

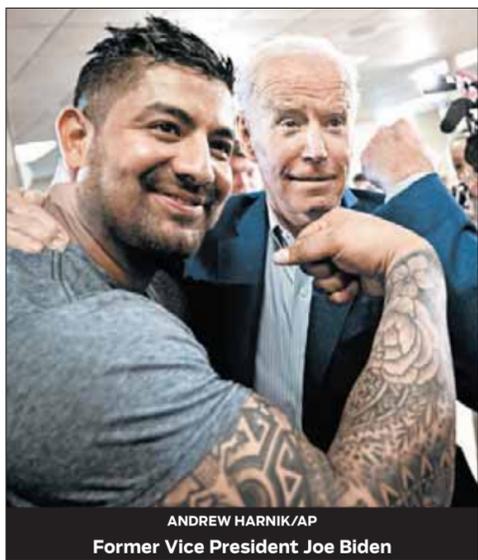
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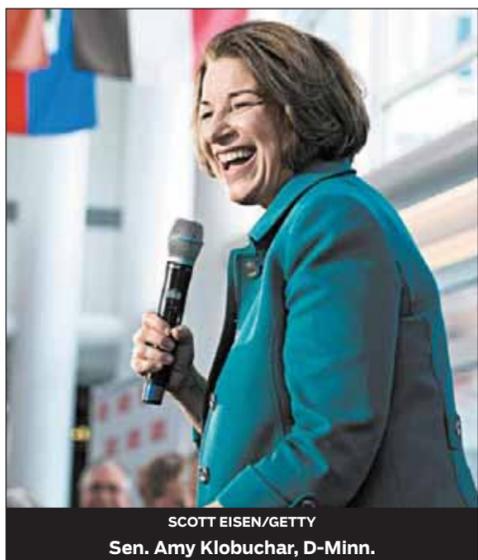
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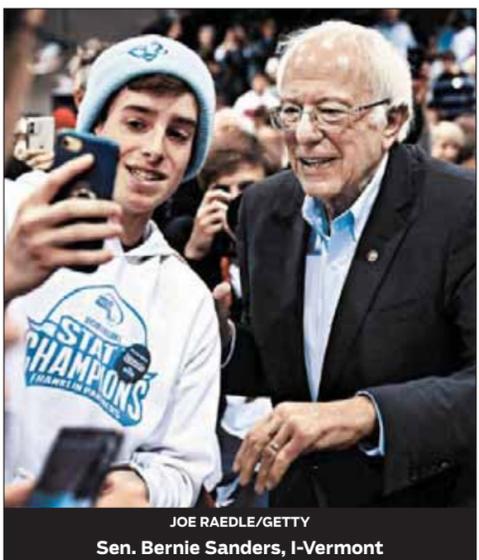
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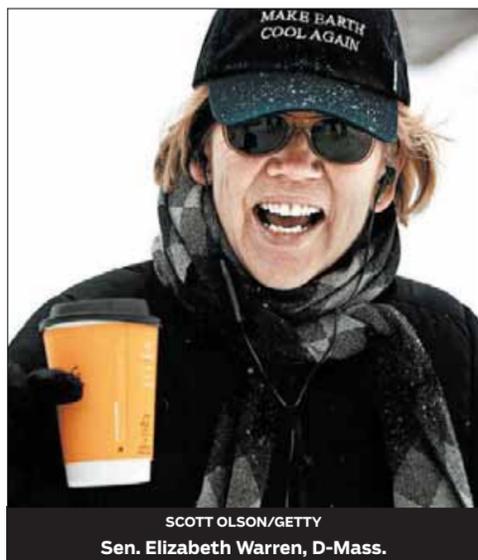
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BY STEVE PEOPLES | Associated Press

HANOVER, N.H. — New Hampshire voters are poised Tuesday to reorder the field of Democratic presidential candidates.

But as important, they will also send a message about what kind of change they want their party to stand for to challenge President Donald Trump.

Will it be the call for revolutionary change offered by Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, a democratic socialist who wants to dramatically re-engineer the U.S. economy — or the one for generational change by Pete

Iowa update: Both Buttigieg's and Sanders' campaigns request a "partial canvass" of the results of last week's caucuses. **Nation & World, Page 11**

Buttigieg, who says his plans are rooted in realism?

The candidates are separated by 40 years — longer than Buttigieg, 38, has been alive — and their appeals are starkly different as well. Sanders, the candidate who is too old to be a Baby Boomer, has created far more energy among younger partisans, while Buttigieg is reminding voters that when the party chose genera-

tional change, it delivered candidates like John F. Kennedy, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama.

Tuesday's primary will in part be a referendum on which call is more powerful as the nominating process accelerates. It is a question shaped by ideology and perceptions of electability as much as age.

The political world is looking to New Hampshire, the second contest in the Democrats' presidential primary season, for answers in an election that hinges, above all, on change.

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Casino in Waukegan hinges on its bidders

2 teams have figures denied licenses in past

BY KIM GEIGER

After 30 years of failure, Lake County's largest city finally is on the cusp of getting a casino thanks to a major gambling expansion in Illinois.

But two of the teams contending for the Waukegan betting house include key figures who've been denied gambling licenses in the past because of concerns from regulators, a Tribune review has found.

One bid team is led by Michael Bond, a former Democratic state senator who until recently ran a video gambling company. Bond's casino would be operated by a man who was previously an executive at a casino chain when it surrendered its Missouri riverboat gambling licenses following a scandal. The money behind Bond's effort is a private equity firm that lost a New York gambling license in a troubled bidding process that surfaced issues about some of the firm's investment partners.

Then there's the bid from real estate mogul Neil Bluhm, who owns part of Rivers Casino in Des Plaines. Rivers' team includes developers whose ties to a Springfield power broker were cited by Illinois gambling regulators

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Scrap cars are hoisted and processed Wednesday at General Iron Industries recycling plant in Chicago.

Mayor cracks down on North Side scrap yard

Scrutiny suggests polluter's clout evaporating

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE

Despite repeated complaints about metallic odors drifting into surrounding neighborhoods, city health inspectors only cited General Iron Industries once during former Mayor Rahm Emanuel's eight years in office.

The same city department ticketed the North Side scrap yard five times during the past two months — the latest signs that General Iron's once-formidable clout at City Hall is slipping away as Mayor Lori Lightfoot reviews policy and

enforcement decisions made by her predecessor.

On four days in December and another last month, a health inspector cataloged the same problems that neighbors have been emailing and calling city officials about for years.

Previous inspections largely absolved General Iron of any wrongdoing. But during all five of the recent visits, a health inspector said she observed "untreated emissions" escaping the company's pair of massive scrap shredders along the Chicago River near Clybourn Avenue and Cortland Street.

The inspector described smelling "the pungent odor of sweet metal that burns my nostrils." She also said she found residue from the scrap yard littering sidewalks outside General Iron, including shards of metal, glass and plastic that by law should be dumped in a landfill.

Each of the inspector's reports suggested that recently installed pollution-control equipment required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is failing to properly control noxious emissions from the shredding of flattened cars,

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Strip club operators plan court showdown

New rules in Harvey force venues to close

BY ZAK KOESKE

For years, Harvey has been known as a hub for adult entertainment.

On weekends, thousands of people from around the Chicago area and beyond would converge on the city to party until the early morning hours.

"We would have people coming in from the West Side, the South Side, the East Side, Indiana, you'd have people traveling all the way from Wisconsin. We had everyone," said Gigi Gayle, a managing partner at Skyl11, a Harvey strip club formerly known as The Boxxx.

On an average Friday or Saturday night, Skyl 11 could expect about 600 people to pass through its doors. On special event nights, they might hit 800, Gayle said.

All that changed roughly three months ago, when new ordinances championed by Mayor Christopher Clark went into effect. The ordinances, passed back in June, require all "alcohol-related businesses" to close by midnight or be subject to fines.

The city's four strip clubs and a number of other night clubs that regularly kept the drinks flowing until 4 or 5 a.m.

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The Tribune regrets the errors.

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City worker Alonzo Owens takes pictures on East 73rd Street as his crew works to clear South Shore Drive on Jan. 11.

A reasonable solution to Chicago's Lake Michigan shoreline disaster



REX HUPPKE

It's time Chicagoans admit something: Lake Michigan is trying to kill us, and it must be stopped.

High water levels are wiping out beaches and eroding our shores. Fierce waves and flooding have become a threat.

It's so bad that Gov. J.B. Pritzker recently declared the state's Lake Michigan shoreline a disaster, and Mayor Lori Lightfoot is seeking a federal disaster designation for Chicago's lakefront.

"The entire population that touches Lake Michigan, which encompasses several states, is affected by this," she said. "So there's a sense of urgency, I think, by every mayor, every elected official who cares about the environment, and in particular preserving this lake, that we get something done."

Warmer temperatures this winter have melted the snowpack faster than usual, and heavy rains chipped in to bring the lake's water level up to a record high for the month of January.

Those who believe in "climate change" say human activity is leading to rising temperatures that allow the atmosphere to hold more moisture, which in turn leads to more severe

storms. And people who believe in "volume" say more liquid entering Lake Michigan leads to a larger lake.

I don't believe in either of those things, which is why I keep a tire fire burning in my backyard year-round and always pour four quarts of water into my one-quart water bottle and tell myself wet floors are a liberal hoax.

Besides, believing our Lake Michigan disaster was the result of human activity might require us to stop doing certain things we enjoy, like having year-round backyard tire fires and driving to the coffee shop two blocks away and making fun of people who recycle.

No, I opt for a more rational explanation for Lake Michigan's current attack on Chicago: The lake is angry.

I have no idea why it's angry. Yes, Milwaukee might occasionally allow a few billion gallons of raw sewage to overflow into the lake. And yes, steel mills in northwest Indiana might, from time to time, inject the lake with fish-murdering chemicals such as cyanide and ammonia. And sure, there was that one time a few years back when I peed in it while swimming.

Whatever the reason, we can't just sit here and allow Lake Michigan to come at us like this. It's time to fight back. And I have a multi-pronged plan that will work and undoubtedly be

easier than accepting responsibility for problems we may have created.

The first step is to secure our shoreline from further erosion. To do that, we utilize the state's No. 1 natural resource: corrupt Democratic politicians.

If we take Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan and everyone who has ever worked for him and line them up next to every corrupt Democratic state lawmaker and alderman, we should be able to line the entire lakefront (twice) with what I call a "clout fence" that would buffer the shoreline from waves. The money lining the lawmakers' pockets would be highly absorbent, and their collective callousness might be enough to scare back the rising waters.

Members of the clout fence would be fed each day by lobbyists, so there would be little change from their current existence.

The second step, of course, would be a counter-attack on Lake Michigan. We are Chicagoans, so when somebody pulls a knife, we pull a gun, and when somebody hits us with waves that erode our shoreline, we also pull a gun.

Am I suggesting we start shooting Lake Michigan to get it to back off? Of course not. I'm simply putting the idea out there in a way that gives me plausible deniability, just in case shooting a lake turns out to be illegal.

The final step is to

redirect the rising lake water to a place not presently being used for anything important: Indiana.

By digging a roughly 20-mile-wide trench between Gary and Burns Harbor, careful to preserve the important fish-murdering steel mills of northwest Indiana, Lake Michigan can be extended down almost 90 miles south to the city of Lafayette. Granted, Valparaiso University will have to become either an island campus or a naval facility, but the state won't be losing a thing in terms of scenery.

And best of all, the dug-up dirt from the Lake Michigan extension can be used to build barriers to protect the shorelines of important Lake Michigan areas, such as Chicago and places that aren't Indiana. (When building the dirt barriers along Chicago's shorelines, the Army Corps of Engineers will have to be careful not to damage the lawmakers who form the clout fence. Lobbyists can help with that as well.)

So that's it — a simple three-step process to stop this rising-lake-level disaster without having to acknowledge or care about the root cause!

If all corrupt lawmakers could please meet along the lakefront on Friday morning, we'll get started on the fence before the lake gets any higher, and before any more of you get locked up.

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ONE YEAR AFTER AURORA MASS SHOOTING

21-year-old killed on first day as Henry Pratt intern

Rural hometown helping Wehner's family to heal

BY SARAH FREISHTAT

Near the heart of Sheridan, outside the low building that houses village hall and the police station and next to a small monument to the people of the community, sits a bench dedicated to Trevor Wehner.

It is one of many steps residents in the small LaSalle County town have taken to remember Wehner in the year since he was killed when a gunman opened fire inside the Henry Pratt Co. in Aurora. Wehner, then a 21-year-old Northern Illinois University student on the first day of an internship, was one of five people killed in the shooting. Five Aurora police officers and another employee were wounded.

The community's support has offered comfort to Wehner's parents during what they described as "an emotional year of firsts without Trevor," they said.

"Sometimes I think of the times we shared together and that brings up thoughts of things I won't be able to see him accomplish," his father, Tom Wehner, wrote in an email to The Beacon-News. "It's in those times when friends and family are experiencing life's joys that make me sad that not only me but everyone else won't be able to experience or share what Trevor would have become."

Tom Wehner's feelings were echoed by many in the close-knit community of fewer than 1,000 people, where it seems nearly everyone watched Wehner grow up or knew one of his parents. They made food for Wehner's wake and collected money for the scholarship fund his family created in his memory, anything they could do to help.

Wehner loved sports, especially baseball. He

enjoyed games such as Magic, World of Warcraft and League of Legends, and took part in activities in town such as "nerd day," a monthly event at the American Legion where people gathered to play tabletop and card games.

He left behind "a town full of friends," his online obituary said, and that was evident at his funeral last year. Hundreds of mourners packed the funeral home and the wake held at the nearby fire station, and signs remembering him were posted on the board outside the Methodist church and at a house nearby.

Nearly one year later, the visitors who flooded Sheridan to pay their respects are gone and the signs honoring Wehner have been taken down or changed. But healing, for the community, has taken longer.

"This is a tight little community here, and we're all family in one way or another," said Tracy Shoopman, who works at the gas station and Subway in the center of town. "So when one goes down, we all go down."

Fundraisers and events following Wehner's death seemed to give the community a central point to focus its mourning, she said.

Her gas station put out a collection box and donated sandwiches for his wake. The community declared Wehner's birthday "Trevor Melvin Wehner" day in Sheridan. The Corner Tap held a bags tournament to raise funds and the town community club donated a portion of the money raised during a Fourth of July ticket sale, Wehner's parents said. The Cadillac Grill raised about \$1,350 during an April spaghetti dinner for the scholarship fund in Wehner's memory.

The grill's owner, Paula

Alexander, is friends with Wehner's mother, and both parents have worked for her at some point, Alexander said.

"All of us doing stuff like that helped bring the community together more," Alexander said. "And I just think it kind of made everyone feel like they were helping out the family in such a time of need. Just to kind of show their support."

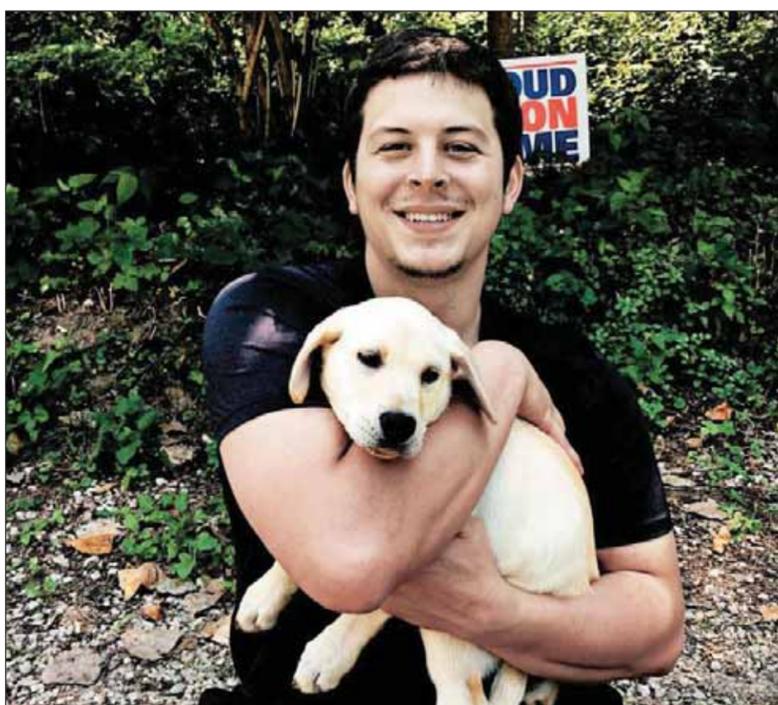
Down the street at Calico Cafe, owners Jamie and Kalico Skalic made fried chicken for the wake and brought food to the family. They watched Wehner grow up, and he was always nice and polite, they said.

At the mention of Wehner's name, the lone customer in the cafe in on a recent weekday mid-afternoon chimed in, recalling Wehner was always smiling. He went to school with the customer's step-daughter, and the two had known each other nearly their whole lives.

The memorials and efforts of the city can't change what happened, said Jamie Skalic, who is also a town trustee. But they recognize a tragedy the community won't forget. You never think it will happen to your small town, especially to a good kid like Wehner, he said.

Wehner's legacy stretches beyond Sheridan. His parents highlighted events by the sprawling grade school district he attended and at Northern Illinois University. Police and the Henry Pratt company have held other events for the families and continue to reach out, they said.

This month, his parents visited the restaurant where Wehner worked in DeKalb, Tom and Jerry's, to return food carriers. They met one of the owners who said he would keep the carriers in



WEHNER FAMILY PHOTO

Trevor Wehner, then 21, was the youngest of five people killed at the Henry Pratt Co.

his office in Wehner's memory. Wehner's former co-workers always give his parents a warm welcome and share memories of Wehner when they visit, his parents recalled.

They thanked their communities for remembering their son.

"We are so thankful for each and every person, the communities, the organizations, and businesses that helped to support and comfort us," they said in an email.

Wehner's parents declined to be interviewed, but in a series of emails they described the past year without their son.

His father, Tom, described relying on God for support and reminders to stay strong. On difficult days, Tom sometimes encounters people who will share stories of something Wehner did that made them laugh or smile. That helps Tom laugh and smile, he said.

Wehner's mother, Bonnie Rich, said some days are better than others. She relies on family and friends, and sees a grief counselor and takes antidepressants to

help with her healing. Her son's death has become part of who she is, she said.

"I fall asleep thinking of him and wake up with him on my mind," she said "I can hear his voice, his laugh. I often look for him at home. I can still see his smile. I can still smell his scent. Those are the things I cherish and hold onto. I miss him with every ounce of my soul."

Both parents said they have forgiven the gunman. Tom Wehner said he never felt angry with the shooter, only confused about how someone could feel so angry and think such actions would bring them peace. Rich said she thinks he is a coward.

Tom Wehner prayed for mercy for the shooter, and Rich continues to pray for his family and their healing.

And they are moving forward. The Trevor Melvin Wehner scholarship fund is set to begin awarding money this year, Wehner's parents said. They are continuing to accept donations and working on a second golf outing to raise funds this summer.

"I believe we are doing something wonderful in

Trevor's memory," Rich said. "And because of the scholarship foundation, many will be able to pursue their dreams and realize their potential for many years so come, something that was senselessly taken from Trevor."

Sheridan, too, is moving forward. One trustee has proposed turning a now-vacant patch of land into a park in Wehner's memory.

A home that was once on the property burned down, and the village ended up with the land, board member Jeff Wilhelm said. Rather than sell it, he and several other trustees proposed a park.

Wilhelm's youngest daughter went to school with Wehner, and he knows his parents. Though the park is still largely just an idea, he envisions children's play equipment in one part and in another a butterfly park for older residents.

"We just thought it'd be something to remember Trevor," Wilhelm said. "He wasn't really even out of college. He didn't really get a chance."

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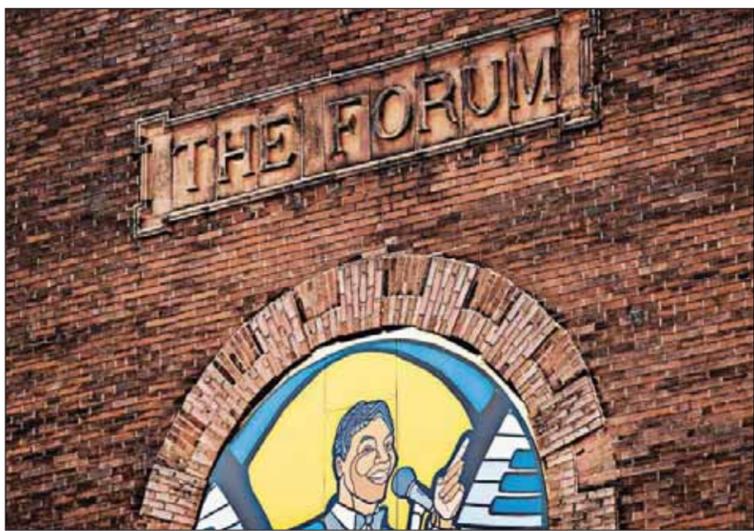


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The Forum building at E. 43rd St. in Bronzeville.

7 state sites join National Register of Historic Places

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

The National Park Service has added two sites in Chicago and five in the suburbs to the National Register of Historic Places, including the Leaning Tower in Niles, a South Side location that hosted prominent jazz musicians and was an organizing center during the civil rights movement, and a former medical campus on the Far Northwest Side dedicated to treating tuberculosis, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources announced Monday.

"Each of these places tells a unique story that is part of the rich fabric of Illinois history," said Natural Resources Director Colleen Callahan in a news release.

The Illinois properties that were designated historic sites are as follows.

■ **Chicago Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium District, (now North Park Village) Chicago.** The Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium District was a 160-acre campus made up of 12 buildings on the Far Northwest Side. For roughly 60 years, it was a residential treatment center for tuberculosis. The property is now known as North Park Village, home to senior housing, a Chicago Park District gymnastics center and a nature center with 46 acres of land.

■ **The Forum, Chicago.** Built in 1897, the Forum served as the political, social and cultural epicenter of the Bronzeville neighborhood for more than 75 years. The Forum eventually became a popular music scene in Chicago, attracting prominent and jazz and blues musicians, including Nat King Cole, Muddy Waters and Floyd Campbell. The Forum also served as headquarters for pivotal civil rights moments, according to the application. As late as 1961, the Forum hosted a group of Freedom Riders who participated in the efforts to integrate public transportation and facilities.



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The Leaning Tower of Niles.

■ **Leaning Tower of Niles.** The Leaning Tower was completed in 1934 and is the only replica of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. It stands 94 feet tall and leans 7 feet toward the south, according to the application for historic registry. The tower was originally built to store the water tanks for two park swimming pools. Recently, village leaders have begun developing the area around the tower. The Niles Village Board voted in 2015 to purchase the Leaning Tower, which had been owned by the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago and leased by Niles for years.

■ **First Congressional Church, Des Plaines.** First Congressional Church was designated a historic site because of its unique Arts and Crafts architectural design.

■ **Lilacia Park Historic District, Lombard, DuPage County.** This district is a 4.8-acre public park and garden. The property was donated to the village of Lombard in 1927 and has been home to the annual Lilac Time festival, which showcases hundreds of blooming lilacs, since 1930, according to the application for historic registry.

■ **Louis Fredrick House, Barrington Hills, Lake County.** The Louis Fredrick House was built in 1957 and was the last house built in Illinois by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright, according to the application for historic registry. The house is a one-story masonry and wood frame house on a 10-acre property.

■ **Copley Hospital, Aurora, Kane County.** The Aurora City Hospital, later renamed the Copley Hospital, opened in 1888. Five years after opening, the hospital established an accredited school of nursing. The nursing school graduated more than 1,100 nurses from 1893 to 1975. Throughout the 1900s, additional sections were added to the hospital to accommodate Aurora's growing population. In 1957, the hospital built a nurses dormitory with training rooms.

■ **Alton Gas and Electric Powerhouse, Alton, Madison County**

■ **Downtown Urbana Historic District, Urbana, Champaign County**

■ **Hunziker Winery Site, Warsaw, Hancock County**

■ **Paris High School and Gymnasium, Paris, Edgar County**

■ **Rollo Congregational United Church of Christ, Earlville vicinity, DeKalb County**

To qualify for the registry, each site had to meet at least one of the following criteria: be associated with an event that has contributed significantly to history; be associated with the lives of significant historical figures; represent or possess distinctive architectural and artistic features; or have produced important historical information, said Barbara Wyatt, historian for the National Register of Historic Places. The physical appearance of each property must also resemble how it looked during its historic period of significance, Wyatt said.

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Ex-cop gets 10 years in man's fatal shooting

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

Angelica Nieves took the witness stand in Cook County court Monday, looked at the ex-Chicago cop who killed her brother, and addressed him directly. His actions had shattered her family, and she would use his full name.

"You took him away from us, and why? What did he do to you, Lowell Houser?" she asked Monday at the former officer's sentencing. "We are forever heartbroken... Maybe one day my family will be able to truly forgive you, Lowell Houser."

Lowell Houser appeared unmoved. He sat stone-faced as he waited to learn his punishment.

Moments later, Judge William Gamboney sentenced Houser to 10 years in prison for second-degree murder in the death of Jose Nieves, an unarmed man Houser fatally shot after a 2017 encounter on a Northwest Side street.

"We could sit here and debate what he should have done or what he could have done or what could have happened, but Mr. Houser chose possibly the most extreme choices in that list of alternatives," Gamboney said before handing down the sentence.

"As a consequence, a 38-year-old man, Jose Nieves, who was minding his own business, lies dead."

Houser, 60, will get credit for nearly three years he spent on an ankle monitor awaiting trial. And since inmates convicted of second-degree murder must serve only half their sentence, Houser is expected to be released from custody in about two years.

Houser, who had nearly 30 years on the force, left the department a few weeks after the 2017 shooting.

He was charged with first-degree murder for shooting Nieves as the two argued on a Northwest Side street in January 2017. At trial in October, prosecutors argued the slaying was unprovoked, while Houser's attorneys maintained he fired in self-defense.

Gamboney in December rejected a first-degree murder conviction — finding that Houser had "an actual, subjective belief" that he faced a deadly threat when he opened fire. The judge ruled, however, that Houser wasn't justified in shooting Nieves, and found him guilty of a lesser charge.

Prosecutors on Monday asked for a 15-year sentence, while Houser's attorneys argued for probation. Houser has been in Cook County Jail since his conviction in December.

"He's 60 years old with health issues, he had never committed a crime up to this point," attorney William Fahy said. "(The shooting was) a split-second decision and he got it wrong. A split-second deci-



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Angelica Nieves-Figuereroa, the sister of Jose Nieves, weeps while praying before the trial begins on Oct. 29.

sion made out of fear and he did get it wrong, judge."

To bolster the argument for Houser's release, attorneys called his son to the stand, who described him as a "lovely, caring, supportive dad" and worried for his health behind bars. Houser was on medical leave for cancer treatment at the time of the shooting.

And some of Houser's former colleagues testified he was a responsible cop with a calm presence.

"I know for a fact that as a police officer, the city of Chicago is a safer place because of Lowell's service," said retired officer Bruce Askew.

Houser, wearing a black and white striped jail uniform, rose to speak on his own behalf, offering condolences to the Nieves family but stopping short of an apology.

"Many times I went over in my mind, was there something else I could have done to prevent this, but unfortunately I can only look in hindsight," he said.

Criminal charges against Chicago police officers in shootings, on- or off-duty, are rare. Convictions are even more so. Houser's case was a major test for Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, who was elected on a reform plank and took office just a month before Nieves was shot.

During the three-day trial, witnesses said Houser shot Nieves after an argument escalated outside Nieves' apartment building in the 2500 block of North Lowell Avenue.

Prosecutors have previously said that the two had fought in the past, in particular about a month before the shooting when Houser allegedly brandished a gun at Nieves.

Like most officers charged with wrongdoing, Houser opted to have his fate decided by a judge rather than a jury, leaving his case in Gamboney's hands.

The two men were arguing, and Nieves had taken his coat off, but that was not enough for Houser to rea-



Houser

sonably believe his life was in danger, Gamboney said in his decision last year.

"Even though Nieves may have been aggressive, the evidence suggests he was ready for a fistfight," the judge said. "But Houser brought a gun."

In his decision, Gamboney said prosecutors had not put on any evidence to refute Houser's claim that Nieves threatened to shoot him and reached for his waistband. The judge noted that two eyewitnesses for the prosecution didn't observe the shooting, "only before and after."

But Nieves did not have a gun, Gamboney said, and Houser never claimed to have actually seen him with a weapon. He only inferred that Nieves was armed, he said. Houser faced a sentence of four to 20 years behind bars, though Gamboney also could have sentenced him to probation.

A first-degree murder conviction could have meant life in prison.

In an unusual move for a murder defendant, Houser was allowed to remain on electronic monitoring since the case progressed, instead of spending time in Cook County Jail. That means he earned about three years of credit against his sentence.

Houser was the first Chicago cop to be found guilty of murder since the historic 2018 conviction of then-Officer Jason Van Dyke. A Cook County jury convicted Van Dyke on one count of second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery — one for each bullet that hit 17-year-old Laquan McDonald in October 2014 as the teen walked away from police while holding a knife. Van Dyke was sentenced to six years and nine months in prison. He is slated for release in about two years; an appeal is pending.

Much like Van Dyke, prosecutors had charged Houser with first-degree murder, but Gamboney opted to convict him of second-degree murder.

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Thomas to step down from Illinois high court

Ex-Bears kicker to return to practicing law at Chicago firm

BY JAMIE MUNKS

Longtime Justice Robert Thomas, a former kicker for the Chicago Bears, will retire from the Illinois Supreme Court later this month and return to practicing law, he said Monday.

"It has been a great honor and privilege to have served on the Illinois Supreme Court as well as on the appellate and circuit courts over the past 32 years," Thomas said in a statement. "While I will miss the collegial atmosphere with my colleagues on the court, I am ready to return to the practice of law and help clients achieve justice."

Thomas, 67, said he will leave the bench Feb. 29 and join the Chicago law firm of Power Rogers. A co-founder of the firm, Joe Power, represented Thomas in a 2006 defamation case against the Kane County Chronicle.

A jury found that allegations in a column the newspaper ran of high court politicking in 2003 were false and defamatory. In 2007, the Chronicle agreed to apologize for publishing defamatory statements about Thomas, then the Illinois Supreme Court chief justice, and to pay a reduced damage award to settle his case against the newspaper.



Thomas

Thomas is a native of Rochester, New York, and he attended the University of Notre Dame, where he was the starting place kicker on the football team for three years, including Notre Dame's national championship in 1973. He played professional football in the National Football League for 12 years, 10 of them with the Bears.

He got a degree from the Loyola University School of Law and practiced law for several years before being elected circuit judge for the 18th Judicial Circuit in DuPage County in 1988. He also served on the Illinois Appellate Court before he was elected as a Republican

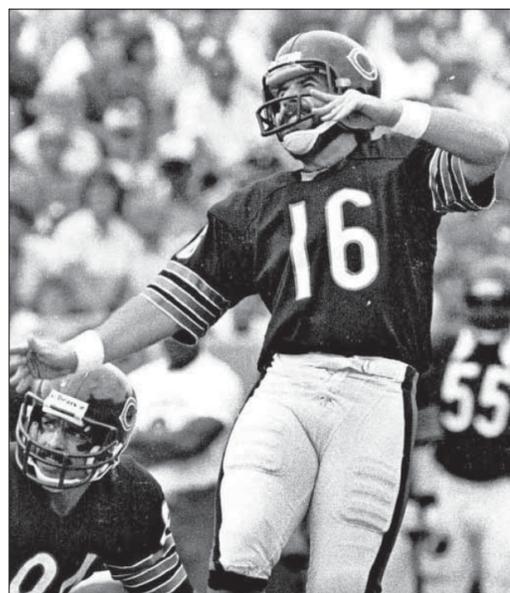
to the Illinois Supreme Court in 2000. Thomas became the first chief justice from DuPage County when he was elected for that role in 2005.

Justice Lloyd Karmeier in a statement called Thomas' retirement "a great loss" for the court and the people of Illinois.

"Members of the bar will remember him for his clear thinking, insightful analysis and forceful writing," Karmeier said. "Those of us who served with him will miss him for his good humor, collegiality and intellectual thinking."

The Supreme Court has appointed Appellate Justice Michael Burke to fill Thomas' seat effective March 1, through Dec. 5, 2022.

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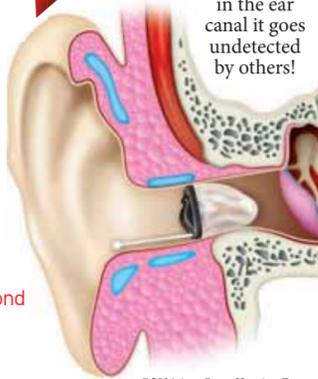
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Tragedy is 'a story that had to be told'

Aurora exhibit offers chance to reflect on Henry Pratt Co. mass shooting

By DAVID SHAROS

A new exhibit opened by the Aurora Historical Society on Friday night is offering Aurora residents a chance to remember and reflect on the shooting at the Henry Pratt Co. warehouse last February that ended with five employees killed and five police officers and an employee wounded.

The exhibit at the David L. Pierce Art and History Center in downtown Aurora consists of memorabilia that both the Historical Society and the Aurora Police Department have kept since the mass shooting on Feb. 15 that killed Trevor Wehner, Josh Pinkard, Russell Beyer, Clayton Parks and Vicente Juarez.

Beginning late last year, members of the Historical Society began culling through hundreds of artifacts collected last year outside the Pratt building, where a memorial was established that included letters, cards, flowers, stuffed animals and five wooden crosses made by Aurora resident Greg Zanias.

Mary Clark Ormond, president of the Aurora Historical Society board, said the huge display of artifacts had to be assembled given that they are now part of the fabric of the community.

"We have been pointing towards a year celebration ever since the event happened and knew that a one-year anniversary recognition would be important," Ormond said.

Aurora Historical Society Executive Director John Jaros reflected on the exhibit before its opening Friday night and said "probably a couple hundred of the artifacts were selected which we felt were most representative."

"We've taken cards and things and mounted them on poster boards, and there were a lot of handwritten letters, and we tried to gather together the things that convey people's sentiments the best," he said. "We wanted items that people would be visibly drawn to and evoke some type of emotion or memory."

Jaros said the exhibit has an important purpose.

"We felt this was a story that had to be told out of the need to respect and honor the first anniversary," he said. "Usually, you're more removed from things — even a display of the 1950s which some of us lived through."

Bradley Green of Aurora, who penned the "Aurora Strong" song following the shooting, brought his guitar to the Pierce Center and said it "didn't seem like a year had passed" since the tragedy.

"The song was something that came to me after watching TV and seeing the whole ordeal but it was something to see Aurora's finest and all the other agencies come together and people loving one another which had a big impact on me," he said.

Ald. Judd Lofchie, 10th Ward, also toured the exhibit and called it "moving." "It's nice to see the huge support from the young people for the first responders and it does seem like it's been less than a year," Lofchie said.

The exhibit is expected to stay up until at least Feb. 29, organizers said. The Pierce Center's hours are noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Admission is free, although donations to the Aurora Historical Society are accepted.

David Sharos is a freelance reporter for *The Beacon-News*.



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The proposed location for a Waukegan casino is the Fountain Square site at Lakehurst Road and Northpoint Boulevard.

Casino

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when Waukegan lost its last bid for a casino in 2008.

Mindful of its difficult history — and facing scrutiny after Bond financed the election campaigns of several aldermen last year — Waukegan declined to pick just one casino proposal to send to the Illinois Gaming Board, as the other host cities in the state did. Instead, Waukegan leaders forwarded three proposals, leaving it to understaffed gambling regulators to decide which of the contenders is best suited to build and run the casino.

"Waukegan, we have a little history of being burned," Waukegan Mayor Sam Cunningham said of the decision. "Our position this time is we're not going to leave anything to chance in the event that the Illinois Gaming Board doesn't like the one that we select. ... I was not going to let that happen again."

The stakes are high for everyone involved, including Waukegan, which has long seen a casino as salvation for a sputtering local economy — going all the way back to 1986, when a previous mayor envisioned a "French Riviera of the Midwest."

State gambling officials, meanwhile, are under pressure to show that they can police and monitor an

expanding industry. They plan to bring in outside help to vet those who want the casino. And the bidders, which also include Nevada-based Full House Resorts, see a lucrative and rare opportunity.

The Bond bid

Bond's partners have gaming experience outside of Illinois but also have run afoul of state licensing officials in some instances.

One is Warner Gaming, founded by William Warner. He was a finance executive at Station Casinos when it became embroiled in a Missouri controversy that ultimately saw it surrendering a license and paying a fine.

As it sought to open up casinos there, Station hired local lawyer Michael Lazaroff, who later pleaded guilty to mail fraud in 2000 for hiding some of the payments he received from Station.

Lazaroff told the state's gambling regulators he was paid by Station to help the company win the licenses. That included using his personal relationship with the Missouri gaming board chairman by having side conversations, which are a violation of the rules. Lazaroff also told regulators that Station knew he was having the side conversations, and he credited those talks with helping Station win the licenses.

The Missouri gaming board subpoenaed several Station executives to testify about Lazaroff's work for the company. Among them was Warner, who as Station's chief finance officer wrote the checks to Lazaroff.

The executives initially refused the subpoena. Warner recently told the Tribune that there had been concerns about the format of the initial hearing, but that he ultimately sat for questioning.

In a 65-page transcript provided by Missouri gaming officials, Warner repeatedly testified that he could not recall how or why the payments to Lazaroff were ordered.

"Out of eight hours (of questioning), I think mine was about 20 or 15 minutes," Warner told the Tribune. "I think, based on the full testimony that everybody gave, there was no deemed wrongdoing by Station."

Station ultimately paid a \$1 million fine and surrendered its Missouri licenses in a deal that did not require it to admit any wrongdoing.

The episode in Missouri hasn't prevented Warner from operating casinos in several states, including Nevada and Iowa. But Warner's lawyer acknowledged to Massachusetts gaming officials that it was a factor in his decision to pull out of a 2013 casino bid in that state, where regulators said in a report that they had received "certain derogatory information" on Warner from his time in Missouri.

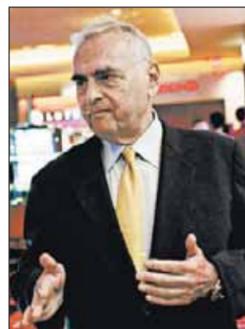
Warner told the Tribune he has no concerns about his history in Missouri.

"I've been licensed 20 some odd times in multiple jurisdictions, currently licensed in several," Warner said. "I don't anticipate it being an issue."

Warner told the Tribune he might get into video gambling as well. Last month, the Illinois Gaming Board approved Warner's application to operate video gambling terminals.

Meanwhile, Clairvest, the private equity firm for Bond's bid, was part of a troubled effort for a video slot machine contract at a New York racetrack.

Clairvest's partnership included an Australian investor who was deemed ineligible for a New York



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Neil Bluhm, who owns part of Rivers Casino in Des Plaines, appears there just before its opening.

license due to legal issues back home and another man who "refused to cooperate with authorities" in a double homicide investigation despite being with the victims a few hours earlier, according to a New York inspector general investigation.

In addition, the partnership included two others who had ties to a man who'd been convicted of securities fraud, according to the inspector general report. Several news accounts said the fraud benefited a member of the New York mafia.

Jeff Parr, Clairvest's vice chairman and managing director, said the firm joined the bid after the group of investors already had been formed. Once concerns about the problematic partners were raised, Clairvest struggled to distance itself and salvage the deal.

Ultimately, the inspector general deemed the entire bidding process to have been flawed. The gambling license went to another group.

"We played by the rules," Parr said. "Some things came to light in the process. The (government) did a full investigation and condemned the process and the people who ran the process. ... It was not good ... and we were cleared. We did nothing untoward."

As for Bond himself, the former lawmaker made campaign contributions to Waukegan elected officials who would be in position to potentially select his bid as the city's sole casino proposal. In 2019 alone, Bond's company and its affiliated political action committees spent \$266,000 to help elect four of the city's nine aldermen. For three aldermen, Bond's money was the only outside contributions they received.

Bond declined to speak with the Tribune for this story and instead requested questions be submitted to a spokesman. In a written response, Bond denied that he'd sought special treatment for his casino bid and said he'd "respected the rules of the (request for proposals on a casino) and the city's desire to run a fair, open and transparent RFP process."

He said his campaign contributions were aimed at backing candidates that were supportive of video gambling.

The Bluhm bid

The closest Waukegan came to landing a casino was in 2008, and what happened then has resurfaced in the city's current casino chase.

The state was reissuing a gambling license that twice had been earmarked for Rosemont, only to be yanked away due to questions about alleged mob ties.

Waukegan was one of three finalists, putting forth a bid based on a contract it had with developers Alan Ludwig and Richard Stein, who had the exclusive right to build and operate a casino in the city.

The Gaming Board rejected Waukegan's bid, citing Ludwig and Stein's

"long-standing association" with William Cellini, a Springfield influence peddler who later went to prison after being convicted of shaking down a Hollywood producer for campaign cash on behalf of then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Cellini had a "participation option" in the development company run by Ludwig and Stein, which Cellini sold to a politically connected family friend in 2007, court records show. Still, gaming regulators wrote that concerns about Cellini's involvement "relate to the character, reputation, experience and financial integrity factor," of the casino bid.

Instead, the license was awarded to Neil Bluhm, who built Rivers Casino down Interstate 294 in Des Plaines. Now Bluhm is trying to add a second casino 30 miles up the highway at Fountain Square in Waukegan.

Holding a 6% stake in Bluhm's latest bid? Ludwig and Stein.

The duo joined forces with Bluhm last year after Waukegan had preemptively sued Ludwig, asking a judge to dismiss his claim that he still had an exclusive right to build a casino. The suit was dropped after Waukegan voted to send the Bluhm casino bid to the state.

A Ludwig attorney did not respond to repeated messages left by the Tribune. A secretary at Ludwig's firm said he was traveling and unavailable.

Ludwig had accused Waukegan in a court filing of tilting its casino bidding process in favor of Bond, noting that Bond's companies and political action committees had spent heavily to elect Waukegan officials.

In turn, Bond's group has suggested to the Tribune that Bluhm's bid has gotten behind-the-scenes help from state Sen. Terry Link, who helped negotiate the gambling bill in Springfield and has since been identified by a source as a federal cooperating witness in a government corruption probe. Link has denied he is a cooperating witness.

As evidence, Bond's group points to an email the senator sent to Park City Mayor Steve Pannell in September. The email included "draft remarks" for Pannell a few days before he delivered them almost verbatim at a public hearing on the casino bids.

Pannell, whose town would share in Waukegan casino revenue, supported Bluhm's bid. In the remarks sent by Link, Pannell said Rivers Casino would make charitable contributions to local institutions — information about Bluhm's bid that was not public.

"Our view is there's no way (Link and Pannell) could have gotten that information from a heavily redacted proposal from Rivers unless it was fed to them by someone," said Parr of Clairvest, the Canadian private equity firm that's financing the Bond bid. It's "very disturbing when it was supposed to be a fair, clean and transparent process."

Pannell and Link did not respond to multiple inquiries from the Tribune.

In late October, a source revealed to the Tribune that Link is a federal cooperating witness whose recordings led to a bribery charge against then-state Rep. Luis Arroyo, of Chicago. The senator had agreed to cooperate with the FBI in the hopes of winning a break at sentencing on expected tax fraud charges, authorities said in a court filing.

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CTA to spend \$38 million studying Red Line extension

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

The CTA Board on Monday approved spending \$38.3 million to study the environmental impact of a proposed extension of the Red Line from 95th Street to 130th Street.

An environmental impact statement is a necessary step in getting federal funding for the project, which would total about \$2.3 billion, according to CTA officials. The \$38.3 million contract, awarded to infrastructure

services firm T. Y. Lin International Great Lakes, also covers planning and preliminary engineering services, the CTA said.

The extension of the CTA's busiest rail line would fill in what activists have called a "transit desert" on the city's Far South Side. The city has not extended an "L" line since the Orange Line opened in 1993.

The contract is the latest investment in the extension proposal. Last year, the CTA board committed \$310 million of the agency's 2020-

2024 capital budget toward the local match needed to secure federal money.

In 2018, the board approved a \$20.9 million contract with HNTB Corp., which will oversee the final environmental review and preliminary engineering work.

In a statement, CTA President Dorval Carter called the new contract award a "major step" toward building the long-discussed extension.

"CTA is committed to ensuring that every

community has access to public transit, and we are focused on following the federally required process to make that a reality," Carter said.

Getting federal money could be difficult under the current administration, since President Donald Trump's stated budget priorities do not favor transit.

The city does have the authority under state law to establish tax increment financing districts to fund transit projects, including the Red Line extension.

Once the project is funded and construction begins, it could take four years to finish, the CTA said.

A less costly and more immediate alternative to increase transit options on the South Side has also been proposed. In a study last year, Cook County outlined a plan to lower fares on the Metra Electric District and Rock Island lines within the city to \$2.50 — the same price as the "L" — from current Metra fares of \$4 to \$5.50.

Under the proposal,

Metra trains would run more often, and Ventra cards could eventually be used to provide free transfers between Pace, Metra and the CTA. The proposed pilot program would allow Cook County to subsidize Metra and the CTA for ridership losses.

However, Mayor Lori Lightfoot has expressed concern that the plan would pull too many riders from the CTA.

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Harvey

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have either had to alter their business model, or in many cases, shut down entirely.

"There's no point," said Gayle, whose club has not reopened since the beginning of November. "If we were located downtown or even in a different type of suburb it would be OK, but with the urban market, most people aren't going out until like 1 or 2 a.m. By forcing us to close at midnight, there's no point. We'd literally have like 15 or 20 customers."

At the same time Harvey instituted its hours of operation restrictions for liquor-serving establishments, the city also embarked on a comprehensive reevaluation of liquor licensees.

What previously had been a mostly automatic renewal process for all liquor license holders has morphed into a lengthy and painstaking ordeal under the new mayor, club owners said.

"He wants to take time and review everyone's documentation, he wants to go back over your files, it's the taxes, he wants to do inventory on all of the liquor that you have in your building," Gayle said. "He's added on an insane list of things for businesses that ... the city of Chicago doesn't even do."

"It's unheard of." As a result, all four Harvey strip clubs and multiple other late-night clubs have failed to secure renewal of their liquor licenses more than three months after they expired for a variety of reasons.

Two strip clubs already have filed suits against the city over liquor license issues and more could soon join them, attorney Dan Garbis said.

"The amount of money the city is spending on legal bills to fight ludicrous changes in the laws is going to destroy the budget of Harvey," said Garbis, who represents Boogie Nights, Club O, Club Play and Sugababyyy's. "Instead of working with businesses, they try to undercut them."

Club managers attach sinister motives to the mayor's actions and said they believe he is going to continue throwing up roadblocks to their reopening until they pack up and leave town out of frustration.

Clark said he's simply trying to keep his campaign promises to residents.

"I ran on cleaning up Harvey and that means that I'm going to deal with issues wherever I find them," he said. "I'm going to try to make the best decisions as the mayor for the city that I was empowered to do by the people that elected me."

Clark said his actions are not aimed at putting late-night bars and clubs out of business. Rather, he said he's trying to refocus the city's scarce police resources, enhance public safety and change the public's perception of Harvey.

"(The city) has become the place where basically anything goes, and we want to let everyone know — people in Harvey, people outside of Harvey, we want to let businesses and investors know — that it's not business as usual anymore," Clark said in June shortly after his liquor-related ordinances passed. "That we will be aggressively pursuing whatever avenue we can to try to make this a family friendly environment."

He said Harvey and its understaffed police force are simply not capable of handling the thousands of partygoers who used to

descend each weekend and wreak havoc after leaving bars and clubs "all at once" about 5 a.m.

"We can't be like Las Vegas," Clark said. "We don't have the police force like Las Vegas. We don't have the resources like Las Vegas. We don't have all the things that Vegas would have, so we can't do those same things."

The mayor said he had no problem with clubs operating in Harvey as long as they closed at midnight.

"They need to examine their business model and change their business model," Clark said. "And they haven't. They just want what they want, and that's it."

Strip club managers said Clark fundamentally misunderstands how their industry works and argued they couldn't possibly compete without staying open well past midnight.

"It's like telling a Starbucks you can't open until 5 p.m.," said Asa "Duce" Powell, operating manager at Club O and president of Last Coast Entertainment.

"It's impossible," said Gayle, Sky11's manager. "The action in the whole city doesn't take place until later in the evening."

Harvey officials said they've told club operators to consider relocating if they can't or won't abide by the city's new liquor-related restrictions and licensing process.

"If it's easier in Chicago, go to Chicago. Go to wherever it is that it's easier," Clark said. "We have the right as a home-rule community to ... set the laws that we want to set for our community. As a liquor commissioner ... I have the right to inspect their books and records."

Powell said relocating was not a legitimate option given all the time and money he and his partner had put into the business.

"Why would you just want to walk away when it's not even just the revenue, but you spent years building the name?" he said. "We got the No. 1 urban strip club in Illinois. Everybody around the nation knows about Club O."

Because Chicago and the vast majority of suburbs have not been nearly as welcoming to urban clubs, Harvey has long been a prime city to set up shop, Powell explained.

If clubs can no longer put down roots in Harvey due to the restrictions, it's not clear where they could realistically go, he said.

"Where would you (find) a city that has a gentleman's club with no neighbors, with a 4-5 a.m. license, right off the expressway?" Powell said.

Clark said the club operator's arguments only re-enforce his point.

He said he was tired of Harvey being the "dumping ground" for the rest of the area's problems, the place where people from other municipalities traveled to seek their vice of choice.

"No one's going to Homewood and saying 'Well, why don't you open up some strip clubs?' No one is going to South Holland and saying 'Why aren't you selling liquor, why aren't you having strip clubs?' They don't have them and it's fine," Clark said.

He said the city's move to ban liquor sales after midnight had "upset the apple cart of the whole region" and ticked off some Southland mayors who were concerned the people who used to party in Harvey would start storming bars and clubs in their communities.

"They don't want to be saddled with it," Clark said. "They would rather that we be saddled with it."

Club operators pushed back on the mayor's assertion that late-night clubs breed crime and violence.

"Strip clubs stop killings. Crazy as it sounds," said Powell, who argued they keep people confined in a safe, controlled environment rather than out roaming the streets.

"I go by the numbers," he said, claiming he could count on one hand the number of shootings at Harvey clubs in recent years.

Gayle said Sky11 and Club O combined employ about 30 armed guards each night, far more than the number of Harvey police officers patrolling the city at any given time.

"So where is it more safe and secure to be?" she asked. "By us or walking the streets of Harvey?"

The mayor said he wasn't unsympathetic to the club owners who are most negatively impacted by the liquor ordinances, but said the changes were necessary to move the city forward.

Club operators said they're holding out hope the Harvey City Council, which approved the ordinances in June, will reverse course. Some alderman have wavered on their support and a resolution to repeal one of the ordinances that penalizes establishments for selling and serving alcohol after midnight is on the agenda for Monday's special meeting.

If the legislative push to overturn the restrictions on liquor sales fails, Garbis, the attorney representing a number of city clubs and bars, said he intended to fight the ordinances in court.

"Imagine if you sell hot dogs, and I come up with a rule that, as of tomorrow, hot dogs are illegal in the state of Illinois," he said. "That completely destroys your business."

Garbis said his clients had certain expectations when they established their businesses and made capital investments, and it was not fair to change the rules without at least grandfathering them in.

"If (Clark's) ultimate goal is to close these guys down, he's going to put an even bigger burden on his residents," the lawyer said, calling Harvey's bars and clubs the "bread and butter" of the city's revenue stream.

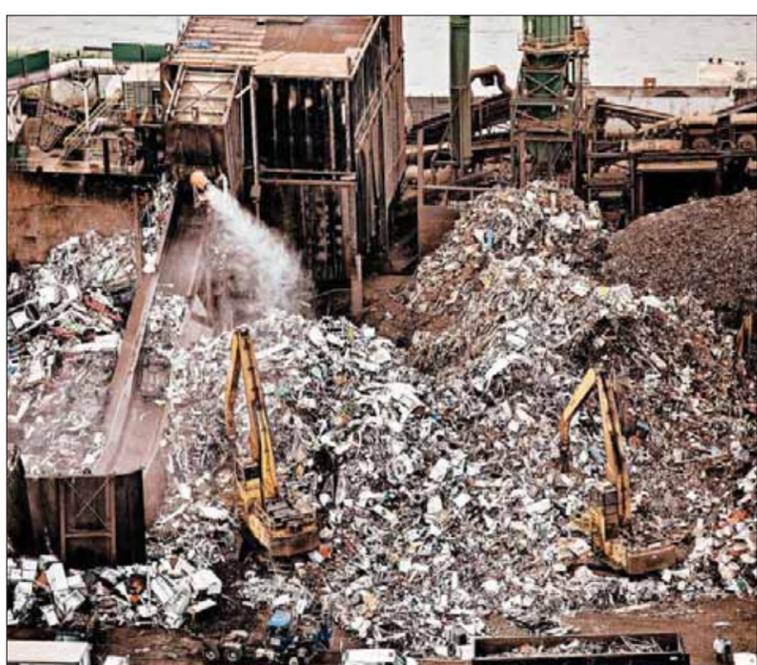
The mayor, who has delayed or even denied some liquor license renewals due to what he said were accounting irregularities that indicated major underreporting of revenues and underpayment of taxes, pushed back on the claim.

"If all of those liquor licensees paid what they were actually supposed to pay in sales taxes to the state and those percentages came back to the city of Harvey, we wouldn't be worried about streets, lights, curbs and sidewalks," Clark said. "We wouldn't be worried about having to fund police departments, and we wouldn't be talking about negotiating about whether you need to pay for extra security and all the rest of this stuff."

He said he understood when he proposed the liquor ordinances that they might result in lawsuits, but said it was his responsibility to put the needs of residents first.

"Those years where the businesses were keeping the city afloat, those stopped in the late '70s, early '80s. That stopped then when the factories left," Clark said. "It's been these residents paying their taxes that have kept the city afloat. So I don't have a loyalty to those businesses."

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The General Iron Industries plant on the North Branch of the Chicago River in 2018.

Scrap

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twisted rebar and used appliances.

Asked what has changed other than the person in charge at City Hall, a spokesman for the Chicago Department of Public Health said the Lightfoot administration is focusing on the company in response to a deluge of complaints from residents in the Lincoln Park and Bucktown neighborhoods.

"These measures are in line with the Lightfoot administration's commitment to ensuring a more robust citywide action plan to advance air quality and climate improvement goals so that we can protect all communities — particularly those most vulnerable — from pollution of any kind," Andrew Buchanan, department spokesman, said in an email.

General Iron is an easy target. The scrap shredder is one of the last industries on a stretch of the Chicago River that during the last century was dominated by steel mills and leather tanneries. Now it stands out amid gentrified neighborhoods, upscale commercial strips and Lincoln Yards, a collection of former industrial parcels acquired by Chicago-based Sterling Bay for mixed-use redevelopment.

The company is fighting back. "Not only are the city citations inconsistent with the results of the recent tests performed for the state and federal EPAs, but they came after at least two years of regular, weekly city inspections without any violations," Randall Samborn, a General Iron spokesman, said in a statement.

Officials at the U.S. EPA's Chicago office are still reviewing results from testing they required General Iron to conduct after the company installed a device intended to burn off shredder emissions, an agency spokesman said. A legal settlement requiring the equipment marked the third time federal authorities have cracked down on the scrap shredder since the 1990s.

By contrast, the city's intense scrutiny is a more recent phenomenon.

Emails obtained by the Tribune highlight cordial relationships between Emanuel's lieutenants and the Labkon family that owned General Iron through four generations. The former mayor also was the top recipient of the more than \$500,000 in campaign contributions to local politicians from family members, who hired a

former top aide to Emanuel as one of their City Hall lobbyists.

One previously undisclosed favor involved Emanuel's health commissioner, Julie Morita, who urged City Hall to pressure leaders of the University of Illinois at Chicago to quash the release of a pilot study of air quality near General Iron, the emails show. A UIC researcher had installed monitoring equipment around the scrap yard at the behest of a neighborhood resident, and the testing found elevated levels of lung-damaging particulate matter downwind from the scrap shredders.

"I will be following up with the dean of the UIC School of Public Health," Morita wrote in a May 2018 email to Robert Rivkin, who served as deputy mayor under Emanuel. "You may need to engage the (UIC) chancellor if you want this to be stopped."

The study eventually was shared with the public, prompting months of negotiations that led Lightfoot to reverse one of Emanuel's last deals as mayor.

On their way out of City Hall, top Emanuel aides gave the scrap merchant permission to keep operating until 2022 on riverfront land that local aldermen are pushing to convert into a city park. Lightfoot ordered General Iron to abandon the North Side by the end of this year instead.

Adam Labkon, who remains a vice president of a new firm operating as General Iron, promised Lightfoot the company will soon move away from the wealthy, predominantly white North Side neighborhoods to a site on the Southeast Side. The new operation will be completely enclosed and equipped with modern pollution controls, Labkon has said.

The new site is close to a low-income, mostly Latino neighborhood already burdened by toxic waste and other environmental maladies. Documents acquired by the Tribune show that companies affiliated with General Iron's new owner, Ohio-based Reserve Management Group, have problems of their own at the scrap shredder's intended destination.

Four other scrap operations on the former Republic Steel site have been operating without the proper permits for at least four years and failed to file annual pollution reports that could have flagged violations of environmental regulations, according to state records.

The companies didn't draw attention from city health inspectors until

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— Andrew Buchanan, department spokesman

September, when air quality monitoring at another facility recorded elevated levels of metallic pollution blowing across the Calumet River from the scrap yards.

Local and national environmental groups appear to have persuaded state regulators to drop plans to ignore past violations if the companies applied for new permits. But the groups remain concerned that neither federal, state nor local officials are enforcing anti-pollution laws with the same intensity that once forced companies storing giant mounds of dusty petroleum coke out of the neighborhood.

Three groups — the National Resources Defense Council, Southeast Environmental Task Force and Southeast Side Coalition to Ban Petcoke — noted that air quality monitoring at nearby Washington High School routinely picks up some of the highest concentrations of toxic metals in the region.

"For decades, the Southeast Side has been heavily burdened with industrial pollution from a range of sources located in close proximity to homes, parks, and schools," Meleah Geertsma, an NRDC attorney, recently told regulators on behalf of the groups. "Of primary concern to our organizations and community members are the lack of environmental oversight and the piecemealing of any consideration of impacts from the many facilities in this community."

For now large semi-trailers and caravans of neighborhood peddlers continue to dump scrap almost every day at General Iron's site on the North Side. The Labkons have yet to find a buyer willing to pay what they are asking for the 21.5 acres they own along the river.

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Trump's budget recycles rejected cuts

Democrats quickly call \$4.8T proposal dead on arrival

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump unveiled a \$4.8 trillion election year budget plan Monday that recycles previously rejected cuts to domestic programs like food stamps and Medicaid to promise a balanced budget in 15 years — all while leaving Social Security and Medicare benefits untouched.

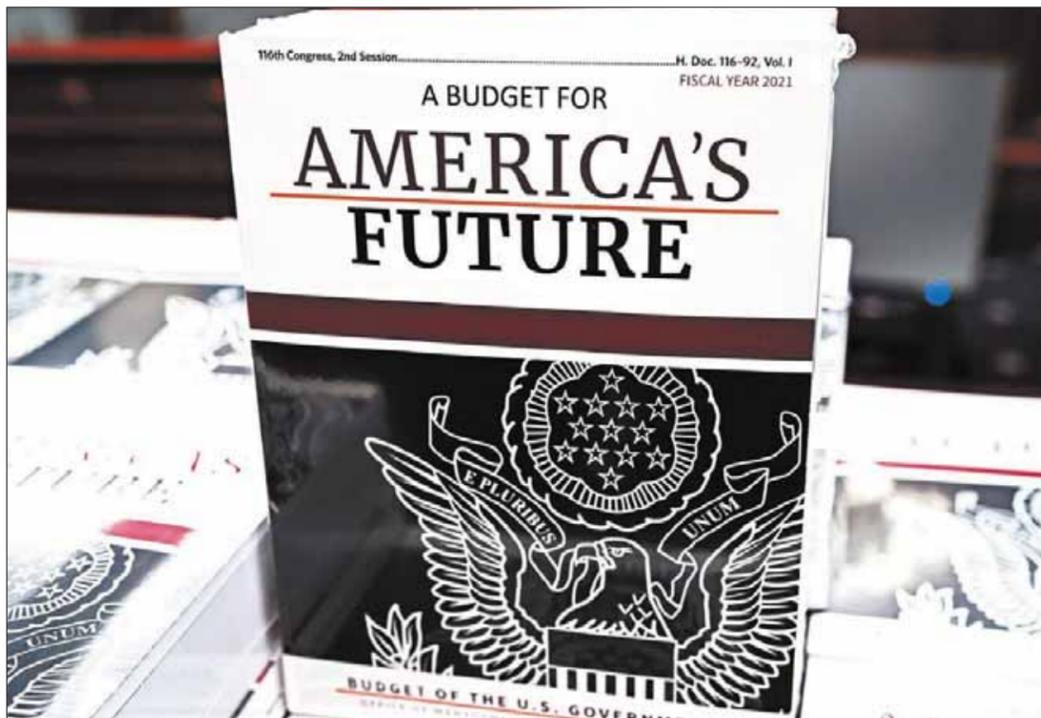
Trump's fiscal 2021 plan promises the government's deficit will crest above \$1 trillion only for the current budget year before steadily decreasing to more manageable levels, relying on optimistic economic projections, lower interest costs, scaled-back overseas military operations and proposed cuts to agency budgets that run counter to two previous budget deals signed by Trump.

The budget "sets the course for a future of continued American dominance and prosperity," Trump said in a message accompanying the document.

"There is optimism that was not here before 63 million Americans asked me to work for them and drain the swamp," Trump said.

"For decades, Washington elites told us that Americans had no choice but to accept stagnation, decay and decline. We proved them wrong. Our economy is strong once more."

The plan had no chance



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President Donald Trump's budget request for fiscal year 2021 arrives Monday at the House Budget Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington.

even before Trump's impeachment scorched Washington.

Its cuts to food stamps, farm subsidies, Medicaid and student loans couldn't pass when Republicans controlled Congress, much less now with liberal House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., setting the agenda.

Pelosi said Sunday night that "once again the president is showing just how little he values the good health, financial security and well-being of hard-working American families."

Trump's budget follows a

familiar formula that expects seniors from cuts to Medicare and Social Security while targeting benefit safety net programs for the poor, domestic programs like clean energy and student loan subsidies.

It again proposes to dramatically slash funding for overseas military operations to save \$567 billion over 10 years but adds \$1.5 trillion over the same time frame to make his 2017 tax cuts permanent law.

Trump's proposal would cut \$465 billion from Medicare providers such as hospitals, which prompted

howls from Democrats such as former Vice President Joe Biden, who said it "eviscerates Medicare."

Top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer of New York said Trump is planning to "rip away health care from millions of Americans" with cuts to Medicare and the Medicaid health program for the poor.

Trump's budget would also shred last year's hard-won budget deal between the White House and Pelosi by imposing an immediate 5% cut to nondefense agency budgets passed by

Congress.

Slashing cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency and taking \$700 billion out of Medicaid over a decade are also nonstarters on Capitol Hill, but both the White House and Democrats are hopeful of progress this spring on prescription drug prices.

The Trump budget is a blueprint written under Washington rules as if he could enact it without congressional approval.

It relies on rosy economic projections of 2.8% economic growth this year and 3% over the long term — in

addition to fanciful claims of future cuts to domestic programs — to show that it is possible to bend the deficit curve in the right direction.

The economy grew by 2.1% last year.

That sleight of hand enables Trump to promise to whittle down a \$1.08 trillion budget deficit for the ongoing budget year and a \$966 billion deficit gap in the 2021 fiscal year starting Oct. 1 to \$261 billion in 2030, according to summary tables obtained by The Associated Press. Balance would come in 15 years.

The reality is that no one — Trump, the Democratic-controlled House or the GOP-held Senate — has any interest in tackling a chronic budget gap that forces the government to borrow 22 cents of every dollar it spends.

The White House plan proposes \$4.4 trillion in spending cuts over the coming decade.

Trump's reelection campaign, meanwhile, is focused on the economy and the historically low jobless rate while ignoring the government's budget.

Ever since his days as a presidential candidate, Trump has been promising a health care plan.

The budget repeats that promise but offers few details. It lays out a "health reform vision" that calls for better care at lower cost and protecting people with pre-existing medical conditions.

The budget also proposes tens of billions of dollars in Medicare cuts to hospitals and a Medicaid work requirement that would winnow the rolls.



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Commuters wear protective masks as they ride on a nearly empty subway car during the evening rush period Monday in Beijing. Also Monday, China reported a rise in new cases.

As more stores reopen, streets still quiet in China

By Joe McDonald
Associated Press

BEIJING — More offices and stores in Beijing and other parts of China finally reopened Monday after the Lunar New Year break was extended to discourage travel and contain the new coronavirus, but many workers and shoppers appeared to stay home.

Public health authorities are watching closely to see whether the return to business worsens the spread of the virus, which has infected more than 40,000 people globally and killed more than 1,000, with the vast majority of cases in China.

Even before the slow and cautious reopening, China on Monday reported a rise in new cases, dimming optimism that the near-quarantine of some 60 million people and other disease-control measures might be working.

Britain, meanwhile, declared the virus a "serious and imminent threat to public health" and said it would forcibly detain infected people if necessary. France tested scores of children and their parents after five British tourists

contracted the virus at a ski resort.

The director-general of the World Health Organization said the agency is still unable to predict where the outbreak is heading but that he believes there is still an opportunity to contain it.

"In recent days, we have seen some concerning instances of onward transmission from people with no travel history to China, like the cases reported in France yesterday and the U.K. today," said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. "The detection of the small number of cases could be the spark that becomes a bigger fire, but for now, it's only a spark."

In Beijing, China's powerful but recently aloof leader toured several public places Monday afternoon to oversee efforts to contain the coronavirus outbreak, according to a flurry of reports in the state media.

Xi Jinping, whose most recent public appearance came during a meeting with Cambodia's prime minister last week, traveled first to a neighborhood roughly 5 miles north of his residence near the Forbid-

den City and toured a local government office.

He later visited a city hospital, where he took part in a video conference with officials and workers at a hospital in Wuhan, the city at the center of the outbreak more than 600 miles to the south.

Xi, wearing a powder blue surgical mask, declared Wuhan "a city of heroes," according to a commentator on CCTV's flagship nightly news program. He also called the outbreak a "people's war."

"We must have confidence that we will win," he said in one of the video calls.

Meanwhile, Japan said an additional 65 cases were found aboard a cruise ship quarantined in Yokohama, near Tokyo, raising the total to 135.

Health Minister Katsunobu Kato said the Japanese government was considering testing all 3,700 or so passengers and crew members on the Diamond Princess, which would require them to remain aboard until results were available. Health authorities are scrambling to deliver medicine requested by more than 600 passengers.

Model rebuts Weinstein accuser: 'Never happened'

By Tom Hays and Michael R. Sisak
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the strongest defense testimony yet, a Mexican model on Monday denied a Harvey Weinstein accuser's claim that she stood by and did nothing while the once-powerful movie mogul sexually assaulted the woman at a Beverly Hills hotel in 2013.

"Never happened," Claudia Salinas told jurors Monday at Weinstein's rape trial in New York City, forcefully repudiating model Lauren Marie Young's testimony last week.

Young testified that Salinas closed the door behind her and Weinstein as they went into the bathroom, where she alleges he stripped off his clothes, grabbed her breast and masturbated.

Once it was over, Young said she found Salinas standing outside the bathroom and shot her an evil look before leaving as quickly as she could.

"If I had done that, I would remember that," Salinas testified. "I would never close the door on anybody."

Salinas, now working as a social media influencer, took the witness stand as the defense called witnesses for a third day after more than two weeks of prosecution testimony.

Among the prosecution witnesses were six women, including Young, who say the once-powerful Hollywood boss subjected them to vile sexual behavior.

"My name has been used in a disparaging way. Ms. Young's testimony that I've heard in the media is fictitious and flat out untrue," Salinas said in a statement sent to The Associated Press after she testified. "Under no circumstances would I ever have anything to do with an assault on a human being. This accusa-



MARK LENNIHAN/AP

Mexican model Claudia Salinas leaves court after testifying in Harvey Weinstein's rape trial Monday.

tion was a vicious attack on my reputation."

The biggest remaining question at the landmark #MeToo trial is whether Weinstein will testify. Weinstein declined to answer a reporter's question about it as he left court Monday, deferring to lawyer Arthur Aidala, who declared: "It was a great day for the defense today."

Weinstein's lawyers say no decision has been made on whether he will take the stand.

Weinstein, 67, is charged with raping a woman in a Manhattan hotel room in 2013 and forcibly performing oral sex on a different woman in 2006, but other accusers, such as Young, were called as witnesses as part of a prosecution effort to show he has used the same tactics to victimize many women over the years.

Young's allegations were included in criminal charges filed against Weinstein in California on Jan. 6, just as his New York case was starting.

Weinstein has maintained any sexual encounters were consensual.

Salinas met Weinstein in 2003, she said, and appeared in his 2009 film "Crossing Over" with Harrison Ford. She said she never had a romantic relationship with Weinstein, adding that he had a "very strong personality" and "at times, he wasn't nice to me."

Salinas disputed other parts of Young's account, saying that while they did meet up at the hotel the night of the alleged assault, it wasn't because Weinstein wanted to see her.

Asked on cross-examination if she told investigators last year that it was possible Weinstein took Young to the hotel room, Salinas replied: "What's true is that I wasn't there in a bathroom scenario. It could have happened but it didn't mean I was there."

Jurors also heard Monday from the former roommate of the woman Weinstein is on trial for allegedly raping.

Talita Maia said the woman spoke highly of Weinstein and once called him her "spiritual soul mate."

Maia, a Brazilian actress who lived with the woman in the Los Angeles area, was with her on the New York trip and said nothing seemed amiss when they met Weinstein for breakfast after the alleged rape.

The accuser testified last week that she didn't tell anybody what happened but was "pretty shut down" at breakfast.

"Did she seem like herself to you?" Weinstein lawyer Donna Rotunno asked.

"Yes," Maia responded.

Maia said she was testifying in response to a defense subpoena, telling jurors: "I don't want to be here at all."

On cross-examination, she testified the two women had a falling out in 2016, but added, "I don't hate her or anything like that."

Sanders, Buttigieg teams request caucus recanvass

BY ALEXANDRA JAFFE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bernie Sanders' and Pete Buttigieg's presidential campaigns filed requests Monday for a partial recanvass of the results of Iowa's Democratic caucuses.

The Sanders campaign cited "mathematical errors and inconsistencies" in more than two dozen locations that it says would change the results if amended. And the Buttigieg campaign requested the party check the results in 66 precincts.

Iowa Democratic Party Chairman Troy Price said Monday that the party is reviewing the requests and will respond with next steps within 48 hours.

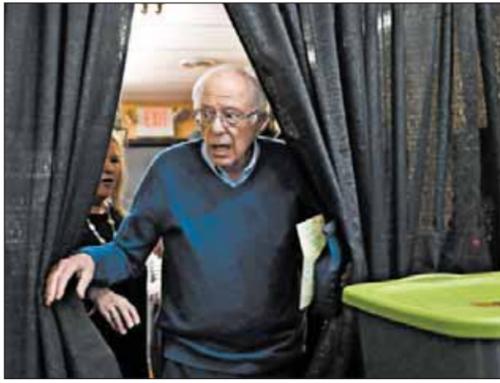
On Sunday, the state party released updated caucus results that gave the former South Bend, Indiana, mayor a lead over Sanders of two state delegate equivalents out of 2,152 counted, or 0.09 percentage points.

Iowa awards 41 national delegates in its caucuses. As it stands, Buttigieg has 13 and Sanders has 12. Trailing behind are Elizabeth Warren with eight, Joe Biden with six and Amy Klobuchar with one.

The 41st and final delegate from Iowa will go to the overall winner. While the state party said Sunday that it belongs to Buttigieg, the caucus won't formally come to an end until the campaigns' requested recanvass — and any potential recount to follow — is complete.

The Sanders campaign has outlined 25 precincts and three satellite caucuses where it believes correcting faulty math could swing the delegate allocation in Sanders' favor and deliver him — not Buttigieg — that final delegate.

Buttigieg's campaign, in response to Sanders' move, submitted a recanvass re-



Sen. Bernie Sanders and his wife, Jane Sanders, arrive before he speaks Monday in Salem, N.H. His campaign is one of two asking for a caucus recanvass in Iowa.

quest for dozens more precincts that they say would net them an even bigger advantage and keep the remaining delegate in Buttigieg's hands.

The Associated Press reviewed updated results of the Iowa caucuses provided Sunday evening and decided that it remains unable to declare a winner based on the available information. The results, the AP says, may not be fully accurate and are still subject to potential revision.

The caucuses were roiled by significant issues in collecting and reporting data from individual precincts on caucus night. There were also errors in the complicated mathematical equations used to calculate the results in caucus sites that became evident as the party began to release caucus data throughout the week.

A recanvass is not a recount, but a check of the vote count against paper records created by caucus leaders to ensure the counts were reported accurately. Iowa Democratic Party volunteers have already undertaken this process with most of the precincts, and the party has told Iowa Democratic activists it will not correct any

faulty math recorded by volunteers in each precinct because changing the paper documentation would amount to criminally tampering with a legal document.

Price reiterated this policy during a news conference in Des Moines on Monday and said the only opportunity to correct the math would be a recount.

A candidate can only request a recount of a precinct that has already gone through a recanvass, and candidates must pay for both.

The worksheets used by volunteers leading each caucus to calculate the results are "the official record of what went on in the room, and we did not believe that we should be altering what is the official record of what happened," he said.

"The course for correcting that is what is starting here today, starting with the canvass process and then, if requested, a recount after that," Price added.

A recount would require the party to check the results reported by volunteers in each individual caucus against cards used by each caucusgoer to record his or her picks.

Pressure builds to reinvestigate the 1965 killing of Malcolm X

BY JOHN LELAND
The New York Times

NEW YORK — For more than half a century, scholars have maintained that prosecutors convicted the wrong men in the assassination of Malcolm X.

Now, 55 years after that bloody afternoon in February 1965, the Manhattan district attorney's office is reviewing whether to reinvestigate the murder.

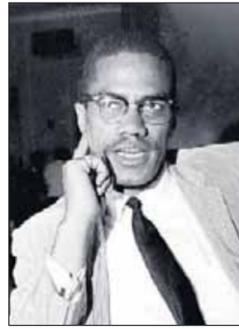
Some new evidence comes from a six-part documentary called "Who Killed Malcolm X?," which began streaming Friday on Netflix. It posits that two of the men convicted could not have been at the scene that day.

Instead it points the finger at four members of a Nation of Islam mosque in Newark, New Jersey, depicting their involvement as an open secret in their city. One even appeared in a 2010 campaign ad for then-Newark Mayor Cory Booker.

"What got us hooked," said Rachel Dretzin, a director of the documentary along with Phil Bertelsen, "was the notion that the likely shotgun assassin of Malcolm X was living in plain sight in Newark and that many people knew of his involvement, and he was uninvestigated, unprosecuted, unquestioned."

The case has long tempted scholars, who see a conspiracy hidden in unreleased government documents. A detective in the case, Anthony V. Bouza, wrote flatly a few years ago, "The investigation was botched."

Yet it has never sparked the widespread obsessive interest of the John F. Kennedy assassination or the equally brazen killing of Tupac Shakur. Attempts to reopen the case — to uncover the possible roles of the FBI, New York Police Department and the Nation of Islam leadership, including Louis Farrakhan — have gotten nowhere.



A new six-part documentary has put the spotlight on the assassination of Malcolm X.

"The vast majority of white opinion at that time was that this was black-on-black crime, and maybe black-extremist-on-black-extremist crime," said David Garrow, a Pulitzer Prize-winning civil rights historian. "And there was for decades a consensus in black communities that we are not going to pick up that rock to see what's underneath it."

At the time Malcolm spoke at the Audubon Ballroom on Feb. 21, 1965, he was a marked man — spied on by the FBI and the police, denounced as a traitor by the Nation leadership, viscerally hated and beloved. Farrakhan declared him "worthy of death." A week before his assassination, his home in Queens was firebombed while he and his wife and four daughters slept inside.

Seconds after Malcolm stepped to the lectern, gunfire rang out, then pandemonium.

Talmadge Hayer, a member of the Nation of Islam from a New Jersey mosque, was arrested fleeing the ballroom, with a clip from a handgun used in the killing. Later the police arrested two men from Malcolm's former Harlem mosque, Norman 3X Butler and Thomas 15X Johnson, both known as enforcers.

At trial, Hayer, who later

became Mujahid Abdul Halim, admitted his guilt but said the other two men were innocent. All three men were convicted and received life sentences. Johnson, who became Khalil Islam, died in 2009; Butler, who is now Muhammad Abdul Aziz, was granted parole in 1985 and still maintains his innocence.

In the late 1970s, Hayer filed affidavits naming four members of the Newark mosque as his partners in the crime. Civil rights lawyer William Kunstler moved to reopen the case but was denied.

Since then, the legwork has fallen to biographers and independent researchers, including a Washington tour guide named Abdur-Rahman Muhammad, the central figure in the new documentary series.

"It bothered me that no one cared about it," Muhammad said. "I didn't get paid to do any of this. I've sold cars. I'm just a working-class guy."

In 2010 Muhammad uncovered the identity of one of the supposed assassins named in Hayer's affidavit, William Bradley, who had changed his name to Al-mustafa Shabazz and was married to a prominent Newark activist. It was Bradley's shotgun blast, researchers contend, that killed Malcolm.

Shabazz, who died in 2018, denied any involvement in the murder and lived in plain sight. "I knew him well," Cory Booker says in the documentary, adding that he was not aware of Shabazz's past identity.

Muhammad published Shabazz's name and photograph on his blog in 2010, and then shared his research with Manning Marable, who was working on his Pulitzer Prize-winning biography, "Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention." Muhammad thinks the other three men named in Hayer's affidavits are dead.



New Hampshire voters Tuesday will make their pick of who takes on President Trump.

Primary

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It's an easy choice for Rebecca Nicol, a 19-year-old Dartmouth College sophomore. She packed into an off-campus conference hall over the weekend where hundreds of young people cheered the 78-year-old Sanders who personifies the kind of change they're craving in 2020, even in a field that features much younger and more diverse options.

"Age isn't a factor. It's more what they stand for," Nicol says. "I'm definitely voting for Bernie."

Sanders has won the hearts of a large number of young voters like no one else in 2020.

Yet, New Hampshire voters of all ages will weigh in on Tuesday as Democrats begin to decide just how aggressively they want their presidential nominee to lead their party in the Trump era.

It's hardly the last word. The last candidate to win the Democratic primary in the state and go on to win the nomination was John Kerry in 2004.

Former Vice President Joe Biden's promise to return to, and build on, the Obama years is not resonating.

Neither are Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren's layered prescriptions to combat corruption.

The election has evolved

into a two-person race pitting Sanders' burn-down-the-house politics against the pragmatism of Buttigieg, a fresh-faced outsider who represents dramatic change on stage but is offering a much more cautious governing style.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, who had a strong debate performance Friday and has drawn enthusiastic crowds since, threatens to take votes from Biden and others, with hopes of a surprising finish that will sustain her candidacy.

"We gotta make sure we're making promises we can keep," Buttigieg charged at a weekend rally at Keene State College, wearing a crisp white shirt, blue tie and no jacket as a decidedly older crowd cheered.

"I do not believe we can take the risk of falling back on the familiar," he continued, standing at a podium emblazoned with the words "Turn the page."

"And in a divided time in our country, I also don't think we can take the risk of excluding anybody from this effort, of saying that if you're not either for a revolution or status quo than you don't fit. I think we are going to defeat this president by inviting everybody to be at our side."

Buttigieg would be the youngest president elected in U.S. history, four years younger than Kennedy while Sanders would be the oldest.

And they draw their support from dramatically different groups of voters.

In Iowa's opening contest last week, Sanders won the support of 56% of voters under the age of 30, according to AP VoteCast. Overall, seven in 10 Sanders' voters were under 45.

Buttigieg's support was not as young as Sanders' but not as old as some of his rivals' either. About two-thirds of Buttigieg backers were 45 and older, compared with about a third who were under 45.

The age disparity was easy to see at rallies over the weekend on college campuses. Sanders' events were packed with young faces. While Buttigieg drew a few hundred people to Keene State College on Saturday, few of them college students.

Meanwhile, Biden's team insists that his call for moderate change resonates with younger voters as well, particularly among older African American millennials and Generation X voters.

It's those people in particular who well remember Biden's high-profile role in the Obama administration and yearn for a return to those days, says Biden senior adviser Shomone Sanders.

"Do we lose the youngest people? Yes. But we are the second choice of almost all young people," she said, explaining that Biden's message is focused on building on the successes of the Obama years.

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Secret Service may leave DHS and rejoin Treasury

Move mulled but Homeland frets at loss of elite agency

BY COLLEEN LONG
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WASHINGTON — The White House is throwing its support behind a plan to transfer the U.S. Secret Service back to the Treasury Department to better focus on the growing threat of online financial crimes.

Shifting the agency from within the Department of Homeland Security to the Treasury would require action from Congress, but President Donald Trump is confident enough that he plans to include the Secret Service under the Treasury's budget in his proposal expected Monday, according to five administration officials with knowledge of the move. The officials spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity to discuss ongoing negotiations.

The Department of Homeland Security's intense focus on immigration has only added to the growing divide between what the Secret Service sees as its dual missions — protecting the president and investi-

gating financial crime — and the mission of its parent department.

But there are strong concerns the Secret Service's departure could lead to the eventual dismantling of DHS, which was formed after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks as a counterterrorism agency bringing together security agencies across the government.

The Secret Service is best known as the agency responsible for protecting the president, but its original purpose when it was formed in 1865 was to investigate financial crimes such as counterfeit money proliferating during the Civil War. It was housed under the Treasury until 2003, when it was transferred to the new Department of Homeland Security.

Only about half of the Secret Service's budget is spent on protective services. It also has a robust cybercrime division, state-of-the-art forensic labs and a threat assessment center that studies how to mitigate and train against threats. The agency's annual budget of about \$2.3 billion would shift from one department to another under Trump's proposal.

In the Trump era, DHS

has been highly focused on immigration, one of the Republican president's top priorities, leaving other agencies unrelated to immigration out of the spotlight.

"The biggest challenge has been the president's immigration focus," Rep. Bennie Thompson, the head of the House Homeland Security Committee, told the AP. "The immigration focus takes up a lot of the resources for DHS. It's been very difficult for Secret Service to be fully funded."

Department of Homeland Security officials initially pushed back against shifting the Secret Service back to the Treasury, concerned it could spark an exodus from other agencies contained within DHS, a 240,000-person department that also includes disaster relief, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Transportation Security Administration, according to the officials. DHS referred questions to the White House.

It's not the first time such a move has been considered in recent years. After a high-profile prostitution scandal in 2012 and other missteps, Democrats and Republicans in Congress debated whether the



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Best known for guarding the president, the Secret Service also fights financial crimes.

agency should be relocated, broken up or shrunk.

A feasibility study was completed last year from a working group of Homeland Security, the Treasury and the White House, and the results found that moving the Secret Service would help enhance collaboration in the Treasury and would put the Secret Service back on the map as a large law enforcement agency, though it could harm morale at Homeland Security.

The Secret Service would be the second largest agency at the Treasury after the Internal Revenue Service, which could result in more attention and a mor-

ale boost for staff, according to the report, initially published by The New York Times and obtained by the AP. It would give the Treasury back a law enforcement and investigative capability to protect financial infrastructure and payment systems.

Secret Service leadership recommended the move, according to the report.

"The Secret Service has been involved in discussions regarding the potential move and is appreciative of the active interest in advancing its integrated mission" according to an agency statement.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said on

Fox Business last week that he expected legislation to be introduced soon.

"We think it will very much help us in combating money laundering and terrorist activities," he said of the move.

But it may not be that simple to convince lawmakers — not all senators with a stake in the agency voiced support, and some House Democrats are strongly against it.

Rep. Thompson, a Mississippi Democrat, said he recognized the challenges the agency faces in the current climate, but jumping ship isn't the right answer and he opposed the move.

US speeds cases of military translators

BY GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

SEATTLE — President Donald Trump's administration has agreed to speed up the cases of some former interpreters for the U.S. military in Iraq and hundreds of other refugees whose efforts to move to the United States have been in limbo since he announced his travel bans three years ago.

The news was contained in a settlement filed in federal court in Seattle on

Monday. It concerned more than 300 refugees who were on the verge of being permitted to come to America in 2017 when their applications were halted as part of Trump's efforts to restrict travel from several mostly Muslim nations.

Some of those affected are close relatives of refugees who are already in the U.S., while others are from 11 countries, including Egypt, Iran and Somalia, that Trump singled out, citing security reasons.

"The government tried to

keep refugee families apart under the pretense of national security," said Lisa Nowlin, an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington, which sued along with several other organizations. "This settlement aims to undo the harmful effects of the illegal and misguided ban on refugees."

The restrictions on refugees from the 11 countries and on relatives of those already in the U.S. — known as "follow-to-join" refugees — were companion mea-

sures to Trump's broader travel bans on those seeking visas to enter the U.S., which the Supreme Court eventually allowed.

U.S. District Judge James Robart in Seattle — the same judge who blocked Trump's initial, broader travel ban in early 2017 — blocked the companion refugee restrictions late that year in consolidated lawsuits. Groups alleged that the refugee bans were discriminatory and arbitrary, and that they violated due process rights.



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Protesters demonstrate against President Donald Trump's revised travel ban outside a federal courthouse in Seattle.

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Interior Dept. drops trophy hunting panel amid court fight

WASHINGTON — Facing significant legal challenges, the Trump administration has disbanded its advisory board created to help boost trophy hunting and relax federal rules for importing the heads and hides of African elephants, lions and rhinos.

The International Wildlife Conservation Council was created by then-Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, a former Republican congressman from Montana forced to

resign amid a corruption scandal.

A 2018 investigation by The Associated Press showed that the board was stuffed with big-game hunters, including appointees with direct ties to President Donald Trump and his family.

A coalition of environmental groups later sued, alleging that the board's one-sided makeup violated the law governing the creation of federal advisory boards.

German politics upended as Merkel's heir apparent quits

BERLIN — Chancellor Angela Merkel's heir apparent shook up German politics Monday by declaring she would quit as the governing party's leader.

Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, whose flagging support dropped further after regional Christian Democratic Union lawmakers ignored the party's instructions, told senior CDU members she won't seek the chancellorship in next year's election. The

decision upended Merkel's plan to hand Kramp-Karrenbauer the reins after more than 15 years as chancellor.

The announcement followed days of party infighting over the election of a governor in the state of Thuringia. CDU legislators there defied Kramp-Karrenbauer's advance appeals and voted with the far-right Alternative for Germany party to oust a left-wing incumbent.

Gunman dead, 2 officers hurt in shooting at Arkansas Walmart

FORREST CITY, Ark. — Two police officers were wounded and a gunman was killed Monday morning in an exchange of gunfire at a Walmart store in Forrest City in eastern Arkansas, authorities said.

Forrest City Police Chief Deon Lee said one of the officers was taken to a hospital where he was in surgery, and the initial prognosis is "he's going to be OK."

The officers responded

to the Walmart after someone called to report a man who was making threats and was "kind of talking out of his head" Lee said at a news conference. Arkansas State Police spokesman Bill Sadler said local authorities have identified the suspect as Bobby Joe Gibbs, 40, of Forrest City.

Lee identified the officers as Lt. Eric Varner and Detective Eugene Watlington.



ANDRE PENNER/AP

Men help a woman cross a flooded street Monday in Sao Paulo, Brazil, after a torrential downpour caused rivers in the nation's capital to overflow their banks, flooding nearby highways and trapping drivers and passengers for hours.

Irish election produces jolt as IRA-linked Sinn Fein tops poll

DUBLIN — Ireland braced for weeks of political uncertainty Monday after an earthshaking election that saw the Irish Republican Army-linked party Sinn Fein — long shunned by its bigger rivals — take the largest share of votes.

In a surge that upended Ireland's traditional two-party system, the left-wing nationalist party beat both Fianna Fail and Fine Gael, the centrist parties that have governed Ireland since it won independence from Britain a century ago.

Sinn Fein, received 24.5% of the first-prefer-

ence votes, besting the two long-dominant parties. Fianna Fail received 22.2% of the votes. Fine Gael, the party of incumbent Prime Minister Leo Varadkar, got 20.9%.

Sinn Fein's left-wing proposals for tackling Ireland's housing crisis and creaking health care system proved a powerful draw for young voters in a country that is still dealing with aftershocks of the 2008 global financial crisis, which hammered its debt-driven "Celtic Tiger" economy.

Vote counting resumed Monday to fill all the seats

in the 160-seat Dail, the lower house of Ireland's parliament.

With more than three-quarters of the seats in parliament filled, Sinn Fein had taken 37, Fine Gael 29 and Fianna Fail 27.

No party is likely to reach the 80 seats needed for a majority, making some form of coalition inevitable. But forming a stable alliance looks tough.

Both Fianna Fail and Fine Gael had said before Saturday's election that they would not go into a coalition with Sinn Fein because of its links to past violence.

Guilty plea in Louisiana black church burnings

LAFAYETTE, La. — The aspiring "black metal" musician who was arrested in a series of fires set at African American churches in Louisiana last spring pleaded guilty Monday to federal and state criminal charges.

The U.S. Attorney's Office said in a news release

that Holden Matthews pleaded guilty to three counts of intentional damage to religious property, a federal hate crime.

He also pleaded to one count of using fire to commit a felony. He entered the pleas in federal court in Lafayette, and sentencing is set for May 22.

"Matthews admitted to setting the fires because of the religious character of these buildings, in a self-promotional effort to raise his profile as a 'Black Metal' musician by copying similar crimes committed in Norway in the 1990s," the U.S. Attorney's statement said.

Schumer asks IGs to act after aides ousted for testifying

WASHINGTON — Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer is calling on the nation's 74 inspectors general to protect whistleblowers amid President Donald Trump's ouster of key government officials in the impeachment probe.

In a letter Monday to the Defense Department inspector general, Schumer said Army Lt. Col. Alex Vindman has been "viciously attacked" by the president after "bravely stepping forward to tell the truth."

Vindman, a White House National Security Council official when he testified before the House impeachment inquiry, was reassigned Friday.

Also out Friday was Gordon Sondland, who had been Trump's ambassador to the European Union. Sondland also provided public and private testimony in the impeachment proceedings.

In Syria: Turkey said it retaliated Monday after "intense" shelling by Syrian forces killed five of its soldiers and wounded five others in Syria's northern Idlib province, a marked escalation a week after a similarly deadly clash between the two sides.

The exchange of fire came as a Russian delegation held a second round of talks in the Turkish capital of Ankara to discuss the fighting in Idlib province, which has uprooted more than a half-million people in the past two months.

The fighting led to the collapse of a fragile ceasefire brokered by Turkey and Russia in 2018. Turkey supports the Syrian rebels, while Russia heavily backs the Syrian government's campaign to retake the area.

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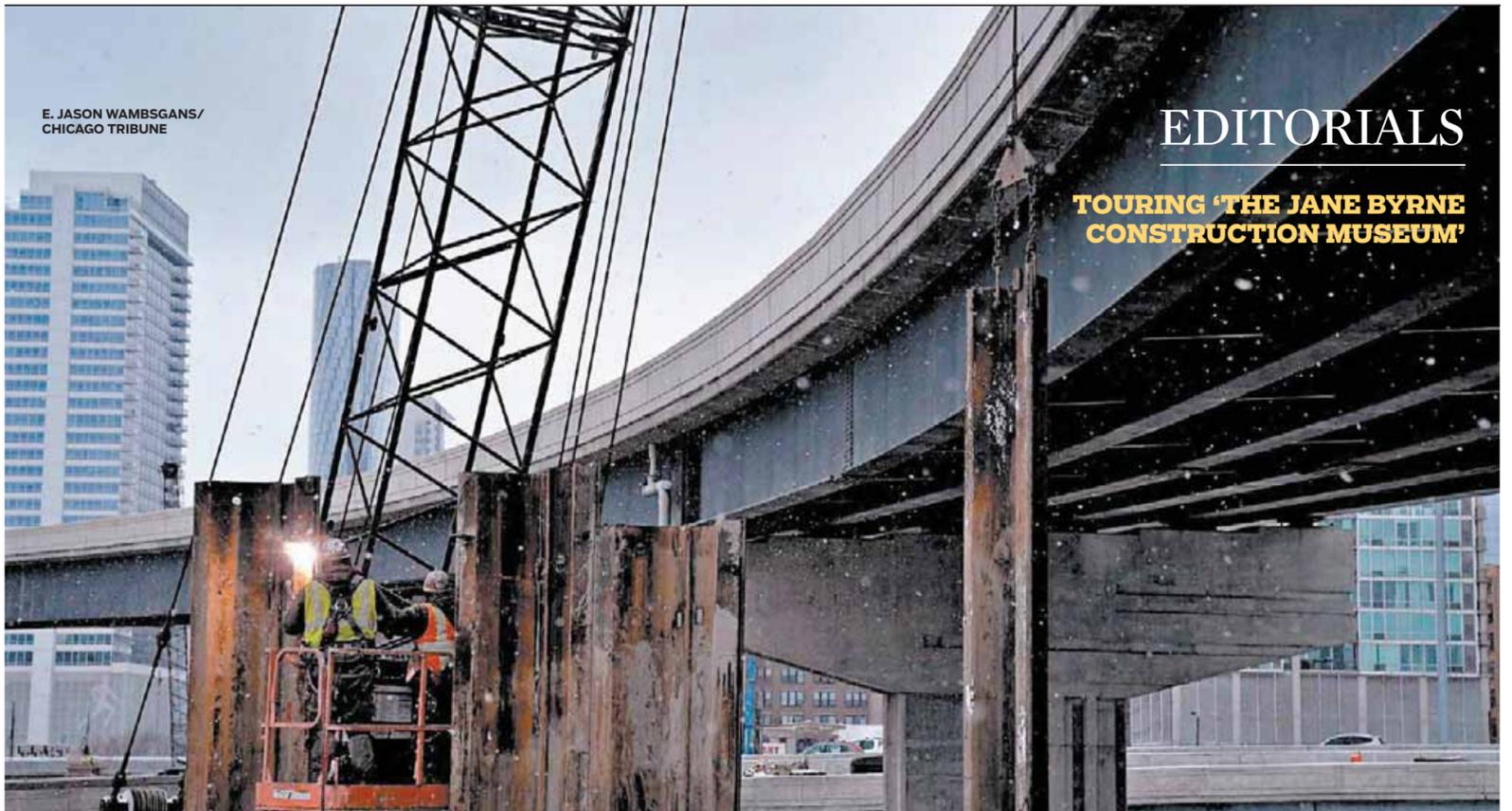
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EDITORIALS

TOURING 'THE JANE BYRNE CONSTRUCTION MUSEUM'

Pricey tickets and slow-w-w motion

Will anyone ever again believe an IDOT projected completion date or cost?

In a Chicago fabled worldwide for its museums, what we'll call the Jane Byrne Construction Museum gets more traffic than any other. This museum transports visitors — slow-w-wly — to an earlier time when road projects actually reached completion.

Each day at the Jane Byrne Construction Museum, thousands of drivers pause, and pause some more, to view fleets of heavy equipment parked like so many still-life exhibits. Human activity amid the exhibits is occasional and soothing: No passing motorist has had his or her vision impaired by a strobe effect of fast-moving bright lime vests.

In fact, this site is a museum where nothing at all moves fast. There's a Brigadoon quality to the place. No matter how long you wait between visits, not much will have changed when you return.

A remarkable tale of IDOT inertia

The museum is a marvel of casual pacing. Unfortunately that casual pacing — lethargic plodding, actually — applies not only to a project that began long ago, but also to millions of metro Chicagoans who never again will trust a state of Illinois projected completion date or anticipated cost.

At this museum, time means next to nothing, and ticket costs just get pricier and pricier.

As you read about this enduring lack of urgency at the Jane Byrne

Construction Museum, recall that officials in Wuhan, China, desperate to serve patients stricken with coronavirus, last week opened a 1,000-bed hospital that workers mostly completed in 10 days.

Finished in 10 construction seasons. Or not.

There is no such bureaucratic exertion at the JBCM.

Long ago — September 2013 — the Illinois Department of Transportation started rebuilding what's now called

the Jane Byrne Interchange. IDOT officials called the then-Circle Interchange the most congested crossroads in the nation, serving 400,000 motorists a day. The project, begun with reconstruction of the Morgan Street bridge, would take 4 1/2 years — until June 2018 — and cost \$535.5 million.

That was then. The schedule at the museum site has slow-w-wed to a crawl, and everything is much more expensive. The Tribune's Mary Wisniewski and Joe Mahr now report that the estimated cost keeps rising, currently to \$796.5 million, according to an IDOT report. And springtime will bring Construction Season Eight. Wisniewski and Mahr say the state expects to finish the project by Nov. 1, 2022.

Or maybe not. IDOT officials caution that there may be more delays. But of course. Why would anyone expect a 4 1/2-year construction project to end in Construction Season 10?

Excuses galore

Insert here IDOT's list of excuses, which seems to expand faster than the project proceeds: Poor soils that complicated erection of retaining walls. Construction rules imposed by

Chicago's City Hall. Flubs by engineering firms the state hired. The rerouting of utilities. "Structural complexities" of reconstructing bridges over the Kennedy Expressway. Resources diverted to repairs of major roads near McCormick Place.

Let's all stipulate that stuff happens. But if you're in the widget business, you anticipate that stuff will happen, and you calibrate your time and cost estimates accordingly. That way you still are surprised, but you've made allowances.

So let's also stipulate that whoever provided for contingencies on this project a decade ago did a piddling-poor job. We won't be startled, if and when IDOT announces further delays, the agency blames ocean currents near Japan, springtime in the Rockies and a total eclipse of the heart.

So as you traverse metropolitan Chicago, continue to do what IDOT didn't: Allow enormous amounts of extra time in whatever schedule you set.

That said, there's no need to rush your visit to the Jane Byrne Construction Museum. It's open around the clock, around the year. It'll be welcoming patient patrons for a long, long time.

The movie business goes global with Oscar wins for 'Parasite'

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, criticized for a lack of diversity in Oscar nominations, helped change that narrative Sunday by celebrating the South Korean comedy-thriller "Parasite." The film took home four awards, including best picture — a first for a non-English-language film.

As in movies, real-life redemption is a wonderful thing.

But there was something else notable about the big night for "Parasite": Hollywood's growing embrace of globalization. Entertainment is a worldwide industry. Just look at how important the international box office has become. China is now the second-

largest film market in the world after the U.S., with about \$10 billion in revenue in 2018. Soon it likely will surpass the U.S.

As "Parasite" and other notable films have shown, the international film business is more than a source of box office for Hollywood. Talent and storytelling come from many corners of the planet. Foreign films are no longer just relegated to art-house releases.

"Parasite" was released in major movie houses and cineplexes across North America. The result? Since it came out in October, the film has taken in \$35.5 million in North America. Around the world, its box office take has reached \$165 million.

There's a universality to the class-struggle dynamic portrayed in "Parasite" that resonates far beyond South Korea. And there's a universality to good filmmaking. "We never write to represent our countries," director Bong Joon Ho said after winning the Oscar for original screenplay.

What's another lesson of "Parasite"? That industries flourish when they expand their reach beyond borders. The NBA is a prime example. Players from Europe, Latin America, China and elsewhere have made the NBA better, and consequently made the NBA more money. When the NBA All-Star Game takes place in Chicago on Feb. 16, one of the two captains will be

Giannis Antetokounmpo, who was born in Greece to Nigerian parents. A while back, the NFL began playing games in London, and more recently, Mexico City.

Businesses that don't think global risk becoming irrelevant. The same is true, by the way, for cities such as Chicago.

Until now, Hollywood's relationship with the rest of the world has been largely one-way. Distributing "Star Wars" or "Titanic" to markets in Asia, Europe and the rest of the globe meant more revenue for U.S.-based studios. Here's hoping "Parasite" is a sign that Hollywood's thinking has forever changed — because great movies can come from anywhere.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

No major American political party has nominated a full-throated socialist for President. But after his strong showing in Iowa, could Bernie Sanders be the first? That's the question Democrats have to ask as Tuesday's New Hampshire primary approaches. Republicans may want to hold the Schadenfreude. ...

The risk for Mr. Sanders' supporters and the Democratic Party is that Bernie's platform is the most explicitly left-wing since at least Henry Wallace in 1948. ... Progressives think Mr. Trump's personal unpopularity offers a unique chance to win the White House with an agenda that yanks the country to the left.

All of which confronts Democrats with a dilemma not unlike the one Republicans faced four years ago in Mr. Trump. Their panic is already palpable, yet whom can they rally behind as the alternative? ... Mr. Bloomberg is pouring hundreds of millions into ads in March 3 primary states, but what if his main contribution is to siphon votes from Mr. Buttigieg, or Mr. Biden if he's still running? ...

Republicans will be tempted to cheer, thinking Mr. Trump would trounce Mr. Sanders. Some GOP officials in South Carolina, the Charleston Post and Courier reports, plan to urge Republicans to vote for Bernie in the state's open primary. This is playing with fire.

Mr. Sanders is beating Mr. Trump in most head-to-head polls in key states, and simply labeling him a socialist won't be enough. In this politically volatile age, the impossible can soon become inevitable. Ask the Democrats who rejoiced when the GOP nominated Mr. Trump.

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A man wears a protective face mask and covers himself with a plastic bag Monday before entering a supermarket in Wuhan in central China. AP

ANTI-ASIAN PANIC IS SPREADING LIKE A VIRUS

By TAMARA VENIT-SHELTON

The images out of Wuhan, China, are chilling. In the epicenter of the coronavirus outbreak, health officials in white hazmat suits hover over the body of a victim. Crowds of ordinary people, their faces obscured by surgical masks, try to carry on as normal.

As the United States, Australia, Russia, Japan and many other countries announce travel restrictions to and from China, it was only a matter of time before paranoia about coronavirus and Asians would spread as well.

On Jan. 30, Los Angeles officials warned that a fake letter circulating on Facebook and email falsely claimed that five people in Carson, a city south of downtown Los Angeles, had contracted coronavirus and named five local businesses in an Asian neighborhood as being connected to the outbreak.

The hoax letter is just one instance of fearmongering directed at Asian communities that is playing out on social media. An Instagram post by the University of California at Berkeley's health services offered reassurance that anti-Asian xenophobia was a "common" and "normal" reaction to concerns about contracting coronavirus (it was deleted after alumni and students voiced outrage). Meanwhile, students across California have reported feeling that fear of the virus made them targets for anti-Asian

It's faster than coronavirus in some spots

comments and open hostility.

Racial profiling for coronavirus isn't confined to California or the United States. Asians in Europe — including Chinese but also Vietnamese and Cambodians — have reported coronavirus-inspired acts of harassment in schools and playgrounds as well as on public transportation. Chinese shop owners in Italy and France have noted a decline in their business as fearful customers keep their distance.

The Italian coast guard quarantined 7,000 passengers and crew aboard a cruise ship off the coast near Rome when a traveler from Hong Kong developed flu-like symptoms. It was, indeed, nothing but the flu, but locals at the port staged a protest demanding the testing of all 750 Chinese on the ship. Rising incidents of anti-Asian abuse have been reported in Australia and Canada as well.

In the United States, racially charged panic over the virus echoes a long history of anti-Asian racism that identified Asian Americans and their businesses and neighborhoods as vectors for epidemic disease.

Beginning in the 1870s, as immigration from China to the United States surged, public health officials often wrongly linked American Chinatowns to outbreaks of leprosy, smallpox, bubonic plague and tuberculosis.

In San Francisco, the Department of Public Health had a practice of conducting medical investigations that quarantined Chinatown and restricted its inhabitants' freedoms.

Yet, the Chinese had no higher rates of mortality than any other working-class community in San Francisco.

Motivated by fear and racism, authorities sometimes simultaneously quarantined Asian American neighborhoods and denied them essential medical services. For example, the Chinese were shut out of San Francisco's public hospitals during a citywide outbreak of bubonic plague in 1900. In response, they organized their own private hospital, staffed by a combination of Western-trained medical scientists and traditional Chinese herbalists. In 1918, as the global influenza pandemic crested, Japanese immigrants were similarly excluded from mainstream medical care in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

Medical scapegoating and discriminatory policing of Asian-owned businesses and homes were routine in the 19th century. Unfortunately, it is all too easy for these attitudes to be reawakened, particularly during health crises.

In the 1980s, for instance, Los Angeles County health inspectors targeted Chinese restaurants displaying roasted Peking ducks in their windows. The

inspectors claimed, without evidence, that the ducks harbored salmonella and other bacteria.

As epidemiologists look to the future, they anticipate that many global epidemics will emanate from less developed parts of the world, including Asia.

Successful containment will depend on broad, public support for scientists and health officials working to disseminate accurate information about how viruses spread.

Effectively fighting contagions also will require fighting fears driven by racist impulses.

The quarantines of Chinatowns in the 19th century didn't suppress disease or improve public health but did legitimize discrimination against entire populations.

Today, as state agencies and school authorities issue warnings and reassurances, they should be sensitive to this historical pattern. What's needed is evidence-based, easily understood information that defuses public anxieties without provoking race-based panic and deepening inequalities.

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THE PRIMARY PRIMARY STATE

BY JOE "WE'RE (WANTING TO BE) NO. 1!" FOURNIER

GOV. PRITZKER EXPLAINS WHY DO PEOPLE THINK ILLINOIS GOING BEFORE IOWA IN THE PRIMARIES IS SUCH A CRAZY IDEA? ARE THEY AFRAID WE COULDN'T COME UP WITH A BETTER SYSTEM THAN CAUCUSING?

A SYSTEM THAT RETURNS VOTERS TO THEIR HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM TO RELIEVE THE TEEN TRAUMA OF FITTING IN, FORCING THEM TO CHANGE THEIR CANDIDATE SUPPORT BY PUBLICLY OUTING THEIR CHOICE TO CLIQUES AND PEER PRESSURE UNTIL THEY ACQUIESCE AND JOIN THE POPULAR KIDS?

YEAH, WE COULD PROBABLY COME UP WITH SOMETHING BETTER THAN THAT.

OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD? I'M THINKING: VOTING!



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The Trump administration has put in place rules that make it harder for pregnant foreign nationals to enter the U.S. on tourist visas.

Crackdown on birth tourism turns US agents into pregnancy patrol

BY CHRISTOPHER RICHARDSON

As a consular officer, I issued hundreds of tourist visas to pregnant women traveling to the United States whose primary purpose was so-called birth tourism — gaining U.S. citizenship for their child by having their baby here. It was a frustrating experience for me, because I mainly saw wealthy and elite foreign nationals secure U.S. citizenship for their newborn this way, and I couldn't help but think of the millions already here who had to wait years to become citizens.

But I made an uneasy peace with the practice, fearing what alternatives might arise if the U.S. ever actively sought to prohibit it. Since the Trump administration put in place new rules in late January that make it harder for pregnant foreign nationals to enter the U.S. on tourist visas, we are about to see what those alternatives are. I fear they will not be pretty.

For President Donald Trump and his supporters, this is a promise kept in his battle against "birthright citizenship," the granting of citizenship to children born in the United States despite the parents' nationality or immigration status. If you're born here, you're an American. The right is enshrined in the U.S. Constitution.

However, the consular officer corps, which is predominantly white, has now been given more discretion to decide who can enter the U.S. They will have to rely more heavily on their own judgment in denying visas to a largely brown and black global populace. Cultural bias will become more of a factor than it already is. In addition, the new rules allow consular officers to use "visual cues" to determine whether an applicant is trying to hide a pregnancy, essentially giving the officers license to body shame.

Pregnancy tests will not be administered and officers cannot ask for them, the State Department announced. But how

long will it take before applicants feel compelled to bring negative pregnancy test results to consular officers and for officers to accept them? The officers will be forced to spend more time serving as the pregnancy patrol instead of focusing on more important matters such as security background checks and facilitating legitimate travel.

As I worked on the visa line with other consular officers in the 2010s, applicants seeking to give birth were evaluated in the same way as those who wanted to enter the U.S. to seek medical treatment. State Department regulations state that foreign nationals seeking to enter the U.S. for medical reasons must demonstrate they have the means to pay for treatment, do not pose a security risk and have ties to their home country that would compel their return.

Pregnant foreign nationals often carried documentation showing that hospital payments for child delivery had been arranged and displayed letters from American doctors and hospital administrators detailing the plan of birth along with any prenatal or postnatal visits.

When I was processing visa applicants, almost every pregnant foreigner I spoke with was from a wealthy family. They would invariably say they had no intention of residing in the United States with their newborn "American" child. For this class of individuals, the newborn child would probably serve as "insurance" should their respective home countries fall apart and as an investment in making it easier to immigrate to the U.S. should it become necessary. For others, having an American child and that blue U.S. passport was cultural currency, the ultimate status symbol back home.

While I may have disdained the practice, officers are required to evaluate applicants by engaging in frank conversations about their intentions. It's far better for applicants to honestly talk about their

intentions to give birth — and use reputable doctors and hospitals — than rely on the criminal gangs and shady consultants that have come to dominate the birth tourism field.

The new restrictions on tourist visas for pregnant women will only bring these illicit businesses more customers. The birth tourism industry also thrives on coaching applicants to lie about their pregnancy and produce fake documents. Lying can cause a person to be permanently barred from entering the U.S., and officers rely on honest interactions to make valid, solid decisions.

Instead of cracking down on consular officers, the U.S. should crack down on the birth tourism industry. A big part of the problem could be addressed by identifying hospitals and other medical facilities that profit from the foreign-national birth business and impose prohibitive fines on them if they continue to engage in the practice. These facilities often work hand in glove with birth tourism consultants, so this would help suppress that element as well.

But if Trump's true goal is to tighten the restrictions on birthright citizenship — and appease his supporters — he should seek a constitutional amendment, like Ireland did in 2004, even if it is a notoriously difficult process. Ireland eliminated the automatic right to citizenship for anyone born there and, in most cases, requires foreign national parents to prove a "genuine link" to Ireland based on residency before a child born there can be considered a citizen.

Instead of coming up with an actual solution to birth tourism, Trump has chosen to use government agents to circumvent the law — and satisfy his base.

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Christopher Richardson was a consular officer from 2011 to 2018.

President Trump missed opportunity at reconciliation

BY CAL THOMAS

For 68 years, the National Prayer Breakfast has been a political oasis, a chance for Republicans, Democrats, national and world leaders to assemble and pray for each other and the nation.

Not this year.

One could tell where things were headed when President Donald Trump arrived later than most other presidents and held up two newspapers with the headline "Acquitted," a reference to the vote the day before by the GOP majority in the Senate, which refused to convict him of articles of impeachment written by the Democratic majority in the House.

The president then shook hands with only half of those at the head table, apparently because House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was sitting on the other side of the podium. It was Trump who refused to shake Pelosi's hand at the State of the Union address last Tuesday night, and it was Pelosi who tore up her copy of his speech for all to see.

The co-chairs of the 2020 breakfast, Rep. John Moolenaar, R-Mich., and Rep. Thomas Suozzi, D-N.Y., spoke of their deep personal relationship and their ability to bridge differences because of it.

Arthur Brooks, the former head of the American Enterprise Institute, a

Washington, D.C.-based think tank that researches government, politics, economics and social welfare, and also a Harvard professor and columnist for The Washington Post, spoke of reconciliation and loving one's enemies.

When it was President Trump's turn to speak, he said, "Arthur, I don't know if I agree with you" and then went on a tear proving he didn't. He criticized those who claim to pray for him and misuse their faith for political ends. He implied that "those in this room" (more than 3,000 attended) all support him and those who don't are not genuine Christians.

Here's the thing about reconciliation. It has a power that is the antithesis of political power, which in reality is no power at all. If the person who believes he, or she, has been wronged by another reaches out and offers forgiveness, it can have the effect of disarming the other person and lowering the political and personal temperature.

Since Jesus is at the center of this annual event, the president should consider what he said on the subject of loving one's enemies: "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the

good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others?" (Matthew 5:43-48).

Lest someone think this is only a Christian ideal, consider Proverbs 25:21-22: "If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; For you will heap burning coals on his head. And the Lord will reward you."

In his remarks, Brooks said if people can't sincerely practice forgiveness and reconciliation, they should "fake it." His point was that reconciliation has a power all its own, even if one initially is not sincere about it.

Perhaps it is time to suspend this annual event, or to hold it without this president attending if he can't accept the non-partisan theme that has been its tradition for nearly seven decades. He clearly missed a grand opportunity. It would have cost him nothing to shake Speaker Pelosi's hand and in doing so he might have heaped coals of fire upon her head if she did not respond in kind.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Nurse practitioners boost access to care

Regarding Lisa Schencker's story about nurse practitioners in Illinois ("Evolving care," Feb. 9): Should you be worried that nurse practitioners have nearly tripled in Illinois? No. We should not be worried. We should be delighted that we, as consumers of health care, have increased access to nurse practitioner care.

The story uses a single anecdote and quotes from a trade group aimed at protecting professional interests rather than patients. Here are two facts affirmed repeatedly by peer-reviewed data: Nurse practitioner outcomes are the same and sometimes better than those of physicians, even for people with complex clinical needs, and patients are more satisfied with the care they receive from nurse practitioners than they are with physician care.

The story also fails to acknowledge that the title "doctor" is used by no fewer than eight members of the health care team besides physicians (psychologist, optometrists, podiatrists, to name a few). Instead, it focuses on the status anxiety experienced by a handful of physicians when their nursing colleagues earn a doctoral degree and use the title associated with that achievement.

The nurse practitioner role was born of the need for more primary care providers in rural and underserved communities. Today, nurse practitioners make up almost half of the workforce in federally qualified health centers, our national safety net of primary care health centers. We are not "increasingly showing up in primary care." We've been in primary care for a very long time.

It's time to move beyond petty turf wars between trade groups. When the Tribune is ready to report on teams of professionals that collaborate, cooperate and have the common goal of improving the health of communities, there are thousands of us ready to tell that story.

— Charles Yingling, family nurse practitioner, associate dean for practice and community partnerships, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing

Patients prefer seeing doctors

Regarding Lisa Schencker's recent story: Nurse practitioners are a talented, caring and necessary part of the current health care system. But I am afraid it is also true that they are a second-best option to which lesser-insured patients are funneled for cost-saving reasons. The cost savings also extend to increased profit margins for the corporations that now control the practice of medicine nationwide. Whether they deserve or want it, or not, nurse practitioners get paid half of what similarly placed physicians do.

The best clue as to their second-best quality is the movement of patients who have the ability to seek a higher level of care through physicians. Although there are anecdotal exceptions, when nurse practitioners and health care administrators or their families get sick, they want to see a doctor. When patients get off Medicaid and get better quality insurance, they want to see a doctor. When a facility is lucky enough to get a doctor to supplement nurse practitioners, patients want to transfer to the doctor. When they are really sick or hurt in the emergency room, patients want to see the doctor.

And, what is strikingly obvious in my own practice, when patients get Medicare with an unrestricted network, they want to see a doctor to take care of the more life-threatening, chronic illnesses that trouble the second half of life. In all these circumstances, the quickie clinic with the nurse practitioner no longer seems like such a great option.

There are indeed patients enough for everyone. But there is only enough funding and unrestricted access to allow an increasingly few to see physicians. Welcome to America's latest version of a two-tier medical system. Which tier have you been assigned?

— Dr. Anton Dubrick, Salem, Illinois

Restrict red-light cameras further

The red-light camera debacle is easily remedied. The state should pass a law that allows the cameras only at intersections with a documented history of accidents caused by red-light runners and that blocks camera enforcement against drivers who fail to come to a complete stop before turning right on red.

Failure to yield the right of way is what causes accidents. Not coming to a complete stop at a red light before turning has no bearing on safety yet is probably the camera companies' biggest cash generator. Ban that reason for enforcement, and many cameras would be removed for lack of cash generation (just to call them what they are).

— Steve Kraus, Chicago

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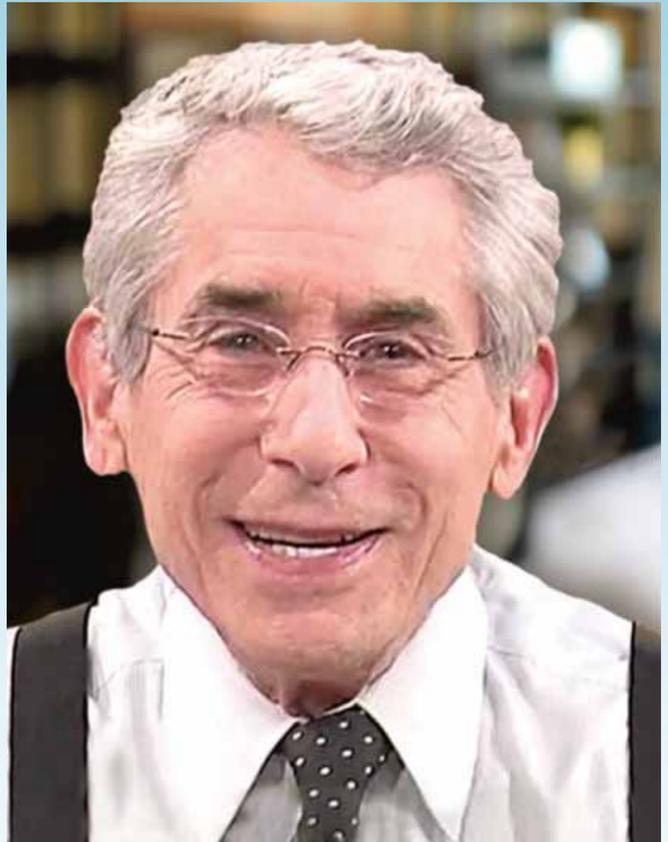
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Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

Ferrara Candy to add 500 jobs in DeKalb

New distribution center may open by spring '21

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

A growing Ferrara Candy is building a new distribution complex in DeKalb that is expected to employ 500 people by spring of

next year.

The Chicago-based candy company, which is investing more than \$100 million in the project, will be DeKalb's largest industrial employer once the complex is complete, a transformative development for the college town whose local economy suffered severe blows during the Great

Recession, said City Manager Bill Nicklas.

"The faith of this company in DeKalb is a real shot in the arm," Nicklas said in an interview Monday. "Many of those jobs are going to be career jobs. That will mean people settling in our area and coming to our schools."

Ferrara, maker of Lemonheads

and Trolli, has been adding employees since its parent company, Italy's Ferrero Group, acquired Kellogg's cookie business last year and Nestle's U.S. confectionary portfolio in 2018, giving it control of legacy brands from Keebler to Butterfinger to Nerds.

"As our business continues to grow and our portfolio expands,

we need additional space to match our ambition," Ferrara's Chief Operating Officer Mike Murray said in a news release. "The distribution capacity in DeKalb will allow us to continue to scale our network in the U.S."

Ferrara has begun construction

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Where are the EVs?

Electric vehicles are hard to find at the Chicago Auto Show. Next year will be a different story.



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Attendees examine the Ford Mustang Mach-E, an all-electric vehicle, on Thursday at the Chicago Auto Show at McCormick Place.

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

The auto industry is betting hundreds of billions of dollars that this is the decade you're going to buy an electric vehicle.

From a sporty Ford Mustang crossover to the rebirth of a brawny GMC Hummer truck, legacy and startup automakers alike have hundreds of electric vehicles in the development pipeline, with industry projections that EV sales will surpass traditional internal combustion engines by 2030.

But at the Chicago Auto Show, which runs through Feb. 17 at McCormick Place, full battery-powered EVs are as few and far between as they are on America's roadways, with only a handful of models on display that you can buy and drive. Based on EV product launches scheduled for 2020 alone, that should change dramatically by next year's show.

"We feel there's going to be a lot of growth," said Ted Cannis, global head of electrification for Ford, which is featuring the Mustang Mach-E at the show. "Once you get that critical mass moving — and it's going to start moving because of us and others in the industry — you'll have a whole pipeline of activity then."

Little more than a science experiment at the turn of the century, mass produced EVs began hitting the market around 2010 with early entries such as the Nissan Leaf. But limited range, expensive batteries and the lack of an out-of-home charging infrastructure made them a fringe offering.

In 2012, California-based Tesla disrupted the automotive world when it began delivery of its sleek but pricey Model S, which brought blazing speed, 300-mile range and a new vision of electrification to the industry. Tesla delivered 367,500 electric vehicles last year and although it has yet to turn an annual profit, it surpassed \$100 billion in valuation



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The interior and display screen inside the Ford Mustang Mach-E.



AP

The 2019 Audi e-tron, a midsize electric SUV with two rows of seating and an estimated range of about 204 miles.

— more than GM and Ford combined.

While EVs accounted for less than 2% of all auto sales in 2019, automakers are all in for 2020, from Detroit's Big Three to startup electric truck manufacturer Rivian, which is set to begin production later this year in Normal.

Tesla and Rivian were no-shows at this year's auto show, but roughly 10 EV models are on display. Here are some highlights:

Ford Mustang Mach-E

Announced in November, the

all-electric 2021 Mustang Mach-E crossover is expected to roll out later this year, with an inaugural production run of about 50,000 vehicles. Built in Mexico, the Mach-E comes in rear-wheel and all-wheel drive and starts at about \$44,000, with a high-performance GT version priced at about \$60,000. Both qualify for a full \$7,500 federal tax credit.

The models offer a target range of 250 to 300 miles, with the GT version doing 0 to 60 mph in just over 3 seconds. Branding it a Mustang was a "pretty bold statement around electrification" plans for Ford, said Dave Pericak, director of

icons for the automaker.

"We didn't take the decision to make it a Mustang lightly," said Pericak, who previously served as Mustang's chief engineer. "It will have all the performance, but it will have a soul. It's just a ton of fun."

The spartan interior includes a 15-inch display screen that will use machine learning to anticipate your habits, such as asking if you want to phone home on your return commute after work. It also has low-tech features such as a cup holder.

Ford has an all-electric F-150 truck in the developmental pipeline, but hasn't disclosed many of its electrification plans. Pericak said launching with two iconic nameplates shows that Ford is "leaning in," despite the dearth of electric vehicles at the 2020 show.

"Electrification is a big part of our plan and where we're headed," Pericak said.

Audi e-tron

Audi, which is owned by German automaker Volkswagen, rolled out its first EV offering last year, the e-tron. By 2025, it expects a third of its U.S. product line to be electric, according to Cody Thacker, head of electrification for Audi of America.

The featured speaker at an auto show luncheon Thursday hosted by the Economic Club of Chicago, Thacker said the auto industry is investing \$300 billion into electrification, and that consumer adoption will become widespread.

Thacker said the biggest barrier to adoption is "range anxiety," the fear of running out of juice before finding a plug to recharge your vehicle. While most daily commutes are less than 30 miles, Thacker said getting to "the family reunion in Ohio" remains a concern for EV owners.

"That is real, that's some-

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Cookie sales OK near pot stores

Girl Scouts lifts ban on selling in front of marijuana shops

BY ALLY MAROTTI

With boxes of Thin Mints and Samoas stacked above their heads, a group of Girl Scouts set up shop outside Dispensary 33 Sunday, selling cookies to passersby and customers of the recreational marijuana store.

The girls — or their parents — weren't the first to sell cookies to people buying weed. Girl Scouts in California have set up outside dispensaries and Colorado's Girl Scouts recently lifted a ban on selling in front of marijuana shops.

But the timing of Girl Scout Cookie season worked in the young entrepreneurs' favor this year in Chicago. Legal weed went on sale in Illinois Jan. 1, and long lines continue to form outside weed shops.

Dispensary 33 in Uptown serves more than 500 people a day, said general manager Paul Lee. Many of the people Dispensary 33 serves bring cash, and are looking for a snack to accompany their purchase, he said.

The girls, ages 6 and 7, sold about 230 boxes of cookies Sunday, said one of the Brownie troop leaders, Melissa Soukup.

"It was a decent sale," said Soukup, the mom of one of the girls. But it did not surpass the 450 boxes they sold one day last year in front of a Mariano's.

The Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana lets the scouts pick where they want to set up tables to sell, as long as it's in front of a legally owned and operated business, said public relations manager Britney Bouie. Table sales of the \$5 boxes of cookies started Saturday.

"Our girls sell from everywhere — outside of movie theaters, grocery stores," Bouie said. "And now if they're selling outside of legal and above-board dispensaries, that is A-OK."

Dispensary 33 is set to have other troops sell cookies, too, said dispensary marketing manager Abigail Watkins.

Watkins noted an irony inside the dispensary. There's a popular strain of marijuana that originated on the West Coast originally called Girl Scout Cookies. Dispensary 33 had two products linked to that strain in stock on Sunday. They sold out.

"Maybe that was because of the Girl Scouts," Watkins said.

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Virus hurts houseware expo in city

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

An international housewares show scheduled to take place in Chicago next month is scrapping part of the event because of travel limitations tied to the coronavirus from China.

The Inspired Home Show will not include an International Sourcing Expo, which was to include dishes, flatware and other household products made by 500 Chinese companies, said Leana Salamah, the

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Ferrara

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of a 1.6 million-square-foot distribution and pack center on 106 acres in DeKalb's ChicagoWest Business Park, and expects to be fully operational by the second quarter of 2021. More than a dozen potential tenants have expressed interest in the 343-acre business park since it was annexed to the city in 2006, but Ferrara is the first to sign on, Nicklas said.

Nicklas said an incentive agreement with the city includes a plan for Ferrara to build a

manufacturing plant on the site as well, which would add another 1.5 million square feet and bring the total number of jobs to 1,000.

Ferrara spokeswoman Sarah Kittel said it is premature to discuss anything beyond its plans for the distribution complex.

For 15 years, Ferrara will receive half of the property tax receipts that would have gone into DeKalb's coffers, Nicklas said. The projected value of property taxes that will be generated from Ferrara's parcels is equivalent to that of the five largest industrial producers operating in the city today, combined.

DeKalb's largest industrial producers currently are 3M, Nestle, Panduit, Goodyear and Target, he said.

DeKalb, about 65 miles west of Chicago, is the home of Northern Illinois University, its largest employer. The city won Ferrara's interest because of the business park's proximity to Interstate 88 and utility infrastructure, as well as the city's workforce and "business-friendly taxing bodies," the joint news release said.

The Ferrara jobs coming to DeKalb will range from custodial to forklift drivers to logistics to management, Nicklas said.

"It's going to be durable and a permanent part of our work

environment here," he said. "People aren't going to stop eating and people aren't going to stop liking chocolate."

Ferrara, which moved its corporate headquarters to Chicago's Old Post Office from Oakbrook Terrace in November, employs nearly 6,000 people across 20 locations in North America, including manufacturing, distribution and research and development facilities.

Kittel said the company continues "to evaluate all options as it relates to the best use of our existing footprint, while expanding that footprint to better support our U.S. distribution network."

Deere sets 105 more Iowa layoffs

Associated Press

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Deere & Co. plans to lay off 105 more workers in Dubuque.

The company told workers Friday at the John Deere Dubuque Works that the layoffs will take effect April 6 and come because of market conditions.

It would be the third round of layoffs at the plant in the past few months. In October the company said more than 110 workers would be laid off by Nov. 18, and in December the company announced that nearly 60 workers would be laid off effective Jan. 6.

Company spokesman Ken Golden declined to comment Monday on how many workers will remain on the payroll after the April 6 layoffs. Each factory balances the size of its production workforce with customer demand for products from that factory, he said. The company makes construction and forest equipment at the Dubuque Works plant.

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International Housewares Association's vice president of marketing. The Rosemont-based trade group consulted with Chinese organizers and exhibitors and decided to cancel the expo, Salamah said.

"They are factories that are sponsored by the Chinese government... With those Chinese

factories, the challenge is that they can't get here," Salamah said.

On Jan. 31, the Trump administration declared coronavirus a public health emergency, temporarily suspending entry into the country by most travelers arriving from China or those who have recently visited China. There have been more than 40,500 confirmed coronavirus cases globally, and the disease has killed 910 people, all but one in China, according to a Monday report by the World Health

Organization.

More than 1,700 exhibitors are expected to attend the trade-only show at McCormick Place Convention Center March 14-17, Salamah said. The International Sourcing Expo tends to be the least visited of the expos, but the effect of not having it "remains to be seen," she said.

The association also is warning attendees coming from China they may be denied entry into the U.S.

The coronavirus has gripped

the global economy, causing airlines to suspend flights to China and disrupting production facilities.

Other international trade shows are being affected as well. Sony and Amazon were among some of the tech companies that pulled out of the Mobile World Congress, a mobile industry trade fair, in Barcelona, Spain, this month.

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thing we have to think about," Thacker said at the luncheon. "This is where the public charging infrastructure needs to get deployed."

Audi has a white e-tron SUV on display at the show. The all-wheel drive vehicle, which sells for about \$75,000, has a range of 204 miles and does 0 to 60 mph in 5.5 seconds. It is parked, fittingly, next to an Electrify America charging station.

Electrify America, also owned by Volkswagen, is investing \$2 billion in a nationwide charging network as part of the automaker's massive 2016 settlement with federal and state regulators over its diesel emissions testing scandal. The company expects to have 800 charging stations with about 3,500 chargers in 45 states by the end of next year.

Thacker said even though automakers are gearing up, the consumer side of the equation is "not quite ready to go yet." EV prices will need to come down and the infrastructure needs to be developed for widespread

adoption to become a reality.

"People are worried: If I have my family in the car and it's the middle of the night and I have 5 miles left, I want to know that I can pull off the highway and charge my vehicle," he said.

Chevrolet Bolt

Launched in 2017, Chevrolet's all-electric subcompact crossed the 200,000 sales mark last year, which triggers a one-year phase-out of the \$7,500 federal tax incentive. Buyers can still get a \$1,875 credit through March 31.

The 2020 Bolt, which sells for about \$37,000 — before the tax credit — has boosted its range by 10% this year to 259 miles on a full charge, making it a more attractive, if utilitarian, EV offering than some of its flashier rivals.

In January, there were 3,000 Bolts sold — its best sales month ever, according to Chevrolet spokesman Steve Majoros.

"The reality is, Bolt EV was the first to crack the code on range and cost, and continues to do that," Majoros said. "Other entries have come into the marketplace, but the Bolt EV still has the most range — with the exception of a high-perform-

ance Tesla Model 3."

Majoros said the resurgent success of the Bolt is "just a precursor" to new EVs in the pipeline from Chevrolet and GM, including the rebirth of the Hummer nameplate — once the embodiment of a gas-guzzling behemoth — as GMC's first all-electric truck. The Hummer, which will be built at the Detroit-Hamtramck plant, was teased in a Super Bowl spot, with plans to reveal the vehicle in May.

"There's going to be a lot of news from Chevrolet and GM," Majoros said. "We know where the market is going."

Despite the growing buzz over EVs, old-school muscle cars are still stealing the show. Visitors at the Thursday preview mostly bypassed a pair of Chevy Bolt EVs for a 490-horsepower Corvette Stingray, while a 660-horsepower GT Liquid Carbon supercar is Ford's most prominent display.

Pericak didn't bother to offer mileage estimates for GT Liquid Carbon, which sells for \$750,000.

"We don't worry about that in a car like this," Pericak said.

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DOJ drops antitrust probe against automakers

By Coral Davenport
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has dropped its antitrust inquiry into four automakers that had sided with California in its dispute with the Trump administration over reducing climate-warming vehicle pollution, deciding that the companies had violated no laws, according to people familiar with the matter.

The investigation had escalated a dispute over one of President Donald Trump's most significant rollbacks of global warming regulations. The Justice Department's move was one of a slew of seemingly retributive actions by the White House against California, as the state worked with Ford Motor Co., Volkswagen of America, Honda and BMW to defy Trump's planned rollback of national fuel economy standards.

A spokeswoman from Ford confirmed last week that the company had been notified that the investigation was closed. Representatives from BMW, Volkswagen and Honda did not respond to requests

for comment. The Justice Department did not release a statement.

The Justice Department's decision could boost the efforts of the auto companies and California to move ahead with tighter vehicle pollution standards than those being finalized by the federal government.

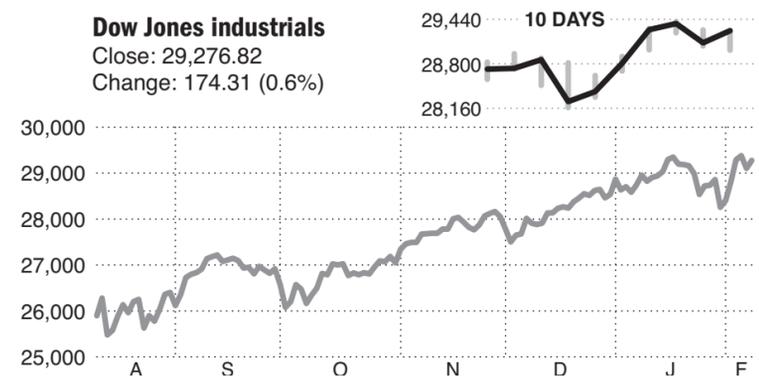
In July, the four automakers announced that they had reached an agreement in principle with California on emissions standards that would be stricter than those being sought by the White House. The announcement came as an embarrassment for the Trump administration, which assailed the move as a "PR stunt."

In the coming weeks, the administration is expected to finalize a rule that would permanently roll back the federal Obama-era standards, which would have required automakers to roughly double the fuel economy of their new cars, pickup trucks and SUVs by 2025.

Under those rules, new vehicles would have had to average about 54 mpg. The Trump administration's plan will roll back that standard to about 40 mpg.

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FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	558.75	560.75	551	552	-6.75
		May 20	556.50	559.25	550.25	551.50	-5.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	383.25	383.50	379	381.75	-1.75
		May 20	388.25	388.25	383.50	386.50	-2
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	883	889.75	879.50	884.25	+2.25
		May 20	895.75	902.25	892.25	897.25	+2.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 20	31.00	31.27	30.51	30.62	-3.35
		May 20	31.38	31.63	30.89	30.99	-3.5
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 20	290.00	294.50	289.20	291.40	+2.10
		May 20	295.80	299.90	294.90	297.10	+1.90
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Mar 20	50.12	50.49	49.42	49.57	-.75
		Apr 20	50.34	50.71	49.63	49.78	-.77
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 20	1.813	1.813	1.759	1.766	-.092
		Apr 20	1.850	1.851	1.796	1.804	-.088
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 20	1.5209	1.5534	1.4975	1.5213	-.0026
		Apr 20	1.6625	1.6948	1.6535	1.6647	-.0129

Source: The Associated Press

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Apartment Group	N	115.80	-.90	Equity Residential	N	84.94	+7.4			
Arch Dan Mid	N	45.68	-.03	Exelon Corp	O	48.31	+1.2			
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Boeing Co	N	344.67	+7.92	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	71.73	+9.8			
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CBOE Global Markets	N	123.69	+1.15	Grainger WW	N	298.17	-1.53			
CDK Global Inc	O	53.15	-.44	GrubHub Inc	N	52.84	+2.28			
CDW Corp	O	133.99	+1.33	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	108.54	+3.2			
CF Industries	N	41.67	-.50	IAA Inc	N	48.23	+6.6			
CME Group	O	213.37	+1.7	IDEX Corp	N	174.47	+3.12			
CNA Financial	N	50.81	+3.96	ITW	N	183.84	+3.0			
Cabot Microelect	O	161.38	+5.0	Ingredion Inc	N	91.02	+1.08			
Caterpillar Inc	N	134.32	+9.5	John Bean Technol	N	118.52	+3.04			
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	32.24	+2.9	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	172.50	-.23			
Deere Co	N	168.24	+7.9	Kemper Corp	N	81.23	+1.26			
Discover Fin Svcs	N	75.83	+5.4	Kraft Heinz Co	O	29.69	+1.5			
Dover Corp	N	118.22	+9.1	LKQ Corporation	O	33.19	+2.6			
							Zebra Tech	O	248.55	+1.29

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Ford Motor	8.06	-.05
Nokia Corp	4.26	-.11
Uber Technologies	40.01	-.62
Slack Technologies	26.54	+3.55
Chesapeake Energy	.50	-.01
Itau Unibanco Hldg	7.89	+1.3
Twitter Inc	35.96	-1.07
Gen Electric	12.91	-.08
Pinterest Inc	24.29	+9.1
Aurora Cannabis Inc	1.56	-.14
Ambev S.A.	3.81	-.09
Vale SA	11.60	-.44
Petrobras	14.40	-.18
Taubman Ctrs	53.12	+18.45
Yamana Gold Inc	3.92	+0.8
Energy Transfer LP	12.19	-.37
Shwstn Energy	1.52	-.14
Bank of America	34.69	+0.8
Snap Inc A	17.60	+4.7
Exxon Mobil Corp	59.96	-.64
Freeport McMoRan	12.17	+3.7
Teva Pharm	12.35	+1.9
Pfizer Inc	37.81	-.24
AT&T Inc	38.34	-.11

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	38.34	-.11
Alibaba Group Hldg	215.77	-.76
Alphabet Inc C	1508.68	+29.45
Alphabet Inc A	1508.66	+29.55
Amazon.com Inc	213.91	+54.63
Apple Inc	321.55	+1.52
Bank of America	34.69	+0.8
Berkshire Hath B	227.11	-.27
Facebook Inc	213.06	+7.3
HSBC Holdings prA	26.81	+0.2
Intel Corp	66.39	+3.7
JPMorgan Chase	137.74	+5.7
Johnson & Johnson	151.86	-.03
MasterCard Inc	330.28	+3.28
Microsoft Corp	188.70	+4.81
Procter & Gamble	126.17	+0.9
Taiwan Semicon	57.02	+8.2
Visa Inc	205.99	+3.25
WalMart Strs	115.25	-1.20

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR
	IN \$	IN \$	%RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	34.79	+2.0	+21.1
American Funds AMRCNBaA m	29.18	+1.4	+16.6
American Funds CptWdGrncA m	52.87	+1.8	+18.9
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	63.81	+2.0	+13.5
American Funds FdmtInvsA m	63.83	+4.1	+22.0
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	54.08	+4.3	+24.5
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.48	+0.9	+15.0
American Funds InvCamrcA m	40.61	+2.2	+20.8
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	49.21	+2.6	+25.6
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	49.19	+2.9	+20.5
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.27	+0.2	+9.7
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	42.60	-.05	+12.7
Dodge & Cox Stk	195.30	+5.8	+16.6
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.77	...	+7.0
Fidelity 500InclsPfm	116.44	+8.7	+26.3
Fidelity Contrafund	14.55	+1.5	+26.9
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.77	+0.1	+10.3
Fidelity THMktDxInclsPfm	93.97	+7.0	+24.6
Fidelity USBDInclsAdmrl	12.12	+0.1	+9.4
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.33	...	+9.1
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	11.13	+0.1	+9.8
PIMCO IncI2	12.10	...	+7.3

Chinese state hackers get blame for Equifax breach

US indicts four members of People's Liberation Army

By ERIC TUCKER
AND MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Four members of the Chinese military have been charged with breaking into the networks of the Equifax credit reporting agency and stealing the personal information of tens of millions of Americans, the Justice Department said Monday, blaming Beijing for one of the largest hacks in history to target consumer data.

The 2017 breach affected more than 145 million people, with the hackers successfully stealing names, addresses, Social Security and driver's license numbers and other personal information stored in the company's databases.

The four — members of the People's Liberation Army, an arm of the Chinese military — are also accused of stealing the company's trade secrets, law enforcement officials said.

The accused hackers exploited a software vulnerability to gain access to Equifax's computers, obtaining login cre-

entials that they used to navigate databases and review records. The indictment also details efforts the hackers took to cover their tracks, including wiping log files on a daily basis and routing traffic through dozens of servers in nearly 20 countries.

"The scale of the theft was staggering," Attorney General William Barr said Monday. "This theft not only caused significant financial damage to Equifax, but invaded the privacy of many millions of Americans, and imposed substantial costs and burdens on them as they have had to take measures to protect against identity theft."

Equifax, headquartered in Atlanta, maintains a massive repository of consumer information that it sells to businesses looking to verify identities or assess creditworthiness. All told, the indictment says, the company holds information on hundreds of millions of Americans in the U.S. and abroad.

The case is the latest Justice Department accusation against Chinese hackers suspected of breaching networks of American corporations. It comes as the

Trump administration has warned against what it sees as the growing political and economic influence of China, and efforts by Beijing to collect data on Americans and steal scientific research and innovation.

The administration has also been pressing allies not to allow Chinese tech giant Huawei to be part of their 5G wireless networks due to concerns that the equipment could be used to collect data and for surveillance.

The accused hackers are based in China, and none is in custody. But U.S. officials nonetheless view criminal charges like the ones brought in this case as a powerful deterrent to foreign hackers and a warning to other countries that American law enforcement has the capability to pinpoint individual culprits behind hacks.

Equifax last year reached a \$700 million settlement over the data breach, with the bulk of the funds intended for consumers affected by it. Equifax didn't notice the intruders targeting its databases for more than six weeks. Hackers exploited a known security vulnerability that Equifax hadn't fixed.

UK looks at span linking Scotland, N. Ireland

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON — The British government said Monday it is seriously studying the feasibility of a bridge between Scotland and Northern Ireland, an audacious idea that has been floated by Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Johnson's spokesman, James Slack, said the proposal was being taken seriously and "a range of officials" were studying it. "There is a proper piece of work being undertaken into this idea," he said. "The PM is ambitious in terms of infrastructure projects."

Johnson has promised to build major new infrastructure to better connect parts of the U.K. in the wake of Britain's divisive exit from the European Union. He also has vowed to boost regions outside the economically dominant southeast of England.

He has mentioned the bridge idea several times, and claimed it would "only cost about 15 billion pounds (\$20 billion)."

But engineers say spanning the deep and stormy Irish Sea would be difficult. The distance is 12 miles at its narrowest; one of the most likely routes for a bridge, between Larne in Northern Ireland and Portpatrick in Scotland, is about 28 miles.

The water is up to 1,000 feet deep, and the sea bed holds thousands of unexploded bombs dumped by Britain's defense ministry after World War II.

Johnson has a mixed track record with big projects. As mayor of London from 2008 to 2016 he touted a "Boris Island" airport in the River Thames estuary and a lush "garden bridge" in the middle of the city. Neither was built.

Ian Firth, a fellow at the Institution of Civil Engineers, said building a Scotland-Northern Ireland bridge had "a huge number of technical challenges" but was probably achievable.

"Anything is possible if you throw enough money at it," he said.



RICHARD DREW/AP

Philip Krim, CEO and co-founder of Casper Sleep, poses outside the New York Stock Exchange last Thursday.

Casper's IPO met with a yawn

Online mattress firm fails to rouse investors on Wall Street

By ERIN GRIFFITH
The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Casper Sleep, a startup that sells mattresses online, has become the latest money-losing outfit to get a cold shoulder from Wall Street investors.

The company's stock began trading Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange at \$14.50 a share, slipped below \$14 in the afternoon and closed at \$13.50. The lackluster first day of trading did not come close to fulfilling what Casper's venture-capital investors thought it was worth a few months ago.

The 5-year-old startup, based in New York, had been valued at \$1.1 billion by private investors last year. But that was before it disclosed in January that it lost \$67 million on \$312 million in revenue in the first nine months of 2019, thanks in part to spending \$114 million on marketing.

Casper reduced its proposed share price, valuing the company at less than \$500 million. It raised \$100 million in the

offering.

While investors continue to enthusiastically buy shares in the tech industry's biggest companies, they have been skeptical of young companies that are losing money.

Last year, Uber and Lyft, ride-hailing competitors that are both losing huge amounts of money, had disappointing public offerings. WeWork, the commercial real estate company, dropped its IPO plans and experienced a management shake-up after investors recoiled from its poor financial performance.

In an interview, Philip Krim, chief executive and co-founder of Casper, was still enthusiastic about his company's first day of trading. "Getting out to public investors has gone great," he said. "I've enjoyed telling people what we're trying to build and helping people understand it at a level of depth that the headlines might mislead you from."

Krim said his company's model of selling goods directly to customers, rather than exclusively through retail chains, is a new concept to public market investors. "Our business is not what investors are used to seeing at this scale," he said.

Before it went public, Casper had been the toast of the startup world. The company shook up a stodgy mattress

industry by selling beds online, delivering them to peoples' doorsteps in boxes the size of mini fridges.

To lure customers from traditional department stores and mattress chains, Casper advertised heavily on subways, podcasts, television and through quirky marketing campaigns.

"They transformed the way people buy mattresses, sort of forever," said Ben Lerer, an early investor in Casper through the investment firm Lerer Hippeau. "People didn't buy mattresses online before Casper existed and now they do."

Venture investors poured more than \$340 million into the company, according to Crunchbase, and Casper began calling itself the "Nike of sleep," selling pillows, sheets, dog beds and other accessories to what it termed the "sleep economy."

The company opened 60 of its own stores. In 2017, Casper turned down a \$1 billion acquisition offer from Target, which sells Casper products. The chain invested in the company instead.

But as Casper grew, competitors saw an easy opportunity and rushed in, with an average of one new "bed-in-a-box" company launching per week between 2015 and 2018. There are now 175 competitors in the market, according to mattress comparison site GoodBed.

Amazon wants Trump's answers on contract

By MATT O'BRIEN
Associated Press

Amazon wants President Donald Trump to submit to questioning over the tech company's losing bid for a \$10 billion military contract.

The Pentagon awarded the cloud computing project to Microsoft in October. Amazon later sued, arguing that Trump's interference and bias against the company harmed Amazon's chances.

Amazon was considered an early front-runner for a project that Pentagon officials have described as critical to advancing the U.S. military's technological advantage over adversaries. The project, known as Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure, or JEDI, will store and process vast

amounts of classified data, allowing the U.S. military to improve communications with soldiers on the battlefield and use artificial intelligence to speed up its war planning and fighting capabilities.

The Pentagon was preparing to announce its decision between finalists Amazon and Microsoft when Trump publicly waded into the fray in July. Trump said then that other companies told him the contract "wasn't competitively bid," and he said the administration would "take a very long look." Oracle had also protested after it and IBM were eliminated from an earlier round of bidding.

Amazon is looking for more information about what happened before and after Trump ordered the review. Amazon's court filing cites an alleged comment that

surfaced in a recent book that said Trump in 2018 privately told then-Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to "screw Amazon" out of the contract.

Besides seeking Trump's deposition, Amazon is also asking to depose Mattis.

In a court filing unsealed Monday, Amazon said Trump has a "well-documented personal animus" toward Amazon, CEO Jeff Bezos and The Washington Post, which Bezos owns.

Trump has accused Amazon of not paying its fair share of taxes and of putting brick-and-mortar stores out of business. Trump has also gone after Bezos personally and accused the Post of being Amazon's "chief lobbyist."

The Justice Department said it does not comment on ongoing litigation.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

China-designed vehicles eye US

DETROIT — A California company says it will build and sell Chinese-designed automobiles in the U.S. at the end of next year or early in 2022.

HAAH Automotive Holdings says it has an agreement with large Chinese automaker Chery Automobile to provide the vehicles, which will be assembled in a U.S. factory. HAAH says the first vehicle sold will be a midsize SUV.

It's the latest effort to bring passenger vehicles designed in China to the United States, but other efforts so far have seen limited success.

GAC Motor of China has appeared at the last two Detroit auto shows to tout plans to enter the American market. But its plans have been delayed until June of this year.

Xerox ups offer for HP to \$35B

NEW YORK — Xerox says it will raise its offer for computer and printer maker HP to nearly \$35 billion after a lower bid was rejected.

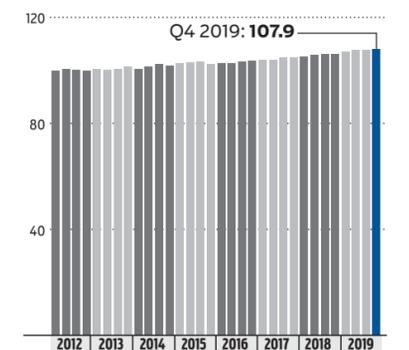
Xerox said Monday that it plans to make the offer about March 2. It will consist of \$24 per HP share, including \$18.40 in cash and 0.149 Xerox shares for each HP share.

In November, HP rejected a roughly \$33.5 billion buyout offer from Xerox, saying that the bid undervalued HP. HP said at the time that it remained open to exploring other options to combine with Xerox Holdings Corp., best known for its copying machines.

The companies have struggled as the demand for printed documents and ink have waned, and both are cutting costs.

Labor productivity

Index of labor output divided by index of hours worked by all workers, by quarter



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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OBITUARIES

LEILA JANAH 1982-2020

Entrepreneur employed poor to combat poverty

BY RICHARD SANDOMIR
New York Times

Leila Janah, a social entrepreneur who employed thousands of desperately poor people in Kenya, Uganda and India in the fervent belief that jobs, not handouts, offered the best escape from poverty, died Jan. 24 in Manhattan. She was 37.

Samasource, one of her companies, said the cause was epithelioid sarcoma, a rare soft-tissue cancer.

A child of Indian immigrants, Janah traveled to Mumbai, India, in the mid-2000s as a management consultant to help take an outsourcing company public. Riding through the city by auto rickshaw, she passed an enormous slum. But after arriving at the outsourcing center, she found a staff of educated middle-class workers. Few, if any, of the nearby poor were employed there.

“Couldn’t the people from the slums do some of this work?” she recalled thinking, in an interview with Wired magazine in 2015.

It proved to be a galvanizing moment for Janah, who called the intellect of the poorest people in the world “the biggest untapped resource” in the global economy.

She went on to start Samasource in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2008 — “sama” means “equal” in Sanskrit — with the aim of employing poor people, for a living wage, in digital jobs like photo tagging and image annotation at what she called delivery centers in Kenya, Uganda and India. The workers generate data that is used for projects as diverse as self-driving cars, video game technology and software that helps park rangers in sub-Saharan Africa prevent elephant poaching.



EARL WILSON/NEW YORK TIMES
Leila Janah, a social entrepreneur, died on Jan. 24.

At least half the people hired by Samasource are women, the company says.

“Leila had a vision about bringing the dignity of work and the promise of a living wage to the world’s most vulnerable,” Kennedy Odede, the founder and chief executive of Shining Hope for Communities, a grassroots organization in Kenya that has worked with Samasource, said by email. Through her work, he added, “young people began to see different possibilities for their futures.”

Samasource’s employees have worked under contracts with companies including Microsoft, Google, Facebook, Walmart, Getty Images, Glassdoor and Vulcan Capital, a holding company formed by Paul G. Allen, a founder of Microsoft.

The company has helped an estimated 50,000 people — 11,000 workers and their dependents — and regularly evaluates whether it is meeting living-wage requirements, Wendy Gonzalez, Samasource’s interim chief executive, said in a phone interview.

Another venture developed by Janah is LXMI, a luxury cosmetics line that has the same mission as Samasource: to hire marginalized people and give them a decent wage. Begun in

2015, it employs hundreds of poor women along the Nile River Valley, largely in Uganda, to harvest Nilotica nuts and turn them into a butter that is exported to the United States for use in the production of its skin-care products. More people have been hired in other African countries and in India to harvest other ingredients.

The idea for LXMI came to Janah during a visit to Benin, in West Africa, where she saw local people growing shea nuts, from which a butter is extracted, in their yards.

“I said, ‘Let’s build an export industry but only for poor women,’” she told Fast Company magazine in 2016. “We can solve poverty while also making our skin better.”

Leila Chirayath was born Oct. 9, 1982, in Lewiston, New York, near Niagara Falls. Her father, Sahadev Chirayath, is a structural engineer; her mother, Martine Janah, held various jobs, including chopping onions at a Wendy’s restaurant, after immigrating to the United States. Leila began using her mother’s surname professionally about 10 years ago.

The family moved to Arizona before settling in the San Pedro neighborhood of Los Angeles.

After graduating from Harvard in 2004 with a bachelor’s degree in development studies, Janah worked for Katzenbach Partners, a management consulting company in New York. She was later a founding director of Incentives for Global Health, which develops market-based financial solutions to meet health problems, and worked for the World Bank’s development research group.

Janah, who died in a hospital, is survived by her husband, Tassilo Festetich; her parents; a brother, Ved; and a stepdaughter.

found dead in her London flat, a suicide; she was 30.

In 1970 a Los Angeles superior court, in a landmark ruling, ordered the city to integrate its 555 schools within 18 months.

In 1971 a treaty banning nuclear weapons from the ocean floor was signed by 63 nations in ceremonies at Washington, London and Moscow.

In 1972 McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. and Life magazine canceled plans to publish what had turned out to be a fake autobiography of reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes.

In 1974 Libya announced it was nationalizing three U.S. oil companies in what Tripoli radio called a “severe blow to American interests in the Arab world.”

In 1975 Margaret Thatcher was elected leader of the British Conservative Party, becoming the first woman to head a major political party in Britain.

In 1979 followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seized power in Iran.

In 1983 Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon resigned after the Cabinet accepted a state commis-

sion’s recommendation that he leave his post in the wake of the Beirut massacre.

In 1986 Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky was released by the Soviet Union after nine years of captivity as part of an East-West prisoner exchange.

In 1988 President Ronald Reagan’s onetime political director, Lyn Nofziger, was convicted of illegally lobbying top White House aides. (However, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals later overturned Nofziger’s conviction, and the Supreme Court refused to reinstate it.)

In 1990 South African black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in prison.

In 1993 President Bill Clinton announced his choice of Miami prosecutor Janet Reno to be the nation’s first female attorney general.

In 1995 the space shuttle Discovery landed at Cape Canaveral, Florida, ending a historic rendezvous mission with Russia’s Mir space station.

In 2004 cable television giant Comcast Corp. launched a hostile bid to buy The Walt Disney Co. for more than \$54 billion. (Comcast later dropped its bid.)

In 2006 Vice President Dick Cheney accidentally shot and wounded Harry Whittington, a companion during a weekend quail-hunting trip in Texas.

In 2012 Whitney Houston, six-time Grammy-winning pop singer, was found dead in a hotel room in Beverly Hills, Calif.; she was 48. (The Los Angeles County coroner later ruled Houston accidentally drowned in the bathtub, and that heart disease and cocaine use were also factors in her death.)

In 2013 Pope Benedict XVI announced he would step down at the end of the month, the first pontiff in nearly 600 years to do so.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices
Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.
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Conroy, Devon Dolores

Devon Dolores Conroy, 29, of Rolling Meadows, passed away February 9, 2020. She was born March 16, 1990 in Des Plaines. Devon was the daughter of David and Lecia Conroy; sister of Rachel Conroy; and granddaughter of Roy and Shelby Moore and the late Joseph and Dolores Conroy. Visitation Thursday from 3 pm to 8 pm at the Meadows Funeral Home, 3615 Kirchoff Road, Rolling Meadows. Funeral Friday, prayers 9:30 am at chapel processing to St. Colette Church, mass 10 am. Interment Ridgewood Cemetery, Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Berner-Garde Foundation, Inc. Berner-Garde Treasurer, 1922 Cherry Lane, Johnstown, CO 80534. Information (847)253-0224 or www.Meadowsfh.com.

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Dressler, Betty A.

Betty A. Dressler, nee Johnson, age 80, of Skokie. Beloved wife of the late Wayne L.; loving mother of Linda (Steven) Greenspan, Wayne A. (Linda) and Bill (Joy) Dressler, and Pamela (Frank) Rolla; dear grandmother of Rachel, David, Kyle, Connor, Jeffrey, Joshua, Zachary, Andrew, Aaron, Nicole, Kenneth, and Nathan; cherished great-grandmother of Evangeline; fond sister of Darlene and Bob. Visitation, Wednesday, February 12, 2020, from 4 to 8 p.m., with Memory Sharing at 7p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK, 73123. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.



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Droske, Edward J.

Edward J. Droske age 81; of Elk Grove Village, passed away on February 6th. He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Miriam “Mickey” Droske (nee Niederer); his four loving children and his ten cherished grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His four loving and devoted children are: his daughter Susan (John) DiSilvestro of Chicago and their children, Emma, Mia and Jack; his son James (Christine) of Willowbrook, IL and their daughters, Casey and Danielle; his son Thomas (Marie) of Mount Prospect, IL and their daughters Colleen and Lauren; his son Michael (Jennifer) of Scottsdale, AZ and their child, Abrianna and also Michael’s married children, Marianne (Art), Daniel (Beth) and Jennifer’s daughter, Haley; The four beautiful great-grandchildren are Gage, Rowan, Gracey and Maddilyn, all also of Arizona. Also surviving are two sisters and one brother: Eileen (the late George) Healy, Kathy (Tom) Bier and John (Mary) Droske. And many dear nieces, nephews and cousins. Services were private.

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Duffy, Daniel J.

Daniel J. Duffy 65, Feb. 8, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Kathleen (nee Gill). Loving father of Timothy and Mary Margaret Duffy. Dear brother of Patricia (Don) Gianone, Nancy (Don) Fortney, Sally Duffy, Peggy (Steve) Demmitt and Shirley Duffy. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Long-standing member of the VP’s. Memorial Service Friday 11:00 A.M. at **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western Ave. Chicago. Int. Private. Memorial Visitation Thursday 4:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Christmas without Cancer, PO Box 628, Oak Lawn, IL 60454 or christmaswithoutcancer.org. For info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.



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Gels, Kevin Thomas

Born in Bay Shore, NY on February 26, 1960 to Lois and (the late) Donald Gels, Kevin passed away February 6, 2020 in Chicago. Survivors include his mother; siblings, Duane (Julie), Timothy, Carey (Joseph) McGovern, and Matthew; and nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Friday, February 14, from 6pm until 8:30pm at **Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory**, 149 W. Main St. Barrington. Mass is Saturday, February 15, at 11am at St. Anne Catholic Church, 120 Ela St., Barrington, with burial to follow at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. For full obituary and to leave condolences, visit www.davenportfamily.com.



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Gurgone, Michael A.

Michael A. “Mickey the Gorilla” Gurgone died peacefully at his Chicago home on February 9, 2020. Darling husband to the late Madonna (O’Donahue), proud father of Laura (Thomas) Mulcahy, Michael (Karen Morrissey), Michelle (Pat) Platt, Mark (Julie), Maria (Tony) Nudo and Mario (Maria); grandfather to Morgan (Chris) Buerger, Shannon (Scott) Hobe, Michael, Natalie (Michael Parker), Danny (Ashley), Mickey, Catherine, Patrick, Mark, Joseph (Samantha), Anthony, Lauren, Daniel, Tony, Alexandria, Mario and Matthew; great grandfather to Easton, Avery, Harper, Luke and Grace. Dear brother to James (Carmen) and Arlene Boulahanis; fond brother in law to Kay Revane; cherished uncle to many nieces, nephews, cousin to many, and friend to all. Mickey had a long career working for the City of Chicago, starting in the Forestry Department and spending the bulk of his service in the Streets and Sanitation Division focusing on Transportation and Infrastructure. Upon his retirement from public service with the City, Mickey continued his Operating Engineer and heavy equipment work with general contractors to assist in the neighborhood development in several south side communities. Founding member of the Old Neighborhood Italian American Club, he served as their Sergeant-at-Arms for over 30 years. Mickey was a fixture behind the grill at the Annual Golf Charitable Fundraiser. His hobbies included stock car racing, locksmithing, and cooking. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, ability to lift 55-gallon oil drums, his amazing neighborhood firework displays and his undying love of his beautiful wife Madonna and his entire extended family and friends. Arrangements are being made by **Michael Coletta Sons, LTD.** Visitation will be held at St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7710 S Western, Chicago from 3pm-9pm on Thursday, February 13, Funeral Service at same location Friday, February 14th Mass at 10 am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to the following Charities: Herbie Johnson Foundation, Tom Hopkins Foundation, or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. For info (312)225-8500 or www.colettasonfuneral-home.com

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Hajduk, Sr., John Andrew

John Andrew Hajduk, Sr., 92, avid reader, classical music lover and generous volunteer passed away on February 2, 2020. John was born on October 27, 1927 and raised in Chicago. He was a butcher at Grayland Foods which he owned and operated. He lived his golden years in sunny Florida and loved traveling the world. He spent the last 2 years of his life in Woodstock near his loving family. John was predeceased by his loving wife of 68 years, Marion and brother (George). He leaves behind his adoring sons John (Sheila), Peter (Karen) and Paul (Emily). He was an exceptional grandfather to Valerie (Daniel), John (Darlene), Sean and Charlie. And proud great-grandfather to Joshua, Zachary, Maren and Jake. John will be remembered as a hard-working, faithful man with a big heart who always gave unconditional love. Although our hearts are heavy, we find comfort that he is in heaven watching over us.

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Hayes, Charles E.

Charles E. Hayes. Fond uncle of Diane (Jack) Zajac of Niles and Lisa (Michael) Pozzi of Hoffman Estates and great-uncle of Joseph and Patrick Zajac and Jacob and Connor Pozzi. Dearest friend of Jason Whiston, Joe and Bonnie Schneller, and Steve and Laura Novick and many others. Darling son of the late Chester and Dorothy (Wilger)

Hayes. Adored brother of the late Robert (the late Elizabeth) Hayes. Visitation Wednesday 12Noon-1PM at Christ Lutheran Church, 41 S. Rohlwing Rd., Palatine with Funeral Service to follow at 1PM. Entombment at Memory Gardens, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, remembrances to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Arrangements by Mural Funeral Group, 847-648-0086.



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Juvancic, Jeanie C.

Jeanie C. Juvancic, nee Collins, of Westchester, age 69. Beloved wife of Bill; loving mother of Julie and Jim; dear sister of Sue Collins, Julie Saltz, Jim Collins, Pat Collins, Terry Collins and the late Peg Collins; cherished daughter of the late James and Gloria Collins; daughter-in-law of William (the late Helen) Juvancic. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Thursday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Infant Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Jeanie’s name to her daughter Julie’s school at donate.mygiantsteps.org would be appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

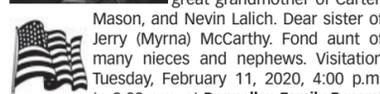
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Kahnweiler, Elizabeth ‘Betty’ Ziv

Elizabeth Ziv Kahnweiler nee McCarthy, age 97 of Highland Park, IL. Beloved wife of the late Jerome ‘Jerry’ Ziv and the late James Kahnweiler. Loving mother of Cathy Ziv Lulich and Jay (Marcie) Ziv. Proud grandmother of George ‘Ziv’ (Leigh) Lulich and Anthony ‘Tony’ (Amber) Lulich; Jerome ‘JJ’ Ziv, III and James ‘AJ’ Ziv. Kind great grandmother of Carter, Mason, and Nevin Lulich. Dear sister of Jerry (Myrna) McCarthy. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 10:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 770 Deerfield Road, Highland Park, IL 60035. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: The University of Chicago Cancer Research Foundation, Suite 2500, 130 East Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Keller, Irvin M., Jr

On Saturday, February 8, 2020, Irvin M. Keller, Jr. of Wilmette, IL, loving father of Doug, Steve (Rosanne) and Jeff, passed away peacefully at the age of 92. Life-long Cubs fan, veteran, animal lover, New Trier Alum, and loved by all who knew him. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**. Memorial Service to be held in the future.

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Kerpel, Sylvia R.

Sylvia R. Kerpel, nee Rothschild, 75, beloved daughter of the late John and Renee Rothschild; devoted wife and best friend for over 50 years of Michael Kerpel; loving mother of Martin (Melissa) Kerpel and David (Erin) Kerpel; proud Grandma of Andrew, Julia, Brandon, and Samantha; dear sister of Armand (Marylee) Rothschild; a treasured friend of many. Sylvia was known as Madame Kerpel to the French students she taught at Highland Park High School for over 25 years. To those who were lucky enough to know her, she was nurturing, intelligent, caring, affectionate, compassionate, and a life-long learner. Always willing to show kindness to strangers, she could strike up a conversation with anyone she encountered. She was always concerned for the well-being of others, especially her family. She had an amazing, adventurous spirit until the end. A funeral service will be held at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL on Wednesday February 12th at 1:30 pm. Interment to follow at Shalom Memorial Park Cemetery, Arlington Heights, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to ORT, www.ort.org.



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In 1752 the first hospital in America opened in Philadelphia.

In 1812 Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a redistricting law favoring his party — giving rise to the term “gerrymandering.”

In 1861 President-elect Abraham Lincoln departed Springfield, Ill., for Washington.

In 1862 the Civil War Battle of Fort Donelson began in Tennessee. (Union forces led by Brig. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant captured the fort five days later.)

In 1929 the Lateran Treaty was signed, with Italy recognizing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City.

In 1937 a sit-down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union.

In 1945 President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

In 1963 American author and poet Sylvia Plath was

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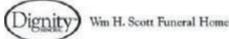
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Pick 4 evening	4635 / 4
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Feb. 12 Powerball:	\$70M
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Kiddle, James A.

James A. Kiddle, 84, beloved husband of the late Ginger; loving father of James, Kevin (Jennifer), Christopher and Melinda Kiddle; cherished grandfather of Gina, Kylie, Ryan and Aubrey; dear brother of William (Pat) Kiddle and fond uncle to many. Since 1959, Jim was a member of Stagehands Union Local 2. A celebration of his life will be held Sunday, February 16, 2020, 1:00-4:00 PM at Lakeview Center at Gillson Park, 800 Gillson Park Drive, Wilmette. Arrangements by **Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home**, 847-251-8200.



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Kipta, Loretta

Loretta Kipta (nee Birtz), age 63. Beloved wife of Louis Kipta. Loving mother of Melissa (John) Sagat and Louis A. Kipta. Cherished Grandmother of Jillian. Dear sister of GERALYN (Andrew) Kipta, the late Joseph (Vicki), and the late Georgina Birtz. Loving Aunt of Chrissy (Chris), Joe, JoAnn (Steve), Chrissy S., Joe (Ivy), and Kim. Great Aunt to Preston, Parker, Breann, Paulie, Andrew, Jovy, Maxwell, and Louie. Visitation Thursday, February 13, 2020 from 3:00-9:00 p.m. at **Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home**, 8025 W. Golf Road in Niles. Funeral Friday, February 14 at 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home to Our Lady of Ransom Church. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Adalbert. Info 847-581-0536 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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Kokinis, Georgia

Georgia Kokinis, nee Powers, age 96, fell asleep in the Lord February 5. Beloved wife of the late Louis G. Kokinis for 69 years. Loving mother of Diane (Kent) Strauss and Bettina (Samir) Hanna. Dear sister to Bessie and departed siblings. Grandmother (Yiayia) to Ashley (Jonathan) Edwards, Emily (Kyle) Rhodes, Lucas, Marcus, Louisa and Solomon. Great Grandmother to Cora, Blake and Harrison. Loving aunt and friend to many. Georgia held faith, family and her beloved Cubs close, and always had a kind word and a smile for everyone she met. Visitation Friday 9:30, followed by funeral 10:30 at Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Road, Glenview. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements by **John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd.**, 847-375-0095.



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Micetic, Robert T.

Robert T. Micetic, of Chicago, IL, died peacefully Sunday morning, February 9, 2020 at age 74.

He was born June 15, 1945 in Chicago, IL, the son of John T. and Delores (Ruzic) Micetic. He is survived by sisters Marguerite (Charles) Moody and Patricia (Gerald) Luzzi, and brothers Michael (Cathy), Donald (Anne), James, and Thomas (Maureen) of the Chicago area and Gerald (Nice) of Paradise Valley, AZ and three generations of beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother John and brother Richard (surviving spouse Jan). Family, faith, and friends filled his life with happiness. Bob served his faith community at St. Bede as an usher during Sunday Masses. He was a long-time businessman and owner of RTM Trophy and Award. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, and watching his favorite Chicago teams—the Cubs and Blackhawks—experiencing their highs and lows. He served his country as a member of the United States Navy and Naval Reserves.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 13 at St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church, 8200 S. Kostner Ave., Chicago, IL 60652 with private interment to follow.

Condolences may be left at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/funeral-homes/oak-lawn-il/blake-lamb-funeral-home/2573>

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Miner, Gloria

Gloria Miner passed away comfortably in the early morning January 2. She was born November 2, 1924 in her family's home in Cicero Illinois, her older sister Florence looking on in some distress. Her parents, Nimrod and Batishwa Miner, had recently immigrated as Assyrian refugees from Ada, Urmia (now Iran) during WWI and the collapse of the Ottoman Empire.

When Gloria and her sister Florence were in their early twenties, their father died. From that time, they both devoted themselves to caring for their family; their beloved mother was blind, their younger brothers Ed and Bill were still in school, and their youngest brother Bob was just 5. They supported the household, raised Bob, and ultimately lived their entire lives together.

Gloria spent most of her career working for Motorola in advertising and became the first woman executive at Motorola. Her division was sold in the 70's to a Japanese company, Quasar, and her new colleagues were quite baffled having a woman in their ranks. While there were some cultural adjustments to be made, there was never any doubt about her energy and ability; she was highly respected and successful despite the novelty of being a woman in her position in those times.

They moved to Mt. Prospect, Illinois in the mid 70's where Batishwa passed away a couple of years later. In 1994 after retirement, they moved to Tiburon, California to be closer to their brothers Ed and Bob. Gloria's true passion was classical music and playing cello, which she did with great love, skill, and energy nearly her entire life. In grade school she volunteered to play cello in the school orchestra without being entirely sure what a cello was. She learned very quickly and was crossing town with the cello on the bus to play in different school orchestras before even entering High School. At J. Sterling Morton High School in Cicero, Illinois, she played with the orchestra all four years, and then worked in the music department after graduating. She was a very good amateur cellist, playing with many string quartets and some orchestras around Chicago all her adult life. She was also a devoted patron of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and numerous string quartets and soloists. For many years she spent a week each summer at a chamber music seminar in Interlochen, Michigan.

Gloria was an active philanthropist, and was particularly supportive of musical organizations. She spent her Tiburon years involved with the Marin Symphony as a volunteer. Everything she did was done with great joy, love and intelligence; she gave family and friends loving support, without judgement or imposition, and helped her family, friends, colleagues and fellow musicians become better, in ways from the subtle to the profound.

We will miss her; we should take what she gave us all and make it as good as can be, and we should aspire to enliven our world as she did.

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Moran, Denis M.

Denis M. Moran of Forest Park, age 78. Beloved husband of Kathy J., nee Cavicchia; loving father of Molly (Darrell) Kays, Kelly (Joseph) Spillane, Maura (Tom) Doyle and Dan (Gina); proud Grumpy of Matthew, Tommy, Shannon, Danny, Maeve, Jeremy and Maddisen; great Grumpy of Zeke; dear brother of Frank "Buzzy" (Anne), Denise "Tiny" (the late John "Red") Halloran, Margaret "Mardy" (Don) Johnson and the late Nancy Buckley; former spouse of Mary Lou (Bob Armbrust) Moran; proud uncle and friend to many. Proprietor of Moran's Garage in Forest Park. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Friday, February 14, 2020 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. All to meet Saturday at St. Bernardine Church, 7246 Harrison St., Forest Park for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Private. Memorials to Alzheimer's Association appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Murphy, Margaret C. 'Peg'

Margaret "Peg" C. Murphy (nee Rohrer), age 89, of Oak Lawn, IL passed away on Sunday, February 9, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Richard R. Murphy; loving mother of the late Richard C. Murphy, Mary (Dave) Toomey, Peggy Murphy, Chuck Murphy, Sue (the late Robert) McKibbin and Ellie (Sam Barker) Dumas; cherished grandmother of John Toomey, Sara and Matt McKibbin and Alli Dumas; dear sister of the late Charles, the late John Rohrer and the late Eleanor Conwell; fond aunt, sister-in-law and friend to many. Peg was very family-oriented and will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her. Visitation Tuesday, February 11th 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home, 10727 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL. Funeral Wednesday, February 12th, prayers at 9:15 a.m. to St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, 10621 S. Kedvale Ave., Oak Lawn, IL. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, IL. For more information 773-783-7700 or visit www.andrewmcgann.com

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Rook, William E.

William E. Rook, age 87 passed peacefully into eternal life February 8, 2020. Beloved son of the late William and Catherine nee Murray. Retired member of Carpenters Union Local # 1027 for over 50 years, and became the # 1 draftsman at Woodwork Corporation of America. Devoted husband of the late Joy, nee Bohnsak, and the late Julie, nee Rusco.

Loving father of 13 children, William E. Jr. (Maggie), Thomas (Marion) Swiontek, John (Cathy), Patrick (Francesca), Cathy, Michael (Maria) Swiontek, Linda Badagliacco, Anne (Tom) Badagliacco, Marilyn (Mark) Crusing, Sharon (Stephen) Rook, Joy (Allen) Cunningham, and the late Kenneth and Carol; fond uncle of 54 nieces and nephews; cherished grandfather of 21, and great grandfather of 18; beloved brother of Thomas (Denise), Alma Jean and the late (Gerald) Pettit, Joseph (Karolyn); and the late Robert (Lorrie), the late Marie and the late (Frank) Andrejasic, the late James (Sylvia), the late David and the late (Mae).

Bill worked tirelessly to nurture his family, working 2 jobs for many years. He leaned on his strong religious beliefs to get him through the tough losses in his life. Bill enjoyed singing around the house, traveling, coaching football, and family picnics. But most of all he loved watching his large family grow.

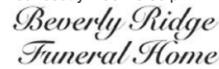
Visitation Wednesday, February 12th, from 3-9 P.M. Funeral Thursday, February 13th, 9:15 A.M. from the **Becvar & Son Funeral Home**, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, to St. Catherine of Alexandria Church for a 10 A.M. Mass. Interment Saint Casimir Cemetery. Please omit flowers, contributions to Journey Care Hospice would be appreciated. 708 824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com

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Rose, Juanita G.

Juanita G. Rose. Beloved daughter of the late Walter and Irene Rose. Loving sister of Lori (Bill) Dougherty and John Rose. Fond aunt of Brian (Kelly) Dougherty and great aunt of Anna and Tom Dougherty. Dear cousin of Bob (Pam) and Michael Rush. Funeral Thursday 10:15 a.m. from **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave. to St. Christina Church Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. 773-779-4411



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Saltzman, Harvey

Harvey Saltzman, 88. Beloved husband for 67 years of Yetta Saltzman. Loving father of Dr. Larry (Sharon) Saltzman, David (Susan) Saltzman and the late Bonnie Dayan and father-in-law of Mitch Dayan. Proud grandfather of Phillip (Leah) Saltzman, Jennifer (Russell) Phillips, Isaac (Talia) Dayan, Max (Mariya) Dayan, and Stanley (Sara) Dayan, Michael, Jeffrey and Carly Saltzman. Cherished great grandfather of Zahava, Meira, Adam, Bonnie Eve, Mitch, Emily, Jonah, Bonnie Malka, Mordy, Aaron, Bonnie Isabelle, Lena and Ella. Dear brother of the late Barry Saltzman. Harvey was an extraordinary entrepreneur having founded and run Triangle Printers for 58 years. He was a true visionary and maintained long lasting relationships with his clients and employees. Service Tuesday 10AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 3 International Drive, Suite 200, Rye Brook, NY 10573, www.lls.org or the City of Hope, 20 N Upper Wacker Dr # 1530, Chicago, IL 60606, www.cityofhope.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Seddon, Thomas Squire

Thomas Squire Seddon, 89, of Bull Shoals, Arkansas, formerly of Darien, IL, passed away unexpectedly at his home on February 8, 2020. A Navy Veteran in the Korean War. He worked as a switchman for 36 years for the Chicago Burlington Quincy Railroad, later known as Burlington Northern. He was a world traveler, camping enthusiast and a lifelong Chicago Cubs & Bears fan.

He is survived by his wife, Connie, children: Bea Irwin (Bob), Jenny Seddon, Connie Olson (Ed), Tom Seddon (Sandy) and Nancy Ford (Larry); grandchildren: Harrison, Tyler, Zachary, Kory, Nicole and Lyndsy and cherished uncle to many. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: American Macular Degeneration Foundation, P.O. Box 515, Northampton, MA 01061-0515 or to: World Services for the Blind, 2811 Fair Park Blvd., Little Rock, AR 72204.

Arrangements are under the direction of Roller Funeral Home. Please visit our online guestbook at www.rollerfuneralhomes.com/mtnhome.

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Shilt, Marie T.

(nee Kilbride). Beloved wife of the late; Lieutenant Fred T. Schafer & Charles Shilt. Loving mother of the late Fred (Kathy) Schafer. Cherished grandmother of Colleen (Mark) Chorazyczewski & Fred (Kathleen) Schafer. Adoring great grandmother of Anna, Erin, Mary, Theresa & Charlie. Devoted daughter of the late; Mathias & Anna (nee Wade) Kilbride. Dear sister of the late Catherine Goessling & late Wade (Janet) Kilbride. Visitation Wednesday, February 12th from 10:00 a.m. until time of chapel prayers 11:00 a.m. at the **KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Saint Alexander Church, Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment Saint Mary Cemetery in Evergreen Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Alzheimer's Association, www.act.alz.org would be appreciated. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral



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Skoda, Sr., Richard James 'Dick'

Richard James "Dick" Skoda, Sr.; age 88; US Army Veteran; 60-year resident of Western Springs; went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on February 8, 2020. Beloved husband of Louise W. Skoda for a wonderful 68 years. Loving father of Richard James (Janet) Skoda, Jr.; Jeffrey (Cliffern) Skoda; and Randall (Julie) Skoda. Devoted grandfather of Susan (Barry) Sollenberger, Laura (Will) Soentgen, Kristen Skoda, Jennifer Skoda, Michael (Taryn) Skoda, Matthew Skoda, and Mariel Skoda. Dear great-grandfather of Mason Deantgen, Luke Soentgen, and James Sollenberger. Cherished brother of Grace Leonard. Preceded in death by his brothers Ronald and Roger Skoda, and his parents James and Millicent Skoda. Fond uncle, cousin, and friend of many. Richard was a longtime building commissioner and superintendent of public works of Western Springs. He also was a longtime member of Christ Church of Oak Brook. Richard's two passions were playing the trumpet and tennis. Visitation 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Wednesday, February 12th at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Family and friends to gather on Thursday, February 13th directly at Christ Church of Oak Brook, 501 Oak Brook Rd., Oak Brook for continued visitation 10:30 AM until time of Service 11:30 AM. Interment to follow at Bronswood Cemetery, Oak Brook. Further info: 708-352-6500 or HJfunerals.com

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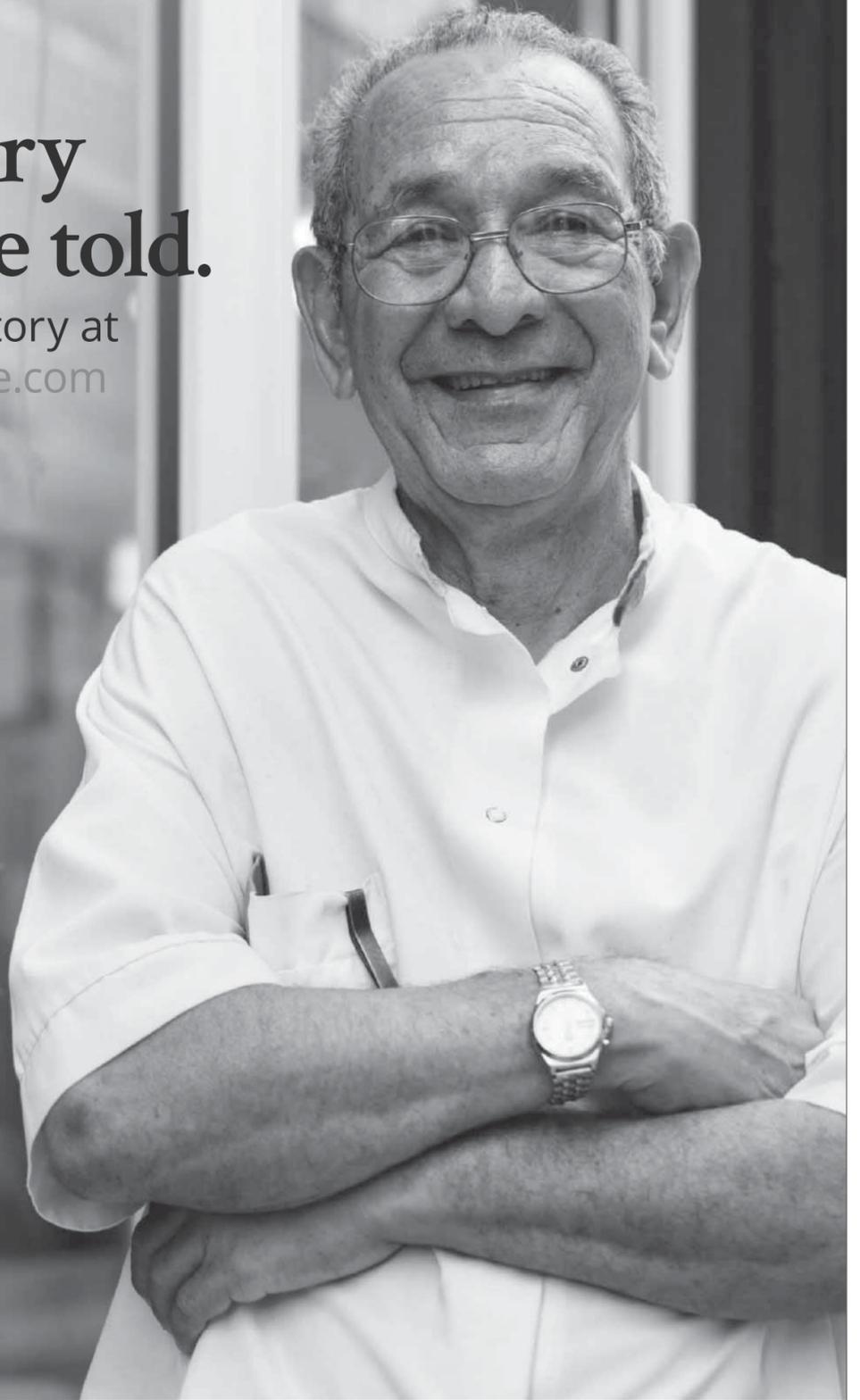
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Andrea Ingram

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Sheena Rayford (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **191A01305**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Michael Ingram (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 06, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** 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 **03/05/2020, at 9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR **9** COURTROOM **1**, 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 of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 21, 2020 6598187

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Brittany Johnson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Alberta Hawkins (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **191A00734**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)** Any and All **Unknown Fathers** Any respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 12, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/05/2020, at 9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR **4** COURTROOM **D**, 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.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 7, 2020 6598194

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Gerardo Zamora Mora AKA Gerardo Zamora Izabella Roxana Zamora

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Susana Mora (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **14AJA00390 14JA00389**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Pedro Zamora (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 07, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** 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 **03/05/2020, at 1:30 PM** IN CALENDAR **1** COURTROOM **A**, 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
January 21, 2020 6598172

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jacob D Levon

A MINOR
NO. 2020JD0186

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Myron Boykin (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **January 29, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Steven Bernstein** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **02/26/2020 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **74** COURTROOM **B**,

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
January 31, 2020

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS
January 31, 2020 6597999

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Katelyn Barnetti AKA Katilyn Barnetti

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Arnita Barnetti (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **191A00447**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jessie Fisher (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **May 02, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/05/2020, at 11:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **9** COURTROOM **I**, 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.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2020 6598127

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kavon Boswell

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Karen Johnson (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **191A01203**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Xavion Boswell (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 23, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/05/2020, at 9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR **8** COURTROOM **H**, 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
December 6, 2019 6562165

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
Ramel M Lee

A MINOR
NO. 2019JD01941

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Ronald Lee (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **December 10, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kristal Royce Rivers** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **02/26/2020 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **56** COURTROOM **10**,

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.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
February 5, 2020

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS
February 5, 2020 6599535

COUNTY OF COOK JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND REDUCTION DEMONSTRATION GRANTS, TWENTYFOUR (24) MONTHS, \$300,000 RFP NO.:

1205-2001
RFP Document: The RFP document is available for download at: <https://legacy.cookcountyll.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the RFP or if you have other questions, please contact **Chris Hawkins-Long**, Cook County Justice Advisory Council (312) 603-1141 or Chris.Hawkins-Long@cookcountyll.gov

Non-Mandatory Friday, February 28th, 2020 at 10:00am Central Time
Pre-Proposal Conference Date, 69 W. Washington Street 22nd Floor Conference Room A8B Chicago, Illinois 60602

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 3:00 PM Central Time, Monday, March 2, 2020.

Proposal Due Date, Time, Monday, April 6, 2020 at 3:00 PM Central Time
and Location: Cook County Justice Advisory Council 69 West Washington Street, Suite 1110 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Toni Preckwinkle President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Delrice Adams Executive Director, Cook County Justice Advisory Council

Late Proposals Will Not Be Accepted 02/11/2020 6600523

COUNTY OF COOK JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR RESTORATIVE PRACTICE AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DEMONSTRATION GRANTS, TWENTYFOUR (24) MONTHS, \$80,000 RFP NO.:

1205-2002
RFP Document: The RFP document is available for download at: <https://legacy.cookcountyll.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

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COUNTY OF COOK JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR RESTORATIVE PRACTICE AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DEMONSTRATION GRANTS, TWENTYFOUR (24) MONTHS, \$80,000 RFP NO.:

1205-2003
RFP Document: The RFP document is available for download at: <https://legacy.cookcountyll.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Zylon K Wilson

A MINOR
NO. 2019JD01677

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Matthew Banks (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM MAY CONCERN**, that on **October 21, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Darron Edward Bowden** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **February 25, 2020 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **61** COURTROOM **6**,

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.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
January 29, 2020

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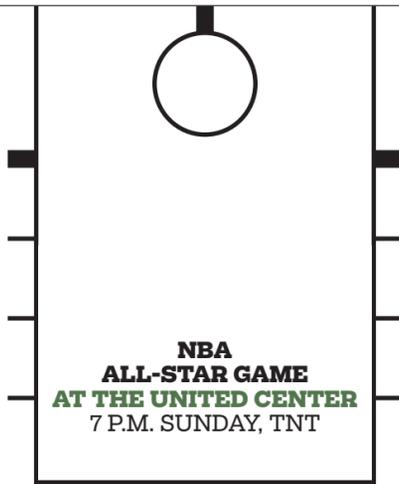
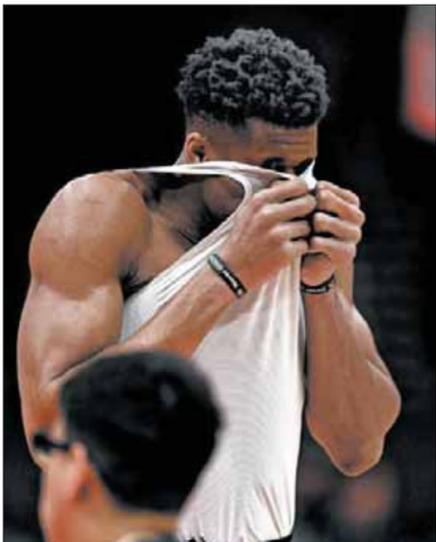
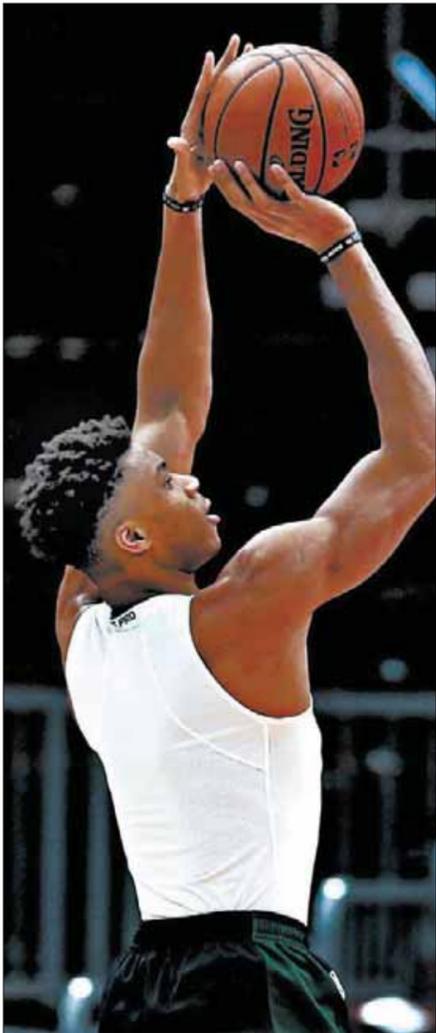
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THE Gr~~X~~ek Fre~~0~~ok

Giannis Antetokounmpo is being marketed as the next face of the NBA. But the Bucks star is more focused on the 'essence' of basketball.

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

MILWAUKEE — Giannis Antetokounmpo could probably drive your SUV from the back seat. He might be able to simultaneously open your fridge and microwave. He can definitely touch the rim without leaving his feet.

The "Greek Freak" has a wingspan of 7 feet, 3 inches.

Yet those in his corner want to expand his reach.

"We want to be the world's team," Bucks President Peter Feigin said, "led by the world's player."

The basketball world will descend upon Chicago in a few days for NBA All-Star Weekend. There will be parties, promotional events, hospital visits, media sessions, a skills challenge, a dunk contest, a 3-point shooting extravaganza and even an actual All-Star Game.

Antetokounmpo could do without all of it... except for the game.

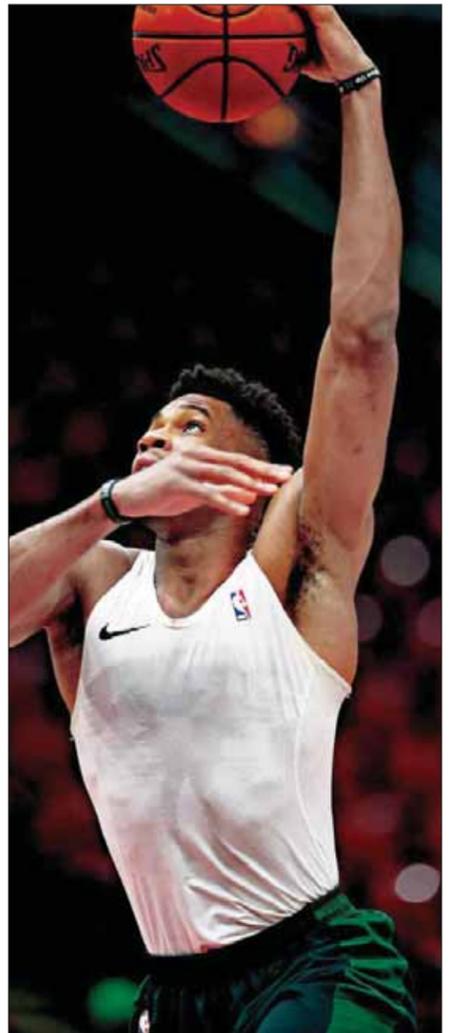
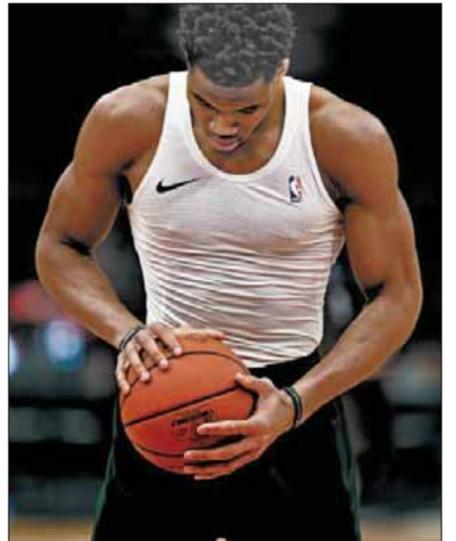
He is so serious about basketball — even a defense-optional exhibition that doesn't count in the standings — he debated conducting his pregame routine in Milwaukee before driving down I-94 to the United Center.

"We had serious discussions," agent Alex Saratsis said.

Antetokounmpo relented only once Saratsis, a Northwestern alumnus and Lincoln Park resident, promised he would secure a quality gym in Chicago for Antetokounmpo's Sunday afternoon sweat.

"And then he will go and play hard," Saratsis said, "to the point where teammates have told him: Chill out."

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TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS



25 years ago, MJ hangs up Sox for return to Bulls



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Spring training easily is the most romanticized preseason in American sports, even as modernized ballparks in Arizona and Florida and changes in the way players prepare have made it more businesslike than ever.

Ticket prices are rising, but no one seems to feel ripped off watching meaningless Cactus League games in Arizona as they do paying for NFL preseason games in the teams' regular stadiums.

The sun on your face after a long, dreary winter makes everything feel better.

The spring trainings I've covered for the Tribune have melded together over the years, with little moments sticking out here and there.

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Contreras open to talking extension with the Cubs

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — Willson Contreras said he was merely having fun on social media when he changed his Twitter profile photo Nov. 12 from a Cubs uniform to an All-Star jersey.

"It wasn't mean," Contreras said Monday, two days before the Cubs' first workout for pitchers and catchers. "A lot of people thought I was being traded. I was (posting) All-Star pictures. It didn't mean anything."

"It might hurt (to be traded), but it's part of the business. I've been here for 11 years now, and I think nobody has been here for 11 years. I feel blessed to be here. And even if I get traded, I always will love the Cubs."

Nearly two months after Contreras switched those photos — which occurred at the same time as the general managers meetings, when speculation surfaced that he could be dealt — the two-time All-Star catcher remains a Cub.

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TOP OF THE SECOND

JIM SOUHAN

Twins look like a title contender

MINNEAPOLIS — By virtue of winning 101 games last year, signing Josh Donaldson and improving their pitching staff, the Twins rank as one of the eight to 10 teams most likely to win the 2020 World Series.

Sunday, they belatedly consummated a trade that involved two other supposed favorites, the Dodgers and Red Sox.

The Dodgers received Mookie Betts, perhaps the second-best player in baseball, and veteran pitcher David Price from the Red Sox and got pitcher Brusdar Graterol and the 67th pick in the 2020 draft from the Twins.

The Twins received starting pitcher Kenta Maeda and \$10 million to fill perhaps the only worrisome opening on their roster.

With Betts, the Dodgers should join the Yankees atop the list of teams most likely to win it all this year. The Twins advanced their cause by improving their rotation.

The Red Sox? Scratch them from the list of contenders. Baseball's sign-stealing scandal cost them manager Alex Cora, and their front office's handling of negotiations with the Dodgers and Twins indicates the organization lacks savvy and guts.

The original deal featured Graterol going to the Red Sox. The Twins were willing to make that trade for the same reason the Red Sox backed out of it: Graterol projects to be a talented reliever with injury risks, not the dominant starting pitcher the Red Sox wanted.

If Graterol was ready to be a dominant starter, the Twins wouldn't have traded him. You would think the Red Sox would have figured that out.

So the Red Sox were willing to give up their best player and acquire a pitcher they knew too little about. This is a strange way to celebrate the 100th anniversary of trading Babe Ruth to the Yankees for \$125,000.

The Red Sox made at least three mistakes in this sequence:



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Dodgers pitcher Kenta Maeda throws against the Nationals in the NLDS on Oct. 7.

■ They didn't properly evaluate Graterol as a pitcher and injury risk.

■ They traded away a great player because he could walk away as a free agent but didn't get proper value for him. As one of baseball's richest franchises, they could have afforded to take a run at a title with Betts this year, knowing they can compete with anyone in free agency.

■ They bowed to public pressure, allowing blowback about Graterol and Betts to cause them to nix the portion of the deal that included the Twins.

Graterol could make the Twins look terrible by becoming a dominant pitcher, whether as a starter or reliever. But the Twins are following a tenet favored by quality personnel evaluators: If you're going to trade talent, do so before your trade partners fully appreciate the player's flaws.

The Red Sox are not operating like a championship organization. The Astros can't be taken seriously as contenders until they prove they can hit pitches they don't know are coming.

That means the Yankees are the only AL team clearly better positioned than the Twins to win the World Series. Twins fans can lament a possible postseason rematch, or they can realize the Yankees have won only one more World Series than the Twins since 2000.

The Twins did well in the original deal and in the revamped deal. Maeda won't sell tickets, but in baseball only winning sells tickets.

The Twins and Red Sox train a few miles apart in Fort Myers, Fla. The teams will face each other for the first time Feb. 24 and will be able to avoid any awkwardness with Graterol removed from the scene.

Twins fans should look forward to another date: May 26 in the Bronx, when the Twins and Yankees play for the first time.

Baseball is fickle. Injuries and slumps can alter the best of plans. But the teams playing at Yankee Stadium on that date are the two AL teams most likely to finish the season with 100 victories.

Jim Souhan writes for the Star Tribune.

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White Sox slugger Frank Thomas giving manager Jerry Manuel a doctor's note to get out of a spring training drill, then bolting camp in a salary dispute. Cubs clubhouse man Josh Kawano looking for bigger pants for a bulked-up Sammy Sosa. Mark DeRosa being carted off on a stretcher after experiencing an irregular heartbeat at Fitch Park. Tony Phillips calling me a "redneck hippie (bleep)," only to later reveal Sox manager Terry Bevington put him up to it. Milton Bradley handing out bubble gum cigars to the media after his wife gave birth, trying to overcome his image as a malcontent.

Everyone gets a fresh start in spring training, including media members, even if the season can turn sour by Memorial Day.

As the Cubs and Sox prepare to open camp Wednesday in Arizona, I've been thinking back to my first spring training assignment 25 years ago in Sarasota, Fla., which the Sox once called home.

The spring of 1995 was like no other in baseball history. Major-league players still were on strike six months after the '94 season was halted on Aug. 12, but the owners decided to start the '95 season anyway, using minor-leaguers and an assortment of replacement players in hopes of breaking the union.

The big question that February in Sox camp was what would happen with their most prominent minor-leaguer, a 32-year-old Double-A outfielder named Michael Jordan who hit .202 in his first professional season.

General manager Ron Schueler threatened to send home all Sox minor-leaguers who refused to play in Grapefruit League games, but the former Bulls star was the only one in Florida who actually could be a drawing card. An early spring Sox-Blue Jays game in Dunedin, Fla., was the only one on the Jays schedule to sell out before the game, thanks to anticipation Jordan would be in a Sox uniform that day.

The hard-nosed Schueler wanted to leave the impression Jordan was just another minor-leaguer who had to follow protocol.

"I treat everybody the same," he told reporters, suggesting he would send the world's best-known athlete home without a second thought.

We all figured he was bluffing. No one tells Michael Jordan to go home.

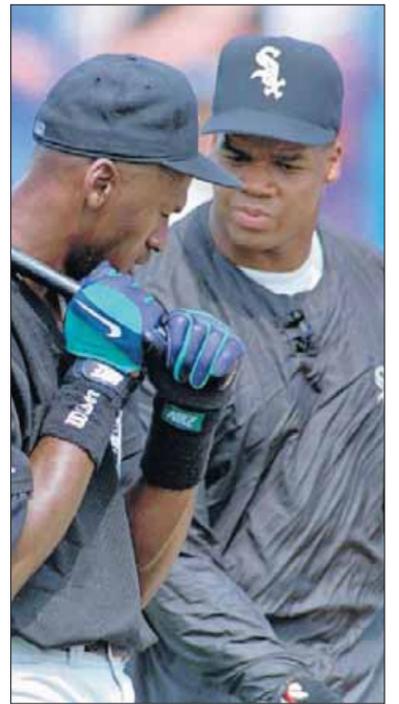
Jordan was entering his second season in baseball after his shocking first retirement from the Bulls in October 1993. He knew he wouldn't be asked to cross the line when the regular season began, but he also was well aware the Sox needed his name to help sell their replacement team.

"I know they do, and I really want to play," Jordan said. "I think it's really helpful to my game. But it's a whole different scenario for me. If I was a normal minor-leaguer, I probably would play in the games."

As Sox players stretched and worked out at Ed Smith Field in Sarasota, a battle between Jordan and Schueler loomed. There were other "names" in camp, including former Red Sox pitcher Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd and infielder Pete Rose Jr., the son of the all-time hit king.

But the focus was all on one man, the greatest player in NBA history.

"If there is one thing Jordan has proven



JOHN SWART/AP 1994

Michael Jordan picks up hitting tips from Frank Thomas during spring training.

over the course of his basketball and baseball careers, it's that no one can predict exactly what he is going to do next," I wrote.

The Sox beat writers spent the first part of spring training loitering daily near Jordan's locker, which, to his dismay, was next to chatty catcher Junior Ortiz. We peppered Jordan with questions about the Bulls and the NBA, and someone asked what he thought about a player who was being called the "next Michael Jordan."

"The next me?" Jordan said with a furrowed brow. "Who's that?"

Uh, Grant Hill.

"He's closer to Scottie Pippen than to me in terms of his style," Jordan said. "But I like his game."

D-Day finally arrived with the start of Grapefruit League games. On March 2, the Sox sent Jordan and 30 other minor-leaguers who refused to play in the exhibition games to a no-frills clubhouse, separating them from the so-called "Scab Sox."

After a heated on-field discussion with Schueler, Jordan stormed off, packed his belongings into a Bulls duffel bag and bolted from camp in his SUV. He told a reporter standing in the parking lot he was "going home," leaving the Sox and everyone in Chicago wondering what was next.

"If indeed he decides to leave, I just hope that he'll let me know," Schueler said.

The next morning, Jordan was on his personal jet back to Chicago, where he would soon rejoin the Bulls and go on to win three more NBA championships. He said goodbye to his Sox pals in fitting fashion, having the jet fly over the practice field and dip its wing while the minor-leaguers were holding their morning stretch.

"There goes Jordan," one player yelled as the group looked up and waved.

The rest of the replacement spring was a blur, but the strike eventually ended and the real Sox players returned.

Twenty-five years later we're starting another spring training, and more stories are waiting to be written.

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BASEBALL

CUBS TAKEAWAYS

Surgically fixed elbow has Morrow upbeat

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — The Cubs officially open spring training Wednesday with the first workout for pitchers and catchers, but players have already begun arriving at Sloan Park.

Here are three takeaways from camp Monday.

1. Brandon Morrow isn't ready to stop trying.

An array of elbow injuries didn't discourage Brandon Morrow from making his latest comeback attempt with the Cubs on a minor-league contract.

"This is my passion and what I do for a living," Morrow said. "You're going to give it every shot you can before they tell you, 'Stop.'"

Morrow's optimism stems from the strength and resiliency in his right elbow five months after famed orthopedic surgeon Neal ElAttrache performed ulnar nerve decompression surgery on Morrow's elbow in Los Angeles.

"There's still aches and pains that remind me of stuff I was feeling last year, but when I test it and throw, I feel good," Morrow, who hasn't pitched in a game since July 15, 2018, the first year of a two-year, \$21 million contract with the Cubs. "They had to cut through muscle to get down to it. It's part of the rehab process, and I hope it keeps getting stronger and the muscles are going to relearn what they have to do on a daily basis."

Morrow, 35, is scheduled to throw his fifth bullpen session Thursday, and the Cubs have placed him on a conservative schedule with an extra day off between sessions. At some point Morrow knows he'll need to throw more often to show he can handle the rigors of the season, especially with new rules stating relievers must face at least three batters and limiting teams to carrying 13 pitchers.

Morrow said he's "cautiously optimistic" that he could be ready by opening day.

"The motivation is just to get back and do it," Morrow said. "I felt like a lot of missed opportunity for me and the team. I felt my absence created a lot of problems I had to address. I could be stronger for it this year."

Morrow would earn \$1 million if he makes the major-league roster with a chance to earn an additional \$1.25 million in incentives. He was happy to get another chance with the Cubs.

"The comfort level with the organization is where I wanted to be," Morrow said.

2. Taijuan Walker pitched in front of Cubs officials.

The Cubs continued their pursuit of pitching as free agent Taijuan Walker threw in front of several team officials.

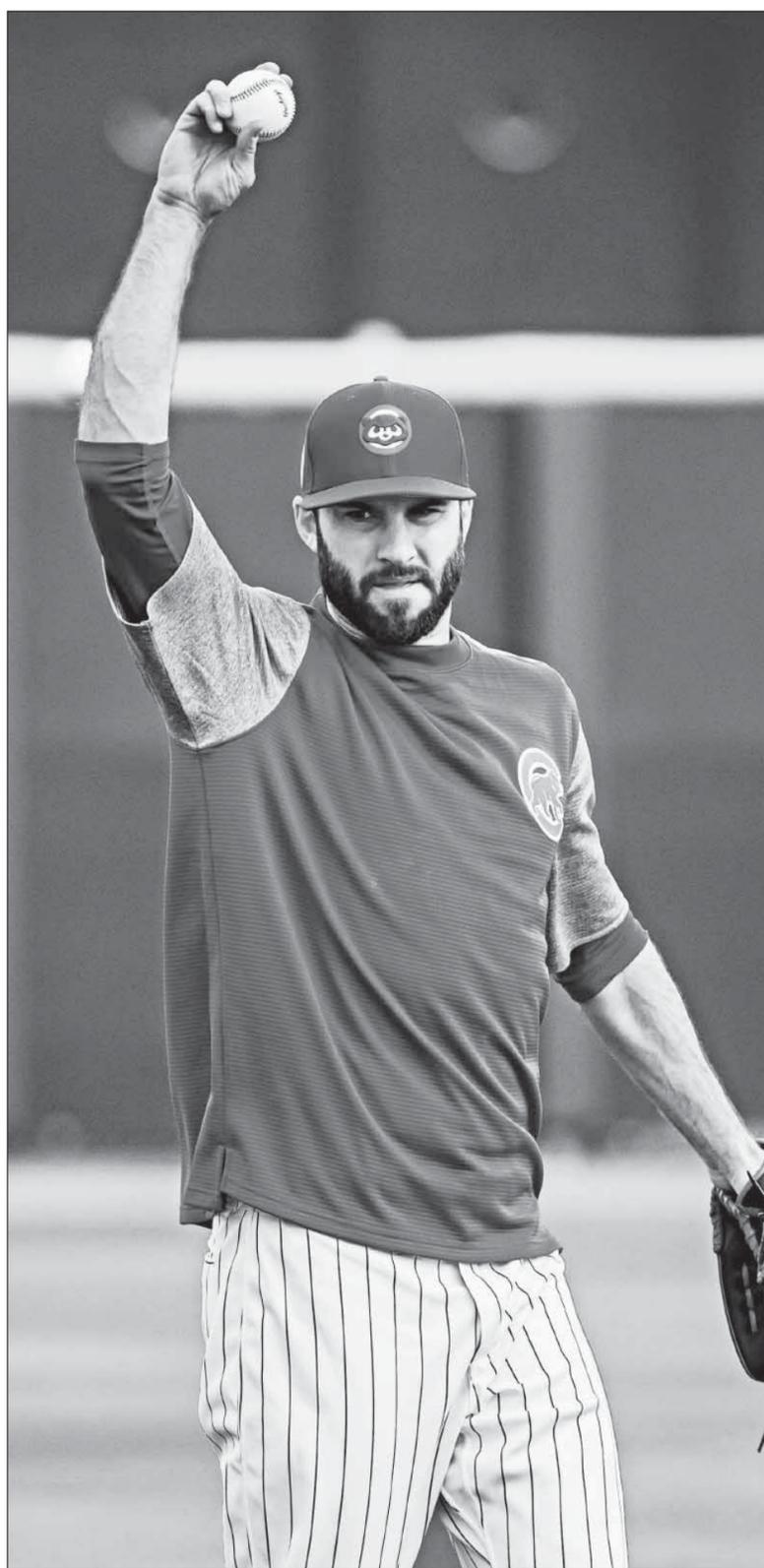
Walker, 27, has pitched only once since April 14, 2018, because of Tommy John surgery. He was one of the Mariners' top pitching prospects and won 11 games in 2015 before they traded him to the Diamondbacks after the 2016 season.

Walker struck out 146 in 157⅓ innings with a 3.48 ERA in 28 starts for the Diamondbacks in 2017.

He said his workout "went well," but he and agent Jim Murray declined further comment.

Bob Nightengale of USA Today tweeted last week that Walker threw in front of about 20 scouts who clocked his fastball in the 85 to 88 mph range.

The Cubs 40-man roster is full, and they might be able to offer Walker only a minor-league contract.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2019

Brandon Morrow hasn't pitched in the majors since July 2018 due to elbow injuries.

3. Tyler Chatwood leads candidates for the fifth rotation spot.

The fifth spot in the rotation appears to be Tyler Chatwood's to lose. Chatwood, entering the final year of a three-year, \$38.5 million contract, lost his spot in late July 2018 but posted a 3.97 ERA in five starts in 2019.

"Chatwood will be ready to go and has put himself in a good spot for that role," pitching coach Tommy Hottovy said, adding that Alec Mills (who's out of options)

and Colin Rea will get opportunities.

Rookie Adbert Alzolay also is under consideration, although the Cubs are mindful of his injury history.

"(Last season) was his first healthy season in a while," Hottovy said. "We want to build off that, continue that trajectory. There's no doubt in my mind he's going to be in the mix for stuff this season, whether at the beginning or at midseason. He's in a great place right now."



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Major League Baseball is considering expanding the playoffs to 14 teams.

MLB weighs expansion of playoffs

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Major League Baseball is considering expanding the playoffs to nearly half the 30 teams and allowing higher-seeded wild-card teams to choose opponents.

The playoffs would grow from 10 clubs to 14 under the plan, first reported Monday by the New York Post. There would be four wild cards in each league, up from two.

Details were confirmed by a person familiar with the proposal who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because MLB did not authorize any public comments. Another person, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said MLB has been looking at several plans.

Any proposal would have to be negotiated with the players' association. The current collective bargaining agreement runs through the 2021 season.

"Expanding the playoffs in a sensible way is something worth discussing when part of a much more comprehensive conversation about the current state of our game," union head Tony Clark said in a statement.

Only the division winner with the best regular-season record would advance directly to the Division Series under the plan. The two other division winners and wild-card teams would start in a best-of-three round.

The division winner with the second-best record would choose its opponent from among the three lowest-seeded wild-card teams. The division winner with the third-best record would then get to pick from among the remaining two wild cards. The top wild card would face whichever team is left over after the division winners make their choices.

The selections would be made on a televised show.

MLB long restricted its postseason to just the pennant winners facing each other in the World Series. Postseason teams doubled to four with the split of each league into two divisions in 1969, then to eight with the realignment to three divisions and the addition of a wild card in 1995, a year later than planned due to a players' strike.

The postseason reached its current 10 with the addition of a second wild card and a wild-card round in 2012.

Ex-Jays pitcher sues Astros: Former major league pitcher Mike Bolsinger sued the Astros, claiming their sign-stealing scheme contributed to a poor relief appearance in August 2017 that essentially ended his big league career.

Bolsinger's suit in Los Angeles County Superior Court seeks unspecified damages for interfering with and harming his career. He's also asking that the Astros forfeit their nearly \$30 million in postseason shares from their 2017 World Series title, with the money going to children's charities in Los Angeles and a fund for needy retired players.

According to the suit, Bolsinger, then a reliever with the Blue Jays, was put into a game in Houston on Aug. 4, 2017, and allowed four runs, four hits and three walks in one-third of an inning in a 16-7 loss. The suit said the right-hander "was immediately terminated and cut from the team, never to return to Major League Baseball again."

He was demoted to Triple A and hasn't pitched in the major leagues since. He was 0-3 with a 6.31 ERA in 11 appearances with the Blue Jays in 2017. The 32-year-old pitched in Japan in 2018-19, and is seeking a job with a big league club for this season.

According to Bolsinger's lawsuit, graphic designer and web developer Tony Adams wrote a web application to document every instance of banging on a trash can during Astros home games in 2017. He found that the most bangs occurred in that Aug. 4, 2017, game, including on 12 of 29 pitches Bolsinger threw, the lawsuit said.

Extra innings: The Diamondbacks and two-time Gold Glove SS Nick Ahmed agreed to a four-year, \$32.5 million deal. The 29-year-old Ahmed avoids his final year of salary arbitration with the deal, which keeps him with the team through 2023. ... A's RHP Daniel Mengden underwent surgery on his pitching elbow. He had arthroscopic surgery to shave a small spur off his elbow. The team gave no timetable for Mengden's return. Mengden, 26, was 5-2 with a save and a 4.83 ERA in 13 games, including nine starts, last season.

Contreras

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Contreras, 27, understands that the Cubs have long-term issues, such as adding young starting pitching, that they might need to address by trading an established player such as him or Kris Bryant. For now, he expects to stay with the team in 2020, when he's scheduled to earn \$4.5 million, and hopes he can extend the relationship.

"We're always going to be open to talking about an extension with the Cubs," Contreras said after taking batting practice. "My agent and I talk a lot about it. We have to wait (for) the right time to talk about it."

When is that?
"Maybe after this season, who knows?" he said. "It might be at midseason. I think if you want to talk about an extension, it would have to be right before spring training or even after. If after, even better."

That could make sense, especially if the Cubs trade a substantial salary to slide under the competitive balance threshold (\$208 million in salaries and benefits) and use some of the savings to acquire younger, cheaper players.

The Cubs have more control with Contreras than they do with Bryant, who will earn \$18.6 million this season and is eligible for free agency after 2021.

Contreras, who is under team control through 2022, provided a realistic view of Bryant's future.

"Everyone knows KB is our MVP, our star third baseman," Contreras said. "But business is business, and we have to respect that from the front office. They know what they're doing."

"Even if (Bryant) gets traded, they're going to get a huge (return) for him. We all



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Willson Contreras is introduced at the Cubs Convention on Jan. 17 at the Sheraton Grand.

love KB and hope he doesn't get traded this season."

Contreras said he was "kind of surprised" to see his name surface in trade speculation and admitted it was hard to ignore the attention every time he checked his social media accounts.

"But at the end of the day, I understand the business," Contreras said. "From what I read, they were trying to get a better farm (system), and the value I got from last year and my whole career in the big leagues is really good."

"I talked to my agent a lot. He told me this is a business. Even if I get traded, it doesn't mean they don't like me anymore because it's part of the business. Now that I'm here in spring training, I feel blessed to be here and feel blessed to have one more season with the Cubs."

Contreras said it wasn't necessary to contact Cubs President Theo Epstein or general manager Jed Hoyer over the winter to clarify his status. He said he devoted much of his offseason to strengthening his legs after missing at least one month in two of the last three seasons because of right hamstring injuries.

Pitching coach Tommy Hottovy said he wants Contreras to work with pitcher Yu Darvish more than the last two seasons.

Contreras believes the Cubs can remain a force in the National League despite returning virtually the same team that has regressed since winning the 2016 World Series and that failed to make the playoffs last year for the first time since 2014 — two seasons before Contreras reached the majors.

"We still can get to the playoffs, for sure," Contreras said.

BASKETBALL

STATE BASKETBALL RANKINGS

Huskies ride high

BY SHANNON RYAN

While Southern Illinois and Northern Illinois are surging, other Division I teams in the state are spiraling. DePaul and Western Illinois have dropped six straight, Northwestern is on a seven-game skid and Chicago State is in a 15-game free fall. Here's how the state's teams stack up in this week's power rankings, with records through Monday and last week's ranking in parentheses.

1. Illinois 16-7, 8-4 Big Ten (1): Michigan State defeated Illinois by 20 on Jan. 2 in East Lansing, Mich. The Illini — who fell two spots to No. 22 in Monday's Associated Press poll — get a chance at payback Tuesday night when the Spartans visit the State Farm Center. Michigan State dropped out of the AP poll Monday after a third straight loss.

2. Southern Illinois 15-10, 9-3 Missouri Valley (2): First-year coach Bryan Mullins looks like a strong candidate for conference coach of the year. The Salukis are one game out of first place and riding a seven-game winning streak.

3. Loyola 16-9, 8-4 Missouri Valley (3): The Ramblers pulled out a narrow victory against Valparaiso on Sunday despite making only 9 of 21 free throws. They're shooting 66.8% from the line.

4. Northern Illinois 15-9, 8-3 Mid-American (5): The Huskies know how to win close ones. They've won four games by fewer than five points during their six-game winning streak.

5. Bradley 16-9, 7-5 Missouri Valley (4): Senior guard Darrell Brown averaged 23 points in two games last week.

6. UIC 12-14, 7-6 Horizon (6): The Flames have won three of four and six of eight.

7. DePaul 13-11, 1-10 Big East (7): The Blue Demons are back in familiar territory: last place in the conference.

8. Northwestern 6-16, 1-11 Big Ten (8): Northwestern is the new Rutgers? Even with an 18-point lead, the Wildcats struggled in the second half and lost in overtime Sunday.

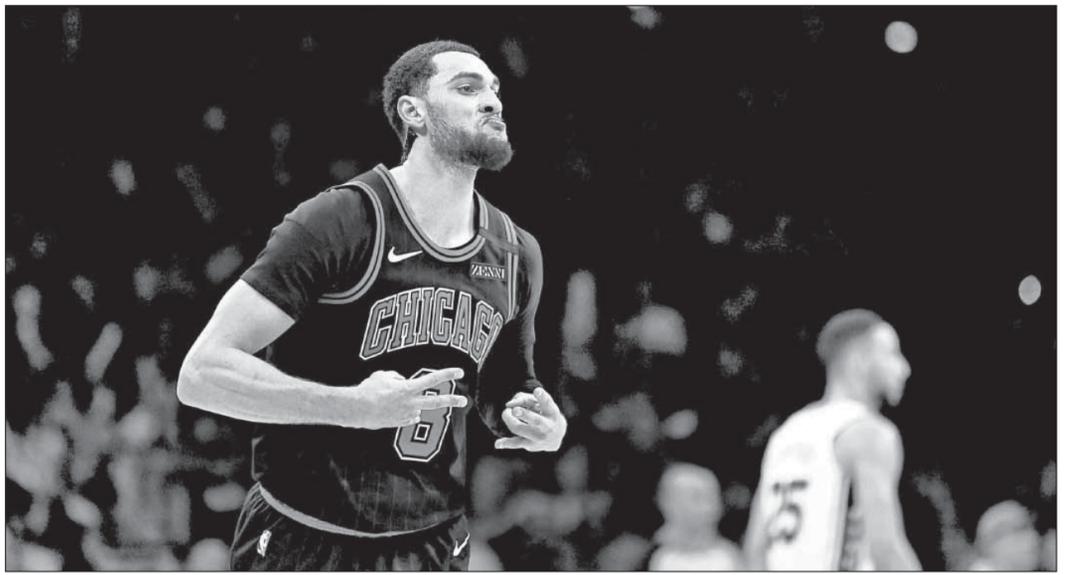
9. Illinois State 8-16, 3-9 Missouri Valley (9): The Redbirds were 14-10 overall and 7-4 in the conference at this point last season.

10. Eastern Illinois 12-12, 5-7 Ohio Valley (10): The Panthers are 3-10 on the road.

11. SIU-Edwardsville 6-19, 3-9 Ohio Valley (11): Shamar Wright could be a spark. The freshman forward scored a season-high 20 points to help the Cougars snap a four-game skid with a victory against Eastern Kentucky.

12. Western Illinois 5-16, 2-9 Summit (12): The Leathernecks have failed to score 70 points in three straight games.

13. Chicago State 4-21, 0-10 Western Athletic (13): The Cougars play five of their final six games on the road.



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Zach LaVine overcame a stiff neck to score 32 points with eight assists during the Bulls' loss to the 76ers on Sunday.

BULLS TAKEAWAYS

Bulls limping into break

BY JAMAL COLLIER

PHILADELPHIA — The All-Star break cannot come soon enough for the Bulls, who are now losers of five straight and looking to get healthy while clinging to some hope to save their season.

They were even with the 76ers for three quarters Sunday night in Philadelphia before the hosts took over in the fourth to put the Bulls away. Zach LaVine did his best to put the team on his shoulders again, despite a stiff neck that nearly kept him out of the game, and the Bulls got solid contributions from their centers, who have been encouraging overall even with their obvious limitations in the absence of starters Wendell Carter Jr. and Lauri Markkanen.

With just one more game — Tuesday night in Washington — before the break, here are two takeaways from the Bulls' 118-111 loss to the 76ers.

1. Zach LaVine played through the pain.

LaVine did not have to play Sunday. The Bulls' season is quickly spiraling downward, and their dreams of making the postseason are becoming slimmer by the game.

Meanwhile, several players around the NBA have (rightly) taken ownership of their bodies and health and are sitting out more frequently than ever, introducing the term "load management" to the lexicon.

It would have been easy for LaVine to sit this game out, but instead he approached it with a different mindset. He wanted to play. That should be an encouraging sign for the Bulls and their fans, with one of their building blocks for the future showing commitment at a time when it would be easy to be dejected.

"I've missed enough games in my career," LaVine said. "If I'm injured, I'm injured. I'm not going to come out and put myself at harm or my team at harm, but if I can go out there and help and I know what I can do, I'm going to be out there. I'm not going to take games off."

LaVine did his best to will the Bulls to a victory with 32 points and eight assists, and despite a costly nine turnovers, he should be commended for his 40-minute effort.

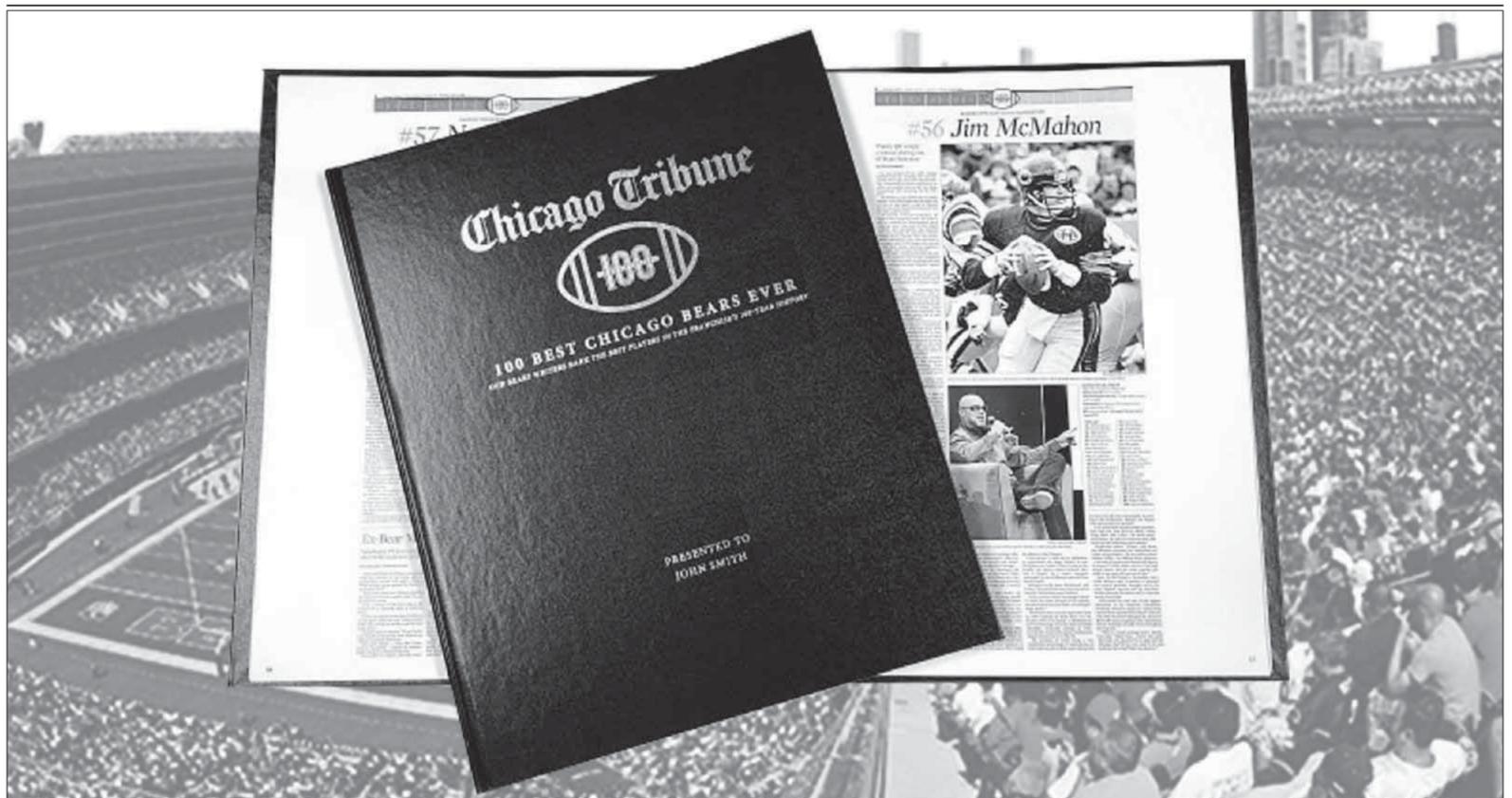
The Bulls have few positives to cling to as they limp toward the All-Star break, but LaVine's growth and maturation on a nightly basis is certainly one of them.

2. Luke Kornet is 'moving in the right direction.'

One of Kornet's best games last season with the Knicks came against the 76ers when facing center Joel Embiid. Kornet is overmatched physically and tactically against an All-Star center such as Embiid, as is most of the NBA, and although Embiid scored 26 points that night, he needed 24 shots to do so. The 76ers usually keep Embiid around the basket to protect the rim, and Kornet took advantage, dropping 23 points with three 3-pointers.

Bulls coach Jim Boylen admitted to watching tape of Kornet's performances against Embiid during the off-season as one of the reasons the team wanted him on the roster. Boylen envisioned nights like Sunday, when Kornet scored a career-high 25 points on 10-of-14 shooting (4 of 8 from 3-point range).

Kornet and Cristiano Felicio (13 points, seven rebounds) gave the Bulls solid contributions at center and provided LaVine with a much-needed second scoring option. It was especially useful considering the state of the team's frontcourt, with Daniel Gafford (ankle) active but not playing. Boylen evaded a question about Gafford's availability after the game, saying, "Daniel will get his chance."



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NBA ALL-STAR GAME

Giannis

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Antetokounmpo is so serious about basketball, he didn't sound entirely thrilled about receiving the most fan votes (more than 5.9 million) among Eastern Conference players. That tally made him team captain for the second straight year, requiring him to draft players.

"If I'm the captain, I'm the captain," he said. "But by being the captain, you have more things to do and it takes away from the game. I don't like things that take away from the game."

And therein lies the conundrum for those pushing Antetokounmpo to overtake LeBron James as the sport's most famous player: What if he doesn't want to be the face of the NBA? Or if he's simply ambivalent?

"In five years he might say: I make 'X' amount from the Bucks, I make 'Y' amount from Nike. I'm good," Saratsis said. "How much money does anyone need in a lifetime? For him it's not about being a power broker. He doesn't want a production company. He cares about family, people close to him and basketball."

The Bucks (45-7 heading into Monday night's game in Sacramento) have lost only once since Jan. 8. They held off the Celtics on a 40-point night by Kemba Walker. They beat the Bulls as Antetokounmpo scored his 10,000th career point and recorded his 18th career triple-double (28 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists). They beat the Hornets in Paris.

Seven days later they were back home at Fiserv Forum, the glistening House That Giannis Built, for a special occasion: Greek Night.

The Bucks distributed a bobblehead of Giannis and teammate Thanasis Antetokounmpo, the older brother Giannis hugged moments after the Bucks made him the 15th pick in the 2013 NBA draft. Thanasis wears No. 43 to mirror Giannis' No. 34 jersey.

Coach Mike Budenholzer gave Thanasis his only start of the season on Greek Night, and he scored 62 seconds after the opening tip on a breakaway slam. He laid one in off a feed from Giannis to give the Bucks a 13-4 lead. The team's bench and the sellout crowd went nuts.

But long story short, the Nuggets shot 22 of 46 (47.8%) on 3-pointers and stunned the Bucks 127-115. It made for a quiet scene in the Bucks locker room, a Friday night that felt more like a Monday morning.

Peppering Antetokounmpo with non-basketball questions seemed even sillier than usual.

Asked how he has adjusted to the spotlight, the NBA's reigning MVP replied: "To be honest, I try not to think about it. I know my name might be out there, but I've never cared about that and don't now."

Told of Giannis' comment that the captain's duties might detract from his play during the All-Star Game, Thanasis understood. Of course he did.

The brothers are so attached that when Saratsis presented them with two hotel room keys shortly after Giannis was drafted, they looked at him quizzically. They explained that they had never slept in separate rooms. Even adjoining hotel rooms didn't provide enough closeness.

"(Giannis) is all about the essence," Thanasis said. "How he practices will translate to the game."

Though Antetokounmpo doesn't seek fame, it finds him. He has the NBA's second most popular jersey after James and ahead of Stephen Curry. He has more than 7.2 million Instagram followers, which ranks 11th in the NBA and first among international players.

Although Antetokounmpo plays in one of the NBA's five smallest markets, Feigin said he could make the case that the 6-11 forward is actually the league's most famous player.

Where else other than Greece?

"If you did a survey in Paris," the Bucks executive replied cleverly, "he might win."

Because Antetokounmpo's parents are Nigerian, Saratsis said, he "touches two continents."

"Europe has a massive immigrant population, and his story resonates with so many people," Saratsis said. "He has blazed a new trail with fans that are immigrants and have multinational parents."

Antetokounmpo, 25, partnered with Nike in 2017 and last year became the first European-born player to have a signature Nike shoe — the Zoom Freak 1.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo (34) dunks over Bulls center Wendell Carter Jr. (34) on Nov. 18 at the United Center.

Don't expect to see him doing ads for Binny's or Majestic Star Casino while he's in Chicago this weekend.

"We look at it as quality over quantity," Feigin said. "What are the right spots? We want to market him as a global brand. It's not ubiquity, it's not everywhere, anyway, anyhow. How do we make things special?"

Antetokounmpo is scheduled to appear at Water Tower Place at 3:30 p.m. Saturday

for a panel discussion with hip-hop artist Swoope, a fellow JBL endorser. They will explore the intersection of basketball and music.

On Sunday he'll be the focal point of Team Giannis; he selected Walker, Joel Embiid, Pascal Siakam and Trae Young to round out his starting five. Last year Team Giannis lost 178-164 despite his game-high 38 points in 27 minutes.

Then he will return to his comfort zone of Milwaukee, a bright light in a city without all that many.

"He really enjoys life here," veteran wing Kyle Korver said. "I don't think he's doing this well because he's in a small market. He could flourish anywhere. But with his upbringing and how he thinks, he wants to keep the main things the main things — his family and the game."

Chicago students to benefit from All-Star Game

LeBron and Giannis selected charities featuring local ties

By DeAntae Prince

During the broadcast of the All-Star Game draft on TNT's "Inside the NBA," the Lakers' LeBron James and the Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo selected teammates for the league's showcase event Sunday at the United Center.

Perhaps lost was the announcement of two organizations handpicked as part of the charitable element of the new All-Star Game format. Before picking players, both captains mentioned their charity and explained their selection.

James chose Chicago Scholars, a program led by Dominique J. Turner, an Obama fellow who first came in contact with the NBA after she introduced Michelle Obama at the Obama Summit. She runs an organization that helps low-income students get to and through college.

Antetokounmpo picked After School Matters, which has deep roots in the city, originally put together in 1991 when the late Maggie Daley, formerly Chicago's first lady and wife to Mayor Richard M. Daley,

wanted a way to keep her children busy after school and during summers.

Antetokounmpo created a video to deliver the news to After School Matters, and former Bulls player Kendall Gill — a Rich Central and Illinois alumnus — attended an announcement event at the Chicago Scholars office. Students were told they would receive tickets to the All-Star Game, and they found it hard to conceal their excitement.

Turner, who learned the news on a call with the NBA, said that day marked "the first time I ever screamed on a professional call." It was particularly special for Turner that James selected her students because of his dedication to giving back.

"What we love is the LeBron brand is one of education and leadership," Turner said. "So with his I Promise School in Akron, it really makes us feel good that he cares about what we care about."

Students at After School Matters had a similar reaction when they heard the words directly from Antetokounmpo, CEO Mary Ellen Caron said.

"The wonderful Mr. Giannis created a video where he told them that he had chosen After School Matters as the charity for his team," Caron said with a squeal of delight, "and he also told them that he

would see them at the game."

As part of the game's new format, each group will enter All-Star Weekend with a chance to win up to \$500,000 to put toward the futures of local children. In a sweeping change, the NBA decided to go away from its traditional four-quarter formula and institute an entirely different approach.

Instead of playing out a regular game, the first three quarters will start at 0-0 and \$100,000 will be given to the winner of each quarter for a total of \$300,000. The remaining \$200,000 will be given to the team that is first to hit the target score plus 24 in the final quarter, a last-minute quirk added to honor Lakers legend Kobe Bryant, who died at age 41 in a helicopter crash. And if one team wins the entire \$500,000 pot, an additional \$100,000 will be donated to the losing team.

The change, instituted to spice up a game that can feel methodical at times, will do much more than speed up an exhibition game played by the NBA's 24 best players. It has the potential to impact thousands as both charities help children all over Chicago.

The NBA on Monday also announced plans to support tens of thousands through programs and events shepherded by 40 community-based organizations, including

a Youth Leadership Council that started meeting in advance of the All-Star events, which kick off Wednesday. The group is made up of local teenagers who have researched issues facing their communities and plan to collaborate to make change.

In the run up to All-Star Weekend, countless NBA representatives have mentioned the league's efforts to create a long-lasting impact in Chicago. Turner, who said many of her students have never had the chance to attend an NBA game, believes the investment in education and the futures of young Chicagoans will do just that.

"Belief changes everything," Turner said. "And to know that the NBA cares about them and believes in them, to know that LeBron James cares about them and believes in them — that belief really goes a long way and just reinforces that they are tomorrow's leaders."

Caron echoed Turner's words, focusing on the effect this All-Star Weekend could have on the confidence of her students.

"This is a message to the teenagers in Chicago that they matter and that the NBA wants them at the All-Star Game," Caron said, "and when a group like the NBA and the players tell them that they matter, it sticks with them forever."



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Philadelphia	33	21	.611	7
Brooklyn	24	28	.462	15
New York	17	37	.315	23
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	35	18	.660	—
Orlando	23	31	.426	12½
Washington	18	33	.353	16
Charlotte	17	36	.321	18
Atlanta	15	40	.273	21
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	46	7	.868	—
Indiana	31	23	.574	15½
Chicago	19	35	.352	27½
Detroit	19	37	.339	28½
Cleveland	13	40	.245	33

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	33	20	.623	—
Dallas	32	22	.593	1½
Memphis	27	26	.509	6
San Antonio	22	31	.415	11
New Orleans	22	31	.415	11
NORTHWEST				
Denver	38	16	.704	—
Utah	35	18	.660	2½
Oklahoma City	32	21	.604	5½
Portland	25	29	.463	13
Minnesota	16	36	.308	21
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	40	12	.769	—
L.A. Clippers	37	16	.698	3½
Sacramento	21	32	.396	19½
Phoenix	21	33	.389	20
Golden State	12	42	.222	29

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Orlando 135, Atlanta 126
 Brooklyn 106, Indiana 105
 Charlotte 87, Detroit 76
 Toronto 137, Minnesota 126
 Milwaukee 123, Sacramento 111
 Utah 123, Dallas 119
 Denver 127, San Antonio 120
 Miami 113, Golden State 101
 L.A. Lakers 125, Phoenix 100
TUESDAY'S GAMES
 Chicago at Washington, 6 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
 Portland at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
 Boston at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

BUCKS 123, KINGS 111

SACRAMENTO: Barnes 8-13 2-2 23, Bjelica 6-14 2-3 16, Giles III 4-6 0-0 8, Bogdanovic 6-14 2-16, Fox 5-19 5-17 17, Bazemore 2-9 1-5, Jeffries 0-0 0-0 0, Ferrell 1-6 0-2, Hield 6-12 0-0 15, Joseph 4-8 1-3 9. Totals 42-101 13-18 111.
MILWAUKEE: Ilyasova 3-10 0-0 7, Middleton 9-21 6-7 28, B.Lopez 7-12 4-6 20, Bledsoe 10-16 5-6 28, Matthews 3-9 2-2 10, Brown 4-8 0-0 11, Connaughton 3-6 0-0 7, Korver 1-5 0-2, R.Lopez 0-1 0-0 0, DiVincentenzo 3-8 2-2 10. Totals 43-96 19-23 123.
Sacramento 24 34 32 21 — 111
Milwaukee 38 19 31 35 — 123

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 14-43 (Barnes 5-9, Hield 3-7, Fox 2-5, Bjelica 2-6, Bogdanovic 2-9, Bazemore 0-2, Joseph 0-2, Ferrell 0-3), Milwaukee 18-42 (Middleton 4-8, Bledsoe 3-4, Brown 3-5, B.Lopez 2-4, DiVincentenzo 2-4, Matthews 2-7, Connaughton 1-3, Ilyasova 1-4, Korver 0-3). **Rebounds**—Sacramento 49 (Bjelica, Fox 8), Milwaukee 55 (Middleton 11). **Assists**—Sacramento 23 (Fox 11), Milwaukee 26 (Bledsoe, Middleton 8). **Total Fouls**—Sacramento 22, Milwaukee 18. **A**—17,463 (17,500)

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ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	34	11	12	80	188	143
Tampa Bay	36	15	5	77	201	151
Toronto	29	19	8	66	200	187
Florida	29	20	6	64	193	185
Montreal	27	24	7	61	179	176
Buffalo	24	24	8	56	159	176
Ottawa	18	26	11	47	147	188
Detroit	14	39	4	32	118	213
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Washington	36	15	5	77	202	172
Pittsburgh	34	15	5	73	181	148
N.Y. Islanders	32	16	6	70	161	148
Columbus	30	17	10	70	148	139
Philadelphia	31	18	7	69	181	165
Carolina	32	20	3	67	180	153
N.Y. Rangers	27	23	4	58	167	173
New Jersey	20	24	10	50	149	190

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	32	15	9	73	178	160
Colorado	32	16	6	70	197	154
Dallas	31	19	5	67	147	141
Winnipeg	29	23	5	63	173	172
Nashville	26	22	7	59	178	183
Minnesota	26	23	6	58	169	181
Chicago	25	22	8	58	163	173
PACIFIC						
Vancouver	31	21	5	67	187	175
Edmonton	29	20	6	64	176	173
Vegas	28	21	6	64	182	174
Calgary	29	22	6	64	161	173
Arizona	28	23	7	63	163	159
Anaheim	23	26	7	53	146	173
San Jose	24	28	4	52	147	187
Los Angeles	19	33	5	43	137	183

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Philadelphia 4, Florida 1
 N.Y. Islanders 5, Washington 3
 Arizona 3, Montreal 2
 Tampa Bay 2, Columbus 1, OT
 Vancouver 6, Nashville 2
 Calgary 6, San Jose 2
TUESDAY'S GAMES
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 Vegas at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 Carolina at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
 Ottawa at Colorado, 8 p.m.
 St. Louis at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

ISLANDERS 5, CAPITALS 3

N.Y. Islanders 3 2 0 — 5
Washington 1 2 0 — 3
FIRST PERIOD: 1. N.Y. Islanders, Beauvillier 16 (Nelson, Bailey), 3:30, 2. N.Y. Islanders, Beauvillier 17 (Nelson, Bailey), 6:16, 3. Washington, Carlson 15 (Backstrom), 12:55, 4. N.Y. Islanders, Toews 5 (Pulock, Bailey), 18:06. **Penalties:** Fehervary, Was (Holding), 17:18; Eberle, NYI (Holding), 17:55.
SECOND PERIOD: 5. N.Y. Islanders, Komarov 2 (Nelson, Leddy), 0:45, 6. N.Y. Islanders, Eberle 9 (Lee, Barzal), 10:36, 7. Washington, Eller 14 (Kempny, Hagelin), 11:25, 8. Washington, Oshie 21 (Carlson, Backstrom), 16:59 (pp). **Penalties:** Hathaway, Was (Fighting), 2:54; Washington bench, served by Leipsic (Interference), 2:54; Johnston, NYI (Fighting), 2:54; Barzal, NYI (Tripping), 7:10; Mayfield, NYI (High Sticking), 15:29.
SHOTS ON GOAL: N.Y. Islanders 10-14-8-32. Washington 10-8-11-29.
POWER PLAYS: NYI 0 of 2; Was 1 of 3.
GOALIES: N.Y. Islanders, Greiss 16-7-2 (29 shots-26 saves). Washington, Samsonov 16-4-1 (20-15). Washington, Holtby 20-11-4 (12-12). A: 18,573. T: 2:29.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

TOTAL POINTS	G	A	P
Leon Draisaitl, Edm	31	54	85
Connor McDavid, Edm	30	51	81
David Pastrnak, Bos	38	40	78
Nathan MacKinnon, Col	32	44	76
Artemi Panarin, NYR	28	45	73

through Sunday

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. Baylor (22-1) beat Texas 52-45. Next: vs. No. 14 West Virginia, Saturday.
2. Gonzaga (25-1) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Saturday.
3. Kansas (20-3) did not play. Next: at No. 14 West Virginia, Wednesday.
4. San Diego State (24-0) did not play. Next: vs. New Mexico, Tuesday.
5. Louisville (21-3) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Wednesday.
6. Dayton (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. Rhode Island, Tuesday.
7. Duke (21-3) beat No. 8 Florida State 70-65. Next: vs. Notre Dam, Saturday.
8. Florida State (20-4) lost to No. 7 Duke 70-65. Next: vs. Syracuse, Sat.
9. Maryland (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Tuesday.
10. Seton Hall (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Creighton, Wednesday.
11. Auburn (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Wednesday.
12. Kentucky (18-5) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Tuesday.
13. Penn State (18-5) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Tuesday.
14. West Virginia (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Kansas, Wednesday.
15. Villanova (17-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Marquette, Wednesday.
16. Colorado (19-5) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Oregon, Thursday.
17. Oregon (18-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Colorado, Thursday.
18. Marquette (17-6) did not play. Next: at No.15 Villanova, Wednesday.
19. Butler (18-6) did not play. Next: vs. Xavier, Wednesday.
20. Houston (19-5) did not play. Next: at South Florida, Wednesday.
21. Iowa (17-7) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Thursday.
22. Illinois (16-7) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan State, Tuesday.
23. Creighton (18-6) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Seton Hall, Wednesday.
24. Texas Tech (16-8) beat TCU 88-42. Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday.
25. LSU (17-6) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Tuesday.

MONDAY'S SCORES

Bethune-Cookman 87, Howard 68
 Colgate 79, Boston U. 63
 Coppin St. 68, Md.-E. Shore 67, OT
 Florida A&M 79, NC A&T 60
 Gardner-Webb 86, High Point 55
 Grambling St. 80, Alcorn St. 71
 Hampton 80, UNC-Asheville 70
 Jackson St. 67, Southern U. 51
 Longwood 57, Campbell 56
 MVSU 67, Alabama A&M 61
 NC Cent. 58, Morgan St. 57
 Portland St. 83, N. Colorado 71
 Radford 81, Winthrop 77
 SC St. 100, Delaware St. 86
 SC-Upstate 66, Charleston S. 52

MEN'S AP TOP 25

RK. SCHOOL	W-L	Pts	LW
1. Baylor (48)	21-1	1583	1
2. Gonzaga (15)	25-1	1546	2
3. Kansas (1)	20-3	1450	3
4. San Diego State	24-0	1422	4
5. Louisville	21-3	1331	5
6. Dayton	21-2	1255	6
7. Duke	20-3	1211	7
8. Florida State	20-3	1170	24
9. Maryland	19-4	1057	9
10. Seton Hall	18-5	1013	12
11. Auburn	21-2	998	11
12. Kentucky	18-5	853	15
13. Penn State	18-5	787	22
14. West Virginia	18-5	721	13
15. Villanova	17-6	581	10
16. Colorado	19-5	567	24
17. Oregon	18-6	497	14
18. Marquette	17-6	425	—
19. Butler	18-6	414	19
20. Houston	19-5	402	25
21. Iowa	17-7	374	17
22. Illinois	16-7	235	20
23. Creighton	18-6	213	21
24. Texas Tech	15-8	169	—
25. LSU	17-6	160	18

Others: Mich. St. 124, Rhode Island 57.

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. South Carolina (23-1) beat No. 5 UConn 70-52. Next: vs. Auburn, Thursday.
2. Baylor (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Wednesday.
3. Oregon (22-2) did not play. Next: at No. 7 UCLA, Friday.
4. N.C. State (22-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Louisville, Thursday.
5. UConn (20-3) lost to No. 1 South Carolina 70-52. Next: at Ft. Lauderdale, Sun.
6. Mississippi State (22-3) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Kentucky, Sunday.
7. UCLA (20-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Oregon, Friday.
8. Stanford (21-3) did not play. Next: at Utah, Friday.
9. Louisville (21-3) did not play. Next: at No. 4 N.C. State, Thursday.
10. Maryland (20-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 17 Iowa, Thursday.
11. Oregon State (19-5) did not play. Next: at Southern Cal, Friday.
12. Arizona (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Friday.
13. DePaul (22-3) did not play. Next: vs. Butler, Friday.
14. Florida State (20-4) did not play. Next: at Duke, Sunday.
15. Gonzaga (23-2) did not play. Next: vs. San Francisco, Thursday.
16. Texas A&M (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Thursday.
17. Iowa (20-4) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Maryland, Thursday.
18. Kentucky (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Mississippi State, Sunday.
19. Northwestern (20-3) beat Michigan State 85-55. Next: at Michigan, Thu.
20. Indiana (19-6) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Thursday.
21. South Dakota (22-2) did not play. Next: vs. Western Illinois, Thursday.
22. Arizona State (16-8) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Friday.
23. Arkansas (19-5) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Sunday.
24. Missouri State (20-3) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Illinois, Saturday.
25. Tennessee (17-6) did not play. Next: at LSU, Thursday.

MONDAY'S SCORES

EAST
 Bryant 78, St. Francis Brooklyn 59
 Merrimack 84, Fairleigh Dickinson 66
 Mt. St. Mary's 77, LIU 57
 NJIT 60, N. Florida 56
 Robert Morris 77, Wagner 35
 St. Francis (Pa.) 48, Sacred Heart 39
OTHERS
 Alabama A&M 75, MVSU 45
 Bethune-Cookman 88, Howard 59
 Coppin St. 66, Md.-E. Shore 63
 Delaware St. 76, SC St. 64
 Florida Gulf Coast 67, Stetson 54
 Grambling St. 70, Alcorn St. 59
 Jackson St. 60, S. U. 57
 LSU 66, Missouri 58
 Liberty 65, Jacksonville 59
 Morgan St. 86, NC Cent. 79
 NC A&T 66, Florida A&M 49
 N. Alabama 91, Lipscomb 58
 Michigan 77, Minnesota 52
 Alabama St. 68, Ark.-Pine Bluff 65
 N. Colorado 78, Portland St. 51

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25

RK. SCHOOL	W-L	PTS	LW
1. South Carolina (27)	22-1	747	1
2. Baylor (3)	21-1	716	2
3. Oregon	22-2	697	3
4. N.C. State	22-1	624	7
5. UConn	20-2	622	4
6. Mississippi State	22-3	605	8
7. UCLA	21-2	576	10
8. Stanford	21-3	547	6
9. Louisville	21-3	506	5
10. Maryland	20-4	450	13
11. Oregon State	19-5	428	9
12. Arizona	19-4	426	12
13. DePaul	22-3	382	14
14. Florida State	20-4	368	17
15. Gonzaga	23-2	324	11
16. Texas A&M	18-5	251	16
17. Iowa	20-4	243	20
18. Kentucky	18-5	221	15
19. Northwestern	19-3	191	21
20. Indiana	19-6	176	18
21. South Dakota	22-2	146	22
22. Arizona State	16-8	128	19
23. Arkansas	19-5	118	25
24. Missouri State	20-3	106	24
25. Tennessee	17-6	47	23

TENNIS

ATP NEW YORK OPEN

Ri at NYBC Live; New York City; indoors-hard
 Steve Johnson d. #5 Tenny Sandgren, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 7-6 (3).
 #6 Mirimir Kecmanovic d. Tommy Paul, 6-4, 6-2.
 Andreas Seppi d. Damir Dzumhur, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (6).
 Marcos Giron d. Jack Sock, 6-3, 6-4.

SPORTS



Lindsey Horan (9) is congratulated after scoring Sunday for the U.S. against Canada.

JAYNE KAMIN-ONCEA/GETTY

'It's cutthroat'

History aside, the toughest battle on the USWNT is who stays — and who doesn't

By **ANDREW DAS**
New York Times

CARSON, Calif. — A great example of the relentless competition for roster spots on the U.S. women's soccer team might have been a short video clip that popped up on social media last week.

In it, several U.S. players could be seen filing off a bus before a training session. Forward Tobin Heath with a coffee and a stony look. Goalkeeper Adrianna Franch, headphones firmly in place. And then a surprise: striker Alex Morgan, seven months pregnant, flashing a mischievous smile.

Morgan, of course, is absent these days from the team she helped lead to the World Cup title last summer. Her first child is due in April, only three months before the Americans open play in the Tokyo Olympics, and her visit to a training session was merely a chance to see her teammates while they were in town to punch their ticket to the Games.

But there also was a subtle message in Morgan's appearance, in her decision to go through warm-ups and in the workout videos she has been regularly posting on her social media accounts: Don't forget about me.

She knows as well as anyone that after Sunday's 3-0 victory against Canada in the CONCACAF Olympic qualifying tournament final, the U.S. players will begin a much tougher competition: the battle for places on the team for Tokyo. And no one, not even Morgan, wants to be left behind.

Simple math makes the battle for places a high-stakes affair: Because Olympic rosters are capped at 18 players, at least five members of the 23-player roster that won the World Cup — talented, popular, world-beating players — will need to be cut before the team leaves for Japan.

Regulars such as Allie Long, Morgan Brian and Mallory Pugh, who were left off the squad for the Olympic qualifiers, have already felt the squeeze. And the emergence of new options such as forward Lynn Williams will only complicate the decisions, which can have profound professional and financial consequences for the players involved.

"Yeah, it's tough," forward Carli Lloyd, who wears her ruthless competitive streak as a badge of honor, said of seeing teammates dropped, even temporarily. But she also said it would only get harder. "It's going to be cutthroat."

On Friday, with qualification for Tokyo on the line in a winner-take-all semifinal, coach Vlatko Andonovski showed little interest in experimenting. He started 10 of the 11 players who started the World Cup final in July, subbing only Lloyd for the absent Morgan.

On Sunday, with the spot secure, he rested parts of his favored lineup and sent out Williams, Christen Press and Lindsey Horan as well as second-string defenders Ali Krieger and Emily Sonnett.

Press and Horan rewarded his faith — and bolstered their cases for bigger roles — with second-half goals. Megan Rapinoe delivered the third goal off the bench, to the



JULIO CORTEZ/AP 2019

Alex Morgan is away from the USWNT as she will give birth later this year.

delight of a crowd that roared even louder when she struck her now-famous arms-out celebration pose.

With yet another win over Canada in the books, the daily competition for places and for playing time will only intensify. Mexico coach Chris Cuellar joked Friday that the U.S. was far ahead of its rivals because "every practice is probably tougher than a lot of their matches."

"Every game, every play, every practice — it's very intense," midfielder Julie Ertz said of the expectations for players new and old. "We take it very seriously, and we have a standard we hold each other to."

Aly Wagner, a television broadcaster who made her national team debut in 1999 and later played in two World Cups and two Olympics, lived those daily battles for more than a decade.

"It is cutthroat," she said. "It's competitive and feisty and intense every day."

"It's emotionally a lot, for each of these players. If you're playing and starting, it's perfect. If you're scratching and clawing to get into this roster, or get into the lineup, it's a grind."

Wagner and current players described the atmosphere of constant competition as a battle not of player against player but of player against "their best self."

But, yes, Wagner said, there were also

hard fouls and kicks in training and sideways glances in the locker room. Every player does it at some point, she said, and then sets it aside.

"That's how you navigate this environment," Wagner said. "If you start to think about you versus someone else, that is septic. It's not good for you as a player, and it's not good for the group."

Instead, players try to sharpen their focus on things they can control. Midfielder Sam Mewis said Andonovski had worked with her on improving even a single kind of pass each time. Williams has been instructed to "do right now what nobody else can do and use your speed and be dynamic."

"So that's what I'm doing," she said. "Hopefully he likes it. Hopefully it continues."

In the end, Williams said, whether she gets a bigger role for the SheBelieves Cup in March or a set of April friendlies or even the Olympics "is not my decision."

So she will keep trying to get behind defenders. And Press, who hit the crossbar with a rocket Sunday, will keep trying to score every time she's on the field. And Sonnett — who played multiple positions in recent games — will continue to show value in her versatility.

"One step is just getting in the door," Williams said. "And then the next step is hopefully getting on the field."



DARRYL GRAHAM/AP

Joe Gibbs Racing driver Erik Jones (20) won Sunday's Busch Clash at Daytona.

COMMENTARY

NASCAR's Speedweeks wild at start

Stenhouse, Jones among several surprises at Daytona

By **JENNA FRYER**
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR is off to an intriguing start and the season has barely begun.

In the first 48 hours, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Erik Jones, a pair of drivers with something to prove, grabbed the first two wins of the year. Brad Keselowski already seems at odds with teammate Joey Logano and the Busch Clash was an exhibition in how not to drive in the Daytona 500.

Kevin Harvick casually mentioned he'd signed an extension with Stewart-Haas Racing through 2023, a move that takes him out of contention to join Fox Sports while Jeff Gordon acknowledged on social media he is adjusting to this year's two-man booth.

Corey LaJoie presented Rick Hendrick with a handwritten letter stating his case to replace Jimmie Johnson in the No. 48 next season, while Kyle Larson began his season as the top free agent in NASCAR without a single stress about his future.

The main event is still six days away, but NASCAR got a strong setup from its first weekend at Daytona International Speedway.

Roughly a month after missing last season's playoffs, Stenhouse was dumped by Roush Fenway Racing, the team that brought him to NASCAR and where he won a pair of Xfinity championships. Stenhouse thought he was set for 2021, but instead he had to scramble to get the JTG seat and managed to bring crew chief Brian Pattie from Roush, along with Mike Kelley, who guided Stenhouse's Xfinity championships.

Now the driver derisively referred to as "Wrecked Spinhouse Jr." for his aggressive racing on superspeedways is the star of the show headed into "The Great American Race." The pole winner believes his hand-picked JTG support system can turn the team into a legitimate contender.

"I think there's a handful of us that feel like we have something to prove, and two of those are in my corner with me at JTG-Daugherty Racing with Mike and Brian," Stenhouse said.

Jones is in a similar situation as the least successful driver in the Joe Gibbs Racing juggernaut. The four drivers combined for 19 wins last year, and Jones only notched one. He was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs — the only Gibbs driver not to make it to the championship finale.

Jones has to be able to compete with teammates Kyle Busch, the reigning Cup champion, Denny Hamlin, a two-time and defending Daytona 500 winner, and Martin Truex Jr., winner of seven races last season.

With a huge push from Hamlin, Jones took Gibbs to victory lane for the first time this season when he won Sunday's exhibition Busch Clash. There were only six cars running at the end of the third overtime, when Jones with a crumpled hood crossed the finish line.

"We spent a lot of time reflecting and talking and thinking about things we could do better," crew chief Chris Gayle said. "Do we want to be the fourth-best JGR team? No. And we were. We have done a lot of things differently and looking to be better."

So is Team Penske, which orchestrated a three-team swap during the offseason that gave each of its drivers a new crew chief.

Keselowski's debut with Jeremy Bullins got off to a rocky start when the driver hit a fence heading out to practice Saturday. Keselowski watched from the garage for at least four hours as his team tried to repair the No. 2 Ford.

Then in the Clash, where he was racing for a moral victory, he got caught in a wreck triggered by Logano's block on Busch.

Asked if he planned to discuss the accident with any other drivers, Keselowski deferred: "I'm going to Disney World tomorrow."

Logano avoided the topic, too. "I'm going to Disney World too, so I'll see him there," Logano said with a smile. "I'm sure he's all right. We get along fine."

There is a week to see if everyone cools down before the Super Bowl of NASCAR.

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

It may be hard for Rocco Baldelli to top his first season as manager of the **Twins**, but he'll do so with a smile

Minnesota NICE

In his first season as a manager in the majors, Rocco Baldelli led the Twins to 101 wins en route to the AL Central title.

HANNAH FOSLIEN/GETTY

BY PHIL MILLER
Minneapolis Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — He spends so much time deflecting credit and downplaying his own impact, it feels jarringly out of character to hear Rocco Baldelli describe accepting the American League Manager of the Year Award at a New York banquet last month as his greatest moment of triumph this offseason.

Well, until he explains why. “I made Jerry Seinfeld laugh, just a little bit,” Baldelli said of the night he shared a dais with the renowned TV comedian. “I don’t know how I could ever top that.”

The Twins manager, a reluctant and self-effacing honoree despite leading his team to 101 victories and an AL Central championship in his debut season, opened his remarks to a crowd of tuxedoed baseball celebrities by noting Seinfeld’s presence on the stage and asking, “How many of us scrapped our jokes tonight when we saw Seinfeld was speaking?”

The crowd laughed. And Seinfeld? “He, let’s say, slightly more than smirked,” Baldelli said. “It was a victory. I could have taken a victory lap.”

He will get his chance soon enough. Baldelli will supervise the Twins’ first workout of the spring this week, opening his second season as a big-league manager with most of the same players, many of the same intentions, and one large burden that instantly raises the degree of difficulty: expectations.

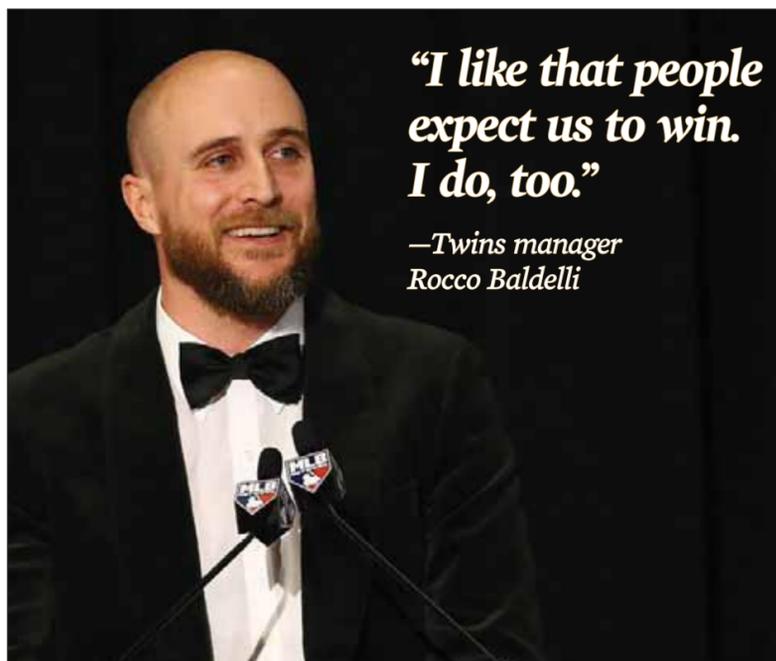
He claims to welcome the challenge. “I like that people expect us to win. I do, too,” Baldelli said. “I don’t know what the year will bring, but that part hasn’t changed. We have a large number of extremely talented people, and our expectations are that we will display that talent again.”

Yet Baldelli goes out of his way to decouple last year’s Twins, who hit more home runs than any team in baseball history and scored more frequently than any previous Twins squad, from the version that reports to Fort Myers this week.

Maybe they will be better, maybe worse, Baldelli said, but they will definitely be different.

“Our goal is not to re-create what we did last year. It’s a different team. We want to have our own personality,” he said. “We have a lot of returning faces, but some things have changed, too. We’ll have a different identity, and we have to create that. If you try to be the 2019 Twins, that’s not going to work for the 2020 Twins.”

Maybe not. After all, the Twins’ powerhouse lineup included several hitters enjoying the best seasons of their careers thus far, such as bust-out performers as Mitch



MIKE STOBE/GETTY

Rocco Baldelli received the AL Manager of the Year Award in January in New York. He will face challenges to duplicate that success in 2020.

Garver, Eddie Rosario and Max Kepler. In July, Nelson Cruz will turn 40, well beyond the normal expiration date for a brawny slugger. Miguel Sano will be learning a new position, Luis Arraez trying to follow up a rookie season that ranks with Tony Oliva’s for hitting prowess as a Twin.

Then again, the Twins in the offseason gave the most expensive free-agent contract in their history to a former MVP, Josh Donaldson. And they plan to have Byron Buxton and Arraez for more than a partial season.

“There’s not a team in baseball that doesn’t improve when you add Josh Donaldson to a lineup. He’s a tremendous hitter and a good teammate, too,” Baldelli said. “I’m the lucky manager who gets to write his name on the (lineup) card.”

The Twins feel lucky they have Baldelli doing the writing, said Derek Falvey, president of baseball operations. The 38-year-old former major league outfielder was a great fit when he was hired to guide a rising team, Falvey said, an ex-player who never saw himself as a ruler as much as a facilitator.

“The best part of Rocco is, from Day 1, his view was ‘I know about 5% of what I need to know to do this job well.’ And maybe by the end of the year, he might say he knew 6%,” Falvey said of the easygoing manager.

“I like that people expect us to win. I do, too.”

—Twins manager
Rocco Baldelli

“That’s all I ask of him, and all we ask of anybody — we don’t know all the answers, so let’s ask a lot of questions and see what we can learn.”

What was the best question he asked last year? Baldelli, fresh off a relaxing offseason — he supervised construction of his new home in the southern Rhode Island woods, just a short stroll from the beach, and reconnected with Phish, the rock band that has entertained him for years — is ready with an unpredictable answer.

“I got engaged!” Baldelli said of his November proposal to longtime girlfriend Allie Genoa, a question he posed after hiking 2 miles to the top of Mono Meadow trail in Yosemite National Park. “She was clearly surprised” by his timing, and the couple is planning a wedding next winter.

Surprise was a big part of managing, too, Baldelli said. The most valuable lesson he learned in the dugout, he said, was that he must prepare to be unprepared.

“One of the biggest things is that you really, truly never know what’s ahead. It’s funny, you spend so much of your time in this job trying to think ahead, even though there’s no way to know what’s coming next,” he said, referencing the daily cascade of injuries, roster moves and attention-grabbers. “That was an important thing, maybe not the easiest thing to understand at first — be flexible, take each situation as it

comes and just do your best to make things work, sometimes on the fly.”

Baldelli will have to learn how to operate under some new rules this year, such as having a 26-player roster, or a three-batter minimum for relief pitchers. He will lean on his coaching staff to help him navigate those innovations — but the staff itself has been altered, too.

Derek Shelton, Baldelli’s bench coach and longtime friend, was hired away to be the Pirates manager, while batting coach James Rowson, a light-up-the-room personality, went to the Marlins for a promotion to bench coach. Assistant pitching coach Jeremy Hefner, the only staff member younger than Baldelli, now is in charge of the Mets pitching staff.

In their places, the Twins hired Mike Bell, promoted Edgar Varela and Rudy Hernandez as co-hitting coaches and coaxed Bob McClure out of his advisory role. They replace some of the most outgoing coaches on Baldelli’s staff, and the manager himself is curious about how that will reshape the working environment.

“It will be different, but again, we’re not trying to live last year over again. And when you have really talented baseball guys who are also good communicators, who treat the players and each other like people, treat them with honesty, that’s a good start,” Baldelli said of his coaches. “I’m interested in seeing what this group (of coaches) turns into because there’s no denying the talent.”

He had never met his new bench coach, the brother of Reds manager David Bell, so he invited Mike Bell to Rhode Island shortly after New Year’s for a get-to-know-me weekend. “We had a great time. We talked about everything — recovery, rest, nutrition, strategy, pitching, hitting, everything,” said Bell, who has been in baseball administration, not the dugout, for the past decade. “We just connected. Rocco is a great host, and he’ll be a great boss.”

So the players say, too. “He understands us. He trusts us,” said Garver, who responded with a 31-homer season. “That’s the most important thing a manager can do.”

Baldelli agrees. In fact, the reigning AL Manager of the Year would have you believe a more appropriate award for his work would be Bystander of the Year.

“Really, I and the staff just tried to stay out of the way as much as possible. The goal was just to allow the players to let their ability come out,” Baldelli said earnestly. “We try to help, try to prepare our guys, and that takes many different forms, but ultimately, my job is just to step aside and let them go play their game.”

Nothing to do with him? Hey, Seinfeld was right — this guy is funny.

eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

The reboot, Part VI

With Stefanski and Berry at the helm, the Browns hope this duo can fix franchise's sad-sack image

BY NATE ULRICH | Akron Beacon Journal

Kevin Stefanski and Andrew Berry became acquaintances about 10 years ago when former Vikings coach Leslie Frazier introduced the future leaders of the Browns to each other outside the Battle House hotel in Mobile, Alabama, during Senior Bowl week.

Then they became close last year after Berry backed Stefanski's first bid to become the head coach of the Browns, who hired Freddie Kitchens instead.

Now Stefanski and Berry are partners atop Cleveland's NFL franchise.

The Browns hired Stefanski as their coach on Jan. 12 after Kitchens flopped in his lone season at the helm. Then they brought Berry back by hiring him as their GM on Jan. 27 after he spent a year working for the Eagles on the heels of a three-year stint in the Browns' front office.

The importance of how Stefanski and Berry work together cannot be overstated as it relates to the new regime's chances for success.

"One of the major attractions to returning to Cleveland for me is the opportunity to partner with Kevin Stefanski," Berry said during his introductory news conference. "Kevin and I got to know each other during last year's coaching search and maintained a genuine friendship from that point in time."

"Outside of Kevin's wife, Michelle, there is no bigger believer and supporter of Kevin than me. Kevin and I have a shared vision regarding football philosophy, culture and servant leadership that we think will lead toward success, and that forms the core basis for my excitement for what I know will be a deeper partnership over the next several years."

Berry has final say on the 53-man roster, and Stefanski will be involved in personnel decisions.

It's easy to see what else they have in common.

Stefanski, 37, and Berry, 32, are young and have young children. Stefanski and Michelle have three kids, Juliet, Gabe and Will. Berry and his wife, Brittan, have two sons, Zion and Kairo.

"I'm much older than Andrew," Stefanski said with a laugh.

They're Ivy League graduates and who played defensive back in college — Stefanski safety at the University of Pennsylvania and Berry cornerback at Harvard University.

"I like everything about Andrew aside from the Harvard thing," Stefanski quipped.

They're both committed to using analytics to help make football decisions and united with Browns Chief Strategy Officer Paul DePodesta as a result.

"What makes me confident is just how aligned we are, our shared vision with football, with culture and with servant leadership," Berry said. "Look, success is never guaranteed, but what I can say is we're going to work together, we're going to work hard and we're going to work collaboratively across football operations and our coaching staff as we strive to turn this thing around and develop sustained success."

Berry has intimate knowledge of how far the Browns have strayed from success. They went 1-31 from 2016-17 with former head of football operations Sashi Brown controlling the roster. Berry was their vice president of player personnel at the time, so his return to Cleveland is met with skepticism from plenty of fans.

In John Dorsey's two full seasons as GM, the Browns went 7-8-1 in 2018, with Berry still aboard, and 6-10 in 2019, when Berry was a VP of football operations with the Eagles.

Since Jimmy and Dee Haslam bought the Browns in 2012, Stefanski is the team's sixth full-time head coach and Berry its sixth head of football.

Jimmy Haslam has stressed a dire need for organizational "alignment," and he's banking on Stefanski and Berry delivering it.

Ownership has repeatedly blown up the coaching staff and front office amid power struggles and infighting.

"The way this group will work together ... it'll be distinctly different than before," Haslam said. "(I have) a high degree of confidence. Obviously, Kevin and Andrew are both young. They will have bumps in the road. The NFL is hard, as you all know, but a high degree of confidence that we have the right people in place."

Haslam has claimed to hire "the right people" every time he has made major changes.

But the predecessors of Stefanski and Berry have often lacked a shared vision or have failed to maintain one when losses mount and adversity hits.

"Vision encompasses a couple of different areas," Berry said. "One, how we're actually going to build the team and play the game. Kevin, for instance, on the offensive side of the ball, has talked about his belief in the marriage of the run game and the passing game, how we're going to be quarterback friendly and how we're going to emphasize positions across the roster that really impact the passing game."

"From a cultural standpoint, you've all heard this idea of collaboration and making sure that we get the best ideas and the best perspectives as we make any major decision, whether it's on the roster, on the field or across football operations, so that we can ensure that we're driving the organization towards excellence."

"Then the other piece is how we actually behave and how we treat one another, not just at the senior levels, but the staffs below us and making sure that we're working cooperatively, we're working progressively and, most importantly, we're working hard on a daily basis."

Everything sounds good now, though it's important to remember Stefanski and Berry have never previously worked together. They must prove they can stay in lockstep long term.

There wouldn't have been much guesswork if the Browns had paired Minnesota Vikings assistant GM George Paton with Stefanski. Paton and Stefanski worked together for 13 seasons in Minnesota, and the Browns interviewed Paton twice during their GM search before he withdrew from consideration.

"George is a friend of mine, but I can't say that would have made us more aligned in all football decisions (than Berry and I)," Stefanski said. "(Paton is) a great friend. As it pertains to Andrew, he knows how I think, and we talked about it."

"It's not we're just hoping we're on the same page. We talked about everything under the sun in the last two weeks, our football philosophy, the way we're going to acquire players and just the specifics about how we're going to do all that. We've worked through all that."

Still, there is a perception Paton became the Browns' first choice during the GM search.

"I know a lot was made of George's and my relationship," Stefanski said. "He's a great friend of mine and will continue to be a great friend of mine. But I'll promise you, what was important was getting the right man for this job and for the Cleveland Browns. I think Andrew, again, I couldn't be more excited to work on a day-to-day basis with him."

Of course, Stefanski and Berry are going to say what the Browns and their fans want to hear regarding cooperation and alignment. Whether they practice what they preach is what will really matter.

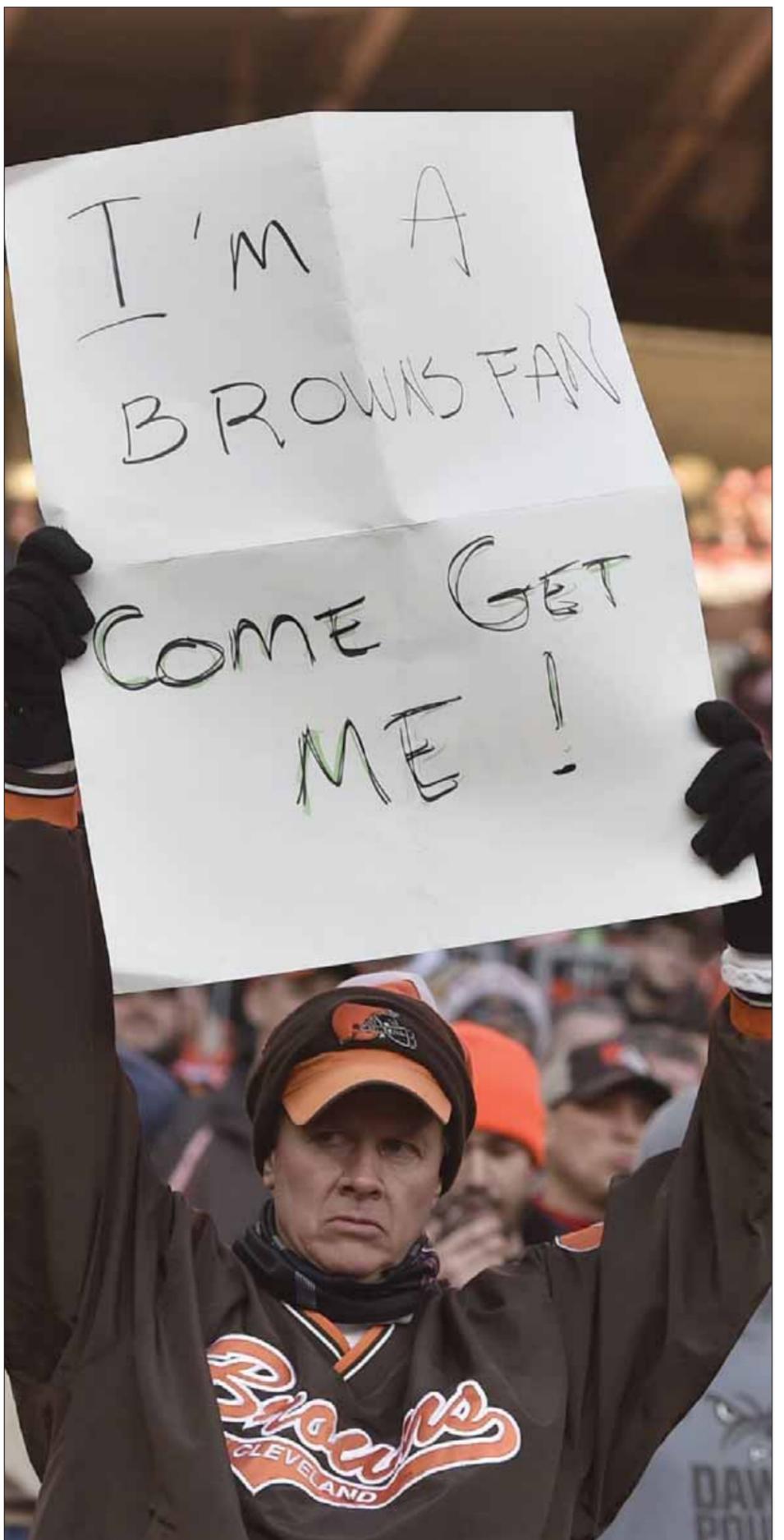
"Those are just words on a page unless Kevin and I drive that down with our staffs and across football operations," Berry said. "We're not naive to the fact that we have to execute on that vision. It can't just be corporate speak or talk."

"It has to be something that we demonstrate in action on a daily basis. We understand that is part of our responsibilities, and that is something we're going to work together to do every day."



TONY DEJAK/AP (STEFANSKI AND BERRY); DAVID RICHARD/AP (BROWNS FAN)

TOP: New general manager Andrew Berry, right, and coach Kevin Stefanski are the latest duo to try and turn the Browns around. **BOTTOM:** A fan lets his feelings be known in the Browns' home finale in December. Cleveland finished with a 6-10 record after adding wideouts Jarvis Landry and Odell Beckham Jr.





RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION

Bong Joon Ho holds the Oscars for best original screenplay, best international feature film, best directing, and best picture for "Parasite."

92ND ACADEMY AWARDS

'Parasite' makes Oscar history



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Talking Pictures

I never thought I'd say this unironically, but I'd like to thank the Academy.

Thank you for picking the South Korean film "Parasite." It was the most vital, most elegant, most unpredictable and best film of 2019, and you picked it.

You picked the best film of the year, the way you did three years ago with Barry Jenkins' "Moonlight" and precious few other times in the 92 years of the film industry's annual company picnic.

You picked it, and not in patronizing, obligatory fashion. You realized Bong Joon Ho's crafty marvel of a social thriller, about one family's furtive, unpredictable entry into another family's universe free from want, deserved the original screenplay award (for Bong and Han Jin-Won), as well as the best director prize, en route to the gratifying surprise at the end.

Everybody knew "Parasite" had the international feature film award in the bag and ready for pickup. But when the "Parasite" ensemble won the Screen Actors Guild prize the other night, it felt like a portent of good things to come.

And they came.

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STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

A large family portrait from 1958 of Marty and Ruth Ginsburg playing with their daughter Jane is featured in the "Notorious RBG" exhibit at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center in Skokie. The exhibit features the "life and times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg."

'Notorious RBG' now an exhibit in Skokie

Supreme Court justice's incredible life on display at Holocaust Museum

BY STEVE JOHNSON

You might have thought there would be a medium that would not, possibly could not, celebrate Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the left-leaning Supreme Court justice whose health is watched more closely than the timer counting to the end of a Peloton workout.

You might have thought that medium would be museum exhibitions, because, well, how? How would you turn the story of a studious Jewish girl who rises through law schools and equal rights advocacy onto the highest court into a set of information and artifacts worth walking through?

You would have been wrong, as "Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg," freshly mounted at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, demonstrates. Joining the Bader Ginsburg books and the Bader Ginsburg movies, the exhibit's tightly organized collection of RBG garments, RBG yearbooks and RBG court arguments and life tales is as inspiring and hopeful as these things get.

It's not only the story of a mid-century woman finding her voice to help other women — and remaining supremely relevant well into the next century. Before becoming the second female Supreme Court justice in 1993, nominated by Presi-



The entrance of the "Notorious RBG" exhibit features a large mural and a seating area similar to the bench where nine Supreme Court justices preside. The exhibit is at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center in Skokie.

dent Bill Clinton and confirmed by a 96-3 U.S. Senate vote, the justice taught law and then practiced it at the highest levels, arguing a series of cases winning equal legal protection for the sexes. On the court, of course, she has transitioned from a consensus seeker to a leader of the dwindling group of non-conservative jurists.

It's also a love story between the justice and her late spouse Marty Ginsburg, an

apparently first-rate tax lawyer who is mostly celebrated here for being an early example of woke husbandhood, a fellow who took infectious delight in appearing in public as Mr. Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

The exhibition is based on the hit 2015 book of the same title. It derived from a viral Tumblr account merging Ginsburg's

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IN PERFORMANCE 'The Boys in the Band' ★★★ 1/2

Grab a drink and join that pre-Stonewall party

Windy City Playhouse sits you in the midst of seminal drama

BY CHRIS JONES

Mart Crowley's "The Boys in the Band," a seminal pre-Stonewall drama from 1968, takes place in an apartment on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. In the new, remarkable, immersive production at the Windy City Playhouse, you start out in the foyer of such a building, staring at pieces of mail bereft on a side table. You press a button for an elevator and one arrives with a doorman. There is some Disney-esque shaking, the illusion of climbing floors, and then the back door opens on an anonymous corridor filled with doors. Where, you wonder, is the gay birthday party to which you hold a ticket?

Walking down that hallway, my mind flashed back to 2013 and Brian Sidney Bembridge's brilliant Chicago design for "A Raisin in the Sun" at TimeLine Theatre. As with William Boles' eye-popping set design for "Boys in the Band," a play set in a single location was opened up. In the case of "Raisin," which often has been staged in spaces so expansive you wonder why the Younger family wants to move, the staging made clear they were exiting a dark, rat-



MICHAEL BROSILOW

Denzel Tsopnang, William Marquez and Ryan Reilly in "The Boys in the Band."

infested building where nothing could grow. But at "Boys in the Band," you don't then take a seat. You are inside a huge, meticulously detailed apartment, drinking vodka tonics with the characters, sitting among them on banquets atop their parquet floors, sharing their chips and dip. As the

evening wears on, you hear the sounds of the Manhattan streetscape, a dull hum as at least some of these men, their internal buzz wearing off, start to stare in the mirror, straight back at themselves.

This is quite a different production from the recent Broadway revival — a star-driven

When: Through April 19

Where: Windy City Playhouse, 3014 W. Irving Park Road

Running time: 1 hour, 50 minutes

Tickets: \$75-\$95 (includes 2 drinks and snacks during show) at 773-891-8985 or windycityplayhouse.com

affair that made sure everyone knew it had cast actors who were gay in real life. The meta intent there, clearly, was to contrast the world in which a gay, male New Yorker found himself in 1968 — a homophobic environment leading to internalized shame and denial — and the hugely successful gay actors performing before you, the stars of middle-America sitcoms, Broadway plays and Hollywood blockbusters. The contrast was so striking as to turn what usually had played as a radically somber piece of realism — the first play, really, to explicitly explain anti-gay policies denied rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness — into a history lesson arguing how far we have come. Broadway invariably adds an optimistic gloss.

On Irving Park Road, there are no celeb-

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RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION

Natalie Portman had the names of women directors embroidered down the front of her cape at the Oscars.

Portman dressed for women's success

Natalie Portman made a statement on the Oscars red carpet, with her Dior cape embroidered with the names of women who directed movies last year — and weren't nominated for the 92nd Academy Awards.

Names on the cape included Lorene Scafaria ("Hustlers"), Lulu Wang ("The Farewell"), Greta Gerwig ("Little Women"), Marielle Heller ("A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood"), Melina Matsoukas ("Queen & Slim"), Alma Har'el ("Honey Boy"), Céline Sciamma ("Portrait of a Lady on Fire") and Mati Diop ("Atlantics").

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences received criticism for failing to nominate any female directors this year. It's unfortunately not an uncommon occurrence; in the history of the Oscars, only five women have been nominated for best director, and only one — Kathryn Bigelow for "The Hurt Locker" — has won. Just one of the best picture nominees was directed by a woman: Gerwig's "Little Women."

The omission has even spawned a special ad campaign by nonprofit Give Her a Break, which featured a livestream of the Oscars that flipped to ads for female-directed films during commercial breaks. Har'el, one of the names featured on Portman's cape, was among those tweeting about the campaign.

It's not the first time Portman has held an awards show to account for snubbing female filmmakers. While presenting the best director award at the 2018 Golden Globes, the actor quipped, "And now, here are the all male nominees," before announcing the names.

— Variety



KEVIN WINTER/GETTY

Found in translation:

Writer-director-producer Bong Joon Ho was onstage a lot Sunday night, giving one acceptance speech after another as his film "Parasite" scooped up Oscars. Beside him each time was Sharon Choi, herself a filmmaker, who has followed Bong as his interpreter throughout awards season. She has given the English translation of Bong's many speeches and interviews, though she doesn't seem to enjoy being in the spotlight: "This is so embarrassing," she said in an interview at the Golden Globes last month when the questions pivoted to her. Bong has high praise: "She's perfect, and we all depend on her," he said in English during the interview. "And she's also a great filmmaker," he added. Choi laughed: "Yes, I want to direct."

Snoop says: Snoop Dogg, who caught heat over the weekend for seeming to have threatened CBS co-anchor Gayle King in an Instagram video post, is now insisting the message was misinterpreted, saying, "I don't want no harm to come to her, and I didn't threaten her. All I did was say, 'Check it out. You out of pocket for what you doing, and we watching you.'" In the video, the rapper-actor criticized King for her interview with Lisa Leslie about the late Kobe Bryant, calling her names before saying: "Respect the family and back off, b---, before we come get you."

Feb. 11 birthdays: Actress Carey Lowell is 59. Singer Sheryl Crow is 58. Actress Jennifer Aniston is 51. Actor Damian Lewis is 49. Singer D'Angelo is 46. Singer-actress Brandy is 41. Actress Natalie Dormer is 38. Singer Aubrey O'Day is 36. Actor Taylor Lautner is 28.



ASK AMY

BY AMY DICKINSON

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Survivor considers confronting bully

Dear Amy: I had a horrific childhood with an alcoholic, violent father who physically beat my mother, sisters and me on a regular basis. I would get so scared I would literally pee in my pants during the beatings because I thought that he would kill me or them — it was that bad.

When I was 9, the sexual abuse started. No one protected me.

When I started the fifth grade, there was a girl who bullied me and beat me up a couple of times. She made my days hellish.

I recently found her on Facebook under a different (married) name.

I am told she is a nice person now, but I wouldn't know, because our paths haven't crossed since the end of fifth grade.

I feel such rage when I see her picture. I want to contact her and let her know about my home life and how horrible she made me feel for an entire school year. I want to say that I never forgot her cruelty and that I am now a grown, successful woman who would "kick her behind."

She caused me so much pain, it is only fair that she suffers for what she did to me. Unfortunately, I start getting anxious. I revert back to the child that was terrified of the bully and my monster father.

My father died suddenly, so I never got the chance to stand up to him.

I don't know if I am a coward or being kind to myself by letting sleeping dogs lie. I would appreciate your words of wisdom.

— Survivor

Dear Survivor: You were victimized by unspeakable abuse during childhood.

Your survival is a triumph.

"Letting sleeping dogs lie" is not the answer, because, for you, the dogs never sleep. These memories still pace and stalk and threaten to pounce.

You need to deal with your rage. Vengeance doesn't quiet rage ... it stokes it. You deserve (and would be well-served by) professional help with a trauma specialist to continue to recover from years of childhood abuse.

Children who bully and violate other children are often reenacting and expressing their own rage. Unless she is a genuinely deranged psychopath, I suggest that the monster who bullied you in school was most likely also a wounded, desperate, degraded child whose twisted instinct was to target the only person she saw who was perhaps more wounded and vulnerable than she.

You are still too close to this, and too triggered, to feel compassion for her.

It might seem like cliché, but you truly need to tend to, love and honor both sides of yourself: the terrified and victimized child, and the fierce and angry survivor.

Becoming a warrior does not mean that you victimize other people, but that you stand up for yourself (and others) and with honesty and integrity.

When you are ready, you could contact this woman to speak your own truth without threatening her, but you're not there yet.

Until then, disengage from her on social media and continue to work on your own recovery.

Dear Amy: You frequently

mention therapy or finding a therapist. Could you offer advice on how to go about this?

I lucked into a great therapist, but she moved away. Since then, I've tried half a dozen therapists and haven't found one who I click with or works for my schedule. I've given up on therapy because starting with a new therapist is arduous, and I've been burned before.

I wonder if others are in a similar position. Your advice?

— C

Dear C: The American Psychological Association offers a helpful database for finding therapists on their website: apa.org (search "psychologist locator"). You can type in your ZIP code and nearby therapists are located with their specialties noted.

Many therapists will connect with clients virtually, using telepsychology. Even though your previous therapist has moved away, she might be happy to provide Skype sessions.

Dear Amy: I have an idea that might help relationships in this divided age.

Each person should watch one hour of the other person's news program each day.

What do you think?

— *Balanced Perspective*

Dear Balanced: Yes, this might help. It might also make both sides of this divide want to set their collective hair on fire.

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MUSIC REVIEWS

Snarling Green Day delivers and Kesha roars in return

BY MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

Green Day recently caught some people unaware. The trio performed at the NHL's All-Star Game in St. Louis, and singer Billie Joe Armstrong dropped some swear words into the mix. NBC had to bleep the band. What did everyone expect?

The trio is older now, but age hasn't blunted the band's urgency. Green Day comes out of the gate, as always, snarling on its latest release, "Father of All" The band may have pulled back on the official title — if you want to know what the ellipses replace, look for the album cover — but the spirit of punk lives on, even if you'll detect some strong rockabilly tendencies.

"Father of All ..." represents Green Day's first album in the Donald Trump era, and the trio's



JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY
Billie Joe Armstrong of Green Day at last month's NHL All-Star Game.

angry, anti-establishment voice has been missed. "What a mess because there's no one to trust," Armstrong screams in the title track. On "Sugar Youth," he warns: "All hell is breaking loose."

It's a lean album, clocking in at 26 minutes. Two of the 10 songs don't even hit the 2-minute mark. Alienation and drug use

'Father of All ...'

Green Day (Reprise/Warner)

run through the album, as do violence and aggressive language. But the vocals sound more distant than when we last heard a crisp urgency to Armstrong delivering such songs as "Bang Bang" in 2016.

Perhaps the best song is "Fire, Ready, Aim," a driving scream about daily outrage. The NHL has bought the song and seems to want it to be the equivalent to the NFL's "Are You Ready for Some Football." One wonders if they really spent time with the lyrics. "Knock your teeth out/ To the ground/ You're a liar," Armstrong sings. Watching this corporate tie between the NHL and punk will be interesting indeed. Someone's teeth are going to end up on the ground indeed.

Kesha's new album starts out on a portentous and soaring note with the singer on the opening song, "Tonight," in full Broadway mode, belting out, "Take me out toooonniighht."

But 40 seconds in, it dissolves into a messy club banger complete with random expletives, crowd screams, a lost phone and the singer high and drunk as she readies to hit the town.

In other words, welcome back, Kesha. "High Road" is Kesha at her wonderfully anarchic, tipsy, profound and goofy best. Few artists can portray themselves as silly, airy party girls and then utterly subvert that very image, all in the same song. "I don't do that dance," she warns us on the new album. "I only do my own dance."



Kesha (Kemosabe/RCA Records)

"High Road" has a complex mix of textures, ranging from the gospel-influenced dance hall of "Raising Hell" with Big Freedia to the somber country of "Resentment" with Sturgill Simpson, Wrabel and Brian Wilson. Kesha can go from quietly singing about a lover's alienation

with a revered Beach Boy to "Birthday Suit," a horny, cornball ditty that uses '80s video game sounds to seduce a lover.

It wouldn't be a Kesha record without some funny recorded vignettes or bizarre songs that are strangely addictive, like the utterly oddball, tuba-led "Potato Song (Cuz I Want To)." That's not to mean she can't drop the zaniness and deliver a devastating emotional punch, as she does in "Father Daughter Dance," a heartbreaking ode to living without a parent.

Another highlight is the sweet "BFF." Pebe Sebert, Kesha's mom, is a co-writer and offers backup vocals. "You build me up/ When I'm feeling low, low, low." That's also what Kesha does best. Welcome back.

Ronnie Marmo loving his stay in Chicago

His one-man show about Lenny Bruce will run into March



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

When Ronnie Marmo first set foot in Chicago last fall to portray Lenny Bruce in his one-man show, "I Am Not a Comedian ... I'm Lenny Bruce," he did not expect to be spending the winter here or sitting atop the Navy Pier Ferris wheel on New Year's Eve watching fireworks with his 12-year-old daughter Rosalie or flying down to Miami to film a starring role in a possible TV series about mobsters or getting to know the guys behind the counter at Mr. Beef.

"I had no idea what to expect here," Marmo said earlier this week, sitting in the Billy Goat Tavern, which he discovered all by himself, with no prompting from me. "They told me the weather was terrifying, that people didn't remember who Lenny Bruce was. But here I am and could not be any happier. Chicago's gotten under my skin for keeps. The restaurants, the theater scene, the people."

It is ever interesting to discover what visitors think of us. Yes, national magazine writers will helicopter in and then tell the world about such local clichés as deep dish pizza. But theater folk have long commented more thoughtfully on the city. Sarah Bernhardt, the 19th century French actress, said "I adore Chicago. It is the pulse of America," and playwright George Bernard Shaw called Chicago "comparatively enlightened town. My plays get good houses there."

Marmo is originally from Brooklyn, grew up in New Jersey and eventually settled in Los Angeles where he had roles in dozens of films and TV shows, and directed dozens more. He founded his own theater



DOREN SORELL

Ronnie Marmo wrote and stars as Lenny Bruce in "I'm Not a Comedian ... I'm Lenny Bruce" at the Royal George Cabaret Theatre on the North Side.

company there and became tied to Lenny Bruce in 2010, when he starred in a play called "Lenny Bruce is Back (And Boy is He Pissed)."

"I enjoyed doing that show but at first I didn't know that much Lenny. There was the legend, the drugs, the legal troubles," Marmo said. "But I felt the need to learn more, to know and experience this man on a deeper level and so I started to dig into his life."

That life ended when Bruce was found dead in his Hollywood Hills home in 1966. He was 40.

From that roller coaster ride "I Am Not a Comedian ... I'm Lenny Bruce" was born and it had successful runs in Los Angeles and New York before coming here.

Marmo arrived with a very strong Chicago connection in the form of Joe Mantegna, who has been from the outset the director of "I Am Not a Comedian." A friend of Marmo's for many years, he is local stage royalty, acting with the Organic Theater Company

where he helped create "Bleacher Bums" before a very successful career on Broadway (he won a Tony Award acting in his friend David Mamet's "Glengarry Glen Ross"), in films and TV. Though he made his home for decades here, he is no fan of our winters and prefers the gentle warm breezes of Los Angeles.

"We always wanted to get this show to Chicago. That's home for me," says Mantegna, who spent some time here before the show opened making the rounds of various TV and radio programs to help promote the play.

It opened in October and was scheduled to close at the end of November. But a stream of favorable reviews caused the box office phone to ring and ring and many tickets to be sold. The Tribune's Chris Jones praised Marmo's "ability to replicate not just Bruce's essential vulnerability, a sweet neediness that made him seek constant relief, but his furious mind, forever fated to rail about the lack of intellectual honesty in America."

Other critics agreed. "I really feel like I was embraced by the critics," said Marmo. "And the audiences have been amazing."

After each performance Marmo stands in the Royal George Theatre lobby, to greet members of those audiences. He's met some local celebrities such as Bonnie Hunt, John Cusack, Chris Chelios, Christie Hefner and others. He has met a few people who claim that they knew Lenny Bruce or saw him perform. "One guy even claimed he did drugs with Lenny," says Marmo.

Lenny Bruce's first visit here came in August 1958 at the bygone Cloister Inn. On subsequent visits — at Mister Kelly's, the Trade Winds, the Cloister Inn again — Bruce often stayed in the home of Leonard Solomon, who owned a Rush Street pharmacy and speculation and rumor had it, supplied Bruce with drugs. Bruce's last visit here took place late in 1962. He was performing at the Gate of Horn when, halfway through his Dec. 5 show he was arrested on charges of

obscurity and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Club owner Alan Ribback was also arrested as was a young comic named George Carlin, who had been performing at the Playboy Club on nearby Walton Street.

Marmo's show does not shy away from Bruce's dark sides. Though he has been clean and sober for more than half his 49 years, Marmo understands Bruce's addictions and gives them stage life in dramatic and unflinching fashion. And some proceeds from the show go to the Lenny Bruce Foundation, which is run by Bruce's daughter, Kitty.

"A lot of people coming to the show know Lenny Bruce from (the Amazon Prime series "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel") and so the crowd is filled with a lot of people under 40 and a bunch of college kids," he says. "And a lot of parents are bringing their own children who are in their 20s."

He is doing five shows a week. He flies back to L.A. regularly to oversee his

theater company, see his daughters (Rosalie and her older sister Brittany from his previous marriage; he remains close to their mother) and update Mantegna, who has not seen the show since it opened.

But Mantegna says, "Obviously I'm delighted with the success of the show, but not overly surprised. I've always felt Chicago is a great theater town and will support that community be it on large downtown stages or the many off-Loop venues that I was so happy to be a part of for many years. I'd like to think Lenny himself would be thrilled."

The show is scheduled to run into March (more at lennybruceonstage.com). "Joe says he comes home for the Cubs games and I know they open here in March so maybe he'll get to the show again," said Marmo. "That would be great for me to still be here. I have never seen spring-time in Chicago and I hear it's terrific."

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RBG

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persona, especially her fierce Supreme Court dissents, with fragments from the late rapper the Notorious B.I.G. Then came the hit 2018 documentary "RBG" and the feature film "On the Basis of Sex." And there are enough RBG tchotchkes in the marketplace — tote bags, bobbleheads, homages to her famous "dissent collar" — to fill a couple of tables in a museum gift shop. And they do.

But not everybody reads, goes to a movie or uses Tumblr so L.A.'s Skirball Cultural Center, a leading Jewish cultural institution, decided to take the book into three dimensions as an exhibit for its galleries, developed in 2018 by curator Cate Thurston with the book's authors Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik (who started the Tumblr). "It's been such a treat to have the book come to life in the form of a museum exhibition — first in Los Angeles, then Philadelphia (at the National Museum of American Jewish History), and now Chicago," Carmon said via email.

"Probably our favorite part is watching people of all ages and backgrounds put on robes and RBG-style collars and sit behind the recreated Supreme Court bench."

In December in Phila-

delphia, she said, "we had the opportunity to give the justice herself a tour of the exhibition. We'll never forget watching her pause in front of the portrait of her mother, who died when she was a teenager, as RBG's favorite opera played, and the footage of her husband and her on their honeymoon in Europe."

The recreated court bench sits outside the exhibit proper. Inside its walls it offers the kind of intimate look at RBG that Carmon alludes to. This comes through in the glimpses of the domestic life: "The Ginsburgs on vacation in the Virgin Islands," says the caption for one family photo.

Marty was the cook in the family, and a whisk he used is on display, right alongside a heartbreaking letter he wrote his wife before his final, 2010 trip to the hospital, where cancer would take his life.

"You are the only person I have loved in my life, setting aside, a bit, parents and kids and their kids, and I have admired and loved you almost since the day we first met at Cornell some 56 years ago," he wrote.

But the exhibit is also packed with top-level takes on key legal cases in the justice's career. It's especially good at laying out the methodical way Ginsburg argued for women's rights in the 1970s as an ACLU lawyer. Part of

her strategy was to bring to the Supreme Court cases where men were being discriminated against due to their sex — because she suspected that might find a more sympathetic ear.

"I don't say women's rights," Ginsburg explains in quote printed large on an exhibition wall. "I say the constitutional principle of the equal citizenship stature of men and women."

You cannot only read but hear Ginsburg herself throughout, in TV interviews and at public programs, not to mention when she took the stage for a guest opera role. And you meet some of her mentors and role models, including the pioneering African American lawyer Pauli Murray.

"We just knew that it was something that would resonate with our audience here and would be a really nice complement to the work that we're doing to ... empower people to use their voices and capacity to create positive change in our world," said Susan Abrams, the Skokie museum's CEO.

Added Arielle Weininger, chief curator, "the exhibition begins with Shelby County v. Holder (the landmark case that stripped voting rights protections), which is where she gained this hashtag Notorious RBG and the Tumblr. And it's the fiery dissent that she gave from the bench in 2013 that really started that



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Large scale photos with iconic quotes are featured throughout the "Notorious RBG" exhibit at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center in Skokie.

When: Through Aug. 16

Where: Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Dr., Skokie

Tickets: Included in \$15 general admission; ilholocaustmuseum.org/rbg or 847-967-4800

change from an older female justice on the court to being this super pop icon."

Indeed, the final sections of the exhibition addresses the emergence of Ginsburg, who'll turn 87 in March, as a pop star, a twist that she has worn gracefully.

"Notorious B.I.G. and I



Visitors to the "Notorious RBG" exhibit may try on black judge's robes and jabots at the Illinois Holocaust Museum.

had something in common," she tells PBS's Gwen Ifill in a clip that shows in this section. "We were both born and bred in

Brooklyn, New York."

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Party

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rities, just vulnerable studies of the difficulty of loving yourself enough to not hurt, and not to call out, your friends, lovers and partners.

The director Carl Menninger has cast the play very deftly, whether it's Sam

Bell-Gurwitz playing Harold, Crowley's most acidic portrait in cynicism, or Denzel Tsopnang playing one of the quietest, deepest feeling men in the room. Three other performances stand out in the party hosted by Jackson Evans' fragile Michael: Jordan Dell Harris, who plays Donald, the character with the greatest chance at happi-

ness, you feel; William Marquez, who plays Emory, the life of the shebang; and, most especially, Christian Edwin Cook, who dives so deep into the closeted, miserable Alan you worry he might never emerge into the light.

Caveats? Well, the size of the space sometimes dissipates the ferocity of the drama as actors have to play

across broad expanses. I'd say that the production would be vastly improved by moving more rapidly; these actors can move the needle yet further to the right without falling into caricature or cliché. And there is no question that you have to understand "The Boys in the Band" in the context of its time. It is inconceivable that a writer

now would pen so much self-loathing into a play, if only for the fear of perpetuating the very stereotype this play wants to erase.

But for the critical thinking soul, for the person who craves to understand who we are and where we came from, the person who sees that hatred still flairs up, inside and out of ourselves? This canonical American

play will always merit revival. And it is, of course, set at a party among (mostly) intimate friends. They are at least trying to have a good time. You'll have one, too, I think, and also feel its sting.

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WATCH THIS: TUESDAY



Nicholas Pinnock

“For Life” (9 p.m., ABC): Curtis “50 Cent” Jackson is among the executive producers on this new legal drama, which was inspired by the life of Isaac Wright Jr., who became an attorney after being wrongfully accused and convicted of being the criminal mastermind of a drug ring. Nicholas Pinnock stars as Aaron Wallace, who becomes a lawyer representing other inmates in their cases while trying to get his own erroneous life sentence overturned.

“The Conners” (7 p.m., ABC): ABC News coverage of the New Hampshire primary — the first in the nation for the 2020 presidential race — will be incorporated into “Live From Lanford,” a special live episode that finds the Conner household watching and commenting on the results. Mark (Ames McNamara) is assigned to watch for a school report, but Harris (Emma Kenney) is convinced that financial influences make real change impossible.

“The Flash” (7 p.m., CW): Barry and Iris (Grant Gustin, Candice Patton) are avidly looking forward to spending a romantic dinner date together on Valentine’s Day, but those plans for the evening are rudely interrupted by the unexpected and unwelcome appearance of Amunet (guest star Katee Sackhoff), a formidable old foe. Frost (Danielle Panabaker) improbably gets into the romantic holiday spirit as well, so she tries to help Allegra (Kayla Compton) reconnect with an old flame.

“Gordon Ramsay’s 24 Hours to Hell and Back” (8 p.m., FOX): A new episode takes Gordon Ramsay and his team to Richmond, Va., to help Southern Kitchen, which specializes in traditional Southern fare. The tight-knit family that owns and operates the place has sunk virtually everything it has into the venture, so a looming bankruptcy threatens to tear them apart.

“Ali & Cavett: The Tale of the Tapes” (8 p.m., 2:55 a.m., HBO): The life and career of boxing legend Muhammad Ali are chronicled from the perspective of his long relationship with Emmy-winning talk-show host Dick Cavett, on whose late-night series Ali appeared 14 times. A friendship spanning more than 50 years grew out of their conversations about a host of meaty topics, including race relations.

“Cherish the Day” (9 p.m., 12 a.m., OWN): Award-winning filmmaker Ava DuVernay (“When They See Us”) created this new anthology drama, which chronicles the relationship between Gently James (Xosha Roquemore, “The Mindy Project”) and Evan Fisher (Alano Miller, “Underground”). The premiere, “Genesis,” introduces the characters as they meet and fall in love in Los Angeles.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Jim Carrey.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Constance Wu; vocal group Backstreet Boys; Skip Marley and H.E.R. perform.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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“Parasite” became the first film in a language other than English to win the best picture award in Oscar history, as well as the first South Korean title. One year after Alfonso Cuarón’s “Roma” lost the top Oscar to a ramshackle, well-acted fraud of a Civil Rights-era buddy act, things have temporarily course-corrected.

Had director and co-writer Sam Mendes’ “1917” won the prize, instead of “Parasite,” I’m sure a lot of folks inside Hollywood’s Dolby Theatre would’ve been perfectly content and reasonably enthused. But the spontaneous roar of joy greeting the ultimate win for “Parasite” didn’t sound like dutiful enthusiasm. It sounded like ecstatic relief — like the right kind of history was being made, for a change, in this country.

In fact, that’s what “Parasite” producer Kwak SinAe said on stage, standing at the microphone, surrounded by cast and crew. “I feel like a very opportune moment in history is happening right now,” she said.

Let’s not be naive about Bong’s splendid domination of the key Oscar categories. “Parasite” is an economic miracle and an international box office smash. Bong made it for roughly \$11 million in U.S. dollars, and the movie has grossed more than \$165 million worldwide. That’s a fine fat profit, and a likely factor in why it got six nominations in the first place. Quality only gets you so far around Oscar time.

But you could hear it building, as you watched the 3.5-hour ceremony, nearly identical to the running time of “The Irishman” (winner of the unofficial “best film to get zero Oscars” award for 2019). The big wins for “Parasite” jacked up the crowd, because something strange was happening right before everyone’s eyes: The right film, the sharpest, most



Chicago filmmaker Matthew A. Cherry directed and co-wrote “Hair Love,” which won the Oscar for best animated short film Sunday.

assured, most intriguing genre mashup, was taking care of business.

As for the rest of the evening, well, you know. Fine, if you could avoid being blinded by the nearly all-Caucasian acting nominees. At least the Oscars had the good sense to recognize the massive talent of Cynthia Erivo (up for the Harriet Tubman biopic “Harriet”), even if she didn’t win for best actress. Erivo, skunked by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts last month, declined an invitation to sing at the BAFTA awards. As she put it, she didn’t appreciate being “thrown in as a party trick.”

On the Oscars, the opening number headlined by Janelle Monáe slipped the knife in, deftly, with costumed dancers evoking conspicuously overlooked non-nominees from “Us,” “Dolemite Is My Name” and others. A strange and wondrous sight: This was auto-critique in real time, as was the rather laborious bit featuring James Corden and Rebel Wilson, in their full “Cats” get-ups, mocking their own flop movie’s cruddy digital effects.

Erivo’s superlative vocal technique lifted the song she co-wrote for “Harriet,” “Stand Up,” to a fierce musical highlight. As for Eminem’s incongruous rendition of “Lose Yourself,” the “8 Mile” song for which he won an Oscar 17 years

earlier, that was more of a splitter. The look on Idina Menzel’s face in the crowd was perfect non-verbal punctuation: *Huh? Wha?*

A couple of galling missteps threw me off, notably Taika Waititi’s adapted screenplay win for his coy Holocaust heartwarmer “Jojo Rabbit” over Greta Gerwig’s remarkable adaptation of “Little Women.”

The acting wins were pretty easy calls this year, with Joaquin Phoenix and Renée Zellweger picking up Oscars for leading actor roles while Brad Pitt and Laura Dern won in supporting categories.

There was a swell local angle to Sunday’s Oscars. Along with Karen Rupert Toliver, Chicago native and former NFL wide receiver Matthew A. Cherry won the animated short film award for “Hair Love,” a beguiling story of a father, a daughter, a morning ritual and the importance of meeting every challenge on its own terms.

Now available online, the movie, Cherry said, was made in part to “normalize black hair.” At the Oscars Sunday was DeAndre Arnold, the Texas high school student recently suspended for wearing dreadlocks.

The acceptance speeches ran a wilder gamut than the plotting of “Parasite.” After a terrific BAFTA speech in London the other night, Phoenix (picking up his best actor

TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 11

	MOVIES									
	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00		
BROADCAST	CBS 2	NCIS: “Lonely Hearts.” (N) © HD		FBI: “Legacy.” (N) © HD		FBI: Most Wanted: “Invisible.” (N) © HD		News (N) ♦		
	NBC 5	Ellen’s Game of Games (N) © HD		This Is Us: “A Hell of a Week: Part Three.” (N)		(9:01) New Amsterdam: “In the Graveyard.” (N)		NBC 5 News (N) ♦		
	ABC 7	The Conners (N) ©	Bless This Mess (N) ©	mixed-ish (N) ©	black-ish (N) ©	For Life: “Pilot.” (Series Premiere) (N) © HD		News at 10pm (N) ♦		
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) © HD		WGN News at Ten (N) ♦		
	Antenna 9.2	It’s a Living	3’s Comp.	Family Ties	Growing	Designing	Murphy	Carson ♦		
	Court 9.3	♦ Closing Arguments (N)		OJ25		OJ25: “A Plaintiff Wait.”		Closing ♦		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (N)		American Experience: “The Fight.” ©		New Hampshire (N)		
	CW 26.1	The Flash (N) © HD		DC’s Legends (N)		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©		
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil © HD		Tamron Hall (N) ©		Steve Wilkos Show (N)		Cops ©		
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett		
H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦			
Bounce 26.5	Daddy Day Care (PG,‘03) ♦♦	Eddie Murphy. ©			Our Family Wedding (PG-13,‘10) ♦♦					
FOX 32	The Resident: “Free Fall.” © HD		Gordon Ramsay’s 24 Hours to Hell (N)		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family			
Ion 38	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds: “200.”		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♦			
TeleM 44	♦ Exatlón EE. UU. (N)		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacífico (N) ©		Chicago (N)			
MNT 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D.: “Endings.”		Chicago ♦			
UniMas 60	Enamorándonos				Noticiero (N)	Sin miedo a la verdad				
WJYS 62	Israel	Paid Prog.	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Dr. T Felder	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.			
Univ 66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno		Rubí (N)		Noticias (N)			
CABLE	AE	The First 48 ©		First 48: Tracking (N)		First 48: Tracking (N)		First 48 ♦		
	AMC	Home Alone (PG,‘90) ♦♦♦	Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci. © (SAP)			Home Alone 2 ♦				
	ANIM	Treehouse Masters: Branched Out (N) ©		Treehouse Masters ©		Treehouse ♦				
	BBCA	Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG,‘09) ♦♦ ©				Night at the Museum ♦				
	BET	♦ (5:30) White Chicks ♦♦		Ray (PG-13,‘04) ♦♦♦	Jamie Foxx, Kerry Washington. © ♦					
	BIGTEN	♦ Basketball	College Basketball: Nebraska at Maryland. (N) ©			B1G Postgame (N)				
	BRAVO	Vanderpump Rules (N)		Vanderpump Rules (N)		Summer House ©		Watch (N)		
	CNN	♦ (4) America’s Choice 2020: New Hampshire Primary (N) (Live) ©								
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ♦		
	DISC	Moonshiners (N)		Moonshiners (N) ©		Guardians-Glades (N)		Moonshine ♦		
	DISN	Zombies (NR,‘18) Milo Manheim. ©		Gabby		Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk’d ©		
	E!	♦ Botched ©	Botched ©		Botched ©					
	ESPN	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Michigan State at Illinois. (N) (Live)		SportCtr (N)				
	ESPN2	♦ Basketball	College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			Basketball				
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News		
	FOOD	Chopped ©		Chopped (N) ©		Chopped (N) ©		Chopped ♦		
	FREE	♦ Sweet Home	The Other Woman (PG-13,‘14) ♦♦	Cameron Diaz. © (SAP)				700 Club ♦		
	FX	Murder on the Orient Express (PG-13,‘17) ♦♦	Kenneth Branagh.			Orient Express ♦				
	HALL	My Secret Valentine (NR,‘18) Lacey Chabert. ©				Walking the Dog (NR,‘17) © ♦				
	HGTV	Love It or List It ©		Unsellable	Unsellable	Rehab (N)	Rehab (N)	Island (N)		
HIST	Digging Deeper (N)		Curse-Island (N)		Project Blue Book (N)		Oak Island ♦			
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic			
IFC	♦ (6) GoodFellas (R,‘90) ♦♦♦♦	Robert De Niro. ©			(9:15) GoodFellas (R,‘90) ♦♦♦♦ © ♦					
LIFE	50 First Dates (PG-13,‘04) ♦♦	Adam Sandler. ©			(9:03) Big Daddy (PG-13,‘99) ♦ © ♦					
MSNBC	♦ (5) New Hampshire Primary: Decision 2020 (N) ©									
MTV	Siesta Key (N) ©		Teen Mom: Young (N)		Ridic. (N)	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.			
NATGEO	Ice Breakers (N)		Life Below Zero: “New Country.” (N) ©				Life Below ♦			
NBCSCH	♦ NBA Basketball: Bulls at Wizards (N)		Postgame		NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Oilers (N)		Basketball			
NICK	♦ (6) Space Jam (‘96) ♦♦		The Crystal Maze ©		Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♦			
OVATION	♦ (6) The Firm (R,‘93) ♦♦♦	Tom Cruise, Jeanne Tripplehorn.			The Natural (‘84) ♦♦♦♦					
OWN	The Haves, Nots		The Haves, Nots (N)		Cherish the Day (Series Premiere) (N)		The Haves ♦			
OXY	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦			
PARMT	♦ (6:30) Beverly Hills Cop (R,‘84) ♦♦♦	Eddie Murphy.			Ink Master (N) ©		Beverly ♦			
SYFY	♦ (6) The Transporter ♦♦		Underworld: Blood Wars (R,‘16) ♦♦	Kate Beckinsale.	Futurama		Conan (N)			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Miracle (N)				
TCM	Peyton Place (NR,‘57) ♦♦♦	Lana Turner, Hope Lange. ©					Bad-Beaut ♦			
TLC	Fat Fabulous (N)		I Am Jazz (N)		Sister Wives		Fabulous ♦			
TLN	Way-Master	Studio 5	Dream Motel	GEN Voices	Life Today	Insights	Humanit ♦			
TNT	♦ NBA Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)		NBA Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)							
TOON	Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy			
TRAV	Ghost Adventures: “Ghosts of Anarchy.” (N) ©				Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost ♦			
TVL	Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King			
USA	♦ Harry Potter and Deathly	The Biggest Loser (N)			Miz & Mrs	Miz & Mrs	Chrisley ♦			
VH1	Wild/Out (N)	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out			
WE	Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law ♦			
WGN America	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©			
PREMIUM	HBO	♦ (5:50) Long Shot (R) ♦♦♦	Ali & Cavett: The Tale of the Tapes			(9:40) The Outsider ♦				
	HBO2	McMillon\$©		The Outsider ©		The New Pope ©		The Town ♦		
	MAX	Leprechaun (R,‘93) ♦♦	Warwick Davis.	(8:35) Halloween (R,‘18) ♦♦	Jamie Lee Curtis.					
	SHO	♦ (6:15) Phantom (‘13) ♦♦		Homeland ©		On the Basis of Sex (PG-13,‘18) ♦♦ ♦♦				
	STARZ	♦ Spider-Man: Far Home		Power: “Exactly How We Planned.” ©		(9:23) Walking Tall ♦♦♦				
STZENC	Outlander: “Savages.” ©		(7:57) Outlander ©		(8:59) Outlander ©		Vertical ♦			

said, to “guide each other toward redemption.” He mentioned also that he’d been “cruel at times” and “hard to work with.”

Once again, the Oscars did without an official host. Yet in the early going, the ideal hosts were *right there*, all four of them, staring all of us in the face and getting some serious laughs. I’m talking about Steve Martin and Chris Rock, and Maya Rudolph and Kristen Wiig. Two double acts, equally fabulous.

Those are your 2021 hosts right there.

This year, more than most, history caught up with the Oscars, and the Oscars had its eyes open. The jokes and speeches were plenty political, because our time is out of joint (thank you, William Shakespeare). If one presenter or awards recipient after another glanced on climate change, or (per Pitt) the John Bolton-free impeachment, well, that’s America right now.

Historical context popped up in the sound editing category. “Ford v Ferrari” won that one. Since director James Mangold’s pricey gamble came out under the 20th Century Fox banner, and Fox is now owned by Disney, as Donald Sylvester said in his acceptance speech: The movie is/was “probably the last film ever made by 20th Century Fox.” Another acquisition, another round of layoffs. Another op’nin, another show.

That’s one example of history, steamrolling the past and erasing part of Hollywood history. But the triumph of “Parasite” symbolizes another.

I really would like to thank the academy; this nearly makes up for “Green Book.”

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 11): Fortune follows your team collaboration this year. Provide planning, research and organization for strength and agility. Winter coordination and strategies lead your crew through tricky waters, to renewed vitality and energy. Shift directions with a winter romance, before celebrating a community triumph. Grow stronger together.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Accept, and offer, assistance. Partnership provides necessary support. Maintain routines and responsibilities. Practice patience. Don't take on more than you can manage by the deadline.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Practice physical and health routines that make you stronger. Demand for your work is on the rise. Focus on one step at a time.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Keep your cool and consider all options. Discuss potential changes first with the ones you love. Don't get hooked by another's complaints. Follow your heart.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Adjust plans for domestic improvements. Research costs and benefits. Put together a working budget. Talk with family and household.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Dig deeper into a favorite subject. Avoid controversy or risky business. Ignore distractions or gossip. Research, write and communicate your views.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Handle financial transactions with extra care. Slow to avoid costly mistakes. Keep a positive attitude and stay in communication, especially regarding payments. Handle basic tasks.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Focus on personal matters. It doesn't need to cost a fortune to upgrade your style. Update your image. Promote conscious optimism. Inspire yourself and others.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 6. Meditate on your next steps before taking them. The decision you make could have long-lasting consequences. Do more research before venturing forth.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. You have more friends than you realized. Strengthen long-lasting bonds and connections. Offer and share support. Forgive small transgressions.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Career matters take focus. New information challenges old beliefs. Navigate disagreements diplomatically. Keep your objective in mind. Social connections can help professionally.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Dive into your studies and research to defend a case or position. What you're learning has practical implications. Use new tools.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. To avoid later trouble, manage finances strictly by the book. Keep things organized with your investments, taxes and legal affairs.

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The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



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Bridge

Neither vulnerable, North deals

North
 ♠ Q 8 7 4
 ♥ A 4 3
 ♦ A 6 2
 ♣ K 7 5

East
 ♠ J 3
 ♥ 10 5
 ♦ 10 9 7
 ♣ Q J 10 9 6 4

West
 ♠ K 6 2
 ♥ K 9 8 7 6
 ♦ Q 8 4 3
 ♣ 3

South
 ♠ A 10 9 5
 ♥ Q J 2
 ♦ K J 5
 ♣ A 8 2

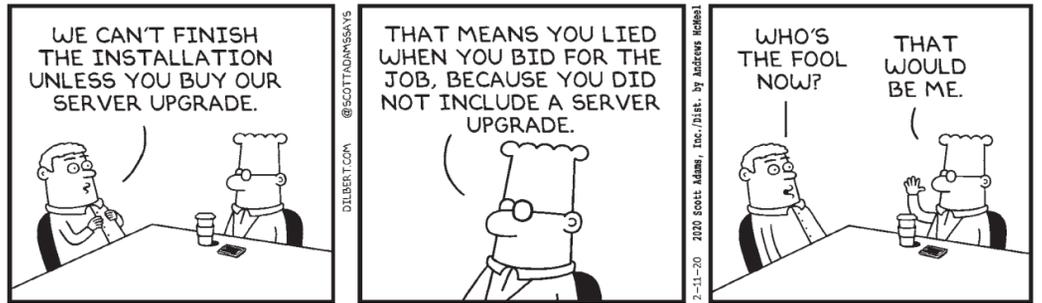
Which contract would you prefer to play on this deal — four spades or three no trump? Three no trump seems easier, as you can afford to lose a trick in each suit. When this deal was played in a team game last year, they played in three no trump at the other table after a three-club pre-empt by East. Declarer mis-guessed spades but got home with a little help from the defense and a well-judged endplay. At this table, Israeli declarer Ophir Reshef had himself an adventure in four spades. There was no pre-empt to guide his play, so he won the opening club lead and led the jack of hearts, successfully running it when West didn't cover. Reshef led a club. West ruffed — perhaps an error — and was endplayed. West exited with the king of hearts, hoping declarer started with queen-jack doubleton. The ace won in dummy. Reshef crossed to his hand with the ace of spades and led a third heart.

East ruffed with the jack of spades and exited with the 10 of diamonds. This ran to dummy's ace. Reshef cashed the king of clubs as West correctly discarded a heart. A spade to West's king forced West to lead a diamond into declarer's king-jack or yield a ruff-sluff. Four spades bid and made!

Declarer, who appeared to have a loser in each suit, lost three spade tricks while never losing a single trick in hearts, diamonds, or clubs.

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Dilbert By Scott Adams



Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman (Zits is on vacation until February 24. Please enjoy this strip from 2015.)



Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



Frazz By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



Pickles By Brian Crane



Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



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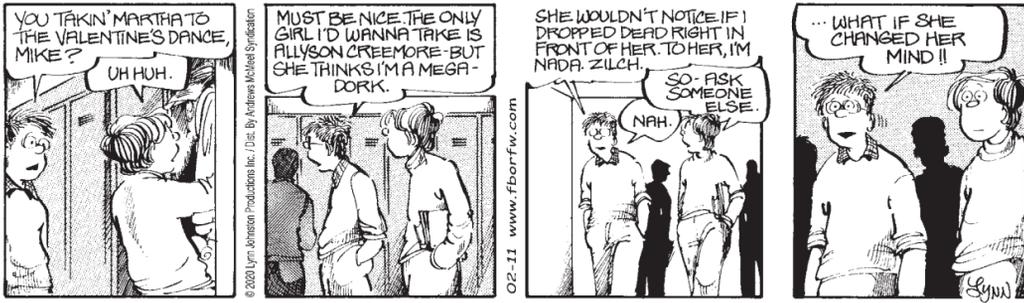
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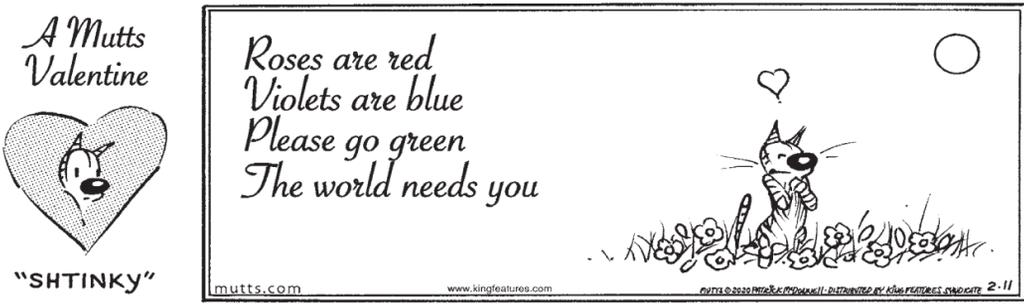
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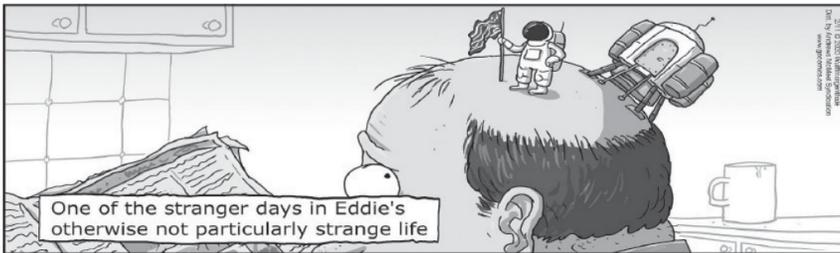
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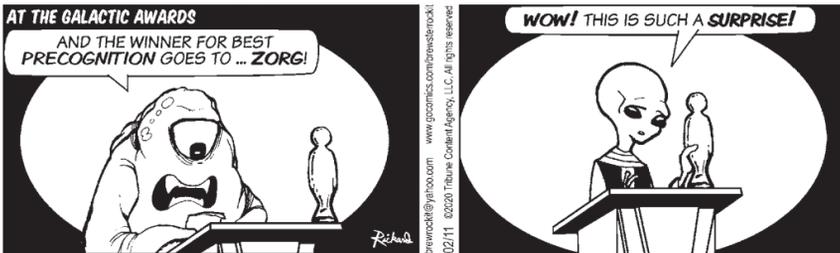
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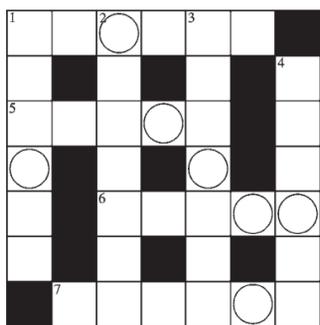
Trivia Bits

Which U.S. state was admitted to the union on Valentine's Day 1912?

A) Alaska
B) Arizona
C) New Mexico
D) Washington

Monday's answer: A paladin is a medieval French knight from the court of Charlemagne.

Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS

1. Silky network
5. ___ place
6. ___ Doubleday
7. Of the same opinion

CLUE DOWN

1. Black ___
2. Good deal
3. Like the T-rex
4. Approached

ANSWER ACROSS

WECBBO
FSRTI
ERBAN
ENTDUI

ANSWER DOWN

FCOEF
GARNBIA
NCXEIT
RDANEE

2-11-20

CLUE: The ___ made its debut in 1957.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○○

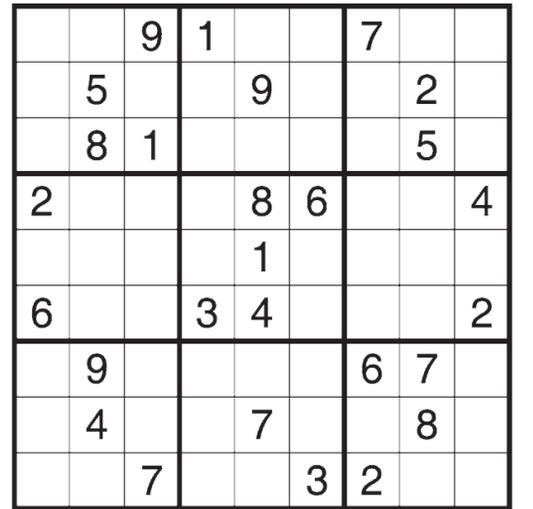
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ANSWERS: 1A-Cobweb 5A-First 6A-Abrer 7A-United 1D-Coffee 2D-Bargain 3D-Friend 4D-Near 5D-Frabe

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

2/11



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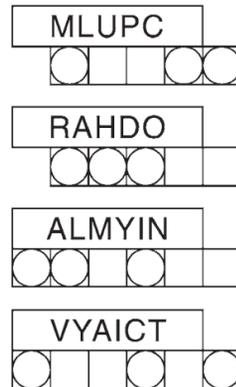
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Monday'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



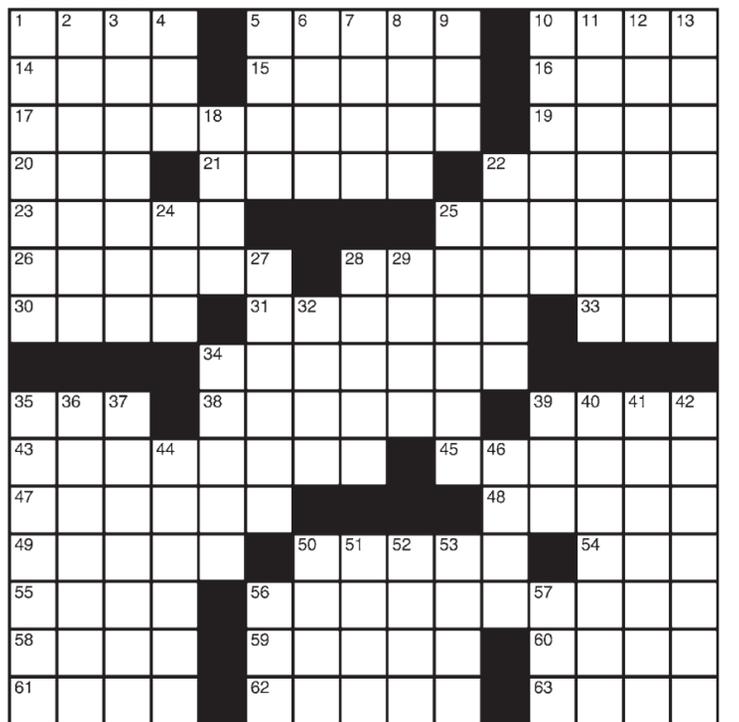
Monday's answers

Jumbles: SLYLY TWEAK SMELLY BISHOP
Answer: When Henry Ford wanted to talk to his workers, he'd have them — ASSEMBLE

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Crossword

2/11



Across

1 Catch sight of
5 Nudged with one's snout
10 Come clean, with "up"
14 Escape
15 Greek marketplace
16 Ski resort near Salt Lake City
17 *Expensive flying option
19 Greenish-blue
20 Egg. Pref.
21 Warning word often preceded by a color
22 Scarlett of Tara
23 Chemical reaction named for its two processes
25 Rhoda's sister
26 ___ of Capricorn
28 *Space for home projects, e.g.
30 Old fast jets
31 Augusta National signature shrub

Monday's solution

USES OKRA EPCOT
LANK FOUL ZORBA
CLAIMFORM PRIOR
ETC ASK AMASSES
RSTLNE ESC
OUTOFFASHION
SCENE SLID EDNA
IRA LATEFEE ELY
NEST NEAT XRAYS
GETINTOSHAP
FOE RECAPS
ROTUNDA RMN TAU
UVULA BREADMOLD
TENAM CIAN ALMS
SINARE SEMI CLAY

Down

1 Serious attempts
2 Thin fragments
3 August birthstone
4 Cry of success
5 Table salt, to a chemist
6 Look at rudely
7 Skyrocket
8 Once, once upon a time
9 Some govt. lawyers
10 Priest's title

33 ___ Titanic: ill-fated ship
34 Of the seventh planet
35 Snake's sound
38 Red wine choice
39 Atomizer output
43 *Collaborative activity
45 1920s-'30s "Blonde Bombshell" Jean
47 Let out, as fishing line
48 Vodka brand, familiarly
49 Group of musical notes
50 Lauder of makeup
54 Auto title ID
55 Word after King or Hong
56 *Payment method being replaced by mobile banking
58 Impulse
59 Prepare, as Parmesan
60 Et ___: and others
61 Bridge "no bid"
62 After, in French
63 Aussie pal, or what can follow each word in the answers to starred clues

11 ___ Roosevelt, first lady for 12 years
12 Celebrity status
13 Respectful bows
18 Curbside cry
22 Like Mindy's alien husband
24 Covert missions
25 Inhalation
27 "The Office" star Steve
28 Without vigor
29 Miscellany
32 Swedish singer Larsson with the Top 20 hit "Never Forget You"
34 Called balls and strikes
35 Snobby
36 Portuguese lady
37 South Seas wrapped garments
39 "The A-Team" actor
40 Randy Newman song played at Dodger Stadium
41 Formally request
42 Hostess sponge cake
44 Joins the flow of traffic
46 "Just gimme ___!"
50 Wild West Wyatt
51 Practice boxing
52 A beret covers it
53 "___ Ter": 1974 hit
56 Tiger Woods' org.
57 Sandwich meat

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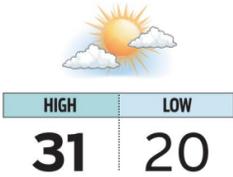
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TUESDAY, FEB. 11 NORMAL HIGH: 34° NORMAL LOW: 19° RECORD HIGH: 70° (1999) RECORD LOW: -14° (1885)

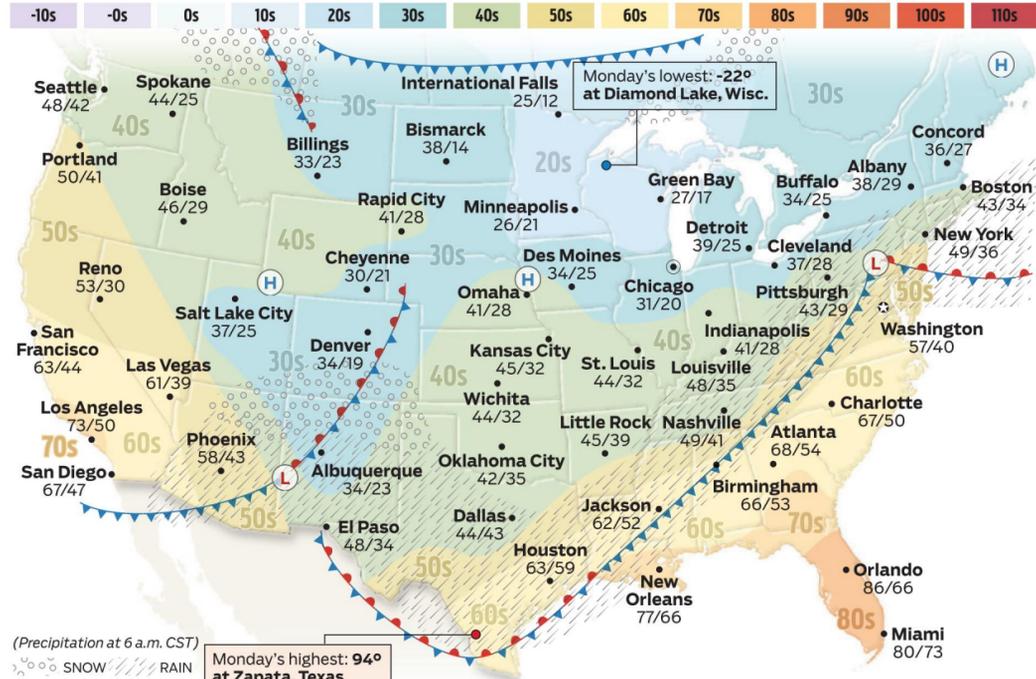
Brief wintry blast expected to arrive this week

LOCAL FORECAST



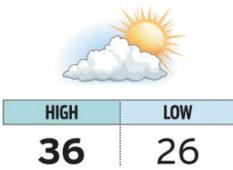
■ High pressure area brings seasonal, tranquil weather.
 ■ Mid-high level cloudiness filters morning sun. Daybreak temps from near 20 W-NW suburbs, to around 30 downtown.
 ■ W-NW winds to 10-20 mph. Push of cold air.
 ■ Generous afternoon sun helps temps reach low 30s, shy of normal heading into mid-February.
 ■ Clear, cold through the evening, then increasing clouds. Overnight temps to mid-upper teens over snow-covered areas W-N of the city. Readings hold in the upper 20s downtown.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Despite having accumulated an average amount of snowfall this February, the month has yet to produce a day with normal or sub-normal temperatures. Chillier air riding west winds will bring readings closer to normal on Tuesday. Low pressure is then forecast to pass to our south and east Wednesday night, raising prospects for accumulating snow. Unlike snows earlier this month, this system is expected to be followed by a brief, but rather strong surge of polar air. Temperatures across Canada's arctic are bitterly cold, with a reading of -42 degrees observed Monday at Cambridge Bay. Sprawling polar high pressure is forecast to build southward into the Midwest Thursday and Friday, tapping into the reservoir of frigid air. Chicago will receive a passing lobe of arctic cold and thawing temperatures are to return for the weekend.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12



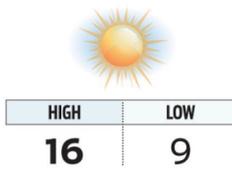
Filtered A.M. sun fades behind thickening overcast. Some snow or flurries possible toward evening, especially W-S of city. Snow may be mixed with rain at onset. Steady, accumulating snow likely at night.

THURSDAY, FEB. 13



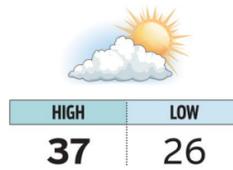
Snow diminishes to snow showers. Additional accumulation likely, especially nearer lake, NW Indiana. Blustery, colder. Temps fall to mid-upper teens by evening. Subzero most areas overnight.

FRIDAY, FEB. 14



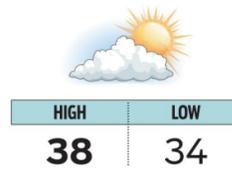
Valentine's day opens bright, but crisp, very cold. Subzero temps at sunrise, climb to mid-upper teens late in the day. Light winds. Fair, not as cold overnight. Temps dip to single digits, then slowly rise.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15



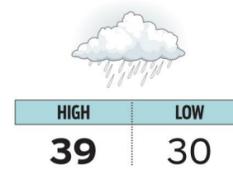
Windy and milder. Clouds thicken, leading to a chance of some late day snow or flurries. S-SW winds increase to 20-30 mph, raising temps to the mid-upper 30s. Not as cold at night. Lows stay in 20s.

SUNDAY, FEB. 16



More clouds than sun. Mild for the season, as temps slowly rise to the upper 30s. Rain becomes increasingly likely overnight. S winds 15-25 mph become SE.

MONDAY, FEB. 17



Cloudy and rather dismal. Mild, but with low clouds and occasional rain/drizzle. Temps again reach the upper 30s. S winds 10-15 mph shift N-NE. Mostly cloudy, turning a bit colder during the night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 Last December we logged a high of 61 on Dec. 26. Since weather records have been kept in the Chicago area, how often do we reach 60 degrees or higher in the days around Christmas? It must be rare. Thanks.
 Stephen Verhaeren
 Palos Park

Dear Stephen,
 It is rare, indeed. Chicago weather historian, Frank Wachowski, checked the archives for the Dec. 22-28 period dating back 1870 and found that temperatures have reached at least 60 degrees in only six years. The run-away winner was the spectacularly warm, December 1982 with five days — 62 on Dec. 23, 62 on Christmas Eve, 64 Christmas Day, 61 on Dec. 27 and 65 on the 28th. Five other years have logged just one day — 2019, 2001, 1984, 1946 and 1889. The highest reading recorded during this period was 69 degrees on Dec. 28, 1984.

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Brief arctic blast to follow Wednesday night/Thursday snow

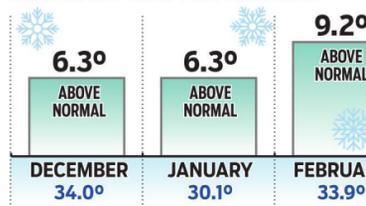
CHICAGO PRECIPITATION PROBABILITIES



METEOROLOGICAL WINTER 2019-2020

Since December 1
 ■ 60 of past 72 days—at or above normal
 ■ 83% of winter days to date—at or above normal

WINTER 2019-2020 TEMPERATURES



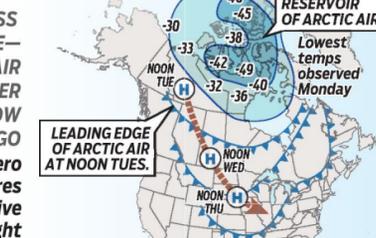
SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

WINTRY STORM SYSTEM THREATENING CHICAGO LATER WEDNESDAY INTO THURSDAY



ARCTIC AIR MASS IS ON THE MOVE—SURGE OF POLAR AIR TO DELIVER A GLANCING BLOW TO CHICAGO

Sub-zero temperatures to arrive Thursday night



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CHICAGO DIGEST

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	30	22	Midway	36	27
Gary	37	29	O'Hare	39	26
Kankakee	34	26	Romeoville	36	26
Lakefront	35	27	Valparaiso	35	29
Lansing	33	28	Waukegan	35	24

PERIOD	0.00"	NORMAL
Mon. (through 6 p.m.)	0.20"	0.06"
February to date	0.27"	0.53"
Year to date	3.07"	2.26"

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Mon. (through 6 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	21.7"	19.9"
Normal to date	23.9"	25.1"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Wind	WNW 20-30 kts.	SW 10-20 kts.
Waves	3-5 feet	1-3 feet
Mon. shore/crib water temps	38°/37°	

U.S. SNOW COVER	FEB. 10	2020	2019
Area covered by snow	37.2%	42.1%	
Average snow depth	4.7"	5.2"	

TRACKING THE COLD	SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	19 days	16 days	
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days	

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Monday's reading	Good
Tuesday's forecast	Moderate
Critical pollutant	Particulates

BEST VIEWING/SET TIMES

Sun	6:52 a.m.	5:17 p.m.
Moon	8:25 a.m.	8:37 a.m.



TUESDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:34 a.m.	6:52 p.m.
Venus	8:34 a.m.	8:53 p.m.
Mars	3:40 a.m.	12:43 p.m.
Jupiter	5:00 a.m.	2:11 p.m.
Saturn	5:37 a.m.	3:02 p.m.

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