Meanwhile, they put tremendous resources and ingenuity — including the increasing use of artificial intelligence — into their efforts to maximize clicks and advertising revenue.

This is far from the first time acts of violence have been posted in real time. Since Facebook's live-video tool began in 2015, it's been used to simulcast murder, child abuse and every sort of degradation.

But the tragedy in New Zealand takes this dangerous — and largely unintended — situation to a new level that demands intense scrutiny and reform.

Granted, there are tough issues here, including those involving free speech and the free flow of information on the internet.

Reddit, for one, often takes the view that its users deserve to be treated like grown-ups, to see what they want to see.

As its representatives Friday closed down a thread called "watchpeopledie," where users commented on the massacre video, they sounded regretful:

"The video is being scrubbed from major social-media platforms, but hopefully Reddit believes in letting you decide for yourself whether or not you want to see unfiltered reality," their

post said.

"Regardless of what you believe, this is an objective look into a terrible incident like this."

Where are the lines between censorship and responsibility?

These are issues that major news companies have been dealing with for their entire existences — what photos and videos to publish, what profanity to include.

Editorial judgment, often flawed, is not only possible. It's necessary.

The scale and speed of the digital world obviously complicates that immensely. But saying, in essence, "We can't help it" and "That's not our job" are not acceptable answers.

Friday's massacre should force the major platforms — which are really media companies, though they don't want to admit it — to get serious.

As violence goes more and more viral, tech companies need to deal with the crisis that they have helped create.

They must figure out ways to be responsible global citizens as well as profit-making machines.

The Washington Post

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PERSPECTIVE

Cheating vs. helping

The college essay coach's dilemma



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BY JOANNE SERLING

I'm a college essay coach. I'd like to say I'm shocked by the "Operation Varsity Blues" scandal. But the truth is, I'm not all that surprised, just convinced that there's much more skuldugery to uncover.

Why? Because even though I consider myself a moral practitioner of the high art of college essay coaching, I'm also a pragmatist — and my job requires that I walk the fine line between helping and cheating. Here's why.

The college essay is supposedly a personal statement from the student to the college describing something meaningful about their life. The problem is that for most public high school students, their college essay is also their first personal essay. They've spent three years strictly focused on expository writing, and now, when faced with a new challenge, they have to knock it out of the park on their first try. When students first come to me for help, they often stare in disbelief when I tell them they will be writing a story about themselves, in the first person. Many don't believe me. Several use third person for at least one draft.

Add to this deficit the fact that most teens are anxious, self-conscious and reluctant to examine their inner lives, much less their personal failures (an essential ingredient in most common application essays), and you have a recipe for disaster — and a nearly perfect setup for cheating. Enter the squadron of private guidance counselors and personal essay coaches who charge anywhere from \$75 to \$1,000 an hour for their services. Because I feel uncomfortable adding another weighty expense to the already insanely expensive college admissions gambit (and because I'm not support-

ing a family with my income), I charge on the low end of the spectrum. But the bill still adds up — as does the pressure to make my student client stand out from the pack in an authentic and articulate way.

The process

For a typical student, I spend four to six hours crafting a single essay, and we might work on five or six essays together. That's well over a thousand dollars. For most of the first session, we're brainstorming ideas. Then comes the outline — that I supply. Their draft. My edits. Their draft again. Sometimes there are in-person sessions or phone interviews that feel like therapy, or at least its close cousin, a gentle probing of the soft tissue of the student's psyche to help pull out meaningful nuggets about which to write.

This process typically goes on for weeks, sometimes months. Some teenagers are surprisingly adept at analyzing significant life experiences and articulating deep emotions, but most are not. Some can tell me how they think or feel, but have no words for those thoughts or feelings when they're alone with a blank screen. To help combat this particular kind of writer's

block, I sometimes interrupt a student when they're talking through an experience and say, "Write that down." Sometimes I write it down for them.

Even walking this careful road, pushing students to find their own voice and go at their own pace, I frequently worry that I'm giving too much help. I meet regularly with another college essay coach in my town to trade confidential stories, share concerns, come up with realistic solutions. Yet I am faced with constant pressure from the students' parents to make the essay "better" or to speed up the pace (thereby decreasing the bill).

One parent whose son could not seem to find the emotional core of his essay relayed that they knew someone who had sent a college essay to a parent's acquaintance who "works on Broadway," and that it had come back complete after just one round. I got the hint, even though I pretended to ignore the dig. Another client insisted I finish eight supplemental essays with her child in just three weeks — despite knowing that the child struggled mightily to finish the first essay in double that time. In both cases I stuck to my guns and made the kids work, and work hard. But that doesn't mean I didn't gently speed things up a bit by supplying the missing insight or a much-needed final phrasing.

The pressure

None of these parents were bad people, nor did they consider what they were asking me to do as amoral. Rather, like most parents today, they felt intense pressure to help

their kids get into the best possible universities. And they knew — as I did, as we all do — that most of the other students against whom they were competing were getting similar help, if not more. That there were private guidance counselors who were doing far more than I was, consultants who were altering their students' words, fabricating insights and generally pumping up their students' accomplishments.

It's a rigged system, but it doesn't have to be this way. For one thing, the colleges could acknowledge how much help these kids are getting with their essays and either eliminate them or substitute them with an optional video essay. If their true goal is to get to know an applicant's personality and character, why not let students present themselves in the medium that makes sense to them? Most kids will never become writers, and writing a personal essay is a unique art form that isn't even being taught in most public schools.

Meanwhile, I and other writers in my town have been offering free services to students who are part of my high school's minority achievement club. Many of these new, nonpaying clients are first-generation immigrants with limited resources. Many are average students with modest goals for college. Yet their stories and accomplishments are no less amazing than my high-paying clients aiming for the nation's top colleges.

One student athlete wrote about the pain of undergoing surgery for two broken legs without his mother present because she wasn't able to take the time off work. The stark reality of that experi-

ence forced him to question his own academic efforts, and to begin to venture outside his comfort zone of sports. Then there was the African-American girl who wrote about her family's pressure for her to straighten her hair, and the YouTube channel she started to help other girls and women learn how to care for and appreciate their natural beauty.

Not only were these stories moving, original and authentic, but they were accomplished with far less help from me than many of my private students were given. But perhaps most interesting was the fact that most of the students I worked with felt guilty and a little bit embarrassed about getting help. One student insisted she couldn't have done it without me, when she quite clearly did just that. It took a lot of explaining on my part to convince the students that many of their peers applying to top colleges were in fact getting much more help than they were.

When compared in this light, is the help that I'm providing my private clients equivalent to cheating? I still don't think so. But it's also clear that the college admissions process is in no way a level playing field. Perhaps if there's one good thing to come out of Operation Varsity Blues, it may be a re-evaluation of exactly what we're asking of our students, and a reminder that under the current system, the best colleges aren't necessarily attracting the best kids.

The Washington Post

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

CBA needed for Obama center

Election night in Chicago was significant for many reasons. One compelling reason is centered on Chicago's South Side, near the proposed site of the Obama Presidential Center. Four precincts near the proposed site of the Obama center voted overwhelmingly in favor of a community benefits agreement (CBA) ordinance. These voters declared a mandate to Chicago's incoming mayor and City Council for a CBA ordinance, and in particular, to the aldermanic candidates in the 5th and 20th wards, where the referendum was held.

A CBA is a legally binding agreement between the community and a developer to ensure long-term benefit in exchange for public support for the project, often through taxpayer dollars. The community is advocating for the CBA to be enacted through an ordinance that would be passed by Chicago's City Council.

The need for a CBA ordinance is evidenced in the real estate speculation currently taking place, which is driving low- and

moderate-income families out amid escalating rents. Particularly vulnerable are the senior citizens.

In addition, a CBA ordinance holds the promise of training, hiring and retaining the unemployed and underemployed young men and women who live in these neighborhoods. Our historically neglected community requires political will that no longer ignores, but indeed embraces, the promise of equity.

— *Jawanza Malone, executive director, Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization, Obama CBA Coalition member*

Trump, like Reagan, gets no credit

It is stunning to watch the liberally biased news media attack Republican President Donald Trump just as they attacked GOP President Ronald Reagan as his administration tried to negotiate with an enemy for the noble cause of peace. When Reagan started negotiating with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to end the Cold War, the media attacked him for being too weak and giving in to Gorbachev. When Reagan

walked away from the Reykjavik Summit because he was not willing to accept Gorbachev's demands, the media went nuts and slammed him. And then Gorbachev caved, and the Cold War ended without a shot being fired. And the liberal media went silent.

When Trump was elected, North Korea was testing nukes frequently and shooting missiles over our ally Japan and toward Guam. In the period before and after Trump was elected, North Korea tested nukes and fired missiles over our ally Japan. After threatening "Little Rocket Man," Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un met, and North Korea has stopped testing nukes, stopped shooting missiles over Japan, released U.S. prisoners held in North Korea and returned the remains of dozens of U.S. soldiers killed in the Korean War.

Instead of congratulating Trump, the liberal media attacked him for giving away too much. In reality, he gave the North Koreans nothing and kept the harsh sanctions in place. When Trump agreed to meet with Kim in Vietnam, the media attacked him for caving. When President Trump

walked away because he would not accept Kim's demands, they then attacked him for failing to reach a deal. No matter what President Trump does, the biased media attack him.

— *Randy Rossi, Grayslake*

Consequences of Trump's actions

For all of his actions that he cannot honestly defend, President Donald Trump can legitimately boast that economic factors have improved during his time in office. Along with his cult of personality and the immigration issue, that is why so many people are willing to ignore his negatives and support him.

Which brings us to the two things Trump credits for improving the economy: his tax overhaul and his deregulation spree. Not even Trump's Republican stooges in Congress can sell his tax cuts as an overall benefit anymore. Their

main purpose, it has become clear, is just to make the rich richer; they do relatively little for the working class while adding billions to an enormous debt.

As for Trump's vast stripping of Obama-era regulations, businesses certainly have profited from that. But it also has financially weakened consumer protections and, more ominously, damaged the environment. Toxic elements, some from coal emissions, are now allowed to contaminate air and water supplies. How much does this matter to Trump? Well, he recently appointed a former coal industry lobbyist as the new head of the EPA, which for the last two years-plus has stood for the Environmental Pollution Agency. So Trump's way of boosting the economy has had some unpleasant consequences for a lot of people, including those who voted for him.

— *Ed Stone, Northbrook*

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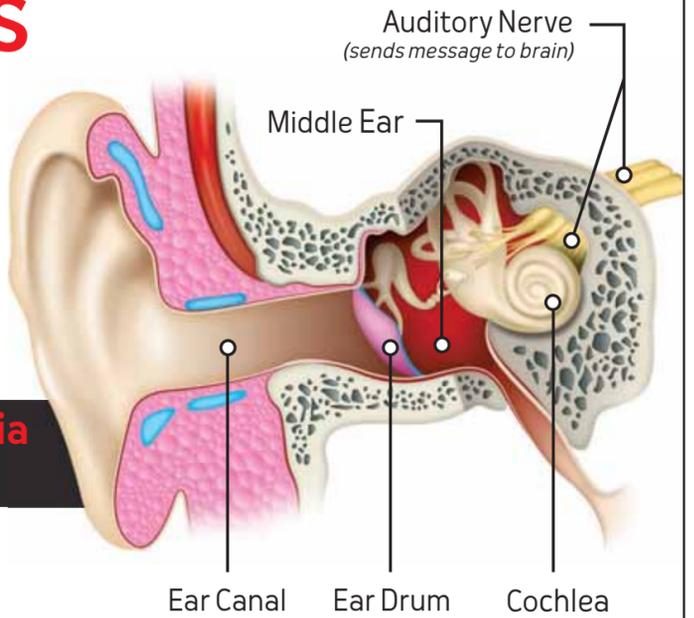
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JILL SCHLESINGER
Jill on Money

Buffett still offers wit, wisdom

I must be in a nostalgic mood, because just a couple of months after writing about the legacy of John C. “Jack” Bogle, the father of the index mutual fund, I am writing about another legend, Warren Buffett.

Buffett is very much alive and recently released the annual Berkshire Hathaway shareholder letter to investor anticipation and fanfare. I always enjoy Buffett’s perennial wit and wisdom and there are always distinct investor takeaways from the Oracle of Omaha.

2018 performance: Sure the fourth quarter was a bad year for stock investors. But for Berkshire shareholders, the investment in Kraft Heinz was a serious drag, which along with a few other laggards, contributed to a \$25.4 billion loss in the fourth quarter and one of Buffett’s worst years ever.

Without dodging the loss, Buffett encouraged investors to “focus on operating earnings,” which were at a record high for the year, rather than paying “attention to gains or losses of any variety.”

Investor take away: Don’t focus on a bad month, quarter or year for your portfolio. Keep looking toward your long-term goals and fund them accordingly.

Cash is king: At the end of the year, there was nearly \$112 billion of U.S. Treasury bills and other cash equivalents on the Berkshire Hathaway balance sheet. Buffett explained that unlike the private equity firms, who are happy to jump into deals regardless of cost, he and his partner Charlie Munger are unwilling to pay up for businesses that have just so-so prospects.

Buffett said that he will always “hold at least \$20 billion in cash equivalents to guard against external calamities.”

Investor take away: Don’t buy for the sake of buying and create a financial fortress of six to 12 months of living expenses in cash.

Playing the long game: Buffett readily acknowledges that he “will make expensive mistakes of commission and will also miss many opportunities, some of which should have been obvious to me.” And yet, Berkshire’s Compounded Annual Gain from 1965 to 2018 has been 18.7 percent vs. 9.7 percent gain of the S&P 500 (including dividends).

Investor take away: Amid all of the noise, your success should be judged over a long term.

Metal vs. mettle: Buffett says that he used to worry about government budget deficits and a worthless currency, but those concerns have turned out to be somewhat overwrought.

In fact, over the past near eight decades since Buffett made his first investment, those who avoided stocks and instead turned to gold to protect themselves against these threats, “would now have an asset worth about \$4,200, less than 1 percent of what would have been realized from a simple unmanaged investment in American business (S&P 500 Index). The magical metal was no match for the American mettle.”

Investor take away: Skip the gold, embrace the index.

Not ready to hang it up: Buffett is 88 and Munger is 95, but they have capable vice chairmen in Greg Abel and Ajit Jain. Buffett said these 2018 management changes “were overdue. Berkshire is now far better managed than when I alone was supervising operations.”

Investor take away: Keep working, but hire good help along the way.

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7 deadly sins of SPEAKING

Make your spontaneous words matter at work

BY JUDITH HUMPHREY | FST@MPANY

We each speak about 16,000 words a day — many of them delivered off the cuff. Some might roll off our tongues in the elevator, others are spoken in meetings, and still others flow out of on-the-fly conversations during corridor chats.

Wherever you are — whoever you’re with — your spontaneous words matter. They define your personal brand and professional image. It’s a good idea, therefore, to master off-the-cuff speaking and avoid the typical traps that so many of us fall into.

The following are the seven deadly sins of impromptu speaking. Commit them, and you’ll undercut your image. Avoid them and you’ll strengthen your leadership.

Speaking before thinking

Topping the list of impromptu sins is speaking before you’ve collected your thoughts. Winston Churchill joked about such speakers: “Before they get up, they do not know what they are going to say; when they are speaking, they do not know what they are saying; and when they have sat down, they do not know what they have said.”

Talking before formulating your ideas makes you sound sketchy. The words flow, but the ideas are half-baked.

Prepare to be spontaneous. If you know you’re going to meet with your boss, jot down a set of bullet points that make your case. If you’re in a meeting and want to contribute to the discussion, pause, formulate your message, then speak up.

Babbling

A second off-the-cuff blooper is talking too much. Interrupting others, monopolizing a meeting, or going on and on turns people off. Blathering usually reflects a failure to structure your thoughts.

The solution: Establish your structure at the beginning and stick with it. If you’re going to give “options” or “reasons,” stay with that pattern of organization. Don’t digress or let your motor mouth derail you.

Freezing up

A third impromptu failing is the opposite of saying too much. Your mind goes blank and you’re completely at a loss for words.

This can happen out of nervousness, anxiety, or lack of preparation. It often happens in intimidating situations when we’re worried about how the other person is judging us.

The solution is preparation and more preparation. If you know you’ll have to face a particularly trying situation, say, presenting to top management or going for a job interview, role play the situation with a friend.

Using filler words

Another impromptu no-no is using filler words like “um,” “ah,” “well,” “like,” “you know,” “yeah,” and “to be honest.” They’re distracting, and make you sound hesitant and unsure. For example, if you say to your boss, “I think, um, I’ll be able to, ah, get that report in you know in time for the committee meeting,” your boss will not be convinced.

People use filler words when they’re thinking through their statements. They use “ums” and “ahs” to plug the pauses.

Want to rid yourself of these pesky expressions? Listen to yourself, record yourself and replace the filler words with silence. You’ll discover that pauses will make you sound far more decisive and thoughtful.

Putting your foot in your mouth

The fifth sin of impromptu speaking is saying something you’ll regret. We all carry around in our minds disappointments, battle scars and uncertainties. Sometimes it’s hard to divest ourselves of these negative feelings. So we say things we regret.

A manager told me of an unfortunate outburst of hers. “Before leaving for work,” she said, “I tripped over the dog, spilled my coffee and got delayed by traffic. So when my assistant told me, ‘Today’s the day we’re making that change to the internal software platform,’ I lost it. I said, ‘Oh, that (bleep, bleep) platform.’ Two of the junior people on my team passed me and knew what I was referring to, making it harder to pitch that platform because I had slammed it.”

Realize that even in the most casual situations, you want to speak as a leader.

Flubbing the facts

Still another transgression of impromptu speakers is not getting their facts straight.

A sales executive I know was presenting to a client, and he had a junior team member with him. An attendee asked what the cost would be if certain modifications were made in the product. The underling piped up, “That will be an additional 10 percent.” The changes would actually have cost an additional 20 percent. The executive didn’t want to correct his team member in front of the client, so the client got a great deal.

Know your material inside and out, and prep for any factual questions that might be asked. If a question comes out of left field, don’t guess, simply say, “I’ll be happy to get that information for you.”

Checking out

A final sin of impromptu speaking is thinking of casual conversation as unworthy of your full attention. When speakers check out, their thoughts wander, they look around, or they glance repeatedly at their phone or computer.

Think of impromptu speaking as your opportunity to lead and inspire every day, every moment. Make the most of these situations by being fully present and engaged. Use strong eye contact, stand or sit tall, align your body with those you are talking to, and don’t obsess about what’s on your computer screen, who is texting you or who might be passing by.

Give your audience your full presence, and they will listen more attentively to you.

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Increasingly cashless

How U.S. will handle money in future

BY RIVAN V. STINSON
Kiplinger

I recently discussed cashless transactions with Joseph Bailey, an associate research professor at the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland.

Q: According to a recent Pew Research Center survey, nearly 30 percent of Americans say they make no cash purchases during a typical week. How does the use of electronic payments in

the United States compare with other countries?

A: The United States is moving quickly toward more cashless transactions, but it still lags some European countries, such as Sweden, Denmark and Norway. Sweden has reached a tipping point at which only about 2 percent of transactions are conducted in cash.

In part, that’s because the Swedes are technologically savvy, they have a relatively small market and the government encourages electronic payments of its currency.

Chinese cities are also embracing the cashless life, with a mobile-phone system that uses encrypted codes for transactions. In India, some 255 million people are making everyday purchases using the Paytm



LAURENT DELHOURME/DREAMSTIME

virtual wallet system backed by China’s Alibaba.

Q: Will the United States catch up with the other countries?

A: If you want a picture of how we’ll handle money in the future, look at how college students manage their money. And then just imagine a world in which they are the majority, and not the rest of us who grew up in a world where we carried around wallets with paper money and maybe coins in our pockets.

Q: What are the trade-offs for consumers as we move toward more cashless transactions?

A: Consumers give up anonymity when they don’t use cash.

For example, let’s say you go grocery shopping and your payment shows whether you got a discount for using a reusable bag or paid for a plastic store bag. Marketing could be tailored to you based on how you’re perceived to feel about the environment. Or if you use electronic payments to buy a lot of fruits and vegetables, you could be pitched a gym membership because a marketer thinks you’re getting fit.

Some consumers may not be comfortable with this type of marketing because they think it’s an invasion of privacy.

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DREAMSTIME

Guide for multiple beneficiaries

Splitting IRA one way to go



BY ELLIOT RAPHAELSON
The Savings Game

You have the right to name the beneficiaries of your traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs, and the venue to do it is with the financial institution that acts as custodian of your IRA.

Only by designating beneficiaries with the custodian will your beneficiaries be able to use the “stretch option” and be able to receive benefits for the longest time period.

The stretch option, as I’ve explained in past columns, is a way for non-spouse designated beneficiaries to make withdrawals from an inherited IRA over their lifetimes, which takes maximal advantage of the tax deferral on the account balance.

You can name one individual, such as your spouse, as the IRA beneficiary or you can name multiple beneficiaries. If you do name multiple beneficiaries for one IRA, then the situation becomes more complicated for your beneficiaries. They have the right to split the ac-

count into separate IRAs as long as the request is made to the custodian by Dec. 31 of the year following your death. If this is not done, then the stretch option will be restricted to the oldest of the designated beneficiaries named. So it’s to the advantage of the younger beneficiaries to meet that deadline.

You can make life simpler for your multiple beneficiaries if you split the IRA prior to your death. However, it is understandable why you may not want to do that because it makes it more difficult for you to manage the IRA account while you are alive.

A spouse can be named as one of several designated beneficiaries associated with an IRA. Only if a spouse is the sole beneficiary of an IRA can he or she roll over the IRA into his or her own IRA.

If she is one of several beneficiaries specified with the IRA custodian, he or she can request that the account be split into separate IRAs by Dec. 31 the year following the death of the IRA owner. As long as he or she does that, he or she will be treated as a sole beneficiary.

As a sole beneficiary, he or she can recalculate life expectancy each year. Recalculating life expectancy each year is more favorable for sole beneficiaries. He or she cannot do that unless separate accounts are established. Then he or she has the option of rolling over her share of the account into her own IRA.

If he or she is younger than 59 1/2 when his or her spouse dies, and he or she wants to access some of the funds, he or she should delay rolling over the IRA

until he or she reaches 59 1/2.

He or she can maintain the account as an inherited IRA until he or she reaches 59 1/2. In that way, he or she has access to the funds without a 10 percent penalty; he or she will have income tax liability based on the amount withdrawn, but that is the case for distributions after 59 1/2 as well. When he or she reaches 59 1/2, she can roll the account over to her own IRA.

The Dec. 31 deadline also applies to Roth IRAs when multiple beneficiaries are named. There is no income tax associated with withdrawals from Roth IRAs. However, unless the beneficiary is a spouse, required minimum distributions apply.

If a spouse is a designated beneficiary of a Roth IRA, he or she does not have the RMD requirement. However, if there are multiple beneficiaries named associated with an IRA, he or she should request a split of the IRA among beneficiaries by Dec. 31 of the year after the spouse’s death in order to maintain her status as a sole beneficiary and thus avoid RMDs.

If an IRA owner designates multiple beneficiaries for an IRA account and chooses not to split it, he or she should advise the beneficiaries, or the executor of his estate, the steps that they should take to split the IRA accounts in a timely manner.

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



TERRY SAVAGE
The Savage Truth

Should investors trust the January Barometer?

The 10th anniversary year of this bull market got off to a great start in 2019. After posting the largest one-day point decline in history on Christmas Eve, January proved the Grinch did not steal the stock market. At the end of the first two months this year, the S&P 500 stock index gained 17.5 percent.

Despite a weak start in March, the stock market has already far outperformed the historic average annual return of the S&P 500 index, which is slightly over 10 percent, including reinvested dividends.

According to the January Barometer, first created by Yale Hirsch of The Stock Trader’s Almanac in 1972, January sets the tone for the rest of the year. And the results from January have a historic accuracy ratio of about 75 percent in predicting whether the market will be higher or lower at the end of the year.

Despite its long-term track record, the January barometer has had a few recent misses.

In January 2018, the S&P 500 index was up more than 5 percent, leading to great optimism. But few will forget the dramatic decline that followed in February. And as a whole, 2018 was a losing year with the S&P 500 falling 6.6 percent. Similarly, the barometer had a big miss in 2016. The market fell 5 percent in January, but ended the year with a 10 percent gain.

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Does any of this make any difference to your investment success over the long run?

A new study by Jeff DeMaso, CFA and head of research at Adviser Investments, says the whole concept of a predictive indicator can be dismissed, despite the stellar start this year.

He looked at the historic first two months’ performance of the stock market every year since 1926 and came to the conclusion that “stocks’ performance in the first two months of the year tell us absolutely nothing about how the next 10 months will play out.”

DeMaso notes that this year was only the seventh time since 1926 that large cap U.S. stocks gained more than 10 percent during the two-month period at the start of the year. And for the rest of the year in those cases, there was a wide diversity of results in the final 10 months. They range from a gain for the year of 16.7 percent (in 1991) to a loss of 51.8 percent (in 1931).

He concluded that, statistically, there is no predictive benefit to starting the year with a bang. This year’s two-month gain ranked in the top 5 percent of all two-month results. So, DeMaso looked at all the subsequent performances after any period of double-digit two-month gains. His study showed the 10-month returns that followed averaged a gain of 14.1 percent — slightly higher than the average return for all 10-month periods at 10.1 percent.

It’s easy to get confused by statistics. And it’s understandable that we all want some predictive guide to the future. That’s the appeal of the January Barometer.

But DeMaso finally crushed my reliance on this famous indicator, saying: “If you used the January Barometer every year since the 1976 creation of the Vanguard S&P 500 stock index fund, the barometer was correct in predicting the results for the year 69 percent of the time. ... But if you just started out every year saying, ‘Stocks will go up,’ you’d be correct 81 percent of the time.”

There’s no reason to run the risk of trading in and out or worrying about one-year returns if you’re a long term investor. And that’s The Savage Truth.

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

SOURCE: Inc.

Setting your sights on in-sync retirement

Discuss goals, budgets, expectations

BY JANET BODNAR
Kiplinger

In his first year of retirement, Michael Hagedorn is struggling to reconcile the goals of his wife, Caranell, who has her sights set on travel — encouraged by HGTV and the Travel Channel — with his desire for “a little breathing room” to get their finances settled.

“Perhaps if I canceled our cable subscription, I could better manage both expectations,” he quips.

Spending more time with a spouse or partner can be one of the high points of retirement. In a study by Age Wave and Bank of America Merrill Lynch, 48 percent of retirees said their marriage has become more fulfilling, compared with 11 percent who said it is more contentious.

Still, each person has his or her own vision of retirement, and the two are not always compatible.

“Retirement is usually portrayed as a solo project, but it’s not,” says Ken Dychtwald, CEO of Age Wave, a think tank focused on aging. For example, the Age Wave/Merrill Lynch study found that two-thirds of retirees who have a spouse or partner haven’t discussed or agreed on

how much leisure time to spend together, and two-thirds haven’t budgeted for travel.

Sometimes the source of friction is simply spending more time together, especially if one spouse has established a structured at-home routine.

“My wife told me, ‘I married you for better or worse, but not from 9 to 5,’” writes reader Paul Wallick, who joined a gym, volunteers at church and is a part-time consultant, among other activities.

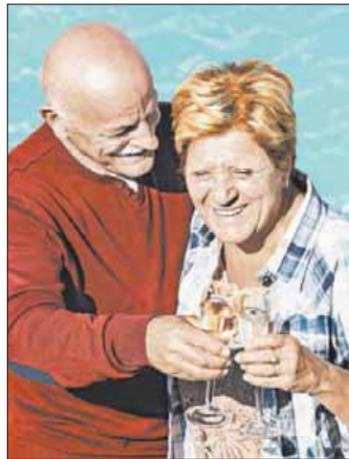
Some couples have come up with creative solutions.

“Spouses don’t have to do everything together, and my wife and I take separate trips,” writes Thomas King. “But the three weeks I was gone on a trip to New Zealand was too long to be apart.”

To avoid being underfoot, Tom Morris adjusted his retirement activities to mimic his previous work schedule, leaving the house early in the morning, taking care of chores and projects, exercising and returning home as if he were ending his workday. The situation is trickier if, as in the Hagedorns’ case, you disagree about fundamental roles or goals.

It’s crucial to talk with your spouse before you retire to pinpoint and address any conflicts.

“Each of you should visualize what a day in retirement might look like,” says Judith Ward, senior financial planner at



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T. Rowe Price. “Ask yourself a series of questions: When, where, and why do you want to retire? What will you be doing, and with whom?”

Write down your answers separately and then compare them. The key, too, is to be flexible enough to adjust to changing circumstances, as the Hagedorns have discovered.

“It’s likely best that Caranell pushes me to do more, and I try to get her to consider more of the costs,” writes Michael. “We have attained a certain balance that seems to work for us both.”

Janet Bodnar is editor at large at Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine. Send your questions and comments to moneypower@kiplinger.com.

Bump up your perks

Many employees say that benefits and perks are a major factor when accepting a job offer. Here are a few things that job seekers really appreciate.



1. Points-based perks

While businesses typically have standard options for health care and other benefits, there’s much more room to be flexible with smaller perks. There are programs in which employees can redeem points for groceries, mass transit, dream vacations, concert tickets and more. Points can be earned through achievements.



2. Technology spending account

It’s fairly standard for employers to supply employees with laptops and other essential office supplies, but employees might need different tools to be their most productive. Some companies offer a set technology budget, but allow each employee to select his or her own tools.

3. Health and wellness options

As with the technology budget, a menu of options for health and wellness, including gym memberships, healthy lunch options, discounted bike rentals and more is appealing to many.



4. Flexible holidays

Most employers offer standard holidays off, but not all employees celebrate or care about these holidays. An emerging benefit for innovative companies is flexible holiday options. For example, an employee might choose to take his or her birthday off instead of Labor Day.

SUCCESS

Leadership lessons from Sully

Hero airline pilot on mental discipline, courage, compassion

BY LEIGH BUCHANAN
Inc.

Few people have had their mettle tested as publicly and in such dire circumstances as Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger.

It was a decade ago that the pilot of US Airways Flight 1549 deployed a life's worth of leadership lessons when he skillfully ditched his disabled plane in the Hudson River in New York. He and his crew got everyone off the plane safely.

Since then, myriad business leaders and others have sought his insights on the importance of mastering one's craft. Sullenberger, 68 and now retired as a pilot, spoke with Inc. about his experience with command, the importance of a good team and, of course, that day in 2009.

Q: You were a fighter pilot in the Air Force. What did your experience in the military teach you about leadership?

A: The military has a centuries-long history of a very disciplined, strong culture. The tacit institutional values and knowledge can be expressed in lore that even nonmilitary will know: Don't give up the ship. Not on my watch. No one left behind.

And everyone knows from the history of their service and from previous conflicts about the courage, integrity, and esprit de corps. Because of those core values, they know how to do difficult things, even in situations where it seems success is almost impossible. They work together under extreme challenges to survive.

Q: What did you have to change when you moved to civilian aviation?

A: In the military, there are very specific ways to accomplish tasks and interact with others. In the civilian world, there are a



TODD SUMLIN/TNS

Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, in the cockpit of the US Airways jet that he safely landed in the Hudson River, says leadership is about creating a "culture in which we all are able and willing to do our best work."

million ways to get from A to B, and maybe 900,000 of them are right enough.

So in civilian aviation, while it was always important to adhere to procedural compliance, there was also a lot of room for technique, for judgment. That was a huge cultural shift about getting the job done.

Q: Looking back on the day of Flight 1549 10 years ago, did you surprise yourself in any way?

A: The surprise was how intense it was. In commercial aviation, we work hard never to be surprised by anything. We plan ahead, anticipate every course of action and have alternative courses of action. But the startle effect was huge in those first seconds when the birds struck us and damaged the engines. ... And

the thrust loss was sudden. My body's normal physiological response to this sudden life-threatening stress was intense. My blood pressure shot up. My pulse spiked.

We all got tunnel vision as our perceptual fields narrowed because of the stress. But, as professionals, we had learned to master the craft and to master ourselves. We had the mental discipline to compartmentalize our minds and focus clearly on the tasks at hand.

Q: Some experts cite humility as an important component of great leadership. Was it hard sustaining humility when the world kept calling you a hero?

A: Not at all. My natural temperament is not to seek to be the center of attention. What was

hard was bridging this gap between what I thought and felt and what others seemed to think and feel about this event, and by extension about me.

I had to make an intellectual compromise with myself: to say that I will graciously accept the gift of their gratitude but I won't fully take it on as my own mantle. I am not going to completely believe that I am as heroic or great as they may assume.

One thing about my perspective has changed. In the early days, I would say that we were doing our jobs. By saying only that I sold all of us short. In hindsight, we got so much so right so quickly under such trying circumstances that I think we did our jobs extraordinarily well.

Q: How can you work to produce a great culture in a

smaller team?

A: It starts with core values. It starts with leadership by example. Trying to live what you believe and make it apparent to those around you. Especially on a small team, not a single word, not a single interaction goes completely unnoticed or is without consequence.

If you walk the talk, people notice it. And if you don't, they notice it. So I think trying to model the attitudes, the behavior, the values that you believe in, that you want to see. If you do that, it can be contagious. Courage can be contagious. Compassion can be contagious. Competence. Continuous learning. Constantly striving for excellence can be contagious. And that benefits not just you and your team but also society.

Q: What do people typically miss about leadership?

A: There is a strong business case for leaders to have not just financial skills or technical skills but also human skills. One of the most fundamental responsibilities of leadership is to create a culture in which we all are able and willing to do our best work.

In anything but the shortest term, it is always better and cheaper to get it right the first time rather than have to try to repair the damage afterward.

Q: How can you prepare yourself to lead?

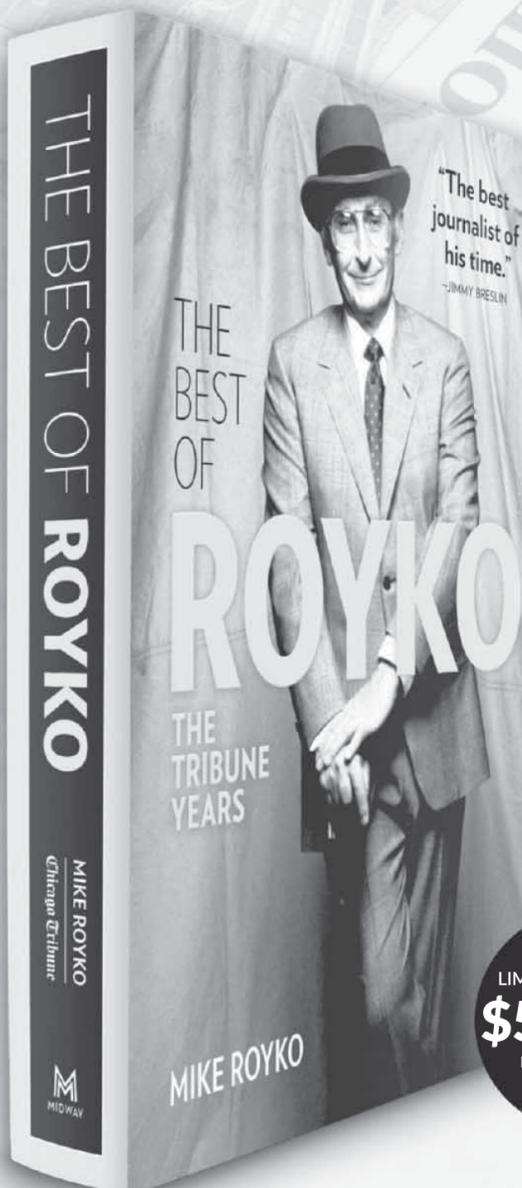
A: There are a lot of opportunities to make a difference in smaller or less obvious ways. There are ways to lead even driving in traffic — by choosing to let someone in front of you rather than cutting them off. Sometimes a small group will experience some social awkwardness, and then one person will take the initiative to say a word or do something. And people will follow them. That's all it takes.

Being the one to say, "This is where we start."

Leigh Buchanan is an editor-at-large for Inc. magazine.

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OBITUARIES

JOHN RICHARDSON 1924-2019

Art connoisseur and biographer of Picasso

By HARRISON SMITH
The Washington Post

John Richardson, a British historian who spent more than three decades working on an intimate four-volume biography of Pablo Picasso, one of his many painter-friends in a life devoted to art, died Tuesday at his home in Manhattan. He was 95.

The cause was congestive heart failure, said Nicholas Latimer, director of publicity for Richardson's publisher, Alfred Knopf.

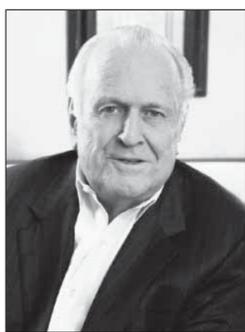
Richardson began writing "A Life of Picasso" in the early 1980s, expecting to finish in just one book. Three volumes and more than 1,600 pages later, he had worked his way from Picasso's birth in 1881 to the huge Paris and Zurich retrospectives organized for the artist in 1932.

A publication date for Volume 4, which is slated to conclude with Picasso's death in 1973, has not been set. But by near-unanimous critical agreement, the completed books constitute a masterpiece of historical narrative and art criticism, worthy of a protean painter, sculptor, printmaker and ceramist who often compared himself to God.

"This is simply the best biography ever written of an artist, in the same class as Richard Ellmann on Joyce or Leon Edel on James," art critic Robert Hughes told The New York Times in 1996.

Richardson was far more than a scholar. He worked as an industrial designer, art critic, gallery executive and auction house chief; wrote for publications including The New Yorker, New York Review of Books and Vanity Fair; and befriended an array of artists, including Francis Bacon, Georges Braque, Fernand Leger, Nicolas de Stael, Jean Cocteau, composer Benjamin Britten and poet W.H. Auden.

Richardson once allowed reclusive actress Greta Garbo to spend a month at his London apartment, where she used the alias Brown and "even the maid, who was a movie buff, never knew it was her." He played the brother of model Maxime de la Falaise in a film directed by Andy Warhol and posed for portraits by David Hockney and Lucian Freud.



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A publication date is not set for Volume 4 of John Richardson's Picasso bio.

For most of the 1950s, Richardson lived in the south of France with Douglas Cooper, an art historian and collector whom Richardson described as "a devil with an angelic streak, and the devil always won." Together they turned the dilapidated Chateau de Castille into a private art museum and lunched with Picasso, who lived nearby in the hills of Vallauris and was often accompanied by his mistress and future wife, Jacqueline Roque.

Richardson eventually tired of Provence and moved to New York in 1960. He organized major exhibitions of Picasso and Braque; opened a Manhattan office for Christie's, the British auction house; presided over 19th- and 20th-century paintings at the storied gallery Knoedler and Co.; and was managing director of Artemis, a consortium of art dealers, before turning to writing full time in the late 1970s.

He had considered writing a Picasso biography since the '50s, he said, inspired by a comment from photographer Dora Maar, the artist's mistress: "When the woman in Picasso's life changed, everything else would change."

Published in 1991, Volume 1 ("The Prodigy, 1881-1906") received a Whitbread Award for book of the year. It chronicled Picasso's childhood in Spain and followed him to Paris, where he lived in a run-down apartment building known as the Bateau-Lavoir.

While the book was met with popular acclaim, Richardson said he was forced to sell gifts from Picasso, including drawings and prints, to support his research and writing. He published Volume 2 ("The Cub-

ist Rebel, 1907-1916") in 1996 and Volume 3 ("The Triumphant Years, 1917-1932") in 2007.

As the years ticked away and Richardson's sight deteriorated, he began relying on assistants to read documents for him. But he said he remained close to finishing Volume 4, and undiminished in his appreciation for Picasso.

"I'm still amazed that any human being can have so many characteristics that are the opposite of each other," he told ARTnews in 2012. "The diversity: extreme loyalty, extreme disloyalty; extreme kindness, extreme cruelty; extreme generosity, extreme stinginess, but only when his family was concerned."

"Many people who have such diversity of characteristics wind up in a loony bin," he added. "Picasso ended up a genius."

John Patrick Richardson was born in London on Feb. 6, 1924, the eldest of three children. His mother was a homemaker, and his father, Wodehouse Richardson, served as a quartermaster general during the Boer War, co-founded the Army & Navy department store chain and was knighted by King Edward VII.

The elder Richardson died at 75, when John was 5; his mother told him Wodehouse had simply "gone off to South Africa to visit old battlefields." Richardson went on to study at the Stowe boarding school, where he began to make paintings of his own.

"It did not take me long to realize that I would never be much good — better write about painting than actually do it," he wrote in a 1999 memoir, "The Sorcerer's Apprentice."

Richardson studied at the Slade School of Fine Art, part of University College London, and served briefly in the British army before being "invalidated" because of rheumatic fever.

He was writing for the New Statesman when he met Cooper at a party for author Paul Bowles. When Richardson asked to see his art collection, Cooper replied, "There is no time like the present. Let's leave these ghastly people and this ghastly party."

Richardson was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2012. Survivors include a brother.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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Death Notices

Baumel nee Waring, Shirley Jean

Shirley Jean, 82 passed away March 10, 2019. She is survived by her brother George Waring and her six children: Cynthia (Gerald), Dawn (Brian), Bambi (Donald), Ralph (Nancy), Leslie (Joseph) and Jennifer (Matthew). Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Bonomo, Geraldine D.

Geraldine D. Bonomo, 78, of Sandwich, IL passed Mar. 16, 2019. Born Dec. 21, 1940, Chicago, daughter of the late Adam and Lucille (Wozniak) Bonomo. Devoted wife of the late, Anthony Joseph Bonomo; loving mother of Gina Marie Bonomo and Tonilyn (Jerry) Pannell; fond grandmother of Kristin Schwartz and Ashley (Jordan McDowell) Schwartz and great-grandmother of Mackenzie, Colton and Ashlynn. Visitation 2:00 til Prayer Service at 7:00 PM, Wed. Mar. 20, 2019, Nelson Funeral Home, 1275 S. Countyline Rd, Sandwich, IL. www.NelsonFuneralHomes.com (815) 786-6461. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Fine, Birdie

Birdie Fine née Kaluzna, 90; beloved wife of Albert Fine; devoted mother of Shelley (Melvin) Belafsky and Marc (Nan) Fine; adoring grandmother of Marty (Geraldine) Belafsky, Ean (Jen) Belafsky, Jeremy (Jessica) Fine, Dana (Steven) Blitzstein and Ryane Belafsky; loving great grandmother of Annie and Trudy Fine, Sienna, Isla and Romi Belafsky and Betty Blitzstein; daughter of the late Morris and Rose Kaluzna; sister of the late Bess (the late Sam Woolman) and the late Albert (the late Harriet) Kaluzna; caring and loving aunt to many. Chapel service Tuesday, 12:15 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Jewish National Fund and Council for the Jewish Elderly. For information and to leave condolences: (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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French, Gargi B.

Age 90, died Sunday, March 17, 2019 in Chicago, IL at Glenview Care Center after a 5-year journey with dementia. She was born September 9, 1928 in Pune, India, the daughter of Trivikram and Manorama Bhat. Dr. French was employed by Washtenaw Community College as a chemistry professor before her retirement. She was an ACBL Gold Life Master bridge enthusiast. She was predeceased by her husband, James C. French in 1995. She is survived by her son, Dr. Neel French of Chicago, IL; a nephew, Nitin (Elizabeth) Paranjpe of Birmingham, MI; and several nieces and nephews. At her request, cremation will take place and no formal service are planned. Memorial tributes may be made to: Washtenaw Community College Foundation Gargi B. French Chemistry 4800 E. Huron River Drive SC 304 Ann Arbor, MI 48106 Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries



Herold, Charles E. 'Chick' Charles "Chick" E. Herold, age 92, U.S. Army Veteran WWII, at rest March 15, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Gloria J. Herold (nee: Schultz) for 67 years. Loving father of Debbie (Roy) Lind and Chuck (Katie) Herold. Devoted grandfather of Kelly Lind-Rich, Ryan Lind and Patrick Lind. Great-grandfather of Madison and Aidan Rich and Kayla and Henry Lind and Harrison Lind. "Chick" was the highly respected Chief of Police for the City of Berwyn for many years and retired in 1976. Visitation is Wednesday, March 20th from 3:00 to 8:00 pm at Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Ltd. 7000 S. Madison St; Willowbrook. Funeral service Thursday March 21st at 10:30 at the funeral home. Interment: Clarendon Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting the families of fallen first responders through the 100 Club of Chicago, 875 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1351, Chicago IL, 60611. 100clubchicago.org. Service information: 630-325-2300 or adolfservices.com

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Kakuska, Dorothy M.

Dorothy M. Kakuska, nee Paver age 83, of Westmont, formerly of LaGrange Park. Beloved wife of the late William J. Kakuska Jr.; fond mother of Kathleen (John) Budnick, Karen (Robert) Mackert, Carol (Andrew) Baumgardt and Cheryl Kakuska; dear grandmother of 12; great grandmother of 5. Visitation, Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. and Friday, March 22, 2019 from 8:30 A.M. to 9 A.M. at Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd., 9445 W. 31st St., Brookfield, IL 60513. Funeral Mass 10 A.M. Holy Trinity Church, 111 S Cass Ave, Westmont, IL 60559. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials appreciated to the family. Information: 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com



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Kmetz, G. James

G. James Kmetz, age 73, of Naperville, formerly of Downers Grove. Beloved husband of Cheryl. Loving father of Eric (Jody), Brad (Nicole) and Carole. Devoted grandfather of Corey, Carter, Carli, Cameron, Lane and Everett. Dear brother of Ron (Sharelle), Mike (Linda), Bill (Carol), Mary Ann (Greg) Nycz, Loren (Brenda) and the late Tom. Fond Uncle of many. Moved to Downers Grove, IL in 1971 and began his Career as a C.P.A. which he did until he Retired in 2017. He served as Commissioner of Downers Grove from May 1979 to April 1995. In 2017 he completed a life-long goal of Golfing in all 50 States with Cheryl, his wife of 52 Years. He was also able to travel back to his homeland in Slovakia and meet some of his distant relatives. He loved being with his Family and Friends most of all. Visitation 3-9 p.m. Tuesday at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 301 75th St., Downers Grove. Prayers 10:15 a.m. Wednesday from the funeral home to Divine Savior Church for Mass at 11 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Chicago Chapter appreciated. Funeral info 630-964-6500

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McGrath, Richard J.

Richard J. McGrath, U.S. Navy, age 76, late of Oak Lawn, formerly of Hazel Crest. Beloved husband of Joanne (nee Hughes); cherished father of Richard (Patricia) and Dana (Kevin) Veselsky; grandfather of Ryan and Daniel McGrath, and Jakob and Zachary Veselsky; brother of Robert (Mary), Maureen, and the late Lynn (late Mildred) McGrath; son of the late Robert and Camill. Visitation Monday, March 18th, 3-9 PM. Funeral Tuesday, 10:15 AM from Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills to St. Christina Church, Mass of Christian Burial 11:00 AM. Interment Holy Sepulchre. In lieu of flowers please make memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601, www.ALZ.org. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com (708) 974 4410.

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In 1837 Grover Cleveland, who was America's 22nd and 24th president, was born in Caldwell, N.J.

In 1922 Mohandas Gandhi was sentenced in India to 6 years' imprisonment for civil disobedience. (He was released after 2 years.)

In 1937 more than 400 people, mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas.

In 1940 Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met at the Brenner Pass, where the Italian dictator agreed to join Germany's war against

France and Britain.

In 1959 President Dwight Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill.

In 1962 France and Algerian rebels agreed to a truce.

In 1965 the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov left his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.

In 1979 Iranian authorities detained American feminist Kate Millett, a day before deporting her and a companion for what were termed "provocations."

In 1988 the government of Panama, controlled by Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, declared a "state of urgency" in a move appar-

ently aimed at forcing the reopening of banks and other businesses that closed during Panama's economic and political crisis.

In 1992 South African President F.W. de Klerk claimed victory for his reforms a day after a whites-only referendum on whether to end apartheid. **Also in 1992** National Football League owners voted to drop the use of videotape replays to settle disputed calls during games. (However, instant replay was brought back in 1999.)

In 1993 published reports said first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton had made nearly \$100,000 from the commodities market in the late 1970s on an initial investment of only \$1,000. **Also in 1993** Muslim and Croat leaders signed agreements to create a Bosnian federation.

In 1995 Michael Jordan, in a two-word news release saying simply, "I'm back," announces his return to the Chicago Bulls after an 893-day retirement.

In 2005 doctors in Florida, acting on orders of a state judge, removed Terri Schiavo's feeding tube. (Despite the efforts of congressional Republicans to intervene and repeated court appeals by Schiavo's parents, the brain-damaged woman died March 31, 2005, at age 41.)

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Millar, Arthur P.

Arthur Paul Millar, age 80 of Woodridge and born and raised on the South Side of Chicago passed away March 15, 2019. He is survived by his children Dorothy Hoover, Jeffery Millar, and Tami Millar, siblings Robert, Carolyn Lavin, Roger (Diane), David (Debbie), Dennis (Katie) Millar, brother in law Harold Easthope, and grandchildren Justin and Seirra Hoover, fiancée Nancy Bock, cousins Herbert (Marie) Barnak, Ronnie Barnak and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Paul and Dorothy Millar and his sister Barbara Easthope. Arthur spent his career as a civil engineer. He was a member of the Plainfield American Legion, and a proud veteran of the U.S. Army. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 20th from 3 until 8 p.m. at the Beideman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory, 516 S. Washington St., Naperville. Family and friends will meet Thursday at 10 am for a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Scholastica Church, 7800 Janes Ave., Woodridge. Interment will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Info www.beidemankunschfh.com 630-355-0264



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Palivos, Angelo L

On March 13, 2019 Mr. Angelo L. Palivos passed away. He was born on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1931. He was a resident of Chicago, Illinois and Vouliagmeni, Athens. Husband of the late Bessie (Gountanis) Palivos. He is survived by: Son, Louis A. Palivos and wife Lisa (Routsolias) and their five children, Angelo, (Christina, Dimitra, Kostantina) Avrella, Maria, Billy, and Ellie. His daughter, Eleni Bousis and son-in-law Dimitri with their four children, Michael, (Verna, Dimitri, Mike Jr.), Victoria, Evangelo and George. Son, Peter A. Palivos and his wife Vicky (Tyrovolis) and their three children, Angelo, Anastasia (Joe), and Gregory (Amanda). Son, George A. Palivos, wife, Eleni (Katris) and their four children, Angelo, Yiannis, Alexander and Billy.



Survived, by his sister-in-law and spouse, Katerina and George Limperis. Georgia Gountanis wife of the late, Panagiotis Gountanis. Dimitris and Liana Gountanis, Connie Gountanis Rigas, Angie and Allan Lofgren. Grandson Taylor. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, Godchildren, Koumbaroi and many friends from all over America and Greece.

Angelo Palivos was a great and honorable man who challenged all obstacles. Born in Bouliari, Gortinia to the late Louis and Georgia Palivos, he was the youngest of six children. His father, a war hero, died at age 33, leaving Angelo an orphan at six months old. At the age of ten, he left his village to work as a coal carrier in Tripoli. As a youth, he had a rough and painful life working day and night to support himself. Mr. Palivos learned independently how to be a prominent tailor and a great businessman. He fell in love with Vassiliki Gountanis and married her at age 19. He was smart and a hard worker who learned many trades. He had one challenge which limited his ability to flourish. Both his wife and him were deprived of education due to the hard times of World War II. Both wanted something more for their children. Therefore, they packed two suitcases and their one-hundred dollars in savings, and took their children across the Atlantic Ocean to pursue their American Dream of education and prosperity. Working three jobs, they accomplished and succeeded.

Mr. Palivos was a man loved by everyone. He and his late wife Bessie had 178 Godchildren and Koumbaroi.

He had compassion for the less fortunate, especially the orphans since he could relate to them. He was a committed and a devoted Greek Orthodox Christian. He loved the Lord's home, and he build many churches, and supported many monasteries. He will be missed for his vigilance, articulate discussions, great advise, compassion, empathy and the love he had for his children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, relatives and friends.

Since Mr. Angelo Palivos will be laid to rest with his late wife in Nestani, Greece, his wishes are in lieu of flowers, to please make donations to one of the following two organizations which supported and treated him with love, respect and dignity:

The Greek American Rehabilitation Care and Centre. www.greekamericancare.org

The Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation, Robert H. Lurie comprehensive hospital

Visitation: Tuesday, March 19, 2019
3:00-9:00
Colonial Funeral Home
8025 W. Golf Rd
Niles, Illinois 60714

Funeral: Tuesday, March 26, 2019, Nestani, Greece
Evagelistria Church
Visitation: 12:00 noon
Makaria: 1:00 followed by burial at St. Nikolaos Cemetery, Nestani, Arcadia, Greece.

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Perzigan, Arsen

March 13, 1926 - February 18, 2019. Waukegan Township High Grad, WWII Vet, Waukegan Merchant Semi-Pro Running Back, proud father of five, grandfather of seven, always played by the rules (not just in sports), tireless friend of the little guy, loved to laugh and to be made to laugh, shot his age at golf (legitimate summer rules) at 78, smoked for a while but kicked it (no other bad habits). He is and will be tremendously missed.

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Pesole, Mary Lou

Mary Lou Pesole, age 88, nee Salazar. Loving mother of Denise (Ronald) Lindquist. Cherished grandmother Jason Lindquist, Nicole (Tim) Wright, Ronnee (Matt) Levin and Holly (Jacob) Kasper. Great grandmother of Brady, Cate, Layla, Syllas, Josephine and Ryder. Dear sister of John (late Evelyn), Dorothy (John) Partynski, Raymond (late Sandra), Anita (Ed) Koch. Fond aunt of many. She was preceded in death by parents, one sister & three brothers. Visitation Wednesday March 20 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Service will be held Thursday, 10:30 a.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Funeral Info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.

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Schetter, Gladys

Gladys Schetter, nee Rasmussen, 99, lifelong resident of Elmwood Park, passed away March 14, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Edward V.; loving mother of Terry E. Schetter and Cheryl L. (Scott) Hendrickson; cherished grandmother of William (Robyn), Jeffrey and Brady Schetter and Kari Harris, Jennifer and Ryan Hendrickson; dearest great grandmother of Wm. Brendan and Edison Schetter, Kate, Tori and Aaron Harris, Dane Hendrickson and Coral, Aleigha and Marin Ottesen; dear great great grandmother of Liam Schetter; devoted twin sister of the late Viola (the late Kenneth) Hoehamer; treasured aunt of Sandy (Art) Moore and Judy (Mike) Meyer. Visitation Monday, March 18th, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. at The Elms Funeral Home, 7600 W. Grand Ave., Elmwood Park where a funeral service will be held Tuesday, March 19th at 11:00 a.m. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Please omit flowers. Info., 708-453-1234 or www.elmsfh.com.

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Staunton, Winifred

Winifred Staunton nee Lally, 89, native of Srah, Tourmakeady, County Mayo, Ireland, longtime resident of Edison Park. Beloved wife of the late Patrick Staunton. Loving mother of Kay (Kevin) Moran, Mary (Stuart) Anderson, Tricia (Tim) Travers, Michael (Eileen), Rita (Joe) McGovern, and John (Jean) Staunton. Proud grandmother of 18 and great-grandmother of 24. Dear sister of the late Mary (the late Mike) Moran, the late Nora (the late Sonny) Bourke, the late Bridget (The late Paddy) Walsh, the late John Lally, the late Patrick (Mary) Lally, the late Thomas Lally, and the late Philip (Mary and the late Maureen) Lally. Loving aunt of Mickey (Noreen) Heneghan and many more here and in Ireland. The family wishes to thank the staff at Central Baptist Village for the loving care they provided. Visitation Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**/ Peter Heneghan, director, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy. Chicago from 3-8 PM. Funeral Wednesday, 9:30am prayers at funeral home to St. Juliana Church (Oketo and Touhy) for Mass at 10am. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to Central Baptist Village, 4747 N. Canfield, Norridge, IL. 60706. For more information call 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com

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Steinberg, Hannah

Hannah Steinberg nee Ritter, 91, beloved wife of Clarence for nearly 72 years; loving mother of Lynn Bloom, Gayle Steinberg and the late Dale Steinberg; cherished Grandma of Melissa Bloom and Dana Steinberg; adored GG of TJ, Jaden, Dylan and Daisha; many loving nieces and nephews. Chapel service, Tuesday 10 AM 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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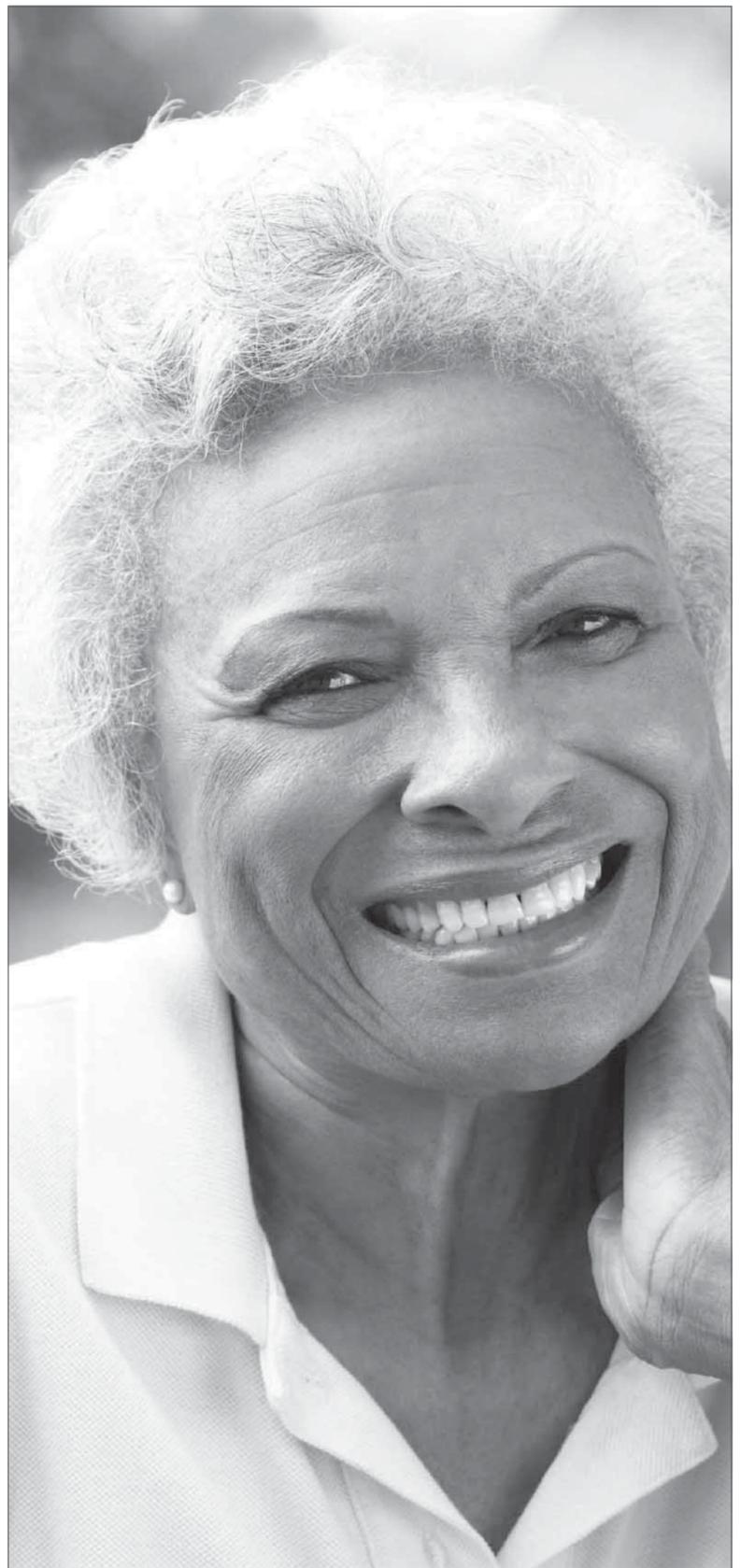
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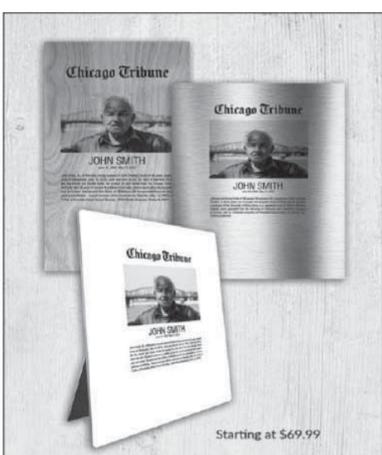


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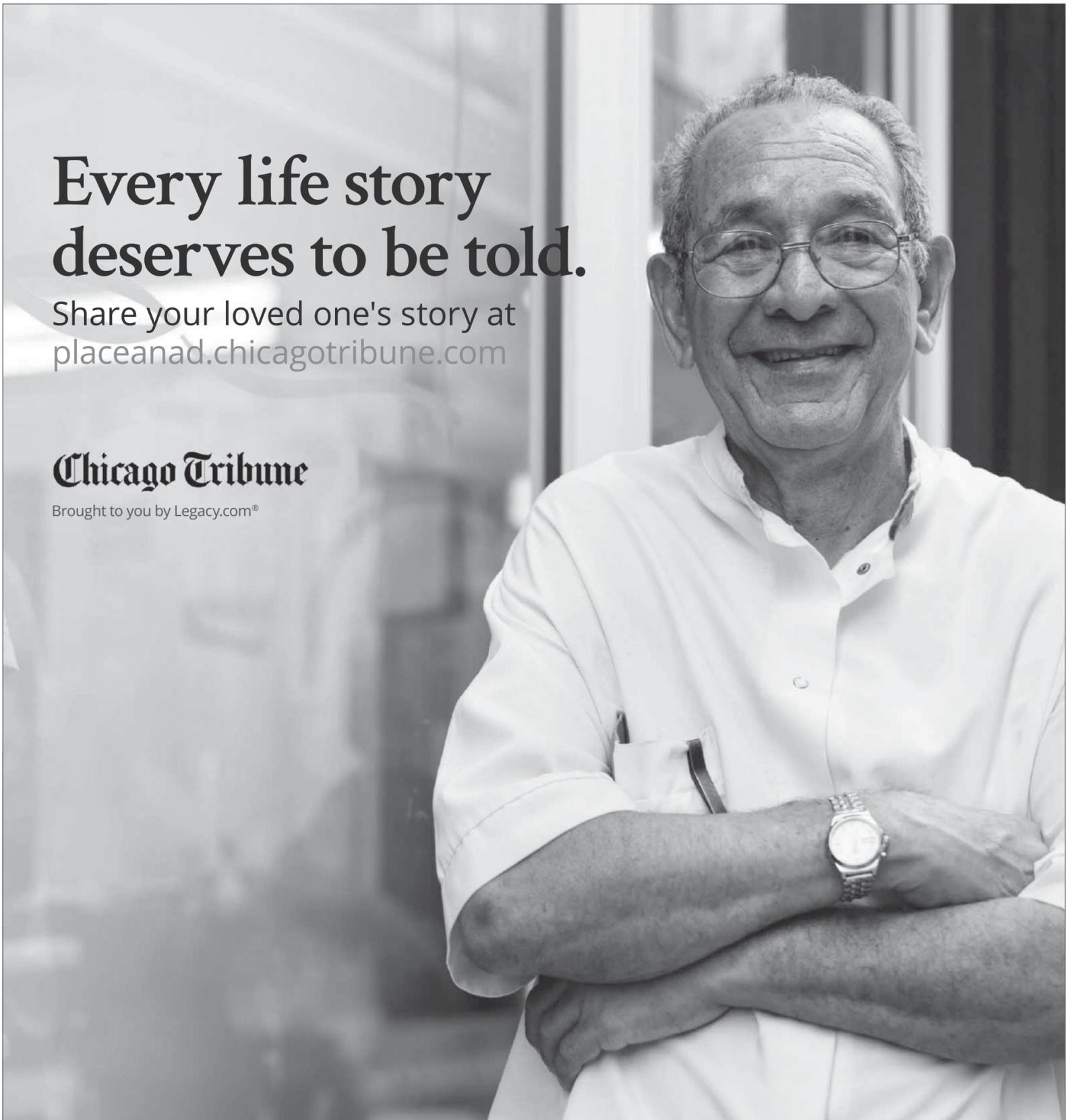


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File No. **Y19000775** on the Date: **3/8/19**
 Under the Assumed Name of: **Noire Medicine**
 with the business located at:
924 N. Taylor Ave. Oak Park, IL, 60302
 The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Christina Marie Gordon 924 N. Taylor Ave. Oak Park, IL, 60302**

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File No. **Y19000777** on the Date: **March 8, 2019**
 Under the Assumed Name of: **WJ Tax Service**
 with the business located at:
7158 West Grand Avenue Unit 1 Chicago, IL, 60707
 The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Wendy Dunbar-Johnson 5248 W Gladys Ave Chicago, IL, 60644**

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Adelyn Gonzalez
 MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Rachel Gonzalez (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA01141**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Juan Pu (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 4, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/01/2019**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **1 COURTROOM A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS March 18, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Kevin Angelez Brianna Angelez
 MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Thelma Angelez (Mother) AKA Thelma Angelez-Patino

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA01119 18JA01118**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Edward Martinez (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 28, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/05/2019**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **12 COURTROOM L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC TEST

Public notice is hereby given, by Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk, to any interested parties that a test of the official automatic tabulating equipment for ballots to be counted at the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election will be held at the Elections Operations Center located at 1330 S. 54th Ave., Cicero, IL, on Friday, March 22, 2019 at 9 a.m.

Karen A. Yarbrough
 Cook County Clerk

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Violet Ray Ohst AKA Violet Ray Ohst AKA Violet Pirman
 MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Kaylie Pirman (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00452**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Bradley Ohst (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 14, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/05/2019**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **10 COURTROOM J**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS March 18, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Zikee Stulgate
 MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tamarah Polk (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA01228**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Kevin Jackson (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 10, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/05/2019**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **9 COURTROOM I**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS March 18, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Assistant Chief Operating Engineer (Promotional)

Application Filing Period: March 22, 2019 through April 19, 2019. **Examination Date:** May 10, 2019 at MWRD Main Office Building Annex, 111 E. Erie Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of assistant chief operating engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, supervises and participates in the operation and maintenance of treatment plant or pumping station equipment within a sewage treatment plant complex. **Pay:** \$87,792.38 per year

Associate Process Control Engineer (Original)

Application Filing Period: March 15, 2019 through April 12, 2019. **Examination Date:** April 27, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of associate process control engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, provides engineering services for the design, construction, improvement, modernization and maintenance for process instrumentation and computer control systems for water reclamation plants, pumping stations, and flood control reservoirs. **Pay:** \$79,107.08 per year

Desktop Engineer (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: March 15, 2019 through April 12, 2019. **Examination Date:** May 4, 2019. **Location:** To be announced. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of desktop engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, manages and supports desktop enterprise solutions for hardware, operating systems, patch management, anti-virus, software distribution, and mobile device management and contributes to the design and implementation of core end-user technology standards. **Pay:** \$87,792.38 per year

Laborer Foreman (Promotional)

Application Filing Period: March 22, 2019 through April 19, 2019. **Examination Date:** May 4, 2019 at Stickey Water Reclamation Plant (SWRP), 6001 West Pershing, Stickey, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of laborer foreman practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, has immediate charge of a crew of unskilled laborers working on general cleaning and grounds maintenance at a sewage treatment plant. **Pay:** \$43.25 per hour

Senior Desktop Engineer (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: March 15, 2019 through April 12, 2019. **Examination Date:** May 4, 2019. **Location:** To be announced. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of senior desktop engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under direction, plans, manages and supports all desktop enterprise solutions for hardware, operating systems, patch management, antivirus, software distribution, and mobile device management and contributes to the design and implementation of core end-user technology standards. **Pay:** \$109,991.70 per year

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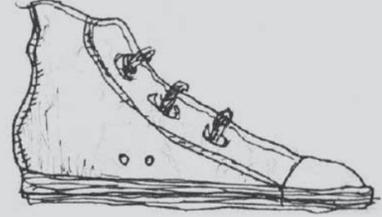
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Matt McQuaid holds the trophy behind coach Tom Izzo as Michigan State celebrates its Big Ten Tournament title Sunday at the United Center.

Duke vs. field

As Blue Devils earn top seed, Michigan State can frown while midmajors smile

Is it safe to put Duke on the champion line of a bracket without filling out the rest?

The Blue Devils, as expected, earned the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament when the bracket was revealed Sunday. Expect star freshman Zion Williamson and company to dominate tournament talk as one of the most fascinating players in modern history.

But March Madness is unpredictable, so of course there will



SHANNON RYAN
On college basketball

be other story lines to follow.

Virginia, North Carolina and Gonzaga earned the other top seeds. It was a good day for the ACC, which became only the second conference to have three No. 1s. (The Big East did it in 2009 with Connecticut, Louisville and Pittsburgh.)

Michigan State's sweep of the Big Ten regular-season and tournament titles — including an impressive comeback victory Sunday against Michigan at the

United Center — wasn't enough to bump the Spartans to the top line ahead of North Carolina or Gonzaga.

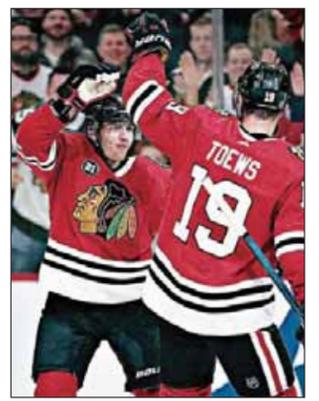
The Spartans, who play No. 15 seed Bradley in the first round, might be the toughest No. 2, but they drew a brutal potential Elite Eight matchup against Duke in the East.

Michigan also earned a No. 2 seed along with Tennessee and Kentucky out of the SEC. The Volunteers, with two victories against Kentucky and one against Gonzaga, had a shot to

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Pairing Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews on a line sparked a seven-game winning streak that turned the season around.

Different fate for Hawks? If only ...

In retrospect, 5 regrets that might cost them berth in postseason



JIMMY GREENFIELD
On the Blackhawks

MONTREAL — Regrets? I've had a few.

I regret that time I tried to Rollerblade down the Rocky Mountains.

I regret not listening to my mom when I was 6 years old and she told me not to touch the stove because it was, you know, on.

And I regret not eating dinner before the Canadiens game then getting a Big Mac meal at midnight as I was leaving the Bell Centre. It was delicious, of course, but going to sleep on a full stomach of fries, a Coke and special sauce was regrettable.

Do the Blackhawks have some regrets about this season? I'm betting they have a few as well.

If only ... the Hawks had fired Joel Quenneville during the summer.

The reason the Hawks gave for not firing Quenneville after last season seemed to make sense. The 2017-18 season wasn't his fault because Corey Crawford was hurt and Marian Hossa was gone. It would have been "unfair" as Hawks President John McDonough put it at the news conference after Quenneville was fired.

And it might have been. But giving Quenneville just 12 games and only one mini-slump before firing him indicates fairness wasn't the issue. They felt a

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Rotation wants to save bullpen

Starters plan to work deeper into games this season. **Back Page**



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BULLS

No looking back, he's a fixture

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TOP OF THE SECOND

Selecting Sunday's winners, losers

By PHIL ROSENTHAL AND TIM BANNON
Chicago Tribune

The bracket is out. The bubbles are burst. The NCAA Tournament got real Sunday night as CBS's "Selection Sunday" show revealed the field.

And as is always the case, with the telecast as well as the teams, there are winners and there are losers. Some shining moments indeed.

Winner: Viewers.

CBS got through all four brackets in just 36 minutes. It should never take longer than that.

Loser: Michigan State.

The Big Ten Tournament champion and regular-season co-champion Spartans are the second No. 2 seed, yet they wound up in the East with No. 1 overall seed Duke. Meanwhile, the team the Spartans beat at the United Center in the conference tournament final, Michigan, is the last of the No. 2 seeds but landed in the West with Gonzaga, which is the weakest of the No. 1 seeds. Where's the justice in that?

Winner: The Big Ten.

Last year, only four Big Ten teams were chosen to play in the tournament: Purdue, Michigan State, Michigan and Ohio State. But this year a conference-record eight made it — the most of any league. It was almost nine, with Indiana one of the first four out. And the conference scored two No. 2 seeds.

Loser: The state of Wisconsin.

While Wisconsin outshined neighbor Illinois with a pair of teams in the tournament — both No. 5 seeds — CBS' announcement-show analysts predicted early exits for both. Clark Kellogg had Marquette opening with a loss to Murray State, and Seth Davis pegged Oregon to begin with an upset of the Wisconsin Badgers. Of course, it's hard to see Bradley, the lone Illinois representative in the tournament, knocking off Michigan State.

Winner: Seth Davis.

In the first minute of CBS' "Selection Show," he said: "No one wants to hear me talk." True that. And they went straight to the bracket.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Coach Tom Izzo and Michigan State have reason to gripe about being placed with Duke.

Winner: Larry Bird.

It would have been enough that Charles Barkley's bracket buddy was a parrot named Larry perched on his shoulder — the envy of any pirate. But the coup de grace of the credit card ad from the ongoing series with Spike Lee and Samuel L. Jackson was the appearance of Larry Bird with his own bracket buddy, a dog he has dubbed Charles Bark Lee. Whoever set this up deserves a feather in their cap.

Loser: Pac-12 Conference.

Remember when this was a national power? Just three teams in the 68-team NCAA Tournament. None higher than Midwest No. 9 seed Washington.

Winner: The Atlantic Coast Conference.

The ACC trailed the Big Ten in teams to qualify for the tournament with only seven teams to the Big Ten's eight, but three of the ACC's seven — Duke, Virginia and North Carolina — accounted for all but one of the tournament's No. 1 seeds.

Winner: Richard Pitino.

The East matchup of Pitino's No. 10 seed Minnesota vs. No. 7 seed Louisville gives Pitino the chance to avenge the school that fired his dad, Rick.

Winner: TruTV.

The first four games of the tournament

will be on this channel, which means fans are encouraged to look up where it is again for the first time since last March.

Loser: Bradley Braves.

More like Bradley Cowards. The Missouri Valley Conference Tournament champs returning to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 13 years overshadowed their own feel-good story. The athletic department tried to ban a longtime beat reporter from access, claiming he didn't "promote the Bradley brand," as if that were his role. The Peoria Journal Star's Dave Reynolds said coach Brian Wardle accused him of "always looking for the negative." Bradley rescinded its ban in the face of criticism but only after establishing its "brand" to be one of insecure paranoia and strong-arm tactics.

Winner: Boiling Springs, N.C.

The town of 4,647 in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains had been best known for the natural spring after which it is named. But this week it's best known as home to Gardner-Webb University, which made the tournament for the first time after winning the Big South Tournament.

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3 The Midwest Region of the NCAA Tournament will feature the top three schools on the tournament's all-time victories list: Kentucky (177), North Carolina (170) and Kansas (153). Kentucky, the No. 2 seed in the Midwest, has eight NCAA Tournament titles. North Carolina, the region's top seed, has six NCAA championships. And Kansas, the No. 4 seed, has won three NCAA Tournament titles.

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A different fate? If only ...

Blackhawks, from Page 1

change was necessary, and they were right.

Jeremy Colliton has been a very good hire and there's every indication he'll be even better when he doesn't need to essentially run a training camp while also dealing with the realities of an NHL schedule. The Hawks went 4-13-3 in Colliton's first 20 games. They've gone 22-11-3 in his last 36.

If the Hawks had started the season with Colliton as head coach, they wouldn't be looking at only about a 12.9 percent chance of making the playoffs with 11 games left in the season.

If only ... Colliton had loaded up the lines a little bit sooner.

When Colliton put Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews on the same line on Jan. 20 against the Capitals, it was not a sure thing. He had tried it before earlier in the season without great success.

This time, with them on a line with Drake Caggiula, things clicked. Kane and Toews each had five points in an 8-5 victory over the Capitals that launched a seven-game winning streak.

A few days ago, Colliton described his thinking at the time.

"We kind of looked at our team in January and said, 'You know what? We're going to have to outscore teams.' We loaded up a line or two and said we're going to outscore you. That allowed us to stay in the race."

But what if he had tried it a few games earlier? The Hawks lost five straight just before the winning streak, four of which were one-goal defeats. The final two losses before the Capitals game were to the Rangers and Devils, a pair of teams going nowhere.

If only ... the Hawks had benched Brandon Manning earlier.

Hate to pile on Manning, who did nothing wrong other than agree to a two-year, \$4.5 million contract and take the ice when he was told. But the defenseman was terrible during his 27-game stint with the Hawks before the Oilers inexplicably traded Caggiula for him.

With 11 games left to play, Manning's minus-14 is still the worst on the Hawks. And how has he done for the Oilers? Manning played 12 games for them before getting shipped to the AHL's Bakersfield Condors.

Yes, Connor Murphy and Gustav Forsling were hurt the first two months, but Carl Dahlstrom was always a better option. Almost anybody was a better option.

If only ... the Hawks hadn't lost to the lowly Kings just two weeks ago.

This isn't the only game the Hawks



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

If Jeremy Colliton had taken over as Blackhawks coach in the offseason, would the team have a better shot at the playoffs?

would love to have back, but it's the only one since their resurgence that made no sense.

They fell behind 3-0 in the first period and, despite tying the game at one point, ended up losing 6-3. They didn't show up against one of the league's worst teams and it cost them two points that loom large.

It's a long season and every team has a clunker now and then. But if the Hawks miss out on a playoff berth by one or two points, this is the one that will keep them up at night.

If only ... Erik Gustafsson had been elevated to the top power-play unit sooner.

Gustafsson sure seems like a perfect fit now with his elite offensive skills, but it was over two months into the season before he replaced Brent Seabrook on the top unit.

The Hawks had an abysmal power play during the first 2½ months of the season and even tried John Hayden on the top unit for a couple of weeks. Hayden is a regular healthy scratch now, including the last four games.

On Dec. 9 against the Canadiens, Hayden logged 10 minutes of power-play time. The Hawks went 1-for-8 that game.

The first game that Gustafsson, Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews, Alex DeBrincat and Dylan Strome were together as a consistent unit was Dec. 18 against the Predators.

Before that game, a span of 35 games, the Hawks went 12-for-105 on the power play. Over their last 36 games, the Hawks are 32-for-107, and that includes their recent seven-game skid, in which they're 0-for-16.

Finding the right combination had an enormous impact and probably saved the season. But if they had tried it just a few games earlier? If they had tried any of these five things a little bit sooner?

Maybe they'd be looking down on the Coyotes right now instead of up at them.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Kenny Goins (25) and Cassius Winston bump chests during Michigan State's late run to beat Michigan in the Big Ten Tournament final Sunday.

Chicago classic rocks

Michigan State's epic rally for Big Ten title pumps life into city's basketball tradition



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On college basketball

This was the scene: One minute, 11 seconds to go. The score tied at 60. The Michigan band blaring "The Victors." The Michigan State faithful hollering: "Go Green! Go White!"

It wasn't just loud in the United Center, it was LOUD. Think Jordan-era Bulls. Deafening.

Who says Chicago is a wasteland for college hoops? Sure, Illinois and Northwestern were relegated to the 11-versus-14 game in the Big Ten Tournament. DePaul missed the Big Dance again, extending its streak to 15 years. Loyola got knocked off Cloud 9. UIC? Nah. Chicago State? No way. Illinois State? Not happening.

Bradley? Yes. But don't get me started with that national embarrassment.

But you know what Chicago had?

An epic championship game before a packed house.

A rabid 18,615 showed up Sunday, and the full-tournament attendance of 122,242 was second all time in the event's 22 years. The record of 124,543 also was set in Chicago in 2013.

Those fans saw a game that CBS broadcaster Jim Nantz, sitting courtside, might have described as "one for the ages."

Michigan State scored the final 10 points to prevail 65-60. The Chicago River turned green, and so did the game.

After confetti poured down from the rafters, coach Tom Izzo hollered to the crowd: "All of you behave yourselves tonight but have a hell of a time!"

Michigan led by 13 with 17



Michigan State forward Kyle Ahrens is taken off the court with an ankle injury during the first half Sunday.

minutes to play as the Wolverines closed in on a third consecutive Big Ten Tournament title.

But Spartans point guard Cassius Winston would not let that happen. Neither would shooting guard Matt McQuaid.

"Cassius was unbelievable," Izzo said, "and McQuaid was even better."

McQuaid shot like Steve Kerr, raining down 3s from all over. He hit 7 of 13 from long range, including an insanely clutch bomb with two minutes to play.

Michigan led 60-55. Winston's feed was low. But McQuaid still drained it from the left wing.

After Winston fed Xavier Tillman for a layup, the game was tied.

Michigan's Ignas Brazdeikis missed, and the ball went out of bounds with 14 seconds to play. Off whom? The officials used replay to determine the Wolverines' Jon Teske, the tallest man on the court, had touched it last.

Winston then drove past Teske to give the Spartans a 62-60 lead with 28 seconds left.

Then things got weird. Michigan's Jordan Poole was driving but pulled up and launched a shot with six seconds to play from well beyond the 3-point arc. It missed everything.

"It was bizarre," Izzo said, "a good bizarre for us."

Poole apparently thought he had been fouled by Winston and hoped to be awarded three free throws.

It was lights out for Michigan, which left Chicago bruised. The Wolverines played the Spartans three times during a three-week span — and lost all three.

"It's a bad matchup for us," Michigan coach John Beilein said. "They got us again."

As a consolation, the Wolverines did not drop from the 2-seed line in the NCAA Tournament field. This game ended too late for the committee to make any

changes to the 68-team bracket.

The Big Ten gets the prime afternoon slot, feeding into the CBS coverage of Selection Sunday. But the championship game is an exhibition. Or is it?

Not this year.

Here's what the loudmouths who think players such as Duke's Zion Williamson should sit out do not understand. College athletes don't play for money. And on this day, they did not play for seeding.

They play for each other. They play to become legends on campus. They play so when they come back for a 20-year reunion, they can put an arm around one another, chuckle and say: "Remember how we beat our snooty rival all three times?"

"I've never been prouder of a team in my entire life," Izzo said. "I know all coaches say that. But what these guys have been through, no one will ever know."

Joshua Langford was lost for the season with an ankle injury in December. Nick Ward missed four weeks with a broken bone in his left hand, not returning until Friday.

And during the first half Sunday, forward Kyle Ahrens went up for a rebound and landed horribly, suffering a brutal ankle sprain. The arena went silent as he was taken off by stretcher.

Ahrens tapped his chest and fought back tears as he was taken to the tunnel.

"At his expense, it gave us a lift, if you want the truth," Izzo said.

We cannot handle watching replays of the injury. But, yes, we can handle the truth.

Michigan State is also a No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament. The Spartans are in Duke's region. Oof.

"I'm not going to let anyone talk me into talking about that," Izzo said. "I am going to enjoy this incredible, incredible win."

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ROUNDUP

Auburn wins first SEC title since '85

Associated Press

Bryce Brown scored 19 points, and the Auburn Tigers won their first SEC Tournament championship since 1985 by routing eighth-ranked Tennessee 84-64 in Nashville, Tenn.

No. 22 Auburn (26-9) hadn't played in this game since 2000, and the fifth-seeded Tigers won their fourth game in as many days to capture only the second SEC Tournament title in program history. The Tigers have won eight straight and 10 of their last 11 heading into the NCAA Tournament.

Better yet, Auburn and coach Bruce Pearl have become the nemesis to his old program, beating Tennessee (29-5) three straight times. Auburn ruined the Volunteers' hopes of winning back-to-back SEC regular-season titles for the first time with an 84-80 win to wrap up the season a week ago, and the Tigers also are the last team to beat Tennessee in Knoxville.

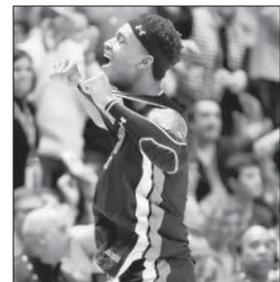
Now Pearl has his first SEC Tournament title.

AAC: Jarron Cumberland had 33 points and eight rebounds to lead No. 24 Cincinnati past No. 11 Houston 69-57 for the championship of the American Athletic Conference in Memphis, Tenn.

Cane Broome finished with 15 points and Tre Scott added 12. It was the second straight conference tournament title for the Bearcats (28-6), who defeated Houston in last year's final. The victory puts Cincinnati into the NCAA Tournament for the ninth straight year.

Armoni Brooks led Houston (31-3) with 17 points and Corey Davis added 12 for the Cougars, who were the tournament's top seed.

In the second half, Cincinnati put the ball in the hands of Cumberland, voted the tournament's most valuable player, and he responded with 20 second-half points.



ANDY LYONS/GETTY

Bryce Brown celebrates Auburn's SEC title on Sunday.

LOCAL SCHOOLS

Ramblers will face Creighton

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

A year after a Cinderella run to the Final Four, Loyola must set its sights a little lower.

The Ramblers are headed to the NIT, seeded seventh, with a first-round date against No. 2-seeded Creighton (18-14) at 8 p.m. Tuesday (ESPN).

Loyola (20-13) shared the Missouri Valley Conference regular-season title with Drake but lost in the tournament semifinals to Bradley, which went on to win the conference tournament and the automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

The Ramblers won the tiebreaker with Drake and were guaranteed an automatic berth in the NIT.

Two Big Ten teams also made the NIT. Indiana earned a No. 1 seed and will play No. 8 St. Francis on Tuesday. No. 4 seed Nebraska faces No. 5 seed Butler on Wednesday.

DePaul will play Central Michigan in the first round of the 16-team College Basketball Invitational at 7 p.m. Wednesday at McGrath-Phillips Arena on campus. The Blue Demons (15-15) have not reached the postseason since making the quarterfinals of the 2007 NIT.

No way around it: NCAA shafts Spartans

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

Really, NCAA Tournament selection committee? Michigan State shares the Big Ten regular-season title with Purdue. The Spartans win the Big Ten Tournament. They hand Michigan three of the Wolverines' six losses?

And the reward is a potential date with overall No. 1 seed Duke and the greatest NBA prospect since LeBron James?

That's not right. The committee did show the Big Ten love by giving bids to eight teams, the most of any league. It's also an all-time high for the conference, though that record was bound to fall after the league added Rutgers and, more to the point, Maryland in 2014-15.

The committee justified the decision based on geography. If the Spartans beat Bradley on Thursday and then the Minne-

sota-Louisville winner, they will advance to the Sweet 16 in the East Region (Washington D.C.).

Like Michigan State, the Wolverines are a No. 2 seed and will start in Des Moines, Iowa. But if they beat Montana on Thursday and then the Florida-Nevada winner, the Wolverines have to play in the West Region (Anaheim, Calif.).

Purdue should feel happy about being a No. 3 seed after not winning a game in the Big Ten Tournament. Perhaps the extra time off will allow Carsen Edwards to rediscover his shooting stroke. Edwards shot 25.8 percent in his last three games.

Said fellow guard Nojel Eastern: "Nobody likes to lose, but the extra couple of days will be really important for us — get our bodies healthy and our mindset back together."

The Boilermakers will face Old Dominion on Thursday in Hartford, Conn.

Wisconsin's Ethan Happ also could use a reset. He hasn't shot better than 50 percent in a game since Feb. 23 and committed seven turnovers against Nebraska in the Big Ten Tournament. The fifth-seeded Badgers will take on sizzling Oregon on Friday in San Jose, Calif.

Purdue will pick Maryland to get upset in the first round on Thursday in Jacksonville, Fla. The sixth-seeded Terrapins are young, they're coming off a poor United Center performance against Nebraska and they will face the winner of Belmont-Temple, two 11 seeds playing in Dayton, Ohio.

Minnesota took out Penn State and stunned Purdue in Chicago but then got thrashed by Michigan in the Gophers' third game in as many days. In a nice little twist, the 10th-seeded Gophers will take on Louisville, the program Rick Pitino is now suing, claiming breach of contract.

"It's not going to be about me," said Gophers coach Richard Pitino, Rick's son. "I'm not going (for) revenge or anything like that. It's about our players."

If the Gophers win in Des Moines on Thursday, they figure to play Michigan State for the second time this season.

Iowa also is a 10 seed, and the Hawkeyes will head to Columbus, Ohio, to take on Cincinnati on Friday. Not only are the Bearcats coming in hot after beating Houston in the final of the AAC Tournament, the game is being played two hours from the Bearcats' campus.

Ohio State also got a tough draw as an 11 seed in Tulsa, Okla. The Buckeyes on Friday will take on Iowa State, which romped past Kansas to win the Big 12 Tournament.

But, hey, the Buckeyes are 6-0 all-time against the Cyclones. So there's that.

MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT



DYLAN BUELL/GETTY

Point guard Cassius Winston follows a strong tradition of Michigan State leaders.

East

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

Get to know No. 1

Duke (29-5) went 3-3 without Zion Williamson, counting the game in which he was injured in the opening minute, but the ACC Tournament champions are more than a one-star team. Williamson's fellow freshman RJ Barrett leads them in scoring with 22.9 points per game, while a third freshman, forward Cam Reddish, averages 13.7 points. The Blue Devils enter the tournament on a three-game winning streak and will be favored to win their second national championship in five years and their sixth overall.

Best first-round matchup

No. 5 Mississippi State vs. No. 12 Liberty

The Flames (28-6) won the Big South Tournament against rival Lipscomb and bring a hot streak of 10 wins in their last 11 games into the NCAA Tournament. While this was a down season for UCLA, Liberty beat the Bruins by 15 points on the road and faced a tough nonconference slate that also included Georgetown and Alabama.

Cinderella

No. 11 Belmont

The Bruins won 14 straight before running into dynamo Ja Morant and Murray State in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament. They face a mediocre Temple team in a play-in game and have the ingredients to beat a wildly inconsistent Maryland squad in the Round of 64.

Players to watch

Zion Williamson, Duke

Already a household name as a freshman, the 6-foot-7, 285-pound forward is a once-in-a-generation player. Williamson can add to his legacy with a dominant NCAA Tournament. He looked as powerful as ever after returning from a foot injury, averaging 27 points and 10 rebounds in three ACC Tournament games.

Cassius Winston, Michigan State

The junior point guard is a prolific passer and scorer, averaging 19 points and 7.5 assists. He has been dealing with an injured toe, but it hasn't slowed him.

Elijah Childs, Bradley

The 6-7 sophomore is one of those players who does a little bit — or a lot — of everything. He averages 12.2 points and 7.8 rebounds and has 47 blocks.



CHUCK BURTON/AP

De'Andre Hunter's 7-2 wingspan helps make the Virginia defense as imposing as it is.

South

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

Get to know No. 1

Everyone will be watching Virginia's first-round game against Gardner-Webb closely after the Cavaliers made a historic exit last season as the first No. 1 seed to be bounced by a No. 16 (UMBC). These Cavaliers (29-3) seem too battle-tested not to make a deep run, and they should enter the tournament with a chip on their shoulders as well as their trademark defense.

Best first-round matchup

No. 6 Villanova vs. No. 11 Saint Mary's

The defending national champions lost a ton of talent, and credit coach Jay Wright for keeping the Wildcats on top of the Big East this season. But the Gaels enter with swagger after beating Gonzaga in the West Coast Conference Tournament, holding the high-scoring Bulldogs to 47 points. Saint Mary's nonconference slate included impressive wins against New Mexico State and California.

Cinderella

No. 13 UC Irvine

Besides having a wonderful mascot (Peter the Anteater), the Big West champions have scored at least 85 points seven times. They face a vulnerable No. 4 seed in Kansas State, which could be without injured star Dean Wade (foot). Wisconsin and Oregon, the Anteaters' potential Round of 32 opponents, haven't been flawless this season either.

Players to watch

DeAndre Hunter, Virginia

A suffocating defender, the 6-7 sophomore guard also ranks second on the team with 15.1 points and five rebounds per game while shooting 53 percent. His 7-2 wingspan is impressive.

Ethan Happ, Wisconsin

The 6-10 senior forward is a double-double machine. He ranks fifth nationally with 21 double-doubles in 33 games. He helped guide the Badgers to the Sweet 16 in 2017.

Grant Williams, Tennessee

The 6-7, 236-pound Williams averaged 19.2 points, 7.5 rebounds and 3.1 assists to become the first back-to-back SEC player of the year since Arkansas' Corliss Williamson in 1994 and '95.



DAVID DERMER/AP

CJ Massinburg helped Buffalo win the MAC regular-season and tournament titles.

West

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

Get to know No. 1

Gonzaga (30-3) was stunned by Saint Mary's in the West Coast Conference championship game, but the Bulldogs' body of work is impressive with the top-rated adjusted offense in the nation and 16th-best defense, according to kenpom.com. Gonzaga is one of two teams to beat Duke with Zion Williamson playing the full game (Syracuse was the other), and these Zags have as much talent as the 2017 squad that lost in the national championship game.

Best first-round matchup

No. 5 Marquette vs. No. 12 Murray St.

Markus Howard versus Ja Morant? Where do we sign up? The point-guard matchup features two of the most explosive, exciting players in the tournament. Buckle up. Howard ranks sixth nationally averaging 25 points per game, and Morant ranks eighth averaging 24.6 points per game.

Cinderella

No. 7 Nevada

The veteran Wolf Pack are motivated after Loyola bounced them in last season's Sweet 16. They face a 15-loss Florida team in the first round and then likely will face No. 2 Michigan in a battle of Nevada's potent offense and the Wolverines' stout defense.

Players to watch

CJ Massinburg, Buffalo

The senior guard played his best in the Bulls' highest-profile game with 43 points and nine 3s in an OT victory against West Virginia in the second game of the season. He scored in double digits in every game but one, averaging 18.3 points, and the Bulls have just three losses.

Rui Hachimura, Gonzaga

The 6-foot-8 junior forward averages 20.1 points and is shooting 60.9 percent from the field, including 46.9 percent on 3-pointers. A long run in the NCAA Tournament could boost his NBA draft stock.

Ignas Brazdeikis, Michigan

The freshman forward doesn't mind chirping with fans. He has been an entertaining bright spot for the Wolverines, averaging nearly 15 points with the ability to make a couple of deadly 3s every game.



STREETER LECKA/GETTY

Coby White, right, has shown some explosive scoring potential for North Carolina.

Midwest

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

Get to know No. 1

North Carolina (27-6) had an eight-game winning streak end against Duke in the ACC Tournament semifinals. The Tar Heels will be motivated to win a second national championship in three years after getting bounced by Texas A&M in the Round of 32 last season. North Carolina's depth and experience could make the difference for a long tournament run.

Best first-round matchup

No. 5 Auburn vs. No. 12 New Mexico State

The Aggies are among the hottest teams in the nation with 19 straight victories. They lost by only three at Kansas on Dec. 8. Auburn is riding high as well with eight consecutive victories, including a win over Tennessee in the SEC Tournament final.

Cinderella

No. 13 Northeastern

The Huskies are deep with seven players who average at least eight points and four who shoot at least 40 percent on 3-pointers. And they're hot, winning 12 of their last 13 games. Kansas, their first-round opponent, hasn't been a No. 4 seed since Bradley upset the Jayhawks in 2006.

Players to watch

Coby White, North Carolina

The electric guard passed Michael Jordan on North Carolina's freshman scoring list. He averages 16.3 points and 4.2 assists and has three 30-point games.

PJ Washington, Kentucky

Washington doesn't have the name recognition of past Kentucky stars, but the 6-8 sophomore forward emerged as the Wildcats' leader and averages a team-high 14.8 points and 7.5 rebounds.

Talen Horton-Tucker, Iowa State

The 6-4, 238-pound guard from Chicago nearly chose to play at Illinois, and his freshman performance has Illini fans wishing he had. Horton-Tucker averages 12.1 points and five rebounds for the balanced Cyclones and had some take-over games.

SCOREBOARD

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S NIT

TUESDAY'S FIRST ROUND

Campbell (20-12) at NC-Greens. (28-6), 6
Lipscomb (25-7) at Davidson (24-9), 6
Hofstra (27-7) at NC State (22-11), 6
St. Fran. (Pa.) (18-14) at Indiana (17-15), 6
Wichita State (19-14) at Furman (25-7), 6
San Diego (21-14) at Memphis (21-13), 7
Arkansas (17-15) at Providence (18-15), 8
S. Dakota St. (24-8) at Texas (16-16), 8
Loyola of Chicago (20-13) at
Creighton (18-14), 8
Dayton (21-11) at Colorado (21-12), 10

WEDNESDAY'S FIRST ROUND

Harvard (18-11) at Georgetown (19-13), 6
Wright St. (21-13) at Clemson (19-13), 6
Norfolk St. (21-13) at Alabama (18-15), 6
Toledo (25-7) at Xavier (18-15), 6
Sam Houston St. (21-11) at TCU (20-13), 8
Butler (16-16) at Nebraska (18-16), 8

COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

TUESDAY'S FIRST ROUND

CS N'hridge (13-20) at Utah Valley (24-9), 8
WEDNESDAY'S FIRST ROUND
Gr. Canyon (20-13) at West Va. (14-20), 6
Howard (17-16) at C. Carolina (15-16), 6
Stony Brook (24-8) at South Fla (19-13), 6
UAB (20-14) at Brown (11-11), 6
So. Miss (20-12) at Longwood (15-17), 6
Central Mich. (23-11) at DePaul (15-15), 7
Loy. Marymt (20-11) at Cal Bapt (16-14), 9

ODDS

NBA
pregame.com at Cleveland Off
Utah 4 at Washington Off
at Boston 3 at Denver Off
at Toronto Off
at Oklahoma City Off
Golden State 2½ at San Antonio Off
at Dallas Off
at Phoenix 3
at Portland 3½

NHL

at Tampa Bay -255 Arizona Off
at Chicago Off
Winnipeg -165 at Los Angeles +155
at San Jose Off
Las Vegas Off

AUTO RACING

NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP AUTO CLUB 400

Sunday at Auto Club Speedway,
Fontana, Calif.; Lap: 2 miles
FP SP DRIVER M LAPS PT

1	4	Kyle Busch	T	200	60
2	5	Joey Logano	F	200	51
3	13	Brad Keselowski	F	200	43
4	2	Kevin Harvick	F	200	45
5	10	Ryan Blaney	F	200	42
6	21	Kurt Busch	C	200	34
7	6	Denny Hamlin	T	200	40
8	27	Martin Truex Jr	T	200	29
9	3	Aric Almirola	F	200	40
10	1	Austin Dillon	C	200	27
11	8	Chase Elliott	C	200	27
12	15	Kyle Larson	C	200	25
13	20	Daniel Suarez	F	200	28
14	12	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	F	200	23
15	22	William Byron	C	200	22
16	14	Chris Buescher	C	200	21
17	11	Jimmie Johnson	F	200	23
18	24	Matt DiBenedetto	T	200	19
19	18	Erik Jones	T	200	27
20	25	Paul Menard	F	200	17
21	23	Alex Bowman	C	200	16
22	7	Ryan Newman	F	199	15
23	26	Ryan Preece	C	199	14
24	29	Michael McDowell	F	198	13
25	19	David Ragan	F	198	12
26	32	Matt Tiffitt	F	197	11
27	16	Ty Dillon	C	197	10
28	31	Ross Chastain	C	195	0
29	33	Landon Cassill	C	195	8
30	28	Bubba Wallace	C	194	7
31	30	Corey LaJoie	F	193	6
32	34	Cody Ware	C	192	5
33	17	Daniel Hemric	C	192	5
34	35	Reed Sorenson	C	192	3
35	38	Joey Gase	T	188	0
36	37	Garrett Smithley	C	188	0
37	36	BJ McLeod	F	172	0
38	9	Clint Bowyer	F	130	-1

o-overheating; C-Chevrolet; F-Ford; T-Toyota

Winner's average speed: 143.113 mph.
Time: 2:47.42. Margin: 2.354 sec.

Caution Flags: 4 for 22 laps.
Lead Changes: 18 among 9 drivers.

Lap Leaders: A. Dillon 0-D. Hamlin 1-2-A. Almirola 3-9-D. Hamlin 10-12-K. Busch 13-30-W. Byron 31-33-K. Busch 34-56-D. Hamlin 57-59-K. Busch 60-69-J. Logano 70-71-K. Busch 72-122-B. Keselowski 123-160-K. Blaney 161-165-R. Stenhouse Jr 166-R. Blaney 167-168-K. Busch 169-B. Keselowski 170-173-J. Logano 174-K. Busch 175-200.

MONSTER ENERGY DRIVER POINTS

Kyle Busch 237 A. Almirola 174
J. Logano 222 M. Truex Jr. 169
K. Harvick 213 Ky. Larson 163
D. Hamlin 205 Kurt Busch 160
Keselowski 176 Ry. Blaney 155

TENNIS

ATP/WTA BNP PARIBAS OPEN

Sunday at The Indian Wells (Calif.)
Tennis Garden; outdoors-hard
MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES
#1 Dominic Thiem d. #4 Roger Federer,
3-6, 6-3, 7-5

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES
Bianca Andreescu d. #8 Angelique Kerber,
6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

GOLF

PGA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

4th of 4 rds; TPC Sawgrass (Players Stadium Course); Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.;
7,189 yards; par 72

272 (-16) \$2,250,000
Rory McIlroy (600) 67-65-70-70

273 (-15) \$1,530,000
Jim Furyk (330) 71-64-71-67

274 (-14) \$725,000
Eddie Pepperell 72-68-68-66
Jhonattan Vegas (180) 72-69-67-66

275 (-13) \$456,250
Tommy Fleetwood (110) 65-67-70-73
Dustin Johnson (110) 69-68-69-69
Brandt Snedeker (110) 69-72-65-69

276 (-12) \$350,000
Jason Day (85) 70-66-68-72
Brian Harman (85) 66-69-71-70
Hideki Matsuyama (85) 71-72-66-67
Justin Rose (85) 74-66-68-68

277 (-11) \$251,250
Abraham Ancer (66) 69-66-70-72
Joel Dahmen (66) 69-71-67-70
Jon Rahm (66) 69-68-64-76
Adam Scott (66) 70-69-68-70

278 (-10) \$193,750
Keegan Bradley (56) 65-73-68-72
Ollie Schniederjans (56) 71-70-65-72
Webb Simpson (56) 70-70-70-68
Nick Taylor (56) 73-69-69-67

279 (-9) \$156,250
Bryson DeChambeau (50) 70-69-69-71
Ryan Moore (50) 67-74-69-69

280 (-8) \$125,000
Tony Finau (43) 69-71-68-72
Sergio Garcia (43) 69-70-74-67
Kevin Kisner (43) 68-68-71-73
J.T. Poston (43) 68-69-73-70

281 (-7) \$94,375
Byeong Hun An (36) 66-71-73-71
Emiliano Grillo (36) 70-72-73-66
Billy Horschel (36) 69-70-73-69
Matt Kuchar (36) 69-70-72-70

282 (-6) \$77,625
Lucas Bjerregaard 70-70-70-72
Tom Hoge (28) 69-71-70-72
Matt Wallace 69-73-70-70
Gary Woodland (28) 72-69-73-68
Tiger Woods (28) 70-71-72-69

283 (-5) \$60,313
Brice Garnett (21) 71-69-73-70
Charles Howell III (21) 69-70-75-69
Russell Knox (21) 70-68-73-72
Seamus Power (21) 74-67-73-69
Rory Sabbatini (21) 68-69-74-72
Justin Thomas (21) 71-72-70-70

284 (-4) \$31,389
Ashley Roth (9) 74-67-68-76
Patrick Reed (9) 69-69-69-78

285 (-3) \$27,250
Brock Koepka (5) 72-71-73-70

KENYA OPEN

4th of 4 rds; Karen CC; Nairobi, Kenya;
6,922 yards; par 71

268 (16) \$10,000
Guido Migliozzi 67-68-64-69

269 (15) \$8,000
Justin Harding 70-65-68-66
Louis de Jager 64-66-70-69
Adri Arnaus 66-68-65-70

270 (-14) \$6,000
Gaganjeet Bhullar 65-70-66-69

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. Gonzaga (30-3). Next: vs. FDU/Prairie View Thursday.
2. Virginia (29-3). Next: vs. Gardner-Webb, Friday.
3. North Carolina (27-6). Next: vs. Iona Friday.
4. Kentucky (27-6). Next: vs. Abilene Christian Thursday.
5. Duke (29-5). Next: vs. NC Central/North Dakota St Friday.
6. Michigan State (28-6) beat No. 10 Michigan 65-60. Next: vs. Bradley Thu.
7. Texas Tech (26-6). Next: vs Northern Kentucky Friday.
8. Tennessee (29-5) lost to No. 22 Auburn 84-64. Next: vs. Colgate Friday.
9. LSU (26-6). Next: vs. Yale Thursday.
10. Michigan (28-6) lost to No. 6 Mich. St 65-60. Next: vs. Montana Thu.
11. Houston (31-3) lost to No. 24 Cincinnati 69-57. Next: vs. Ga State Fri.
12. Florida State (27-7). Next: vs. Vermont Thursday.
13. Purdue (23-9). Next: vs. Old Dominion Thursday.
14. Nevada (29-4). Next: vs. Florida Thursday.
15. Kansas State (25-8). Next: vs. UC Irvine Friday.
16. Virginia Tech (24-8). Next: vs. Saint Louis Friday.
17. Kansas (25-9). Next: vs. Northeastern Thursday.
18. Buffalo (31-3). Next: vs. Ariz St/St. John's Friday.
19. Wisconsin (23-10). Next: vs. Oregon Friday.
20. Wofford (29-4). Next: vs. Seton Hall Thursday.
21. Maryland (22-10). Next: vs. Belmont/Temple Thursday.
22. Auburn (26-9) beat No. 8 Tennessee 84-64. Next: vs. N. Mexico St Thursday.
23. Marquette (24-9). Next: vs. Murray State Thursday.
24. Cincinnati (28-6) beat No. 11 Houston. Next: vs. Iowa Friday.
25. Villanova (25-9). Next: vs. St. Mary's Thursday.

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. Baylor (31-1) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament.
2. UConn (31-2) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament.
3. Notre Dame (30-3) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament.
4. Mississippi State (30-2) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament.
6. Stanford (28-4) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament.
8. Iowa (26-6). Next: NCAA Tournament.
24. Rice (28-3) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament.
Next event: to be determined
5. Louisville (29-3). 7. Oregon (29-4).
9. Maryland (28-4). 10. N.C. State (26-5).
11. Oregon St. (24-7). 12. Gonzaga (28-4).
13. Iowa St. (25-8). 13. Marquette (26-7).
15. Syracuse (24-8). 16. S. Carolina (21-9).
17. Tex. A&M (24-7). 18. Kentucky (24-7).
19. Miami (24-8). 20. UCLA (20-12).
25. Florida State (23-8).
22. Texas (23-9). 23. Arizona St. (20-10).
21. Drake (27-6) lost to Missouri State 94-79.

SUNDAY'S TOURNAMENTS

MEN'S RESULTS

America East
Cincinnati 69, Houston 57
Atlantic 10
Saint Louis 55, St. Bonaventure 53
Big South
Gardner-Webb 76, Radford 65
Big Ten
Michigan State 65, Michigan 60
Ivy League
Yale 97, Harvard 85
Southeastern
Auburn 84, Tennessee 64
Sun Belt
Georgia State 73, Texas-Arlington 64

NCAA TOURNEY AUTOMATIC BIDS

Abilene Christian, Southland
Auburn, Southeastern
Bradley, Missouri Valley
Buffalo, Mid-American
Cincinnati, American Athletic
Colgate, Patriot League
Duke, Atlantic Coast
Fairleigh Dickinson, Northeast
Gardner-Webb, Big South
Georgia State, Sun Belt
Iona, Metro Atlantic Athletic
Iowa State, Big 12
Liberty, Atlantic Sun
Michigan State, Big Ten
Montana, Big Sky
Murray State, Ohio Valley
N.C. Central, Mid-Eastern Athletic
New Mexico State, Western Athletic
North Dakota State, Summit
Northeastern, Colonial Athletic
Northern Kentucky, Horizon League
Old Dominion, Conference USA
Oregon, Pacific-12
Prairie View A&M, Southwestern Ath
Saint Louis, Atlantic 10
Saint Mary's, West Coast
UC Irvine, Big West
Utah State, Mountain West
Vermont, America East
Villanova, Big East
Wofford, Southern
Yale, Ivy League

WOMEN'S RESULTS

Atlantic Sun
Florida Gulf Coast 72, Liberty 49
Big South
Radford 57, Campbell 45
Ivy League
Princeton 65, Pennsylvania 54
Missouri Valley
Missouri State 94, Drake 79
Northeast
Robert Morris 65, St. Francis (Pa.) 54
Patriot League
Bucknell 66, American 54
Southland
Abilene Christian 69, Texas A&M-CC 68
NCAA TOURNEY AUTOMATIC BIDS
Abilene Christian, Southland
Baylor, Big 12
Belmont, Ohio Valley
Bethune-Cookman, Mid-Eastern Ath
Boise State, Mountain West
BYU, West Coast
Bucknell, Patriot League
Buffalo, Mid-American
DePaul, Big East
Florida Gulf Coast, Atlantic Sun
Fordham, Atlantic 10
Iowa, Big Ten
Little Rock, Sun Belt
Maine, America East
Mercer, Southern
Mississippi State, Southeastern
Missouri State, Missouri Valley
New Mexico State, Western Athletic
Notre Dame, Atlantic Coast
Portland State, Big Sky
Princeton, Ivy League
Quinnipiac, Metro Atlantic Athletic
Radford, Big South
Rice, Conference USA
Robert Morris, Northeast
South Dakota State, Summit
Southern Univ., Southwestern Athletic
Stanford, Pac-12
Towson, Colonial Athletic
UC Davis, Big West
UConn, American Athletic
Wright State, Horizon

MEN'S USA TODAY TOP 25

RK, TEAM W-L PTS LW

1. Duke (25) 29-5 744 5
2. Virginia (1) 29-3 701 2
3. Gonzaga (3) 30-3 667 1
4. North Carolina 27-6 666 3
5. Tennessee (1) 29-5 636 8
6. Michigan State 28-6 598 7
7. Kentucky 27-6 565 4
8. Michigan 25-9 538 11
9. Houston 31-3 494 10
10. Texas Tech 26-6 454 6
11. LSU 27-7 453 13
12. Florida 26-6 452 12
13. Purdue 23-9 356 12
14. Kansas State 28-8 297 14
15. Virginia Tech 24-8 285 15
16. Buffalo 31-3 278 16
17. Kansas 25-9 273 18
18. Auburn 26-9 213 24
19. Nevada 29-4 191 20
20. Wofford 29-4 182 17
21. Wisconsin 23-10 170 19
22. Villanova 25-9 151 25
23. Iowa State 20-12 141 NR
24. Cincinnati 28-6 134 23
25. Marquette 24-9 148 22
26. Utah State 28-6 148 NR

Others: Maryland 31, Miss St 24, Seton Hall 7, Arizona State 6, Murray State 6, Va Commonwealth 5, Washington 4, Central Florida 3, Louisville 3, Florida 2, Liberty 2, Oregon 2, UC-Irvine 2.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOM	AWAY	CONF
x-Toronto	49	21	.700	—	5-5	L1	28-7	21-14	29-14
Philadelphia	43	27	.613	4	7-3	W-4	28-9	17-16	26-16
Boston	43	27	.614	6	6-4	W-2	26-10	17-17	29-13
Brooklyn	36	36	.500	14	4-6	L-3	21-16	15-20	25-20
New York	14	56	.200	35	2-8	W-1	7-26	7-30	8-36

SOUTHEAST

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOM	AWAY	CONF
Miami	33	36	.478	—	7-3	W-1	17-20	16-16	20-23
Orlando	33	38	.465	1	5-5	W-2	20-16	13-22	23-20
Charlotte	31	38	.449	2	3-7	L-1	21-14	10-24	24-21
Washington	30	40	.429	3½	6-4	W-1	22-13	8-27	19-28
Atlanta	24	47	.338	10	4-6	L-2	13-21	11-26	13-33

CENTRAL

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOM	AWAY	CONF
x-Milwaukee	52	18	.743	—	6-4	L-1	27-6	25-12	35-9
Indiana	44	26	.629	8	4-6	W-1	27-7	17-17	30-15
Detroit	36	33	.522	15½	7-3	W-2	23-13	13-20	25-21
Chicago	19	52	.268	33½	3-7	L-5	8-27	11-25	14-30
Cleveland	17	53	.243	35	3-7	L-3	11-24	6-29	13-34

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOM	AWAY	CONF
Houston	44	26	.629	—	9-1	W-2	26-10	18-16	25-18
New Orleans	41	29	.586	3	8-2	W-8	28-7	13-22	28-19
San Antonio	30	42	.417	15	3-7	L-6	18-17	12-25	20-25
Dallas	28	41	.406	15½	2-8	W-1	22-13	6-28	14-27
Memphis	28	42	.400	16	5-5	L-2	18-17	10-25	19-23

NORTHWEST

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOM	AWAY	CONF
Denver	46	22	.676	—	6-4	W-3	30-6	16-16	30-14
Portland	42	27	.609	4½	6-4	L-1	25-9	17-18	23-22
Oklahoma City	42	28	.600	5	4-6	L-2	23-10	19-18	25-21
Utah	40	29	.580	6½	7-3	W-3	23-12	17-17	25-20
Minnesota	32	38	.457	15	3-7	L-3	23-10	9-28	19-25

PACIFIC

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOM	AWAY	CONF
x-Golden State	47	21	.691	—	5-5	W-2	24-10	21-11	29-13
L.A. Clippers	41	30	.577	7½	8-2	W-2	22-13	19-17	25-21
Sacramento	34	35	.493	13½	3-7</				

BULLS



RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

Zach LaVine and the Bulls were no match for Buddy Hield and the Kings on Sunday night.

KINGS 129, BULLS 102

No 'what if' time

Kings move past last summer's pursuit of LaVine with blowout

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — You can't come to a Bulls-Kings game at Golden 1 Center without letting the mind wander to what might have been.

In July, the Kings signed restricted free agent Zach LaVine to a four-year, \$78 million offer sheet. Within minutes, the Bulls made clear to LaVine's camp that they would match the offer, thus retaining one of their main acquisitions from the June 2017 Jimmy Butler trade.

LaVine has posted career-best averages in scoring, rebounding and assists and is shooting a career-best percentage. The Kings moved on, too, challenging for a Western Conference playoff spot for much of this season before a late fade.

On Sunday, Kings coach Dave Joergel talked repeatedly about the identity and fast-paced style his franchise is establishing. But he insisted he hasn't played the "what if" game regarding to LaVine, and the Kings did just fine without him in a 129-102 blowout.

Not that Joergel wouldn't have loved to coach him.

"I'm a huge Zach LaVine fan," Joergel said. "He can score so many ways. He's a worker. He's a gym rat. He loves to play. He's a focal point for that organization going forward and I think his shoulders are broad enough to carry that. He knows he has some

areas that he needs to improve his game and I think that self-awareness is a positive. He's a really good dude. I think his future is very bright."

The Bulls' immediate past wasn't as they got outthrustled and outworked in an embarrassing performance in which they trailed by as many as 37. The Kings flew cross country overnight Friday into Saturday after finishing a back-to-back set of games in Boston and Philadelphia. Yet they played as the fresher team.

The Kings posted advantages of 30-11 in fast-break points, 23-15 in second-chance points and 80-56 in points in the paint. Repeat: The Kings scored 80 points in the paint. They also grabbed 15 offensive rebounds.

After one Otto Porter Jr. turnover in the third quarter, all five Kings sprinted out in transition with only Ryan Arcidiacono back on defense. The other four Bulls jogged back. Another time, Corey Brewer did a pull-up on the rim after a dunk as the Kings started playing for style points.

"I thought their speed and athleticism and physicality and toughness overpowered us," coach Jim Boylen said. "As the game went on, they wore us down. We lost the boards and turnover game, which you can't do on the road."

Indeed, the Kings scored a staggering 25 points off 20 Bulls turnovers.

And all this came after the Kings clowned the Bulls following a 19-point victory at the United Center on Dec. 10, joking about the length of Boylen's practices as they walked in the hallway to their locker room after the game.

"Our starters need to play better. They know it," Boylen said. "You

can't have every starter a minus-15 or worse. They were flat. It looked like it got too hard for us and we need to be more resilient on the road, which we weren't. We were a step slow all night."

With the game out of hand and a Monday game in Phoenix on tap, starters played limited minutes. Lauri Markkanen scored 11 points on eight shots, extending his streak without a 20-point game to eight. Kris Dunn finished with eight points, five assists and got turned around by De'Aaron Fox once.

And the starters, indeed, knew they need to play better.

"We didn't bring the appropriate edge," LaVine said. "It started halfway through the first quarter. We lost hold of it and it was just downhill from there."

Added Markkanen: "They were tougher than us. We know they're a long and athletic team that likes to run. And then we turned the ball over and let them run on us."

LaVine, who might've been a King, finished with 18 points.

"Our goal for him, and his goal and what he tells me he wants, is to be a two-way player," Boylen said. "He's making big strides to do that. Once a guy tells you what he wants, now it's my job to help him get there. We're doing it together. We're spending a lot of time together. And I really enjoy coaching him."

Like Joergel, LaVine is looking ahead.

"They have a great young team, but free agency doesn't have anything to do with the regular season," he said.

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BULLS NOTES

Boylen appreciates LaVine's offer

BY K.C. JOHNSON
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Saturday morning, Zach LaVine called Bulls executive vice president John Paxson and offered to pay coach Jim Boylen's \$7,000 worth of fines for drawing two technical fouls and an ejection in Friday's run-in with Clippers coach Doc Rivers.

Even if league rules didn't prohibit it, Boylen would've declined the gesture. But to say Boylen appreciated it would be as big of an understatement as saying their working relationship has grown a little.

"It's an unbelievable gesture by Zach," Boylen said Sunday. "It just shows what kind of kid he is and what kind of leader he's becoming. It was a really cool thing with the way our relationship has grown. The care factor he has and the trust we have in each other made it real emotional for me. That being said, I've been preaching since day one that we have to take accountability for our actions, we have to own our mistakes and we have to move on. So I appreciate it, but I'll pay my own fine. Those are my

actions and I need to be accountable."

The working relationship between LaVine and Boylen got off to a bumpy start. LaVine aired frustrations and took a forceful role in the Dec. 8 team meeting that followed select players suggesting to boycott a practice Boylen called after a franchise-record, 56-point loss to the Celtics and a back-to-back set of games. LaVine then publicly expressed frustration over Boylen's initially deliberate offensive approach.

But the relationship started improving in early February. In an interview with the Tribune, LaVine acknowledged Boylen's passion and care during lengthy shared film sessions. He said he understood Boylen is pushing him to get better.

On Sunday, LaVine explained his gesture.

"He's been fighting for us," LaVine said. "I didn't feel like he deserved it. So I wanted to stick up for him. He sticks up for us a lot. I feel like he hasn't got enough credit for that. We're not winning and he's still coaching us hard. We're going somewhere. And I appreciate that."

Boylen assessed the growth of

their relationship.

"He's been very coachable and teachable," Boylen said. "He never fights me on a mistake that I coach him on. Now he gets frustrated because he wants to be great and he wants to be great right now. I love that about him."

Back in action: Ryan Arcidiacono played after a Montrezl Harrell screen flattened him and forced him to miss the second half of Friday's Clippers game.

"I was fine after the game," Arcidiacono said. "At halftime, I felt a little nauseous. When Kris Dunn got five fouls, I was like, 'Yo, I'm good to go back out.' They're like, 'No. Just chill the rest of the game.' I felt great (Saturday)."

Calling the shots: Denzel Valentine dabbled in some broadcasting work for the Big Ten Network on Thursday, providing analysis for the Michigan State game.

"I had never done it before, but it went well," Valentine said. "It's definitely something I'm interested in after my career."

GOLF & AUTO RACING

THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

McIlroy clutch down the stretch

Solid to the end to outduel Furyk, survive at Sawgrass

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Rory McIlroy made two late birdies amid the wild theatrics of Sunday at The Players Championship and closed with a 2-under 70 to win the next best thing to a major.

It required a major performance down the scary stretch at TPC Sawgrass.

McIlroy could not afford to make a mistake over the final hour because of Jim Furyk, the 48-year-old former Ryder Cup captain who nearly pulled off a stunner. Furyk, one of the last players to get in the strongest field in golf, capped off a 67 with a shot so good into the 18th that he started walking when he hit it. It plopped down 3 feet from the hole for a birdie to take the lead.

But not for long.

McIlroy, one of eight players to have at least a share of the lead in the final round, was coming off a bogey on the 14th to fall behind and was in trouble with a tee shot that found a bunker right of the fairway. He responded with his best shot of the day to 15 feet for birdie.

Then, McIlroy hit the longest drive of the round on the par-5 16th, leaving him a 9-iron from a good lie in the rough to set up a birdie and the lead.

Most important, he found dry land on the par-3 17th, the island green that never looks smaller than on Sunday at The Players.

He was solid to the end on a chilly, cloudy day and

finished at 16-under 272 to win The Players on his 10th try.

It might even set up the 29-year-old from Northern Ireland for the Masters next month, the only major he lacks for the career Grand Slam.

"This is probably the deepest field of the year, with so much on the line," McIlroy said. "I'm thankful it was my turn this week."

Furyk didn't know he was in The Players until one week ago, and he was on the verge of winning until McIlroy came through in the end. Furyk started the back nine with two birdies to get in the mix and finished strong. His only regret was a 3-foot par putt on the 15th.

Even so, it showed he has plenty of game left.

"A shot here, a shot there, maybe could have been a little different," Furyk said. "But ultimately, left it all out there. It was also nice to get in contention, to get under the heat, to have to hit shots under a lot of pressure, and then to respond well to that and hit some good golf shots."

He wasn't the only one.

Eddie Pepperell of England, in his debut on the Players Stadium Course, ran off four birdies in a five-hole stretch to briefly share the lead, none bigger than a putt from just inside 50 feet on the 17th.

But it wasn't the best. One group later, Jhonattan Vegas holed a putt from the bottom left to the top right pin position, just under 70 feet, the longest putt made on the island green since the PGA Tour had lasers to measure them. That gave him a share of the lead, too.

Both shot 66 and tied for third.



MICHAEL REAVES/GETTY

Rory McIlroy walks up to the 18th green on his way to his first victory at TPC Sawgrass on his 10th attempt.

NASCAR

Busch equals Petty with 200th victory

BY GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

FONTANA, Calif. — Kyle Busch tied Richard Petty's NASCAR record with his 200th career victory across the three national series Sunday by using an impressive late surge through the field to win the Cup Series race at Auto Club Speedway.

Busch dominated the first two stages, but a pit-road speeding penalty dropped him to 18th with 73 laps to go. He carved through the field in his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota, then got help from a timely caution. Busch catapulted into the lead for good with 26 laps left by drafting off Team Penske teammates Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano.

The win was the third Cup victory at Fontana for Busch, and he's now in position to become NASCAR's overall career victories leader with his next win. Busch has earned 53 of his 200 wins in the Cup Series, along with 53 in the Truck Series and 94 in Xfinity.

Busch reached the brink of the record by sweeping last weekend's two races at Phoenix, but he missed his first chance to tie Petty in the Fontana Xfinity Series race Saturday when a disastrous late pit stop prevented

him from catching winner Cole Custer.

Busch was exhilarated immediately after his win.

"All I do is win, win, win, no matter what," he said over the radio.

His team handed him a white flag with a logo emblazoned with "200 WINS," and he stood atop his car and waved it toward his large Southern California fan base before taking his customary bow.

"Feels just like No. 1," he said. "Feels just like yesterday. That was such an awesome race car. Dang. I'm glad we put on a heck of a show for these fans. To win 200, whatever it means, it means a lot to me."

Logano was second and Keselowski third, unable to catch the winning driver of his era as Busch became the first repeat winner this NASCAR season.

Busch equaled Petty's victories mark in the 998th race of his 17-year career. Petty competed in 1,184 NASCAR races over 35 years.

Detractors observe that Petty's 200 wins all came in NASCAR's top series. Busch's defenders note his impressive win percentages and the fundamentally different nature of NASCAR competition these days, when a larger field of elite drivers competes in every race.

CUBS



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Jon Lester says "I've got to get those innings up" to take pressure off a bullpen that is missing some key contributors from last season.

Starters' long haul

Rotation members plan to work more innings, take load off bullpen

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Relief may be on the way for the Cubs' fragile bullpen.

That aid could come from within the organization in the form of an invigorated starting rotation that often failed to pitch at least six innings in the first half last year.

Jon Lester and Kyle Hendricks are out to throw 200 innings. Yu Darvish is healthy. Jose Quintana's changeup looks good, and Cole Hamels is in for a full season. It all adds up to a belief among the starters that they can ease the burden on a bullpen without closer Brandon Morrow for the first month and trying to compensate for the free-agent losses of Jesse Chavez and Justin Wilson.

"We want to carry the innings load," said Hendricks who failed to pitch at least six innings 10 times during a 13-start stretch last year but still finished with 199 innings. "It just helps so much at the end of the year. You see how fresh they can be at the end, and that's when we need them the most."

"So we look to get off to a good start, as opposed to last year when we were a little sluggish."

Cubs starters accounted for only 60.5 percent of the innings thrown by the pitching staff. The Cubs scored three runs or fewer 17 times in their first 29 games, prompting manager Joe Maddon to lift pitchers early for pinch hitters. Still, the starting pitchers took responsibility for not going deeper into games.

"I had games where I felt I couldn't put

CUBS RECAP

Jose Quintana gave up two runs in four innings Sunday, including a home run to former Cub Daniel Murphy, as the Cubs lost 7-2 to the Rockies in Mesa, Ariz. Albert Almora Jr. went 2-for-2 to raise his spring batting average to .382. Johnny Field homered for one of the Cubs' runs.

guys away, which gets me to that seventh inning," Lester said. "There were a lot of games when I had 90-plus pitches into the sixth, and then your spot comes up and you have to bow to the manager on that."

"Now I've got to get those innings up." Lester plans to rely more on scouting reports to pitch more economically.

Hendricks believes the Cubs' early elimination from the postseason after three consecutive National League Championship Series appearances could make the returning starters stronger in April.

"It could definitely help," Hendricks said. "We've learned a lot about ourselves over the last few years on how to manage the load. Being on a regular five-day routine, it's easier for us to carry the load instead of running relievers out here three to four days in a row early. It can hurt the team."

Lester, however, wasn't as optimistic about being stronger earlier in the season because it takes time to build up endurance.

"Usually you have one to three starts where you're kind of limited on what you're doing," Lester said. "It's definitely important for us to be as efficient as we can and get deep into games where we're not beating up (relievers) in a season and relying on them."

Hendricks, 29, plans to use his curveball

more frequently this season. Maddon believes Hendricks has evolved to the point where he could throw between 210 and 220 innings.

"He's at that point now," Maddon said. "He's gotten stronger and more physically mature. The fact we stretched him out and gave him an opportunity, he knows he can do it now."

Darvish, 32, has pitched 200 innings only once in his seven-year career. After he was limited to 40 innings last season, a realistic goal might be his 2017 mark of 186 2/3 innings with the Rangers and Dodgers. Darvish pitched six innings only twice in his eight starts last year, and he was haunted by his 25.20 ERA and opponents' .533 batting average in the fifth inning.

Darvish went to his slider more frequently in his last start Thursday after struggling with his fastball command. He is aware of the need to pitch efficiently despite being the hardest thrower in the rotation.

"I want to do it, and I think I can do that," he said.

After failing to pitch at least six innings 17 times and failing to pitch 200 innings for the second consecutive season, Quintana hopes using his changeup more will allow him to throw fewer pitches.

"If my stuff is good, I have a chance to see the lineup three times and save my bullpen," Quintana said.

Catcher Willson Contreras said the extra month of rest has allowed the starters to be sharper early.

"It's allowed us to reset and think about the things we did last year, and make adjustments and give us a clearer mind going into this season," Contreras said.

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WHITE SOX

Jimenez: 'I tried to do too much'

Club's top prospect to start season at Triple-A Charlotte

BY JACK THOMPSON
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Eloy Jimenez admits he was pressing in his bid to make the White Sox opening-day roster.

"I accept it and I'm going to work hard," Jimenez said Saturday of his demotion to minor-league camp earlier in the week. "I tried to compete. They gave me the chance to be the best player I can be."

"I tried to do too much. I think that's why I don't have the good results," he said.

Jimenez, the centerpiece of a 2017 trade that sent pitcher Jose Quintana across town to the Cubs, has been the subject of speculation as to his arrival in the big leagues.

The 22-year-old outfielder, ranked as the No. 3 prospect overall by Baseball America and MLB.com, wasn't called up a year ago despite a monster season split between Double-A Birmingham and Triple-A Charlotte — where he'll start the 2019 season. He hit a combined .337 with 22 homers and 28 doubles in 456 at-bats.

He will likely get the major-league call in late April, at which time the White Sox will gain an extra season of contract control over him because of service time.

This spring, Jimenez hit .154 with two doubles and a home run in Cactus League play. He struck out nine times and did not draw a walk, going 4-for-26 overall.

Manager Rick Renteria said making the move Wednesday, with two weeks left in spring training, should allow Jimenez to get his timing down. That was something Jimenez said was an issue for the first time in his young career.

"We want him to get as many at-bats as possible, continue to work out in the outfield," Renteria said. "Here we were doing approximately every other day or every third day, and he needs to get his timing back on track."

WHITE SOX RECAP

Carlos Rodon allowed four runs in 5 1/3 innings Sunday as the White Sox lost 7-3 to the Diamondbacks in Scottsdale, Ariz. Rodon threw 90 pitches, 58 for strikes. He allowed five hits, including two home runs, struck out three and walked two. Charlie Tilson had a two-run double in the second inning.

SPRING TRAINING NOTES

Ichiro a sensation, but starting slow

Associated Press

Ichiro Suzuki's struggles at the plate followed him to Japan.

Ichiro went hitless in three at-bats Sunday when his Mariners beat the Yomiuri Giants 6-4 in an exhibition game ahead of their MLB season-opening series against the A's.

Ichiro arrived in Japan hitting just .080 in spring training and couldn't break out with a hit before a near-sellout crowd of 46,315 at Tokyo Dome.

Even before the game started, Ichiro gave the crowd a thrill, signing autographs down the third-base line before a throng of fans eager to get a glimpse of the 45-year-old star who is playing here for the first time since 2012.

He made a running catch against the wall in deep right field in the first inning, flashing signs of his old defensive prowess.

Cameras flashes lit up the stands when he strode to the plate for his first at-bat in the second, but he hit a fly ball to left-center field.

He grounded into a force out in the fourth and grounded out again in the sixth before being replaced in right field by Braden Bishop.

Mariners manager Scott Servais played down the notion that Ichiro is under pressure here to get hits.

"He's certainly earned the right to partake in this series," Servais said. "He's off to a slow start this spring, but I thought his timing was better today, he just missed a ball he pulled down the line that was foul so I thought his swings were fine. He made a nice catch in the outfield to start off the game so he'll be in the lineup tomorrow."

Hinch suspended: Astros manager AJ Hinch was suspended one game for his argument and later comments about umpire Angel Hernandez over the weekend.

Major League Baseball penalized Hinch on Sunday and also fined him an undisclosed amount. Hinch said he accepted the decision and missed Sunday's exhibition against the Braves.

Hinch was ejected by Hernandez one pitch into the bottom of the first inning Friday night in a split-squad game between the Astros and Cardinals. Hinch came onto the field and an extended argument ensued. After the game, he called Hernandez "unprofessional" and "arrogant."

Hicks out for opening day: Yankees CF Aaron Hicks had a second cortisone shot for his ailing back and will not be ready for opening day. Hicks was hurt while taking batting practice on March 1. Brett Gardner will shift from left to center. The injury also means regular DH Giancarlo Stanton will get additional time in left.

CUBS TAKEAWAYS

Maddon: Russell making good progress

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

Here are four takeaways from Cubs spring training Sunday:

Addison Russell is passing on- and off-the-field tests so far. Russell's playing time in spring training will decrease soon, and he will be left to play in extended spring training in April while completing his obligations under terms of his 40-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic-violence policy.

Manager Joe Maddon said he has been encouraged by Russell's demeanor since rejoining his Cubs teammates in spring training and rehabbing his baseball career and life.

"I think he's done great," Maddon said Sunday. "I know he's adhering to policies and procedures off the field I'm not aware of. So he's done all that stuff well."

"I've had a lot of conversation with him, and the big thing I'm trying to get through to him, we talk family a lot. He's been talking about his family a lot, and beyond that just the game itself."

Maddon liked the way Russell addressed the media last month for the first time since his suspension, though some observers believed Russell spoke in a programmed manner.

"He's smiling more easily now," Maddon

said. "He's more at ease, although he knows he has to go through this suspended period, and he's working through things. So the conversations have been good, and he's saying all the right things. And he's coming to terms with things he done in the past and trying to move forward."

Assuming Russell continues to fulfill obligations of his rehab program, he will be eligible to play a seven-game minor-league assignment leading up to May 1 — when the Cubs must decide whether to reinstate him.

Less is more for Javier Baez. Maddon is careful not to overload Baez with tips on how to improve after his 2018 National League most valuable player runner-up season.

"That would be asking a little bit too much," Maddon said.

Baez batted .290 with 34 home runs and 111 RBIs and finished second to NL MVP Christian Yelich of the Brewers.

Maddon said Baez is determined to become a more disciplined hitter and more sound with his throws as he fills in for Russell at shortstop.

Opportunity knocking for Cubs in situational hitting. The Cubs have responded well recently to a spring-long emphasis on improving their situational hitting.

The Cubs were 6-for-13 with runners in scoring position — with Albert Almora Jr. producing two two-out RBI singles — in an 11-9 win Friday over the White Sox. They produced three consecutive two-out RBI singles in the sixth inning of a 7-1 win Saturday over the Diamondbacks, and pitchers Cole Hamels and Jose Quintana each executed a squeeze bunt.

"It's different when the season begins," Maddon said. "I get that. If the intent remains the same, you've done good practice leading to that moment. There's no reason to believe you can't continue. These guys have done it before."

Left-handed challenge for Jose Quintana. The NL Central has its share of left-handed-hitting stars such as Christian Yelich of the Brewers, Joey Votto of the Reds and Matt Carpenter of the Cardinals.

The Rockies on Sunday gave Cubs left-hander Jose Quintana some practice by starting four left-handed hitters.

Former Cubs second baseman Daniel Murphy gave Quintana the most trouble with a walk and home run, and David Dahl hit a single in his second at-bat and scored the second run in the fourth.

"Usually during the season you don't face too many," Quintana said.

He admitted to some difficulty pitching inside with his fastball.

"Next time I'll try to be better," he said.

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TORU TAKAHASHI/AP

Mariners Ichiro Suzuki, left, and Yusei Kikuchi leave after a news conference Saturday in Tokyo. "I am very excited (for this series). ... I hope I play well," Kikuchi said.

In Japan, Ichiro, Kikuchi face massive media frenzy

BY RYAN DIVISH
The Seattle Times

TOKYO — The two players and their manager walked through the underground tunnel that took them from the basement of the Tokyo Dome to the banquet room of the Tokyo Dome Hotel. The threesome chatted a little as a series of MLB and Mariners staff members served as chaperones for the short trip.

The two Japanese stars knew what was going to happen once they walked through the doors and what/who was awaiting them.

The manager? Yeah, not so much.

This wasn't your ordinary news conference. Mariners manager Scott Servais found that out quickly as he followed Ichiro and Yusei Kikuchi into a room where mass of photographers, television cameras and reporters — more than 100 — waited for them.

The staccato sounds of cameras snapping photos became overwhelming, flashes made Servais' eyes squint. The Mariners and Athletics may be playing two exhibition games against teams from Nippon Professional Baseball and then squaring off for two regular season games to open the 2019 season, but for the people of Japan, Major League Baseball's latest foray into Tokyo is all about Ichiro and Kikuchi — the decorated, declining star and the talented newcomer.

"I heard that from a media standpoint it was going to be a kind of like a World Series," Servais said. "I can't imagine a World Series news conference having more people in the room. You sort of expect it, but until you get into it and realize the impact (Ichiro) has had on Japanese baseball and how excited people are to see him and Kikuchi as well,

it's just going to be fun. It will get loud here as the week goes on. It should be exciting baseball."

The news conference offered an interesting juxtaposition of the two Japanese stars. The difference in their age and their MLB experience as well as their immediate future was the impetus for the varied responses.

Ichiro made a few random jokes and sarcastic comments about dealing with jet lag, his teammates and himself and then became introspective in other answers.

"I didn't do well during spring training," Ichiro said without mentioning his .080 average in Cactus League play. "Based on that, I shouldn't be here. But fortunately, I am Japanese. So I am at advantage in that sense, right?"

Conversely, Kikuchi was honest and direct, if not verbose, about everything in his answers.

"I am very excited," Kikuchi said. "When I signed with the Mariners, I was told that our opening series will be in Japan. I was very excited and prepared myself for this series. I hope I can play well."

That innocence is something Ichiro pointed out.

"You are very earnest, Kikuchi," Ichiro said unprompted after a Kikuchi answer.

Kikuchi jokingly responded: "Please give me advice to respond to this kind of question."

Kikuchi mentioned taking advice and suggestions from Ichiro, among others, about playing in MLB. A few seconds after, Ichiro pointed out: "I advised him only because he asked me for my advice, so I never volunteered it for him, OK?"

Later Ichiro reminded the media to actually ask questions to "his manager" too.

Ichiro is the most accom-

plished baseball player in Japanese history — and a certain first-ballot Hall of Famer. And yet, there is no real certainty as to when you can start planning for his election and induction because he won't officially retire. Like his news conference at spring training, he has no interest in discussing when he might retire.

"I am not used to questions like this," he answered to the second query of his future.

And yet he did say of the opportunity to play in Japan with the Mariners:

"This is great for me. So I will treasure every moment here on the field. And one week after this event, I will be reflecting back on these days so I will make sure I remember every moment here in Japan."

Was that hint to something more?

In the Mariners' last trip to Japan, in 2012, when Ichiro was a still an everyday player and a star based on more than just past accomplishments, he did not participate in news conferences open to all media.

Given his reluctance to discuss a future that will be imposed on him against his will, it was surprising that he did relent and participate in the news conference. Perhaps in his mind he knows and accepts what he is unwilling to say in public: that an end is near.

Multiple Mariners sources have said that he will be removed from the Mariners' active and 40-man roster some time after the Japan trip and before the home opener at T-Mobile Park. But Ichiro wasn't about to discuss such an ending.

Servais tried to respond a question about Ichiro's future on the 25-man roster without giving a real, definitive answer.

"From our standpoint, certainly it's a privilege to have Ichiro back with us," Servais said. "Being around him the entire year, last year, it was really impactful what he brought to our team. Now, looking ahead to 2019 and where we are at, we are really taking it a day at a time."

"Looking at our two games here against Oakland, Ichiro will be on our 25-man roster, he'll be available in those games and we'll see how it goes. It really is a day at a time situation. He's had an unbelievable career. He's had an unbelievable career. I'm so fortunate at this point in my career to manage him and learn from him and his insights into baseball. We are looking forward to the first two games against Oakland and we'll take it from there."

The A's found out just who is the focus of this trip in their own news conference on Saturday morning, which kicked off MLB's six-day baseball showcase in Japan. Instead of being asked about replicating their magical 97-win season from a year ago, they were mostly asked questions about Ichiro's place in baseball and their expectations for facing Kikuchi — the latest Japanese star to come to MLB in search of success at baseball's highest level — in the second game of the series.

The two teams held workouts and media availability at the Tokyo Dome in preparation for two exhibition games. The Mariners will play the Yomiuri Giants twice, while the A's will play the Nippon Ham Fighters twice. From a baseball standpoint, it was a useful day to shake off the fatigue of a 12-hour flight and also to test out the dome's new artificial turf, which second baseman Dee Gordon called the "slowest turf I've ever seen."

From a media and interest standpoint, the Mariners gar-

nered the attention because of Ichiro and Kikuchi. Their teammates have seen the media throng that has followed Ichiro and Kikuchi all spring, but it was nothing like the greeting at Haneda Airport where fans and media lined the concourse.

"We got off that plane and there were cameras everywhere," said reliever Hunter Strickland. "It's surprising, but at the same time they are legends over here, which they fully deserve."

It continued at the Tokyo Dome. Two youth teams from Tokyo had the chance to be on the field for batting practice. In their full uniforms, they waited for Ichiro and Kikuchi to appear on the field after the news conference. When Ichiro finally walked out of the dugout and onto the field, pandemonium ensued. The kids and photographers converged on him — the kids wanted autographs, while photographers tried to chronicle it all.

Meanwhile Kikuchi appeared from the dugout as the chaos reigned in front of him. Not that he was trying for one, but he had a clear, camera-free path to the field. Only one of the youth players noticed him and sprinted over to shake his hand, which Kikuchi happily obliged. The kid then ran to his teammates and boasted of his solo experience.

Wherever Ichiro or Kikuchi went, the media followed, chronicling their every move.

"They are gods over here," said Wade LeBlanc, who spent the 2015 season in Japan with the Seibu Lions. "I can't imagine what's that like to walk around the city and try to go out to dinner. They are bigger than rock stars are in America and it's crazy to think about and it's hard to wrap your mind around it."

And it will only continue for the rest of their time in Japan.

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Stanford celebrates after defeating Oregon in the final of the Pac-12 women's tournament March 10. Coach Tara VanDerveer said she supports Las Vegas hosting an NCAA event.

Women's tournaments going all in on Las Vegas

BY DOUG FEINBERG
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Women's basketball fans were treated to quite a show last week in Las Vegas, with four conference tournaments played there. Could an NCAA regional be in the cards down the road — or even a super regional?

Consider the coaches, administrators and players big proponents of the idea.

"I think Las Vegas is one of the few places that it could make sense," Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott said of hosting a super regional with eight or 16 teams. "Multiple arenas, a lot of hotel capacity."

"One of the things our fans love about Las Vegas is the frequency of flights, it's relatively inexpensive, well located, easy to get to, experiences for all kinds of different price points. There's no doubt it would be a fan favorite. And the city has the capacity to handle an event of that scale, magnitude and complexity. It would be very interesting to consider that."

This wasn't even a conversation until last year, when the NCAA announced a temporary lifting of its long-standing rule banning championship events from states where single-game betting is allowed. The move came soon after a Supreme Court ruling in May that overturned a federal law barring most states from allowing gambling on college and pro sports.

"Championships can now be played where there's single-game betting," said NCAA spokeswoman Stacey Osburn. "Prior to that ruling it wouldn't have been possible, but now it's up to the various bids that go out."

ESPN commentator Deb Antonelli has been on a mission to bring the Sweet 16 to Las Vegas as a super regional for the last nine years. She believes it would be the perfect destination, similar to what college softball has in Oklahoma and baseball in Nebraska.

Nothing can be done in the immediate future to have Las Vegas host a regional as the NCAA women's tournament is locked in with sites through 2022. While getting a regular regional would just require the city bidding on one, the idea of having all 16 teams play in Las Vegas to create a super



ISAAC BREKKEN/AP

Boise State players celebrate after defeating Wyoming in the Mountain West Conference women's tournament championship last week March 13 in Las Vegas. The conference has been coming to Vegas for years.

regional is a little more complicated. It would need membership approval since it would be a tournament format change.

The women's basketball committee has had discussions this year about the regional format, including the number of sites and locations. The committee hopes to have the review done by the end of the summer in preparation for the next championship bid process, which begins in August.

"It would be a very different approach to the regional, but I've certainly been in favor of the NCAA considering the postseason here," Scott said. "(NCAA President) Mark Emmert has been to Las Vegas. He has been a guest to our men's events, and we've had him meet with officials here. I think the NCAA policy about the postseason has evolved and is still evolving. I think the NCAA postseason in Las Vegas is more a question of when, not if."

Fans definitely don't mind flocking to Las Vegas. Attendance was solid at all the tournaments. The Pac-12 women drew well with an average of over 4,200 fans per session for the four days of the tournament, and that was without the men's conference tournament



JOHN LOCHER/AP

BYU players celebrate after defeating Gonzaga in the women's final at the West Coast Conference tournament last week in Las Vegas.

being played at the same time. That number was on par with what the conference drew its first year in Seattle in 2013 when that city was the host.

Those in attendance were treated to great basketball and first-class halftime entertainment,

including some acts from MGM properties. There was also a fun mascot basketball game at the half of one of the contests, as well as a baby race.

"My family really enjoyed it," Oregon Ducks star guard Sabrina Ionescu said. "They watched us

play and then went to a show and dinner."

Stanford Hall of Fame coach Tara VanDerveer, whose team won the Pac-12 Tournament for the 13th time, said she supports the idea of Vegas hosting an NCAA event.

"Why not? It really is a great destination for fans," she said while watching a halftime trampoline act warmup before her Cardinal played the Ducks for the title. "There's nothing wrong with trying something new, and my only reservation would be the amount of smoke in casinos, which isn't great for the athletes, but I'm sure they can work a way around that as well."

The Pac-12 women will return to Las Vegas next year playing games at Mandalay Bay, which is home to the WNBA's Las Vegas Aces. After that, Scott said he was open to coming back again.

MGM Resorts International, which hosted the Pac-12 Tournament, offered betting lines on the games at its casinos throughout Nevada. The casino doesn't usually offer bets on women's games during the regular season and often doesn't start having them for the women's NCAA Tournament until the Sweet 16.

"The Pac-12 women's tournament action was decent overall," said Jay Rood, vice president of race and sports for MGM Resorts International. "It was slightly less than what we get for the WNBA. The action we get for the Pac-12 men's event is strong and continues to increase every year."

The Mountain West Conference, Western Athletic Conference and West Coast Conference also had good attendance numbers. They've been coming to Vegas for years for their tournaments.

The WCC averaged 5,442 during its tournament, buoyed by a strong contingent of Gonzaga fans. Those three conferences run their women's tournaments at the same time as the men.

"It was definitely great to have all these basketball teams around," Boise State guard Braydey Hodgins said. "We wanted to go and watch some of the Pac-12 games, but they were too late in the day. There was definitely a cool atmosphere in Vegas with all these teams here. It had the feel of something big."

12 BEST up-and-coming acts at SXSW



Black Pumas needs to be seen to be appreciated.



GREG KOT
Tribune music critic

AUSTIN, Texas — The South by Southwest Music Festival wrapped up over the weekend, but not before 2,000 bands and artists from around the world had serenaded the city at hundreds of clubs. There were plenty of established performers at the conference, but the focus was on the up-and-comers, the bands that will define the next year of music and beyond.

Here are some of my favorites from SXSW 2019 (listed in alphabetical order):

The Beths: Beyond the catchy songs the Beths packed into their 2018 debut album, “Future Me Hates Me” (Carpark), there was a standout feature: the intricate vocal harmonies that gave each of the melodies a richness several cuts above the typical indie-rock recording. Live, the band demonstrated that those harmonies are the real deal as singer Elizabeth Stokes was backed by the nuanced multi-part harmonies of guitarist Jonathan Pearce, bassist Benjamin Sinclair and drummer Tristan Deck. The band echoed the ambition of its New Zealand predecessors, the Chills, which also played several sets at the festival. Led by the brilliant songwriter Martin Phillipps, the quintet layered the arrangements with countermelodies on violin, keyboards, guitar and vocals. The spidery treble-tinged guitar lines and melancholy lyrics on a 1984



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British singer Yola Carter performed with an electrifying voice influenced as much by country music as soul or folk during SXSW.

song such as “Pink Frost” still sound timeless, as did the more recent songs from the Chills’ latest album, “Snow Bound.”

Black Midi: In the buzz band sweepstakes out of England at this year’s festival, this four-piece would be in the top 3. They’re not cookie-cutter, unless you think a fondness for early ’90s art-punk circa Slint and U.S. Maple is a winning commercial formula. The band’s twisted, slow-burn arrangements, noisy spasms of

guitar and panicked vocals conjured visions straight out of a horror movie — think Danny Boyle’s post-Apocalyptic “28 Days Later.”

Black Pumas: The Austin favorites need to be seen to be appreciated. Many of songs don’t go much beyond “let this love take you higher” bromides, but on stage the co-ed seven-piece band led by singer Eric Burton explodes past the clichés. Burton started out as a street busker, and

his presence on stage is robust, a whirlwind of movement and gesture. His vocals — rough-edged to pleading as the moment demanded — bounced off his backing singers and the audience in a free-flowing call-and-response conversation. He directed the band rather than hewing to tightly scripted arrangements, the songs as spontaneous as the emotions that guided them.

Cimafunk: Erik Alejandro Rodriguez, aka Cimafunk, was rock-

ing gold bellbottoms in one of his showcases, and his nine-piece co-ed band was neck-deep in the Afro-Cuban funk. Cimafunk is based in Havana, but his music is a melting pot of Cuban folk, rumba, bolero and hard-edged, shape-shifting dance music from James Brown to Fela. His band had the chops to make it all go, and the set was less a series of songs than a nonstop river of rhythm.

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“Us” writer-director Jordan Peele, left, with the film’s stars Lupita Nyong’o and Winston Duke. “I wanted to make a movie that allows everybody to face their demons,” says Peele, who won an Oscar for “Get Out.”

This is ‘Us’: Jordan Peele holds a mirror up to America, again

By **JEN YAMATO**
Los Angeles Times

The Sunken Place was just the beginning. In “Us,” the monsters Jordan Peele holds his audience to confront are right there in the mirror — glaring straight back.

While our fractured America remains under the metaphorical microscope of the Oscar-winning “Get Out” auteur, his aim has only grown more complex and

ambitious in his second directorial effort. When “Us” opens March 22, it’s guaranteed to leave audiences with a few burning questions, the hip-hop classic “I Got 5 On It” ringing in their ears, and a healthy fear of scissors.

Oscar-winner Lupita Nyong’o stars as Adelaide Wilson, a woman whose Santa Cruz vacay with husband Gabe (Winston Duke), teenage daughter Zora (Shahadi

Wright Joseph) and young son Jason (Evan Alex) is interrupted when a quartet of deranged doppelgängers appear one night in their driveway. The shadow family is led by Adelaide’s twisted double — a woman known as “Red” — and she has a plan.

Manthem is unleashed, along with Peele’s signature humor

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A Chicago theater story: The wrestlers are ready, but where’s the ring?

By **DOUG GEORGE**
Chicago Tribune

As the story of a night of Chicago theater, this one’s got everything: Heroics, villains, wrestling, cheap drinks and an audience that won’t give up on the players.

Last weekend on Lincoln Avenue, the Greenhouse Theater hosted a one-night-only show titled “We Don’t Play Fight,” billed as a mashup of theater and pro wrestling, put on and produced by an Orlando, Fla., outfit called Conquer Pro Wrestling.

Except it nearly didn’t. According to Jason Calabrese, the show’s playwright and a cast member, this is what happened. His play, previously produced in Orlando, is two acts over two hours and tells a story of wrestling partners down on their luck. There’s an evil landlady, an unlikely alliance with a theater troupe and the chance at a cash prize and redemption. The Chicago production had a cast of 14 mostly Chicago actors, plus a number of professional wrestlers from Florida, directed by Chicagoan Joey Mayberry, also in the cast.

Rehearsals had been off-site without a set; they only had the Greenhouse space for the one night. Which meant they had to go from bare floor to wrestling ring on the day of the show — not at all unusual for wrestling

events, Calabrese said in a recent phone interview. Typical is to go from an empty school gymnasium and back again in the span of a night. Build up, fight, tear down.

“It’s actually kind of horrible,” he said.

Arrangements were made to have the ring delivered early March 9. Then the excuses started to arrive on his phone. There was trouble with the trailer, a flat tire. The cast arrived at the theater and got into costume. No wrestling ring. It’s 5 p.m. and getting dark. Still no ring. Calabrese and Mayberry started looking for a plan B, and fast. “We gotta do something,” Calabrese said.

A U-Haul truck was rented, a ring was found in Villa Park — delivery not included — about an hour away in evening traffic. In the rain. “We Don’t Play Fight” is actually as much a wrestling show as theater, if not more. Calabrese knows the wrestling play “The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Diety,” which had its world premiere just up the street at Victory Gardens in 2009, but the difference is those guys were all *playing* wrestlers, he said. He was for many years himself a professional wrestler but at age 40 is looking for a career change. After all, there’s some theater in

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Tyson will return to TV after sex misconduct probe

Two shows starring Neil deGrasse Tyson are set to go back on air following the completion of a probe of sexual misconduct allegations against the astrophysicist.

"StarTalk" will return to National Geographic next month, while "Cosmos: Possible Worlds" will be broadcast by both Fox and National Geographic sometime in the future.

"The investigation is complete, and we are moving forward with both 'StarTalk' and 'Cosmos,'" reads a joint statement from the networks. "StarTalk" will return to the air with the remaining 13 episodes in April on National Geographic, and both Fox and National Geographic are committed to finding an air date for 'Cosmos.' There will be no further comment."

The probe into claims made against Tyson by multiple women began last November.

"StarTalk" was placed on hold several weeks after its fifth season premiered in the wake of the allegations. "Cosmos," meanwhile, had been set to premiere March 3, but was delayed amid the probe.

Tyson, 60, denied the accusations in a post to his Facebook page in early December.

"In any claim, evidence matters. Evidence always matters," he wrote at the time. "But what happens when it's just one person's word against another's, and the stories don't agree? That's when people tend to pass judgment on who is more credible than whom. And that's when an impartial investigation can best serve the truth — and would have my full cooperation to do so."

— New York Daily News

Box office

1. "Captain Marvel," \$69.3 million
2. "Wonder Park," \$16 million
3. "Five Feet Apart," \$13.2 million
4. "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World," \$9.3 million
5. "A Madea Family Funeral," \$8.1 million
6. "No Manches Frida 2," \$3.9 million
7. "Captive State," \$3.2 million
8. "The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part," \$2.1 million
9. "Alita: Battle Angel," \$1.9 million
10. "Green Book," \$1.3 million

SOURCE: Associated Press
Estimated sales,
Friday-Sunday



DISNEY-MARVEL STUDIOS

'Captain Marvel' soars even higher: "Captain Marvel" has continued to dominate the global box office in its second weekend in theaters, leaving newcomers in the dust. Walt Disney Studios estimated Sunday that the intergalactic superhero fell only 55 percent from its record-breaking opening. This weekend, "Captain Marvel" earned an additional \$69.3 million from North American theaters and \$119.7 million internationally, bringing its global grosses to \$760 million.

March 18 birthdays: Composer John Kander is 92. Country singer Charley Pride is 85. Actor Kevin Dobson is 76. Singer Irene Cara is 60. Singer-actress Vanessa Williams is 56. Singer Adam Levine is 40. Actor Cornelius Smith Jr. is 37.



ASK AMY

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Erotic fiction becomes catfish reality

Dear Amy: My problem started when I joined an erotic story site. I enjoy writing erotica, and when I joined, I decided to write as a female (even though I'm a man).

My stories garnered quite a following. I received a lot of racy emails from men and women. I thanked them for their comments. However, there was one writer who was very eloquent and passionate.

He and I began to exchange emails daily. He's a writer for a newspaper (vanishing breed). I really enjoyed his writing, and he enjoyed reading my stories. I sent him some special ones that I had not posted yet (or were too taboo to post). As our friendship grew, we confided in each other. He shared his secrets — all of them. He wanted pictures, so I found photos of a lovely female and forwarded them to him.

Long story shorter, now he's in love with me and wants to leave his wife. He says we are sexually compatible and share a lot of the same interests. He does write passionate love letters, which I enjoy getting. He wants to meet. I have a hard time saying no. I don't want to hurt his feelings, but obviously we can't meet in person. I am thinking of "dying in a car wreck" to end this situation. Any better ideas?

— LJ

Dear LJ: The "dying in a car wreck" or "developing an aggressive cancer" storyline is one frequently used by catfishers, which is exactly what you are. (Catfishing is the term used when people assume alter-

nate identities online, for the purpose of manipulating others into relationships.)

Here's a plot twist: What if your correspondent is also catfishing you and is not actually a "dying breed" newspaper writer (thanks for that, by the way), but a lonely, eloquent female nuclear scientist, pining away in a distant silo (perhaps that could be the subject of your next piece of erotic fiction ...?).

But let's assume that he is exactly who he says he is. You have now manipulated and meddled in his life to the extent that he is willing to toss out his marriage and run to you. And yet you are too cowardly to tell him the truth and take complete responsibility for your actions, so that he can start to heal from this.

I understand that you don't want to hurt this person, but your actions are contemptible. There is no way to make this right. So make it quick.

Dear Amy: Recently, my boyfriend and I took a weekend trip with my sister. After a day of wine-tasting, we got pretty wasted.

I was so drunk that I ended up over the toilet. My boyfriend went to tell my sister that I was sick. In his drunken state, he thought it was a good idea to get onto my sister's bed. She was very scared by this. She is angry and thinks I should break up with him.

I can see why she feels that way, but he insists that there was no malicious intent, and I believe him. How can I stay with him without her hating me?

— Sobered Up

Dear Sobered: Getting onto a bed is different from getting into a bed, but when everybody is drunk, prepositions can sometimes seem like propositions.

Anyone can understand why your boyfriend's actions scared your sister. Rather than you explaining his actions and apologizing for him, he should handle this manly chore himself. He should say to her, "Hey, I'm really embarrassed that I scared and creeped you out. I feel awful. It was a drunken mistake, and I hope you can forgive me."

If he can't seem to bring himself to do this, then maybe he really is the creep your sister seems to think he is.

It is your right to be with whomever you want to be with. Just remember that only a true sister will hold your hair while you puke in the toilet.

I hope you will use this incident to rethink your drinking habits.

Dear Amy: I couldn't believe your answer to "Student Loan Woes"! This person was looking for her mother to bail her out, and you agreed with her!

What ever happened to fixing your own problems?

— Upset

Dear Upset: I offered this student several resources to try to renegotiate her student loan burden, among them asking her mother for a loan. I didn't see this as a "bailout" but as a negotiation.

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Mara Connor: The Los Angeles-based singer got the call to play the festival two weeks ago, and dove right in. Connor has only one song available on Spotify, but it's a good one, and she's got a bunch more that she showcased in the first of a handful of sets in Austin. A conference of this size can be a particularly unforgiving environment for a solo act, with audience chatter frequently overwhelming the music. I saw at least three such performances the same night that Connor performed, and it had to be discouraging for the artists. But Connor wasn't fazed. She demonstrated poise and a clear voice with above-average range, and helpfully brought along her own homemade promo that she handed out at each gig.

Fontaines D.C.: Veiled by guitar smoke, singer Grian Chatten looked agitated from the get-go, pacing the stage and thrusting the mic stand with each drum beat. His words poured out in a sing-speak style that brought to mind the dyspeptic tone of the Fall's late Mark E. Smith or an angry Jonathan Richman. The Irish quintet revved up a percussive assault, guitar noise and drone melting into drums and bass to create one big rolling tide. "My childhood was small, but I'm gonna be big," Chatten vowed. Talk about willing your dream into existence.

Jealous of the Birds: When Naomi Hamilton first played South by Southwest in 2016, she wrote the song "Plastic Skeletons," which became her set-closer on her Belfast band's latest trip to the festival. It's a travelogue of impressions wedded to a combustible arrangement, and it outlined a world of possibilities and promise that Hamilton is beginning to fulfill. The singer-guitarist affirmed a knack for

compressing knotty word-play into evocative songs, none more so than the recent "Marrow."

Mojo Juju: Mojo "Juju" Ruiz de Luzuriaga, with brother Steven on drums, was a force as a singer and guitarist, and she needed to be. Her perspective is that of the eternal outsider, the woman of Aboriginal and Filipino heritage searching for home. "The search is my religion," she said. Her songs, a mix of soul, blues and folk with a dash of rock, outlined her pain and staked out her mission. "I don't belong inside your narrow definition," she sang on the potent "Never Again."

Pip Blom: The co-ed quartet from Amsterdam makes a pop-punk racket. Spazzing out — rather than precision performance — is paramount. The band blitzed through a clutch of increasingly catchy three-minute songs as if they'd just been liberated for recess at school, led by namesake singer Pip Blom, who swayed in time to the rhythm down strokes on her guitar. Her brother, guitarist Tender Blom, and bassist Darek Mercks kept trading can-you-believe-this? smiles as they stomped around the stage, but no one in the room looked like they were having a better time or expending more energy than Gini Cameron, a dervish on drums.

Tasha: Chicago singer-songwriter Tasha goes it alone on stage, a woman and her guitar, and a handful of gentle, patiently developed songs. It doesn't sound overwhelming, but the singer is no hurry to bowl over her audience. Instead she bides her time. The softer she sings, the closer listeners must lean in. Her voice boasts a quiet strength, and her songs offer hard-won consolation, a touch of tenderness in an unforgiving world. She goes about her work with a smile, and engaged the audience as if they were friends, collaborators. Her guitar playing proved to be



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Chicago singer-songwriter Tasha's guitar playing proved to be as nuanced as her vocals during her SXSW show.



New Zealand band The Chills performs at Hotel Vegas during SXSW.

as nuanced as her vocals, her fingers drawing expression out of the silence.

Trupa Trupa: Gdansk, Poland's Trupa Trupa first made an impact in America last year at South by South-

west, and the quartet returned this year to debut songs from a forthcoming album on Sub Pop. The band dedicated its performance to Gdansk Mayor Pawel Adamowicz, an ally and friend who was re-

cently murdered. "These are new radical, dark, anti-hate-speech songs," singer Grzegorz Kwiatkowski said by way of introduction, as good a way as any to describe the band's stark aesthetic. The lyrics were

often snippets, phrases, designed to provoke rather than soothe, hint rather than resolve: "I dream about no one, no way, no one," "I've got nothing to hide, I will just disappear." The minimalist constructions prized dynamics and drone over melody and often built hypnotic force.

Yola: The British singer Yola Carter recently recorded her debut album with producer Dan Auerbach of the Black Keys, and she displayed an electrifying voice informed as much by country music as soul or folk. Her concise songs all boasted catchy refrains, and she proved adept at building these country-soul melodies to ecstatic gospel crescendos. Yet the singer never forced things, never seemed to be in a rush to show off. Her powerhouse displays always served the songs.

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IN PERFORMANCE

'American Dream' takes on too much

By HOWARD REICH
Chicago Tribune

The internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II will forever remain a stain on our history and surely is a subject ripe for the operatic stage. "An American Dream," which had its Chicago premiere in a Lyric Unlimited production Friday night at the Harris Theater, attempted to address that formidable topic within the confines of a one-act chamber opera. Though the piece — first staged by Seattle Opera in 2015 — couldn't encompass the breadth and darkness of this American tragedy, it deserved some credit for trying. Certainly composer Jack Perla and librettist Jessica Murphy Moo dreamed big in trying to link this moment in history to a still more deadly attack on humanity: the Holocaust.

That's a lot of catastrophe to pack into a single act. Too much, in fact, for this mostly gentle, soft-spoken piece to contain. But if "An American Dream" couldn't do justice to the enormity of these crimes, it at least offered a small, slender window into government-sponsored human suffering.

The fictional story concerns a Japanese-American family — the Kobayashis — living on a Puget Sound island in 1942. As the FBI prepares to round them up, the father is forced to sell his home for a pittance to a white American, Jim Crowley, and his wife, Eva. As it happens, she's a German Jew who has left her parents behind in Europe and fears for their fate.

During the next hour, we witness the Japanese-American family's domestic bliss shattered first by terrifying newspaper headlines, then by a fateful knock on the door. Perla's score unfolds in long, silken strands of melody, the



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So Young Park, from left, Christopher Magiera and Catherine Martin in "An American Dream," which compresses big subjects into a too-small package.

music evoking Marc Blitzstein, but without comparable edge. Still, Perla's elegantly crafted lines enable these characters to express their longings, if not fully their fears.

"Anything that ties us to Japan must go," sings Mama Kobayashi (mezzo-soprano Nina Yoshida Nelsen), as she and her husband prepare to hide items that might incriminate them. Meanwhile, Eva Crowley (mezzo-soprano Catherine Martin), gives thanks that she now is in a country where "Jews can live here, work here, without fear."

Though there's a certain sameness to most of Perla's score, which segues from one fluid passage to the next, it's easy to revel in the

neo-romantic, Americana spirit of it all. When Mama, Papa and daughter Setsuko Kobayashi (soprano So Young Park) sing three-voice counterpoint tinged with Eastern harmony, we are hearing some of Perla's most effective writing.

There's a dramatic problem here, however. Amid this grief, Eva's husband, Jim (baritone Christopher Magiera), is harshly dismissive of the Kobayashis' pain and openly racist toward the Japanese in general — without explanation. This makes him seem less a character than a cardboard prop representing the era's racism. Not until the end of the opera, when Jim reveals a bit of his experiences in the war, do we at least get a hint of why he is

this way. That's far too late.

The miseries and deprivations that Japanese-Americans suffered in the internment camps emerge too briefly and sketchily in "An American Dream." And the murders of Eva's parents receive even less attention, surfacing more as a twist ending to the opera than as a meaningful contemplation of genocide.

In essence, composer Perla and librettist Murphy Moo have taken on subjects that would require a couple of full-length operas, not a compact one-act. Perla's undeniably appealing score doesn't begin to reflect significant tension until near the end, as the war is coming to an end and the story's tragedies begin to mount. Once again, too

little, too late.

The performances proved better than the opera itself, mezzo Martin the most imposing voice in the cast as Eva Crowley, the scale of Martin's sound matched by the intensity of her delivery. Soprano Park's straightforward performance as Setsuko Kobayashi captured the innocence of youth — a child caught up in terrible events. Baritone Magiera did the best he could with the one-dimensional character of Jim Crowley, but Magiera needed to summon more sound and fire. Finally, there was no doubting the emotional commitment of bass-baritone Ao Li in sound and gesture as Papa Kobayashi, nor mezzo Nelsen as Mama Koba-

yashi.

Some of the most wondrous music-making emerged from the orchestra, conductor Daniela Candillari bringing forth poetically turned phrases and shimmering instrumental color. Andrew Boyce's spare but telling set design benefited from Lee Fiskness' imaginative lighting. And Matthew Ozawa's clever direction enriched the proceedings with multiple layers of action.

In the end, though, they could go only so far in enriching an inherently limited work.

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The cast of "We Don't Play Fight" takes a curtain call at the Greenhouse Theater.

Wrestling

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pro wrestling already, he said. "Yes, the outcome is predetermined. Every fight has the good guy, called the 'babyface,' the bad guy is labeled the 'heel.'" But it's also very physical. "A good pro wrestler will have you second-guessing if it's real or not."

Calabrese, Mayberry and several members of the cast pile into the truck to go pick up their stage set.

"We've got Chuckles the Clown, he's in makeup already," Calabrese said.

Setting up a wrestling ring itself normally takes a couple hours. The four corner posts are braced into a square with four horizontal ladder-like pieces, topped by metal beams. It's all in pieces. "You're carrying this stuff, it's like heavy furniture," he said. "It's horrible."

A wooden platform goes on top. "That's what makes the sound," he said, "the 'boom!'" Foam padding goes on top of that, a canvas holds everything in place. There's tape, lashing with bungees and ropes.

By the time they arrive back at the Greenhouse, it's 9 p.m. Show was set to start at 8 p.m.

"I'm in a truck, across from Lincoln Avenue from

the theater, it's freezing, it's raining," he said. "It's my 'Welcome to Chicago' moment."

They have to load in through a front freight door on Lincoln Avenue — and they're renting the upstairs space. The beams and wooden boards won't fit in the elevator, Mayberry said, so they form a chain, passing pieces from hand to hand up the stairs. "And in the middle of this, 'Dead Man's Cell Phone' lets out." So add into the mix the exiting audience of the mainstage play downstairs.

Calabrese said he asked the box office, do they even still have an audience for their show? How many people were demanding refunds?

The answers are yes, and nobody.

"It was pretty remarkable," says Ron Rude, the Greenhouse staff production manager who works with rental companies at the theater. "Not only is there this two-hour delay at this point, these people not only stuck around, none of them were upset."

He made the executive decision to have the Greenhouse bar offer a drink discount. If he had to guess, most of the crowd he saw was a wrestling crowd, rather than a traditional theater crowd — they knew the names of the wrestling cast members and their backstories.

A couple helped out on Lincoln Avenue, directing traffic. Of the roughly 90 tickets sold for the show, he said after consulting with the box office, about 60 patrons stuck it out until 11 p.m., when "We Don't Play Fight" finally went on. The intermission was scrapped. The good guys won. Final curtain was at 1 a.m.

"Honestly, I couldn't really ask any more from everyone who came that night," Mayberry said. He credits his cast, his own theater contacts who helped him find the replacement ring and the patrons who stuck it out.

Calabrese won't name the villain of the story, the supplier who didn't show. He said his original price for the ring rental was refunded, but he's in a dispute to have the company refund the cost of the U-Haul.

He had an early morning flight back to Florida. Mayberry and a few others were there to the bitter end, tearing down the ring, negotiating Lincoln Avenue once more on a weekend past midnight, deliv- ering everything back to Villa Park. With the daylight savings time change, he said he made it home at 10 a.m. the next day.

"Looking back," Mayberry said, "I still can't believe we did that."

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Kloss takes over the 'Runway'

By RICK BENTLEY
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Heidi Klum often said on the reality competition series "Project Runway" that "one day you are in, the next day you're out." That's what has happened to the supermodel as the series returns on Bravo.

Taking over the hosting duties is another supermodel, Karlie Kloss, who is a 40-time Vogue cover girl, entrepreneur and philanthropist. The St. Louis native was discovered at a local charity fashion show in 2006. Since then, she has walked the runway for Oscar de la Renta, Christian Dior, Alexander McQueen and Versace. She also launched Kode With Klossy in 2015 to empower girls to learn to code and become leaders in tech.

The 26-year-old has taken every advantage to learn from and share ideas with the creative people with whom she's worked. At the same time, Kloss is very much a consumer, and that gives her a direct knowledge of what is going on in the world of fashion. Kloss describes herself as lucky to be a veteran in the fashion industry while at the same time a young woman with the same buying needs as those who don't know a cheongsam from couture.

All that knowledge will be used in her role as host and executive producer of the latest season of "Project Runway."

"The key to it, as a model from my perspective, is that I love the part of my job that allows me to be a muse and be a collaborator," Kloss says. "I'm not just a canvas but I help them develop their ideas and add to what they are doing in the ways that I can. I am someone who is curious and I love to learn. I've always asked questions and soaked up everything I could. In the first part of my career, I was more seen and not heard. I think over the course of my career, I have been able to build up the confidence



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Karlie Kloss will take over for Heidi Klum as host and executive producer of "Project Runway."

and expertise of my own to be able to contribute to the conversation."

Kloss remains in such high demand she could have opted just to continue working as a model, but she's certain she's reached a point in her life that taking on a challenge like "Project Runway" is something she's well equipped to do. She's excited about the idea that the competition series will give her the opportunity to be herself. As for taking on the hosting duties while continuing to be a wife, entrepreneur and philanthropist, Kloss rejects the idea she's any different than other women.

"You can ask any woman in this room and they will tell you they are juggling 10 things," Kloss says. "For me, I am like every woman who is trying to figure out how to grow my career and balance my professional and private life. I feel really grateful that I have a partner, my husband, who is an incredible support to me and wants to help me accomplish my dreams no matter what they are."

Kloss will have some help with her new hosting duties as former "Project Runway" contestant Chris-

tian Siriano will be handling the duties that were Tim Gunn's as the mentor to the 16 designers looking to sew up the title. This season's winner will earn \$250,000, a feature in Elle and his or her own featured role in a Bluprint digital series, as well as \$50,000 to put toward their own design studio.

Along with the changes in host and mentor, this season will include several other firsts. There's a new runway, a new work room, fast fashion and 24-hour flash sales where designs can be voted on by viewers and made available for purchase on BravoTV.com. Kloss was only 11 years old — and three years from starting her modeling career — when "Project Runway" launched. She was a loyal viewer and finds it a bit surreal that she is stepping into Klum's Louboutins. The transition has been smooth as Klum has offered a lot support to Kloss.

"Heidi and I have been friends for years and (is) someone I really look up to," Kloss says. "This is Heidi's baby and something she cares so much about. I am proud to be part of this next chapter of 'Project Runway.'"

Peele

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and deftly orchestrated chills and thrills. The cast delivers stunning dual performances as both their primary characters and their malicious mirror-image counterparts, known as the Tethered, who sport red jumpsuits and a single glove.

Tim Heidecker and Elisabeth Moss are also on board as well-to-do white friends of the Wilsons, but the film avoids the sort of specific examinations of race that might be expected of Peele's "Get Out" encore in search of more internal and wide-reaching targets.

Where "Get Out" interrogated a kind of racism that hides in plain sight within liberal America, "Us" "is not a movie about race — but it is, to me, about filling in another gap in representation," Peele says, "and that is this idea that I haven't seen a horror movie about a black family?"

Debating "Us" to a rapturous reception and rave reviews last week on opening night of the South by Southwest Film Festival in Austin, Texas, "the feeling was electric," Peele said a few days later in Los Angeles, still excited by the early forming discussions around the film. "I felt like people's eyes and ears were open and ready to receive this film, and there are so many ways this movie is designed to be challenging."

Two years ago, "Get Out" made a similar splash as a surprise midnight screening at Sundance, premiering to a wave of positive reactions before riding that buzz all the way to four Oscar nominations and an original screenplay win for Peele.

Joined by Nyong'o and Duke at the London West Hollywood, Peele explained how the seeds of "Us" took root when he was finishing "Get Out," unable to ignore the post-election division he was seeing all across America.

"I think ('Us') is more than a political movie," Peele said, "but in the post-Trump era, the finger-pointing in this country was turned up to a whole different notch — whether it's the finger-pointing at the outsider, the mysterious invader, or the finger-pointing at other Americans who voted a different way."

"The feeling that we all feel we are the good guy in our own story prevents us from facing our demons," he continued. "I wanted to make a movie that allows everybody to face their demons, in whatever faction you want to put this movie through the prism of. But as a starting point ... the United States and our xenophobia was the front and center idea to grapple with."



Lupita Nyong'o as Adelaide, with co-stars Evan Alex and Shahadi Wright Joseph, in "Us."

Although primarily set in the present day, "Us" opens at a beachside boardwalk carnival circa 1986, and cultural landmarks of that era reverberate throughout the film.

"(It's) a time that held a great duality for me," said Peele, who makes references early on in his film to "Thriller" and Michael Jackson — "a person with a great duality attached as well." (Peele's film arrives in theaters a few weeks after HBO's incendiary documentary "Leaving Neverland," which he has not yet seen. "Apparently, I must," he said with a nod.)

"It's no mistake, it's no coincidence, that the Tethered are wearing red and have one glove, either," he said. "We address a few of the phenomena that were happening at that time. For me, growing up, it was a very confusing time."

The duality that a young Peele saw in "Thriller"-era Jackson was the superstar and the monster, he said. "But you talk about things like Hands Across America and even the Challenger disaster," Peele says of the Reagan years, and "there was this kind of almost Stepford-creepy sense of American hope that we can do anything as long as we just hold our hands together, that we can reach the moon if we want."

"And there's a very dark side of that which I still feel. All of that imagery, Michael Jackson included, is about the duality of that time."

While working on the screenplay for "Us" he ran into Nyong'o, who won her Oscar for "12 Years a Slave" and starred in last year's blockbuster "Black Panther;" at an event and told her he was writing something with her in mind. Later, they dove deep into the script during a long phone conversation.

"She started asking really good questions, questions

that I didn't have answers for," he said, "so the discussion immediately challenged me. (That) was one more piece of excitement for me because your fear as a director comes from, 'What happens when I get to that thing I don't know the answer to?' And when we got to those points, beautiful realizations came from it."

In addition to analyzing the themes, motifs and references Peele planned to employ in "Us" — including the charitable stunt Hands Across America, white rabbits and the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk made famous in the '80s classic "The Lost Boys" — his stars did their cinematic research to become more fluent in a previously unfamiliar world: horror movies.

"I wanted to be able to talk to these guys the way I can talk to my horror fan buds, super nerds, about horror movies. And part of it is just having these reference points and being able to go, 'You know how in that one movie, that happened? This is kind of like that, but different,'" Peele said.

Among those film references: Kenneth Branagh's "Dead Again," Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds," the sci-fi classic "Alien," the Korean psychological horror "A Tale of Two Sisters," and "Mirror Image," a chilling episode of Rod Serling's "The Twilight Zone," the spooky sci-fi anthology series Peele is rebooting for CBS All Access this April.

But there was also mischief to Peele's method: "Lupita was very clear that she was very scared of horror movies, and that to me was like, 'Mwahahaha-haha!'"

Nyong'o agreed. "I didn't think about that aspect when I said yes to his film," she said. "I was like, 'Give me some films to watch'

and he sent me this list. With the last one, he wrote: 'Enter at your own risk.' It was 'Martyrs,' " she said of the ultra-violent 2008 French horror film.

"There was a slow progression — it started with 'Dead Again,' which I was like, 'OK'; 'Let the Right One In' — quite romantic. And then it just kept getting more and more dark and horrific. By the time I watched 'Martyrs,' I tried to watch it early at night, so I asked my friend to come over at 7 and we were done by 9:30, and I was so shaken. Then he said, 'OK, see you.' And I just started crying, 'Please don't go.' And he had to stay for, like, another two hours."

"It's also very fun, interesting and informative for me to understand what specifically makes these guys afraid," Peele said. "With Lupita, I found that things that have her questioning her own sanity is the sweet spot."

"Accurate," she answered. Duke, who previously worked with Nyong'o on his debut film, "Black Panther," had a different relationship with the genre.

"I didn't have any experience with it other than, like, watching 'It' or 'Critters' as a kid," he said. "I was like, 'There are no black people in here.' Or, 'They die quick.' They're the first sacrifices to the genre, so there's not really anything that gives us a chance to show ourselves, so I had a weird, distant relationship with horror."

Peele turned to Duke. "I had you experience one of my worst fears, which is an open body of water at night."

"Yeah, that wasn't fun," Duke said with a laugh. "It's rare to feel completely dropped in and living in your purpose. The film is attached to everything that I've identified for myself as the kind of artist I want to be in the world. I want my

work to have a social justice footprint. This is a social justice burying-your-whole-body-in-the-sand."

He turned to Peele. "One of my favorite things about your movies is that they are essentially reframing and redefining things. With our movie, we interrogate what power and convenience and privilege actually look like and how violent it actually is, whether you're intentionally participating in it, or if you're just like Zora and clicking and swiping (on a smartphone) but not thinking about arms or legs being cut off overseas to get you the parts and minerals to get you these phones that you buy."

"It's a re-imagining of violence: What does violence really look like? Who's actually being violent? The people with the scissors — the actual weapons — or the people with the toys who are blind to it? Which culture is actually more violent?"

Both Duke and Nyong'o speak of the psychological impact of the demanding shoot, which required the actors to flip between their main characters and their Tethered counterparts, sometimes in the span of the same filming day. For a key moment in the final act, Nyong'o spent 16 hours a day staging a challenging stunt sequence.

The actress has been earning early acclaim for her gut-wrenching dual performance as Adelaide and Red, probing deeply into both characters to craft different movements, accents and mannerisms that distinguish them as wholly disparate women. She rooted the Adelaide character in the spatial awareness of a former ballet dancer, as Peele had written her in the script, and gave Red's movements an unpredictable and uncannily cockroach-like scurry.

Even more challenging was locating equal empathy within herself to bring both characters to life.

"This story is very much about Adelaide, but it's also very much about Red; they're both heroes of their own stories," she said. "So it was about making sure I approached them with that commitment — and it was a challenge, to have to advocate for two diametrically opposed sides, but it's also the thing that made me grow the most as an artist."

To find Red's voice — a haunting, halted cadence that escapes from her throat — Nyong'o was inspired by a neurological voice disorder she researched and developed for her character.

"I was actually inspired by the condition spasmodic dysphonia, which is a condition that is caused by trauma," Nyong'o said of her painstaking process of research and vocal training. "Sometimes, it can be physical, sometimes it can be

emotional or even spiritual; it's inexplicable sometimes how people end up with this condition — but it results in your vocal chords involuntarily spasming and creating an irregular flow of air."

"A couple weeks before shooting, she pulls me into a room and shows me the voice for the first time, and it really was like nothing I'd ever heard in film," Peele said. "The mood when these guys were in the 'bad' — it was just crazy how the atmosphere in the room on set would shift. And these guys were in it, by the way. They were not budging from their characters."

"It was particularly hard to wait in (the character of) Red," Nyong'o said. "Because there is a very isolated quality to the Red world." On set, she says, people would avoid making eye contact with the actress when she was in her Tethered character. "Everybody whispered around me, which I really liked."

Only Peele was brave enough to come visit her on set while she was in the "bad" place. "She'd be standing in the corner, just terrifying," he joked.

As Red reflected the darkest counterparts to Adelaide's seemingly idyllic life, so too did Duke's Tethered persona, the imposing and brutal Abraham, represent a polar extreme to Adelaide's loving — if status-obsessed — husband, Gabe.

"I felt like Abraham needed Red at all times," Duke said. "She was the light in the tunnel. So on the days when we were the Red family, I never felt comfortable if she wasn't in sight."

"Which was its own challenge," Nyong'o quipped with a grin.

All three hope that "Us" sparks conversations around a range of topics, including systems of privilege, inequality, violence and destruction.

"Accepting the duality that, actually, evil is human," Nyong'o said. "Darkness is a part of being human. Oftentimes, you'll hear there have been atrocities in the world and people will say, 'How inhumane.' But the more distance we put with such things, the harder it is to keep them under control, because humans do heinous things and they do not lose their humanity when they do."

"They employ it," Duke said.

"She just perfectly pitched my overall thesis with my movies," Peele said. "I seek to point out the inherent evil in the DNA of humanity, and hope that by inviting an audience in to experience this story, that there is a positive — that the goodness in humanity can reign by facing that."

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Kenneth Choi

"9-1-1" (8 p.m., FOX): Maddie (Jennifer Love Hewitt) tries to end her marriage once and for all, which causes Doug (Brian Hallisay) to crowd into Chimney's (Kenneth Choi) life even more as this action drama returns for its spring premiere with "New Beginnings." Elsewhere, Bobby (Peter Krause) meets Athena's (Angela Bassett) parents for the first time. On the job, a gas leak in a plastic surgeon's office happens in mid-surgery.

"Shadowhunters" (7 p.m., FREE): Isabelle (Emeraude Toubia) turns to her brother Alec (Matthew Daddario) for help as she doggedly continues her crusade to uncover the truth about troubling rumors of gross misconduct in the Clave's prison for downworlders in a new episode called "A Kiss From a Rose." Elsewhere, Magnus (Harry Shum Jr.) breaks down and asks the warlock Lorenzo (Javier Munoz) for a favor.

"Vanderpump Rules" (8 p.m., 10:30 p.m., Bravo): Driven in part by lingering grief over her late father, Lara suffers a breakdown that drives her to lash out at James, Raquel and Billie Lee in front of customers at SUR in the new episode "Trouble in Lala-land." Meanwhile, Lisa, Sandoval and Schwartz obsessively are focused on making sure TomTom is ready for its grand opening, and Jax grows concerned about the snowballing expense of his imminent engagement party.

"Spring Baking Championship" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): Clinton Kelly welcomes 10 talented bakers who must try to impress returning judges Nancy Fuller, Duff Goldman and Lorraine Pascale with their baked treats as this hit culinary competition series returns for Season 5. In the season premiere, "Spring Has Sprung," a pre-heat challenge tasks the bakers with creating animal-themed donuts.

"Of Fathers and Sons" (8 p.m., Starz): Talal Derki put himself in grave personal danger while making this 2018 documentary, posing as a filmmaker who is sympathetic to jihadi ideology to gain access inside a radical Islamist family in North-western Syria. He came away with a story of modern war after living for two and a half years with Abu Osama, a founder of the Syrian branch of Al-Qaeda.

"The Fix" (9 p.m., ABC): As a courtroom prosecutor, Marcia Clark failed to win a guilty verdict with murder defendant O.J. Simpson, but she may get the last word, after a fashion, in this new legal drama, on which she's a co-writer and executive producer. Robin Tunney stars as prosecutor Maya Travis, who goes into self-imposed seclusion after failing to make a murder case against a celebrity.

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- "Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Ray Romano.*
- "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jordan Peele; Malcolm Gladwell; photographer Marlon du Toit; Sharon Van Etten performs.*
- "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Lupita Nyong'o; author Vicky Ward; Spike Jonze directs a performance by Karen O and Danger Mouse.*
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	This TV 9.3	Access Code (NR,'84) ♦	Martin Landau. ©			Midnight Cowboy (R,'69) *** ©		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Wisconsin From the Air ©			Encore Programming		
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game Gomer Pyle	Engagement WKRP Cincinnati	Broke Girl Hogan Hero	Broke Girl Hogan Hero	Seinfeld © C. Burnett
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	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	Last Call	In the Cut	Today You Die (R,'05) ***	Treach ♦	
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	CW 50	Arrow: "Star City 2040." (N)	Black Lightning (Season Finale) (N) ©			Law Order: CI	Chicago ♦	
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Univ 66	Jesús (N)		Mi marido (N)		Por amar sin ley (N)	Noticias (N)		
CABLE	AE	The First 48 ©		The First 48 ©		(9:01) The First 48 ©	First 48 ♦	
	AMC	The Green Mile (R,'99) ***	Tom Hanks, David Morse. ©					
	ANIM	The Last Alaskans ©		The Last Alaskans ©		The Last Alaskans ©	Last Alask ♦	
	BBCA	Gladiator (R,'00) ***	Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger. ©					
	BET	(3:55) The Color Purple		Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor ♦				
	BIGTEN	BTN Basketball in 60 ©	BTN Live (N)	BTN Basketball in 60 ©	BTN Live	BTN in 60 ♦		
	BRAVO	Vanderpump Rules ©		Vanderpump Rules (N)	Summer House (N) ©	Watch (N)		
	CLTV	Larry Potash News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics		
	CNBC	Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No Deal ©	The Profit ♦	
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Elizabeth Warren (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦	
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ♦	
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	DISN	Sydney-Max	Coop	Raven	Raven	Sydney-Max	Coop	Andi Mack
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	ESPN2	College GameNight (N) (Live) ©					SportCtr (N)	
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News	
	FOOD	Spring Baking		Spring Baking (Season Premiere) (N)		Winner Cake All (N) ©	Winner ♦	
	FREE	Shadowhunters (N) ©		(8:01) Tarzan (G,'99) ***		Voices of Tony Goldwyn.	700 Club ♦	
	FX	Sing (PG,'16) ***	Voices of Matthew McConaughey. ©			Sing (PG,'16) *** ©		
	HALL	Once Upon a Prince (NR,'18)	Megan Park. ©			Tulips in Spring (NR,'16) ©		
	HGTV	Hunters (N)	Hunters	Home Town (N) ©		Hunters (N) Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters	
	HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(9:03) Pawn Stars (N)	Pawn ♦	
	HLN	Vengeance: Killer Lovers		Vengeance: Killer Lovers		Very Scary People ©		
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
LIFE	Escaping Polygamy ©		Escaping Polygamy ©		Escaping Polygamy ©	Escaping ♦		
MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)		
MTV	Teen Mom 2 ©		Teen Mom 2 (N) ©		Lindsay Lohan Beach (N)	Teen Mom ♦		
NBCSCH	Pregame (N)	NHL Hockey: Vancouver Canucks at Chicago Blackhawks. (N) (Live)				Postgame		
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG,'07) **	Jason Lee. ©	Friends ♦			
OVATION	(6) Dragonheart ('96) **		Lethal Weapon 4 (R,'98) **	Mel Gibson, Danny Glover. ♦				
OWN	Dateline on OWN ©		Dateline on OWN ©		Deadline: Crime	Dateline ♦		
OXY	In Ice Cold Blood (N)		Killer Couples (N) ©		Killer Couples ©	Killer ♦		
PARMT	(6) GoldenEye (PG-13,'95) ***	Pierce Brosnan. ©			Cops (N) ©	Cops (N) ©	GoldenEye ♦	
SYFY	(6) Leprechaun Returns		Limitless (PG-13,'11) **	Bradley Cooper. ©		Futurama		
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American (N) Amer. Dad	Conan (N)		
TCM	Private Screenings		Singin' in the Rain (G,'52) ****	Gene Kelly. ©		On Town ♦		
TLC	Counting On ©		Counting On (N)		Little People, Big World	People ♦		
TLN	Supernatural Humanit	Faith Chi	Pastor Greg	Robison	Billy Graham	Humanit ♦		
TNT	Edge of Tomorrow (PG-13,'14) ***	Tom Cruise. ©			War of the Worlds *** ♦			
TOON	Samur. Jack Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy		
TRAV	Fear the Woods (N) ©		Paranormal 911 (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)		Love & Hip Hop Miami (N)	Hip Hop ♦		
WE	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©	Criminal ♦		
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PREMIUM	HBO	(6) Tomb Raider ('18) **		The Inventor: Out for Blood in Silicon Valley ('19)			A. Syed ♦	
	HBO2	Real Time With Bill Maher		Collateral (R,'04) ***	Tom Cruise. ©		O.G. ('18) ♦	
	MAX	Strike Back ©		(7:50) Bad Girls (R,'94) ** ©			The Newton Boys *** ♦	
	SHO	Billions ©		Black Mon	SMILF ©	Billions ©	Black Mon	
	STARZ	(7:04) American Gods		Of Fathers and Sons (NR,'17)			(9:41) American Gods ♦	
STZENC	(6:05) Overboard ('87) **		Uncle Buck (PG,'89) **	John Candy.		(9:42) Cutthroat Island ♦		

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ACROSS

- Peaceful
- 5 Dermatologist's concern
- 9 Thin
- 13 Dodge
- 15 Classic board game
- 16 Lech Walesa, for one
- 17 Dishwasher cycle
- 18 Easygoing; flexible
- 20 JFK's predecessor
- 21 Derek & Diddley
- 23 Clap handcuffs on
- 24 Colorful tree in fall
- 26 Spanish article
- 27 Enthusiasm
- 29 Duplicity
- 32 Britches
- 33 1960s dance
- 35 Encountered
- 37 Snake ___; lowest dice roll
- 38 Military attack
- 39 Nimble
- 40 ___ Moines
- 41 Makes gentle
- 42 Live's partner, in phrase
- 43 Schoolkid's compositions

DOWN

- 1 Queen or king
- 2 Enthusiastic
- 3 Feeling of desolation
- 4 Prefix for fit or fire
- 5 Cut slits in
- 6 Child
- 7 "___ tree falls in the forest..."
- 8 Folks from Kathmandu
- 9 Few and far between
- 10 Part of the ear
- 11 Misfortunes
- 12 TV's "___ the Press"

Solutions

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 18): Take advantage of rising professional tides this year. Coordinate for top performance. Someone attractive captures your heart this summer, before a group challenge compels action.

Next winter illuminates a community victory, before a change impacts an intimate relationship.
Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Dive into your work with fresh gusto. Stick to practicalities as distractions abound. Prioritize health. Trust a crazy hunch.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. When love walks in the door, offer sustenance and listen closely. Notice beauty, passion and artistry. Express your gratitude and appreciation for works of the heart.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Fix up your home and garden today and tomorrow. Surround your family with a space that encourages growth, with sufficient light, air and water elements.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Things are beginning to make sense. Welcome creative contributions from others. Somewhere in the blend a mysterious perfection can arise.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Research large purchases for best quality and value. Keep cash flowing in a positive direction. Replenish reserves. Resist the temptation to splurge.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. As you gain strength, you gain options. Dress for the part you want. Try on a new hairstyle or look. Pursue a personal dream.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 6. Find a quiet spot for peaceful contemplation. Make plans and itineraries. Enjoy a break from stimulation and noise. Relax and let your mind wander.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Social events and projects come together. Share your ideas and discover resources and information to advance. Offer your talented support with team collaborations.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Someone important is paying attention to your work. Spruce up your website and portfolio. A professional opportunity is within sight.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. A call to explore pulls you outside. Plan a trip or vacation. Investigate options and possibilities. Abandon expectations or doubts. Avoid risk, and choose reliable destinations.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Strategize with your partner to grow your financial enterprise. Handle logistics, and file papers. Deal with insurance or legal matters.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Collaborate intuitively with your partner. Reality might clash with fantasy. Adjust expectations for a happy compromise. It could get romantic.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

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Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
 ♠ AK J7432 ♥ A94 ♦ A ♣ QJ
 With the opponents passing, you open 1S and partner responds 1NT. What call would you make?
A.1—Good job by you not opening 2C. We don't like jump shifting into a three-card major or a two-card minor. Bid 4S.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
 ♠ A9873 ♥ Q82 ♦ 73 ♣ J98

North	East	South	West
1NT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	?	

***Transfer to spades**
 What call would you make?
A.2—This hand is not quite good enough to invite game. Pass.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
 ♠ KQ1098 ♥ J764 ♦ AQ ♣ AJ
 As dealer, what call would you make?
A.3—This hand has too many flaws to open 1NT – off shape, suits that are easy to bid naturally, and it's worth more than 17 points. Open 1S.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
 ♠ K975 ♥ KQ53 ♦ J3 ♣ AKQ

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
?			

What call would you make?
A.4—Bid 4H, showing a balanced hand worth about 19 points.

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Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



Frazz By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



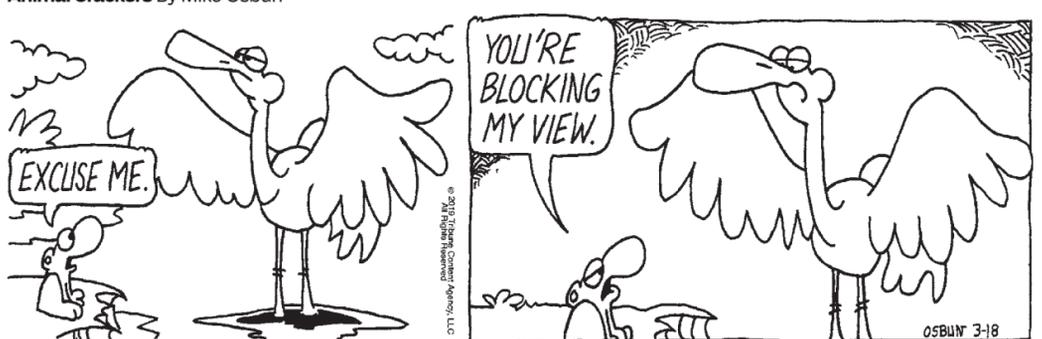
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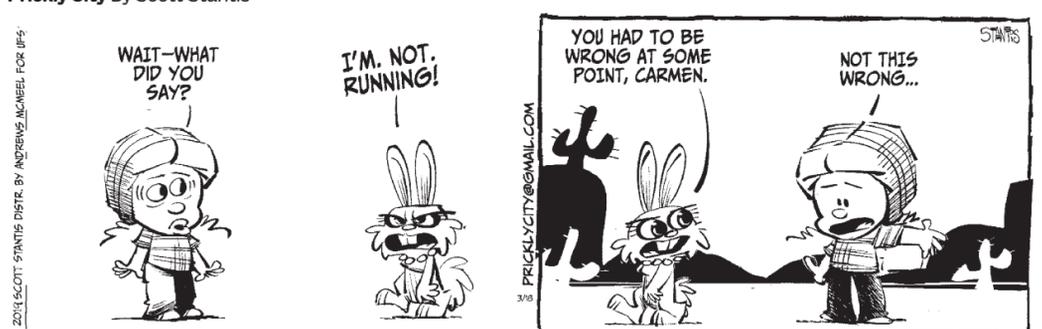
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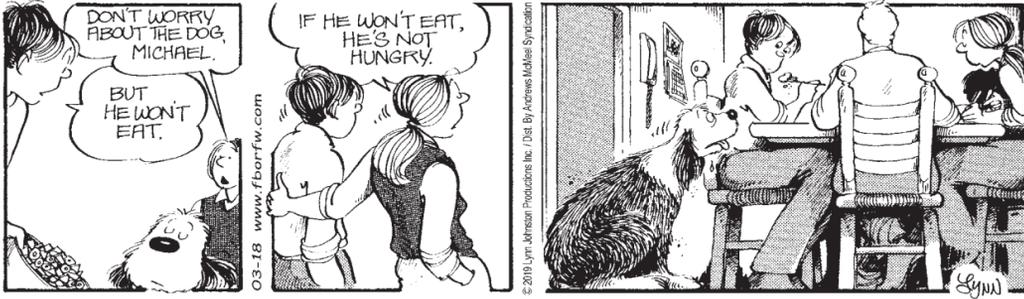


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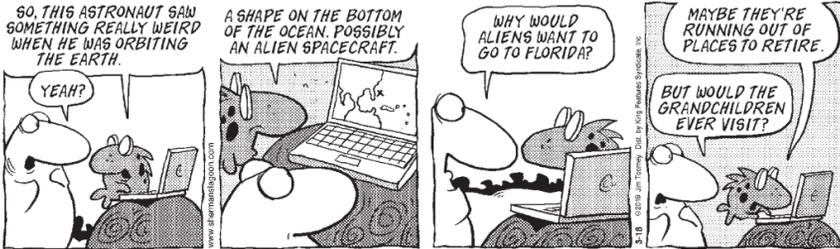
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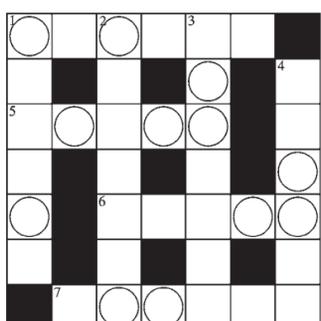
In 1916, which U.S. president signed the act that created the National Park Service?

A) Warren G. Harding
 B) Theodore Roosevelt
 C) William Howard Taft
 D) Woodrow Wilson

Saturday's answer: Billionaire Tony Stark is Iron Man.

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Jumble Crossword



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BONUS

ACROSS

CLUE ANSWER

1. Movie _____ RPSTCI

5. Stringed instrument JNBAO

6. _____ noise WTIEH

7. Customer NTLCEI

DOWN

CLUE ANSWER

1. Quell EUBSDE

2. Urban _____ ERENALW

3. Side view LFRPOEI

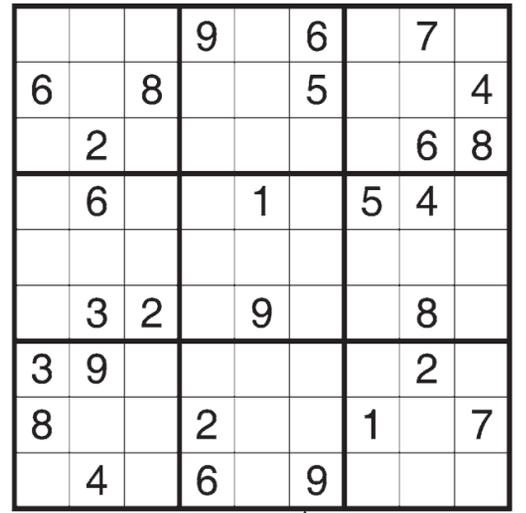
4. Although ETLABI

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1A-Script 5A-Banjo 6A-White 7A-Client 1D-Renault 2D-Sublime 3D-Kennel 4D-Albert 5D-Julia Roberts 6D-Whisper 7D-Whisper 8D-Whisper 9D-Whisper 10D-Whisper 11D-Whisper 12D-Whisper 13D-Whisper 14D-Whisper 15D-Whisper 16D-Whisper 17D-Whisper 18D-Whisper 19D-Whisper 20D-Whisper 21D-Whisper 22D-Whisper 23D-Whisper 24D-Whisper 25D-Whisper 26D-Whisper 27D-Whisper 28D-Whisper 29D-Whisper 30D-Whisper 31D-Whisper 32D-Whisper 33D-Whisper 34D-Whisper 35D-Whisper 36D-Whisper 37D-Whisper 38D-Whisper 39D-Whisper 40D-Whisper 41D-Whisper 42D-Whisper 43D-Whisper 44D-Whisper 45D-Whisper 46D-Whisper 47D-Whisper 48D-Whisper 49D-Whisper 50D-Whisper 51D-Whisper 52D-Whisper 53D-Whisper 54D-Whisper 55D-Whisper 56D-Whisper 57D-Whisper 58D-Whisper 59D-Whisper 60D-Whisper 61D-Whisper 62D-Whisper 63D-Whisper 64D-Whisper 65D-Whisper 66D-Whisper 67D-Whisper 68D-Whisper 69D-Whisper

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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2	3	7	4	1	5	9	6	8
9	4	3	5	7	2	8	1	6
6	2	8	1	3	4	7	9	5
7	5	1	6	9	8	4	3	2

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

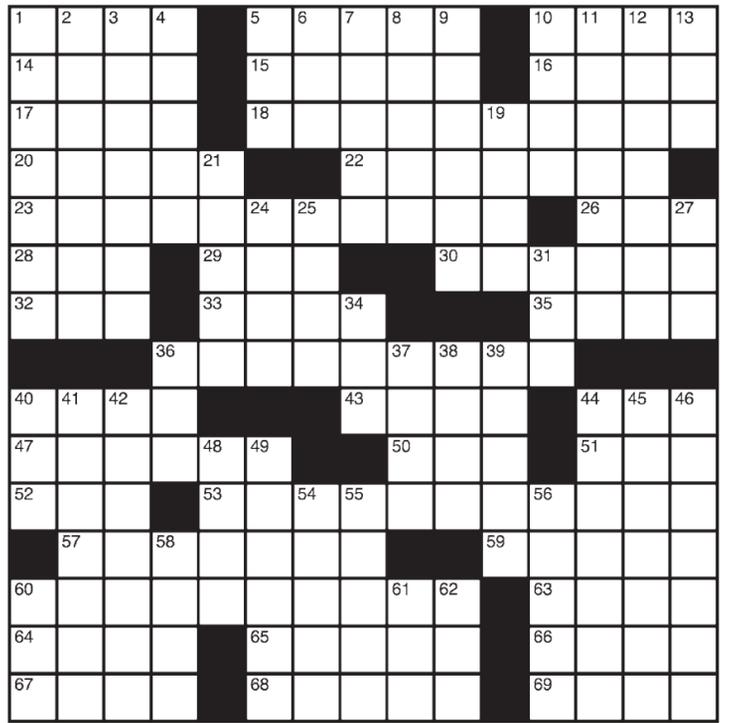
Jumbles: QUOTA CARRY TEDIUM POLLEN
 Answer: They arrived at the golf course early to use the practice green and -- PUTTER AROUND

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Crossword

3/18



Across

- 1 Slick-talking
- 5 Crime organizations
- 10 On the Atlantic, say
- 14 Bow-and-arrow-carrying Hindu god
- 15 Spry
- 16 Running shoe brand
- 17 Smartphone downloads
- 18 Tonto's friend, with "The"
- 20 Copper-and-zinc alloy
- 22 Countries
- 23 Early Neil Diamond hit
- 26 Fireworks reaction
- 28 "Honest" prez
- 29 Suffix with ranch
- 30 Work into a frenzy
- 32 Brother of Bobby Kennedy
- 33 Lawman Wyatt
- 35 Body art, briefly
- 36 Offspring sans siblings

- 40 Sheet music pitch indicator
- 43 Leaning Tower site
- 44 "Survivor" station
- 47 Gauchos' lariats
- 50 Chair part
- 51 Paintings, etchings, etc.
- 52 10-minute NFL periods, if they last that long
- 53 Used car selling point
- 57 Alike in many respects
- 59 Capital of Yemen
- 60 Something unlike any other
- 63 Repairs with turf, as a lawn
- 64 Cap'n's mate
- 65 Birds in a gaggle
- 66 French cruise stops
- 67 "The Simpsons" bus driver
- 68 _ Allan Poe
- 69 Laundry brand

- 13 Bubbly prefix
- 19 "That a Shame"
- 21 Dutch painter Jan
- 24 Devastated Asian sea
- 25 Golfer McIlroy
- 27 Some laptops
- 31 "be my pleasure"
- 34 Angel dust, for short
- 36 Shakespearean "frequently"
- 37 Jack and Jill went up one
- 38 "Understood"
- 39 Old Nigerian capital
- 40 -Magnon
- 41 "Better if we skip this"
- 42 Most simple
- 44 Tubular ricotta-filled pastry
- 45 Covered with crumbs before cooking
- 46 Street in Berlin
- 48 "Not likely!"
- 49 Stored fodder
- 54 In one's birthday suit
- 55 "Norwegian Dances" composer
- 56 "something I said?"
- 58 Pre-stereo
- 60 "Name a price--I'm flexible," in ads
- 61 Intel-gathering govt. group
- 62 _ Spiegel: German magazine

Saturday's solution



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Down

- 1 Clutches for
- 2 Carriage passenger's warmer
- 3 Stabbed by Buffy, as a vampire
- 4 Voices below tenori
- 5 Four qts.
- 6 In days of yore
- 7 Fool
- 8 Eye twinkle
- 9 Sealy competitors
- 10 Year in Tuscany
- 11 Lady of Italy
- 12 Barely manages, as a living

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MONDAY, MARCH 18 NORMAL HIGH: 47° NORMAL LOW: 30° RECORD HIGH: 81° (2012) RECORD LOW: 3° (1923)

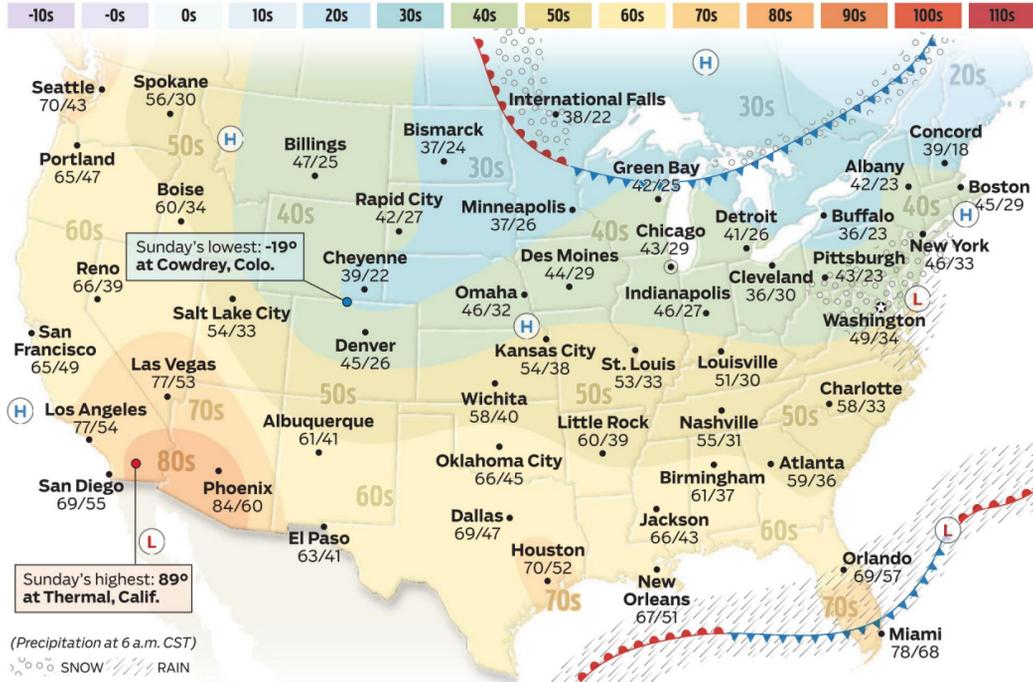
Spring equinox arrives amid a slow warmup

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 43 **LOW** 29

■ The leading edge of high pressure noses into the area from the northwest.
 ■ A few scattered clouds, but considerable sunshine. Temperatures not a lot different from those experienced Sunday with afternoon highs 40-45.
 ■ Not as breezy with light west to northwest winds 8-12 mph.
 ■ Increasing high clouds overnight. Light winds.

NATIONAL FORECAST



The days are growing longer and by Wednesday when we experience the spring equinox, the hours of daylight and darkness will be equal. However, to start the week Monday, we still have cool high pressure overhead, and high temperatures even with nearly 12 hours of sunshine will struggle to warm much into the 40s.

As the week progresses, readings should warm into the 50s except right along the lakefront, where water temps are still the low to mid-30s. Along and just inland of the lakefront this proximity to the water combined with periodic easterly winds will keep temperatures in the 30s at times.

It looks like there might be a period of wet snow or rain Tuesday night into Wednesday and some rain Sunday; otherwise, we look for a mostly dry week ahead.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

HIGH 48 **LOW** 34

Sun at the start, then a gradual increase in clouds. Highs in the mid to upper 40s. Wet snow or a rain/snow mix overnight. Southerly winds.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

HIGH 51 **LOW** 33

Spring Equinox today. Mostly cloudy at the start with a chance of a wet snow/light rain mix early south and east. Becoming partly sunny. Highs in the lower 50. Mostly clear skies overnight. Breezy NW winds.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

HIGH 51 **LOW** 34

Mostly sunny skies - highs 50-55, cooler at the lakefront. Clear skies overnight. Light northerly winds.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

HIGH 52 **LOW** 34

Mostly sunny skies and mild - afternoon highs in the 50-55 with much cooler readings near the lake. Clear skies overnight. A light easterly wind develops.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

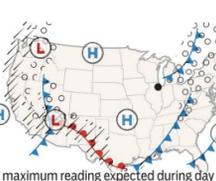
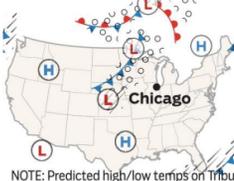
HIGH 57 **LOW** 45

Mostly sunny - warming trend continues. A wide range in afternoon highs with readings in the 40s along the lakefront to near 60 degrees in far west and southern portions of the area. Increasing cloudiness overnight. Southerly winds.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

HIGH 57 **LOW** 47

Cloudy with rain likely. Afternoon highs in the mid to upper 50s. Rain continues overnight. Southerly winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 What were the temperatures the day of the Chicago Bears Super Bowl parade in January 1986?
 — Bob White, Chicago

Dear Bob,
 It was a frigid Jan. 27 when the Bears had a ticker-tape parade in the Loop celebrating their 46-10 Super Bowl XX victory over the New England Patriots. Chicago climatologist Frank Wachowski checked the day's weather stats and reported the high was just 5 above and the low 6 below.

The midafternoon parade began with the mercury hovering near 4 above. Brisk northwest winds kept wind chills in the minus-25 to minus-30 range based on the wind chill formula in use at the time. Using today's formula, the wind chills were more in the minus-15 to minus-20 range. The team was supposed to ride in open convertibles but opted for enclosed buses.

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Chicago area just a microcosm of the macro flood event

SATURDAY NIGHT-SUNDAY MORNING Band of snow south of Chicago

Low pressure moved out of Iowa through central Illinois into Indiana Saturday night into Sunday morning, laying out a 1 to 5-inch band of snow to the north of the low track and along and south of Interstate-80.



Band of snow south of Chicago

Princeton, Ill.	5.0"	LaSalle	3.2"
Davenport, Iowa	3.9"	Manhattan	3.0"
Ottawa	4.5"	Wilmingtion	3.0"
Morris	4.2"	Mazon	3.0"
Coal City	4.2"	Peru	3.0"
Mendota	3.5"	Carbon Hill	2.9"

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

SIGNIFICANT RIVER FLOOD OUTLOOK

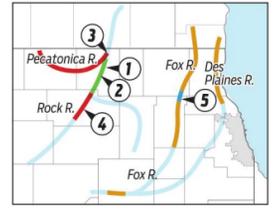
Multitude of rivers in flood
 Due to heavy snowmelt and widespread rains a major portion of the mid-section of the U.S. are threatened by river flooding.

SIGNIFICANT RIVER FLOODING OCCURRING OR IS IMMINENT



Current and Forecast Chicago area river flooding

- RECORD FLOODING
- 1 Latham Park
- 2 Rockford on the Rock River
- MAJOR FLOODING
- 3 Pecatonica River and the Rock
- 4 River at Rockton Byron
- MODERATE FLOODING
- 5 Algonquin on the Fox River
- MINOR FLOODING
- Portions of the Fox, Des Plaines and Illinois Rivers



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MIDWEST CITIES

MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	52	33	sh	55	40
Carbondale	pc	46	26	cl	50	37
Champaign	pc	48	27	cl	51	39
Decatur	pc	46	29	pc	52	34
Moline	pc	46	27	cl	50	38
Peoria	cl	49	31	sh	51	39
Quincy	cl	48	28	cl	49	32
Rockford	sh	43	27	pc	49	32
Springfield	cl	48	28	cl	51	39
St. Louis	cl	43	26	pc	50	32
Stirling	cl	43	26	pc	50	32
Indiana	pc	48	28	cl	51	36
Bloomington	pc	50	30	cl	53	37
Evansville	pc	42	26	pc	48	32
Fort Wayne	pc	46	27	cl	51	36
Indianapolis	cl	44	25	cl	50	35
Lafayette	cl	40	26	pc	47	31
South Bend	cl	40	26	pc	47	31
Wisconsin	pc	42	25	pc	45	34
Green Bay	pc	41	28	pc	47	33
Kenosha	cl	41	28	pc	47	33
La Crosse	cl	42	24	pc	48	30
Madison	cl	43	26	pc	49	32
Milwaukee	cl	41	29	pc	47	34
Wausau	cl	38	20	pc	43	29
Michigan	pc	41	26	pc	45	31
Detroit	pc	41	26	pc	45	31
Grand Rapids	pc	42	27	pc	46	32
Marquette	cl	37	22	pc	43	28
St. Ste. Marie	ss	33	16	pc	39	28
Traverse City	pc	39	24	pc	44	31
Iowa	cl	41	26	cl	51	31
Ames	cl	41	26	cl	51	31
Cedar Rapids	cl	41	26	cl	51	31
Des Moines	cl	42	29	cl	51	32
Dubuque	cl	43	28	pc	49	32
El Paso	cl	43	28	pc	49	32

OTHER U.S. CITIES

MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	42	23	pc	44	24
Albuquerque	su	61	41	pc	62	40
Amarillo	pc	61	37	cl	60	33
Anchorage	sh	43	33	sh	39	34
Asheville	su	48	26	pc	52	28
Aspen	cl	44	22	pc	41	15
Atlanta	pc	59	36	pc	57	36
Atlantic City	sh	44	31	su	44	34
Austin	pc	69	50	pc	68	51
Baltimore	cl	47	34	su	50	33
Billings	cl	47	25	su	48	27
Birmingham	pc	61	37	pc	59	37
Bismarck	sh	37	24	pc	37	27
Burlington	pc	47	29	cl	40	24
Boston	pc	45	29	pc	44	29
Brownsville	sh	66	59	sh	69	64
Buffalo	cl	36	23	pc	38	29
Burlington	pc	34	16	pc	34	22
Charlotte	pc	58	33	pc	56	33
Charlottesville	pc	66	44	pc	59	44
Charlton SC	pc	46	26	pc	50	27
Charlton WV	pc	38	18	pc	39	19
Chattanooga	su	57	34	su	57	33
Cheyenne	cl	39	22	pc	36	18
Cincinnati	cl	47	28	cl	51	33
Cleveland	pc	36	30	su	42	33
Colo. Spgs	pc	57	34	pc	54	33
Columbia MO	pc	52	36	pc	53	34
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