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Dem race takes turn to diverse primaries

2020 hopefuls plot paths forward after Iowa, NH contests

BY BRIAN SLODKO,
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential candidates plotted their paths Wednesday into state primaries now expanding to include more voters of color, while the party's establishment braced for a long and increasingly uncertain nomination fight ahead.

Sen. Bernie Sanders' win in the New Hampshire primary set off a new round of strategizing among moderate party stalwarts searching for a way to knock the Vermont independent off course. Former Vice President Joe Biden made a personal appeal to donors nervous about his dismal showing in the first two contests, while Sen. Amy Klobuchar hustled to take advantage of a burst of momentum and money. Pete Buttigieg, second to Sanders in New Hampshire and slightly leading in delegates, made a pitch to pull crucial union members away from the progressive senator.

"This is far from over, and this is going to be a pretty extended process," said Jim Margolis, who advised California Sen. Kamala Harris' defunct campaign.

The race rolls ahead to Nevada, which holds a cau-

1 case may jeopardize any double jeopardy bid

1997 ruling stands in way of Smollett voiding new charge

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
AND JASON MEISNER

At first blush, the criminal cases against Jussie Smollett and Harry "The Hook" Aleman would seem to have little in common.

One involves a minor celebrity who gained international notoriety for allegedly staging a hoax hate crime on himself. The other was a shadowy Outfit enforcer who twice stood trial for the 1972 gangland slaying of a union steward.

But even though Aleman's decidedly more serious case unfolded decades — and worlds — apart from Smollett's, it now provides an intriguing look at the legal pathway prosecutors might use to block Smollett's attempts to get the new charges against him thrown out of court on double-jeopardy grounds.

And linked to both cases is the same Cook County judge — Michael Toomin.

In 1997, Aleman became the first defendant in U.S. history to be retried on murder charges after having been acquitted at trial. In a landmark decision, Toomin ruled that the Constitution's double-jeopardy protec-

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People facing felony charges wait in a holding cell at Cook County Jail for their initial appearance in bond court.

Bail reform analysis based on flawed data

Murders, other violent crimes minimized in chief judge Evans' report

BY DAVID JACKSON, TODD LIGHTY AND GARY MARX

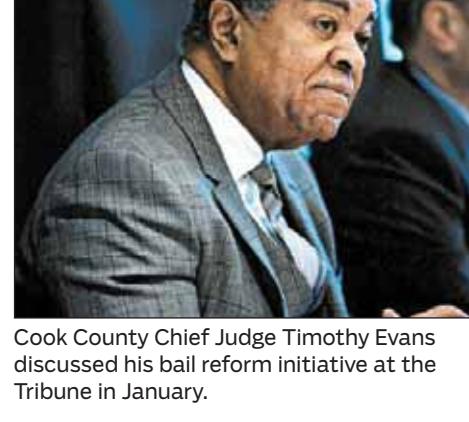
Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans for months has defended the bail reform he ordered by citing an analysis produced by the office he runs.

His report, released in May, noted that Chicago saw no increase in violent crime after judges began implementing those reforms by reducing or eliminating monetary bail for many pretrial defendants. Far more of these defendants were released from custody, yet only "a very small fraction" were charged afterward with a new violent offense, the report states.

But a Tribune investigation has found flaws in the data underlying Evans' report as well as the techniques he used to analyze it — issues that minimize the number of defendants charged with murder and other violent crimes after being released from custody under bail reform.

One central conclusion of Evans' analysis was that only 147 felony defendants released from custody in the 15 months after bail reform went on to be charged with new violent crimes, or 0.6% of the total. He has called this a "rare" occurrence.

But Evans' definition of violent crime, while acceptable to criminologists under some circumstances, was limited to six offenses and excluded numerous others, including domestic battery, assault, assault with a deadly weapon, battery, armed



Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans discussed his bail reform initiative at the Tribune in January.

violence and reckless homicide.

Hundreds of these charges were filed against people released after bail reform took effect, according to data Evans provided after the Tribune filed a public records petition to the Illinois Supreme Court. If those charges were included in the analysis, the total would be at least four times higher, the Tribune found.

The report's underlying data also was flawed in multiple ways that led to an undercount of murders and other violent crimes allegedly committed by people out on bail.

In one example, the Tribune identified 21 defendants who allegedly committed murder after being released from custody in the 15 months after bail reform. Evans' report said there were three.

Among the reasons for that disparity:

■ Evans' analysis included only those defendants whose initial charge was a felony; it excluded those charged with a misdemeanor, which is far more common. Five of the murder defendants found by the Tribune had bonded out of jail on misdemeanor charges. Four of them had past felony

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IN '73 ALL-STAR GAME, A ROOKIE CITY



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Walt Frazier, of the New York Knicks, stretches for a loose ball in front of Los Angeles Lakers guard Jerry West during the 1973 NBA All-Star Game at Chicago Stadium.

Jordan starred when Chicago last hosted NBA's best, but 1st time was different era

BY PATRICK M.
O'CONNELL

The last time Chicago hosted NBA All-Star festivities, in 1988, the Bulls' Michael Jordan famously soared from the free throw line in the dunk contest. The next night, he scored 40 points to win the game's most valuable player award in front of a jubilant hometown crowd.

The first time Chicago hosted basketball's brightest stars, however, has likely been forgotten by all but the heartiest of hoops fans. It was 47 years ago, on a Tuesday night toward the end of January, that the city first welcomed the NBA's star-studded affair to the Sears Tower.

Now the NBA festivities unfurl over several days with fan events — a celebri-

ty game, dunk and three-point shooting contests — before the stars even take to the court for the game. But the 1973 contest at Chicago Stadium was a mere blip on the radar of the sports and cultural calendar.

That same day, Jan. 23, 1973, President Richard Nixon addressed the nation to announce a peace accord with the North Vietnamese. The nation paid tribute to former President Lyndon Johnson, who died the day before.

Baseball fans were wrapping their heads around the newly approved designated hitter rule for American League teams. And completion of the Sears Tower was still several months away.

The All-Star Game — as it will be this weekend at

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Trump flexes power after acquittal

A fully emboldened President Donald Trump is demonstrating his determination to assert an iron grip on government. **Nation & World, Page 10**

Police superintendent shortlist

Sources say a roster of candidates for Chicago's top cop has been whittled down to a handful, including Aurora's chief and a former Dallas chief. **Chicagoland, Page 5**

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The Art Institute has acquired a huge Tiffany stained glass church window that it will display prominently and is predicting will become a "museum icon." **A+E**

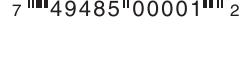


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Establishment Democrats are in hysterics in the wake of the victory in the New Hampshire primary by Bernie Sanders. TIMOTHY A. CLARY/GETTY/AP



JOHN KASS

Oh, for the love of Mike: Dems feel Berniephobia

Bernie Sanders' victory in New Hampshire has driven the Democratic Party establishment into mass hysterics.

Now they rush to embrace multi-billionaire Mike Bloomberg, the former Republican mayor of New York City, to save them from President Donald Trump.

Bloomberg is buying this thing.

They're afraid of young people voting. But if they want a "moderate," they've got Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, who came in third in New Hampshire, beating former can't-miss candidates Sen. Elizabeth "Pow Wow Chow" Warren and former Vice President Joe "Dead Man Walking" Biden.

"Lying dog-faced pony soldier!" shouts Joe "Dead Man Walking." "No malarkey!"

This has been too much for him.

Mayor Pete came in second to Sanders. He's calm and says nothing, with elegance. But he might be too calm, bordering on the Manchurian. He never sweats. Don't other Mayor Pete models come from the factory with lifelike pores?

"Hello, America! I'm Amy Klobuchar and I will beat Donald Trump," Klobuchar told a crowd of her cheering supporters in New Hampshire. "My heart is full tonight. ... We have beaten the odds every step of the way."

Yes, Amy, you did.

If Bloomberg really wants to get rid of Trump, Mike should just climb down off that little box of his and give \$300 million or so to Klobuchar.

She's not perfect. And there's that business about Klobuchar eating a salad with a comb. I hope she doesn't like chunky blue cheese dressing.

But politics is all about matchups. She's smart, she's got personality. Against Trump, she could win.

The Democratic establishment isn't listening. It's too busy panicking over Bernie.

The establishment talks about finding "moderates" to combat Bernie's socialism, but get real. There are no "moderates" in the Democratic Party. John Kennedy couldn't get the nomination from today's Democrats. They've all moved far to the left.

And any who haven't, like pro-life Democrats, have been hunted to extinction. They're exceedingly rare, like the white-rumped vulture or the

Bornean orangutan.

David Attenborough should narrate a nature documentary and open with Illinois Democrat U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski having morning tea after Mass:

"As you can see, Lipinski sips his tea rather calmly, unaware he's being hunted by woke warrior priestesses who are determined to take his head and shrink it."

The real reason establishment Democrats are in hysterics over Sanders is this: If he wins, he won't let them control things.

That terrifies them. But they don't say that.

Instead they use "Fear of Bernie" and "Fear of Trump" interchangeably, which, sadly, is what people do when in the grip of mass hysteria.

This is what happens when human beings flee from reality — like many did after Trump's 2016 victory over Hillary Clinton — and seek refuge by constructing intricate fantasy mind palaces.

What's extremely dangerous is if you're in a mind palace alone with Adam Schiff. You stare into his bulging eyes and can't help but believe him when he insists that he's got evidence Trump colluded with Russia, and that Trump will be impeached. The eyes grow larger, the stories more fanciful.

But when reality intrudes, as it always does, and you realize Schiff offers nothing but his charm, the mind palaces collapse. And panic ensues.

This *collective obsessional behavior*, is, according to scientists, "a phenomenon that transmits collective illusions of threats, whether real or imaginary, through a population in society as a result of rumors and fear."

So wrote the author of "Witchcraft and Mass Hysteria in Terms of Current Psychological Theories." Or perhaps it was Robert E. Bartholomew, who in 2001, presaging the Fear of Bernie, wrote "Little Green Men, Meowing Nuns and Head-Hunting Panics: A Study of Mass Psychogenic Illness and Social Delusion."

Whatever. They were both mentioned on Wikipedia in the footnotes. Did you read their books? I didn't.

There are many examples, including that nun in the Middle Ages who began to meow like a cat, and soon all the sisters of the convent were meowing too.

Or the infamous dancing plague of 1518, which bedeviled Strasbourg as "numerous" people began to dance, uncontrollably, without stopping for weeks. Some died of heart attacks.

The last one was just a few years ago, the Evil Clown Panic of 2016. Americans began reporting having seen random clowns and being scared to death.

Something else happened in 2016. What was it again?

In 2020, the Fear of Bernie manifests itself in Media Adulation of Mike.

To puff up Bloomberg, Democratic establishment scribes sing his praises, including Thomas Friedman of The New York Times.

In "Paging Mike Bloomberg," a gushing column full of childlike yearning for a political savior, Friedman searches for the right candidate to defeat Trump and save us.

"And this candidate knows how to get stuff done — he can fight this fire at the scale of the fire. His team has for years used social networks to promote progressive issues to centrist and conservative audiences. He won't cede the internet/Facebook/Twitter battlefield to Trump's team, who are killers in that space."

"And this candidate is now rising steadily in the polls. This candidate is Michael Bloomberg. This candidate has Trump very worried."

Bloomberg must have loved it. But at the end of the pro-Bloomberg column of gushing praise, there was this from Friedman:

(Disclosure: Bloomberg Philanthropies has donated to Planet Word, the museum my wife is building in Washington, to promote reading and literacy.)

Shouldn't that have been the headline, before the Bloomberg gushing commenced?

If I did that in the Chicago Tribune and gushed over a politician who gave money to my wife, I'd be fired.

They're so irrational. It's that fear, the Fear of Bernie, that compels them, for the Love of Mike.

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On love vs. rules, some parents opt to wade in



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Balancing Act

How's this for a study in adulting contrasts? (Do people still say adulting?)

In Poth, Texas, high school student Newt Johnson, 16, was threatened with suspension if he didn't cut his hair, which violated the student handbook by extending "beyond the ear opening on the sides (and) beyond the top of a dress shirt collar in the back."

Newt was growing his hair long to make a wig for his 11-year-old sister, Maggie, who has a rare autoimmune disease called granulomatosis with polyangiitis. She's being treated with chemotherapy, which makes her hair fall out.

Newt opted to withdraw from school rather than cut his hair. His parents say the principal knew their son was growing his hair out to donate to his sister, but he still sent Newt home when he returned to school with long hair after a warning. He's now being home-schooled.

"If he's got his mind made up and that's what he believes then that's what he can do," Alan Johnson, Newt's dad, told NBC News. "I'm proud of him ... it's disappointing it's come to this. No one wants something like this to happen. But he loves his sister so much, he's made up his mind he's going to help her."

Also this week, retired NBA star Dwyane Wade appeared on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" to discuss his 12-year-old's gender identity.

"We are proud parents of a child in the LGBTQ+ community, and we are proud allies as well," Wade told DeGeneres. "We take our roles and responsibility as parents very seriously. So when a child comes home with a question, when a child comes home with an issue, when a child comes home with anything, it's our job as parents to listen to that, to give them the best information we can, the best feedback we can. And that doesn't change because sexuality is now involved in it."

Wade has a history of defending his child from critics who fear



MICHAEL REAVES/GETTY 2019

"We are proud parents of a child in the LGBTQ+ community, and we are proud allies as well," says Dwyane Wade, seen here with one of his children.

If I ruled the world, I'd toss hair length requirements out of every student handbook. They're antiquated, arbitrary and pointless.

or resent any bucking of strict gender norms. On Tuesday, on "Ellen," he doubled down.

"Zion, born as a boy, came home and said, 'Hey, I want to talk to you guys. I think going forward I'm ready to live my truth. And I want to be referenced as she and her. I would love

for you guys to call me Zaya,'" Wade said. "And so internally that was our job to go out and get information, to reach out to every relationship that we have. ... We just tried to figure out as much information as we can to make sure we give our child the best opportunity to be her best self."

Wade said his wife, actress and author Gabrielle Union, reached out to the cast of "Pose," an FX series about New York City's LGBTQ and gender-nonconforming ballroom scene in the '80s and '90s, for guidance.

What a gift. For Zaya, but also for the rest of us following along at home.

Imagine if more adults took an approach like Wade's and Union's, an approach like the Johnsons', when they're entrusted with the privilege of guid-

ing and growing young people: *This is new to me. It goes against some norms. Let me start from a place of trust and look at the whole picture and educate myself the best I can. And then let me act.*

Imagine if Newt Johnson's principal took that approach. Imagine if DeAndre Arnold's did. Arnold's school threatened to suspend him and bar him from graduation if he didn't cut his long hair. He transferred schools. (He also went to the Oscars with Wade and Union, who produced the Oscar-winning animated short, "Hair Love.")

If I ruled the world, I'd toss hair length requirements out of every student handbook. They're antiquated, arbitrary and pointless. They leave too little room for cultural diversity and creative expression. They're rooted in

gender expectations that feel hopelessly outdated in 2020.

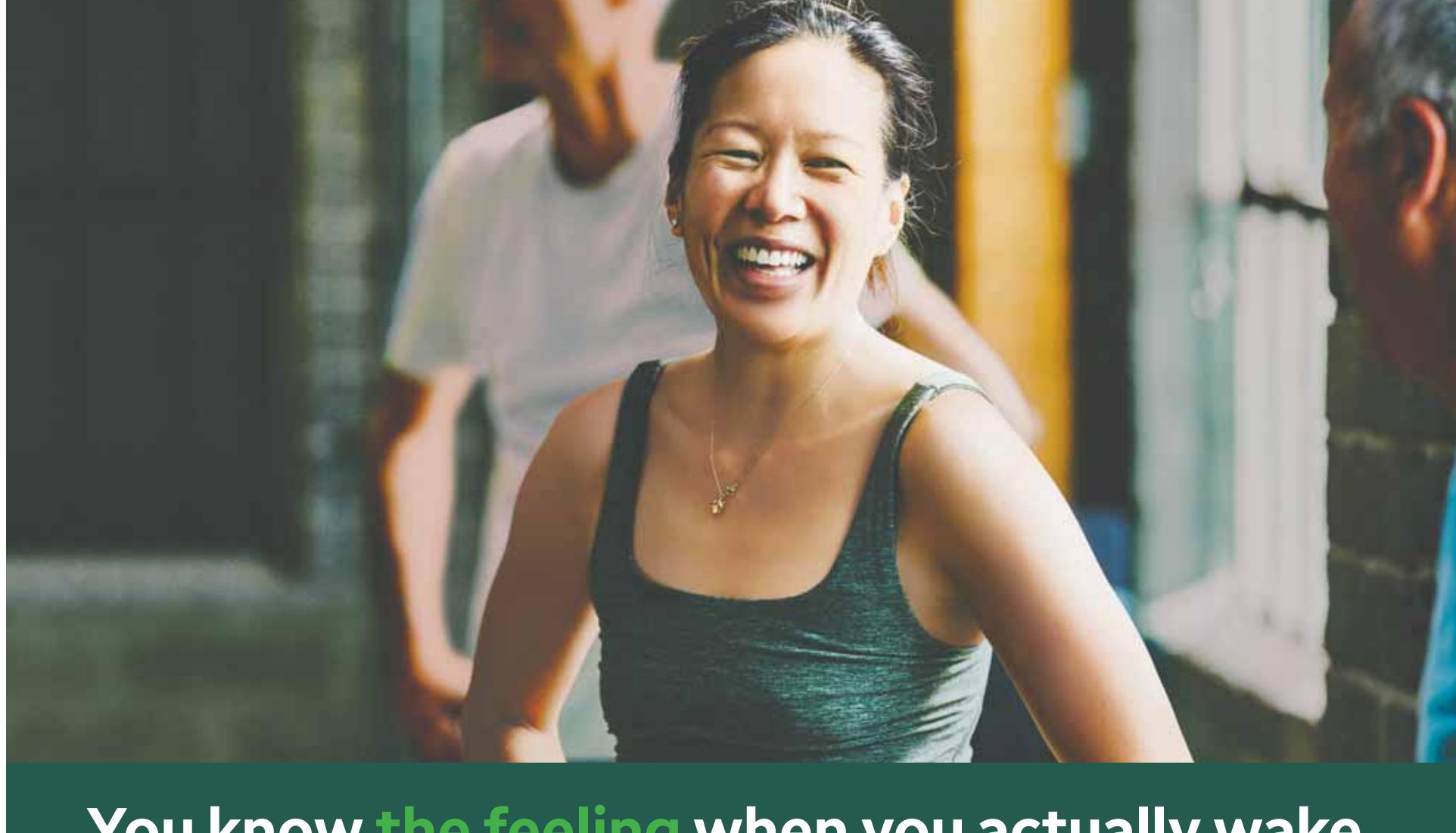
But I don't rule the world. (To the relief of many.) So I'll just sit in my corner of it and collect little pearls of wisdom and parenting pointers and examples of glowing, all-encompassing, loving goodness. And then try to emulate them in my own life.

Thanks, Newt's parents. Thanks, Zaya's parents. A lot of us are watching and learning and applauding. And our kids are better for it.

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CHICAGOLAND

Smollett charges, Foxx's fumble fit fact-averse world



Rex W. Huppke

The case against Jussie Smollett — which now, thanks to a special prosecutor, is actually a case again — fits nicely into this moment in our history.

We're living in a Golden Age of transparent malfeasance, with things happening locally and nationally that appear so obviously dishonest that they force us to stop and ask: "Am I missing something? This seems almost *too* clearly wrong."

What a time to be alive. Unless you're Mr. Smollett, who now faces what seems like a well-deserved six counts of disorderly conduct for allegedly making four separate false reports about what he told police last year was a racist and homophobic attack on himself.

Smollett's claim of an attack — which he alleged was at the hands of supporters of President Donald Trump — twisted Chicago in knots. A high-profile, black and openly gay actor detailing a hate crime on our city's streets. It was jarring.

But something about it seemed off from the jump. The crime happening in the diverse and upscale Streeterville neighborhood didn't make sense. The details of the alleged attack — a noose around Smollett's neck, a chemical splashed on him, attackers shouting Trump slogans — almost seemed scripted. The "Empire" actor didn't want to turn over his cellphone data to help with the investigation. There were cameras everywhere, but none picked up the crime.

Doubt about the validity of Smollett's claims sunk in, but they were countered by the incredulous question: "Why would a famous person concoct such an obviously dodgy story?"

The Chicago Police Department thoroughly investigated the case, eventually concluding it was a hoax. Smollett was charged with 16 counts of disorderly conduct, and it seemed we could put the whole weird mess behind us.

But then the Cook County state's attorney's office, with Kim Foxx at the helm, swooped in.

The charges against Smollett were dropped. Just like that. There was no satisfactory explanation. No new evidence was presented. Nothing.

One day Smollett was charged with fabricating an outlandish tale of a hate crime committed by Trump supporters, the next day he was free to go. So was there actually a crime? If so, was that being investigated? Or did he just make it up? Did the state's attorney's office still believe the Police Department's investigative work?

And what about Foxx's revelation that Michelle Obama's former chief of staff asked her to contact a member of Smollett's family

early in the investigation? It looked like such an obvious case of a famous person getting preferential treatment that it made me think, "Can this really be as dodgy as it seems? Why would a person trying to do something dodgy make the dodgy thing she's doing look so obviously dodgy?"

Which brings us to the key part of the statement special prosecutor Dan Webb released Tuesday announcing the new charges against Smollett.

It's this sentence: In the state's attorney's office, "decision-makers overseeing the Smollett resolution decision have not identified any new evidence they learned of between the time of indictment and dismissal of the indictment that changed their view that the evidence against Mr. Smollett was strong."

That has been one of the primary questions throughout this farcical case: What changed and led prosecutors to drop the charges?

The answer, according to Webb's investigation thus far, is that nothing changed.

So he believes the alleged attack — the one that sounded exactly like what you'd expect a fake attack to sound like — was, indeed, a fake attack.

And thus it would appear that the state's attorney's office's decision to drop the charges in a way that seemed utterly dodgy was, in fact, pretty darn dodgy.

Sound stupid? That's because it is. But what makes me the most angry about this case and other recent high-profile examples of thinly disguised wrongdoing (looking at you, current occupant of the White House) is they presuppose that *we're* stupid.

Foxx responded to the new charges against Smollett, and to Webb's claim that he has "obtained sufficient factual evidence to determine" that he disagrees with how Foxx's office resolved the case, by saying: "What's questionable here is the James Comey-like timing of that charging decision, just 35 days before an election, which can only be interpreted as the further politicization of the justice system."

Oh, c'mon! A baseless accusation that a special prosecutor is politicizing the justice system is — in and of itself — politicizing the justice system.

We must now hope the justice system functions properly, determines, at long last, Smollett's guilt or innocence and explains what really happened that night in Streeterville.

And, with an election coming up, we must hope voters determine whether Foxx's handling of this ridiculous case should get her voted out.

I think it should. But I have this crazy belief that if the people we're supposed to trust are going to lie to us, they should, at the very least, be smart enough to make us think they're honest.

Is that really too much to ask?

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Lake Michigan's waves batter an area where Fargo Beach is not visible in Rogers Park after storms hit Chicago last month.

Shielding of shoreline waits as feds delay cash for study

Lack of funding by Corps of Engineers irks local legislators

By MORGAN GREENE

Chicago will have to wait at least another year for a study that could kick-start long-term shoreline protection.

A report reevaluating the Chicago shoreline was not funded in the Army Corps of Engineers' 2020 work plan. With lake levels expected to remain high, boulders enveloping beaches, conditions exacerbated by climate change and residents wondering what to do as water creeps up to their homes, the study could have begun a yearslong process to guard sections of the shoreline jeopardized by erosion.

Last week, Mayor Lori Lightfoot called recent damage from high waves and flooding "climate change in action right here in our city" and requested that the Federal Emergency Management Agency declare a lakefront emergency.

The mayor's office released a statement Tuesday that said the shoreline is "being decimated" by the lake level and recent storms, like those in January that caused \$37 million in damage in Chicago and Cook County, and expressed disappointment at the study's delay.

"While we have worked extensively over the past four months to address damage and mitigate erosion, a full study of the lakeshore is needed to fully understand and respond to the extent of its vulnerability," the letter said.

"However, the extent of damage experienced over just a few short months has underscored the need for a more comprehensive and long-term solution," the letter said.

Some who signed the letter expressed frustration Tuesday at the lack of funding.

"As the Great Lakes shoreline faces the most serious environmental threat in decades, the Army Corps' work plan fails to provide funding for its protection," Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., who joined Lightfoot in the request to declare a federal disaster, said in a statement.

"Ignoring the urgency of this threat to Lake Michigan and the other Great Lakes guarantees this President will face a fight."

Sen. Tammy Duckworth and U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky also voiced disappointment over the decision.

"We should be doing all we can to protect and restore our beautiful shorelines in Chicago and I'm disappointed that the Trump Administration shortchanges Chicago in the U.S. Army Corps' 2020 work plan by not including critical shoreline protection funding," Duckworth said in a statement.

Faced with Lake Michigan's highs and lows, some shoreline protections, including revetments of stone blocks and wooden posts constructed a century ago,

eventually failed. In the years leading up to the large-scale project, the Tribune reported the loss of protections could mean 20 feet of land eaten away each year.

The letter said the city had taken "substantial emergency action to reduce further damage to failed shore protection revetments and threats to life safety."

"Congress authorized the Chicago Shoreline Protection Project in 1996, and three years later the federal and local partnership began work across more than 9 miles of the lakefront."

The Army Corps finished the federal share of the project in 2014, but the Morgan Shoal stretch and Promontory Point are still incomplete. The project's cost has risen to \$536 million, but officials estimate its annual benefits at \$194 million.

Construction resulting from the reevaluation study could start in four to five years after the study is funded, according to David Bucaro, an outreach manager for the Army Corps.

Additionally, the Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study was not funded. That study would examine the entirety of the Great Lakes' coastal areas, identifying vulnerable spots, gathering information for design parameters and looking at future variability.

The Lake Michigan water level reached a record high for the month of January, averaging about 4 inches above the previous January high set in 1987. In much of the Great Lakes region, the month saw higher than normal temperatures and wetter conditions, meaning increased runoff and less evaporation.

Levels are expected to remain high in the coming months.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued a state disaster proclamation Thursday, allowing municipalities to apply for federal funding for damages from the Jan. 10 storm. And on Monday, the Chicago City Council Environmental Committee passed a resolution declaring a "climate emergency."

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'We're just so happy to have her out'

Crystal Lake high school student gets release from ICE

By JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

A Crystal Lake High School student whose community rallied around her will be released from immigration detention to live with her school counselor while her case is pending, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Meydi Guzman Rivas, 18, fled to the U.S. in 2018 with her father from Honduras after gang members made death threats against their family, said attorneys.

Guzman Rivas was on track to graduate in the spring until a missed immigration hearing landed her in a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in October, her attorney said.

After she was first detained, members of the Crystal Lake community set up a GoFundMe page on



MEYDI GUZMAN RIVAS

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her behalf that had raised more than \$10,000 as of Wednesday morning. Part of the money will go toward her \$2,000 bail, according to her lawyer, Nate Reyes.

"The judge was surprised there were people so willing to take her in. I think that's a huge part of why she was granted bond and why it is relatively low," Reyes said after the hearing.

Guzman Rivas is expected to be released in the next 24 hours. Reyes said the fight for the girl's asylum case will continue.

Sara Huser, her school counselor, will take Guzman Rivas in upon her release, her husband, John

Huser, said Wednesday. The family plans to host a small party at their Crystal Lake home and invite her friends and teachers for pizza. Huser said his wife also plans to take her to a hair or spa appointment when she arrives.

"We're just so happy to have her out," John Huser said. "This is the right thing to do."

Guzman Rivas and her father, Fabio Guzman Reyes, entered the U.S. in June 2018 and were taken into custody by Border Patrol. Fabio Guzman Reyes was charged with entering the country illegally, according to a criminal complaint filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

According to the complaint, dated June 20, 2018, he "entered or attempted to enter illegally into the United States" by wading the Rio Grande near Laredo, Texas.

Meydi Guzman Rivas

was taken into custody at the border and charged similarly, according to her attorneys.

But Guzman Rivas and her father missed a court date last February, and an order of removal was filed for their deportation, according to her attorneys. They went to court days later and learned the hearing was rescheduled for October. At that hearing, they were separated and taken into ICE custody.

Her father has different legal representation and is being held at an ICE facility in Kankakee. Meydi Guzman Rivas has been detained at an ICE facility in Pulaski County in southern Illinois. The girl's mom and siblings are believed to still be in Honduras.

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Shortlist emerges for Chicago's next top cop

Police Board has yet to give its 3 finalists to mayor

BY JEREMY GORNER AND GREGORY PRATT

A shortlist of candidates vying to be Chicago's next top cop includes a woman who leads a suburban department and a former police chief from Texas, both of whom had officers injured or killed in mass shootings in recent years, the Tribune has learned.

The Chicago Police Board, tasked with reviewing applications from a pool of 25 candidates to be the next police superintendent, has yet to narrow down its search to three finalists to present to Mayor Lori Lightfoot for her consideration.

But sources familiar with the applicants said the board's roster of candidates has been whittled down to a handful of names, among them Sean Malinowski, a former Los Angeles police official who has worked as a top consultant for the Chicago Police Department for the past few years; Kristen Ziman, chief of police in west suburban Aurora; Ernest Cato, a deputy chief for the department; and David Brown, a former Dallas police chief.

Malinowski's name has been floated as a possible front-runner to be Lightfoot's eventual pick.

A champion of technological approaches to crime-fighting during his 25-year career with the Los Angeles Police Department, Malinowski, 55, was a chief of staff to Charlie Beck, Chicago's interim police superintendent, when Beck headed the LAPD. He could not immediately be reached for comment.

Ziman led Aurora's police force last February when the west suburb was thrust into the national spotlight following a mass shooting that claimed the lives of five employees of the Henry Pratt Co. warehouse, and left injured another employee and five Aurora police officers. The gunman was killed in an exchange of gunfire with police.

Ziman, 46, grew up in the Aurora Police Department, joining the force as a cadet at 17 and working her

way though the ranks to, in her mid-30s, become its first female commander.

Ziman would be the department's first female superintendent, if chosen.

She was asked about the CPD selection situation Tuesday by the Aurora Beacon-News.

"I've learned so much about myself from rumors," Ziman said. "I don't know who the finalists are. I can't comment on another police department's process."

Paris Lewbel, spokesperson for the Aurora Police Department, responded to a Tribune inquiry Wednesday.

"The Aurora Police Department doesn't comment on another agency's hiring process and we aren't aware of the finalists for the Chicago Police Superintendent's job," Lewbel said.

Cato, 54, is a Chicago police deputy chief in charge of nine patrol districts that cover the North Side, Northwest Side and West Side. He has been viewed as a rising star in the department, in part due to his willingness to work with community organizations that offer mediation on gang conflicts and help with social services and jobs.

Cato was among more than 30 of Beck's top police officials to get new posts in CPD's reorganization, set to begin in April. Cato was assigned as deputy chief of the new Area 4, overseeing patrol officers, as well as some detective and specialized gang and drug units, in the Austin, Harrison and Ogden districts on the West Side.

Cato could not immediately be reached for comment.

A veteran of the Dallas Police Department for more than 30 years, Brown, 59, retired from the department as its chief in 2016. That year, five police officers were killed, and seven others wounded, in an ambush-style rifle attack in downtown Dallas. Under Brown's direction, officers killed the suspect by deploying near him a remote-controlled robot carrying an explosive and detonating it.

This wasn't the first time Brown experienced tragedy firsthand. His former partner was shot and killed in the line of duty in 1988, while Ziman's ascension to the top of the department was set to begin in April. Cato was assigned as deputy chief of the new Area 4, overseeing patrol officers, as well as some detective and specialized gang and drug units, in the Austin, Harrison and Ogden districts on the West Side.

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Lightfoot has told the Tribune that the right candidate for the full-time gig would be someone who understands that federal oversight, which is aimed at improving how officers treat citizens in their interactions, can transform the department for the better. She's also emphasized professionalism and her desire to have a more proactive police force as key factors she's considering.

One item on her checklist: experience as a senior manager of a large organization, which would make Ziman's ascension a curious one.

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The board opened the application process Nov. 21 after then-Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson announced plans to retire by the end of the

year. Lightfoot announced his temporary successor would be former Los Angeles police Chief Charlie Beck. But Beck ended up starting the temporary job as Chicago's top cop when Lightfoot fired Johnson in early December, saying he had intentionally misled her after a late weeknight out in October when he was found asleep in his running vehicle near his home.

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Firing urged of cop who said he witnessed fatal shooting in 2014

BY DAN HINKEL

Chicago police disciplinary officials are calling for an officer to be fired, saying surveillance footage shows he lied under oath about the 2014 fatal shooting of a 19-year-old on the West Side.

Officer Saharat Sampim said he saw Roshad McIntosh pointing a gun at a cop before that officer shot him behind a house in Lawndale. But the video evidence put Sampim in front of the house during the shooting and he could not have seen those events unfold, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability ruled.

Sampim gave detailed but false accounts of the shooting both to disciplinary investigators and lawyers taking sworn depositions in the McIntosh family's ongoing lawsuit, according to documents the Tribune obtained through an open records request.

"The only rational motivation for Officer Sampim's choice to make false statements was to help his partner officers by providing a statement consistent with theirs," COPA wrote.

The agency's findings echoed a 2017 Tribune report on the discrepancies between the footage and officers' statements.

Top police officials agreed that Sampim should be fired, said COPA spokesman Ephraim Eaddy. An agreement between COPA and the Police Department on firing a cop typically leads to the city seeking the officer's firing by the Chicago Police Board, though it can take weeks or months.

McIntosh's mother, Cynthia Lane, told the Tribune she felt vindicated by the ruling.

"This is great news," she said through tears. "He would never have pointed a gun at a police officer."

While investigating the shooting, disciplinary authorities looked into the officers' statements.

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convictions from attempted murder to armed robbery, and three had served prison time.

■ The analysis counted only the first new charge against defendants after they were released from custody. The Tribune identified two people who were released, charged with another crime, released again and then charged with murder, all within the time period being examined. Those later murder charges were not entered into the database used for the report.

■ Evans excluded three murder defendants whose first charge occurred before bail reform — even though they were released on bond after the reforms took effect in September 2017.

■ Mistakes in data entry and incomplete court records marred the data set used in the analysis.

In one case, a reputed gang member released on a no-cash bond after a felony gun charge allegedly shot and killed a city Streets and Sanitation worker who was driving home to his three children, in what prosecutors called a case of mistaken identity.

That defendant was not included in Evans' analysis because a pretrial risk assessment was not entered into the data set, the Tribune found. At least 2,334 felony defendants did not receive an assessment — to gauge the likelihood they will commit a crime or fail to reappear if released — and were not part of Evans' analysis, his office acknowledged.

"You always think that if they didn't release him my son would still be alive, and my grandchildren would still have their father," said Michelle Jones-Vincent, the mother of the victim, Terrell Jones. "That's always going through your head. I always wonder if the outcome would have been different if he would have remained incarcerated and not released on bail."

Responding to questions from the Tribune, Evans' office stood by the analysis, its methods and its conclusions.

"In no way does this report intend to minimize new criminal activity," his office said in a statement.

Evans' office said the analysis tracked only felony defendants because "they are the largest drivers of the jail population." All government data sets have quality problems, the office said, and they are working on ways to capture more complete information.

In an earlier interview with the Tribune, Evans said: "My heart goes out to the families who've been victimized by crime."

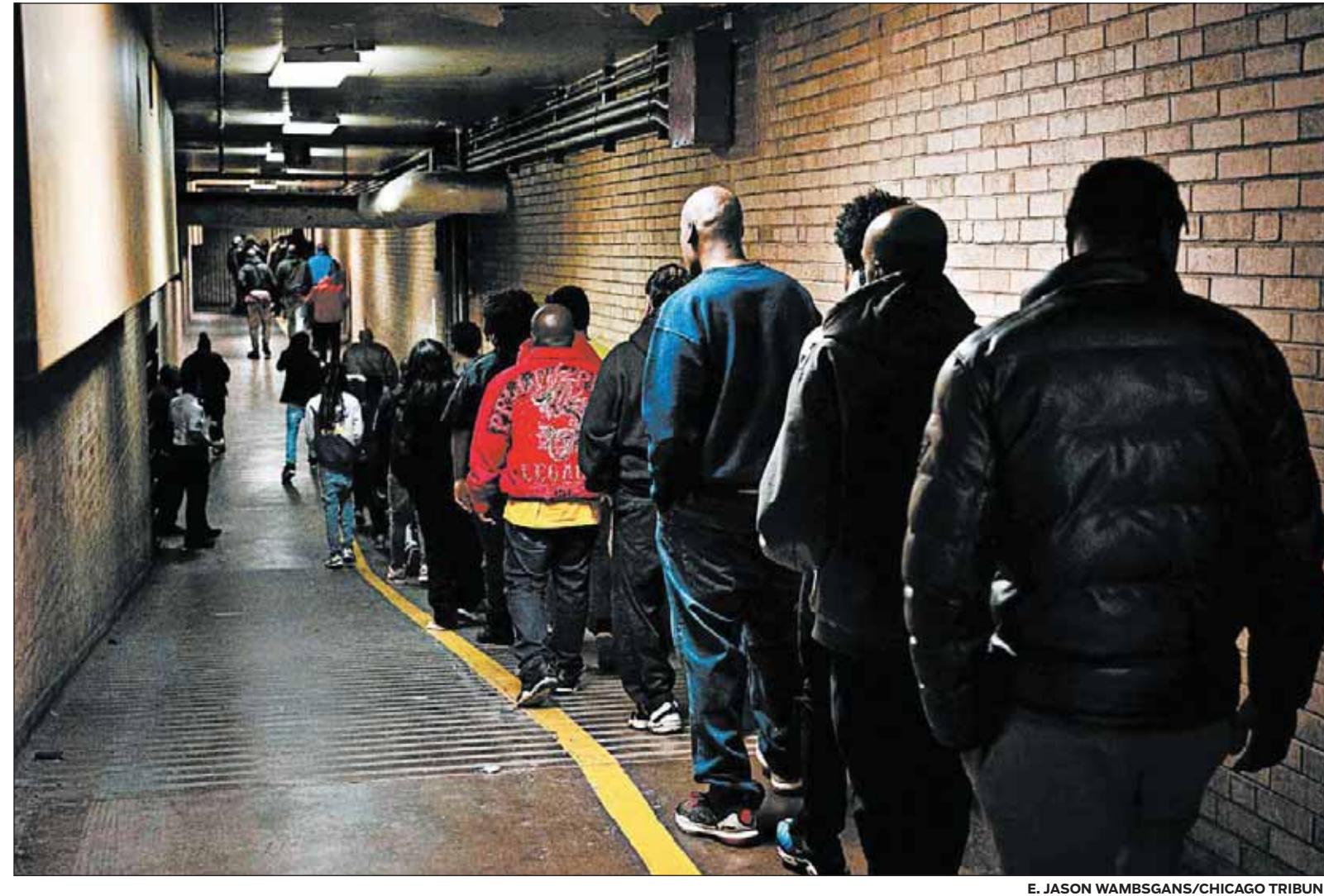
But, he added, "The only way you can guarantee that no one will commit a crime while their case is pending, and that no one will miss a court date while their case is pending, is to keep them all in jail. ... That's not the solution."

Evans' bail reform initiative reflects national bipartisan support for efforts to reverse generations of economic and racial inequities in criminal courts, where non-violent defendants can be confined to jail simply because they cannot post a cash bond.

Bail reform, Evans' report said, has enabled "more pretrial defendants to remain in their communities pending resolution of their cases where they can work, pursue education, and support their families without an increased threat to public safety." His report has been cited nationally in campaigns to craft similar policies in New York state and other jurisdictions.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Sheriff Tom Dart and other law enforcement officials have championed the intent of Chicago's reforms. But they also have warned that there are consequences when judges release people with violent charges and backgrounds into neighborhoods already shaken by crime and gunfire.

"The low bails give those dangerous criminals a sense of impunity and make their victims less likely to cooperate with police," Lightfoot said at a news conference as she stood beside police after the July 4 weekend, when



Men who were arrested overnight are escorted from Cook County Jail through a tunnel to bond court for their initial appearance before a judge.



The daughter of James and Verniece Hill, who live on Chicago's West Side, was fatally shot. The alleged gunman, Michael Washington, was out on bond at the time.



Michelle Jones-Vincent grieves after a March 2018 balloon release for her son Terrell Jones, who was fatally shot in the Back of the Yards neighborhood.

"The increased release of defendants from jail did not increase the threat to public safety in Cook County," the release said.

The report noted that the percentage of people released after being charged with a violent felony "did not substantially change," rising from 43.2% before reform to 46.5% afterward.

The analysis also cites FBI statistics indicating that reports of violent crime in Chicago declined by nearly 8% from the first half of 2017 to the first half of 2018.

But criminologists said it was simplistic to conclude from those statistics that bail reform had no effect on crime, noting that many other factors are in play.

For example, a historic 2016 spike in Chicago homicides and shootings led to significant policing changes, which can affect city crime. Hundreds of new police officers were hired, federal agents were deployed, and shot-spotter technology was rolled out in high-crime neighborhoods.

Another issue with the analysis, according to University of Cincinnati criminologist John Paul Wright, is that when Evans analyzed outcomes before and after reform, the time periods being compared were not equal.

The 15 months prior to the reforms included more summer months than the post-reform period, which spanned two winters, for example.

"This is actually problematic methodologically because there is clearly more violent crime in the summer and less in winter. You would expect seasonal variation," said Wright, who was asked by the Tribune to review the report.

The two periods are also unequal because the defendants released prior to reform were tracked over a longer period of time. The pre-reform defendants were out on bond for an average of 243 days, while the post-reform defendants were free for only 154 days on average, according to the report.

Simply put, that means they had far less time to violate their bonds through new arrests.

"That's not apples to apples even at a statistics 101 level," Cassell and Fowles wrote. "It is well recognized that the longer the time frame, the larger the number of new crimes."

In fact, Evans' own online "dashboard" of court statistics, which tracks the outcomes of cases for felony defendants released after bail reform, shows that as defendants spent more days on the street, the percentages who missed court appearances or were charged with new crimes increased.

In early 2018, only 11% of felony defendants released since the reforms had failed to appear in court and 9% had been charged with new crimes, according to the dashboard. But the percentage of defendants who missed court climbed to 17% by fall of last year, and the percentage rearrested while out on bail rose to nearly 18%.

Cook County chief judge reverses court data policy

BY TODD LIGHTY,
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releasing records, but federal courts, other Illinois counties and many other states routinely release bulk records on all criminal defendants, convicted or not.

The Tribune filed a legal challenge to Evans' restrictive policy last year after he released a report stating that his 2017 bail reforms "did not increase the threat to public safety in Cook County."

Those reforms lowered the jail population by reducing or eliminating cash bail for most people awaiting trial.

When the Tribune asked

Evans to provide the data

underlying his analysis, his

office released records on

39,000 court cases. But be-

cause Evans shielded the

identity of defendants who

had not been convicted,

information was missing for

roughly three-quarters of

the cases. That made it im-

possible for reporters to

track defendants who cycle

in and out of court as they

are repeatedly arrested and

charged. Evans also with-

held the names of judges

who set bail.

Some legal advocates

support such restrictions on

bulk court data, saying that

the records, if available on-

line, can hurt the ability of

people who are presumed

innocent to secure work or housing.

In correspondence with the Tribune, Evans and his staff made three additional arguments in favor of his policy:

The bulk data, Evans noted, contains records on defendants who might later be granted expungement and have their records erased. He expressed concerns that the information could be misinterpreted in ways that are unfair to individual judges — "it can lead to conclusions based on data taken out of context," Evans spokesman Patrick Milhizer told the Tribune in one email last year.

And Evans has character-

ized the news media as a "

commercial enterprise"

that would sell the informa-

tion to make money.

Court systems are not

covered in Illinois by the

state Freedom of Informa-

tion Act, but their records

are made public through

other laws. On Dec. 24, the

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If courts withheld re-

cords on the grounds they

might later be expunged,

then all court informa-

tion would be sealed, Craven

wrote.

The Tribune's filing also states that it is the news media's role to hold judges and other officials accountable. And under Illinois law, even for-profit news outlets such as the Tribune are not considered "commercial enter-

prises." The news media is

granted broad access to gov-

ernment records so reporters

can provide the public with

accurate information about

the activities of the courts

and other agencies.

In a January meeting

with the Tribune, Evans

announced the reversal of

his policy.

"I am enthusiastic about

it. I believe that adds to our

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Responding to questions from the Tribune, Evans' spokesman said the report cited the decline in Chicago crime "to dispel the false notion that bail reform led to an increase in crime." Spokesman Patrick Milhizer also defended the definition of violent crime used in the analysis, saying it was "consistent with the federal Uniform Crime Reporting Program."

Calling it "a logical choice" to compare the two 15-month periods that bookend the reforms, he said the report acknowledges that the first group of defendants had more time in the community than the second group. And despite the seasonal disparities, he said, the two groups of felony defendants seen in court before and after the reforms had similar characteristics.

Armed robbery, before and after

One common but terrifying crime is armed robbery. To independently compare how such cases were handled by the courts before and after Evans' bail reform, the Tribune reviewed court files on all 432 arrests Chicago police made for armed robbery with a gun in 2016 and in 2018.

In these crimes, the defendants are usually accused of using a firearm to take a person's wallet, cellphone or other valuables, or to stick up a store.

This set of cases, evenly divided between the two years, suggests that bail reform may have had a more complicated impact on safety than Evans' report acknowledges, said Jennifer Doleac, a Texas A&M economics professor and director of its Justice Tech Lab, who reviewed the Tribune's numbers and Evans' report.

Bond amounts dropped dramatically in these armed robbery cases, from an average of \$31,000 cash in 2016 to \$9,000 in 2018, and the number of defendants who were freed rose from 36 to 54. At the same time, the number charged with a new crime after being released climbed from eight to 13.

"Four hundred is not a lot of cases (statistically), but this is striking," Doleac said. "This is the sort of comparison you want to use to get a sense of what the trade-offs are for the community."

Evans has repeatedly said that under bail reform, judges are safeguarding the public by holding the highest-risk defendants without any bail. "Judges issued eight times the number of no-bail orders in felony cases since the order took effect," according to the news release announcing his report.

The Tribune found that trend held true for armed robbery cases: The number of "no-bail" orders increased from 20 pre-reform to 107 post-reform.

But the real-world impact was negligible because, pre-reform, many defendants' bail were set so high that they were never released, including seven armed robbery defendants who would have had to post \$100,000 or more.

One armed robbery defendant was freed from custody in January 2018 after he allegedly pistol-whipped and robbed a taxi driver of \$130. Released to his Northwest Side community on electronic monitoring after posting a \$10,000 bond, Ayub Ararsa was arrested eight months later after he and an accomplice allegedly held up a teenager at gunpoint, taking \$250 and a set of Beats headphones.

According to police and court records, the accomplice warned the victim: "Don't try and follow us, we'll shoot you." Police later found Ararsa, 19, in his backyard with the electronic monitoring bracelet still on his right ankle. He now is in custody awaiting trial in both cases.

"Why did they let him out?" asked the first victim, cabdriver Lamine Kane. "That's very wrong."

A flimsy safeguard

As more defendants are released on cash bonds, Evans' report notes that judges can impose various additional safeguards to protect the public, including ankle bracelets that alert



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People accused of felony crimes — shown facing away from the camera — meet with public defenders at the Cook County Jail before appearances in bond court.

the sheriff's office with a radio signal if defendants leave their home or tamper with the equipment.

Like Ararsa, 18-year-old Eduardo Venegas was ordered to wear one of these electronic monitoring bracelets when he was released from custody.

A reputed gang member with a juvenile record that included a gun charge, Venegas was arrested in a 2018 car theft, then released on a no-cash bond on his own recognizance, but with the ankle bracelet as an extra precaution.

A month later, Venegas was arrested after he allegedly killed a former friend, Rigoberto Rodriguez, during a fight in the Brighton Park neighborhood. Armed with a .40-caliber handgun, Venegas fired multiple times at Rodriguez, prosecutors said. While awaiting trial, he was also charged with a second murder, the fatal shooting of Dylan Zavala in August 2018. Venegas has pleaded not guilty in both cases.

In response to Tribune questions, Evans' office provided figures stating that the number of felony defendants released on monetary bond with electronic monitoring rose from 49 in the 15 months before bail reform to 1,122 in the post-reform period.

Dart, the county sheriff, has been a vocal advocate for bail reform but long has called the ankle bracelets a flimsy safeguard.

The bracelets typically are not equipped with GPS trackers, and Dart says he does not have enough staff to follow up quickly on alerts involving the roughly 2,200 defendants wearing the bracelets on any given day.

Using information obtained through public records requests to Dart's office, the Tribune identified 1,264 felony defendants who allegedly committed new crimes while released pretrial on electronic monitoring in 2018 and the first five months of 2019.

At least four were charged with murder while out on bond, and at least two others were charged with attempted murder. Hundreds were charged with armed robbery, aggravated battery or other gun and drug crimes.

Sorted by ZIP code, the defendants who were charged with new crimes while on electronic monitoring were clustered in communities already struggling with violence, a Tribune analysis found.

The ZIP code with the highest rate of electronic monitoring defendants per 100,000 population was 60624, which covers East Garfield Park and is 92% African American, according to U.S. census figures.

Ninety-four electronic monitoring defendants who picked up new charges after being released were hosted inside that ZIP code, the Tribune analysis found.

In his Tribune interview, Evans acknowledged for the first time that he believes the electronic monitoring program is flawed.

Data that his office provided later indicated that the number of felony defendants charged with new crimes after being released on a cash bond with electronic monitoring had risen from four pre-reform to 195 afterward.

"I'll surprise you; I'll shock you," Evans said. "I do not believe the public is as secure using electronic monitoring as I'd like to see."

Evans also revealed in the interview that he is exploring a new approach to safeguarding the public and changing the lives of defendants awaiting trial. "I believe that electronic monitoring is not a viable alternative for us in the future," he said. "I believe

with his cousin. They were taking a shortcut home.

Prosecutors say Alvaro Guerrero-Garcia and another man were armed with assault-style rifles hunting for rival gang members to attack that night.

Guerrero-Garcia had been released from custody on a personal recognizance bond following a felony weapons charge. He did not have to put up any money.

He is now back in jail, awaiting trial in Jones' murder — one of the 18 post-reform murder defendants Evans did not include in his analysis. Guerrero-Garcia has pleaded not guilty.

Jones was married to his high school sweetheart, and the impact on their three young children has been "indescribable," said his mother, Jones-Vincent.

"It's horrible. It's horrible. He was a hands-on dad. He helped with their homework. He helped with dinner. He picked the children up from school," she said. "They know that their dad is in heaven, but all the time they say, 'I miss my daddy.'"

Evans said such stories are agonizing but it is impossible for judges making bail decisions to see into the future. The presumption of innocence, he said, is a foundation of the American criminal justice system.

"Whoever is accused of (murder) is entitled to a trial before we convict that person," he said.

"If he (Smith) had been locked up on the case he already had, my son would be here," said Sabrina McCauley, Ellzey's mother. "It's a hurting feeling, bury-

ing your child."

Also among the homicides identified by the Tribune was West Side mother Brittany Hill, 24, who was shot fatally in May while shielding her toddler daughter, Ja-Miley, from gunfire on the street. Prosecutors called Hill an inadvertent victim.

"My baby was only 1 year old. She is not going to feel her mother's love," said Ja-Miley's father, Jacob Jones.

The alleged shooter, Michael Washington, had been released on a no-cash, personal recognizance bond after being charged with misdemeanor resisting an officer, and had violated that bond by failing to appear in court. Washington, who has pleaded not guilty in Hill's murder, had numerous prior convictions including second-degree murder and was on parole at the time after serving prison time for drug dealing.

Judges who make the decision on bonds are "living in a high tower" and don't pay a price for their decisions, said Hill's father, James Hill, while he and other West Side residents are "living in the valley."

"There should be something that keeps them in."

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All-Star

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the United Center — was a showcase of the league's biggest stars. Dave Cowens, the Boston Celtics' young center, led the East to a blowout 104-84 victory and earned MVP honors. Nate "Tiny" Archibald, the electric guard for the Kansas City-Omaha Kings, energized the crowd with his performance, leading to chants of "We Want Nate!" from 17,527 fans at the storied arena on West Madison Street.

Wilt Chamberlain and Jerry West of the Lakers also were there, as was "Pistol" Pete Maravich of Atlanta and Walt Frazier of the Knicks.

The Bulls were represented by Bob Love, who scored six points, and Chet Walker, who scored four, in front of the home fans. Love played all 82 games during the season and averaged 23 points a game for a Bulls team that made the playoffs. Walker, playing toward the end of a 13-year Hall of Fame career with the Bulls, Philadelphia and Syracuse, averaged 19.9 points a game for Chicago that year.

In many ways, Cowens said, it was just another game on the calendar — granted with teammates and opponents who were the most famous of the era. Today's affair, with multiple days of made-for-TV events, he said, is much more expansive.

"It's just so corporate and such a big financial experience, and such an undertaking," Cowens said.

Basketball fans paid \$15 for a ticket to the 1973 game, according to a Tribune story. To watch LeBron James and Giannis Antetokounmpo play Sunday night, fans will need to shell out a minimum of \$750 — for a seat in the rafters, according to secondary market ticket sites. Courtside seats are going for tens of thousands of dollars.

This year, even the All-Star selections and team drafts were televised. The 1973 game was broadcast on ABC, but did not receive a mention on the front page of the next day's Tribune.

The NBA, a league operating in the shadow of baseball and football, was still building fan bases in cities across the country. In addition to Archibald's Kings, who played in both

Kansas City and Omaha, Nebraska, it was the last season the Bullets played in Baltimore. Buffalo, New York, still had the Braves. The SuperSonics played in Seattle.

Cowens, who grew up in northern Kentucky, said he always enjoyed coming to Chicago as a player. During road trips to cities across the country, Cowens enjoyed walks away from the team's hotels, and the Celtics' usual accommodations near Michigan Avenue provided ample opportunities for exploration.

"Since I was a Midwesterner, being from Cincinnati, being from northern Kentucky, I always liked coming to Chicago," Cowens said. "It was like our New York City. Except a lot nicer and friendlier."

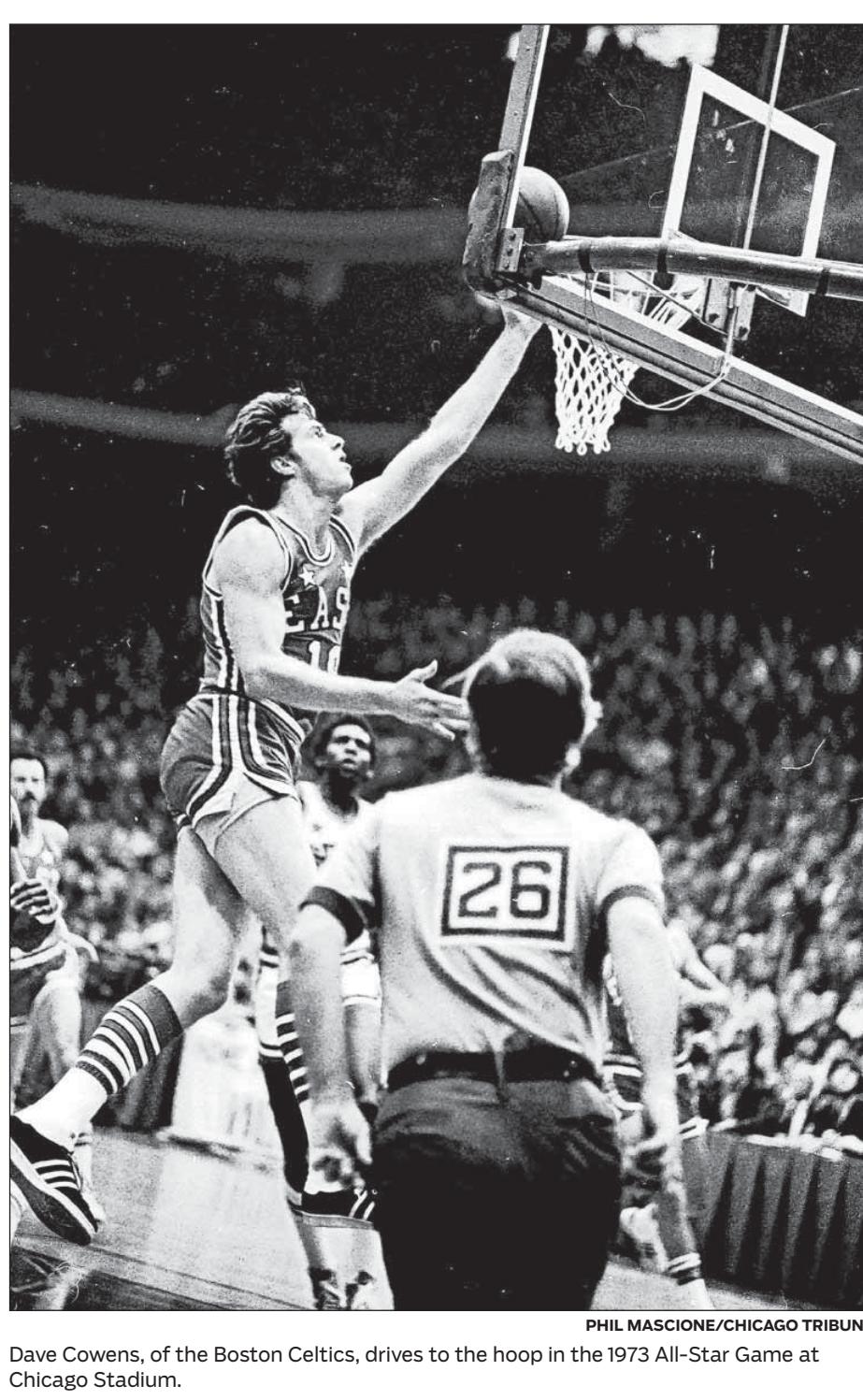
The old Chicago Stadium was another matter. Today's sparkling venues are filled with suites, gourmet food options — braised goat tacos or cognac mai tais this weekend, anyone? — and scoreboards presenting every statistic imaginable. By contrast, Cowens said most of the arenas the NBA teams played in during the 1970s were not in great condition. In some cities, NBA teams played in buildings not specifically designed for basketball, such as convention centers.

The hulking stadium on West Madison, home of the Bulls and Blackhawks, did not exactly offer the plush comforts modern locker rooms offer to today's millionaire stars. Cowens remembers he often did not keep anything on the floor of the visiting locker room at the Stadium because of the risk of flooding.

Of all the players who played in the 1973 game in Chicago, Cowens said Chamberlain is the one man he'd most like to see take on today's superstars.

Chamberlain, in the final year of his Hall of Fame career, led the league in rebounds and field goal percentage that season. "I just wish he could play today," said Cowens, him a member of the Hall of Fame. "The way he could run, and all that he could do, that's the one guy I'd like to be able to get out there and take on some of these guys today."

Cowens, now 71, bristles when he hears the 1970s NBA described as being plagued by drug problems or as a forgotten era sandwiched between the dominance of the Bill Russell



Dave Cowens, of the Boston Celtics, drives to the hoop in the 1973 All-Star Game at Chicago Stadium.

Celtics and the Magic Johnson-Larry Bird rivalry that helped usher in the television era and an explosion of popularity for the game.

"I thought the guys I played against were pretty damn good and they played hard," Cowens said. "I'd like people to talk a little bit more about the '70s and how good the basketball was."

Cowens, later named the league MVP for his standout 1972-73 season, said most of the stars selected for the game treated it as just another contest, albeit with a collection of the most talented players in the league.

Cowens, who is in town this week for events associated with the NBA Retired Players Association, said he does not remember many specifics about the '73

game itself. The main difference, he said, was that because the star players were all collected on the same squad, most of them played significantly fewer minutes than they were accustomed to during regular-season play.

The Celtics star also remembers that his mom and dad drove up from the Cincinnati area for the game, and he went out to dinner with them. Cowens enjoyed that his mother was able to see him play, since most games then were not televised and she was not able to make it to many games in Boston or when the Celtics were on the road.

Sometimes, he said, his family would try to find a hill or high ground near their home in an effort to get the radio signal for WBZ in Boston so they

could keep track of Cowens and the Celtics.

Cowens usually visits the host city for each year's All-Star Game to attend meetings, reunion gatherings and parties. But he often departs for home before the game itself, preferring to watch on television.

Cowens has returned to watch several games and All-Star Weekends in person, including in 1986, when he was a judge for the memorable dunk contest featuring the Atlanta Hawks' popular, diminutive guard Spud Webb and his teammate Dominique Wilkins.

"I kept giving them both 10s," Cowens said, "because I wanted it to keep going."

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Video gambling operator files suit

Rick Heidner sues Gaming Board over alleged data breach

By DAN HINKEL

Embattled video gambling operator Rick Heidner is suing the Illinois Gaming Board, alleging an agency employee leaked sensitive information to the federal government.

The lawsuit filed Tuesday contends that an unnamed Gaming Board employee passed information about Heidner and his family to three unidentified "federal government entities." The suit accuses the board of negligence and says it violated state law by failing to prevent the disclosure or promptly notify Heidner.

The lawsuit says the Gaming Board's handling of records was "careless and cavalier, at best."

The litigation comes as the Gaming Board seeks to revoke Heidner's license to operate video gambling machines, an action the agency took after accusing him of offering a \$5 million "illegal inducement" to the owner of a chain of gambling parlors. Months earlier, Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration scuttled a land sale he needed to go forward with a horse track and casino project.

Those moves followed an October Tribune report that Heidner, owner of Gold Rush Amusements, had longstanding business ties with Rocco Suspenzi, chairman of Parkway Bank and Trust. In 2003, the FBI and the Illinois Gaming Board exposed Suspenzi and his son Jeffrey for concealing their own ownership stake, as well as that of a reputed mob figure, in the infamous Emerald casino project, which regulators killed after finding the purported involvement of organized crime.

The Tribune also found that Heidner had a similar business relationship with Dominic Buttitta, a businessman convicted of running an illegal sports-betting operation out of a strip club he controlled.

Heidner's suit alleges that the Gaming Board took an "adversarial position" against him as the Tribune reported on his business dealings and accuses the board of "fueling the negative media portrayal" of Heidner.

A Gaming Board spokesman could not be reached for comment Wednesday, a state holiday.

The suit alleges the board waited weeks before notifying Heidner in late January that he'd been a victim of the breach. The notice said the leaked information included Heidner's and his family's social security numbers and driver's license numbers, according to the lawsuit filed in the Illinois Court of Claims, a venue for suits against the state.

The lawsuit states that Heidner's lawyer sought more detail on the leaked records but was rebuffed. Heidner has provided the Gaming Board with information about his personal background, real estate holdings, life insurance policies and vehicles, among other things, the lawsuit states.

A January letter from Illinois Gaming Board Administrator Marcus Fruchter to Senate Minority Leader Bill Brady said gaming officials believed the leak was an "isolated incident involving one employee who acted alone and outside of the employee's duties." The employee was put on leave pending an internal investigation, according to the letter.

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tions didn't apply to Aleman because the original judge had been bribed.

Fast-forward 23 years, where there promises to be a legal fight over whether new disorderly conduct charges filed against the actor Tuesday violate those same double-jeopardy protections. Lawyers for Smollett are expected to argue the new charges represent prosecutors unfairly taking another bite of the apple, as the actor first was charged last year in a case that eventually was dropped amid controversy.

But legal experts told the Tribune that argument is likely to fail, and point to Aleman's case as Exhibit A.

In ordering a special prosecutor in the Smollett case last summer, Toomin echoed what he'd said in the Aleman case, ruling that since State's Attorney Kim Foxx had not properly recused herself from the investigation, the entire case was essentially invalid from start to finish. Prosecutors could use the ruling to argue there was never any real legal jeopardy for Smollett in the first place.

"That first (Aleman) trial was a sham trial because he really wasn't in jeopardy, the case was fixed," said K.S. Galhotra, a former supervisor in the Cook County public defender's office now in private practice. "This is sort of along those lines... because Judge Toomin said it was a void prosecution, the case can begin anew."

The Hook

Aleman was one of the Chicago Outfit's most feared hit men, a ruthless enforcer who could bring a

wayward gambler or anyone else who'd run afoul of the mob back in line with one hard stare from his notoriously coal-black eyes.

Nicknamed "The Hook" for his mean left fist while growing up in Chicago's Taylor Street neighborhood, Aleman was suspected in brazen executions of victims sitting in front of their homes, stepping out of cars, or dining in restaurants with their families. Others were found blindfolded and tortured, stuffed in car trunks, stabbed in the neck with a broken mop handle.

But it was the Sept. 27, 1972, shotgun slaying of Teamsters dockworker William Logan that eventually brought Aleman down — and made legal history. It was the first criminal case in the country where a defendant who was initially acquitted was retried on the same charge, a move that seemingly violated the long-held legal principle against double jeopardy.

Aleman's first murder trial ended in acquittal in 1977, when Cook County Circuit Judge Frank Wilson cleared him in a bench trial despite testimony from Aleman's friend and alleged accomplice, Louis Almeida.

More than a decade later, crooked mob attorney Robert Cooley, who had begun cooperating with federal investigators as part of a sweeping undercover probe dubbed Operation Gambat, admitted he delivered the \$10,000 payment to Wilson.

When Aleman was recharged in Logan's murder in 1993, prosecutors knew they were in for a legal fight over whether they had violated double-jeopardy protections. The case landed before Toomin, at the time a circuit judge sitting at the 26th and California courthouse.

In 1994, in what was hailed as a first-in-the-nation ruling, Toomin held that the bribe to Wilson had so fundamentally tainted the first trial that it could be considered a "sham," invalidating any double-jeopardy protections afforded to Aleman. Toomin said he'd researched the issue going back centuries but could not turn up a single case offering any legal precedent.

Aleman was convicted by a jury at the retrial in 1997 and sentenced by Toomin to serve up to 300 years in prison. He died in 2010 at age 71, while serving out his sentence in a downstate prison.

Smollett's legal challenges

A special Cook County grand jury on Tuesday indicted Smollett on six counts of disorderly conduct alleging he orchestrated a racist and homophobic attack on a frigid night in downtown Chicago in January 2019.

The allegations were nearly identical to charges brought — and then mysteriously dropped — by Foxx's office last year. Foxx had recused herself from overseeing the prosecution, revealing she'd had contact with a member of Smollett's family early in the investigation at the request of Tina Tchen, Michelle Obama's former chief of staff.

But in appointing attorney Dan Webb as special prosecutor last year, Toomin wrote that Foxx botched the recusal by handing the reins to her top deputy. Because the recusal was invalid, the entire process played out without a real prosecutor at the helm, he wrote.

Discreet members of the public have come to

realize that the 'recusal that really wasn't' was purely an exercise in sophistry," Toomin wrote.

The ruling was reminiscent of his decision in the Aleman case because it essentially invalidated the entire prosecution.

Legal experts said the similarities may be the strongest shield prosecutors have against any attempts to get Smollett's new case thrown out.

"Toomin wrote a brilliant opinion in Aleman," veteran defense attorney Richard Kling said. "It ... came to the conclusion, no jeopardy, no double jeopardy."

The experts did raise a few possible avenues for Smollett's attorneys to challenge the new indictment — but all of them likely would be long shots even without Toomin's finding, they said.

Smollett's attorneys hinted months ago that any new charges would violate his double-jeopardy protections. But those only kick in once a guilty plea has been entered or a trial has begun, experts said.

Alternately, Smollett's attorneys could argue that last year's agreement to drop charges counts as a binding contract, similar to a formal plea, Kling said. New charges would violate that agreement.

Or the defense could try to throw out the case based on the legal principle that prosecutors cannot bring new charges based on the same alleged incident without potentially violating the defendant's right to a speedy trial.

But that may not be successful either, experts said, since the first case was dropped altogether and a new set of prosecutors is starting over completely.

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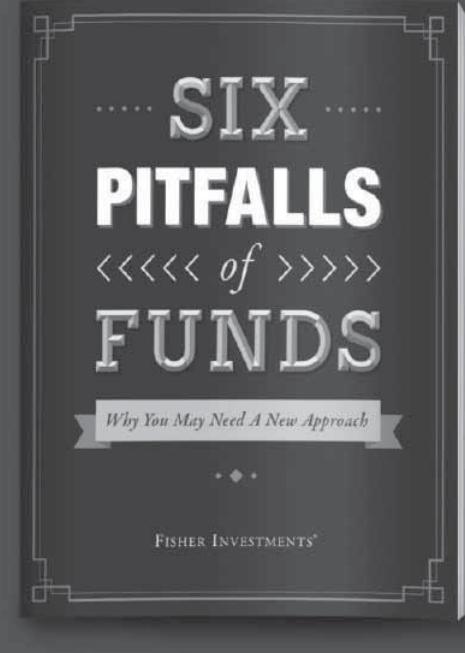
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Trump flexes power with moves

President buoyed by Senate acquittal, GOP insiders say

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WASHINGTON — In the week since his acquittal on impeachment charges, a fully emboldened President Donald Trump is demonstrating his determination to assert an iron grip on government, pushing his Justice Department to ease up on a longtime friend while using the levers of presidential powers to exact payback on real and perceived foes.

Trump has told confidants in recent days that he felt both vindicated and strengthened by his acquittal in the Senate, believing Republicans have rallied around him in unprecedented fashion while voters were turned off by the political process, according to four White House officials and Republicans close to the West Wing who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Since then, Trump and his aides have moved with haste to clear his administration of those he sees as insufficiently loyal, reaching all the way back to the time of former special counsel Robert Mueller's probe into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

Democrats and outside analysts are raising red flags that Trump is exhibiting a post-impeachment thirst for vengeance that's gone beyond bending norms and could potentially cause lasting damage to institutions.

Some Republican sena-



President Donald Trump opens up about recent moves while speaking to reporters this week in the White House.

tors, including Tennessee's Lamar Alexander, Maine's Susan Collins and Alaska's Lisa Murkowski, said they found Trump's effort to pressure Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy inappropriate.

But they also expressed hope following his acquittal that Trump had learned a lesson from the episode.

Murkowski acknowledged Wednesday that "there haven't been very strong indicators this week that he has."

After Trump vented on Twitter this week about federal prosecutors recommending up to nine years in federal prison for his confidant Roger Stone, the Justice Department announced it would reevaluate the recommended sentence.

Justice officials insisted

the timing was coincidental; they'd already been planning to pull the recommendation.

Stone was convicted in November of tampering with a witness and obstructing the House investigation into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia to tip the 2016 election.

The Justice Department move to back away from the sentencing recommendation prompted the four attorneys who prosecuted Stone to quit the case. One left the Justice Department altogether.

In recent days, the White House has yanked a senior Treasury Department nomination away from former Justice Department official Jessie Liu, who supervised the prosecutions of several of Trump advisers.

Trump even suggested

this week that the Pentagon investigate and potentially discipline former White House aide Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, who provided damaging testimony about the president in the impeachment inquiry.

That came after White House officials last week told Vindman and his twin brother, also an Army officer who had been detailed to the White House National Security Council, that their services were no longer needed and that they would be reassigned to new duties by the Pentagon.

Security then escorted the brothers off White House grounds.

"We are witnessing a crisis in the rule of law in America — unlike one we have ever seen before," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said in a speech on

the Senate floor Wednesday.

Schumer called for the Justice Department's independent inspector general to probe the department's action in the Stone case.

Later, House lawmakers announced Attorney General William Barr would come before them next month to answer questions.

Former Justice Department officials struggled to recall a precedent, describing it as norm-shattering turmoil that raises troubling questions about the apparent politicization of an agency meant to function independent of White House sway.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Michael Bromwich, a former federal prosecutor and Justice Department inspector general who has been representing

former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe in a criminal investigation before the same U.S. attorney's office.

Trump turned testy during an Oval Office appearance when reporters asked him about interfering in the Stone case and whether he learned anything from his impeachment ordeal.

He slammed the four prosecutors who recommended the stiff sentence for Stone and asserted they "ought to apologize for a lot of the people whose lives they've ruined."

He described the lesson he gleaned from being just the third president to endure an impeachment trial: "Democrats are crooked. They're vicious, they shouldn't have brought impeachment and that my poll numbers are 10 points higher because of fake news."

Trump said he did not order Justice Department officials to change Stone's recommended sentence, though he claimed he would have had the "absolute right to do it" if he had wanted to.

He used Twitter early Wednesday to congratulate Barr "for taking charge of a case that was totally out of control and perhaps should not even been brought."

GOP lawmakers strained to defend Trump's actions.

"Certainly the president is entitled his opinion, and there would have been nothing wrong with the president picking up the phone, as I understand it, and talking to Justice," said Sen. John Kennedy, a Louisiana Republican. "But I think this is a situation where the tweet was very problematic."

US troops, pro-government group clash in NE Syria

1 Syrian killed as American convoy blocked, attacked

BY ALBERT AJI AND ANDREW WILKS
Associated Press

DAMASCUS — A Syrian was killed and another was wounded when government supporters attacked American troops and tried to block their way as their convoy drove through an army checkpoint in northeastern Syria, prompting a rare clash, state media and activists reported.

The U.S. military said its force came under fire, and that troops responded in self-defense. It said an investigation of the incident was underway.

Syrian state-run media said the man killed was a civilian and that he was among residents of a village east of the town of Qamishli who had gathered at the checkpoint and pelted the U.S. convoy with stones.

A video posted on state news agency SANA's website showed angry men firing small arms at a convoy of several armored U.S. vehicles flying the U.S. flag. Some residents pelted the convoy with stones, while

another dumped a bucket full of dirt on the back of one vehicle.

In one of the worst incidents of violence against U.S. troops deployed in northeastern Syria, a small fire appears to ignite on an armored vehicle, apparently from fire bombs lobbed at the convoy. U.S. soldiers were seen standing in the middle of the melee, trying to disperse the crowd.

Other videos showed another vehicle stuck in the dirt, apparently having veered into a ditch, while another had a flat tire. In one video, a resident walked up to U.S. soldiers at one of the vehicles, holding a U.S. flag, screaming: "What do you want from our country? What is your business here?" A soldier tells the shouting man to "back off."

At that point, American troops fired live ammunition and smoke bombs at the residents, the reports said.

A U.S. military spokesman said coalition forces

conducting a patrol near Qamishli encountered a checkpoint occupied by pro-Syrian government forces who ignored a series of warnings by coalition troops to de-escalate the

situation. The patrol came under small-arms fire from unknown individuals, coalition spokesman Myles Caggins said, adding that coalition troops returned fire in self-defense.

"The situation was de-escalated and is under investigation," he said in a statement. Air Force Lt. Col. Carla Gleason, traveling with the U.S. defense secretary in Brussels, said no Americans were killed.

Asked about the incident, Secretary of Defense Mark Esper said in Brussels he was told there was an "altercation" without providing details.

"As far as I know today's incident did not involve the Russians," he said.

In other violence in the country's northwest, Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces continued their advance in Idlib and Aleppo provinces near the border with Turkey. They took full control of a strategic highway that runs through the rebel-held territory and links the capital to northern Syria. The M5 highway had been under opposition control for most of the war.

Russia's Defense Ministry said in a statement that Syrian troops cleared the M5.



A U.S. military convoy patrols Wednesday in the outskirts of the Kurdish-controlled northern Syrian city of Qamishli. U.S. forces confronted Syrian troops at a checkpoint.

incidents between Feb. 1-10 in which at least 85 civilians were killed, including 20 women and 27 children with most casualties in the "de-escalation area" in Idlib, U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Wednesday.

The Syrian war, now in its ninth year, has pulled in international players including the U.S., Russia and Turkey.

Hundreds of U.S. troops are stationed in northeastern Syria, working with the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces to fight against the Islamic State group. The U.S. carries out patrols in

northeastern Syria, but it was not immediately clear why the convoy drove into a government-controlled area Wednesday.

The clash marked a rare confrontation involving U.S. and Syrian troops in the crowded region where Russian forces are also deployed and was certain to escalate tensions.

At one point during the incident, U.S., Russian and Syrian flags could be seen next to each other, reflecting the complicated terrain in northeastern Syria. Some reports said a Russian convoy arrived on the scene to defuse the tension.

US on track for first \$1T budget deficit since 2012

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. budget deficit through the first four months of this budget year is up 19% from the same period a year ago, putting the country on track to record its first \$1 trillion deficit since 2012.

The Treasury Department said Wednesday in its monthly budget report that the deficit from October through January was \$389.2 billion, up \$78.9 billion from

the same period last year.

The deficit reflected government spending that has grown 10.3% this budget year while revenue was up only 6.1%. For January, the deficit totaled \$32.6 billion, compared to a surplus a year ago of \$8.68 billion.

President Donald Trump sent Congress a new budget blueprint Monday that projects the deficit will top \$1 trillion this year but then decline over the next decade. But the Congressional Budget Office is projecting that the deficit will

top \$1 trillion this year and remain above \$1 trillion over the next decade.

The deficit for the 2019 budget year, which ended Sept. 30, was \$984.4 billion, up 26% from the 2018 imbalance.

The rising deficits reflect the effect of the \$1.5 trillion tax cut Trump pushed through Congress in 2017 and increased spending for military and domestic programs that the president has accepted as part of a budget deal with Democrats.

In his new budget plan for the 2021 fiscal year that starts Oct. 1, Trump is proposing spending \$4.8 trillion but would seek to hold down deficits by making cuts to domestic programs like food stamps and Medicaid.

Trump's plan projects that if Congress goes along with his spending cuts, which is unlikely, the budget would return to balance in 15 years.

Through the first four months of this budget year, government spending has

totaled a record \$1.57 trillion, up 10.3% from the same period last year. Revenue also set a record for the first four months of a budget year, increasing by 6.1% to \$1.18 trillion.

The government first ran \$1 trillion deficits from 2009 through 2012 as revenue fell during the worst recession since the 1930s.

Spending increased for safety-net programs such as unemployment benefits and to rescue banks and auto companies following the 2008 financial crisis.



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President Trump's budget for the 2021 fiscal year calls for cuts to domestic programs such as food stamps and Medicaid.

'QAnon' creeps into the mainstream

Trump capitalizes on support from conspiracy theorists

BY MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — President Donald Trump was more than halfway through his speech at a rally in Milwaukee when one of his hand gestures caught the eye of a supporter standing in the packed arena.

The 51-year-old woman believed the president had traced the shape of the letter "Q" with his fingers as a covert signal to followers of QAnon, a right-wing, pro-Trump conspiracy theory. She turned to the couple on her right and excitedly asked, "Did you see the 'Q'?"

"He just did it?" asked Diane Jacobson, 63, of Racine, Wisconsin.

"Was that a 'Q'?" added Jacobson's husband, Randy, 64.

"I think it was," replied their new friend, Chrisy. The Geneva, Illinois, resident declined to give her last name in part because she said she wanted to avoid negative "attention."

The Jacobsons met Chrisy and her husband, Paul, hours earlier in the line to get into the Jan 14 rally. The couple bonded over their shared interest in QAnon, which centers on the baseless belief that Trump is waging a secret campaign against enemies in the "deep state" and a child sex trafficking ring run by satanic pedophiles and cannibals.

What started as an online obsession for the far-right fringe has grown beyond its origins in a dark corner of the internet. QAnon has been creeping into the mainstream political arena for more than a year. The trend shows no sign of abating as Trump fires up his reelection campaign operation, attracting a loyal audience of conspiracy theorists and other fringe



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A man holding a 'Q' sign waits with others to enter a rally for President Trump in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

groups to his raucous rallies.

Trump has retweeted QAnon-promoting accounts. Followers flock to Trump's rallies wearing clothes and hats with QAnon symbols and slogans. At least 23 current or former congressional candidates in the 2020 election cycle have endorsed or promoted QAnon, according to the liberal watchdog Media Matters for America, which compiled online evidence to support its running tally.

University of California, Davis history professor Kathryn Olmsted, author of a book called "Real Enemies: Conspiracy Theories and American Democracy, World War I to 9/11," said it's unclear whether QAnon has attracted more believers than other conspiracy theories that have intersected with U.S. politics.

"What's different now is that there are people in power who are spreading

this conspiracy theory," she said, adding that Trump's conspiracy-minded rhetoric seems to fire up part of his base. "Finally, there is someone saying they're not crazy."

Conspiracy theories aren't new, but experts fear the powerful engine of social media and a volatile political climate have ramped up the threat of violence. An FBI bulletin in May warned that conspiracy-theory-driven extremists have become a domestic terrorism threat. The bulletin specifically mentions QAnon.

A Trump campaign spokeswoman and a White House spokesman didn't respond to emails seeking comment.

For more than two years, followers have pored over a tangled set of clues purportedly posted online by a high-ranking government official known only as "Q." Many followers believe the

late John F. Kennedy Jr. is a Trump supporter who faked his death in a 1999 plane crash. Another core belief is that thousands of deep state operatives and top Democrats, including Hillary Clinton and Obama, will be rounded up and sent to Guantanamo Bay during an event called "The Storm."

The first Q "drop" appeared on the 4chan imageboard in October 2017. The messages migrated to 8chan until a string of mass shootings by gunmen who posted manifestos on the site led to it getting forced offline in August. The disruption, which ended when the imageboard relaunched in November under the new name 8kun, hardly spelled the end of QAnon.

Travis View, a conspiracy theory researcher who co-hosts The QAnon Anonymous Podcast and has written about QAnon for The Washington Post under his pseudonym, said the sense of community forged by QAnon believers has helped it endure beyond the life span of other conspiracy theories.

"People in the QAnon

community feel like they are banding together to uncover the real truth behind the scenes," said View, who works as a marketer for a San Diego company and says he uses the pseudonym to protect himself. His acerbic comments about what he calls an "apocalyptic political cult" have earned him more than 20,000 followers on Twitter and vitriol from QAnon believers.

Before Trump's rally in Milwaukee, thousands waited in line for hours to enter the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panther Arena. Some wore apparel adorned with a "Q" or "WWG1WGA," which stands for the QAnon slogan, "Where we go one, we

go all."

The frigid gloom didn't dampen the spirits of QAnon follower Donna Shank, 50, of Burlington, Wisconsin. Shank, who said she voted for Obama in 2008, was ambivalent about politics before she stumbled across QAnon online and joined Facebook groups to learn more.

"I just woke up," she said. "I was a sheep. I followed anything and everything."

Diane Jacobson attached a pink "Q" and a blue "Q" to the back of her black "Make America Great Again" hat. She and her husband were eager to attend their first Trump rally.

"Trump is trying to tell us, to the best he can without compromising intelligence, what's really going on," she said.

Jacobson knows many people, including some of her relatives, scoff at QAnon.

"You really can't argue with them," she said.

Jacobson celebrated with her new friend, Chrisy, when the doors to the downtown arena opened.

"All these people believe me! I'm not crazy here!" Chrisy shouted.

Hours later, during Trump's speech, Chrisy's husband, Paul, grinned when the president said "the whole world is watching" what's happening with protesters in Iran.

"That's a Q reference," Paul said of the phrase "the world is watching."

Nancy Rosenblum, a Harvard University professor emeritus of ethics in politics and government, said the apocalyptic nature of the QAnon narrative resonates with those who want to believe that their political enemies will be vanquished and a better future will rise from the ashes.

"What makes it unique is that Trump is the chosen one," said Rosenblum, co-author of the book "A Lot of People Are Saying: The New Conspiracism and the Assault on Democracy."

Still dizzy from impeachment battle, Congress back to work

BY LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Inside the Capitol, it's as if the impeachment of President Donald Trump never happened.

One week after the historic undertaking shattered to a close, Congress is feverishly back at work emboldened but also arguably diminished by the outcome.

Senate Republicans are flexing their new status as Trump's unshakable allies, hitching their election pursuits to his and looking the other away as the president seems to dole out favoritism for friends and payback for critics with apparent impunity. They're back to confirming record numbers of judicial nominees viewing impeachment politically as a net gain.

"We won and they lost," declared Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

House Democrats are frantically reviving their kitchen-table agenda of health care and pocketbook priorities, a direct appeal to voters after spending the past months focused on erecting a firewall against potential wrongdoing by the president.

What has become clear in the aftermath of the impeachment proceedings is the stark realization that the legislative branch can carry the country only so far as a check on the executive. It's now up to voters to decide.

The outcome leaves Congress adrift, its legislative agenda uncertain, its oversight role challenged. Both parties are in flux as the nation's political energy turns toward the presidential primaries ahead of the November election, when voters will also decide control of the House and Senate.

"Everything is at stake in November," said Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York, the Democratic caucus chairman, as he implored Americans to prepare to



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Congress is carrying on uncertainly under the cloud of President Donald Trump's impeachment and acquittal.

vote "as if your life depends on it."

Democrats warn that

Trump, far from having learned lessons from becoming the third impeached president, is in fact engaged in an escalating pattern of retribution and political favoritism that started as soon as he was

acquitted by the Senate.

In a matter of days, the

White House reassigned an

Army officer, Lt. Col. Alex

Vindman, a key witness in

the impeachment inquiry,

from the National Security

Council, and pushed his

twin brother, a council law-

yer, out with him. Ambas-

sador Gordon Sondland was recalled from his post.

Then, Trump tweeted it

was "very unfair" that asso-

ciate Roger Stone was being

recommended for up to

nine years in prison after

being convicted of witness

tampering, obstruction and

lying to Congress in the

Russia probe. The Justice

Department swiftly backed off,

four government prosecu-

tors withdrew from the

case and the White House

nixed the nomination of

Jessie Liu, the supervising

attorney, who was in line

for a Treasury post.

On Wednesday, Senate

Democratic Leader Chuck

Schumer called on the

Justice Department's inspec-

tor general to look into the

matter.

"What we are witness-

ing is a crisis in the rule of law in America," Schumer said.

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Some Republicans who

indicated the president

might temper his behavior

acknowledged Wednesday

the limits.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, said, "There haven't

been very strong indicators

this week that he has."

Democrats, though, are

displaying only tepid enthu-

siasm for digging deeper into

Trump's alleged wrongdoings

after the Senate voted last

week to acquit him of the

charges of abuse of power

and obstruction of justice in

the Ukraine investigation.

Meanwhile, there's a

push from both parties for

legislation to lower pre-

scription drug prices and to

rein in surprise medical

bills. There's an energy bill

in the Senate and lands bills

in the House.

Those are all legislative

long shots in an election

year, but perhaps better

than the alternative, which

is spending their days in the

Capitol as many did Wednes-

day answering questions about

Trump in the White House.

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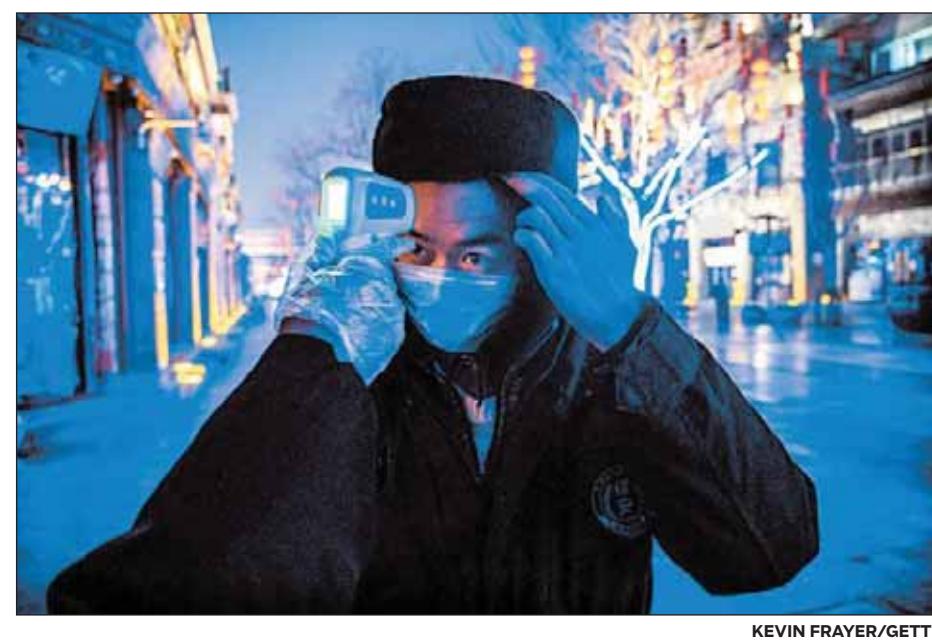
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A worker wears a face mask as he has his temperature checked Wednesday in Beijing.

China reports 14,840 new virus cases, 242 more deaths

BY RONI CARYN RABIN

The New York Times

The news seemed to be positive: The number of new coronavirus cases reported in China over the past week suggested that the outbreak might be slowing — that containment efforts were working.

Stocks ticked upward in the United States, as some analysts declared it safe again to invest in companies that depend on China.

But Thursday, officials added more than 14,840 new cases to the tally of the infected in Hubei province alone, bringing the total number to 48,206 — the largest one-day increase recorded.

The few experts to learn of the new numbers Wednesday night were startled.

"We're in unknown territory," said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious disease specialist at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Doctors in China probably don't have the chemicals necessary to perform complicated testing, and perhaps insufficient numbers of technicians, he speculated.

But lung scans are a perilous means to diagnose patients. Even patients

is diagnosed.

Hospitals in Wuhan — the largest city in Hubei province and the center of the epidemic — have struggled to diagnose infections with scarce and complicated tests that detect the virus's genetic signature directly.

Officials now seem to be including infections observed on lung scans alone.

This shortcut will help get more patients into needed care, provincial officials said, but it also shows the enormous number of people who are sick and have not been counted in the official tally of the outbreak.

The sharp rise in reported cases illustrates how hard it still is to grasp the extent and severity of the coronavirus outbreak in China, particularly inside the epicenter, where thousands of sick people remain untested for the illness.

The authorities were

confronted by so many people with symptoms —

and such a shortage of kits

to test officially for the

virus — that they had to

change the way the illness

with seasonal flu may develop pneumonia visible on a lung scan.

"They're talking about using this as another diagnostic test, but we haven't seen it validated by data," Schaffner said.

A social media campaign started by a physician in Wuhan last week called for using CT scans to simplify the screening of patients suspected of having the coronavirus and accelerate their hospitalization and treatment, instead of waiting for test results.

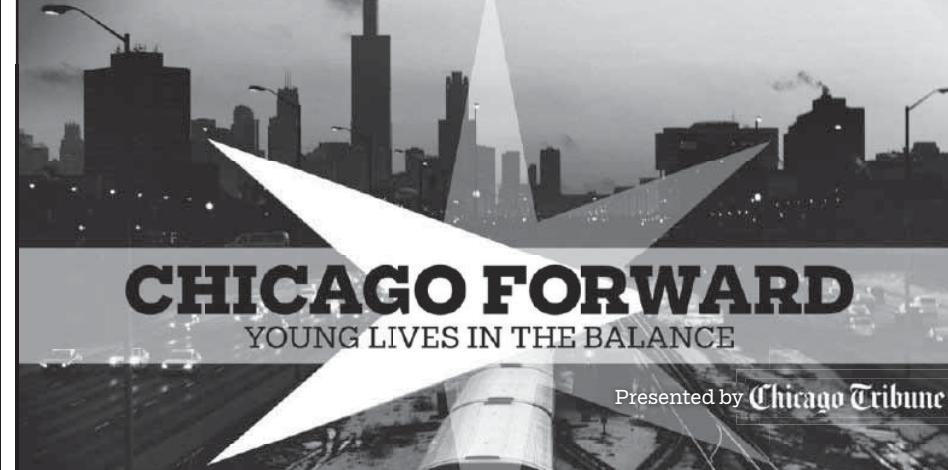
CT scans produce immediate results, she said, and Wuhan was running short of testing kits.

The change in diagnosis may make it harder to track the epidemic, said Dr. Peter Rabinowitz, co-director of the University of Washington MetaCenter for Pandemic Preparedness and Global Health Security.

"It makes it really confusing right now if they're changing the whole way they screen and detect," he said.

Now estimating the scale of the epidemic "is a moving target."

The news is the latest in a set of confusing data points suggesting the epidemic is far from contained.



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Fire sale: Iran plant makes US flags protesters burn

Factory owner describes the work as business choice

BY NASSER KARIMI AND MOHAMMAD NASIRI
Associated Press

KHOMEIN, Iran — Near the hometown of the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, workers at a small Iranian factory diligently add all 50 stars and 13 red-and-white bars to what are supposed to be U.S. flags, and carefully imprint the blue Star of David on Israeli ones.

That's even as all their work is destined to go up in flames.

The company Diba Parcham Khomein serves as a major producer for the American and Israeli flags constantly burned at pro-government rallies in the Islamic Republic. Such flag-burnings are a sign of support for Iran's embattled clerical rulers and a throwback to the iconic images of the 1979 Islamic Revolution that branded the U.S. Iran's greatest foe and the "Great Satan."

Another batch of flags was prepared for the 41st anniversary of the Iranian revolution. The celebrations this week took on special symbolic importance amid renewed tensions with Washington after a U.S. drone strike in Baghdad killed Iran's top general, Qassem Soleimani, last month.

Yet the factory's owner, like many middle-class Iranians, holds out hope for better relations between Tehran and the U.S.

"I hope there is a day that the flags we produce are presented as a gift," factory owner Abolfazl Khanjani said.

That day, however, has yet to come to Khomein, a city best known as the birthplace of the Islamic Republic's founder.

The factory itself is in the nearby suburban village of Heshmatieh, where staffers



A worker sews a U.S. flag at the Diba Parcham Khomein factory in a suburb of Khomein city in Iraq. The U.S. and Israeli flags made there are burned in protests.

first dye the blue canton containing the 50 white stars of the American flag on before dyeing its seven red stripes.

The flags then hang to dry in the factory. As Iran does not recognize Israel as a country, the factory adds "Death to Israel," written in Farsi on those flags, workers said. Iran itself continues to support anti-Israeli militant groups like Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Diba Parcham Khomein produces 1.5 million flags a year, many bearing Islamic phrases for religious and official occasions across the country. The factory also makes Iranian flags and a small number of Iraqi national flags for export.

But on a recent visit the American and Israeli flags stood out, each 59 inches by 39 inches. The factory makes as many as 6,000 American, British and Israeli flags in a year, all destined to be passed onto retailers. Iranian political hard-liners then purchase them for around \$2 apiece to be stomped on, torn and ultimately set ablaze.

"In recent years, the production of the U.S. flags has been tripled," Khanjani said. "What eventually happens to my products is on its end user."

Khanjani, 36, identifies himself as supporting Iranian reformist groups that want to slowly change, and open up, the Islamic Repub-

lic. But he acknowledged the anger hard-liners feel toward the U.S. Tensions have particularly been high since President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew America from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers in May 2018.

In the time since, regional tensions across the Mideast have steadily worsened.

Smiling images of Soleimani and Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei appeared on small Iranian flags in the factory, hanging behind women working on Ameri-

can flags.

Khanjani said burning the American flag offered Iranians a direct way to express their anger at U.S.

policies, including the economic sanctions now choking the country.

"Does the production of

U.S. flags for burning pose

any danger to anyone? Does

it hurt anyone? My answer

is no. It is an insult at worst,"

he said. "But what about the

production of weapons,

bombs and drones for terror

that have been used against

our people and our country's general? Has it not

harmed my country?"

That was a sentiment shared by Khanjani's sister Azam, who also works at the factory.

"The martyrdom of our general was a big torment for us and this year as I sewed every flag, I was excited that they were going

to be burned," she said. "My feeling is just hatred when I see them. It does not give me a good feeling."

The factory has 40 workers, including 25 women from nearby villages who earn monthly salaries of up to \$400.

Despite expressing anger at U.S. policies, Khanjani said his factory's decision to supply the flags for burning is a business move. He showed a picture painted by his 8-year-old son, Aria, showing the flags of Iran and the U.S. next to each country's president.

The caption for the painting reads: "The president of the U.S. has shaken the hand of Iranian president and they have become friends."

Dems

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Feb. 22, and South Carolina, whose primary is a week later. That lineup sets up an immediate fight over the voters largely left out of contests in Iowa and New Hampshire, namely Latino, black and union voters.

That put immediate pressure on leading candidates to show they could compete outside of the largely white states that launched the nominating process.

Buttigieg, the former South Bend mayor, argued that Sanders' Medicare for All plan would unravel some unions members' gold-standard health care plans, pointing to the influential Culinary Union that represent workers on the Las Vegas Strip.

"If the choice is between Sen. Sanders telling them they're going to have to give that up and me saying that we can enhance and increase choice without asking them to sacrifice what they have worked so hard for, I think that is a very good debate for us to have and I'm looking forward to having that debate," Buttigieg said on NBC's "Morning Joe."

Klobuchar's campaign worked to keep a tail wind from Tuesday's strong third-place finish. A campaign that once was down to boasting of being in the



Bernie Sanders celebrates Tuesday night in Manchester, N.H. The race — now that Iowa and New Hampshire are over — rolls ahead to Nevada, which holds its caucus Feb. 22.



SEAN RAYFORD/GETTY
Joe Biden made a personal appeal to donors after disappointing showings.



JOSEPH PREZIOSO/GETTY-AFP
Pete Buttigieg, second to Sanders in New Hampshire, has a slight delegate lead.



ROBERT F. BUKATY/AP
Amy Klobuchar is looking to build on her third-place finish in New Hampshire.

and advisers said he would be increasing his visibility with more media interviews and would increase spending on radio ads, according to a participant on the call.

His campaign has raised \$4 million since his lackluster performance during the Iowa caucuses, the campaign told the group, describing the disappointing finishes there and in New Hampshire as a gut check for a candidate once viewed as the front-runner.

They offered assurances that Biden's base of support with black voters was still solid, and said it remained the key to reviving his bid once they start voting in large numbers in Nevada's Feb. 22 caucus and South Carolina's primary.

On a call with reporters, Louisiana Rep. Cedric Richmond, a Biden backer, argued no other candidate has Biden's advantage in those states.

"You cannot come through diverse states without having diverse support," he said.

If the result from the first two states to vote — Iowa and New Hampshire — demonstrated anything, it's that no candidate has a clear hold on the coalition needed to win the nomination.

Both Buttigieg and Klobuchar, national newcomers from the Midwest, have demonstrated little backing from minority voters. Sen. Elizabeth Warren has also struggled to expand her support in the early

contests or pick up momentum that might win over black voters in South Carolina, where African American voters make up more than half the Democratic electorate.

The race only gets more competitive and more expensive for Super Tuesday.

Former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg has been campaigning in those delegate-rich states for weeks, opting to skip the early scramble. His effort, and his millions in cash, appear to be making inroads with voters, including the black voters Biden is banking on.

On Wednesday, Bloomberg drew an overflow crowd to a speech at an African American museum in Chattanooga, Tennessee, one of the Super Tuesday states. None of his major competitors has yet announced stops there.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick ended his 2020 campaign Wednesday after his late bid failed to catch fire or resonate with voters. He was the last remaining African American candidate in a Democratic presidential field once defined by its diversity.

Meanwhile, Troy Price, chairman of the Iowa Democratic Party, announced his resignation Wednesday after a disastrous caucus process beset by technical glitches led to a days-long delay in reporting the results, inconsistencies in the numbers and no clear winner.

Fears grow over Nevada's caucus plan after Iowa's meltdown

BY CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY AND MICHELLE L. PRICE
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Concerns have been growing that next week's Nevada caucuses could offer a repeat of the chaos that ensnared the Iowa vote, with Nevada facing many of the same organizational and technical challenges that crippled Iowa's process.

Volunteers who will be leading the Feb. 22 caucuses said key information had

yet to be shared. There has been no hands-on training with iPads being deployed to caucus sites on Election Day nor opportunities to try out a new "tool" that will be loaded onto the iPads and used during the caucus process.

Adding to the mix is that Nevada also plans to offer early voting, a complicated step that Iowa did not attempt. That has prompted some confusion about how early voters would be included in the multistage caucus process.

"This sounds just dangerous, like people are still improvising and making up the rules as they go," said Doug Jones, a University of Iowa computer scientist and expert on voting technology. "How do they expect to get training done for all the people doing these caucuses?"

Nevada, the third state to cast votes on the Democratic presidential field, is seen as the first test of a candidate's strength before a diverse population and strong labor unions. Nevada

Republicans are not holding caucuses this year.

Molly Forgey, a spokeswoman for the Nevada State Democratic Party, declined to respond to questions about how the reporting process will work and the security measures in place.

"We'll train our volunteers as soon as the process is rolled out," Forgey said.

She added: "I think our confidence level is the same — still high."

As in Iowa, Nevada's caucuses are run by the state party and not state and local

election officials, who will administer the November election and statewide primaries.

In training sessions in recent days, Nevada Democrats told precinct leaders they will be using an iPad they will receive the day of the caucuses.

Seth Morrison, a site leader who will oversee multiple precincts at a caucus site in the metro Las Vegas area, said he was told he would be trained on the iPads when he picks them up a few days before the

caucuses and would be responsible for showing precinct leaders how to use them.

Nevada Democrats were initially working with the same app developer used in Iowa but scrapped those plans after the company's app failed there. Instead, loaded on the iPads will be what's been referred to in training materials as a "Caucus Tool" used to enter results. Party officials emphasized that it was not an app, but they have yet to explain how it's different.

In prosecution, a politician sees perk

Italy's Salvini bets that a trial would boost his comeback

BY JASON HOROWITZ
The New York Times

ROME — Matteo Salvini can hardly believe his good fortune. He's facing prosecution.

In another country, that might spell trouble for a politician like Salvini, Italy's nationalist leader. But Salvini is being pursued for turning away rescued migrants when he was interior minister, by southern prosecutors who have called it an abuse of power and an act of abduction.

As the effort to criminally pursue Salvini comes to a critical juncture, just weeks after a defeat in an important regional election thwarted his attempted return to power, he has seized upon it as a political life raft.

"Immigration is surely not a theme that scares me," said Salvini in an interview in his Senate office, surrounded by the law enforcement shirts he often dressed up in, dozens of cross necklaces dangling in a row like Mardi Gras beads and assorted gifts that he receives on the campaign trail.

It's not hard to see why. The potential prosecution has unwittingly revived migration as an issue despite only a trickle of arrivals to Italy.

And it has rearmed Salvini, an expert in political victimization, with a powerful issue to rally his base.

"I see the similarities of a left that tries to win through legal means that which it can't win through democratic means," Salvini said in the interview, on the day of President Donald Trump's acquittal in a Senate trial.

He added that prosecutions "against Trump will end in nothing, and they will end in nothing for me."

Rather than run from the case, Salvini can hardly stop talking about it, in his daily Facebook Live soliloquies, campaign trail appearances



Matteo Salvini, center, campaigns in Italy last month while facing a potential trial for turning away rescued migrants.

and interviews. He spoke with amazement about a schedule of votes this month and the next to determine whether or not he could be prosecuted for the signature issue that fueled his rise to become the most popular politician in Italy.

"Here," he said, "every month there is a request to prosecute on immigration that they send forward."

They, as Salvini sees it, are ideologically motivated magistrates spurred on by liberal enemies determined to stop his rise in Italian politics.

Salvini's critics see a more straightforward case of his breaking the law, not to mention disregarding the dire human suffering of those on board the ships he left floating at sea and of a judicial system doing its job to hold him accountable. They are doubtful that

Salvini will actually vote for the case to go ahead in another legislative step Wednesday. His office says it is still evaluating what to do.

Either way, Salvini, despite his complaint about having to eat breakfast with his lawyer rather than his girlfriend, is now relishing the opportunity.

In the politics of persecution, Salvini has few peers, having picked up where Silvio Berlusconi left off. The media magnate and former conservative prime minister spent decades excoriating Italy's prosecutors as the country's Communist opposition — to great political fortune.

Salvini has replaced Berlusconi as the de facto leader of the Italian right, though he has sat on the sidelines since his coalition government collapsed last summer.

But even Salvini's political opponents have sensed the danger of turning him into a martyr on the migration issue. They have wavered on whether to let the prosecutions proceed, suggesting they be delayed until after regional elections and ultimately abstained in critical votes.

There has, however, been one surprise advocate for allowing the prosecutions to go forward: Salvini himself.

"They will put on trial the entire Italian people," he took to saying on the campaign trail, often to sustained applause.

Salvini and his nationalist allies understand how much the issue of migration still resonates with European voters. This month, Viktor Orban, prime minister of Hungary, appeared at a conference of international conservatives in a Rome

hotel and said the importance of the 2015 migration crisis was that it had lifted the taboo of speaking about identity and national borders.

Since Salvini's failed bid to trigger early elections by pulling the plug on his coalition with the 5-Star Movement last year, staying at the center of things has become more of a challenge.

That problem has intensified since his candidate's loss in the regional elections in January in Emilia Romagna, a traditional left-wing stronghold where Salvini spent weeks campaigning to demonstrate his dominance of Italian politics and his appeal in formerly enemy territory. He lost badly.

In an effort to find his footing, he has focused on more regional elections this year to apply pressure on Italy's fragile government, an awkward alliance of his

former, and cratering, 5-Star partners and the center-left Democratic Party.

But the man who just weeks ago was in such a hurry to collapse the government now seemed resigned to the fact that he had to play a long game. The next elections are not scheduled until 2023.

When discussing his potential comeback, Salvini exclaimed, "There's no rush!"

In the meantime, Italian political analysts have argued that Salvini needed to move more toward the center to expand his support beyond 33%. There were some indications that Salvini wanted to shed his hard-right image.

In the interview, Salvini said that it was "probably a reductive vision" to lump him in with other nationalists like Orban and Marine Le Pen in France based solely on their shared opposition to migration.

His League party, formerly the Northern League, he pointed out, ran many of Italy's regions, including one of its richest and most successful, Lombardy.

It had also, he failed to note, once advocated breaking Lombardy and the rest of the north away from Italy in a fictional nation called Padania. But now, Salvini said, the League was a truly national party, and it had become clear that "Lombardy alone goes nowhere."

Even so, Salvini argued that he was in no way distancing himself from the hard-right nationalist milieu in which he emerged as a global leader. Despite failing to appear at the conservative conference, he met privately with Orban and "brainstormed about scenarios of future collaboration."

His hard line on immigration — prosecution or not — was a winning one and one from which he wouldn't budge.

"I don't move," he said, as he sat at his desk, waiting for the bell signaling the next Senate vote to ring.



A wall separates an Israeli settlement, left, built in a suburb of mostly Arab east Jerusalem, and a Palestinian refugee camp. Nearly 500,000 Israelis live in the West Bank.

UN lists 112 firms operating at Israeli sites in West Bank

BY JOSEF FEDERMAN AND JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The U.N. human rights office Wednesday released a list of more than 100 companies it said are complicit in violating Palestinian human rights by operating in Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank — a first-ever international attempt to name and shame businesses, which has drawn fierce Israeli condemnation.

The list's publication after repeated delays escalated a looming showdown between Israel and the international community over its more than half-century policy of building settlements in the West Bank. Emboldened by a new U.S. Mideast initiative, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to annex Israel's more than 100 settlements, while the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in The Hague has indicated she will soon launch a war-crimes investigation into settlement policies.

The list included well-known global companies, among them Airbnb, Motorola and General Mills.

Although the vast majority of the world considers settlements illegal, Wednesday's report did not accuse the companies of violating international law. Instead, it appeared to be aimed at pressuring them by drawing negative attention to their ties to a much-maligned Israeli policy.

"I am conscious this issue has been, and will continue to be, highly contentious," said Michelle Bachelet, the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights.

"However, after an extensive and meticulous review process, we are satisfied this fact-based report reflects the serious consideration that has been given to this unprecedented and highly complex mandate."

The Human Rights Council in 2016 instructed the U.N.'s human rights office to create a "database" of companies deemed to be linked to or supportive of the settlements. Beginning with a potential list of over 300 companies, it narrowed it down to 112 firms involved in practices that raised human rights concerns, such as settlement construction, security services, banking and equipment that was used to demolish Palestinian property.

The report does not call for sanctions or have any concrete effect on the companies. But Israeli officials accused authors of the report of caving in to pressure from the grassroots Palestinian-led boycott movement against Israel and raised concerns the list could be used as the basis for boycotts and other economic pressure against the companies.

In a statement, Netanyahu called the rights council "unimportant."

Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki hailed the list as a "victory for international law and for the diplomatic effort to dry up the sources of the colonial system represented by illegal settlement in the occupied Palestinian territory."

With broad international backing, the Palestinians claim the West Bank and east Jerusalem as parts of a future independent state. Israel, which captured both areas in the 1967 Mideast war, has annexed east Jerusalem — a step that is not internationally recognized — and said it has no intention of dismantling any of its West Bank settlements. Nearly 500,000 Israelis live in the West Bank, in addition to more than 200,000 in east Jerusalem.

Pope's document on Amazon avoids issue of married priests

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis refused Wednesday to approve the ordination of married men or women as deacons to address a shortage of priests in the Amazon, sidestepping a fraught issue that has divided the Catholic Church and emboldened his conservative critics.

In an eagerly awaited document, Francis didn't refer to recommendations by Amazonian bishops to consider married priests or female deacons. Rather, the pope urged bishops to pray for more priestly vocations and to send missionaries to a region where faithful

Catholics in remote areas can go months or even years without Mass.

The pope's dodge disappointed liberals, who had hoped he would at least put both questions to further study. It outraged progressive Catholic women's groups. And it relieved conservatives who had used the debate over priestly celibacy to heighten their opposition to the pope, and saw his ducking of the issue as a victory.

Francis' document, "Beloved Amazon," is instead a love letter to the Amazonian rainforest and its indigenous peoples from the first Latin American pope.

He has long been concerned about the exploitation of the Amazon's land, its importance to the global ecosystem and the injustices against its peoples.

Quoting poetry as frequently as past papal teachings, Francis addressed the document to all peoples of the world "to help awaken their affection and concern for that land which is also ours and to invite them to value it and acknowledge it as a sacred mystery."

Francis said he has four dreams for the Amazon: respecting the rights of the poor; celebrating their cultural riches; preserving its



Cardinal Michael Czerny holds a copy of Pope Francis' post-synodal document at a news conference Wednesday at the Vatican.

natural beauty and life; and showing the indigenous features of its Christian communities.

The bishops also urged the Vatican to reopen a study commission on ordaining women as deacons, which allows for preaching, celebrating weddings and baptisms, but not consecrating the Eucharist.

Francis had created such a commission in 2016 at the insistence of nuns who want larger roles in church governance and ministry, but the group ended its work without reaching consensus.

Conservatives rejoiced that Francis had refused to approve married priests.

"It is a great success, a great success for the faithful," said conservative Austrian activist Alexander Tschugguel.

"He doesn't write that they are forbidden in the future, but at least he doesn't write in favor of them, which is very good," Tschugguel said.

Women's advocacy groups blasted the document.

"This post-synodal document is a betrayal of women by denying them the grace of holy orders to do a ministry they are already carrying out," said Miriam Duignan of the Wijngaards Institute for Catholic Research, a British-based progressive Catholic think tank.

The Catholic Church retains the priesthood for men, arguing that Christ and his apostles were male. While Eastern rite branches have married priests, and Anglican and Protestant priest converts can be married, the Roman rite church has had a tradition of priestly celibacy since the 11th century, imposed in part to ensure that priests' assets pass to the church, not to heirs.

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Jury finds Mar-a-Lago intruder not guilty of trespassing

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A Florida jury acquitted a Chinese woman Wednesday of trespassing at President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort after she testified she didn't understand a security guard who told her to leave.

However, jurors did find Jing Lu, 56, guilty of resisting a police officer without violence during her Dec. 18 arrest. The incident marked the second time in 2019 that a

Chinese national was charged with illicitly entering Trump's resort.

Lu has been in custody since her arrest.

Prosecutors said she ignored a warning to leave the grounds and returned through a side entrance and continued taking pictures.

Lu, testifying through a Mandarin interpreter, said she paid \$200 for a Chinese guide to drop her off at various South Florida locations.

White supremacist propaganda spreading, anti-bias group says

NEW YORK — Incidents of white supremacist propaganda distributed across the nation jumped by more than 120% between 2018 and last year, according to the Anti-Defamation League, making 2019 the second straight year that the circulation of propaganda material has more than doubled.

The Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism reported 2,713

cases of circulated propaganda by white supremacist groups, including flyers, posters and banners, compared with 1,214 cases in 2018. The distributed propaganda includes material that directly spreads messages of discrimination against Jews, LGBTQ people and other minority communities.

The sharp rise last year follows a jump of more than 180% between 2017 and 2018.

French publisher of writer who celebrated pedophilia is raided

PARIS — Police raided a noted French publishing house Wednesday in their investigation of an 83-year-old writer who celebrated pedophilia in his work.

Investigators searched the offices of French publishing house Gallimard in connection with a preliminary investigation as to whether Gabriel Matzneff raped a minor decades ago, a judicial official said.

The investigators were

looking for unpublished passages from Matzneff's writings, according to press reports.

The raid at Gallimard came as lawyers met in a Paris courtroom on another legal front, one concerning Matzneff's recent pieces for news publications in which he defended his relationship with a 14-year-old girl decades ago when he was 50 as "the exceptional love that we lived together."



Two African penguins compete for a valentine handed out by staff at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco on Wednesday. Penguins naturally build nests in the wild with material similar to the valentines, which encourages breeding behavior.

JEFF CHIU/AP

Report: Census Bureau at risk of not being ready for count

With the start of the 2020 census just a month away for most U.S. residents, the U.S. Census Bureau is behind in recruiting workers and establishing partnerships with civic groups, and it is at risk of missing some informational technology testing goals, according to a report released Wednesday.

While the Census Bureau has succeeded so far in early tasks of verifying addresses across the U.S. and launching an advertising campaign, the agency's readiness for upcoming operations is mixed, according to the report from the

Government Accountability Office.

The report was made public Wednesday during a hearing by the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

The GAO report said the bureau was at risk of missing testing milestones for five IT operations, including one that will allow people to self-respond and another for following-up with households that haven't answered the questions on their own.

Lawmakers held the hearing Wednesday to get an update from Census Bureau director Steven

Dillingham and other agency officials on its readiness for the largest and most complex head count in U.S. history.

Dillingham testified that the bureau was on its way toward reaching its goals for hiring and partnerships.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., chairwoman of the committee, said the GAO report was sending "flashing red lights."

"Whether through incompetence or intentional action, this administration's failures risk causing grave harm ... that could jeopardize a complete and accurate count," she said.

NY seeks compromise to end Global Entry ban

ALBANY, N.Y. — New York's governor plans to propose to President Donald Trump that the state could share some driving records with federal immigration agencies if the administration reverses its move to block state residents from Global Entry and other programs that

allow travelers to avoid long border security lines.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo says he plans to meet with Trump on Thursday. Cuomo said he would only propose giving federal officials access to state driving records of applicants to traveler programs who undergo a sit-down inter-

view with federal officials and supply documents such as a passport.

His comments Wednesday come a day after New York officials filed a lawsuit challenging the move to block New York residents from "trusted traveler" programs, including Global Entry.



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NATO plan to boost Iraq army training, still needs OK

BRUSSELS — NATO is ready to expand its military training effort in Iraq, the alliance's top civilian official said Wednesday, but the Iraqi government is not yet ready to approve the move.

The Canada-led operation was launched in 2018 but suspended last month after a U.S. missile strike at Baghdad Airport killed Iran's top general and Iraq's government and lawmakers demanded that foreign troops leave.

President Donald Trump, meanwhile, has demanded that U.S. allies do more militarily in the Mideast.

The NATO plan now is to move hundreds of trainers working with the international force fighting the Islamic State group in Iraq to NATO's own mission helping to build up the Iraqi army. No additional personnel would be deployed to the strife-torn country.

In North Dakota: An artist said Wednesday he has scrapped plans for a mural honoring Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg after boycott threats against a Bismarck business that would have featured the outdoor image.

Shane Balkowitsch had planned to put a 7-foot-tall mural of Thunberg on the brick exterior wall of a bakery.

Balkowitsch told The Bismarck Tribune he saw the planned mural as a celebration of art, not a dig at oil or coal companies in North Dakota. But after threats of boycotts and possible vandalism appeared when a TV station posted a story about the planned mural on its Facebook page Tuesday, Balkowitsch said Wednesday he pulled his application with the city.

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EDITORIALS

Amid turmoil at Lincoln Park HS, CPS should find its voice

District's persistent silence leaves some people tarnished, and many others exasperated

Chicago's Lincoln Park High School is a top-ranked institution with a diverse student body, an international baccalaureate program and accomplished performing arts companies. But lately, it has been getting the sort of attention no school wants.

A rolling scandal has led to the removal of top administrators and coaches, as well as the suspension of the boys basketball season. What started the turmoil was the basketball squad's overnight December trip to Detroit, which was later ruled "unauthorized." Chicago Public Schools got a report of misconduct on the trip, and the head coach lost his job.

Other allegations of sexual misconduct related to the athletic program — including one purportedly involving an employee and a student — led to more probes. CPS says the accusations include inappropriate student discipline, allowing suspended employees to work, sport recruiting violations and more.

Among the casualties: A girls basketball coach was fired; interim Principal John Thuet and Assistant Principal Michelle Brumfield got their walking papers; and Dean John Johnson and another coach were removed. But instead of drawing admiration for prompt action, CPS came under heavy criticism from students and parents who praise the performance of the administrators who were removed. Students sat in hallways to protest, and fights broke out.

The elected school council complained of being left in the dark on crucial matters. A letter to parents said, "Based on what we have seen — like many of you who are writing to us — we remain unconvinced that the punishments in this case fits any alleged failures specific to administrators Thuet, Brumfield and Johnson," whom it described as "dedicated educators who vastly improved safety and security — and administration generally."

In its own letter to Lincoln Park High School families, CPS said, "We would not have taken these actions if we did not believe they were necessary to promote the safe and supportive educational environment your children deserve." At a public meeting, CPS officials said the district had



Lincoln Park High School students last week protest the removal of several school administrators and coaches.

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discovered "egregious and systemic policy violations." But the presentation didn't satisfy the council and many parents and students. So the controversy continues.

As do accusations of wrongdoing. The Tribune reported Tuesday that the father of a Lincoln Park student has sued the Chicago Board of Education, alleging that the high school didn't do enough to prevent his 15-year-old daughter from being sexually assaulted by another student. The father's lawsuit alleges that the district failed to provide adequate security, failed to implement appropriate policies to prevent the sexual abuse of a minor, on school property, and failed to prevent the other student from having inappropriate contact with the daughter.

CPS says it is constrained from reveal-

ing more about the turmoil at Lincoln Park High because of several ongoing investigations and the district's obligation to shield students' privacy. We can't disagree with the district's stated priorities: ensuring the safety of kids and protecting them from unwarranted disclosures about personal matters. Those obligations are obviously nonnegotiable.

It's entirely conceivable that administrators removed by any school district were exemplary in some important respects but were also guilty of "egregious and system policy violations." If that's established in this case — a hypothetical on which we offer no opinion whatsoever — CPS could hardly use the former to excuse the latter.

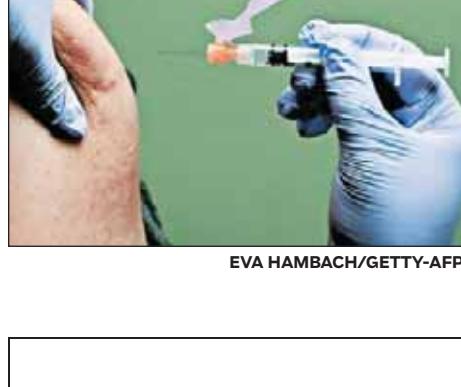
At the same time, it's hard to see why the district could not divulge more about

the alleged violations that required the immediate departure of so many high-profile employees. Brumfield told the Tribune she was given no answers on what she did wrong. Nor is it obvious that such disclosures to the school community and all Chicagoans would impede inquiries that have been going on for weeks.

The CPS refusal to provide a more complete explanation has made it impossible to judge whether the removals were an essential response or a serious overreaction. It also leaves those who are accused of mishandling their duties unable to defend themselves.

We hope the Lincoln Park High School community will find out all the facts that can be revealed without violating student privacy — and we hope it will happen soon.

The deadly serious business of fighting the flu



EVA HAMBACH/GETTY-AFP

Children in the United States are dying from the flu even as the new coronavirus continues to spread. That should give us more than a little pause. As some Americans continue to scoff at best health practices, including appropriate vaccines for the flu, how ready are we to handle a viral pandemic?

Some 10,000 Americans have died of the flu this year, and 180,000 have been hospitalized.

"Please, it is not too late to get a flu shot, and there are measures we can all take that can help keep us healthy this season." Connecticut Department of Public Health Com-

missioner Renée D. Coleman-Mitchell said in announcing the flu death of a young child in her state.

Plenty of people are still basking in misinformation, with sometimes deadly results. The mother of a 4-year-old Colorado boy consulted an anti-vaccine Facebook group when flu hit her house, according to media reports. She wrote that she had declined to fill a Tamiflu prescription written by a doctor, NBC News reported, but was treating her children with peppermint oil and lavender. Members advised her to use breast milk, thyme and elderberry. Her son died. Facebook said it is trying to re-

duce the spread of vaccine misinformation on its site.

Celebrity-studded anti-vaxx debates run the risk of becoming a parlor game or something of a joke. Instead, the urgent need to corral the coronavirus is a sobering reminder that public health is serious business. People who defy widely accepted precautions aren't just quirky oddballs. By ignoring medical advice and common sense, they endanger themselves, their children, the medically vulnerable and potentially everyone around them.

The results of not taking the flu seriously can be deadly.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The coronavirus pandemic is China's Chernobyl.

In 1986, the Soviets initially lied about the nuclear accident at Chernobyl before physical evidence forced them to disclose the truth. The Chinese Communist Party followed the Soviet playbook for this pandemic: On Dec. 8, doctors confirmed the first coronavirus patient but Wuhan's mayor now acknowledges the city's action was insufficient. Officials did not alert the public until Dec. 30, missing a valuable three-week window to control the spread of the virus.

Chinese authorities initially likely did not disclose the severity of the pandemic because they feared this tragedy could trigger massive protests, shaking China's regime security. China strives always to show a prosperous, harmonious atmosphere, a stabilized society, even at the cost of the health of its citizens.

The crisis of this pandemic is far from over. The Communist Party's handling of the situation demonstrates that socialism with Chinese characteristics — a totalitarian model that lacks transparency, free speech, free press and respect of human rights and human dignity — cannot and will not resolve crises of this magnitude, and similar tragedies are likely to happen ...

And, inevitably, the Chinese people will learn of the government's lies, evasion and deception. They will add this to their list of regime failures, which long ago caused the loss of the party's legitimacy to rule China.

Bradley A. Thayer and Lianchao Han, The Hill

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Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Bernie Sanders speaks to supporters at a primary night election rally in Manchester, New Hampshire, on Tuesday.

On foreign policy, Bernie Sanders is the best



STEVE CHAPMAN

Bernie Sanders is a strident ideologue with immovable convictions that defy conventional Democratic thinking and haven't changed in more than half a century. When it comes to foreign policy, however, he may be exactly what we need.

I am no fan of Sanders' domestic policy agenda, which shows an undue faith in the wisdom and competence of the federal government to reshape our economic lives. But his approach to international affairs indicates a humility and restraint that has long been absent from the halls of power.

Foreign policy is probably the most important consideration in choosing a president because it is the realm in which he or she exercises the greatest control. Though Sanders may champion "Medicare for All" and punitive wealth taxes, he can't bring them about without persuading Congress — which is unlikely. If he decides to withdraw from Afghanistan or reenter the Iran nuclear deal, by contrast, no one will stop him.

Nevertheless, the Democratic contenders have spent little time dis-

cussing America's proper role in the world, and the people they're appealing to don't care. A September FiveThirtyEight/Ipsos poll of Democratic voters asked them to name the issues they regard as most important, and foreign policy came in 15th on the list.

Given President Donald Trump's alienation of our traditional allies, embrace of our traditional foes and general disdain for our traditional formulas, a return to the old ways may sound sensible. But his approach has been erratic and irresponsible. And even Barack Obama showed the dangers of being too cautious in breaking with the past.

He did reject some bad ideas, such as sending lethal military aid to Ukraine and establishing a no-fly zone in Syria. But he continued the war in Afghanistan and greatly expanded the use of drone strikes in places like Somalia and Yemen, without congressional authorization.

Obama intervened in Libya, with consequences that he later admitted were "a mess." Though Obama mocked the "Washington playbook," he never threw it out. Most of the Democratic candidates sound as though they would generally follow his centrist example.

Sanders, it's safe to predict, would not. As a House member, he had the insight and nerve to vote against the Iraq War — even as Democratic Sens.

Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, John Kerry and John Edwards were voting for it.

He is hardly alone in favoring the revival of the nuclear deal with Iran, but other candidates are less committed than he is. Biden, Elizabeth Warren and Pete Buttigieg would reenter only if Iran first resumes compliance with its obligations.

Not Sanders. He told the Council on Foreign Relations, "I would re-enter the agreement on day one of my presidency." Others support pulling combat troops out of Afghanistan but leaving some forces in place. Sanders says he would withdraw, period.

Others agree with Trump on using economic sanctions to bring down Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro. Sanders opposes sanctions and says, "My administration would not be in the business of regime change."

I asked several restraint-oriented international relations scholars which top-tier candidate would be most likely to reverse our long-standing impulse to intervene with abandon. All had the same answer.

"Bernie is the only restrainer in the lot," said University of Chicago professor John Mearsheimer. "The key question is whether he could stand up to the Blob, which would go to enormous lengths to undermine his efforts to pursue a less militaristic foreign policy." The Blob refers to the influential network of think tanks, advocates and

intellectuals that has dominated foreign policy for decades.

"Sanders would be less likely to be co-opted by Blobby advisers into taking military action," John Glaser, director of foreign policy studies at the libertarian Cato Institute, told me.

Warren and Sanders generally sound alike, said Richard Hanania, a research fellow at Columbia's Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies: "The difference is that Warren has consistently changed who she's been across her political career, while Sanders has been consistent for decades."

The sort of relentless obstinacy that Sanders exhibits can be an impediment to reasonable solutions. But when a crisis erupts and alarmists demand U.S. action to avert some imagined peril, it takes great strength to resist. Sanders has no feeble convictions. He is not likely to fold for fear of being called being weak, naive or isolationist. Like Honey Badger, Bernie don't care.

Obama and Trump both ran promising to end the forever war and stop treating every international problem as something we can and should fix. Sanders might actually deliver.

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BY JOE "THE FIX IS IN" FOURNIER

PERSPECTIVE

Since Foxx won't tell you what really happened in Smollett case, let me try



ERIC ZORN

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's defensive response Tuesday to the news that special prosecutor Dan Webb has re-indicted TV actor Jussie Smollett underscores that she still has no plans to explain why her office handled the case as it did last year. So allow me to offer my best guess:

Foxx completely misread the room. That's all.

No sinister conspiracy. No backroom deal. Foxx didn't collude with powerful people to try to give a break to a celebrity, as some have insinuated. She wasn't trying to curry favor with the black or gay community — Smollett is both, and she is African American.

My supposition is that she simply believed that dramatically dropping all charges against Smollett related to allegations that he staged a hate crime against himself in late January of last year would be an ideal way to illustrate her commitment to focusing the resources of her office on violent crime.

The public would cheer! Commentators would hail her for not wasting the time of judges, jurors and prosecutors on a minor, nearly pathetic offense allegedly committed by a B-list star desperate for attention, and for instead signaling her commitment to concentrate on bringing murderers, rapists and robbers to justice!

It was a reasonable idea. Very few people thought Smollett should serve time for allegedly hiring two men of his acquaintance to pretend to rough him up on a Streeterville sidewalk at 2 a.m. while shouting a pro-Trump slogan and racist, homophobic slurs, then lying repeatedly to police about it. Cutting a deal to let him walk would illustrate how measured and fair she is.

One little problem, though. Her office let Smollett walk without negotiating or securing an actual deal. Such an agreement would usually require a guilty plea in exchange for court supervision and maybe a fine and some community service, after which the slate would be wiped clean.

Less than three weeks after a Cook County grand jury indicted Smollett on 16 counts of disorderly conduct last March, Foxx's office abruptly dropped all charges against him with no guilty plea, no formal fine, no court supervision and no commu-

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State's Attorney Kim Foxx is facing three challengers in the March 17 primary.

nity service beyond a few hours he'd spent volunteering at Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. This allowed Smollett to head to the courthouse lobby and proclaim his innocence, jabbing a thumb into the eye of the public that twisted there until Tuesday, when Webb announced a six-count indictment restating the old charges against Smollett.

In an accompanying statement, Webb noted that his investigation found no evidence that Foxx routinely disposed of cases the way she disposed of the Smollett case, as she'd claimed, and that "decision-makers overseeing the Smollett resolution decision have not identified any new evidence they learned of between the time of indictment and dismissal of the indictment that changed their view that the evidence against Mr. Smollett was strong."

So what happened during the interim between indictment and full exoneration? That question has loomed over the March 17 primary battle between Foxx and three Democratic challengers largely because Foxx has refused to answer it, using as her excuse Webb's investigation, which, as far as her conduct is concerned, is still ongoing.

Webb's statement advised that his "decision to further prosecute Mr. Smollett is not evidence in and of itself that any individuals within the (Cook County state's attorney's office) engaged in any wrongdoing in connection with the Smollett investigation."

Will we learn that ulterior and unwholesome motives drove the decision? I doubt it. More likely in my view is that Smollett's lawyers sensed Foxx was reluctant to pursue an off-message prosecution

of a high-profile, nonviolent crime and so declined to plead guilty. So Foxx's team thought it would be smart — even good PR — to make the whole thing go away, *poof!*

Instead she got *kaboom!* because as much as the public wants police and prosecutors to concentrate on the big stuff, the public also becomes enraged when anyone flouts the law, gets a pass, and then claims vindication (except when it's the president who skates; then only half the public becomes enraged).

Foxx's big failure was not seeing around the corner, which explains her litany of vague and seemingly obtuse excuses blaming poor communication for the tumult. Rather than admit this and begin to put the whole mess behind her, she embarked on an extended campaign of obfuscation and demurral in which her supporters floated the insulting suggestion that those concerned about what this case shows about her overall judgment and integrity are animated by Smollett's sexuality or his race, or with Foxx's race or gender.

And just to show that Foxx hasn't learned her lesson about humility and candor, her campaign put out a petulant statement Tuesday calling out "the James Comey-like timing of (Webb's) charging decision, just 35 days before an election, which can only be interpreted as the further politicization of the justice system, something voters in the era of Donald Trump should consider offensive."

But you know what's really Trumpian? Raging at those who tell the truth.

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Sanders prevails. Cue the Democratic Party panic.

BY FRANK BRUNI

The Democratic race was messy going into New Hampshire. It's even messier as it moves on.

Yes, Bernie Sanders won the state's primary Tuesday night. And that victory, coming on the heels of his functional tie with Pete Buttigieg in the dysfunctional Iowa caucuses last week, makes him the indisputable front-runner for the Democratic nomination.

But look at how closely behind him Buttigieg finished, despite furious attacks from Sanders and other rivals over recent days. Look at the sudden surge of Amy Klobuchar, whose strong third-place finish demonstrates not only how unsettled the contest is but also how many Democrats crave a moderate — or female — alternative to Sanders.

Note that while Sanders is hugely well-known in New Hampshire and beat Hillary Clinton by 22 points in its Democratic primary in 2016, he squeaked by Buttigieg this time around, as many people who voted for him four years ago obviously didn't do so on Tuesday night.

Finally, brace for the days ahead, during which Sanders' strength will be seriously tested as he comes under brutal assault from Democrats who believe that his nomination would be suicidal for the party and guarantee President Donald Trump's reelection. Sanders, a cranky 78-year-old who includes "socialist" in his description of his politics, is hardly in the clear.

You expected resolution from New Hampshire? What an optimist you are! And how impatient. Resolution was never likely to happen, not this year, not with Democratic voters' near-crippling anxiety about the surest path to the far side of Trump, not with this many viable but flawed candidates, not when there's so much noise in Washington and so much frustration in the air, not when so many voters have stopped taking cues from the institutions and traditions they frequently turned to in the past.

Elizabeth Warren was endorsed by respected media organizations. No matter. She finished fourth in New Hampshire, with less than 10% of the vote, though she had lavished hope, energy and resources on the state, next door to Massachusetts, which she represents in the Senate.

Joe Biden has high-profile surrogates galore, is as conventionally prepared for the presidency as a human being could be, and basks in the vestigial good will that many Democratic voters feel toward President Barack Obama's administration. None of that did him any good. He fin-

ished fifth, with less than 9%, and the dearth of confidence in him following his fourth-place showing in Iowa deepened, perhaps irreparably.

But add Biden's, Buttigieg's and Klobuchar's votes in New Hampshire and they far exceed those for the two prominent progressives, Sanders and Warren. Democrats' appetite for a nominee less liberal than Sanders is real.

But is there a moderate around whom voters can coalesce?

Buttigieg's enormously impressive performance in the first two states would make him the natural choice, except that he's 38, he still lags far behind Biden and Sanders in national polls, his highest office to date is mayor of a city of 100,000 people and he now moves on to two states, Nevada and then South Carolina, where his utter lack of traction with voters of color could undo his candidacy.

Klobuchar's sudden surge may well be too little too late, even at this early stage of the contest. Besides, there's little evidence that she will do significantly better with African American and Latino voters than Buttigieg.

This uncertainty about the Sanders alternative is why you'll be hearing even more about Mike Bloomberg over the next week than you did over the past one, when you heard plenty. This and the fact that he'll continue to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to implant his name in your brain.

The premium on becoming the moderate answer to Sanders was obvious in the speeches by Klobuchar, Buttigieg and even Warren to their supporters on Tuesday night.

"Donald Trump's worst nightmare is that the people in the middle — the people who have had enough of the name calling and the mud slinging — have someone to vote for in November," Klobuchar said. She was presenting herself as that someone.

Buttigieg, aware that Klobuchar probably siphoned votes from him in New Hampshire and could do so again down the road, urged Democrats to support a newcomer like him over a longtime senator and Washington insider like her.

"Election after election has shown us that putting forward a new perspective is how Democrats win the White House," he said, returning again and again to the idea that his was a uniquely inclusive campaign with a singularly far-reaching appeal.

And Warren, who months ago competed with Sanders for progressive votes, continued her assiduous repositioning as a candidate able to bridge progressives and moder-

ates. "We will need a nominee that the broadest coalition of our party feels like they can get behind," she said, bemoaning "the fight between factions of our party."

Now what? I keep hearing Democratic friends grouse that the party's members need to get on the same page, as if they can be magically muscled there. I keep seeing references in the media to the Democratic establishment and to party leaders, as if those are meaningful forces with indisputable impact.

Maybe they once were, but Trump's political ascent — which happened, remember, in defiance of the supposed Republican establishment and Republican leaders — demonstrated that the era of an external, elite authority being able to impose its will was over.

That era preceded the explosion of social media. That era was less pessimistic about the country's trajectory, less cynical about politics and politicians, more faithful on various fronts. That era was less suited to a disruptive iconoclast like Trump — and to a disruptive iconoclast like Sanders.

Sanders will be a major force in the Democratic race until the end. He's perhaps the *only* candidate about whom that can definitively be said. He seemed jubilant as he declared victory on Tuesday night, telling his supporters: "We have an unprecedented grassroots movement from coast to coast of millions of people. The reason that we are going to win is that we are putting together an unprecedented multigenerational, multiracial political movement."

Not so fast. Younger voters are much more taken with him than older ones. His dominance in the primary at present hinges on the scattered affections of less progressive Democrats.

And this movement isn't driving voters to the polls in the manner that he and his allies have vowed that it would. Democratic turnout in New Hampshire on Tuesday, like turnout in Iowa last week, wasn't spectacularly robust.

That means that Sanders, so strong, has weaknesses, just as Buttigieg, so weak in a few ways, keeps flexing unexpected strengths. Mixed signals, a muddle of moderates and Biden on political life support. That's the Democratic primary, which refuses to conform to predictions or follow any tidy script. Get comfortable with your discomfort. I suspect you'll be feeling it for a while.

The New York Times

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Why resurrect the case against Jussie Smollett?

Tuesday, in a stunning display of politicized theatrics, special prosecutor Dan Webb announced that he is pursuing new criminal charges against actor Jussie Smollett for allegedly filing a false police report. Webb's decision to resuscitate the prosecution of a legal matter so fundamentally inconsequential to the public interest did not signal an earnest administration of justice, but rather a feeble capitulation to the mounting political pressure and unrelenting media spectacle surrounding the affair.

In the months leading up to Tuesday's announcement, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx has faced an onslaught of public attacks and racialized animus intended to malign her office over its decision to drop charges in the sensationalized case against Smollett. The true object of her opponents' indignation, however, is Foxx's abiding commitment to fairness and equity in county law enforcement.

The success Foxx has achieved in enforcing police accountability and reversing mass incarceration, as head of the nation's second-largest prosecutor's office, has incited outrage among Chicago's Fraternal Order of the Police and allied stakeholders. In an effort to preserve institutions of racialized dominance and control, Foxx's opposition has deployed a calculated campaign of misinformation and inflammatory dog whistling over the Smollett case, with the aim of unseating the state's attorney in the upcoming election.

The decision of the state's attorney's office in the Smollett case should serve as a model for all public officials who profess their commitment to reversing mass incarceration and promoting equal justice in law enforcement. Despite the disgraceful nature of the allegations in the Smollett case, Foxx's agency handled the matter with equanimity. Resisting the ingrained political impulse to sate public bloodthirstiness with the proverbial pound of flesh, the state's attorney's office exercised reasoned prosecutorial discretion in its determination to drop charges against Smollett.

— DeAngelo Bester, executive director, Center for Racial and Gender Equity, Chicago

New chance to root out corruption

Here's hoping the news media will do their part to heal our country! I got to read about special prosecutor Dan Webb's work on the Jussie Smollett case and the possibility that a bit of corruption may be rooted out. Great! Forget the clickbait. The public (or at least this member of the public) will be grateful if the Tribune commits to the truth, to getting the facts out and to becoming part of an anti-corruption effort.

— Amy Lohmolder, Highland Park

No more need for pardons

Given the recent Justice Department push for a more lenient sentence for Roger Stone, U.S. Attorney General William Barr, aka President Donald Trump's personal attorney effectively, has obviated the need for presidential pardons.

— Ava Berland, Chicago

For real reform, go big, Illinois

There is an old boys' mentality in Illinois state politics. And I'm talking about both sides of the aisle. It's obvious with the indictments, convictions and sexual harassment allegations. And then we find out that legislators can squash any reports coming out of the legislative inspector general's office. In 2020, it is unbelievable this is still going on.

We could spend time pointing fingers and going back in time. That won't do any good. It is time to do the right thing. I suggest the governor and the legislature take bold action. Determine the root cause and make sure we put an end to this once and for all. Not just lip service.

I suggest the following:

Pass the strongest ethics legislation in the United States, taking the best from the other 49 states. Bulletproof it. Err on the side of caution to protect the citizens of Illinois, not the legislators and staff.

Create term limits. Absolute power corrupts absolutely. It's human nature.

Stop the gerrymandering of our legislative districts. The districts should be reflective of the citizenship, and not tools of the legislators gaming the system.

We can and must get this done to restore faith in our government.

— Fred Hausmann, Tinley Park

How to choose Dems' nominee

I have a solution for the Democrats in picking their next presidential nominee. It's not about demographics, politics, money or primary victories. I propose letting the nation's political cartoonists select the presidential nominee based on which candidate would be the most fun for the cartoonists to caricature.

— Charles Wilt, Cary

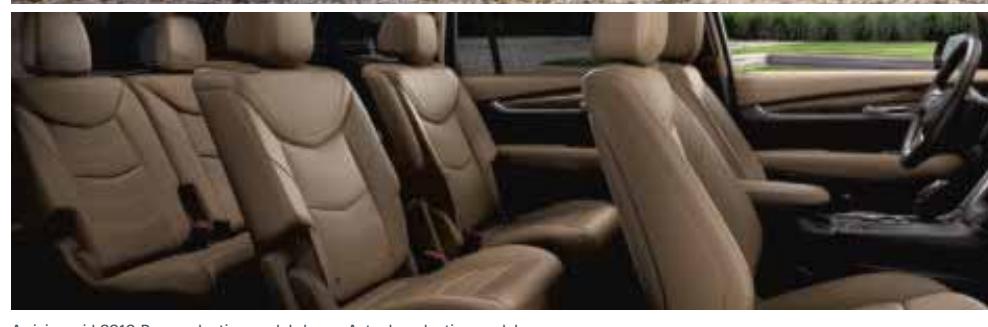
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BUSINESS

Peapod closures to cost 500 jobs

Grocery delivery pioneer to shut down Midwest operations

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

Peapod, the grocery delivery pioneer, is ceasing operations in the Midwest, a move that will mean the loss of 500 jobs.

Customers in Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana won't be able to place online grocery delivery orders through Peapod starting Feb. 18, its parent, grocery store giant Ahold Delhaize, announced Tuesday. About 50,000 people in the Midwest use Peapod, placing 10,500 orders weekly.

Chicago-based Peapod will close a distribution center and food preparation facility in Lake Zurich, a pickup point in Palatine and distribution facilities in Chicago, Milwaukee and Indianapolis — affecting 400 employees. Another 30 employees will be cut at corporate headquarters in the West Loop, and about 100 drivers will lose their jobs.

Chicago will remain the headquarters for Peapod Digital Labs, which runs the e-commerce technology for Ahold Delhaize's U.S. grocery brands. Peapod Digital Labs employs about 450 people, half of them in Chicago, and plans to hire 100 more people this year.

Peapod is exiting its home turf as grocery delivery heats up. The value of the online grocery market more than doubled from \$12 billion in 2016 to \$26 billion in 2018, and some projections have it reaching \$100 billion by 2025.

Peapod's green trucks will continue to serve customers on the East Coast, where Ahold Delhaize, the Dutch parent of Food Lion, Stop and Shop and Giant, is the region's largest grocery retailer. The decision to cut service in the Midwest will allow the company to focus on a strategy that offers in-store, delivery and pickup options.

"Customers really want groceries to be available for them whichever way they choose to shop," said JJ Fleeman, chief e-commerce officer and president of Peapod Digital Labs. The company has not changed e-commerce growth projections for the year of 30% as it invests in same-day delivery, loyalty programs and click and collect.

Peapod's Midwest operation faced challenges because it was online only, so it didn't have a network of stores to connect to the supply chain and it was more difficult to gain new customers who want to know the grocery brand where their fresh food is coming from, said Selma Postma, president of Peapod.

"This was a very difficult decision given our rich history in Chicago," Postma said. "We have a lot of loyal customers, we have a lot of loyal employees."

Peapod's Midwest operations accounted for about \$97 million of Ahold Delhaize's \$1.1 billion in online revenue in the U.S.

Peapod, founded in Evanston in 1989, was purchased by Ahold in 2000. Headquartered in Skokie for

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The 78

Megadevelopment to kick off with 3 million square feet of construction, including U. of I.-led research facility



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A Related Midwest rendering shows The 78.

BY RYAN ORI AND DAN PETRELLA

The 78 megadevelopment along the Chicago River in the South Loop will start construction in the next year with a nearly 3 million-square-foot first phase that will include apartments, student housing, retail space and a long-discussed University of Illinois-led innovation center.

Related Midwest, the developer behind the \$7 billion riverfront project, on Wednesday confirmed details of the first phase of the 62-acre project that will eventually stretch from the South Loop to Chinatown and bring as many as 10,000 homes to the new neighborhood.

The U. of I.-led Discovery Partners Institute has signed a letter of intent to begin building its research facility within the next 12 months on land donated by Related Midwest. Other buildings will be under construction within the next year.

"This is the biggest project any of us have ever done here, and maybe the biggest real estate project in Chicago history," Related Midwest President Curt Bailey said in an interview.

The more than \$2 billion first phase also will include 1.5 million square feet of loft-style and high-rise office space; 700,000 square feet of apartments and student housing; and 100,000 square feet of fitness, retail, hotel, restaurant, retail and cultural space. Related said it plans to complete the first phase, mostly at the north end of the site, by 2024.

Future rounds of construction will add another 10 million square feet of buildings.

The initial construction phase also will include infrastructure improvements such as the already ongoing



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Virus fear hits home

Coronavirus scare keeps Chinatown business down 50%

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

The epicenter of the coronavirus outbreak is 7,000 miles away, but fear of the illness has turned Chicago's Chinatown into a veritable ghost town, with customers staying away in droves, leaving some restaurants and businesses nearly empty during lunchtime this week.

It was, at first glance, business as usual, with people mostly eschewing masks as they strolled in and out of restaurants, emerged from the Park To Shop with groceries and went to the bank. But the bustle was missing, with wide-open sidewalks and plazas casting a surreal pall over the popular Near South Side neighborhood and tourist attraction.

Chinatown's two-level retail courtyard, home to an eclectic mix of stores and restaurants, resembled a vacant movie set Tuesday. Diners were few and far between, with lunchtime traffic down as much as 50% at some restaurants since news of the coronavirus outbreak spread — along with infections — from a live meat market in Wuhan, China, late last year.

"People may be a little bit scared, but Chinatown is OK," said Tommy Wong, 50, manager of Lao Sze Chuan, a Chinatown staple.

On Tuesday, two diners quietly ate lunch in the otherwise empty restaurant. A typical weekday lunch crowd would be 20 to 30 customers, Wong said.

The new respiratory virus, which causes pneumonia in some patients, is spread primarily through coughing and sneezing. There have been nearly 45,000 diagnosed cases in China, with the death toll there surpassing 1,100 as of Wednesday, according to the World Health Organization. The viral disease has been diagnosed in 24 countries, with 13 confirmed cases but no deaths in the U.S.

There have been two confirmed cases in the Chicago area — a husband who was infected by his wife after she returned from a visit to Wuhan. It was the first known case of person-to-person coronavirus transmission in the U.S., according to the CDC. The couple has since been released from a hospital in northwest suburban Hoffman Estates.

The virus, which health officials recently named COVID-19, has killed more people in mainland China than the 2003 SARS epidemic, fueling not only humanitarian concerns, but worries about a prolonged drag on the global economy. The cruise industry is already struggling as some passengers have remained stranded on ships struck with the virus.

Those worries are hitting home in Chinatown, a neighborhood rich in restaurants, small stores and other attractions that cater to both residents and visitors.

"It's been tough," said Pat Jan, manager of Judy's Cosmetics, which has seen a steep decline in traffic among its mostly Asian clientele.

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As Facebook settles, Ill. users sue Google

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Google allegedly violated Illinois users' privacy rights with its Google Photos service, according to a lawsuit filed in federal court in California.

The suit was filed last week, shortly after Facebook agreed to pay \$550 million to Illinois users to settle allegations that its facial tagging feature violated the same state law protecting biometrics, which include facial, fingerprint and iris scans.

Illinois has one of the strictest biometric privacy laws in the nation. The 2008 law mandates that companies collecting such information obtain prior consent from consumers, detail how they'll use it and specify how long the information will be kept. The law also allows private citizens, rather than just governmental entities, to file lawsuits

over the issue.

Illinois resident Brandon Molander alleges in the suit that the Google Photos service scans photos that users have uploaded and creates maps of their faces, "all without ever informing any one of this practice."

The tech giant launched the photo uploading and sharing service in 2015, and it comes pre-installed on Google Android devices, according to the complaint. The app can also be downloaded on other devices.

Molander is seeking class-action status on behalf of anyone whose biometric information Google pulled from photographs uploaded within the state of Illinois.

Representatives for Google and Molander did not respond to requests for comment.

This latest lawsuit is not the first time Google has contended

with Illinois' biometric privacy law.

In early 2018, when the Google Arts & Culture app flooded social media streams with photos of friends and the great works of art they resemble, Illinois users could not access the app.

Google wouldn't say why at the time, but experts said it was likely because of Illinois' biometrics law.

But even then, Google was already among a slew of companies that had faced allegations involving biometrics over the law in Illinois. Those included tech giants such as Snapchat and photo-sharing site Shutterfly, as well as hotel chains and grocery stores.

The settlement with Facebook announced last month stems from a federal lawsuit filed in Illinois nearly five years ago.

Details have not been released regarding who is eligible to claim a portion of the \$550 million settlement, but already, the promised payout is making waves.

The historic payout brings more attention to Illinois' biometrics law, which could spark more lawsuits, said Matthew Kugler, an associate professor at Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law. It could also create anxiety among other companies using facial recognition technology.

That anxiety has prompted some tech companies to make changes, like the Google Arts & Culture app example, Kugler said. "But long-term, high-level strategy, we don't know yet what is going to happen."

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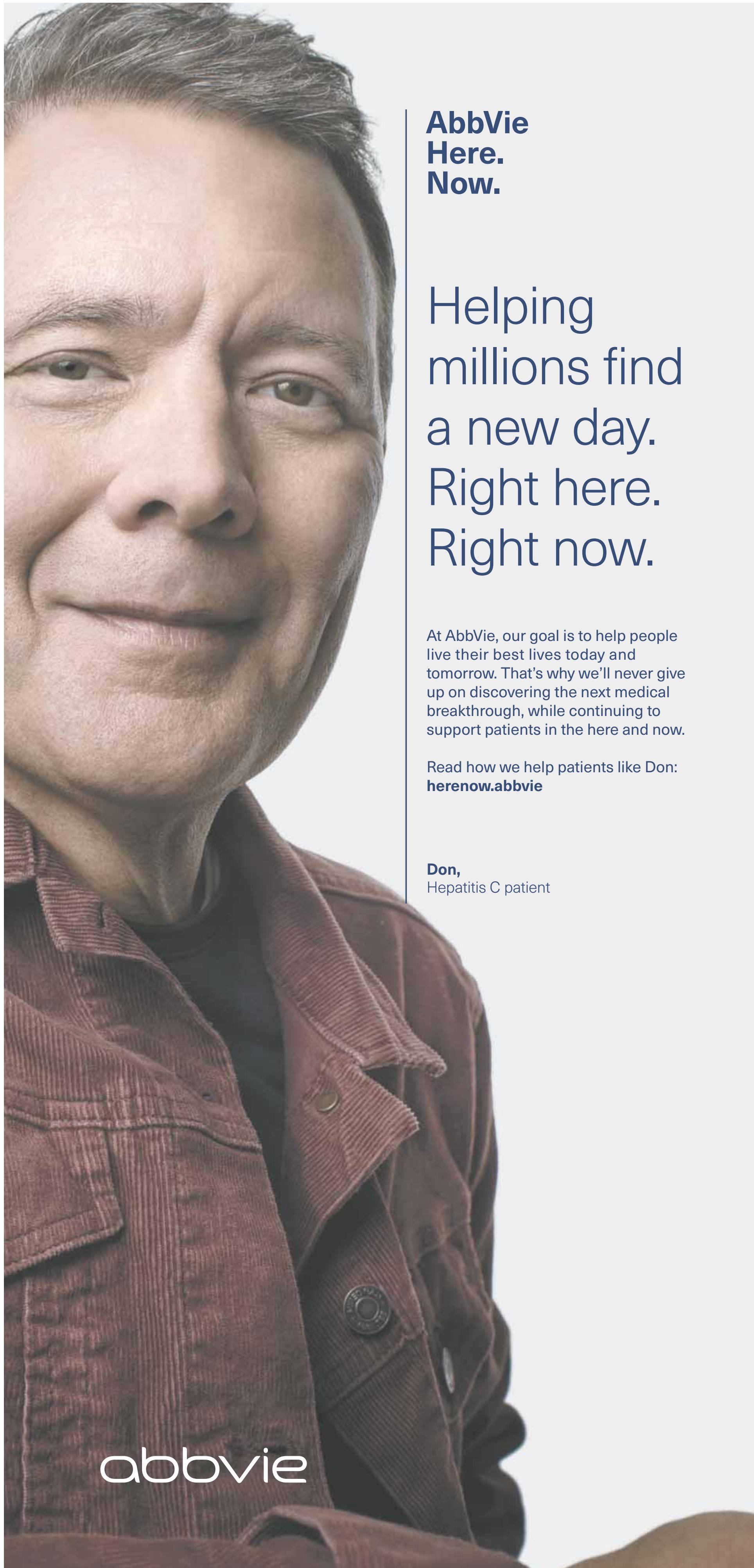
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With few details, BP vows net-zero carbon emissions

2050 is target in long-term plan to fight climate change

BY DANICA KIRKA

Associated Press

LONDON — Energy producer BP said Wednesday it wants to eliminate or offset all carbon emissions from its operations and the oil and gas it sells to customers by 2050, though it remains unclear how it would achieve such an ambitious target as the company comes under pressure to help combat climate change.

London-based BP's goals include becoming a net-zero emitter in its own production of energy but also to reduce the carbon dioxide created by its customers as they use that energy — the bulk of emissions from the industry. Doing so would require not only a shift to cleaner energy sources but also coming up with new technologies to offset emissions or extract CO₂ from the atmosphere.

As such, BP's announcement was less of a detailed restructuring plan and more of a statement of intent from a company that is trying, like the wider energy industry, to ensure its long-term viability as the world decreases its reliance on fossil fuels in an

effort to fight climate change.

"The world's carbon budget is finite and running out fast; we need a rapid transition to net zero," CEO Bernard Looney said in a statement. "We all want energy that is reliable and affordable, but that is no longer enough. It must also be cleaner."

In a presentation in London that featured climate scientists, investors and journalists, Looney acknowledged that targets and more specifics would follow. He compared the announcements, which come only two weeks into his tenure as CEO, as being setting the destination in a GPS.

"We're starting with a destination," he said. "The details will come."

Other energy companies have expressed similar ambitions as public awareness of climate change — and the energy industry's role in emitting CO₂ — has grown.

Bob Ward, policy and communications director at the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, called BP's plans a "bold strategic move" that will put pressure on other oil

companies to follow suit. But he said they don't go far enough if the world is going to meet the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius over preindustrial levels.

"The oil and gas industry can only survive the next few decades if they take ownership of the rapid transition to zero-emissions energy," Ward said. "However, what is lacking from BP's announcement is any indication of whether the company accepts that there will be a major reduction in the global demand for its hydrocarbon fuels."

BP said it plans to help customers reduce their emissions by cutting the amount of greenhouse gases produced by the fuels it sells in half by 2050. The company also said it will increase investment in "low carbon businesses" and put less money into oil and gas businesses in coming years.

It said it would install monitoring equipment at all oil and gas processing plants by 2023 as it seeks to reduce the amount of methane the facilities release into the environment by 50%.

UK puts social media companies on notice

Associated Press

LONDON — The British government says it will give regulators the power to fine social media companies for harmful material on their platforms.

Plans announced Wednesday would give the U.K.'s telecommunications watchdog, Ofcom, power to enforce a "duty of care" on companies such as Facebook and Twitter "to protect users from harmful and illegal terrorist and child abuse content."

Firms that allow harmful material to flourish or don't remove it quickly could be sanctioned. Ofcom currently keeps tabs on radio and television broadcasters, and has the power to levy fines or even kick repeat offenders off the air.

The government said it was "minded" to make the changes, but new legislation will be needed for it to take effect. It said officials were working "at pace" to draft a new law. Ofcom would hold companies to account if they don't deal with harmful material, and platforms will have to remove "illegal content" quickly and "minimize the risk of it appearing."

In order to safeguard freedom of expression, the rules won't ban people from accessing or posting offensive but legal content, though the government indicated it would let internet companies decide what material is tolerated.

Online companies "will be required to explicitly state what content and behavior is acceptable on their sites in clear and accessible terms and conditions and enforce these effectively, consistently and transparently," the government said.

"Facebook has long called for new regulations to set high standards across the internet," said Rebecca Stimson, the social network's head of U.K. public policy. "New rules are needed so that we have a more common approach across platforms and companies aren't making so many important decisions alone."



A still image from video provided by Amazon shows Rufus Sewell in character as John Smith in "The Man in the High Castle."

Amazon fells the Third Reich

Some third-party booksellers bemoan vague or unwritten rules

BY DAVID STREITFELD

The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Amazon is quietly canceling its Nazis.

Over the past 18 months, the retailer has removed two books by David Duke, a former leader of the Ku Klux Klan, as well as several titles by George Lincoln Rockwell, the founder of the American Nazi Party. Amazon has also prohibited volumes like "The Ruling Elite: The Zionist Seizure of World Power" and "A History of Central Banking and the Enslavement of Mankind."

While few may lament the disappearance of these hate-filled books, the increasing number of banned titles has set off concern among some of the third-party booksellers who stock Amazon's virtual shelves. Amazon, they said, seems to operate under vague or nonexistent rules.

"Amazon reserves the right to determine whether content provides an acceptable experience," said one recent removal notice that the company sent to a bookseller.

Facebook, Twitter and YouTube have

been roiled in recent years by controversies that pit freedom of speech against offensive content. Amazon has largely escaped this debate. But with millions of third-party merchants supplying much of what Amazon sells to tens of millions of customers, that ability to maintain a low profile may be reaching its end.

Amazon began as a bookstore and, even as it has moved on to many more lucrative projects, now controls at least two-thirds of the market for new, used and digital volumes in the United States.

With its profusion of reader reviews, ability to cut prices without worrying about profitability and its control of the electronic book landscape, to name only three advantages, Amazon has immense power to shape what information people are consuming.

Yet the retailer declines to provide a list of prohibited books, say how they were chosen or even discuss the topic. "Booksellers make decisions every day about what selection of books they choose to offer," it said in a statement.

Gregory Delzer is a Tennessee bookseller whose Amazon listings account for about a third of his sales. "They don't tell us the rules and don't let us have a say," he said. "But they squeeze us for every penny."

When Amazon drops a book from its store, it is as if it never existed. A recent Google search for Duke's "My Awakening:

A Path to Racial Understanding" on Amazon yielded a link to a picture of an Amazon employee's dog. Amazon sellers call these dead ends "dog pages."

Some booksellers, who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation, said they had no problem with the retailer converting as many offensive books to dog pages as it wished.

Now Amazon is becoming increasingly proactive in removing Nazi material. It even allowed its own Nazi-themed show, "The Man in the High Castle," to be cleaned up for a tribute book. The series, which began in 2015 and concluded in November, is set in a parallel U.S. where Germany and Japan won World War II.

"High Castle" is lavish in its use of National Socialist symbols. "There's nothing that there isn't a swastika on," actor Rufus Sewell, who played the Nazi antihero, said in a promotional video.

But in "The Man in the High Castle: Creating the Alt World," published in November by Titan Books, the swastikas and eagle-and-crosses were digitally erased from Sewell's uniform, from Times Square and the Statue of Liberty, even from scenes set in Berlin.

An Amazon spokeswoman said, "We did not make editorial edits to the images." Titan, which wanted to market the book in Germany, where laws on Nazi imagery are strict, said Amazon approved the changes.

Ford recall targets 240,000 vehicles

DEARBORN, Mich. — Ford is recalling over 240,000 SUVs and cars worldwide because a suspension part can fracture and increase the risk of a crash.

The recall covers the Ford Flex, Taurus-based Police Interceptor sedan, Taurus SHO and Lincoln MKT from the 2013 through 2018 model years. Most of the recalled vehicles are in North America.

Ford says if the suspension moves a lot on the vehicles, the rear toe links can fracture. Toe links help keep the rear suspension stable and the tires on the pavement.

The company says it's not aware of any crashes or injuries caused by the problem in this batch of recalled vehicles.

Dealers will replace the toe links. Owners will be notified starting March 2.

Job openings

There were 6.4 million job openings on the last business day in December.

JOB OPENINGS

Monthly, in millions



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Streaming TV time shows explosive growth

BY DAVID BAUDER

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Streaming services such as Netflix and Hulu account for 19% of television viewing in the United States now for people who have that capacity, virtually double what it was less than two years ago, a report out Wednesday said.

A Nielsen company study illustrated how quickly consumers have embraced streaming as an alternative to live TV. The percentage of time spent streaming has gone from 10% in a Nielsen study from March 2018 to 19% during the last three months of 2019.

More than half of consumers with the capacity to stream subscribe to two or more services, Nielsen found. And, in a

survey, 93% said they planned to either increase or maintain that number.

"There is room for growth there," said Pete Katsingris, Nielsen's senior vice president for audience insights.

The average American spends a staggering 11 hours, 54 minutes each day connected to some form of media — TV, smartphones, radio, games — although that number is bloated because some of the usage is simultaneous, Nielsen said. That's up nearly an hour and a half in only a year.

Smartphone usage accounts for virtually all of the increase. People spent just under four hours a day on their phones in Nielsen's recent study, compared with 2 1/2 hours in the last three months of 2018.

A walk through the train on his daily commute shows Katsingris how absorbed

people are in their phones, and they're becoming increasingly comfortable using them to watch video, he said.

"They are finding more and more ways to keep their attention occupied," he said.

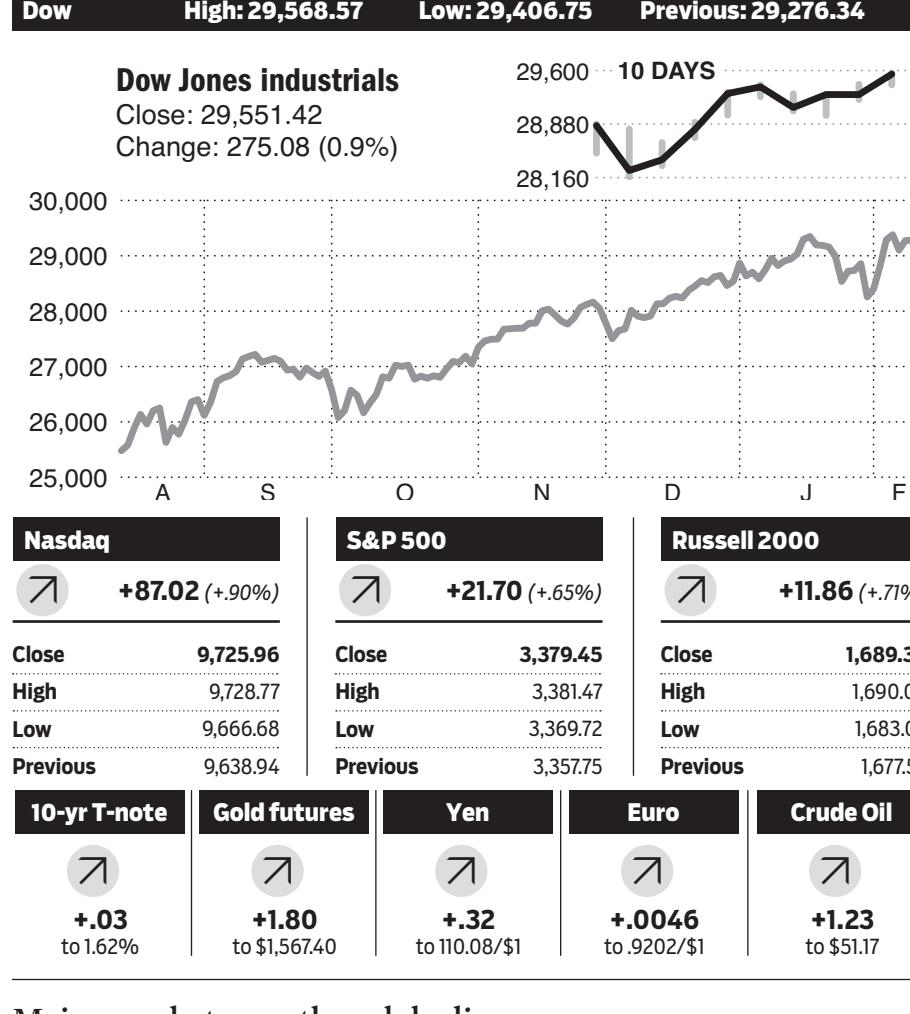
Live television viewing is actually down in the past year (3 hours, 44 minutes to 3 hours, 27 minutes), explaining the worry in executive suites at television networks. Streaming time is up, from 29 minutes a day to 38 minutes in the same period.

Nielsen's report also illustrates a technological generation gap. People aged 18 to 34 spend 5 1/2 hours a week on an internet-connected device, compared with 2 1/2 for people over age 65. Meanwhile, older folks spend nearly 50 hours a week in front of the television, compared with 20 hours for young people.

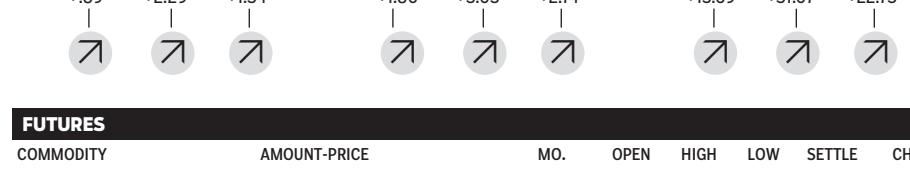
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MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline



FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	541	549	538.25	547.50	+5.50
		May 20	543.25	549.25	540.25	548.50	+4.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	379.75	383.75	378.25	383	+3.25
		May 20	384.25	387.75	383	387.25	+3
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	885.50	893	881.50	892.50	+7.75
		May 20	897.75	903.75	894.25	903.50	+6.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 20	30.75	31.07	30.54	31.03	.31
		May 20	31.11	31.44	30.91	31.40	.32
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 20	290.80	292.50	289.80	291.70	.90
		May 20	296.50	298.10	295.30	297.40	.90
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMEX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 20	49.96	51.73	49.95	51.17	+1.23
		Apr 20	50.16	51.92	50.16	51.41	+1.24
NATURAL GAS (NYMEX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 20	1.790	1.855	1.789	1.844	.056
		Apr 20	1.819	1.885	1.819	1.874	.051
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMEX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 20	1.5185	1.5952	1.5185	1.5810	.0668
		Apr 20	1.6722	1.7376	1.6714	1.7241	.0594

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	88.79	-.38	Envestnet Inc	N	83.43	+.13	McDonalds Corp	N	217.46	+.17
AbbVie Inc	N	97.79	+.17	Equity Commonwealth	N	32.92	-.03	Middleby Corp	O	159.95	+.76
Allstate Corp	N	123.78	-.13	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	73.77	+.31	Mondelez Intl	O	58.95	+.08
Aptagroup Inc	N	114.71	-.34	Equity Residential	N	84.79	Morningstar Inc	O	156.32	-.90
Arch Dan Mid	N	45.61	-.15	Exelon Corp	O	49.26	-.08	Motorola Solutions	N	184.67	+.21
Baxter Intl	N	91.43	-.42	First Indl RT	N	44.87	+.47	Navistar Intl	N	37.66	+.01
Boeing Co	N	347.45	+.03	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec N	N	72.48	+.11	NIsource Inc	N	29.83	-.10
Brunswick Corp	N	65.49	+.51	Gallagher AJ	N	106.65	-.75	Ntnh Trust Cp	O	102.43	-.46
CBOE Global Markets	N	123.53	+.08	Grainger WW	N	310.96	+.10	Old Republic	N	23.27	-.01
CDK Global Inc	O	52.30	-.89	GrubHub Inc	N	51.82	Packaging Corp Am	N	101.75	-.85
CDW Corp	O	136.59	+.62	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	109.09	-.14	Paylocity Hldg	O	142.80	+.75
CF Industries	N	41.61	-.56	IAA Inc	N	47.43	-.26	RLI Corp	N	95.80	-.19
CME Group	O	207.64	-.01	IDEX Corp	N	176.81	+.76	Stericycle Inc	O	63.32	+.81
CNA Financial	N	50.00	-.72	ITW	N	189.67	+.25	TransUnion	N	94.51	-.56
Cabot Microelect	O	166.81	+.29	Ingration Inc	N	97.80	US Foods Holding	N	40.47	+.80
Caterpillar Inc	N	139.59	+.34	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	170.30	+.51	Ulti Salon Cosmetics	O	299.30	+.52
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	32.63	-.17	Kemper Corp	N	79.50	-.10	United Airlines Hldg	O	82.20	+.67
Deere Co	N	171.83	+.57	Kraft Heinz Co	O	30.04	+.03	Ventas Inc	N	58.68	+.32
Discover Fin Svcs	N	76.04	+.29	LKQ Corporation	O	33.74	+.17	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	54.47	+.48
Dover Corp	N	119.85	+.86	Littelfuse Inc	O	185.69	+.18	Zebra Tech	O	251.99	+.48

Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK CLOSE CHG.

Ford Motor	8.24	+.14
Sprint Corp	8.60	+.08
Chesapeake Energy	.50	+.00
Teva Pharm	13.45	+.12
Gen Electric	13.16	+.31
Ambev S.A.	3.77	-.04
Whiting Petroleum	2.88	-.83
Aurora Cannabis Inc	1.46	-.08
Bank of America	34.92	+.15
Itau Unibanco Hldgs	7.95	-.11
Nokia Corp	4.41
AT&T Inc	38.04	-.13
Banco Bradesco ADS	7.77	-.11
Virgin Galactic Hldgs	23.08	+.14
Uber Technologies	41.25	+.02
Vale SA	12.12	+.20
Petrobras	14.92	+.10
Marathon Oil	11.61	+.04
Cemex SAB de CV	4.12	-.02
Pfizer Inc	37.74	-.35
Verizon Comm	58.23	-.50
Twitter Inc	36.79	+.14
Schwab Energy	1.58	+.01
Western Union Co	26.13	-.21

NASCDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK CLOSE CHG.

Bed Bath & Beyond	11.79	-.36
Micron Tech	59.27	+.20
Microsoft Corp	184.71	+.27
Adv Micro Dev	53.89	+.09
Oncorona Therapeut	.54	+.03
Lyft Inc	48.46	-.54
Titan Pharmaceut	.29	+.06
Cisco Syst	49.93	+.80
Apple Inc	327.20	+.75
Comcast Corp A	46.02	+.13
Moderna Inc	19.01	-.24
Oasis Petroleum	2.16	-.07
Luckin Coffee Inc	38.75	+.60
Intel Corp	67.46	+.05
JD.com Inc	41.64	+.86
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	7.21	+.05
Gilead Sciences	66.95	-.81
FuelCell Energy	2.05	+.02
Facebook Inc	150.76	+.37
Zosano Pharma Corp	.53	-.50
Noble Energy Inc	19.49	-.41
Zynqa Inc	6.75	+.01
NY Mortgage Trust	6.22	+.04
Roku Inc	138.29	+.19

NASCDAQ STOCK MARKET

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OBITUARIES

JEFFERY TOMASZEK 1958-2020

Longtime Lambs Farm resident, Naval Station Great Lakes worker

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

Jeffery Tomaszek, who suffered a brain injury as a boy that left him developmentally disabled, participated in the International Special Olympics and held numerous jobs while a resident at Lambs Farm in Libertyville, including 16 years in facilities management at Naval Station Great Lakes.

"Jeff fought hard to retain his dignity and independence," said his sister, Margaret Tomaszek-Witry.

Tomaszek, 61, died of complications from prostate cancer Jan. 13 at the Winchester House nursing home in Libertyville, his sister said.

Tomaszek was born in Chicago. At age 8, he and some other boys were building a fort inside the structure of a billboard. Tomaszek was knocked to the ground and suffered a brain injury.

As a result of the injury he suffered seizures throughout his life. He lived at the now-shuttered Lincoln State School in downstate Lincoln until he was 17. Some of Tomaszek's early jobs included working as a farmhand on a dairy farm and washing dishes at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee.

In 1981, Tomaszek moved to Lambs Farm, a residential community for those with developmental disabilities. For the next 15 years, he held jobs at Lambs Farm, including cleaning its founders' building and working in its restaurant.

Tomaszek participated in the Special Olympics in 1981, competing in basket-



FAMILY PHOTO

Jeff Tomaszek, 61, died of complications from prostate cancer Jan. 13.

ball, bocce ball and track and field. He also participated in the International Special Olympics in 1983, winning a gold medal in track and field after jumping 8 feet 6 inches in the standing broad jump, his sister said.

Tomaszek continued participating in other sports as well, including playing tennis. In 1991, he placed second in a statewide tennis competition. "(Tennis) makes me feel more physical," Tomaszek told the Tribune at the time. "We were battling for first, and it was a great match no matter how you look at it. We went for each ball and battled to the end. It lifted my heart."

In 1996, Tomaszek began working at Naval Station Great Lakes, where he cleaned the Navy lodge and also worked for a time as a groundskeeper.

Tomaszek was both resourceful and a hard-working advocate for those around him, his sister said. At one point, he lobbied for male residents of Lambs Farm to be permitted to

have a men's home that would offer a comparable, more independent living situation to the layout at that time for female Lambs Farm residents, his sister said.

"He was admired by other Lambs Farm people," said John Brodarick, who chairs special religious development programs at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libertyville. "He was sort of a leader there."

Tomaszek retired from Great Lakes in 2012.

For more than 25 years, he volunteered one night a week at Winchester House, his sister said. He also was a greeter and regular parishioner at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Brodarick said Tomaszek was known for acts of kindness such as writing letters of encouragement to prisoners at Stateville Correctional Center.

"His letters were short, but he expressed that he was wishing that these men would turn toward Christ," Brodarick said. "He was limited in his abilities, but he used the abilities he had, and he was always concerned and looking out for other people."

Among Tomaszek's survivors is his partner of 23 years, Debbie Gordon, a fellow resident of Lambs Farm.

"They called each other daily and were as devoted as any couple you have seen," his sister said.

Other survivors include a brother, Edward.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON FEBRUARY 13 ...

In 1542 the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was beheaded after being convicted of adultery.

In 1633 Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei arrived in Rome for trial before the Inquisition, accused of defending Copernican theory that the Earth revolved around the sun instead of the other way around. (Galileo was found vehemently suspect of heresy, and ended up being sentenced to a form of house arrest.)

In 1635 Boston Latin School was founded, making it the first secondary school in North America.

In 1741 Andrew Bradford of Pennsylvania published the first American magazine. "The American Magazine, or A Monthly View of the Political State of the British Colonies" lasted three issues.

In 1795 the University of North Carolina became the first U.S. state university to admit students with the arrival of Hinton James, who was the only student on campus for two weeks.

In 1889 outgoing President Grover Cleveland appointed Norman Coleman of Missouri as the first secretary of agriculture, but he served less than a month.

In 1892 artist Grant Wood was born near Anamosa, Iowa.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS

Feb. 12 Powerball **14 47 54 55 68 / 25**

Powerball jackpot: \$70M

Lotto jackpot: \$2M

Pick 3 midday **932 / 4**

Pick 4 midday **8207 / 0**

Lucky Day Lotto midday **04 14 15 19 35**

Pick 3 evening **084 / 2**

Pick 4 evening **9838 / 4**

Lucky Day Lotto evening **05 08 17 24 32**

Feb. 14 Mega Millions: \$40M

WISCONSIN

Feb. 12 Megabucks **02 04 16 22 45 49**

Pick 3 **694**

Pick 4 **2915**

Badger 5 **02 06 21 23 25**

SuperCash **01 03 19 26 31 36**

In 1914 the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, better known as ASCAP, was founded in New York.

In 1920 the League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.

In 1935, in Flemington, N.J., a jury convicted Bruno Richard Hauptmann of first-degree murder in the 1932 kidnap-slaying of Charles and Anne Lindbergh's infant son. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

In 1945 Soviet troops captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans in World War II after a 1 1/2-month siege. **Also in 1945** Allied planes began bombing the German city of Dresden.

In 1960 in the Sahara Desert, France exploded its first atomic bomb.

In 1984 Konstantin Chernenko was named to succeed the late Yuri Andropov as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party.

In 1997 the Dow Jones industrial average broke through the 7,000-point barrier for the first time, ending the day at 7,022.44.

In 2001 a 6.6 magnitude earthquake shook El Salvador, killing at least 402 people exactly one month after another quake killed more than 800 people.

Also in 2001 Ivan Lendl was elected to the tennis Hall of Fame along with

INDIANA

Feb. 12

Lotto **09 16 19 23 30 31**

Daily 3 midday **226 / 3**

Daily 4 midday **2832 / 3**

Daily 3 evening **794 / 8**

Daily 4 evening **2409 / 8**

Cash 5 **03 10 19 31 37**

MICHIGAN

Feb. 12

Lotto **02 09 12 13 31 46**

Daily 3 midday **403**

Daily 4 midday **6964**

Daily 3 evening **941**

Daily 4 evening **6792**

Fantasy 5 **02 04 05 16 35**

Keno **06 09 10 13 20 25 26**

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Bennett, Robert J.

78, 33 years retired from the Chicago Fire Department and U.S. Army veteran, passed away Tuesday. He was a loving husband for 49 years of Judith; beloved father of Robert E. and Martin (Heather) CCSPD911; cherished grandfather of Emily; adoring godfather of Janice, CFD (Angel, CFD) Orozco. Preceded in death were parents Robert E. and Savilla; siblings Judith and Charles (the late Carol). He was a member of the Brotherhood of the Barrel. Visitation will be Friday, February 14, 2020 from 3pm to 9pm at Andrew McGann & Sons Funeral Home, 10727 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago. Funeral Saturday, February 15, 2020 starting prayers at 9am with Mass following at St. Christina Church at 9:30am 11005 S. Homan Ave. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Info: 773-783-7700 or www.andrewmcgann.com

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Betti, Carolina

(nee Rosa) - Beloved wife of nearly 63 years to the late Albert Carl Betti; loving mother of Laura (Pete) Gagliano and Anthony (Mariassunta) Betti; proud and cherished grandmother of Anthony, Alexandra and Peter Gagliano and Dante and Stefania Betti. Funeral Mass Saturday at St. Andrew Church at 10 a.m. Entombment All Saints. Native of Lucca, Italy. In lieu of flowers donations to The American Macular Degeneration Foundation (PO Box 515, Northampton, MA 01061-0515) Info 773-588-5850 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Brown, Irene

Irene Diane Brown, 87, of Romeoville, IL, formerly of Chicago passed away on February 9, 2020. She was born on April 1, 1932 to John and Jane Biedakiewicz. She was a secretary at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in downtown Chicago when she met her future husband Felton of 64 years. They wed on April 16, 1955. Irene was an active member of Sacred Heart Church and of the Altar and Rosary Society. She worked the parish weekly bingo and annual festival. Irene loved singing in the church choir, especially at Easter and Christmas but loved her family most of all. Irene is survived by her beloved husband Felton (Buck), children Donna (Tim) Gonsier of Romeoville, Linda (Ron) Abramowicz of Oregon, IL, Dale (Beth) Brown of Romeoville, Darren (Michelle) Brown of Crestwood, KY, grandchildren Chris (Kayla), Danielle (Mike), Michelle (Ben), Kristen, Ashley, Emily, Natalie, Ryan, Lauren, Miranda, Liam, Nash and great-grandchildren Neva, Olivia, JD, Jeremiah, Benny, Caleb, Elijah and Austin.

Visitation with family at 9 am prior to mass on March 14, 2020 at Sacred Heart Church, 2864 E 96th St, Chicago, IL. Mass will begin at 10 am. Internment at Holy Cross Cemetery following the mass.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Angels Grace Hospice, 440 Quadrangle Dr. g. Bolingbrook, IL

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Chandler, Clarissa

Clarissa Haffner Chandler, 93, Passed away on December 20, 2019. She was born in Chicago, IL on October 9, 1926 to Charles C., Jr. and Clarissa (nee Donnelley) Haffner.

Clarissa grew up in Lake Forest and attended The Day School (which later became the Lake Forest Country Day School). She graduated from The Masters School in 1944, and Vassar College in 1948.

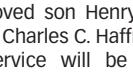
After college, she moved to New York City and worked as a researcher for Time/ Life for three years, before marrying Henry and moving to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Together, they lived and raised their family in several small midwestern cities – Lawrenceburg, Indiana; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Shaker Heights, Ohio – before returning to Lake Forest in 1962. After her children were grown, she received a Master's in Education from National Lewis University.

Clarissa's dedicated lifelong community service included work as a Trustee of Lake Forest College; Trustee of Ragdale Foundation; an officer of Lake Forest Garden Club; third generation member of Lake Forest Coterie; a member and President of Contemporary Club of Chicago; member of the Friday Club of Chicago; and member of the Women's Board of the Chicago Botanical Garden.

She volunteered at Thresholds in Chicago, and taught Special Education at Lake Forest Country Day School. Clarissa was a passionate and discerning collector of contemporary art. Clarissa's greatest joys included gardening, skiing in the Rockies and sailing with her husband Henry.

Clarissa is survived by her children Laura Emerson Chandler (Cary Stevens), Edward Kent Chandler (Susan) and Phoebe Chandler Turner (Arthur); her grandchildren Grace S. Chandler, Edward M. Chandler, Thomas H. Chandler, Adele O. Watel, and Charlotte G. Watel; sisters Frances Haffner Colburn and Phoebe Haffner Andrew. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Henry Tuttle Chandler (2016); her beloved son Henry Tuttle Chandler, Jr. and her brother Charles C. Haffner III.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, February 27 at 11 a.m. at the Lily Reid Chapel, 555 N Sheridan Rd, Lake Forest, IL 60045. Memorial contributions may be sent to: Lake Forest College, 555 N. Sheridan Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045; Lake Forest Open Lands Association, 350 North Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045; or Thresholds, 4423 N. Ravenswood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60640. Info: Wenban Funeral Home (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com



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Dexl, Thomas E.

67, Loving son of the late John and Dorothy. Fond brother of Donna Gallagher, Daniel (Dorothy), James (Mary), Robert, John (Peggy), Patricia Munday, and the late Peggy Soboleski, William, and Doreen Hinkes. Beloved godfather of Theresa (Dexl) O'Brien. Dear uncle and great-uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday, February 15 at 9:30AM from the Original Rago Brothers Funeral Home 7751 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago. Funeral Mass 10:30AM at Immaculate Conception Church. Visitation Friday, February 14, 3:00PM. Cremation Private. For info 773-276-7800 or ragobrothersfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations accepted in his name at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 1550 Bishop Court, Mount Prospect, IL 60056 or <a href="http://www.rainbowhospice.org/make-a-gift

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Howe, Patricia Anne

Patricia Anne Howe, age 90, passed away peacefully on February 12. She was born in March, 1929 in Spencer, Iowa. In April of 1949, she married the love of her life and best friend, Luke Edward Howe, who preceded her in death in 1978. Pat was a dedicated mother first and foremost. She treasured her children and embraced every moment with them. She especially loved her role as Grandma and GIGI. She had a warm and caring personality and always made people around her feel welcome. She made friends everywhere she went. The people loved her at Resurrection Retirement Center and the Chicago Public Schools, where she worked for forty years. She loved swimming, traveling and reading. Throughout her life, she was an inspiration of strength, courage and guidance during challenging times. Pat attended St. Andrew's Grammar School (Chicago) and Providence High School (Chicago). She also played for the Chicago Bears, well actually, she played drums during halftime of Bears games. She was the loving and devoted mother of Carolyn Szabo, Thomas E. Howe (Ann), Nancy Obermaier (Richard), Maureen Blake (Ronn), Martin P. Howe (Kathy) and Luke J. Howe (Bridget). Grandma was loved and will be missed by her 15 grandchildren: Kathy, Steve, Joe, Peter, Colleen, Tom, Cheryl, Bob, Carrie, Chrissie, Tricia, Peter, Margaret, Luke and Patrick. GiGi's 19 great grandchildren had a very special place in her heart. Pat had many, many relatives who she loved and will remember her fondly. She would like us to remember her by the philosophy she lived by: "Do what's right and do what's good. Be kind and help others." Family and friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Friday February 14 from 3-9pm in the **Cooney Funeral Home**, 625 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, Illinois, 60068; 847-685-1002. We will be celebrating her life at Mass on Saturday February 15 at 10am at St. Juliana's Catholic Church, 7201 N. Oketo Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Interment will follow Mass at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Misericordia Heart of Mercy in her name.

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Iacono, Michalene K.

Michalene (Miki) Iacono 78 of La Grange Park, IL. Retired in Chandler, AZ with loving husband John J. Iacono. The loving mother of Dean A. Iacono and Deborah (Debby) L. Darrus (Iacono); the late Steven Darrus. Loving grandmother of: Danielle Darrus, Nicole Darrus, Niko Iacono and Christina Iacono. Wonderful great-grandmother of: Gianna and Jaylen. Michalene passed away comfortably in her own home from dementia, surrounded by family.

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Klebe, Mary S.

Mary S. Klebe, 86, of Glenview, passed away February 8, 2020. Beloved wife of the late James W. Klebe; loving mother of Steven, Peter (Kim) and the late David; cherished grandmother of Sean; dear sister of Jeannine; fond aunt of several nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her grand dogs. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 11 am at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Rd., Glenview (just south of Lake Ave. on west side). In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to PAWS Chicago, 1997 N. Clybourn, Chicago, IL 60614 or the Alzheimer's Association, 4320 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Kupczyk, Frances

Frances Kupczyk, nee Augustyn, age 95, beloved wife of the late Edward J. Kupczyk Jr.; loving mother of Carol Romer, Judy (Bob) Balicki and Sandy (Ray) Kancius; devoted grandmother of Michelle (Matt) Murphy; cherished great grandmother of Maddy, Connor and Paige; dear sister of the late Stanley Augustyn, Marie Kula, Bruno Augustyn, Julia Furmanski, John Augustyn, Valerie Podgorski and Eleanor Zablocki; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles, Saturday 9:00 am until Service at 10:30 am to St Cornelius Church Mass 11:30 am. Interment St Adalbert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Heart Association. 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Macey, Joseph A.

Proud Plumber for 57 years and Member of the Local Union 130. Beloved husband of Ruth (nee Kavanaugh) Macey. Loving father of Pamela Martinez, Kevin (Gayla) Macey, Denise Beran & the late Joseph Macey. Cherished grandfather of Brittany, Anthony (Kelly), Dr. Sarah (Van) Wittekind, Allison, Olivia & Leah. Dear brother of John (Diane) Macey, Mary Clare (Dani) Silcox & Jo Anne (Bob) Bufka. Kind uncle of many nieces & nephews. Visitation Friday, February 14th from 3 until 9 p.m. Chapel prayers Saturday, February 15th, 9:30 a.m. at the **KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Saint Alexander Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Saint Mary Cemetery in Evergreen Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Squad, P.O. Box 6, Elwood, IL 60421 would be appreciated. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361-4235 ~ www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral

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Marino, Jeanne C.

Jeanine C. Marino nee: Scrimali; Beloved husband of Robert Jr.; Dear sister of Peter Scrimali. Dear aunt of Amanda and Stephen; Dear sister in-law of Joseph (Karen) and Philip. Funeral Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. from **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels**, Ralph Massey Funeral Director, 450 W. Lake Street, Roselle, 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.) to St. Julian Eymard Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Private. Visitation Friday, February 14, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please omit flowers. For info 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com.

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Pawlak, Susan J.

Susan J. Pawlak beloved wife of Edward for 60 years; loving mother of Donna (John) Donnamaria & Denise Pawlak; dear sister of the late Richard (Carol) Rafalski; fond aunt of Christopher & Carrie; dearest niece of Donald Klepadlo and cousin of many. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. at **Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Rds, Hillside/Westchester. Prayers Saturday 10 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Dominic Church, Hillside. Mass 11 a.m. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Info 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com

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Potoker, Claire 'Elaine'

Claire "Elaine" Potoker, nee Brown died peacefully on Tuesday. Beloved wife of the late Philip. Devoted mother of Dr. Steven Potoker and Fern Baker Crane (née Potoker, (David obm)). Cherished grandmother of Zachary and Joshua Baker. Elaine will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her. Funeral service in Montreal from Paperman & Sons on Thursday, February 13 at 9:30 a.m. Graveside service 12 Noon, Friday February 14 at Westlawn Cemetery (Eastlake section), 7801 W. Montrose, Norridge, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her memory may be made to CHICAGO Torah Network, TorahNetwork.org, 773-761-0400 ext. 207 or to The Philip and Elaine Memorial, JEWISH General Hospital Foundation, 514-340-8251. For shiva information contact **Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel**, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.

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Renz, Dolores J.

(Johannesen), Age 88, of Frankfort formerly of Tinley Park, Frankfort Orland Park and Chicago, passed away on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Loving wife of the late Frank J. Renz, Jr.; beloved father of Gary (Antoinette) Renz and Sharon (William) Simpson; cherished grandfather of Bridget (Kevin) McCann, Michelle (Lucas) Cracen and William Cullen; cherished great-grandfather of Brooklyn, Gavin and Dylan McCann, Joseph and Grace Craven; dear sister of the late Marion (Johnny) Baker. She was a member of Peace Community Church in Frankfort and TOPS for 50 years. Family will receive friends at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, IL 60423, Friday February 14, 2020, 3-8PM. Funeral service Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 11:00 AM in the funeral home chapel. Interment will take place on Monday, February 17, 2020 9:30 AM meeting at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL at 9:15 AM. Donations can be made to Peace Community Church in Dolores name. For information www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com or 815-806-2225

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Rouches, Demetra 'Dee'

Demetra "Dee" Rouches, nee Laris, passed away on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Gus "Deno"; loving mother of Perry and Chris (Fran); devoted daughter of the late George and the late Pota Laris; proud grandmother of Nicholas, Drew, Matthew, Jennifer, Jessica and Jacqueline (Phil); great-grandmother of 15; dear sister of the late Andrew (the late Georgia), and the late Plato Laris, sister-in-law of Georgia (the late Ed) Vakos, the late John (the late Billie), the late Jim (Shirley), the late Dan, the late George Rouches and fond aunt of many. Family and friends will gather Saturday, February 15, 2020, for Visitation from 9:00 a.m. until the Funeral Service begins at 10:30 a.m., at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2727 W. Winona, Chicago, IL 60625. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers, memorial tributes may be made in Dee's name to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Arrangements made by **John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd.**, 847-375-0095, www.jgadinamis.com.

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Saffir, Joyce

Joyce Saffir, nee Dessen, 98, beloved wife of the late Harold; loving mother of Elinor Horvath, Larry Saffir, Ken (Andrea) Saffir, Janice Saffir (Paul Stephens) and Judy (Mark) Hoffman; cherished Santa of Brian (Wendy) Horvath, Joel (Diane) Horvath, Sheera (Russ) Herrell, Zeev Saffir (Nikki Kopelson), Yoel Saffir, Naomi Hoffman (Loren Bach), Rena (Roberto) Munster and Gilia Hoffman (Asaf Ben-Gai); adored Great Santa of eight. Funeral service Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020 at 11 AM at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, 1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park. Interment Jewish Oakridge Cemetery which is within Oakridge-Glen Oaks Cemetery, 4301 Roosevelt Road, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hadassah Chicago-North Shore. For information and condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Sanello, Nick

Nick Sanello. Beloved husband of the late Alice nee O'Donnell. Loving father of Linda (the late Mark) Harrison, Donna (Bill) Couch, Debra Sanello, Retired C.P.D., Nickolette (Dan) Woods & the late Rose & Joseph Bernth & Kathleen & Richard Mysliwiec. Cherished grandfather of Christine, Robyn, & the late Vince & Nick. Proud great grandfather of Vince, Joe, Anthony, Michael & Nathan. Resting at **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn where Services will take place Saturday at 8:00 pm. Interment private. Visitation Saturday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Warfield, Sioux Turnoy

Sioux Turnoy Warfield, born July 4, 1952 in Chicago, resident of Wilmette, IL, passed away peacefully in Chicago on Feb. 8th, 2020 at the age of 67. Sioux was wife of devoted Andrew Warfield, step-mother to three adult children: Sylvie, Liam and Corey Warfield, cherished daughter of Julie and Herbert Turnoy, beloved sister of Bernard Turnoy, caring sister-in-law to Marcia (Feller) Turnoy, adoring aunt to Barrett Turnoy. Sioux, originally 'Sue', changed the spelling during high school to be distinguished from others running for a class office; it was later legally changed. She treasured her wealth of friends acquired throughout her lifetime, among them Drs. Murray Scheinman and Carl Albin who were "there" for her throughout, both as devoted friends and professionally. Sioux's academic pursuits at Northeastern IL Univ. in Chicago earned her a BA in Political Science as a Leadership Scholar, followed by her MA thesis on The Cuban Revolution. She later visited Cuba using her fluency in Spanish to bring her research to life. Sioux pursued a career in managing Senior Housing in Chicago and Evanston. Her interests in social justice, particularly for Seniors and People with Disabilities, provided the incentives to serve on the boards of various civic organizations. Sioux was a voracious reader and Jazz enthusiast. Friends have described her as "vibrant, full of light and wisdom." Private services have been held. Sioux and Andrew enjoyed touring National Parks together. Donations may be made to the National Park Foundation - Memorial Gift: <http://www.nationalparks.org> Organ donorship is encouraged.

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Weiss, Margaret

Margaret Weiss nee Greenstein, 92. Beloved wife of the late Asher Weiss. Loving mother of Irv (Hedy) Weiss and Nathan (Kathy) Weiss. Proud grandmother Jamie (Andrew) Feldman, Michael (Dana) Weiss, Jonathan (Meagan) Weiss, Jessica (Jeffrey Singer) Weiss, Erica and Rebecca Weiss. Cherished great-grandmother of Jake, Dylan, Sydney, Ari, Lila, Wesley, Asher and Toby. Holocaust survivor. Service Friday 10AM at Northbrook Community Synagogue, 2548 Jasper Court, Northbrook, IL 60062. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Northbrook Community Synagogue, www.nchshul.com. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Weitzman Wasserman, Pauline

Pauline Weitzman Wasserman nee Biro, 89, beloved wife of Sheldon Wasserman for 37 years; loving mother of Karen (Brian) Koss, Linda (Randy) Yaffe and Kenneth Weitzman; cherished Nana of Adam (Erin) Koss, Jamie (Scott) Krell, Maxwell (Michelle) Yaffe, Cara Della Yaffe, Luke Weitzman and Evan Weitzman; adored great grandmother of Dylan, Jordan, Logan, Mason and Beckham; dear stepmother of Steven Charles, Nancy (Bill) Bolling and Paul (Amany) Wasserman, step grandmother and step great grandmother; many loving nieces and nephews. Chapel service, Sunday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Winikates, Patricia R.

Patricia nee McDougall, born December 12, 1929, was called home on February 11, 2020 to be forever rejoined with her cherished husband Edmund, her most beloved children who painfully preceded her in death, and her adoring parents John and Lillian McDougall. Patricia's proudest accomplishment was her children: the late Stephen (Linda), Diane Beesley, Michael, the late Mary Catherine, Eileen, the late Jean Anne and Robert (the late Gina). Proudest grandmother to her six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She never truly recovered from the loss of Steve and later losing her husband and daughter Jean devastated her. Patricia devoted herself to Ed and her children. She was an amazing cook and baker, loved gardening, singing, animals and shopping. Patricia was an accomplished pianist and played whenever she could. She had a great sense of humor she carried with her to the end and loved to laugh. Other than a short time in Iowa during her childhood, Patricia was a lifelong Chicagoan, and later, Park Ridge resident. She was always up for Cubs and Blackhawk games and was, inexplicably, a Packers fan in a house hold of Bears fans. Patricia battled various illnesses and finally dementia that consumed her beautiful self. Special thanks to her caregivers at Avantara. Visitation at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles, Friday 9:30 am until the Funeral Service at 11:30 am. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, our beautiful beloved mom would prefer you perform a random act of kindness. 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Wyhit-Linn, Dolores M.

Dolores M. Linn-Wyhit, 88, of Libertyville, IL and St. Petersburg, FL, passed away February

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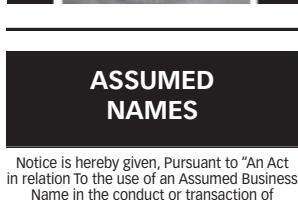
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File No.

Y20003158 on the

Date: February 6, 2020

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Alan Margarito

A MINOR
NO. 2019JD60165

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given, you, Rosa Margarito (Mother) and Alan Margarito (Minor-Respondent), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 08, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge DONNA COOPER in the 16501 South Kedzie Parkway, Markham, Illinois on 02/27/2020 at 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 76 COURTROOM 099.

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
January 8, 2020

ATTORNEY STATE'S ATTORNEY:
C. Nugarus, P. Sloan, E. Goroshko
ATTORNEY FOR:
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
ADDRESS: 16501 South Kedzie Parkway
CITY/STATE: Markham, Illinois 60428
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (708) 232-4061
ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS
January 8, 2020 6572321

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Carlos Reyes, Jr

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Elida Huerta (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01343

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given, you, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 15, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge MAXWELL GRIFFIN in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 03/06/2020 at 9:30 AM IN CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 23, 2020 6602880

ATTORNEY STATE'S ATTORNEY:
CHICAGO COOK COUNTY WORKFORCE
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Project 1 – Demolition Package BID PERIOD 2 - BID PACKAGE #01- Demolition

SEALED BIDS will be received by Oak Park and River Forest District 200 at the date and time stated below:

PLACE: Oak Park and River Forest High School
201 North Scoville Ave.
Oak Park, IL 60305

DUCE DATE: Tuesday, March 3, 2020
TIME: 11:00 AM (CST)
as Date/Time stamped by Oak Park and River Forest District 200 – Security Desk

Any bid received after the time and date stated above will be returned unopened to Bidder. Bids will be publicly opened and read in the Little Theater at 11:15 AM (CST) on the bid due date noted.

A NON-MANDATORY Pre-Bid meeting has been scheduled at:
Oak Park and River Forest High School

201 North Scoville Ave.
Oak Park, IL 60305

Monday, February 17, 2020
10:00 AM (CST)

Pre-qualification of all bidders in this bid phase is required prior to the bid due date. Submit one fully executed copy of AIA Document A305 "Contractor's Qualification Statement" prior to submitting this bid form via email to Ashlie Stapleton at astapleton@pepperconstruction.com.

The competency and responsibility of the bidders will be considered in making awards. The successful bidder shall, upon acceptance of his bid, be required to procure and pay for a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the bid. Bonds shall comply with all laws of the State of Illinois governing public contracts let by governmental units. Bid security in the form of a Bid Bond, certified check or cashier's check made payable to Oak Park and River Forest High School District 200 in an amount equal to not less than ten percent (10%) of the Base bid shall be submitted with the bid. Bid security is required of all parties submitting a bid proposal. A fully executed and compliant Bid Security must be included with the Bid Form.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1-12).

The Construction Manager for this project is Pepper Construction Company. All questions concerning this project or those concerning bidding requirements should be directed to Ashlie Stapleton. Questions must be received via email to astapleton@pepperconstruction.com by 3:00 PM (CST) Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

The School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to negotiate contract terms with various Bidders, and to waive all formalities or irregularities to any bid when such is deemed by the Owner to be in the Owner's best interest.

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Down but not necessarily out

Illini star Dosunmu after scare against Spartans: 'Be back soon'

BY SHANNON RYAN

CHAMPAIGN — The sellout crowd's roar as it attempted to direct Illinois to a furious comeback turned silent in an instant.

It was as if someone had pressed a mute button Tuesday night at the State Farm Center.

Suddenly, the result — a 70-69 loss to Michigan State — didn't matter.

Star guard Ayo Dosunmu was crumpled on the court in pain as the clock expired.

Fans watched as his left knee buckled awkwardly when he slipped while racing upcourt for a potential last-second game-winner. The band didn't play. The PA announcer didn't speak.

The handshake line paused as a few Michigan State players congratulated each other.

Illinois coach Brad Underwood checked on



UP NEXT

Illinois at Rutgers

3:30 p.m. Saturday, BTN

the sophomore, and his teammates hovered. Dosunmu was helped off the court without putting weight on his left leg.

"The game becomes secondary," Underwood told reporters.

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Ayo Dosunmu went down late in a loss to Michigan State on Tuesday. ▶

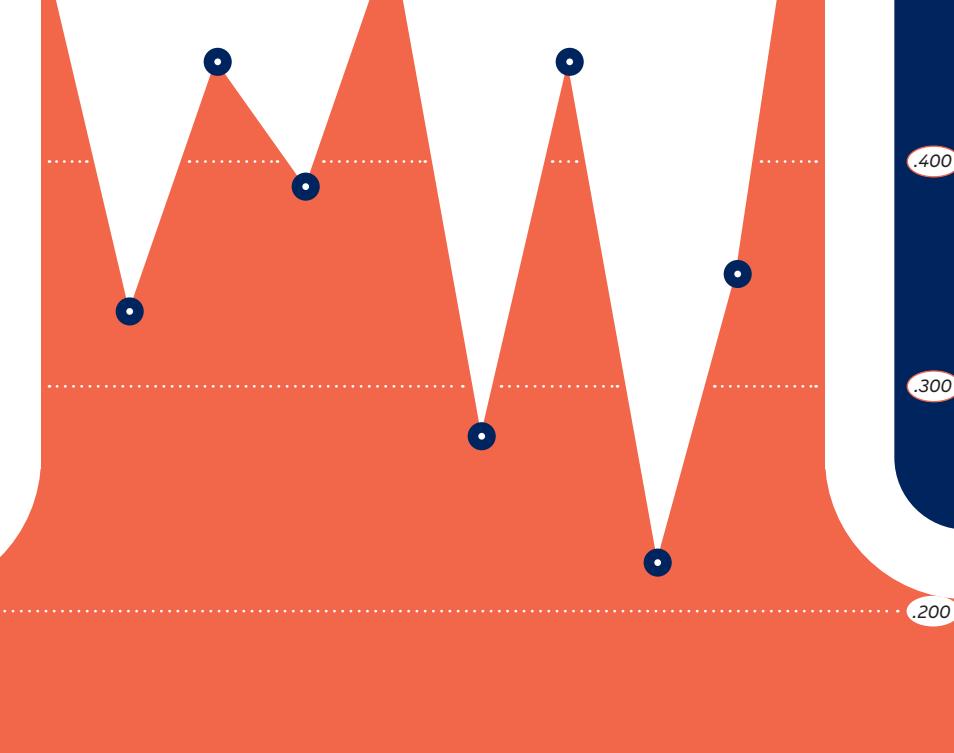


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THE ILLINI'S DECADE OF DESPAIR IN THE BIG TEN

Illinois has a chance to finish with a winning record in Big Ten play for the first time since the 2009-10 season. The Illini are 8-5 in the Big Ten (.615 winning percentage) and need to win three of their final seven games to finish above .500. A look at their winning percentage in Big Ten play since 2010-11.

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
9-9	6-12	8-10	7-11	9-9	5-13	8-10	4-14	7-13	8-5



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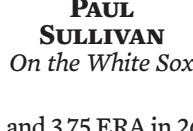
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Rodon looking to stay healthy, reach potential



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

GLENDALE, Ariz. — As the most tenured pitcher of the White Sox rotation, Carlos Rodon has been around long enough to remember what it was like to enter a season with big expectations.

Rodon was a highly touted rookie on the 2015 Sox team that included starters Chris Sale, Jose Quintana and Jeff Samardzija. The left-hander lived up to the hype with a 9-6 record and 3.75 ERA in 26 games.

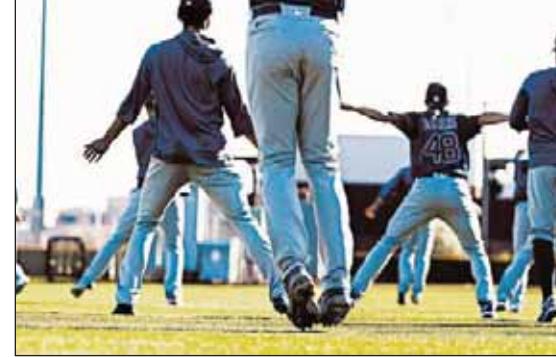
Arm injuries have prevented Rodon from fulfilling that promise, and five years later he enters 2020 as a question mark while rehabbing from Tommy John surgery.

"It sucks," Rodon, 27, said Wednesday as Sox camp officially began at Camelback Ranch. "This is Season 6 with the White Sox, and this will be the third opening day I've missed."

"It gets frustrating, especially when we've put together a team as good as this is ... on paper, of course. I'll be cheering them from here watching on TV, waiting to show up."

When he'll be able to show up, and where he'll fit in, are questions no one can answer yet.

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GREGORY BULL/AP

SPRING TRAINING

A welcome sight

Pitchers and catchers reported for both the Cubs, above, and White Sox on Wednesday in Arizona. Baseball coverage, Pages 3-5

Carter Jr. laments injury, missing event

Zion to replace
Bulls center in
Rising Stars game

BY JAMAL COLLIER

Initially, it was difficult for Bulls center Wendell Carter Jr. to get excited about his selection to the NBA Rising Stars.

Anyone paying attention knows this has been a difficult season for the Bulls, who have lost six straight heading into the All-Star break and have had little to be excited about. Carter had been a bright spot, but a high ankle sprain interrupted a strong sophomore season, and he has not played since Jan. 6.

His selection to the Rising Stars game, which pits

the top domestic and international first- and second-year players against each other, was immediately followed with the announcement of his replacement, Pelicans rookie Zion Williamson. Plus,

Carter felt like he should have been selected to the Rising Stars as a rookie last season.

Despite not being able to play Friday, Carter is looking forward to seeing NBA All-Star Weekend come to Chicago for the first time since 1988. Events will be held at Wintrust Arena and the United Center on Friday to Sunday.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

Hitchhiker's All-Star guide

Have you seen what they're getting for tickets to the NBA All-Star Game and other events this week in Chicago?

Unless you're willing to take out a second mortgage on your second mansion — or you've been picked to participate in the skills competition — you're probably going to experience it as a viewer.

So here's a viewing guide to help you navigate the schedule.

FRIDAY

5 a.m.: "Golic and Wingo" (ESPN)

Mike Golic and Trey Wingo host their TV/radio show, heard locally on WMVP-AM 1000, live from Harry Caray's at Navy Pier.

9 a.m.: "First Take" (ESPN)

Stephen A. Smith, Max Kellerman and Molly Qerim Rose will do their program live and open to the public from Offshore Chicago at Navy Pier.

2 p.m.: "NBA: The Jump" (ESPN)

Rachel Nichols, Tracy McGrady, Michael Wilbon and Amin Elhassan will be live from Offshore Chicago at Navy Pier. The show is open to the public.

4 p.m.: Hall of Fame Class of 2020

finalists announcement (NBA TV)

Who might join the standouts enshrined in Springfield, Mass.? Matt Winer, Jared Greenberg, Grant Hill and Gary Payton might be joined by some of the finalists.

The full 2020 class will be announced during the Final Four in April in Atlanta.

6 p.m.: "SportsTalk Live" (NBCSCH)

Like Thursday, David Kaplan will host a special All-Star Weekend edition from WestEnd in the West Loop.

6 p.m.: All-Star Celebrity Game (ESPN)

From Wintrust Arena, Mark Jones is on play-by-play with Chiney Ogwumike and Peter Rosenberg. ESPN's Stephen A. Smith and Michael Wilbon are celebrity coaches. The scheduled players are Chance the Rapper, Common, Quavo, Chelsea Gray, A'ja Wilson, Bad Bunny, Hannibal Buress, Kane Brown, Jon Batiste, Alex Moffat, Chef Jose Andres, Famous Los, Jidenna, Quentin Richardson, Taylor Bennett, LaRoyce Hawkins, Anthony "Spice" Adams, Marc Lasry, Ronnie 2K, Katelyn Ohashi, Lil Rel Howery and Darius Miles.

8 p.m.: "Bulls Outsiders:

All-Star Special" (NBCSCH)

Matt Peck, David Watson and John Sabine tape their preview at 1 p.m. Friday at Highline Bar & Lounge.



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Set up is underway for the NBA All-Star Weekend at the United Center in Chicago.

8 p.m.: NBA Rising Stars (TNT)

Brian Anderson, Myles Turner, Donovan Mitchell and Jared Greenberg will be on hand at the United Center for the 26th iteration of this showcase. All-Star starters Luka Doncic and Trae Young head the roster of 20 young players selected by NBA assistant coaches in a "United States versus the World" format.

10 p.m.: "Inside the NBA" (TNT)

Adam Lefkoe, Steve Nash, Channing Frye and Grant Hill put things into context.

SATURDAY

4 p.m.: "NBA Tip-Off" (TNT)

Ernie Johnson, Charles Barkley, Kenny Smith and Shaquille O'Neal do that thing they do so well.

6 p.m.: NBA Commissioner Adam Silver news conference (NBA TV)

Wonder if someone will ask about civil rights in China.

7 p.m.: "All-Star Saturday Night" (TNT)

Covering the spectacle at the United Center will be Kevin Harlan, Reggie Miller, Dwyane Wade and Kristen Ledlow. First up is the Skills Challenge with Bam Adebayo, Patrick Beverley, Spencer Dinwiddie, Khris Middleton, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, Domantas Sabonis, Pascal Siakam and Jayson Tatum.

The Bulls' Zach LaVine then is joined in the 3-Point Contest by Trae Young, Davis Bertans, Devonte' Graham, Joe Harris, Buddy Hield and Duncan Robinson. Finally, Pat Connaughton, Aaron Gordon, Dwight Howard and Derrick Jones Jr. vie for the Slam Dunk title.

9:30 p.m.: "Inside the NBA

All-Star Roast" (TNT)

Comedians Tiffany Haddish, Jay Pharoah and Jeff Ross, along with other guests, will yuk it up with Ernie Johnson, Charles Barkley, Kenny Smith and Shaquille O'Neal.

SUNDAY

5 p.m.: "NBA Tip-Off" (TNT)

Ernie Johnson, Charles Barkley, Kenny Smith and Shaquille O'Neal chat up the state of the league and its midseason showcase.

7 p.m.: 69th NBA All-Star Game

(TNT & TBS)

Mary Albert, Reggie Miller, Chris Webber and Allie LaForce are the coverage team as 24 All-Stars, headed by LeBron James and Giannis Antetokounmpo, show their stuff in the 2020 extravaganza.

10 p.m.: "Inside the NBA" (NBA TV)

What just happened? Ernie Johnson, Charles Barkley, Kenny Smith and Shaquille O'Neal offer perspective.

LET'S PLAY 2



Saturday
@Flames
9 p.m.
NBCSCH

Sunday
@Jets
7:30 p.m.
NBCSCH



Feb. 20
Hornets
7 p.m.
NBCSCH

Feb. 22
Suns
7 p.m.
NBCSCH

THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING

6 p.m. Duel 1 at Daytona

FS1

7:30 p.m. Duel 2 at Daytona

FS1

NBA

7 p.m. Clippers at Celtics

TNT

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

4 p.m. Bryant at Sacred Heart

CBSSN

6 p.m. Memphis at Cincinnati

ESPN

6 p.m. Wichita State at UCF

ESPN2

6 p.m. Winthrop at Gardner-Webb

ESPNU

6 p.m. Charleston at Hofstra

CBSSN

7 p.m. Iowa at Indiana

BTN

8 p.m. Colorado at Oregon

ESPN

8 p.m. Washington at USC

ESPN2

8 p.m. Murray St. at Austin Peay

ESPNU

8 p.m. Marshall at UTSA

CBSSN

9:30 p.m. Arizona at California

FS1

10 p.m. Arizona State at Stanford

ESPN2

10 p.m. BYU at Loyola Marymount

ESPNU

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

5 p.m. Iowa at Maryland

BTN

GOLF

11 a.m. PGA: Genesis Invitational

Golf

8 p.m. LPGA: Australian Open

Golf

HOCKEY

6 p.m. Flyers at Panthers

NBCSN

7 p.m. AHL: Admirals at Wolves

WPWR-50

8:30 p.m. Capitals at Avalanche

NBCSN

SOFTBALL

Noon Kansas vs. Missouri

ESPNU

3 p.m. Washington vs. Alabama

ESPN2

TENNIS

6:30 p.m. ATP: New York Open

Tennis

1 a.m. (Fri.) Rotterdam, St. Petersburg, Hua-Hin

Tennis

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CUBS

Rizzo backs Bryant's attempt

Says fighting for players' rights 'is good for everyone'

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — Anthony Rizzo fell short of a full year of service time by four days in 2013 but gained security in the form of a multiyear contract with the Cubs.

So Rizzo took special interest in and appreciation for Kris Bryant, who unsuccessfully fought to earn credit for a full year of service time in his rookie season in 2015 that would have made him eligible for free agency after the 2020 season.

"In this game, everyone has been manipulated somewhere, some form," Rizzo said Wednesday before the Cubs' first

workout for pitchers and catchers. "For Kris, his resume of (2015 National League) Rookie of the Year, (2016) MVP, World Series (champion), his case was the strongest of anyone, especially with the spring he had in 2015 and coming up and winning Rookie of the Year (unanimously) after missing (a full year of service time) by one day."

"His case was strong. And for someone like Kris to stand up like that (by filing a grievance through the Major League Baseball Players Association) is good for everyone."

Rizzo cited the case of shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr., who gave the Padres a lift in 2019, hitting 22 home runs and driving in 53 runs in only 84 games before suffering a back injury.

"That's a big boost for your team," Rizzo

said. "They don't try to keep him down and manipulate him."

"When you put the best product on the field at all times, that's the best for the game."

For now, 172 days on a major-league roster constitutes a full year of service time, and many teams have kept their top prospects in the minors until they cannot qualify for a full year.

"That's the way the system is," Rizzo said. "Wherever there's a system in place, obviously, with everything that's gone on this offseason, someone is going to try to beat the system."

Rizzo appreciates the support system the Cubs have provided, particularly with their upgraded facilities.

"But how much this game is making, it's

not far off for us players to speak up," Rizzo said. "There's billions, and then there's millions. And there's a big difference between the 'B' and the 'M.'"

Rizzo's representatives were unsuccessful in discussing an extension last winter. He'll earn \$16.5 million this season with a club option for \$16.5 million for 2021 or a \$2 million buyout.

But Rizzo looked at the bigger picture for players.

"In this business, right now more than ever, baseball players are being treated like commodities," he said. "We want to win because that's what we're bred to do — being baseball players and win."

"On the other side of it, we want to make as much money as we can in this short amount of time."



A little sore, but it all feels good under the sun

Pitchers get loose, catcher Willson Contreras talks to fans and new manager David Ross takes it all in on the Cubs' first reporting date

GREGORY BULL/AP PHOTOS



Rizzo, Schwarber disappointed, humbled, hungry

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — The fact that the Cubs didn't shake up their roster this winter could be interpreted as President Theo Epstein retaining strong faith in his core players.

Another interpretation is that other teams don't think that highly of those players, especially after the Cubs failed to reach the playoffs for the first time since 2014 and have regressed gradually since winning the 2016 World Series.

"Chip on our shoulder? I don't see why we even deserve a chip on our shoulder," slugger Anthony Rizzo said Wednesday prior to the Cubs' first workout for pitchers and catchers. "We didn't make the playoffs this year. We got to go out and earn it. I think it's on us to be the best team this year. We got the talent, but to be the best team will take us to new levels."

Without any significant moves, it is getting closer to the last hurrah for a group that has fallen short of expectations the last two seasons and could lose four impact players — Kris Bryant, Javier Baez, Kyle Schwarber and Rizzo — to free agency after the 2021 season.

Rizzo mentioned the word "team" six

times during the first half of an 11-minute interview with reporters, an indication that he absorbed the theme Epstein stressed repeatedly this winter about the need to bond in an effort to return to the postseason.

Rizzo expressed optimism that a new voice in manager David Ross will help the Cubs return to their playoff level, especially after talking with friends who experienced managerial changes.

"It's a new opportunity," Rizzo said. "It's going to be something that grows more and more, confidence-wise. I think we're a confident group, but we're also a humble group right now."

Rizzo was unsure about the future after hearing that roster changes could be imminent. But the return of many core players — at least for now — fuels some motivation for the group that played a big role in their recent playoff runs.

"It's very addicting to win," Rizzo said. "Not making the playoffs last year, being out of it that last week, it sucked. Sitting out a little bit to watch (the playoffs), it sucked. In the offseason you're doing those extra reps, and it's what you do for it. You do it for the boys, and if we come together as a team, we'll be all right."

Schwarber admitted the Cubs have a

chip on their shoulder, but not to prove their skeptics wrong.

"We all expect a lot more of ourselves than just what's happened the last couple years," Schwarber said. "That's where you take it from a learning experience and put that forward going into this upcoming season, knowing we got to do things better."

"I don't think it's a secret we got to do things better. We just got to be able to go out there, be us, have fun and be great teammates, play the game with passion. If we do all those little things right, good things are going to happen."

Schwarber shook his head when asked whether he was worried about being dealt this winter.

"I've learned my lessons from previous years about looking into things like that," Schwarber said. "We all get to play the game we love, and that's all we can ask for."

Coincidentally, the Cubs could start with the same pitching rotation as two seasons ago — with Tyler Chatwood probably returning as the fifth starter after rebounding in a swing role in 2019 following a disastrous season as a starter in 2018.

"Nobody liked how last year ended, the last two years honestly," Chatwood said. "So I think everyone is hungry."

Morrow talks Astros' sign stealing

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — The Cubs officially opened spring training Wednesday with the first workout for pitchers and catchers, while the other players also have arrived at Sloan Park.

Here are three takeaways from camp.

1. Brandon Morrow feels worse for others who were affected by the Astros' sign stealing.

Slightly more than two years after allowing four runs and not retiring a batter in Game 5 of the 2017 World Series for the Dodgers, Morrow said he didn't feel a "big vindication" after the Astros were penalized by Major League Baseball for an elaborate electronic sign-stealing system.

Instead, Morrow felt worse for pitchers like Mike Bolsinger, who filed a lawsuit Monday in Los Angeles County Superior Court alleging the Astros' tactics damaged his career after he allowed four runs in one-third of an inning in his final major-league appearance in 2017.

"I don't feel any different," Morrow said after a long pause. "The games were played on the field. They were decided on the field, so it doesn't change anything for me."

Morrow said the Dodgers tried to do "everything they could" to prevent the Astros or any playoff team from getting an advantage.

"You're thinking they're not cheating, but stealing signs or working to get signs and stuff like that," Morrow said. "So you're doing everything you can, but it's hard to protect. They got a camera on the catcher and got some programmed algorithm to break your signs."

Morrow said the noise inside Minute Maid Park made it too loud to hear the sound of a garbage can being struck that tipped off hitters about specific pitches.

"But there were rumors about other stuff they had going," said Morrow, who said he isn't a conspiracy theorist.

Morrow admitted that not winning the World Series was hard to accept, but said he isn't sure whether the scandal heightened his emotions.

"I had the feelings that were already established by losing in seven games," Morrow said.

"I haven't really gone back and watched the games or really thought too much."

2. Talks already are percolating for who will be the season-opening starter against the Brewers.

Manager David Ross has some thoughts about his rotation for the season-opening series against the National League Central rival Brewers but plans to talk with coaches Tommy Hottovy and Mike Borzello and the candidates before announcing his decision.

"I'm going to put the guy I see best fit for that (opening day) spot," said Ross, looking at past success, who finished strong last season and looks sharp in spring training."

Right-handers Yu Darvish and Kyle Hendricks and left-handers Jon Lester and Jose Quintana all are viable candidates to pitch in the opening series.

3. David Ross has a passion for prose.

Ross quipped that "there was a lot of standing around" supervising his first workout as manager.

But his emotions occasionally could veer off script when he talks to his players as a group.

"You write down your thoughts, and want to organize them the right way and not bounce all over the place," Ross said.

"When I speak freely, I bounce all over the place. There's definitely an order I try to keep."

"I'm finding when I start, there's a lot that comes out that I'm passionate about and start speaking to. It's things I've written, and it's on my heart, and they've come up in a meeting."

Ross' blend of passion and conciseness during his second interview fully convinced Cubs officials to hire him as manager in October.

"The nerves will be there," Ross said.

"I think I'd be silly to not think I'd get nervous about something."

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WHITE SOX**Sullivan**

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The Sox couldn't count on Rodon making more than a half-season of starts this year and added veterans Dallas Keuchel and Gio Gonzalez to a rotation that already included Lucas Giolito, Dylan Cease and Reynaldo Lopez.

Michael Kopech, who missed all of 2019 recovering from Tommy John surgery, also is on tap to re-enter the rotation, either at the end of camp or in April or May, depending on his arm strength.

The good news is the Sox could have seven viable starters for five spots if they're in contention in the second half.

Of course that's a big "if," especially with Lopez's struggles, Kopech's and Cease's inexperience and Rodon's injury history.

Rodon underwent arthroscopic shoulder surgery at the end of the 2017 season and missed the first two months of 2018. Last year he was ready at the outset of the season and posted a 2.89 ERA over his first five starts, looking like the pitcher everyone expected.

But he broke down in his next two starts and was forced to undergo reconstructive elbow surgery May 15, ending his season after seven starts.

Averaging only 13 starts in each of the last three seasons, Rodon's durability issues will force the Sox to be extra cautious this time. He spent much of the offseason at the Pro X Athlete training facility in Indianapolis and said he has thrown three bullpen sessions this month in Glendale, using only his fastball and being limited to 15 to 20 pitches.

Rodon won't pitch in any Cactus League games this spring and is unlikely to return before the All-Star break.

"Honestly, I don't even know a timeline," he said. "I'm just going about it the way they want me to, doing it every day. I'm hitting every day's marks, so I can't say I'm going slower. I don't really know what the pace is."

Either way, Rodon won't have to face the pressure of carrying the load now that Keuchel and Giolito are at the top of the rotation. He can make sure he's completely healthy before returning this summer as a No. 3 or 4 starter instead of the designated ace.

"Which is nice," he said. "We've got great arms here. We've got guys that can eat innings. There's no rush, right? I've been hurt enough where I just want to come back and stay healthy instead of coming back and getting hurt again. It's a vicious cycle."

The waiting game has been difficult for Rodon and Kopech, two competitors with strong arms and outgoing personalities.



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A healthy White Sox starter Carlos Rodon pitches against the Orioles in 2019.

When Kopech came up to the Sox in August 2018, the team was on its way to losing 100 games.

Now both pitchers hope to become integral parts of a contending team in the American League Central.

"It's a different team," Kopech said. "We'd be silly to say that it's not. I'm really looking forward to just being a part of it, if nothing else."

Barring a change in philosophy, the Sox won't be going to a six-man rotation anytime soon. That means Cease will have to build off his strong finish in 2019 and Lopez will have to rebound from his season-long struggles. Either one could be replaced in the rotation as the Sox no longer can afford to place development over winning.

Lopez insisted he doesn't have to battle to keep his spot.

"I'm going to keep doing my job and keep doing my best," he said through a team interpreter. "There isn't anything to fight for. When you're in this level, everyone knows you can't be comfortable because there's a lot of people behind you that want the spot. That's my mindset."

The Sox already know what Rodon can do when he's healthy. He was the No. 3 pick in the 2014 draft with the world in the palm of his hands. Now he has to prove himself all over again.

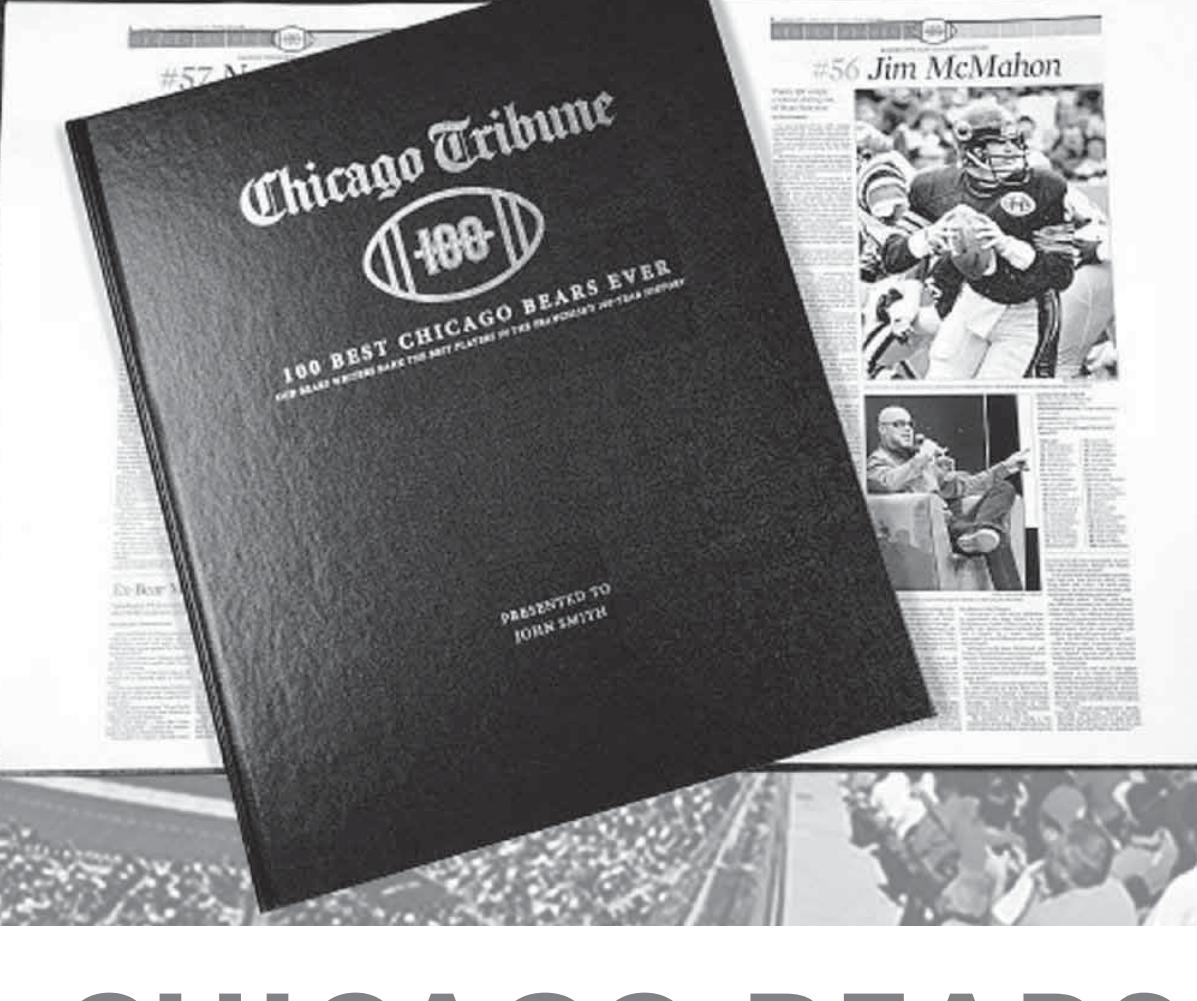
"I just need to show that I'm durable," he said. "What I'm hoping is that the elbow (issue) was the root of all evil. Just show up and be the guy I know I can be and the guy they know I can be and become durable."

"Availability and durability, those are pretty big things."

Rodon becomes a free agent after 2021, so he won't have many more opportunities to show he's the same pitcher who dominated at times in 2015 and '16. More important, he said, is having a chance to be part of a contender.

Like everyone else on the South Side, he has grown accustomed to waiting.

"I'd like to be on a team that wins," he said. "I'm kind of invested in that now. I'm like a Sox fan now — I'm invested."



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WHITE SOX

'It is what it is'

Now an All-Star catcher, McCann not exactly taking demotion in stride

BY PAUL SULLIVAN

GLENDALE, Ariz. — James McCann's value to the White Sox last year was impossible to quantify by numbers alone.

In a breakthrough season that saw him make the American League All-Star team only months after McCann was let go by the Tigers, the catcher also played a huge role in Lucas Giolito's evolution from struggling starter to White Sox ace.

So it probably wasn't easy for McCann to hear the news in November that the Sox had signed free agent Yasmani Grandal to a four-year, \$73 million deal, the most expensive in team history, to become the new starting catcher.

That was apparent Wednesday on the first day of Sox camp when McCann was asked for his reaction to the Grandal signing.

"It is what it is," McCann said, repeating the cliche used by modern athletes. "There's things about the business that you can't control. All you can control is how you handle your own self and how you handle your own preparations, and that was my main focus throughout the offseason and that will continue to be my main focus: how to make myself better and how to help the team win."

Does he expect to move around more to get some at-bats?

"I'm just here doing my job," he replied. "Whatever they ask me to do, I'll be willing to do."

Kudos to McCann for refusing to pretend he's OK with being demoted to backup catcher following the best year of his career. He did everything asked of him in 2019 and this was his reward?

That's about as cutthroat as it gets.

Still, the Sox don't have to apologize for trying to make the team better, even in an area that didn't really need an upgrade. Grandal is one of the best in the game, and the signing helped them lure Dallas Keuchel a month later.

Sure, they probably should've tried to deal McCann in the offseason for his own sake. But since they didn't, it's now up to McCann to suck it up and play the cards he's been dealt.

General manager Rick Hahn said his discussions with McCann have been positive and that McCann wants to be part of "something special" on the South Side. The Sox pitchers are ecstatic they have two All-Star catchers.

"Anyone in the league would probably be jealous with what we have to offer as far as the guys behind the dish," starter Michael Kopech said. "Whether that's Mac or Yas, they're both going to be great additions for us."

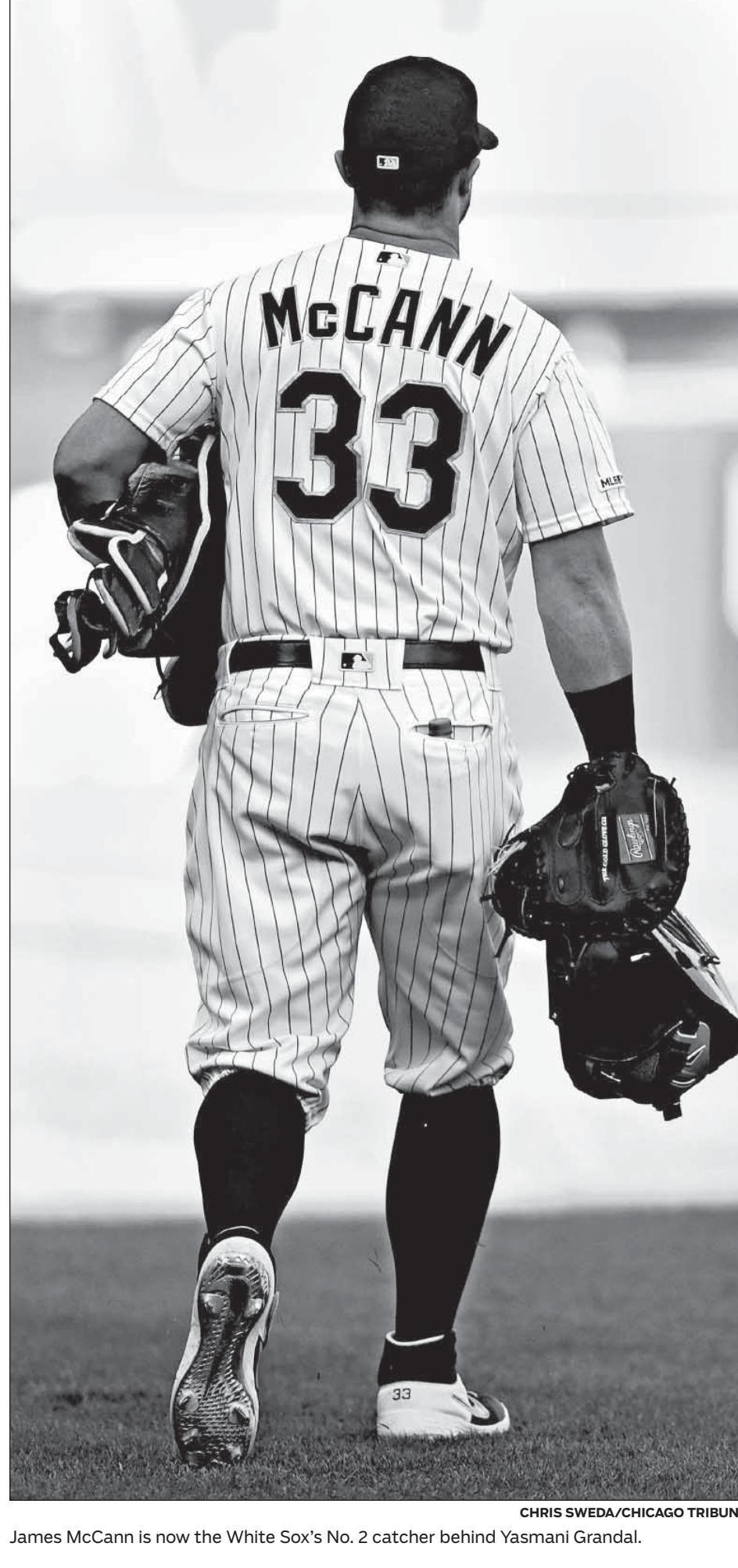
How much playing time the 30-year-old McCann will get in 2020 is yet to be determined.

Manager Rick Renteria said McCann "brought us through a rough patch last year" when starter Wellington Castillo was injured, and McCann eventually ended up in the All-Star Game. He predicted McCann would play a "pivotal" role for the Sox in what's expected to be their turnaround year.

"Part of my job is to manage all the different scenarios that occur now, having the talents that we have on the club," Renteria said. "If that's the hardest thing I have to do, I'm OK with it."

Most speculated after the Grandal signing that McCann would get some more at-bats at designated hitter. But then Hahn signed free agent Edwin Encarnacion to a one-year, \$12 million deal to fill that role. McCann started 11 games at DH last year.

"For me, James wasn't a prototypical DH," Renteria said. "He was just someone we knew could give us some at-bats. I wouldn't want to force him to do that. I think James will, I'm sure, inevitably catch



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James McCann is now the White Sox's No. 2 catcher behind Yasmani Grandal.

his share of games and contribute in that regard.

"As the season progresses things happen, and we'll figure out how to use them to keep them both able to ready to perform to the best of their ability."

In other words, Encarnacion is the DH, and McCann is the backup catcher.

At the very least McCann should get a lot of starts when Giolito on the mound.

"For me, I've never really thought about that, having a personal catcher," Giolito said. "Obviously me and James work very well together. I'm sure we're going to continue to work together a lot. But we have Yas here now and he brings a wealth of experience now and a lot of knowledge about the game, and he's also really good behind the dish."

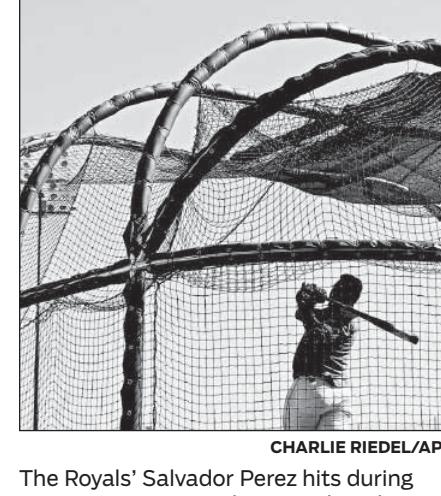
"So I also look forward to working with him as well, and we'll see how it all works out."

Grandal also is looking forward to working with McCann and wants to "see how I can get in his head" and learn more about the Sox pitchers.

"The guy likes to work, and I'm all for it," Grandal said. "If you're willing to put the work in, that's probably the best quality you can possibly have."

McCann is a professional. He isn't going to whine or complain about his reduced role, even though it will likely cost him next year when he's eligible for free agency.

"I guess you can say in this business there's nothing that should surprise you," McCann said. "There's things you can control and things you can't control, and the business side of things you can't control. All you do is prepare to take care of yourself as far as offseason preparations go, being ready for spring training, then spring training and getting ready for the season. And everything else is what it is."



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

The Royals' Salvador Perez hits during a spring training workout Wednesday.

BASEBALL NOTES

New rules set to start this season

News services

Major League Baseball went ahead with its planned rules changes for this season, including the requirement a pitcher must face at least three batters or end the half-inning, unless he is hurt.

The changes were agreed to by MLB and the players' association last March, subject to the study of a joint committee. The three-batter minimum will start in spring training games March 12.

There were 2,162 pitching appearances of three batters or fewer last year, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, but 1,471 of them finished with the end of a half-inning or a game.

The active roster limit will increase by one to 26 from opening day through Aug. 31, will drop from 40 to 28 through the end of the regular season and return to 26 for the postseason. Each team may have a maximum 13 pitchers through Aug. 31 and during the postseason, and 14 from Sept. 1 through the end of the regular season.

Two-way players who have at least 20 innings pitched or 20 games started at a position or designated hitter with at least three plate appearances in the previous season may pitch without counting against that game's pitcher limit. For this year, a player can use 2018 or 2019 to meet the requirement.

What had been a 26th player for certain day-night doubleheaders through Aug. 31 will become a 27th player in those situations, and that player won't count against the pitcher limit.

Position players are prohibited from pitching through the ninth inning unless the player's team is winning or losing by six or more runs when he takes the mound.

The injured list and option recall minimum period for pitchers will increase from 10 days to 15, an effort to slow the use of relievers by teams who shuttle off pitchers between the majors and minors. There still is a seven-day concussion IL.

Managers' time to challenge a play with a video review has been cut from 30 seconds to 20.

Dodgers' Baez wins arbitration: Dodgers reliever Pedro Baez became the first player to win in salary arbitration this year and will earn \$4 million rather than the team's offer of \$3.5 million.

A right-hander who turns 32 next month, Baez was 7-2 with a 3.10 ERA in 71 relief appearances last season, striking out 69 in 69 2/3 innings while walking 23. He had a \$2.1 million salary last year and is eligible for free agency after this season.

Arbitrators Robert Herman, Jeanne Charles and Margaret Brogan made the decision, a day after hearing arguments.

Teams had won the first four decisions this year, beating Dodgers outfielder Joc Pederson, Twins starting pitcher Jose Berrios, Braves reliever Shane Greene and Rockies catcher Tony Wolters.

Ohtani OK with Angels' plan: Shohei Ohtani has no problem with the Angels' plan to delay his return to the mound so they can preserve his pitching arm for later in the season.

The two-way star also wouldn't have minded if the Angels wanted him to start on opening day, either.

Ohtani reacted positively to the Angels' plan to delay his return to the mound until mid-May.

"I was getting prepared to start the year on opening day," Ohtani said through his interpreter. "But if that's what the team wants me to do, then I'll be prepared to delay my debut. I don't see any problems."

The Angels are exercising caution with the 2018 AL rookie of the year, who hasn't pitched since undergoing Tommy John surgery after his rookie season.

Ohtani, 25, will resume his everyday role as the Angels' designated hitter from opening day.

Jays' McGuire in trouble: Blue Jays catcher Reese McGuire was charged with misdemeanor indecent exposure after police were dispatched to a shopping center parking lot in Dunedin, Fla., on Friday afternoon following reports that a man sitting inside an SUV was exposing himself.

McGuire, 24, was cooperative and didn't deny the allegations. He was given a notice to appear in court March 16 but he wasn't jailed.

WHITE SOX TAKEAWAYS

'Minor' injuries set back pitching, catching staffs

BY LAMOND POPE

GLENDALE, Ariz. — White Sox pitchers and catchers reported to spring training Wednesday. Here are three takeaways from the first day of camp.

1. Yasmani Grandal, Lucas Giolito and Gio Gonzalez are dealing with 'minor' injuries.

A mild left calf strain has slowed Grandal, but when asked about the setback, the catcher joked: "What I actually wanted was not to run in spring training. I planned that well."

Grandal is one of three players with injuries that general manager Rick Hahn stressed are "minor."

Giolito is dealing with a muscle strain in the rib-cage area. His fellow pitcher Gonzalez is experiencing left shoulder soreness.

"Everyone is going to be fine, we anticipate, by opening day," Hahn said.

Grandal's injury occurred about a week to 10 days ago.

"If this was during the regular season, we may well push through with normal usage," Hahn said. "But since we have all this time on our hands, we can take a slower route with him and he likely won't appear in Cactus League games for about the first week."

Grandal did some catching Wednesday and said he was "fine."

"We're going to take it day by day," Grandal said. "We don't need to rush now. We're not really worried about spring training as much as the season. We're going to be ready for the season and we'll go from there."

Giolito had a bad case of the flu that caused him to miss SoxFest last month.

"(That) got him fairly dehydrated and set behind his program a little bit as well," Hahn said. "When he ramped back up, he felt soreness in his rib-cage area."

Hahn said Giolito also likely won't participate in the first week of Cactus League games.

Giolito said his level of concern for the injury is at "0%."

"I was throwing out to 120 feet (Wednesday) and felt fantastic," he said. "It's pretty much behind me. Just unfortunate with the flu, pretty bad timing."

Gonzalez was doing his throwing program at home about two weeks ago when he felt discomfort in his shoulder.

"We got him treated up, he showed up here feeling great, but again, due to the missed time, he's a little bit behind as well," Hahn said. "Likely also won't participate in the first week of spring games, but we anticipate him being ready to go when the bell rings come the end of March."

2. Reynaldo Lopez is focusing on what he can control.

Michael Kopech and Carlos Rodon are at various stages of coming back from Tommy John surgery. When the Sox are at full strength, they could have a variety of options for a rotation that already includes Lucas Giolito, Gio Gonzalez, Dallas Keuchel, Reynaldo Lopez and Dylan Cease.

Lopez, who is looking to bounce back from an inconsistent 2019 in which he went 10-15 with a 5.38 ERA, is keeping his focus on what he can control.

"When you're in this level, everyone knows you can't be comfortable because there's a lot of people behind you that want the spot," Lopez said through an interpreter. "That's my mindset."

3. Now is a good time for extension talks.

At SoxFest, a fan asked Rick Hahn about the possibilities of contract extensions for Lucas Giolito and third baseman Yoan Moncada. Both players become free agents after the 2023 season.

While no names were mentioned, the topic of extensions came up again Wednesday.

"This tends to be the most productive time of year in terms of getting extensions done," Hahn said. "Doesn't mean anything is going to happen. But especially early in camp when things are a little quieter, it's a little easier to have those conversations."

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SPORTS**HOCKEY**

Roenick out as analyst

NBC Sports fires him for inappropriate comments

BY JEREMY MIKULA

Jeremy Roenick is out as a hockey analyst for NBC Sports.

The former Blackhawks star on Wednesday tweeted a video captioned "What a Joke!!" in which he said he is "very disappointed and angry today."

"Though disappointed," Roenick said in the video, "I'm also grateful that I've had the opportunity to share my love, my passion, my knowledge of the game with millions of people, millions of fans. For that, I thank you."

Roenick, 50, was suspended indefinitely

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without pay in December for making inappropriate comments about some of his NBC coworkers on Barstool Sports' "Spit in' Chicks" podcast.

Roenick discussed the physical appearance of fellow broadcasters Kathryn Tappan, Patrick Sharp and Anson Carter on the podcast and joked about the possibility of having a threesome with his wife and Tappan.

"I play it off like we're going to bed together every night, the three of us," Roenick said while discussing a vacation to Portugal with his wife and Tappan, whom he also called "one of the most professional sports personalities I know."

During the same interview, Roenick called Sharp "so beautiful" and said he "wouldn't say no right away" to sex with the former Hawks forward.

Roenick, who played the first eight years of his career with the Hawks before stints with the Coyotes, Flyers, Kings and Sharks, indicated he will "not be gone for long."

"I'll be back better and more motivated to bring you the best entertainment and the best that I have for the game of hockey," he said in the video.



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Clint Bowyer hopes the Daytona 500 isn't run too close to the Super Bowl.

NASCAR

Changes to Speedweeks on horizon?

Drivers anticipate shake-up to NASCAR's opening stretch

BY MARK LONG

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Speedweeks is facing a significant shakeup.

The Daytona 500 is scheduled for Valentine's Day in 2021, a week earlier than usual and putting NASCAR's version of the Super Bowl seven days after the actual Super Bowl.

The revised date could cause changes to Speedweeks, the opening stretch of stock car racing at Daytona International Speedway that includes run-up events like Daytona 500 pole qualifying, the exhibition Busch Clash and the ARCA Series opener.

It could ultimately lead to "Speedweek," singular. Cramming everything into one week seems like the obvious outcome, which would eliminate two "dark days" at the track between pole qualifying and Daytona 500 practice and help shorten a long, tiring regular season that drivers and crews have been complaining about for years.

But the allure of spending two weeks in Florida, where drivers often can be spotted at Disney World and other various tourist spots, still has an appeal for some.

"I'd miss it," driver Austin Dillon said Wednesday during Daytona 500 media day. "I like being down here for this long. I enjoy this week. I think it's a great start to our season."

NASCAR also could simply run its Daytona 500 lead-in events a day earlier to avoid having anything on Super Bowl Sunday. Of course, that would still leave NASCAR vying for attention in the shadow of the dominant NFL finale.

"I don't think anybody should do that," said Stewart-Haas Racing driver Clint Bowyer, a huge Chiefs fan. "It'd be like somebody trying to go on top of the Daytona 500. We're all in this business together. It's the entertainment business. There's a footprint for all of them...."

"The Super Bowl is not a game. The Super Bowl is an event. The Daytona 500 can't be just a race. It's got to be an event. The second that we lose sight of that ... we've got problems."

The Super Bowl is set for Feb. 7, 2021. NASCAR and Daytona International Speedway announced earlier this week that the 500 will be the following Sunday, but the rest of next year's Speedweeks calendar has yet to be finalized.

Pole qualifying, the Clash and the ARCA race typically run the weekend before the 500. NASCAR has been hesitant to go head-to-head against the Super Bowl, even moving the Daytona 500 back a week in 2012 to avoid any potential conflict in case the league lengthened its regular season.

Tweaking Speedweeks would be the first hint of an anticipated overhaul to NASCAR's 2021 schedule. The sanctioning body has said it won't shy away from trying new venues while heeding calls from fans and drivers to visit more short tracks and dirt tracks.

NASCAR purchased sister company International Speedway Corp. last year to create one company that gives flexibility to alter race dates, venture to different tracks (new and old) and shake things up like adding this year's double-header at Pocono in Pennsylvania.

"Based upon all the conversations that I've had with everybody from NASCAR, they're going to be aggressive and actively looking at things that are outside the box and different from what we've done," 2014 Cup Series champion Kevin Harvick said. "It's kind of like ending at Daytona with the regular season. The story's already built and we need more of those types of situations."

"Even if only go there for one year, who cares? It was a great story, right? If the race is no good, what difference does it make? Everybody wants to have a great game. Well, guess what, sometimes you get a Super Bowl like we had this year and sometimes you get a rout. But the anticipation and hype up to that point, we need a lot of those on the schedule."

Speedweeks, as historic as it might be, probably won't be immune.

"I don't mind them starting a week earlier," defending Daytona 500 winner Denny Hamlin said. "I think the schedule changes, things like that they've made, have definitely made things better."

BULLS TAKEAWAYS

Gafford available ... but not playing?

BY JAMAL COLLIER

WASHINGTON — The Bulls' trip to Washington had a little bit of everything to serve as a microcosm of their first half, which finished with a dud of a 126-114 loss to the Wizards — their sixth consecutive loss.

Once again Zach LaVine did all he could, scoring 41 points for his fifth 40-point game of the season. But the Bulls were outscored by a wide margin in the third quarter. Coach Jim Boylen was peppered with questions about his rotation. And the Bulls lost.

As NBA All-Star Weekend prepares to take over Chicago, the Bulls could use the break. They are a season-worst 17 games under .500, and their lineup each night is a shell of the team they thought they would have to start the season. The Bulls are hopeful a few players are on track to return shortly after the break, but they have a lot more work to do besides getting healthy to put together a competitive second half.

"Just make sure everybody's mind is at the right spot," LaVine said. "We're not on vacation yet. We've still got to try to hunt and make a goal for ourselves and go out there and play each game. I know I'll be ready and I'll bring it."

Here are three takeaways from Tuesday's game.

1. What is going on with Daniel Gafford?

On Feb. 2 in Toronto, in his first game back from dislocated thumb that interrupted his rookie season, Gafford tweaked his right ankle in the first quarter. He played about five minutes before heading to the bench, only to return in the fourth quarter with 4:21 left and the Bulls down 121-96.

Gafford labored through nine minutes that night on a bad right ankle. He has not played since.

The Bulls, however, have listed Gafford as available for the last three games, although he has not played for a team depleted by injuries, especially in the frontcourt. The Wizards zipped past them with ease to score 62 points in the paint.

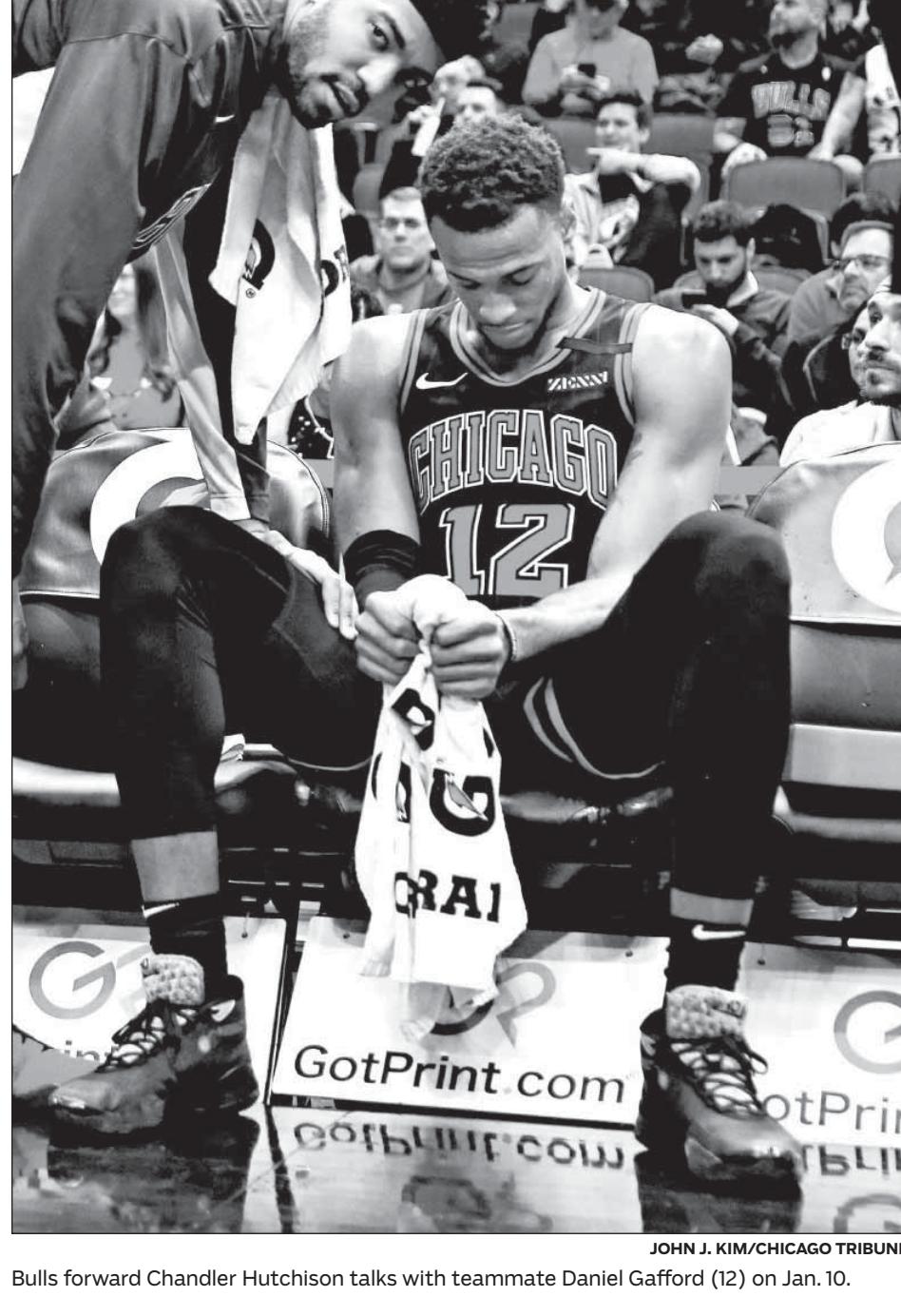
Boyle had been reluctant to say Gafford hasn't played because he's not 100%, and he didn't admit Gafford's health played a factor in his decision until he was pressed on it after the game. And then Boyle said he was not sure whether Gafford would slot ahead of Cristiano Felicio in the rotation when he is 100%.

Gafford admitted after the game to not being 100% as he iced his swollen ankle, which he said registers about a six on the one-to-10 pain scale. But he is practicing and believes he can help in some way.

"I feel like I can go out there and at least help," he said. "Give energy, run the floor, couple rebounds, one or two blocks, anything is possible. I'm going to go out there and I'm going to work as hard as I always work. Hurt ankle or not."

Perhaps the Bulls are trying to save a player from himself.

Gafford almost certainly should not have returned to the court in Toronto after injuring his ankle, and the team and Boyle would be wise to learn from that mistake. Which makes it odd that he is even active.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Bulls forward Chandler Hutchison talks with teammate Daniel Gafford (12) on Jan. 10.

If he is healthy, the Bulls rotation is down to nine players and Gafford — one of their most pleasant surprises and best rim protectors, averaging 1.3 blocks — can't find the floor for some inexplicable reason. Or maybe Gafford is active only for use in emergency situations. If that's the case, it's baffling they wouldn't just say so.

2. Jim Boylen dismisses questions about Coby White's role.

It makes sense for the calls to intensify for the Bulls to give White a shot in the starting lineup.

He is one of their most important young players and has shown promise in his rookie season. His development is one of the most important things to watch during the final 27 games after the break.

Yet before the game, Boyle sounded like he hadn't considered adjusting White's role.

"It's not something that I'm focused on," Boyle said. "It's not something that I think about every day, that he needs to start. I don't think he needs that pressure put on him right now. He needs to play and learn and grow. There's games where he's played starter minutes."

Boyle has a bit of a point if he plays White like he did Tuesday, when White's 35 minutes were second only to LaVine. He was plus-8 for the game as he scored 14 points — although on 4-of-14 shooting — with seven assists, five rebounds and four steals. He was on the floor with the Bulls' closing lineups in the fourth quarter, and Boyle said he liked what he saw from lineups featuring White, LaVine and Tomas Satoransky.

It's also worth noting White is a 19-year-old rookie point guard who has had his ups and downs during his first season, so the Bulls can afford to be patient with this one.

3. The Eastern Conference All-Star snubs put on a show.

The most fun part of Tuesday's game was undoubtedly the showdown between two players who had a convincing argument to be on the Eastern Conference All-Star team.

The two biggest snubs — Wizards guard Bradley Beal and LaVine — put on a show as they traded baskets late the fourth quarter. Both were passed over for guards on winning teams, but they showed they're capable of doing it all for their below-.500 teams.

Although LaVine outscored Beal, it was the latter's performance who helped his team secure the win.

"I know Brad, he's an all-star player," LaVine said. "That competition, you want to bring your A-game because if you don't, you're going to get toasted. I always try to step up to the plate when you play against a dude of his caliber. It's going to be a battle."

LaVine scored 19 fourth-quarter points on 7-of-9 shooting, knocking down all five of his 3-pointers. It provided a nice preview of what LaVine could be capable of in Saturday night's 3-Point Contest.

"Once you get locked in, I have the confidence to take any shot," he said. "It just gets easier. Even if I would've missed one, I would've come down and shot. I just thought it was the only chance to come back, to start rallying and putting something together."

GOLF

BMW Championship going out of town in 2021

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

The BMW Championship will rotate out of the Chicago area in 2021, landing at a facility that's new to the PGA Tour.

Caves Valley Golf Club, outside Baltimore, will be awarded the FedEx Cup playoff event, sources told the Tribune. An announcement is expected by Monday.

Justin Thomas won the 2019 BMW Championship at Medinah. Olympia Fields will host the top 70 players on the PGA Tour's FedEx Cup points list Aug. 20-23.

The tournament will then move away from Chicago, as it did in 2008 (Bellview in Missouri), 2012 (Crooked Stick in Indiana),

and wetlands. Caves Valley has hosted USGA events, men's and women's NCAA championships, the 2002 U.S. Senior Open, the 2007 Palmer Cup, the LPGA's 2014 International Crown and the 2017 Senior Players Championship.

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SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	40	15	.727	—
Boston	37	16	.698	2
Philadelphia	34	21	.618	6
Brooklyn	25	28	.472	14
New York	17	38	.309	23

SOUTHEAST

Miami	35	19	.648	—
Orlando	24	31	.436	11½
Washington	20	33	.377	14½
Charlotte	18	36	.333	17
Atlanta	15	41	.268	21

CENTRAL

ATLANTA	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	46	8	.852	—
Indiana	32	23	.582	14½
Chicago	19	36	.345	27½
Detroit	19	38	.333	28½
Cleveland	14	40	.259	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	34	20	.630	—
Dallas	33	22	.600	1½
Memphis	28	26	.519	6
San Antonio	23	31	.426	11
New Orleans	23	31	.426	11

NORTHWEST

Denver	38	17	.691	—
Utah	36	18	.667	1½
Oklahoma City	32	22	.593	5½
Portland	25	31	.446	13½
Minnesota	16	37	.302	21

PACIFIC

LA. Lakers	41	12	.774	—
LA. Clippers	37	17	.685	4½
Phoenix	22	33	.400	20
Sacramento	21	33	.389	20½
Golden State	12	43	.218	30

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Cleveland 127, Atlanta 105
Orlando 116, Detroit 12, OT
Brooklyn 101, Toronto 91
Washington 114, New York 96
Indiana 118, Milwaukee 111
Memphis 111, Portland 104
Charlotte 115, Minnesota 108
Dallas 130, Sacramento 111
Phoenix 112, Golden State 106
Utah 116, Miami 101
LA. Lakers 120, Denver 116, OT
THURSDAY'S GAMES:
LA. Clippers at Boston, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 7 p.m.

PACERS 118, BUCKS 111

MILWAUKEE: Ilyasova 3-10 5-5 12, Middleton 6-17 2-17, B.Lopez 3-9 5-12, Bledsoe 4-11 7-15, Matthews 2-8 0-5, Brown 5-9 3-14, Connaughton 2-5 0-6, Williams 3-4 2-2, R.Lopez 1-4 0-2, DiVincenzo 8-14 0-19, Totals 37-91 24-25 111.

INDIANA: Sabonis 4-15 7-10 15, Warren 16-19 2-23, Turner 6-13 0-14, Brogdon 6-13 4-17, Oladipo 5-7 2-3, Lamb 5-10 1-2, McDermott 1-3 0-0 3, J.Holiday 1-3 3-3 6, McConnell 1-3 0-0 2, Milt 18 (Middleton 5), Indiana 28 (Brogdon 13).
Fouls: Milt 21, Indiana 21. A-17,018 (2)

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	35	11	12	82	192	144
Tampa Bay	37	15	5	79	202	152
Toronto	30	19	8	66	203	189
Florida	30	20	6	66	198	188
Montreal	27	25	7	61	180	180
Buffalo	25	24	8	58	162	178
Ottawa	18	27	11	47	147	191
Detroit	14	40	4	33	120	216

METRO.

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	36	15	5	77	202	172
Pittsburgh	34	15	6	74	182	150
NY. Islanders	33	16	5	72	166	151
Columbus	30	17	10	70	148	139
Philadelphia	31	19	7	69	184	170
Carolina	32	21	3	67	181	157
NY. Rangers	28	23	4	60	181	174
New Jersey	20	25	10	50	152	195

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	32	15	9	73	178	160
Colorado	33	16	6	72	180	154
Dallas	32	19	5	65	151	142
Winnipeg	29	24	5	63	174	176
Minnesota	27	23	6	61	173	181
Nashville	26	22	7	59	178	183
Chicago	25	24	7	53	146	173

PACIFIC

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vancouver	32	15	5	69	190	175
Edmonton	30	20	6	66	181	176
Vegas	28	22	8	64	182	178
Calgary	29	23	6	64	164	178
Arizona	28	23	8	64	165	162
Anaheim	23	26	7	53	146	173
San Jose	24	28	4	52	147	187
Los Angeles	20	33	5	45	142	186

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Boston 4, Montreal 1
Los Angeles 5, Calgary 3
Vancouver 3, Chicago 0
THURSDAY'S GAMES:
Columbus at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 6 p.m.
Arizona at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
NY. Islanders at Nashville, 7 p.m.
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COLLEGES

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MICHIGAN 79, NORTHWESTERN 54

Wolverines start slow; Wildcats a no-show

Michigan needed nearly six minutes to score its first point and still led by 15 at halftime. That should tell you everything you need to know about this one. Northwestern played one of its worst games of the season in getting drubbed 79-54 on Wednesday night at Welsh-Ryan Arena. Miller Kopp and Boo Buie, who average a combined 24 points, managed just 16 on an off shooting night (a combined 4-for-21, including 1-for-11 on 3s). The Wildcats missed 40 shots and grabbed just five offensive rebounds in losing their eighth straight and falling to 6-17 and 1-12 in Big Ten play. Eli Brooks scored 18 points and Isaiah Livers had 17 for the Wolverines (15-9, 6-7). For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Illini

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The news was a little better Wednesday as Illinois announced an MRI showed no structural damage to Dosunmu's leg. The school did not disclose specifics about the injury, but Underwood said in a statement that the team's medical staff "will work with him around the clock on treatment and recovery."

Dosunmu, meanwhile, tweeted Wednesday, "Today it's back to work. Be back soon..."

Dosunmu scored all but two of his 17 points after halftime as No. 22 Illinois (16-8, 8-5 Big Ten) sought to avenge a 20-point road loss to the Spartans earlier this season. The Illini now have lost three straight after winning seven in a row.

Michigan State (17-8, 9-5) snapped a three-game skid.

The Illini fell behind by 20 early in the second half but found a spark as they honed in on defense. It helped that Spartans star guard Cassius Winston was on the bench for long stretches because of foul trouble.

Illinois took a 61-60 lead with 5 minutes, 28 seconds remaining — its first of the game — on a Dosunmu layup as part of a 10-run.

Freshman center Kofi Cockburn — a 68.2% free-throw shooter — went to the line with 19.1 seconds and sank both for a 69-68 edge. On the next possession, Xavier Tillman rebounded a missed layup by Winston and dunked for the decisive points.

Dosunmu, on the game-ending play on which he was injured, turned the ball over with three seconds left.

Here are four takeaways from Illinois' loss.

1. What's next if Ayo Dosunmu can't play Saturday?

Despite the positive news Wednesday on Dosunmu, there's no guarantee he'll be available for Illinois' next game Saturday at Rutgers.

If not, the Illini need to find a way without their leading scorer.

More pressure would fall on guards Andres Feliz and Trent Frazier, but they've shown they can handle it. Feliz scored 15 points — all but three after halftime — against Michigan State. He's averaging 11.3 points and has been a spark off the bench.

"We'll figure all that out," Underwood said Tuesday night. "Everyone's got to do a little bit more when you replace a guy of Ayo's stature. But at this point, I don't know if we have to replace him or not."

"I can only coach who I have. You make adjustments and you get into practice and it's the next-man-up mentality. I like our group and we'll figure that out."

2. Brad Underwood wasn't pleased with a late call.

Dosunmu was called for a foul going for a loose ball with three minutes left and Illinois trailing 64-63.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Illinois guard Ayo Dosunmu is helped off after the game Tuesday in Champaign.

Underwood looked like he might pass out from disbelief, putting both hands on his head and yelling, "Oh, my God!" His assistant coaches intervened before Underwood convinced them to let him speak to official Courtney Green.

He was nose-to-nose making his case, but Green didn't tag him with a technical foul. Underwood turned to the scorer's table as play was about to resume and said, "That was the worst call I've ever seen."

Asked to elaborate after the game, Underwood was more cautious.

"We practice loose-ball drills," he said. "I've never seen that call. I've never seen that. When a young guy dives on the floor for a loose ball, to not get rewarded because the other kid does it and tries to reach down and pick it up ... I'll leave it at that. With three minutes left in the game?"

Underwood shrugged.

3. Giorgi Bezhanishvili needs to get back on track.

Underwood started Alan Griffin in the second half ahead of Bezhanishvili, who played one of his more confounding games.

The sophomore forward tied a career low with two points in a career-low 13 minutes. Bezhanishvili finished with a minus-19 rating after shooting 1 of 7, including missing all three of his 3-point attempts.

He showed frustration on the court, chirping at an official before Underwood put him on the bench.

Before he checked into the game in the second half, he hollered to Underwood, "Watch! I've got you, Coach!" and then slapped his coach on the rear.

A few minutes later he picked up his third foul on an illegal screen and came to the bench despondently, asking Underwood, "Was that a foul?"

Underwood acknowledged that Bezhanishvili's boundless energy needs to be better channeled and his production needs to improve.

"We try to find that perfect balance," Underwood said. "We've seen G at his very best. Right now, things are a little tougher for him. You can try too hard. You can put too much pressure on yourself. We need him. We've got to get him back in a position to help our ball team down the stretch."

4. Illinois can't afford slow starts.

The Big Ten schedule is brutal. And that means Illinois needs to hustle from the start.

That wasn't the case against the Spartans.

Michigan State took a 20-point lead early in the second half, but really, the Spartans were in control from tipoff. They claimed a double-digit lead in the first nine minutes as Illinois appeared disjointed and hapless. By halftime, Michigan State led 37-20, bringing back memories of its 20-point victory in East Lansing, Mich., earlier this season.

"It was a tale of two halves," Underwood said. "I have yet to figure out why we can't play hard. We do that at times. I literally asked the (assistant) coaches (before the game), 'Are we ready?' It was almost like a somber funeral."

He said the team was too amped before Friday's loss to Maryland. So Underwood has to figure out how to manage the team's mood swings.

Ohio State dismisses 2 football players

Defensive backs accused of rape, kidnapping removed from team following charges

By MITCH STACY
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State kicked two football players off the team Wednesday after they were charged with rape and kidnapping.

Defensive backs Amir Riep and Jahsen Wint, both 21, were booked into jail earlier in the day after they were charged with sexually assaulting a woman Feb. 4 at the players' shared apartment.

"I am not making any statement on the criminal charges, but it is clear they did not live up to our standards and my expectations," coach Ryan Day said in a statement. "The athletics department will make sure they both continue to have access to the health and well-being resources available to students and student-athletes."

Day said he would not comment further on the case.

The men were scheduled to be arraigned Thursday morning. It was not immediately clear whether they had attorneys.

The woman told police she was having consensual sex with Riep before Wint came into the room and both forced her to have sex.

After several minutes, they stopped and Riep told the woman she needed to say what happened was "consensual on a video recording while laughing at her," according to police. Riep then told the woman she needed to shower before driving her back to her home.

"We are aware that two of our students have been arrested and criminally charged," Ohio State spokesman Ben Johnson said in a statement.

Riep is a 6-foot-1, 185-pound cornerback from Cincinnati who was entering his senior season for Ohio State. Wint is a 6-foot, 198-pound safety from Brooklyn, N.Y., who would have been a fifth-year senior in the fall.

Riep was expected to compete for a starting job after the departures of Damon Arnette and Jeff Okudah. Wint, who got more playing time in 2018 than last season, would have been in the mix at strong safety.

The charges were a blow to a program that had mostly avoided major off-the-field trouble as Day begins his second year at the helm. Last season, All-America defensive end Chase Young was suspended for two games after it came to light that he had accepted a personal loan in violation of NCAA rules.

Ohio State was 13-1 last season, its only loss against Clemson in a College Football Playoff semifinal. Spring practice starts March 2, and the Buckeyes open the 2020 season at home Sept. 5 against Bowling Green.

NIU moves game vs. BYU to Bridgeview

2020 'Showdown' to be held at SeatGeek Stadium

Chicago Tribune staff

The Northern Illinois football team will play BYU on Oct. 24 at SeatGeek Stadium in the second "Huskie Chi-Town Showdown," NIU athletic director Sean Frazier announced Wednesday.

The 20,000-seat stadium in southwest suburban Bridgeview is the home of the Chicago Red Stars of the National Women's Soccer League and the former home of the Chicago Fire, who in October announced they are returning to Soldier Field in 2020, ending a 14-year run at SeatGeek. The Fire will continue to train at the Bridgeview venue.

"In terms of recruiting, we consider Chicago our home," coach Thomas Hammock said in an NIU release. "The opportunity to play a game in the city at a stadium that has never hosted a college football game before is going to be special for our team."

The first Chi-Town Showdown was played at Guaranteed Rate Field, the first football game at the home of the White Sox. NIU lost to Toledo 31-24 in front of 10,180 fans.

NIU has played three neutral-site games at Soldier Field: against Iowa in 2007 and 2012 and against Wisconsin in 2011. The Huskies lost all three games.

NIU still will play five games this year at Huskie Stadium in DeKalb: Sept. 5 against Rhode Island plus four Mid-American Conference games. The MAC has yet to release its 2020 schedule.

The Huskies' two nonconference road games are against Big Ten teams: Sept. 12 against Maryland and Sept. 26 against Iowa.

The Huskies went 5-7 overall and 4-4 in the MAC last season, their first under Hammock. BYU finished 7-6, including a 38-34 loss to Hawaii in the Hawaii Bowl.

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Saints' deep Catholic ties behind role in abuse crisis

BY JIM MUSTIAN, REESE DUNKLIN AND BRETT MARTEL
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Why would an NFL team, even one called the Saints, strike a behind-the-scenes alliance with the Roman Catholic Church on an issue as emotionally fraught as clergy sex abuse?

It's a question even die-hard Saints fans in this heavily Catholic city are asking, and the answer appears to lie in the powerful bond that the team's devoutly Catholic owner, Tom Benson, and his now-widow Gayle built for years with church leaders.

An Associated Press review of public tax documents found that the Bensons' foundation has given at least \$62 million to the Archdiocese of New Orleans and other Catholic causes over the last dozen years, including gifts to schools, universities, charities and individual parishes.

Along the way, Archbishop Gregory Aymond, who knew the couple separately before they married in 2004, has become almost a part of the team, thought by some to bring the beloved Saints help from a higher power.

Aymond has been spotted on the field at Saints games and inside the team's Superdome box and has flown on the owner's private jet. He is known for celebrating stirring pregame Masses, including one before the team's lone Super Bowl appearance in 2010, when he correctly predicted victory and joined in a rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In."

The archbishop arranged a 2011 meeting of the Bensons with Pope Benedict XVI in Rome's St. Peter's Square, where Tom Benson kissed the pontiff's ring and flashed his own Super Bowl ring. A few years later, he served as a witness to the signing of the will that cut out Tom Benson's estranged daughter and grandchildren and gave third wife Gayle control of a business empire that included ownership of both the Saints and the NBA's Pelicans.

And Aymond was there in 2018 after Tom Benson's death at age 90 to eulogize him as a "New Orleans saint on Earth" and walk side by side with Gayle in the funeral procession. In an honor typically reserved for clerics, Benson was given a two-day public visitation at Notre Dame Seminary, a chateau-style institution renovated with one of the couple's multimillion-dollar donations.

"Our relationship with past Archbishops and the archdiocese dates back 50 years plus," Gayle Benson said in a statement this



The late Saints owner Tom Benson sits on the sideline with his wife, Gayle, before a game.

BILL FEIG/AP

week in response to the AP's request for comment. "Our faith is the core foundation from which we live our daily lives. Unifying, helping and giving back is not something we do when asked; we do it every day. It defined how Tom Benson ran his organization and how I ardently continue his legacy."

That bond has received renewed scrutiny after the AP reported last month that hundreds of confidential Saints emails allegedly show that some of the team's top executives did public relations damage control for the archdiocese in the midst of its clergy abuse crisis.

It's a controversy that has led fans in New Orleans and beyond to question what exactly the Saints did for the church and whether it was appropriate.

For now, those answers are not yet clear because the team has gone to court to block — or at least delay — the public release of those emails, which emerged as part of the discovery process in a clergy abuse lawsuit. A court hearing is scheduled next week in New Orleans to determine whether the 276 documents may be made public. The AP has filed a motion in support of their release.

Attorneys for about two dozen men bringing clergy sex claims against the church allege in court filings that the emails show the

team joined in the church's "pattern and practice of concealing its crimes." The attorneys contend that included taking an active role in helping to shape the archdiocese's 2018 release of its list of 57 credibly accused clergy, a roster an AP analysis found had omitted at least 20 names.

In her statement, Gayle Benson denied the Saints had any role in selecting the names, saying the team's Senior Vice President of Communications Greg Bensel was asked only to help prepare church officials for the release of the list.

"His recommendations were consistent with the Archdiocese which included: be honest, complete and transparent," her statement said. "We are proud of the role we played and yes, in hindsight, we would help again to assist the Archdiocese in its ability to publish the list with the hope of taking this step to heal the community."

Gayle Benson, a 73-year-old former interior designer and devout Catholic herself with a fortune estimated by Forbes at \$3.1 billion, also said that neither she nor her late husband ever contributed to paying settlements or legal awards in the church's clergy abuse crisis.

"To suggest that I would offer money to the Catholic Church for anything related to the clergy molestation issue sickens me," she

wrote.

Plaintiffs' attorneys Richard Trahant and John Denenea recently subpoenaed Benson's charitable foundation for any records relating to "settlements of claims for clergy abuse" over the past decade.

"Archbishop Gregory Aymond stated that he could turn to 'benefactors' to help him pay sexual abuse claims," they said, referring to an interview Aymond gave last year. "We are simply following the legal process to see if he has turned to his biggest benefactor Gayle Marie Benson."

The NFL has yet to weigh in on the propriety of the Saints' actions on behalf of the church. The league has a policy barring "conduct detrimental to the integrity of and public confidence in the National Football League."

Saints fans who have spoken out on the controversy on social media — with some even calling on Benson to sell the team — have acknowledged the complexity of an issue in a metropolitan area of 1.5 million people that is steeped in Catholic history, 36 percent Catholic and wild about its Saints.

When members of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests held a protest outside the Saints' suburban practice facility last month to urge the team to release the emails, some of them wore black and gold Saints jerseys.

and acknowledged being season ticket holders.

"The relationship between New Orleans and the Catholic Church is different from anywhere else," said political commentator James Carville, a native Louisianian. "In New Orleans, the archbishop probably has about 80 percent name recognition. But I can understand why people outside of New Orleans might find it unusual."

Jason Berry, a New Orleans journalist who has written several books on the Catholic Church, said the friendship between the Saints owner and the archbishop is "almost medieval in that it reflects a certain parity of church and power — in this case a professional football team that is far more powerful than local government."

Overall, the Bensons' namesake foundation has donated nearly \$100 million since 2007, helping fund a cancer center in metro New Orleans and upgrades at the stadium in Ohio where the Pro Football Hall of Fame game is played. Most of their giving has gone to Catholic organizations, AP's review of public tax documents found.

At least \$11 million has gone toward projects at the Archdiocese of New Orleans, where both Bensons were raised. In addition to Notre Dame Seminary's renovations, the couple has supported a health and wellness program for senior citizens at a former church.

The couple has also given at least \$7 million to Tom Benson's Catholic high school and at least \$8 million to Loyola University in New Orleans, the Catholic school where he studied accounting.

The Bensons were major donors, too, in San Antonio, where Tom's career in the car business broadened into banking. They donated at least \$10 million to a theology school and \$6 million to the Catholic university where they were married.

For their contributions to Catholic causes, the Bensons in 2012 received the highest papal honor bestowed on lay members, the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice.

Former New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial, a Catholic who is now president of the National Urban League, said he was "horified and dismayed" by the sexual abuse inside the archdiocese and added: "I would urge the Archdiocese and any organization that has aligned itself with the institution to adopt a policy of complete transparency, with a goal of helping victims to heal and preventing further trauma."



GERALD HERBERT/AP

In 2018, Gayle Benson walks down the steps to receive her late husband's casket with New Orleans Archbishop Gregory Aymond for visitation at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.

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"I've coached FIBA basketball, I've been lucky to go to three Olympic Games and see the world play the sport for three decades now ... And Africa is at the ground level of arriving."

—Brett Brown, 76ers coach

A new frontier for NBA

African-born players making their mark

BY TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

The moment was not lost on Giannis Antetokounmpo. The NBA's reigning MVP, a Greek of Nigerian descent who is now starring in Milwaukee, was about to make his first two selections of this year's All-Star Game draft and understood how significant his words would be when they resonated across the world's second-largest continent.

His first pick: Philadelphia's Joel Embiid.

"My African brother," Antetokounmpo said.

His second pick: Toronto's Pascal Siakam.

"My second African brother," Antetokounmpo said.

Just like that, a son of Nigerian migrants and two kids who were playing soccer in Cameroon before turning their attention to basketball less than a decade ago became set to take the NBA All-Star stage together. And when they're all on the floor to start the game in Chicago on Sunday night, it'll be hard to envision a more significant basketball moment for Africa — a place that the NBA has long believed is a developing hotbed for the next wave of elite talent.

But with Antetokounmpo, Embiid and Siakam — players who will be earning about \$90 million combined next season — already among the game's brightest stars, the argument could be made that Africa is no longer deserving of the "developing" label.

It could be argued that Africa has already arrived.

"If you made me delineate and I had to say one of those two things, I would say that it's here," said Brett Brown, Embiid's coach with the Philadelphia 76ers. "I've coached FIBA basketball, I've been lucky to go to three Olympic Games and see the world play the sport for three decades now ... And Africa is at the ground level of arriving."

Of the 24 All-Stars this season, a record eight are representing countries other than the U.S. Dallas' Luka Doncic is from Slovenia, Utah's Rudy Gobert is from France, Denver's Nikola Jokic is from Serbia, Indiana's Domantas Sabonis is from Lithuania and Philadelphia's Ben Simmons is from Australia. Antetokounmpo plays for Greece but also holds a Nigerian passport — both of his parents are Nigerian; they moved to Greece three years before he was born. Siakam and Embiid come from Cameroon's two largest cities; Embiid is from Yaounde, Siakam from Douala.

For years, China was considered the NBA's future hotbed — and economically, that has been the case. But China is still a long way from sending a second big name to the NBA after Yao Ming, while Africa has no shortage of elite talent in the league right now.

"There is a lot of pride in this for all of us," Embiid said.

And this week the NBA is marking the 10th anniversary of opening its first office in Africa, that being in Johannesburg. The NBA's investment in Africa has grown considerably since, and even French President Emmanuel Macron was moved to commit 12 million Euros (\$13.1 million USD) in 2018 toward aiding youth sport programs in Africa — noting that some African heads of state had told him basketball can serve as a bridge between nations and cultures.

In March, the new Basketball Africa League — backed by the NBA — is set to begin play. The 12 teams that will participate in the

inaugural BAL season will be announced Saturday in Chicago, at an event where BAL President Amadou Gallo Fall will speak and unveil their uniforms.

And to further underscore Africa's appetite for NBA content, Sunday's game will be aired in no fewer than 42 nations on the continent.

"The Dream Team started it, and it just led right into us playing here," Charlotte Hornets owner Michael Jordan said in Paris last month, before his team faced Antetokounmpo and the Bucks. "Now you've got two different teams playing. We've got China. We've got Africa now. So the game is expanding all over the globe."

Players from at least 11 different African nations are represented in the NBA this season, and the league is constantly looking for more. There's an NBA Academy in Senegal. NBA scouts have been to places like Mozambique and Morocco in recent months. And it's not just boys who are on the radar — the women's game is also developing rapidly in Africa and will likely see a big boost by Nigeria's national team giving the U.S. women all they could handle before falling 76-71 in a World Cup qualifier on Sunday.

The Nigerians, who will play in the Tokyo Olympics this summer, celebrated on-court after that game anyway.

"I just hope we've killed the overarching stigma that Africa never sends their best team (to the Olympics) and when they do it's not of any substance," Nigeria women's coach Oti Hughley Jr. said. "I hope we're eating away at that stigma, at that assumption and that there will be at least a modicum of respect for the team that comes out of Africa. I hope this is the first day of something greater than what's going on now."

Embiid and Siakam are both alums of the NBA's Basketball Without Borders program, and as has been the case at the past few All-Star weekends, BWB will have a presence in Chicago as well. Among the 64 boys and girls invited to play at this weekend's camp: children from Angola, Egypt, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, the Congo and the Central African Republic.

Siakam will be among the coaches at this weekend's camp. He and Raptors President Masai Ujiri speak often about ways to keep developing the game in Africa; it has long been a passion project for Ujiri, whose roots are Nigerian. On the night last June when Toronto won the NBA Finals for the first time, Ujiri did a wave of television interviews with a Nigerian scarf draped over his shoulders.

"Masai and the NBA and everyone is doing their part, promoting the game on the continent and making sure that we continue to tell young players and young kids that it's possible, it's something that they can do," Siakam said.

It's unfair to say that there will be another Antetokounmpo, Embiid or Siakam in that group. But to Boston's Tacko Fall, who didn't even like basketball before his grandmother in his native Senegal made him watch the NBA — the first game he remembers was an All-Star Game, in fact — the bigger point is that more and more African kids get to see the opportunity the game provides.

"It's amazing and it shows any African kid that if you have that hunger, you can get here," Fall said. "Joel has taken steps forward every year. Pascal is now an All-Star starter. That means a lot to me and I know it means a lot to the entire continent."



WILLIE J. ALLEN JR./AP (ANTE TOKOUNMPO); MATT SLOCUM/AP (EMBIID); CARLOS OSORIO/AP (SIAKAM)
The Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo, from top, the 76ers' Joel Embiid and the Raptors' Pascal Siakam will represent Africa at this weekend's NBA All-Star Game in Chicago.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Rachel Sabino, an objects conservator at the Art Institute of Chicago, cleans a panel from a Tiffany window Tuesday. It was acquired from a church in Providence, Rhode Island.

True stained glass sensation

Art Institute of Chicago will soon display highly regarded Tiffany church window

BY STEVE JOHNSON

The Art Institute has acquired a huge Tiffany stained glass church window that it will display prominently and is predicting will become a "museum icon," the Chicago museum announced Wednesday.

The 23-foot-high by 16-foot-wide composition, purchased in June 2018 from a church in Providence, Rhode Island, depicts a nature scene in New Hampshire's White Mountains in 48 layered-glass panels that represent a pinnacle of American work in the medium, according to museum experts.

When restoration is complete later this year, the encyclopedic museum plans to install the 1917 tableau atop its Grand Staircase by the Michigan Avenue

entrance, backlit and framed, central amid significant Chicago architectural artifacts there.

"It's going to be breathtaking," said Elizabeth McGahey, associate curator of American decorative arts. "I remember standing on a scaffolding next to the window, one of those first weeks I was there" to see it in Providence.

"I was so in awe of being able to have that proximity to the glass and to understand the scale," she said. "And I am so excited that with the installation we have planned, we're actually going to be bringing that same experience to the public."

Restoration has been going on since it arrived in Chicago in the summer of 2018. The process has involved cleaning the whole window and then removal and repairs of the glass on about one-



Agnes Northrop, the leading landscape designer for Tiffany Studios, designed this window that will soon be displayed at the Art Institute.

third of the panels, along with less-intrusive fixes on another third of them, said Rachel Sabino, the objects conservator shepherding the restoration project.

"It's really staggering, from a

technical point of view, seeing a craftsman push the absolute boundaries of a material and a technique," Sabino said. "So that side of it appeals to me very much. But, I mean, the window

itself is a thing of absolute beauty."

Said to be in remarkably good shape for its age and its public placement, the window was designed by Agnes Northrop, the leading landscape designer for Tiffany Studios. Although commissioned for Providence's Central Baptist Church, now the Christian, multi-denominational Community Church of Providence, its spirituality is implied rather than overt. Known as the "Hartwell Memorial Window (Light in Heaven and Earth)," the window depicts a waterfall and pool surrounded by trees in the foreground with Mt. Chocorua, an oft-painted peak in the New Hampshire range, in the background.

Standing in the basement room where the restoration work was taking place, Sabino, McGahey and Sarah Kelly Oehler, the chair and

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SONY COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT

"The Last of Us" video game invests players in the characters.

Video games are even influencing big movies

From '1917' to 'Parasite,' viewers hop on board for amazing journeys

BY TODD MARTENS
 Los Angeles Times

A video game has yet to win an Academy Award, but that doesn't mean the influence of the interactive medium wasn't felt at this year's Oscars. Consider that two of the awards season's most talked-about films — Oscar's big winner "Parasite" and the World War I quest film "1917" — show the ascendancy of interactive entertainment.

That is no slight.

While "1917" has occasionally been derided as a video game, largely due to its free-flowing

often third-person camera, the rise of games as a cultural force is also having a more subtle narrative impact as generations weaned on interactive entertainment begin to more regularly mold our content, either by creating it or by choosing what to consume.

The unconventionally thrilling structure of "Parasite," for instance, unfolds at times in a way that would be familiar to players as they observe the Kims, the film's hardscrabble family of four, piece together their moves as if plotting a game. Those moves are constantly thwarted when the film places the Kims in a house with hidden passageways in need of constant exploration.

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Lyric Opera's 66th season loaded with milestones and key additions

A swan song for Davis; Joffrey Ballet on board; new seat project on tap

BY HOWARD REICH

Next season will be an eventful one for Lyric Opera.

Among the milestones: The 66th season will be conductor Andrew Davis' last as music director and the Joffrey Ballet's first as a resident company at Lyric Opera House.

In addition, once the current season ends, work will begin on installing new seats in the Ardis Krainik Theatre.

As for repertoire, the 2020-21 season will feature the North American premiere of composer George Benjamin and librettist Martin Crimp's "Lessons in Love and Violence" (opening Sept. 27); the Midwest premiere of composer Missy Mazzoli and librettist Royce Vavrek's "Proving Up" (at Chicago Shakespeare Theater starting Jan. 16, 2021); and performances by sopranos Renee Fleming (Sept. 12) and Christine Goerke (March 7, 2021), among other events.

"Obviously, it's a momentous year for us, with a new seating project taking place between the end of '42nd Street' (June 21) and the opening of 'Cavalleria Rusticana' and 'Pagliacci' (Sept. 17)."



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Andrew Davis, above, will be the Lyric Opera music director through the 2020-21 season. Then, he will pass the baton to Enrique Mazzola.

says Lyric president and CEO Anthony Freud.

"We will have a 12-week window. It's a tight window, given the scale of the work. The last performance of '42nd Street' will be a matinee. Work will start on the evening of the last performance and will continue into the stage rehearsal period for 'Cav' and 'Pag,'" adds Freud, using the opera world's shorthand for the popular double-bill.

"And with Joffrey taking up residence in the opera house

from the fall of this year, it will mark a major turning point for the Lyric."

Equally significant, conductor Davis will pass the baton to music director designate Enrique Mazzola at the end of the 2020-21 season.

"He will have been music director for 21 years," says Freud, who wanted a bright spotlight for the occasion.

"I was very keen that we make

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JAYNE KAMIN-ONCEA/GETTY 2019
Macaulay Culkin became friends with Michael Jackson after working on the video for "Black and White."

Culkin on King of Pop: 'I never saw anything; he never did anything'

Macaulay Culkin opened up about his relationship with Michael Jackson and other personal topics in a rare interview with Esquire.

The former child actor starred in Jackson's music video for "Black and White," and became close friends with him. Jackson later faced allegations of sexually abusing boys, but Culkin maintained that he had never seen him do anything inappropriate.

"I'm gonna begin with the line — it's not a line, it's the truth — he never did anything to me," Culkin told Esquire. "I never saw him do anything. And especially at this flash point in time, I'd have no reason to hold anything back. The guy has passed on. If anything ... right now is a good time to speak up. And if I had something to speak up about, I would totally do it. But no, I never saw anything; he never did anything."

In 2005, Jackson was charged with intoxicating and molesting a 13-year-old boy, but was later acquitted. Culkin testified in Jackson's defense in the case, which was the last time he saw Jackson before his death in 2009.

Culkin also admitted in the interview that he had dark moments in his life that led him to drug use: "I played with some fire, I guess is the best way to put it," he said. "At the same time, I've never been to rehab. I've never had to clean out that way."

Culkin also revealed he and former Disney star Brenda Song are planning to start a family together. The two met on the set of their 2019 film, "ChangeLand."

"We practice a lot," Culkin said. "We're figuring it out, making the timing work."

—Variety



EVAN AGOSTINI/AP

Last words: Michael Douglas isn't certain his father, Kirk Douglas, was serious when he spoke some of his last words, but he is certain about what his dad said: "Mike can get it done." The elder Douglas wasn't talking about his son. The revelation, such as it is, came last week as the "Kominsky Method" actor was campaigning for Democratic presidential candidate Mike Bloomberg in Wisconsin. "I don't know if he was pulling my leg or not," Douglas said at a campaign stop just days after his father's Feb. 5 death. The event was captured in part in what appears to be a campaign ad obtained by the New York Post. Michael Douglas is a personal friend of Bloomberg's and told those assembled that he couldn't think of a better candidate for president.

Death: Actress, singer and dancer Paula Kelly, who earned an Emmy Award nomination on the sitcom "Night Court" and co-starred with Chita Rivera and Shirley MacLaine in the film "Sweet Charity," has died. She was 77. Kelly's other film credits include "The Andromeda Strain" and "Soylent Green"; TV credits include "The Women of Brewster Place," "Mission: Impossible," "Kojak" and "The Golden Girls." She also appeared on Broadway.

Feb. 13 birthdays: Actress Kim Novak is 87. Actor George Segal is 86. Actor Bo Svenson is 79. Actress Stockard Channing is 76. Talk show host Jerry Springer is 76. Singer Peter Gabriel is 70. Actor David Naughton is 69. Singer Henry Rollins is 59. Actor Neal McDonough is 54. Actress Kelly Hu is 52. MC Natalie Stewart is 41. Actress Mena Suvari is 41.



ASK AMY

BY AMY DICKINSON

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Green card marriage worries friends

Dear Amy: My dear friend of almost 40 years is getting ready to enter into a green card marriage with a young man he met on the internet!

My friend, "Frederick," is a hairstylist in his mid-60s, who has never been lucky in love. His longest relationship was 25 years ago and lasted only three months. He has never lived with anyone. After building a successful salon, he is now nearing retirement, owns his home and has a nice nest egg.

Unfortunately, he is lonely and vulnerable.

Frederick recently shared with his closest friends that he had met a 26-year-old young man, "Juan," on a dating site. Juan is from an impoverished country renowned for its violent culture. They have met in person only twice at a resort in Florida and apparently "clicked" sexually and otherwise.

Now Frederick is in a fantasy world of romance. He plans to sponsor Juan, bring him to the U.S. next month and move him into his home where they will share a bedroom.

I persuaded Frederick to get a background check on Juan, which revealed that he had been essentially truthful in describing his background, but the report strongly cautioned that his poor country has a cottage industry of seeking U.S. citizens for green card marriages.

Frederick acknowledges that he is almost literally courting disaster and heartache, but he is giddy talking about his upcoming wedding and honeymoon with this virtual stranger.

Frederick is sensitive and has asked for my

advice, but he clearly doesn't want to hear it. He has a "yes, but" for every concern raised by me or others.

Do we just watch this ship hit the iceberg? Is there nothing we can do?

— Caring Friend

Dear Friend: Yes, you will watch this ship hit the iceberg, but you should do so from your own lifeboat, bobbing patiently and at the ready for a rescue, if necessary!

"Frederick" trusted your advice enough to follow through on a background check, so he is actually listening to you.

You should accept his romantic choices and confine your counsel to practical matters. This is the equivalent of tossing him a lifesaving buoy. He should legally safeguard his financial assets, business and property, as a hedge against his somewhat uncertain romantic future.

Stay close to Frederick and get to know his new partner. His friendships offer an important emotional support system.

Dear Amy: Recently, my husband received a text from a co-worker, who is also married, and she attached little hearts at the end. I feel that this is not only unprofessional, but a personal breach as well.

I asked him to please address it and he said he would. He has not. Your thoughts?

— Wondering Wife

Dear Wondering: Years ago, my husband, a builder, ended a telephone call with a subcontractor by saying, "Love you, honey."

Oops. He had just gotten off the phone with me and ... it just flew out.

My point is that if someone texts a lot, it is possible that the little heart emojis basically flew out. Or if this colleague was asking your husband for a work-related favor, the emojis might have been her (clumsy) way of saying "please" or "thank you." I agree that this is not business-like.

One way your husband might have of "addressing it" would be to not address it at all, but to ignore it and kick the emojis down the road, deciding to only address this if it recurs or seems to evolve into an inappropriate flirtation. Is this what he has decided to do? You could ask him.

In the meantime, I don't think you should worry about it.

Dear Amy: "Anonymous" wrote to you, complaining about her boyfriend, who didn't want his photo posted on her Instagram account. Every single thing about this letter screamed "narcissist."

Thank you for calling her out about her need to violate his privacy for her own bragging rights.

— Fed Up

Dear Fed Up: What "Anonymous" didn't seem to realize is that she can actually have this both ways. She can enjoy her curated Instagram life, and she can enjoy the relationship with her boyfriend. She just can't do both on the same channel.

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Real-life heroes to empower girls

Michigan teens push for more books by and about Muslim women

BY BISMA PARVEZ

Detroit Free Press

You might think the library is the place where you'll find every type of book in the world.

But that wasn't the case for two teenagers from Michigan who couldn't find any books about Muslim women.

Sisters Zena Nasiri, 17, and Mena Nasiri, 15, started Girls of the Crescent, a nonprofit organization that increases the number of books in libraries and schools with Muslim female characters.

Now the ambitious sisters have taken their project a step further and written a book that showcases amazing Muslim women from past to present.

Lack of diversity

Two years ago, Zena and Mena were given a school project to research an inspirational historical figure.

"We wanted to do the project on some Muslim women because our mom would always tell us stories about them," Mena said. "And they were really inspirational because we could connect with them."

Zena picked Fatima al-Fihri, a Muslim woman credited with establishing the world's first university. Mena picked Sabiha Gokcen, believed to be the world's first female combat pilot.

However, they realized that the school and public library didn't have any books about their heroes or any books with Muslim female main characters.

"That was the first time we realized that there was a lack of representation and diversity in the books we had access to," Mena said.

Positive response

Sometime after the project, the girls reached out to the PTA of Rochester Community Schools and asked for funding to add books with Muslim characters in the school's media center.

The response to the idea was positive, and books were placed in the libraries of most of the schools in the district.

"We got around 200 books into the Rochester Community School District," Zena said. "Eventually the whole project kind of blew up and we turned it into a nonprofit."

The sisters had to do a lot of research and find books that had Muslim female characters. They made a list on their website and arranged books by age range and genre.

"We didn't know how many were out there," Mena said.

Donations around the world

Girls of the Crescent has donated over 700 books to school libraries and public libraries around the community.

The sisters' work has also spread to other states and even different countries. The sisters have donated books to schools in Morocco, Hong Kong, France and England.

"We have a donation



Mena Nasiri, left, reads "Ms. Marvel" and Zena Nasir, right, reads "The Lines We Cross" at the Rochester Hills Public Library in Rochester, Michigan. The sisters founded the nonprofit Girls of the Crescent.

that's ready to ship to Nigeria as well so we're really excited about that," Zena said. "We hope we can continue to reach people around the country and the world."

For most of the local donations, Zena and Mena started reaching out to see which schools and libraries were interested in donations. Then people from around the world started reaching out to them personally.

"For places around the world, it's usually people finding us on social media and they want books for their schools and their libraries and they contact us," Zena said.

Book of their own

Zena and Mena are excited to share their new project — their own book — that continues their goal of making female Muslim characters more accessible.

The book is a biography of 50 inspirational Muslim women — women going back to the Islamic Golden Age to more modern figures.

"It goes back to fourth grade when we couldn't find those books so we decided to write one of our own," Mena explained.

The book will feature women such as Raha Moharrak, who climbed Mount Everest; Ibtihaj Muhammad, who was the first woman in hijab to compete for the United States in the Olympics; and Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai.

Muhammad, who was the first woman in hijab to compete for the United States in the Olympics; and Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai.

"And of course we have the two women we were going to do our project on — Fatima al-Fihri and Sabiha Gokcen," Mena emphasized with a smile on her face.

Their project has truly gone full circle, and the girls are thrilled about having their own book in libraries across the world.

Their favorites

Zena and Mena shared some of their favorite books

that have inspired them in their journey.

"Both of our favorite book of all time is 'The Lines We Cross' by Randa Abdel-Fattah," Mena said. "We definitely recommend that one."

One of Zena's favorites is the "Ms. Marvel" series by Detroit native Saladin Ahmed.

"She's the first Muslim superhero to have her own comic book series in the Marvel Universe," Mena said.

Girls of the Crescent is always looking for new books with female Muslim characters. The sisters take suggestions on their website.

BOOK REVIEW

Paranoia delivered with poetic humor

BY DWIGHT GARNER

The New York Times

My wife refuses to use Lyft or Uber in New York City because she thinks they're evil. She thinks I'm a moral cretin for liking both so much. We don't agree to disagree. We fight it out every time we step outside.

In Jenny Offill's melancholy and satirical third novel, "Weather," there's a small subplot about the narrator's friendship with a car service driver in New York City. His name is Mr. Jimmy, as if he were Mick Jagger's friend in "You Can't Always Get What You Want."

The narrator, Lizzie, can't afford car services, not really. She's a librarian who pays for garlic with pennies at the bodega. She and her husband worry about losing their dental insurance. Lizzie scans their apartment for her "least depressing underwear." They're not selling plasma, but things are tight. Lizzie grinds her teeth in her sleep.

In "Weather," Offill is interested in the things we can save and the things we cannot. Lizzie calls Mr. Jimmy for rides to work because he's threatened by the Lyfts and Ubers of the world; she thinks she can help him and his disabled son. Her other relief missions have more wobble in them. She's trying desperately to save her brother, Henry, a former drug addict and a troubled soul.

Lizzie experienced the last presidential election as a personal disaster. She reads the dread news about climate change. ("No more apples soon; apples need frost.") She wonders if she can save her husband and young son by becoming a doomsday prepper, or at least a doomsday prepper manqué. She's begun to hoard

weird tips she finds online, like how to start a fire with a gum wrapper and a battery.

Her husband, Ben, is a gentle classics scholar who now makes educational video games. He ingests too much news, too, like a goose dementedly stuffing its own liver. He wonders if it's time to buy a gun.

Lizzie wears her paranoia lightly; she has a sense of humor about herself. "My book-ordering history is definitely going to get me flagged by some evil government algorithm," she thinks.

She dropped out of graduate school because her brother needed her. She has a sense of humor about that too. While describing a public intellectual named Sylvia, she comments: "Years ago, I was her graduate student, but then I gave up on it. She used to check in on me sometimes to see if I was still squandering my promise." Her life has been, if not absolutely disappointing, then at least a series of "tiny lost virginities," to borrow words from the poet A.E. Stallings.

As with Offill's last novel, "Dept. of Speculation," "Weather" is written not so much in consecutive paragraphs of narration but in often square blocks of text, each set off by white space, as if they were stanzas. They're the work of a curator who likes a spare hang. Each paragraph is a little lonely, like a figure in an Edward Hopper painting.

These parcels of feeling and intellect drop out one at a time, like packs from a cigarette machine. All the others descend down a slot, awaiting their turn. The effect of this style is to put a pause after every paragraph, to hold it up for a little extra light and a little extra examination, to allow it to linger in the



'Weather'

By Jenny Offill, Alfred A. Knopf, 207 pages, \$23.95

mind.

Here's a fairly typical paragraph:

"I spend some time pulling books for the doomed adjunct. He has been working on his dissertation for 11 years. I give him reams of copy paper. Binder clips and pens. He is writing about a philosopher I have never heard of. He is minor, but instrumental, he told me. Minor but instrumental!"

There's a drawback to this format too. Not every paragraph in a standard novel needs to shine. But when each paragraph in a short novel is cocooned in consecrating white space, as they are in "Weather," the weaker ones can read like off notes rather than merely the veins or arteries that carry a story along.

Offill has genuine gifts as a comic novelist. "Weather" is her most soulful book, as well. Lizzie's relationship with her brother delivers heartbreak after heartbreak.

She's pretty funny about him too. "Where did all these hipsters come from?" says my brother in his fleece-lined trucker's jacket." Offill's humor is saving humor; it's as if she's splashing vinegar to deglaze a pan.

BOOK REVIEW

Making of 'Chinatown' evokes lost Hollywood

BY DOUGLASS K. DANIEL

Associated Press

Quentin Tarantino's hagiographic "Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood" keeps 1960s Los Angeles swinging by wishing away the brutal murder of actress Sharon Tate. In the real world, the trauma to the close-knit film community signified the end of an era both personally and culturally.

With great style and lyricism, Sam Wasson's nonfiction account of the making of the neo-noir classic "Chinatown" (1974) focuses on four of Tinseltown's denizens on the cusp of realizing their California dreams when the Manson family unleashed its nightmare.

As neighbors armed themselves with guns and dogs, screenwriter Robert Towne cast a nostalgic eye on the prewar Los Angeles of his youth as he conceived a detective story for his best friend, Jack Nicholson, in his first starring romantic role.

The idea of a throwback mystery eventually captured the interest of Paramount's brash production head, Robert Evans, affirmed by the success of "The Godfather." In turn, Evans brought in his director from another hit, "Rosemary's Baby," Roman Polanski, also Tate's widower.

If the Oscar-winning "Chinatown" is indeed "the best American screenplay written during the '70s," Wasson does it justice by following Towne's method of constructing finely detailed, lively backstories of all characters, major and minor. It's impossible not to fall for this love letter to a love letter that pastes together the often sticky

and composer Phillip Lambo, fired after preview audiences rejected his avant-garde score, leading to period-appropriate music from cinema stalwart Jerry Goldsmith.

Looming over both "The Big Goodbye" and "Chinatown" is the City of Angels itself. The setting from noir classics ("Double Indemnity," "The Big Sleep") to neo-noir ("L.A. Confidential") to future-noir ("Blade Runner"), Los Angeles experiences constant booms and influxes that make it an amnesiac character. Wasson posits that if LA "ever knew what it was, it kept forgetting."

In spite of excellent reviews and 11 Oscar nominations (only Towne's screenplay would win), the box office returns of "Chinatown" paled in comparison with the escapism offered in the disaster epics "The Towering Inferno" and "Earthquake." A year later Paramount showed Evans the door after "Jaws" swallowed whole the studio chief's tasteful vision of movies made with what Wasson calls "a whisper of art, old genres revisited, classicism modernized."

Wasson's book concludes with a slog through the personal and professional declines of those who achieved career peaks with "Chinatown."

He should have emulated its noir climax: The truth is revealed, the corrupt punished, the hero chastened. The camera pulls up and away in an ending crane shot as we trudge into the darkness to ponder a story well told and fraught with meaning. Roll credits.

Douglas K. Daniel is the author of "Anne Bancroft: A Life" and other books.

collage of how talent plus perseverance can equal a classic film.

The four main antagonists are vividly portrayed — Evans, the schmoozer with taste; Towne, the downtrodden writer; Nicholson, the charmer leading a charmed life; and Polanski, the auteur cursed to lose his pregnant mother to the Nazis and his pregnant wife to the Manson family. By comparison, short shrift is given to Faye Dunaway, brilliant as the femme fatale but high maintenance behind the cameras.

Wasson admirably credits the talents usually relegated to the credits with extensive reportage. Production designer Richard Sylbert and sister-in-law costume designer Anthea Sylbert painstakingly make every visual choice to "amplify character." Cameo appearances include Edward Taylor, Towne's uncredited writing partner,

and composer Phillip Lambo, fired after preview audiences rejected his avant-garde score, leading to period-appropriate music from cinema stalwart Jerry Goldsmith.

Looming over both "The Big Goodbye" and "Chinatown" is the City of Angels itself. The setting from noir classics ("Double Indemnity," "The Big Sleep") to neo-noir ("L.A. Confidential") to future-noir ("Blade Runner"), Los Angeles experiences constant booms and influxes that make it an amnesiac character. Wasson posits that if LA "ever knew what it was, it kept forgetting."

In spite of excellent reviews and 11 Oscar nominations (only Towne's screenplay would win), the box office returns of "Chinatown" paled in comparison with the disaster epics "The Towering Inferno" and "Earthquake." A year later Paramount showed Evans the door after "Jaws" swallowed whole the studio chief's tasteful vision of movies made with what Wasson calls "a whisper of art, old genres revisited, classicism modernized."

Wasson's book concludes with a slog through the personal and professional declines of those who achieved career peaks with "Chinatown."

He should have emulated its noir climax: The truth is revealed, the corrupt punished, the hero chastened. The camera pulls up and away in an ending crane shot as we trudge into the darkness to ponder a story well told and fraught with meaning. Roll credits.

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'View' alum Jones, husband met through online dating

BY TRACY SWARTZ

TV personality Star Jones said she met her husband, Chicago attorney Ricardo Lugo, through an online dating site — and they had eerily similar screen names.

"I used my real, given name, Starlet. And it said Starlet54LawyerNewYork," Jones told Tamron Hall on Friday's episode of her talk show.

"I used slice-of-life pictures. I didn't use a headshot. Ricardo's was Ricardo54LawyerChicago.

"We did eight weeks of back-and-forth and went on one date. He took me to a French restaurant for a Champagne tasting."

Jones and Lugo wed on a cruise ship in March 2018, and they call Chicago home. Jones rose to fame as an original co-host of



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Star Jones and Ricardo Lugo.

"The View." She was on the show from 1997 to 2006.

Lugo is an attorney with Jeffery Leving's family law firm. He was employed as an assistant Cook County state's attorney from April to August 2017. He has a son, Jake, who attends Walter Payton College Prep.

Jones said she is very involved in Jake's activities and is somewhat involved in his love life. She said Jake liked a girl with tattoos, but "that didn't work for me."

Hall's show airs at 4 p.m. weekdays on WCIU-Ch. 26.

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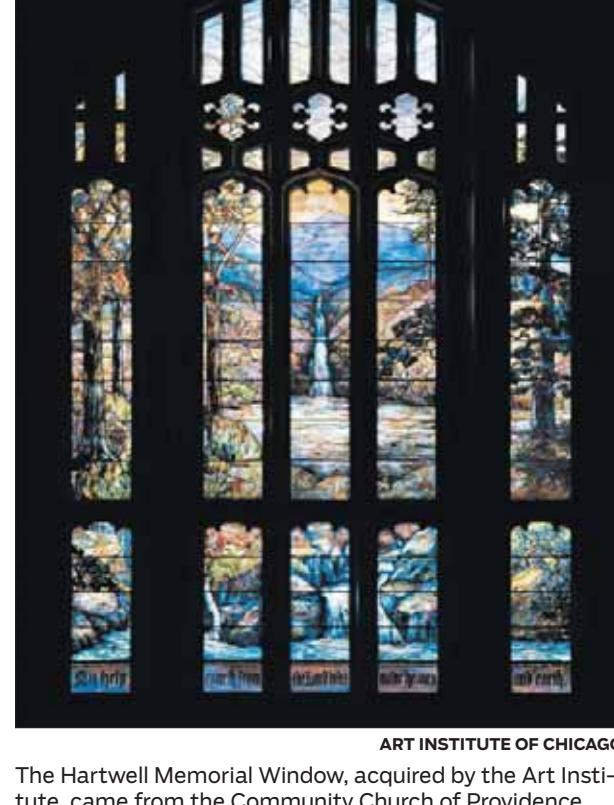
curator of American art at the museum, agreed that bringing this work to the museum's public is a "once-in-a-career" experience.

Museum officials did not reveal the purchase price but said that price alone was not what determined who would buy the work. Leaders of the Community Church, in deciding to sell it, wanted it to go to a museum, and they wanted to know the museum's plan for care and display of the window, said Oehler.

"I really credit the church with this foresight and thinking about their role as stewards for the window," she said. "They have a very community-focused mission, and they're not a museum, and they're not in the business of protecting works of art."

In the news release announcing the acquisition, Pastor Evan Howard of the church said, "We are extremely pleased that this exceptional work of art has entered such a renowned collection."

In picking AIC as "the ideal institution to care for and display the window," Howard said the church hopes that it will be



ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

The Hartwell Memorial Window, acquired by the Art Institute, came from the Community Church of Providence.

"experienced by a broad public audience that includes scholars, artists and visitors from around the world."

The museum hopes to have the window in place and ready to show the public by the end of September, said Oehler.

Museum Director James Rondeau, in the statement, praised the Hartwell win-

dow as one demonstrating "the highest level of achievement in American glass production." In its new home atop the staircase, he added, the window "undoubtedly has the power to become one of the museum's icons."

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Opera

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it very celebratory ... The final repertoire of the season is really anchored around Andrew."

Davis will conduct Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" (March 14, 2021); Stravinsky's "The Rake's Progress" (March 21, 2021); and a concert titled "A Knight to Celebrate" (April 10, 2021), with Davis leading the Lyric Opera Orchestra and Chorus in Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 and a new a cappella work by composer Ed Frazier Davis, the conductor's son.

"The three productions that he's conducting ... couldn't demonstrate more clearly his (Andrew Davis') range. I'm also particularly thrilled that the 'Knight to Celebrate' is not what you would expect in an opera house. I think it's wonderful for us to remember that he's not only one of the great opera conductors, but he's one of the great symphonic conductors."

"It's a quite wonderful reflection of his years as music director."

The next season also will mark conductor Mazzola's second as music director designate. He'll conduct Verdi's "Attila" (opening Nov. 15) and Mazzola's "Proving Up" (Jan. 16, 2021).

"I think it's very happy and comparatively unusual for someone who's appointed music director but hasn't yet started to have such a continual presence before he begins as music director in fall of 2021," adds Freud.

Following is a chronological guide to the next season. Performances are at Lyric Opera, 20 N. Wacker

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"Opening Night 2020."

6 p.m. Sept. 12. Lyric will open the season with something new. "We felt that the Lyric tradition of having an opera performance followed by the Opera Ball outside the opera house was something we wanted to rethink," says Freud. So instead, this year soprano and Lyric creative consultant Renee Fleming will perform with the Lyric Opera Orchestra and Chorus in Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 and a new a cappella work by composer Ed Frazier Davis, the conductor's son.

"Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci." Seven performances of an original Lyric production, Sept. 17-Oct. 10. The beloved double-bill will feature the Lyric debuts of Elena Pankratova and Evgenia Muraveva, plus the returns of Brian Jagde and Russell Thomas, conducted by Carlo Rizzi. "It's a production that I feel very close to, because I originally commissioned it at the Welsh National Opera," says Freud. Sondra Radvanovsky will star in one of her signature roles, with Joseph Calleja as Cavaradossi.

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"Samson and Delilah." Seven performances of a new-to-Chicago production, Jan. 23-Feb. 13, 2021. Freud likens the spectacle

of Saint-Saëns' opera to "a Cecil B. DeMille movie of a biblical story," an apt comparison. "It involves enormous production forces, and the title roles are really demanding but absolutely thrilling when they're done by artists who can deliver them. It's the kind of piece you only do if you have a great Samson and Delilah."

Lyric has Brandon Jovanovich as Samson and Clemantine Margaine as Delilah.

"The Elixir of Love." Six performances of a new-to-Chicago production, Jan. 30-Feb. 14, 2021. Eun Sun Kim, the newly appointed music director of San Francisco Opera, makes her Lyric debut conducting Donizetti's opera. In a season with "all this drama and all this tragedy, it's important to inject some fun and humor and some romance," says Freud. "And 'Elixir' is one of the most delightful of all Italian operas."

"The Marriage of Figaro." Ten performances of an original Lyric Opera production, March 14-April 11, 2021. These performances begin Andrew Davis' farewell as Lyric music director. "Figaro" was an obvious choice because it was the first opera he ever conducted at Lyric, before he became music director," says Freud of Mozart and Da Ponte's masterpiece.

Chicago Shakespeare Theater artistic director Barbara Gaines will direct.

"The Rake's Progress." Six performances of a new-to-Chicago production, March 21-April 6, 2021. Davis will conduct Stravinsky's 20th century classic, which hasn't been seen at Lyric in over 25 years. "The synchronicity of the pro-

For his acoustic show, Shakey Graves' takes a long look back

BY ALLISON STEWART

Singer-songwriter Shakey Graves is reconsidering almost everything about the way he does business.

He's always reconfiguring his sound, which has morphed from his one-man-band beginnings to that of a fuller band. But these days, he's also thinking about how he puts music out: Should he surprise-drop recordings, like Beyoncé? "I'm getting to the point where, by the time I put stuff out, I'm so tired of it," Graves, born Alejandro Rose-Garcia, says on the phone from a Boulder, Colorado, tour stop. "My goal is to just release things as I finish them this year."

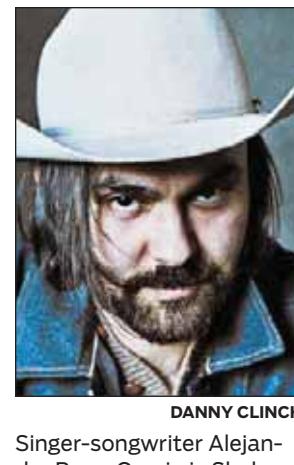
Graves is in the middle of an acoustic tour (which reaches Space Evanston for three sold-out shows Sunday-Tuesday) that will combine archival material from the farthest-flung reaches of his back catalog with new songs.

Graves was raised in Austin, Texas, where he dabbled in acting (he appeared in "Spy Kids 3-D," and "Friday Night Lights") and where Shakey Graves Day was once declared. It was just the one day (Feb. 9, 2012), but Graves observes it every year by releasing odds-n-ends recordings. It is almost certainly not a day where Graves gets to do whatever he wants with impunity, like in "The Purge," although he's considering it. "As of now, I think it is," he says, "I think that's how I'm going to play it."

More excerpts from that conversation:

His current tour features a stripped-down set up, and an emphasis on obscure fan favorites.

I'm just kind of doing exit poll testing on what people have wanted to see from shows or releases. I was kind of trying to combine two things that I haven't really done, one of which being an entirely acoustic tour. Luckily, I have really sweet fans, and people who will go with me wherever I take them. But they never fail to mention, like, "Sure would love it if you played that acoustic jam (from forever ago)!"



DANNY CLINCH

Singer-songwriter Alejandro Rose-Garcia is Shakey Graves and will be performing three sold-out shows in Evanston.

When: 7 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday (doors)

Where: Space Evanston, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston

Tickets: Sold out; evanstonspace.com

It's always kind of turned me off, because there was always a lot of exploring left to do. I felt like, "I'll come back to this, I promise." This tour is both sides of that coin. Everybody should have to read their own teenage writing at some point, but I have to sing it in front of a live audience.

On his discomfort with Shakey Graves the commodity

It doesn't feel good to have to look at my own face all day long, in the sense of selling yourself, music-wise. I know that anybody participates in entertainment media freaks out at a certain point. ... I love acting, but what another dark, perilous art. I feel like I would've gone even crazier if I'd been an actor.

It could be worse. He could be really famous.

There's so many times that I'm so happy that things didn't really work out, quote unquote. I'm wandering around downtown Boulder in the snow right now, and no one's like, "Hey dude! I loved you in (that thing)! When that shark ate your mom, I cried!" I live a very fantastical and happy life, but I'm so glad I'm not Taylor Swift. You know I love her, but man.

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duction is very meaningful to us," says Freud. "It's an iconic production that originated at Glyndebourne and is directed by John Cox, with whom Andrew has worked for about half a century. It's David Hockney's design, widely seen, but never here in Chicago."

"Singin' in the Rain."

Twenty-six performances of a new-to-Chicago production, June 4-27, 2021. The annual musical theater piece will be Theatre du Chatelet's stage version of a film starring the singular Gene Kelly.

The season also includes:

"Sunday in the Park with Lyric's Rising Stars."

6 p.m. July 26. Changes in Lyric's schedule, due partly to the Joffrey's first season as a resident company, mean that "we can no longer schedule our (annual free) Millennium Park concert between Labor Day and opening night," says Freud. Instead, it will take place this summer.

"Christine Goerke in Recital."

Accompanied by pianist Malcolm Martineau, 3 p.m. March 7, 2021. The soprano who appears in Lyric's production of Wagner's "Ring" cycle will sing "repertoire that could not be more different," says Freud.

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7 p.m. April 10, 2021. Andrew Davis will conduct the Lyric Opera Orchestra and Chorus in Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 and the world premiere of an a cappella piece by Ed Frazier Davis, his son.

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Enrique Mazzola, being announced as new Lyric Opera music director in 2019.

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Walton Goggins

"The Unicorn" (7:31 p.m., CBS): Despite being an innocent bystander, Natalie (Makenzie Moss) winds up paying a price when Wade (Walton Goggins) has a date with the mother of one of Natalie's friends that ends badly in the new episode "Everyone's a Winner." Forrest (Rob Corddry) has trouble finding a way to fill his time, and Ben (Omar Miller) clashes with his daughter Sahai's (Princess K. Mapp) coach (Paula New-some).

"Katy Keene" (7 p.m., CW): Thanks to Pepper's (Julia Chan) widely read blog, everyone seems to know that Katy's (Lucy Hale) personal life is in a holding pattern in the new episode "Chapter Two: You Can't Hurry Love." After landing an extra gig at a record store to pay the bills, Josie (Ashleigh Murray) learns that business may close, so she immediately sets out to save it. Meanwhile, Jorge (Jonny Beauchamp) finds himself a pariah within the Broadway community.

"Outmatched" (7:30 p.m., FOX): Kay and Mike (Maggie Lawson, Jason Biggs) are blindsided when the kids (Ashley Boettcher, Jack Stanton, Connor Kalopsis) raise the proposal that they be allowed to move out of the house, but Kay insists that Mike veto the idea in the new episode "Bad Guy." Unfortunately, as usual, Mike has trouble sticking the landing in disciplinary matters, especially after this parental verdict produces a heavy backlash.

"Everything's Gonna Be Okay" (7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., FREE): Nicholas (Josh Thomas) finds himself in the middle of a very weird week, even for him, in the new episode "Harvester Ants." Elsewhere, Genevieve (Maeve Press) ends up once again in the principal's office, even after promising Matilda (Kayla Cromer) she wouldn't make a scene.

"Project Runway" (8 p.m., Bravo): Tie-dyeing is back in a big way, but the designers will need to create their own textiles to elevate this trend from casual to couture wear in the new episode "Live and Let Tie Dye." To ratchet up the stress level even higher, the process is part of an overnight challenge, forcing the designers to work into the wee hours of morning.

"Indebted" (8:30 p.m., NBC): While trying to get Asher (Anders Garrett) into a program for gifted students, Dave (Adam Pally) makes some highly questionable decisions without running them past Rebecca (Abby Elliott) first in the new episode "Everybody's Talking About Dave." Meanwhile, Stew (Steven Weber) starts driving for a ride-share service to earn some extra cash.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 a.m., TBS): Actor Will Arnett.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Rosario Dawson; actor Logan Lerman; Megan Thee Stallion performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor James Marsden; actor Sam Heughan.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Chris Pratt; singer Huey Lewis; Sam Hunt performs.*

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BROADCAST		CBS	2	Young Sheldon (N)	(7:31) The Unicorn (N)	(8:01) Mom (N) c	Carol's Second Act (N)	Tommy: "There Are No Strangers Here." (N) c	News (N) ♦	
		NBC	5	Superstore (N) c	Brooklyn Nine (N)	Will & Grace (N) c	Indebted (N) c	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) c	NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
		ABC	7	Station 19: "House Where Nobody Lives." (N) c		Grey's Anatomy: "Save the Last Dance for Me." (N) c	(9:01) A Million Little Things: "Daisy." (N) c	News at 10pm (N) ♦		
		WGN	9	black-ish c	black-ish c	Last Man Standing c	Last Man Standing c	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) c	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 (N)		OJ25 (N)		Closing ♦	
		PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)			Reconstruction: America After the Civil War c			
		CW	26.1	Katy Keene (N) c	Legacies (N) c		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld c	
		The U	26.2	Dr. Phil c	Tamron Hall (N) c		Steve Wilkos Show (N)	Cops c		
		MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
		H&I	26.4	Star Trek c		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦	
		Bounce	26.5	Swordfish (R, '01) **	John Travolta, c		Jumper (PG-13, '08) * Jamie Bell c			
		FOX	32	Last Man Standing (N)	Outmatched (N) c	Deputy: "10-8 Search and Rescue." (N) c	Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family		
		Ion	38	Chicago P.D.: "Endings."	Chicago P.D.: "Bad Boys."		Chicago P.D. c		Chicago ♦	
		TeleM	44	+ Exatlón EE. UU. (N)	La Doña (N) c		Operación Pacífico (N) c	Chicago (N)		
		MNT	50	AHL Hockey: Milwaukee Admirals at Chicago Wolves. (N) (Live)				Law Cl ♦		
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		AMC		Grease (PG, '78) ***	John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John. c (SAP)		Grease (PG, '78) ***			
		ANIM		Lone Star Law: Uncuffed (N)			Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star ♦		
		BBCA		Planet Earth II: "Deserts."	Seven Worlds, One Planet: "Asia." c		(9:29) Planet Earth II c			
		BET		We Belong Together (NR, '18)	Cassidé Fralin, Ross Fleming. c		Martin c	Martin c		
		BIGTEN		College Basketball: Iowa at Indiana. (N) (Live) c		Postgame	BIG Show	The Journey		
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		CNN		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦		
		COM		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ♦		
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		ESPN		+ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Colorado at Oregon. (N) (Live)			SportCtr (N)		
		ESPN2		+ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Washington at USC. (N) (Live)			Basketball		
		FNC		Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) c		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News		
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		FX		Baby Driver (R, '17) ***	Ansel Elgort, Kevin Spacey. c			Baby Driver (R, '17) ***		
		HALL		The Story of Us (N, '19) Maggie Lawson. c			A Dash of Love (N, '17) Jen Lilley. ♦			
		HGTV		Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Christina (N) Christina (N)	Hot Prop. (N)	Hunt Int'l (N)	Beach (N) ♦	
		HIST		Swamp People c	Swamp People (N)		Alone: The Beast (N) c	Swamp ♦		
		HLN		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
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		LIFE		Sex and the City (R, '08) ***	Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall. c			Nanny ♦		
		MSNBC		All In With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)		
		MTV		Floribama Shore (N) c	Ex on the Beach (N) c		Ridic. (N)	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	
		NATGEO		JFK: The Final Hours c	JFK: The Lost Bullet c		JFK: Lost Assassination	JFK: The ♦		
		NBCSCH		NBA All-Star Tip Off (N)	NHL Hockey: Washington Capitals at Colorado Avalanche. (N) (Live)					
		NICK		Dr. Dolittle 2 (PG, '01) ** Eddie Murphy. c			Friends c	Friends c		
		OVATION		No Reservation	No Reservation					
		OWN		20/20: Homicide	20/20 on OWN c		20/20 on OWN		Homicide ♦	
		OXY		Killer Couples (Season Premiere) (N) c	In Ice Cold Blood: "3" (Season Premiere) (N)		Snapped: "Pamela hupp." c	Killer ♦		
		PARMT		+ (5:30) Growups ('10) *	Wife Swap (Series Premiere) (N) c	Grown Ups (PG-13, '10) * c		(9:45) Zombieland ***		
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		TBS		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	
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		TRAV		Ghost Adventures c	Ghost Adventures (N) c		The Dead Files (N) c		Dead Files ♦	
		TVL		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	
		USA		Law & Order: SVU	(7:59) The Sinner (N)		(9:01) Briarpatch (N)		Chicago ♦	
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SONY COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT
A scene from "God of War." The video game was painstakingly designed as a single take.

another, thus following an overused narrative format that video games have already started to move away from. Along the way we encounter mini-boss battles leading up to the biggest boss battle at the end. Even when seen on a giant screen

Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Feb. 13): Weave community strength this year. Plan and coordinate for a long-term vision. A thoughtful winter review shows a way around group obstacles for high voltage performance. Discover a new romantic phase next winter, before your team charges to victory. Support each other and win.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Stick to practical priorities with shared finances. Ignore chaos, confusion and distractions. Secure the ground taken. Consider what's predictably ahead and make plans.

Taurus (April 20-May 18): 8. Don't make assumptions about your partner. If you want to know something, ask. Keep an open mind. You can get the inside story.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. The workload may seem intense. Focus carefully on the job at hand to reduce technical error. Stay in communication. Keep your own score.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Romance could flower, despite unexpected changes. Look for opportunities for fun and find them. Enjoy excellent company. Talk about love and other mysteries.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Try a gentle approach with domestic matters. Someone in your family could use extra loving. List the problems to solve. Together, you get farther.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Dig into unexpected revelations. New facts dispel old fears. Study the latest developments. Present your findings to your network.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Compute expenses and monitor in real time to avoid unpleasant surprises. Changes could disrupt the schedule. Double-check the numbers. Choose for best value.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Use your power responsibly. Hold yourself to high standards. Keep your promises, standards and word. Integrity makes things work. Monitor where it's missing and replace.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Step back and let a controversy sail on by. Clear out clutter. Clean your room. Offer advice only if asked. Plan for what's ahead.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Join forces with friends for greater impact. Don't make assumptions or expensive promises. Confer with allies to get the inside scoop.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. A professional goal is within sight. Focus and winning is a distinct possibility. Get your team on your side. Prepare for a test.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. A travel or study opportunity is worth investigating. Find out what's involved. Look for answers to tough questions. Contribute to a greater cause.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn**Bliss** By Harry Bliss**Bridge**

North-South vulnerable, East deals

North

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East

♦ AK 10 7 6 3

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♦ 10 6 4

♣ A

West

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♦ 8 7

♣ 10 8 6 3

South

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♥ 9

♦ A K Q 9 5 3 2

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John Kranyak, who recently relocated to Las Vegas from New York, is a well-known expert today. This deal is from more than 15 years ago when Kranyak was still a junior. He was West.

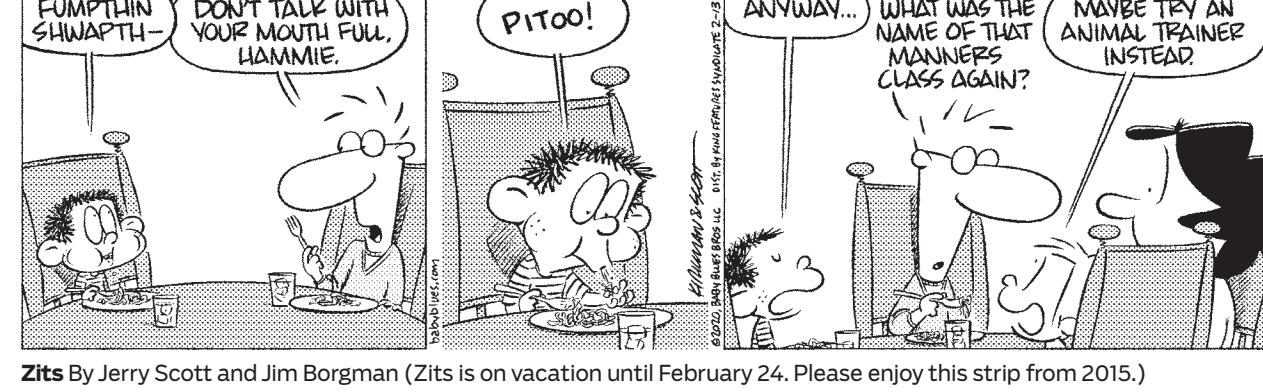
Four diamonds is not a hard contract to defeat. West leads the queen of spades, gets a discouraging card from partner, and shifts to a club. East wins with his ace and underleads his spades to West's jack and gets a club ruff for down one. Or East overtakes the queen of spades,

cashes the ace of clubs, and underleads his high spade to West's jack. In a pair game, however, down one may not be enough, as East-West can make four spades if the defense fails to find their heart ruff.

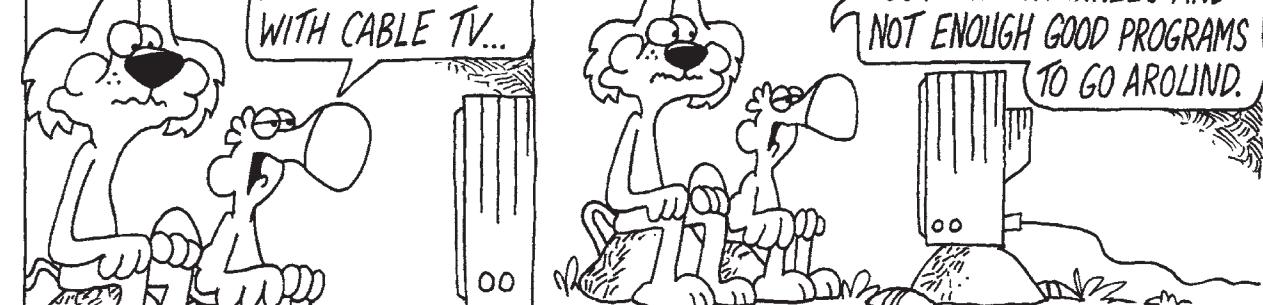
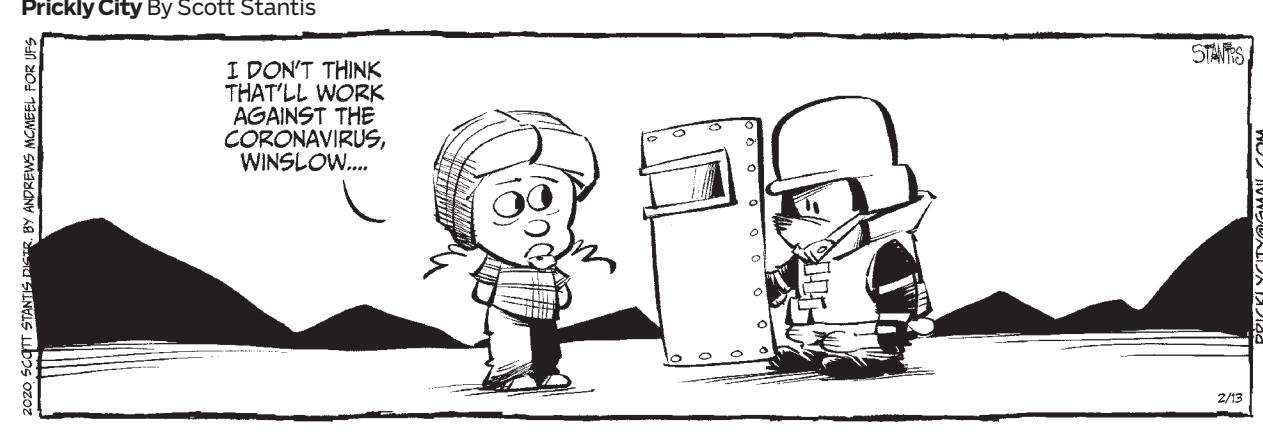
Kranyak did one better. He realized that East-West had, at most, two spade tricks. They would need two more. The most likely place to get them was in the club suit, so Kranyak led a club at trick one. East won with his ace and underled his spades to Kranyak's jack. East ruffed the club continuation and underled his high spades once again. Kranyak won with his queen and gave East another club ruff for down two.

The heart ruff against four spades proved very easy to find, so down two on this deal was a great result for East-West. Nice lead!

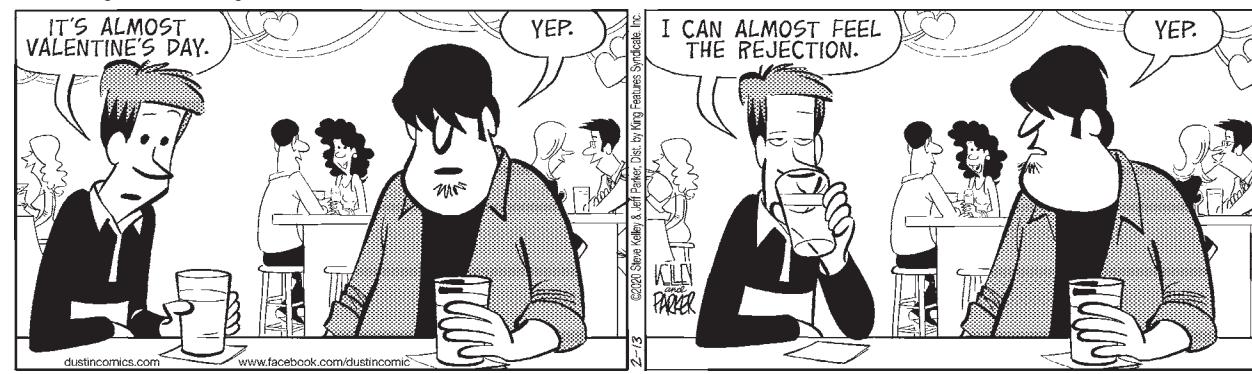
— Bob Jones
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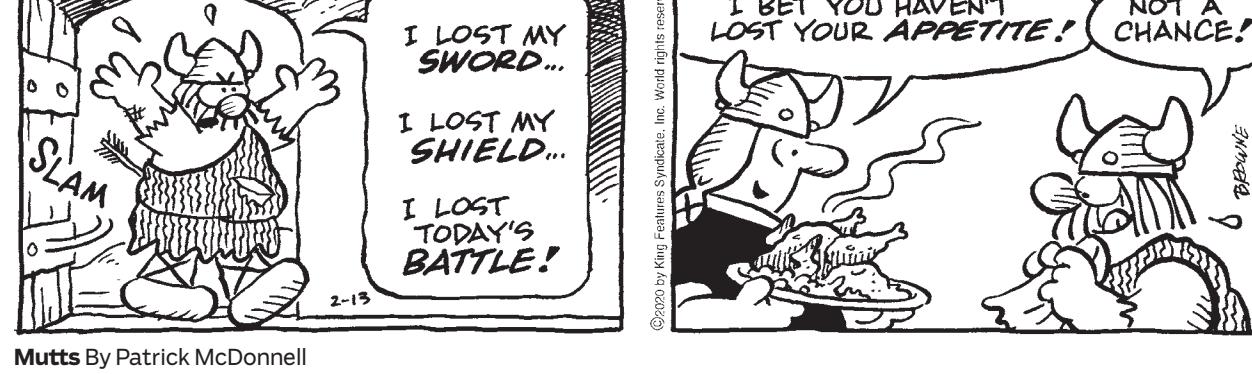
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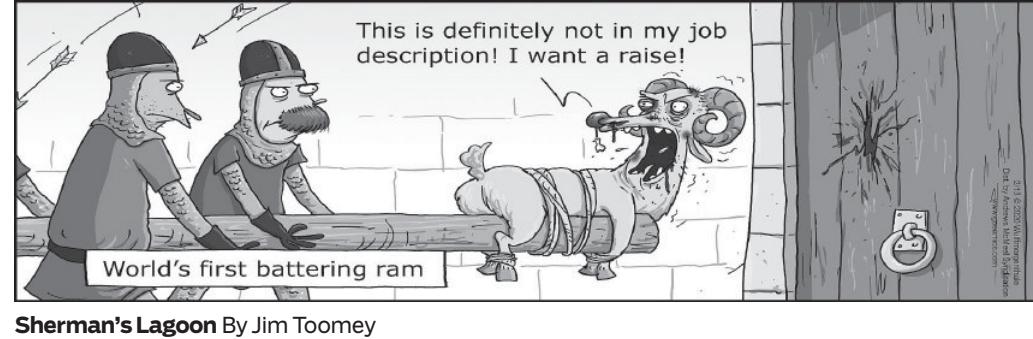
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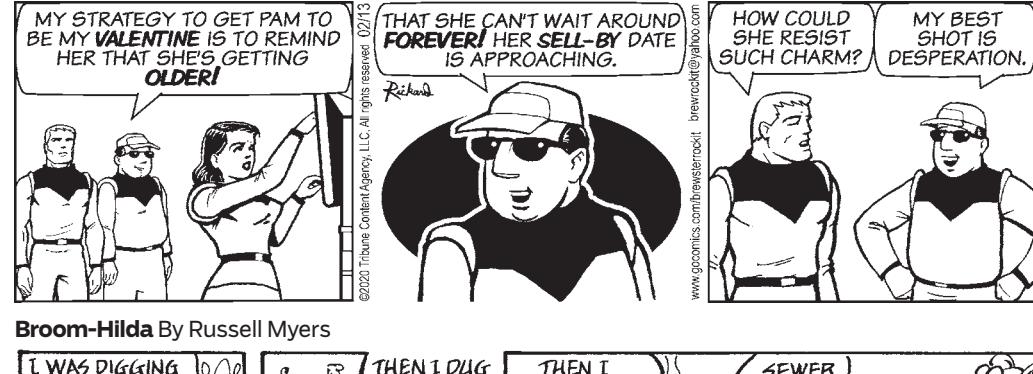
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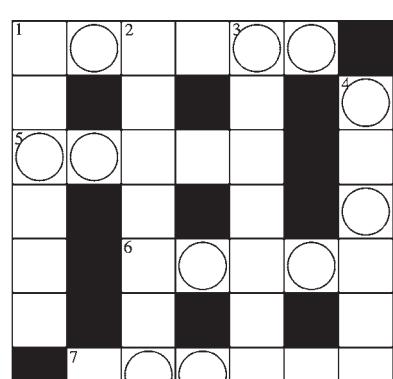
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers

**Trivia Bits**

Zoot suits are most closely associated with what decade?

- A) 1860s
B) 1900s
C) 1940s
D) 1970s

Wednesday's answer: Phenology is the study of how climate change affects plant and animal life cycles.

Jumble Crossword**ACROSS**

1. Hot and humid
5. Mosey
6. White
7. Vernacular

DOWN

1. Joint
2. African country
3. Dizzy, whirling
4. Lobbed

ANSWER

- LTUYSR
BEAML
HROIN
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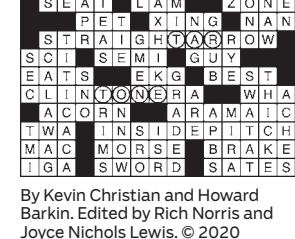
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Wednesday's solution

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Sudoku

1 2 3 4

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6	5	3	9												
9	6														
	7	1	4	2											
7	5	2													

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

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

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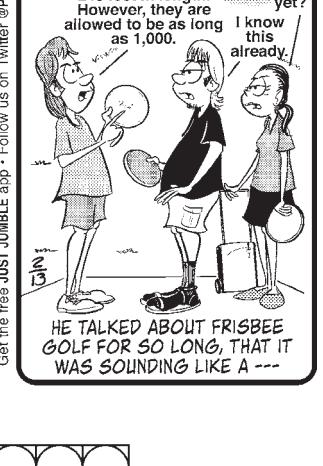
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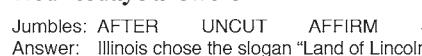
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Answer here

**Wednesday's answers**

Jumbles: AFTER UNCUT AFFIRM SESAME
Answer: Illinois chose the slogan "Land of Lincoln" in 1955 in order to honor the respected — STATESMAN

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Crossword**Across**

1. Suffix for Wikipedia
4. Humiliate
9. Network with a "Cameras in the Court" page
14. Excessively
15. Where many watch the Beeb
16. Get to laugh
17. Crow
19. Plug-in Chevys
20. Series-ending abbr.
21. Lightning —
22. "Settle down!"
23. Delete for security reasons, say
25. Alphabetize, e.g.
26. Crow
32. Lapsed (up)
35. Take to a higher court
36. Amana Colonies state
37. Copier pioneer

Wednesday's solution

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Down

18. Spill the beans
22. Slinky shape
24. Persuade with flattery
25. Title river in a Gershwin/Caeser song
27. Like Wyoming's population
28. Start of the back nine
29. Quickly writes
30. Is in the red
31. It may get crewel treatment
32. x, y and z, in math
33. Polo of "The Fosters"
34. Shillelagh's land
38. Words that activate an assistant
40. "Empire State of Mind" rapper
42. White-bellied swimmer
43. First name in comedy
46. Make lovable
47. Souvlaki meat
50. Comes down
51. 2012 NBA Rookie of the Year — Irving
52. Crab-walk
53. Miniature golf stroke
54. Riding the waves
55. [Oh no!]
56. Besides that
57. Word said with a tip of the hat
60. Evil
61. It's all relatives

Trivia Bits

39. Taylor of fashion
40. Likely 2020 Baseball Hall of Fame inductee
41. Composer Satie
42. Taco sauce brand
44. IRS identifier
45. Crow
48. In years past
49. Range that contains much of the Mark Twain National Forest
53. Temple with an upcurved roof
56. Blue—: pain relief brand
58. "Allow me"
59. Meter measure
60. Crow
62. Electric car named for a physicist
63. Kirin competitor
64. Zero, in soccer
65. Get to the point?
66. Exorcist's target
67. "Get how it's done?"

1. "Some — time"
2. Waze recommendation
3. Lose one's grip
4. Delta hub code
5. Draft source
6. Pet food brand
7. Avoided a tag, perhaps
8. "Queer —": revived style show
9. Frolic
10. Blended beverage
11. Yank
12. Bubbly city
13. Stick-y place to sleep?

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HOMES



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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE INSIDE

4 synthetic materials that are as good as the real thing

BY DAN DICLERICO

HomeAdvisor

When my family began renovating our 19th-century brownstone in Brooklyn, New York, the initial plan was to restore the time-worn plaster crown moldings. Then we learned that the artisanal-level work would cost more than \$10,000. Fortunately, we were able to find a synthetic molding profile that closely resembled the home's original crowns for a fraction of the cost — a lesson that today's synthetic materials can deliver performance and cost savings without any compromise on style.

If you're working on your own home renovation, these are some additional faux options to consider:

1. Wood-look porcelain tiles

The warmth and beauty of solid wood flooring makes it a design favorite. But besides its high price, natural wood is prone to scratching and fading. Plus, it needs to be refinished



DREAMSTIME

Synthetic materials, such as the shiplap siding in this bathroom, can save you time, money and resources — and might even last longer than the real thing.

periodically. That's what makes wood-look porcelain so alluring. The wood-grain patterns are incredibly convincing, and the rock-hard material requires little upkeep.

Porcelain tile is a bit cheaper than hardwood flooring, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide.

If you're on a tight budget, consider luxury

vinyl flooring with natural wood patterns — everything from American oak to weathered driftwood.

2. Plastic roof shingles

As a former roofer, I can

tell you that replacing a natural wood shake roof is one of the dirtiest jobs in the business, and also one of the costliest. Today's synthetic shake shingles look authentic, with deep grain patterns and thick shadow lines, and their polyurethane composition means they can hold up to all forms of extreme weather for 50 years or longer.

The shingles are even fire-resistant, so they're another layer of protection against the extreme wildfires that have become common in many parts of the country.

Another synthetic roof product to consider is Tesla's SolarGlass roof tile. Made of tempered glass, the tiles resemble traditional asphalt shingles, but with photovoltaic substrates that convert solar energy into electricity for your home.

3. Synthetic turfgrass

A lush, verdant lawn is the envy of any neighborhood. But maintaining it requires hours of labor, huge volumes of water and a steady diet of fertilizer

and other harsh chemicals. That's why fake lawns are taking root in more communities nationwide. Unlike the rock-hard Astroturf of old, the latest faux lawns feature long, soft blades made of plastic polymers, with improved drainage and heat reflection.

Though it's initially more expensive than sod, you'll save on upkeep, and the lawn will pay for itself in five to 10 years.

4. Shiplap wallpaper

Interior shiplap siding has been a design favorite in recent years, thanks in part to Chip and Joanna Gaines of HGTV's "Fixer Upper." The material plays into the passion for farmhouse design. But its grooved construction is a magnet for dust, so it's a pain to clean and can also make life miserable for allergy sufferers. Enter shiplap wallpaper, which delivers the highly coveted look to an average size space for a couple hundred dollars, compared with the thousands you may spend on the installation of real shiplap siding.

Shopping for a chaise: Here's how to find a little solitude

BY TIM MCKEOUGH

The New York Times

No piece of furniture says "me time" quite like a chaise lounge. With its reclined back and elevated feet, it offers the promise of serenity in a package designed for just one person.

"It's great for creating a secondary space that's tucked away and a little more private" than a home's social spaces, said Corie Sharples, a founding partner of New York-based

SHoP Architects, where she leads the interiors group.

A chaise lounge is ideal in a library, a corner of the master bedroom or an alcove off the living room. And because it usually sits by itself, it can be more sculptural than other pieces of furniture.

"A chaise is always a statement piece," Sharples said.

Of course, because it's so comfortable, it also runs the risk of being monopolized

by unintended users. The chaise lounge in Sharples' home, for instance, has been claimed by the dogs: "It's where they like to play king of the hill."

■ Deep Thoughts Leather Chaise: Chaise lounge with blackened-steel base and lumbar pillow, \$1,899 at Blu Dot, bludot.com.

■ Bird Chaise: Rocking chaise lounge with sculptural shape, \$4,000 at Tom Dixon, or tomrixon.net.

■ Copine Peacock Velvet Curved Chaise Lounge:

Chaise lounge inspired by a 19th-century fainting sofa by Julia von Werz, \$1,299 at CB2, cb2.com.

■ Magis Traffic Chaise Lounge: Chaise lounge with steel rod base, cushions and acrylic stone tablet by Konstantin Grcic for Magis, from \$3,931 at Hive, hivemodern.com.

■ GMG Chaise Lounge: Chaise lounge designed by Greta Magnusson Grossman for Gubi, from \$2,679 at Danish Design Store, or danishdesignstore.com.

A chaise lounge is a statement piece that offers the promise of serenity in a package designed for just one person.



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Groovy and glam

BY KIM COOK

Associated Press

You've probably noticed it in clothing stores: racks and shelves full of high-waisted flares, rib-knit turtlenecks, acid green sweatshirts and disco ball metallics. It's that '70s — and '80s — show.

These two fashion trends have, as usual, worked their way into home decor as well.

"Right now, in home design, it feels like a total '70s takeover," says Apartment Therapy's Danielle Blundell. "This time period had two pretty distinct things going on — boho hippie vibes and glam, glitzy disco feels. Which means you can probably find a way to work something '70s into your home no matter your aesthetic."

Watch for patchwork and peasant prints, fringe and earthy hues. Shaggy, textured woven rugs. Modernist wall art. Rattan etageres and side tables.

One of the hallmarks of the 1980s was Memphis style. Started by Austrian-born but Italian-raised architect Ettore Sottsass, it was characterized by squiggle and geometric pattern, mixing of pastels with black and brights, and an overall playful, whimsical approach. Sottsass and his team designed for Fiorucci, Alessi and Esprit among others, and Karl Lagerfeld and David Bowie were collectors.

Designer Sasha Bikoff created a buzz-worthy Memphis-inspired staircase for the 2018 Kips Bay Decorator Showhouse in Manhattan. New Yorker Raquel Cayre manages an Instagram account dedicated to all things Sottsass, and even created a temporary space in Soho called "Raquel's Dream House," chock-full of Memphis-themed interior decor.

Memphis originals are pricey, but you can find referential decorative items that are affordable. Street brand Supreme offers clothing and skateboard decks; designer Ellen Van Dusen's Brooklyn-based eponymous company makes clothing and home goods featuring her own versions of Memphis pattern.

Surfaces

Imola Ceramica has the pop collection of ceramic tile, with

It's that '70s (and '80s) show in home decor



ANTHROPOLOGIE

Anthropologie's Adriana velvet chair, in a '70s-era rust hue, is a comfy, cushy nod to the groovy decor trend.



BEAM

The Gus* X LUUM Halifax Chair, part of a collection by Gus*Modern and LUUM inspired by a playful, colorful vibe of Memphis design.

Roy Lichtenstein-inspired art comics printed on subway-style tile. Their Let It Bee collection features groovy, semicircular, tone-on-tone designs in brick red, indigo, apple green and dark yellow.

Designer/architect Luca Andrisani has designed a collection for New York Cement Tile called "Geometrika." Inspired by mid-



WALKER ZANGER

Tile by Australian designer Pietta Donovan, who has created a hip collection of cement tile inspired by 1970s wallpaper.

century op art, there are retro hues, square and rectangular shapes, and eye-catching optical illusion patterns. Walker Zanger has Australian designer Pietta Donovan's hip new '70s-patterned tile collection.

At www.spoonflower.com, you'll find several peel-and-stick wallpapers and fabric by the yard with Memphis style or leopard

prints. Here as well are '70s-style florals in wallcoverings and fabric.

European bathware designers have been featuring pedestal sinks, toilets and tubs in colors such as cranberry, moss, mustard, teal and pink — colors that would have been destined for the bin a few years ago. Here in North America, eBay and salvage sites

such as Retro Renovation are good places to source vintage wares. For new products, Aquatica USA has roomy resin tubs in dark red or moss green with white interior, while Bella Stone's got a fun one in fire-engine red.

Accessories

Check out www.roostery.com for whimsical '70s-style fruit and vegetable prints, geometrics and paisleys in soft goods such as napery and throw pillows.

Sometimes it's the little things that bring the look home. Atomic starburst knobs, for example, and www.zazzle.com has several patterns. Cabinet and doorknob backplates come in starry shapes at www.rejuvenation.com.

At www.dusendusen.com, find soft furnishings printed with bold check, dot, stripe, cutout and squiggle patterns. There are patterned pet beds, pillows and shower curtains too.

Furniture

In a collaboration with London-based Soho Home, Anthropologie offers the Adriana chair; in a deep terra cotta velvet, the chubby, channel-seamed silhouette echoes Italian post-modern design. Kardiel's curvy Miranda gold-velvet two-seater has an Austin Powers flair.

At Beam, you'll find simple yet stylish chairs and tables made of powder-coated steel, hardwood and performance fabrics, part of a collaboration between Gus* Modern and LUUM inspired by the Memphis Group's color palette.

ModShop has a treasure trove of options, including the Chubby 2 lounge chair that swivels on a brass-clad base, and the St. Germain side table and credenza, with an abstract, patterned front in poppy colors, perched on chunky acrylic legs.

Ball-shaped and half-dome lighting in matte and polished metalics reference the '70s, as do embossed ceramic bases and cane and rattan fixtures. Look for combinations of pyramids, squares and balls, as well as thick glass circle shapes in '80s-style fixtures. CB2, Urban Outfitters and All Modern have well-priced designs, while Chairish and 1stDibs are good places to hunt for vintage pieces.



To protect them from oak wilt, a serious fungal disease, oaks should only be pruned in the winter when it's cold.

Oak trees need pruning in winter to avoid branch wilt

By Beth Botts

It may seem like winter will last forever, but it won't. If you have an oak that needs pruning, that gives you a deadline.

To protect them from oak wilt, a serious fungal disease, "oaks should only be pruned in the winter when it's cold," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

The oak wilt fungus is spread by a beetle that is attracted to open pruning wounds in trees and carries the spores from tree to tree. Since the beetles aren't active in winter, the safe period for pruning an oak is between Oct. 15 and April 1, Yiesla said.

First seen in Wisconsin in the 1940s, oak wilt has spread to a number of states including Illinois. The fungus, *Bretziella fagacearum*, can kill some kinds of oaks within just a few months by interfering with the transport of water from the roots to the branches and leaves. Branch by branch, the tree dries out and dies.

The tree species in the red oak group — red oak, black oak, Hill's oak and pin oak — are most susceptible and will die most

quickly once infected.

Oak species in the white oak group, such as white oak, bur oak, English oak and swamp white oak, may survive with the disease for several years while they slowly decline. Meanwhile, the fungus will have formed mats of spore-containing fibers under the bark, which the beetles can spread to other oaks. The disease also can spread when roots of neighboring trees become grafted together underground.

"The best way to fight oak wilt is to prevent infection," Yiesla said. "Chemical treatment can only be done before infection or in the very early stages, and there's no guarantee it will work."

In general, it's best to prune all trees in winter, when they are dormant and not actively growing, Yiesla said. The cold will reduce the likelihood of spreading other pests and diseases too. With the branches bare of leaves, a trained arborist will be able to see the tree's structure and check its health.

Mature trees should be pruned by certified professionals. "A certified arborist has the training and equipment to do it safely," Yiesla said. You can find a

certified arborist through the website of the International Society of Arboriculture (treesaregood.org/) or the Illinois Arborist Association (illinoisarborist.org).

When a tree-care firm works on trees in winter, the ground is likely to be frozen, so the soil around the tree is less likely to be compacted as workers tread on it.

The only reason to prune an oak during the growing season is if it's damaged by a storm.

The Morton Arboretum usually does not recommend sealing pruning wounds, Yiesla said, but oaks are an exception because of the danger of oak wilt. If broken branches force you to prune an oak during spring, summer or early fall, use a pruning compound or spray sold at a garden center for this purpose and follow the directions on the label.

For tree and plant advice, contact The Morton Arboretum (mortonarb.org/plantadvice, 630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum.

Easy-to-grow moth orchids may be your best option

By Tim Johnson

Q: I have had bad luck with growing orchids and I wanted to try growing some. Can you offer some advice on how best to proceed?

— Ashley Cabot, Evanston

A: Moth orchids (*Phalaenopsis*) is the Latin name for the genus, or group of related plants) are among the easiest orchids to care for in a home. They can bloom two to three times per year with flowers that can last for two to six months once they have reached a mature size.

But it's important to know how to care for them to ensure they flourish.

Many *Phalaenopsis* orchids are sold potted in sphagnum moss that tends to be tightly packed around the roots to help hold moisture during shipping. The tightly packed moss will tend to retain too much moisture, so it usually is best to repot a newly purchased orchid.

A healthy orchid that will rebloom requires a strong root system. Purchase a fresh, high-quality orchid bark mix that allows the roots to breathe since orchids are technically air plants (epiphytes). The best time to repot moth orchids is right after they have finished flowering. It is also OK to repot them most any time.

Under normal growing conditions, the moth orchid will enter a dormancy period of six to nine months after flowering. The potting medium will break down over the course of about a year, so repot the orchid with fresh medium as needed.

Moth orchids prefer a warm environment of 70 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and 62 to 65 degrees at night, which is similar to the range in many homes during the winter. *Phalaenopsis* re-



Moth orchids are among the easiest orchids to grow and care for in a home.

quire moderate light to grow well. Indirect light is ideal, since direct sunlight can burn the leaves. East- and north-facing windows should work well.

Water your moth orchid early in the morning with rain or distilled water as the mix approaches dryness. It is best not to use water softened by a water softener. Watering once every four to seven days should suffice, and the plant should never stand in water. Do not allow it to dry completely out. Feed the moth orchid with a diluted, water-soluble fertilizer each time you water during the growing season. In the winter months, use a diluted fertilizer every third watering.

It can be confusing when deciding how to manage your plant for maximum flower production, since different types of *Phalaenopsis* orchids respond differently. Gardeners also have different philosophies on the best practice to use.

Since you are just starting out, consider trying the following general course of action:

The flowering spike on most moth orchids turns brown once the spike has finished flowering and should be pruned out. Blooms require energy

from the plant, so pruning the spike at this point allows young plants to mature more quickly, and for the next set of flowers to be more spectacular. A moth orchid grown in a consistently warm home environment may need a short period of cold nights in the fall in order to set a bloom spike.

The spike may not die all the way down. When this happens, cut the spike above a node on the stem and allow it to rebloom again as a branch off the flowering spike. This will result in more blooms sooner, but takes energy from the plant, which generally results in smaller blooms. Some *Phalaenopsis* are best managed this way, as they will bear a few blooms at the end of a spike and continue to bloom sequentially on the same spike for a very long time.

So if you are unsure of what to do, observe the plant and experiment with different techniques. The primary reason to cut spikes off these types of orchids is that they have become too big and unruly.

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ASK THE BUILDER

Spot problems with infrared camera's eyes

BY TIM CARTER

Tribune Content Agency

Q: I've seen odd-looking photos taken with infrared cameras. They seem to me to be more of a novelty than a useful tool. How can they help you around your home? What was the most shocking thing you discovered while using an infrared camera? Can you get one that attaches to a smartphone? Do you have a collection of photos you can share?

A: I love questions like these. Just a few weeks ago I started a new series where I wanted to share with you how advances in technology in all aspects of residential construction are helping you — and sometimes hurting you.

This week, I'm happy to announce that photography has made vast improvements to help you spot all sorts of problems around your home. Let's get started.

I was very interested in photography in high school and college. I had my own darkroom and I helped run the largest darkroom on the University of Cincinnati campus. Yes, those were the days of real film, and black-and-white photos were still quite the rage, believe it or not.

Before I share all the good news and the ways that infrared cameras can



You can buy dedicated infrared cameras, or you can buy a sleek, tiny infrared camera that plugs into the charging slot of your smartphone.

help you, let me just briefly touch on digital photography. You and I now live in the world of pixels instead of the days of small silver salts or cellulose acetate film. Each year new technology is making digital photography far better than the best old-fashioned large-format photos. There's not a doubt in my mind that digital spy satellites now have such advanced technology that they can read the print of the open book in your hands while you're out on your deck. But I digress.

Because you don't have to pay for film or get it developed, you should take advantage of this to take hundreds, or thousands, of digital photographs of any project you're doing. Take multiple photos of each step.

Why? Every week I do phone consultations with people who have huge problems with their homes. Each time I see detailed photos of the job in progress, I can see exactly why they have the problem. The clarity and high resolution of modern smartphone cameras is remarkable. I can zoom in and see very small details.

Keep in mind that you can store thousands of photos online for free. Depending on which service you use, your photos automatically get transferred off your phone and stored on secure cloud servers. It's a painless process you should be doing with all your photos.

Let's switch to infrared, the subject the reader in question wants to know about. I've been taking



DREAMSTIME PHOTOS

Infrared cameras can help you see where insulation is compacted or missing, as well as detect air leaks, dangerous electrical wiring and possible water leaks in your home.

infrared photos for about five years and love this technology. You can buy dedicated infrared cameras just like a normal point-and-shoot camera, or you can buy a sleek, tiny infrared camera that plugs into the charging slot of your smartphone. I have a smartphone infrared camera.

I've used my infrared camera to take all sorts of interesting photos. I discovered exactly why I got second-degree burns on my hands while installing my new roof five years ago. The synthetic-slate shingles I used heat up to about 160 degrees in the midday sun! If you don't work fast and keep moving with fresh shingles, you can get a burn in just two seconds or less touching a hot shingle.

I didn't build the house I currently live in, and I've used my IR camera to dis-

cover where the builder and his subcontractors did a less than satisfactory job of installing insulation. The infrared camera shows you in just an instant where insulation is compacted or missing. It shows up as dark blue or violet on my camera.

I've also used it to locate air leaks in interior walls, of all places. Down in my basement, I have an electrical outlet on an interior wall that leaks cold air. I noticed this by accident by scanning this wall with my infrared camera. No doubt the insulating contractor didn't squirt expanding foam in the holes the electric cable passes through on the wall studs or the top wall plate.

You can also use an infrared camera to spot dangerous electrical arcing in your home. Before it starts a fire, electrical arcing will heat

up things such as screws on outlets or switches, a loose connection at a circuit breaker in your panel, or even loose wires inside a wire nut. Purchasing an infrared camera for just this purpose may more than pay for itself in your peace of mind.

You can also use an infrared camera to help you spot possible water leaks that you don't yet see in your home. Wet areas from hidden condensation or just damp areas behind walls or ceilings often show up on the camera as blue or violet because evaporating water by its very nature creates a cooling effect.

I do have a collection of infrared photos on my AsktheBuilder.com website as you might expect. All you have to do is type "infrared photos" into the search engine there to view them.



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SAVINGS UPDATE

How Americans are paying for their new homes

Each year, the National Association of REALTORS publishes a profile of statistics on home purchases during the past year. In our previous installments here, we've dug into who bought the homes, the types of homes they purchased, and how they navigated the buying process. Now, in Part 4, we take a look at the NAR's findings on how Americans financed their home purchases.

Financing is far and away Americans' leading method for affording the purchase of a new home. Among all buyers during the 2018-2019 twelve-month period, 86 percent opted to finance their purchase with a mortgage.

Among first-time buyers, the amount they financed averaged 94 percent of the home's value, while repeat buyers financed just 84 percent on average. Across all buyers, the typical loan-to-value ratio was 88 percent.

For about 1 in 8 buyers (13 percent), the most difficult step in the home-buying process was saving up a sufficient down payment. Sixty percent indicated their down payment

source was personal savings, while the next most common source was proceeds from the sale of a primary residence, which 38 percent reported as funding their down payment.

For buyers who indicated saving for a down payment was difficult, more than half (51 percent) said that student loan obligations were their biggest financial obstacle. In second rank, 45 percent cited credit card debt. Auto loan payments were reported to make saving for a down payment difficult by 38 percent of this year's home buyers.

Still, Americans find it worth it, with 81 percent saying they view purchasing a home as a good financial investment.

The REALTORS' annual survey was conducted in July 2019, capturing homebuyers who purchased between July 2018 and June 2019. Responses were received from over 5,800 buyers, with results weighted to represent U.S. population demographics.

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Living loud

Vibrant lantana gets its due in 2020

BY NORMAN WINTER

Tribune News Service

Hats off to the National Garden Bureau for designating 2020 as the year of the lantana. If you are looking for a flower that gives vibrant color from late spring through frost, lantana is probably the plant for you. This does come with a warning: You will most likely have tigers, zebras and some flashy ladies hanging around your garden all growing season.

The passion for pollinators is skyrocketing, and you can hardly do better than lantana. My suggestion would be to pair it with salvia, the 2019 plant of the year, and you'll want to invite the neighbors over to not just see the beauty, but to experience the Serengeti-like activity in the garden.

The lantana is related to the verbena and, in fact, has a common name of shrub verbena; in the last decade, the number of varieties has exploded. The Garden Guy likes bold colors, but you may want those a little more subdued.

I also like those 24 to 30 inches in height, with an equal width, especially since I will be combining with Rockin salvias, Blue Boa Agastache and Vermillionaire cuphea. My son, on the other hand, works with varieties that require a small chain saw or hedge trimmer, and that's OK too.

Today's newer varieties have been selected for nonstop blooming — vibrant colors that will make your landscape look like Carnival in Rio. I haven't planted lantanias at my home, and I can hardly wait for spring. There is no telling what varieties your favorite garden center will have on the shelf. Most of the country grow lantana as annuals while zones 9 and warmer may choose to let them become perennials. Their incredibly long season of bloom makes them at the top of the list of value for your garden dollar.

Keep your eyes open for the Luscious series coming from Proven Winners. This group that boasts 10 colors has garnered an unbelievable 231 awards from trial gardens throughout the country. This year's new Luscious Gold-



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Lantana will bring in butterflies such as the Zebra Swallowtail.



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This Luscious Marmalade lantana was lunch for this American Lady butterfly.

engate has already won 22 awards.

The Garden Guy is going bold and can hardly wait to get the iridescent orange Marmalade, the Berry Blend featuring shades of fuchsia with red and yellow, and Citrus Blend a shocking red, orange and yellow. These will go in the backyard with an assortment of salvias including this year's new Rockin Blue Suede Shoes.

Besides the ability to withstand



PROVEN WINNERS

Luscious Citrus Blend features red, orange and yellow.

torrid heat, and a wide variety of soil conditions the lantana seems to be a real favorite of both butterflies and hummingbirds. It's not uncommon to go to a garden center that has several lantanias and get the feeling you are on a National Geographic photographic shoot.

Remember sunlight is a key ingredient for the real blooming to occur. While they aren't finicky on soil, I seem to always have clay.

Therefore, I like to incorporate a little organic matter to help with not only drainage but good root expansion for the new plants. Plan on spacing your pants 2 to 3 feet apart depending on your variety.

Throughout the season, don't be afraid to prune a little as needed to maintain size or shape or to stimulate new growth and more blooms especially during the August blitz of heat. Fertiliz-

ing is no big deal with lantanas, but they do respond with a light application as a little pick-me-up in midsummer. Those in containers being watered daily need regular fertilization.

As a pollinator lover, here is a hearty thank you to the National Garden Bureau for making 2020 "The Year of the Lantana" and from this growing season onward may we always include them in the landscape.



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Most manufacturers estimate you'll need a full carpet replacement after about 10 years.

HOME REMEDIES

5 signs it may be time to replace your carpet

BY DIANA CRANDALL

Angie's List

Eventually, even the best-laid carpets must be replaced. While regular upkeep can increase your carpet's lifespan, most manufacturers estimate you'll need a full replacement after about 10 years. And the signs you need to start shopping around aren't always obvious. Here are a few ways you can tell your carpet is reaching the end:

Stains won't come out. Whether it's from spilled wine or a new puppy, there are some stubborn stains that even professional cleaning can't get rid of. If they're minor, you can typically hide them with area rugs or furniture. But if the damage is permanent and unsightly, it's probably time to look for new carpeting. Homeowners typically pay between \$760 and \$2,540 to replace a carpet, according to the Angie's List Pricing Guide. Per square foot, carpet materials usually cost an average of \$2 to \$7, though price can fluctuate depending on quality.

Foul odors won't go away. If you notice that deep cleans aren't banishing the bad smells, that likely means the issue isn't in your carpet alone — it could be in the padding or floor beneath the carpet. How you handle the problem depends on the type of smell.

If your pet is the root cause of the issue, you'll likely need a full replacement. If you notice a musty smell, that could mean you have a water or mold problem. In that case, carpet replacement may be necessary after a mold remediation specialist takes a look at things.

There's visible damage. Carpet damage can range from smaller issues, like a burn mark or two, to extensive problems like the mold damage mentioned above. If there's just a small area where the carpet is frayed, it's possible for a flooring pro to help you patch it up. If your entire carpet was flooded with dirty water, or clean water flooding has taken a long time to dry out, replacement is the best course of action.

You have increased allergy symptoms. It can be difficult to remove dust, pet dander and pollen that embeds in carpet fibers over time. If you or your loved ones notice more sneezing, itchy eyes or coughing, it may be that the problem is beneath your feet. The Mayo Clinic recommends using a vacuum with a high-efficiency particulate air filter or opting for linoleum or hardwood if you're truly concerned. It costs about \$180 for carpet cleaning, via the Angie's List Pricing Guide, and it's worth a try before replacing the carpet.

The carpet is old. At a certain point, patching and deep-cleaning your carpet isn't going to do the trick. If you notice matting, fading color or that the padding just doesn't feel like it's there anymore, it's probably time to move on. If you see ripples or wrinkles, it is possible to have your carpet restretched. This is a more expensive repair, so discuss with a carpet pro whether it makes sense to fix the issue or get a complete replacement.

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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Master-planned communities offer many lifestyle amenities

Prospective homebuyers may ask what is a master-planned community and what are its advantages?

Online sources describe master-planned communities as being large-scale carefully planned communities, with recreational and commercial amenities. They usually offer several different types of homes as well as attractions including golf courses, pools, tennis courts and parks. They are designed to maximize the natural environment.

A good example is the scenic Bowes Creek Country Club on the west side of Elgin, a master-planned community that centers on the award-winning Rick Jacobsen-designed golf course. Resort-style amenities include a clubhouse with a pro shop and restaurant as well as walking trails, community parks and scenic views.

"Toll Brothers has traditionally sought the best locations to complement its luxury homes, and recreational amenities tend to enhance this upscale ambiance," says Anna Carter, Community Sales Consultant. "For many of our buyers, the resort-style attractions are a main selling point, because they add to a friendly community environment where residents and their friends can gather for golf, dinner and conversation."

With a rolling countryside setting, apart from but close to the shopping, entertainment and services along Randall Road, Bowes Creek Country Club offers two collections of homes, the Fairways Collection, priced from the upper \$200s, and the Masters Collection, priced from the low \$400s. Both ranch and two-story homes are offered in each series, and a selection of sites overlooking the golf course and two quick delivery homes are available in the Masters Collection.

Toll Brothers also offers a neighborhood of luxury single-family homes in master-planned Tanglewood Hills, a pool and clubhouse community in Batavia.

Master-planned communities are typically large communities to accommodate various housing types and amenities. Elburn Station, a 505-acre community being developed by Shodeen Homes, features an attractive residential setting within walking distance of downtown Elburn and it is served by the highly respected Kaneland District 302 schools.

"Because master-planned communities are typically built where there are



large plots of open land, Elburn Station offers two very important features for commuters," says Anna Harmon, director of Marketing and Public Relations for Shodeen Homes. "One is the Elburn Metra Station, on-site and within walking and bicycling distance for residents. The other is ease of telecommuting, since Elburn Station is an AT&T Connect Community. In addition, plans call for miles of walking and biking paths, ponds, parks and retail shopping.

Homebuyers have three housing options, with each series offering a different lifestyle square footage and choice of plans.

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Master-planned communities offer many amenities as well as impressive home.

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K. Hovnanian has 13 new communities throughout Chicagoland, providing ample opportunity to find the right home for your family. These new construction homes offer convenient access to downtown Chicago with the ease and comfort of the Chicagoland suburbs. Home designs range in price from the lower \$200s to the upper \$500s, offering a price point for every budget. Whether you choose a single-family home or a low-maintenance townhome, the Presidents Day Sale is your chance to buy new and save.

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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE



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Time's running out to own a new home at Tanglewood Hills

Only nine homesites remain at Tanglewood Hills, a Toll Brothers' community, featuring a clubhouse, two pools, tennis courts, walking trails and neighborhood elementary school, just west of Randall Road in Batavia.

"Tanglewood Hills has been very popular with homebuyers who appreciate an amenity-rich lifestyle and value the endless benefits of new construction," says Megan Rammer, sales manager for Tanglewood Hills. "Our open-concept ranch, two-story and first-floor master plans are offered with hundreds of structural and designer options, giving buyers the opportunity to personalize their home and make it unique to their family" needs."

Homes at Tanglewood Hills range from 3,600 to over 3,800 square feet in size with four to six bedrooms, 3½ to 4½ bathrooms, gourmet island kitchens open to great rooms, luxury master suites, basements and three-car garages. Homes are priced from the upper \$400s and are on homesites of 1/3 acre or more.

One of the most popular designs at Tanglewood Hills has been the Duke, which is priced from the low-\$500s and is showcased as a decorated model.

"The Duke, like all of our home plans, gives buyers the opportunity to create a unique living space," Rammer says. "For example, buyers may choose to add an additional bedroom to the first floor in lieu of the den or forgo a formal living room and create a grand study. Solariums, greenhouses, sunrooms, morning rooms, playrooms and additional bathrooms are also popular additions. And, buyers meet

with a Toll Brothers interior design expert who will work with them to choose from countless interior finishes that create that one-of-a-kind space they've always dreamed of having."

Additional highlights of the Duke include an elegant two-story foyer, formal living and dining rooms, study, soaring two-story family-room, gourmet island kitchen with walk-in pantry, upstairs owner's suite with private den, three walk-in closets and luxury bath, Princess suite and Jack-and-Jill suite.

"The community clubhouse, which is a year-round gathering place for residents, is at the heart of the community," Rammer says. "As you can imagine, in the summer months in particular, Tanglewood Hills is alive with activity."

Tanglewood Hills offers convenient access to I-88 and is near Metra train service in Aurora and Geneva. Residents are in the top-rated Batavia Public School District 101, with Grace McWayne Elementary School located within the community. Grace McWayne has been honored for consistently exceeding state averages in reading and mathematics, and offers innovation and enrichment classes in art, music and STEM. The community is also close to Batavia High School, which sports an impressive 95% graduation rate.

To learn more about the Hopewell for summer delivery and Tanglewood Hills, call 630-454-4988 or visit tollbrothers.com/IL. The professionally decorated model and sales center at 425 Brady Way in Batavia is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.



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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Shodeen's home plans draw buyers to Elburn Station

First-time buyers, empty-nesters and everyone in between are calling Elburn Station, Shodeen Homes' 505-acre master-planned community, home. With 20 open-concept ranch and two-story home designs to choose from, including low-maintenance Village Homes priced from the \$180s, there's something for everyone at Elburn Station.

"Buyers with varying lifestyle needs and budgets all appreciate the selection, affordability and new construction style and value offered across all three home series," says Anna Harmon, director of Public Relations and Marketing for Shodeen Homes. "We've recently opened a new phase of single-family homes, which allows buyers to build in the Settlements or Crossings Series, with a three-car garage. And, for buyers with more immediate move-in needs, we offer a nice selection of homes in each series for quick-move in."

Priced from the low \$200s, the low-maintenance Village Homes range from 1,043 to 2,076 square feet with one to three bedrooms, one to 2½ baths, unfinished, insulated basements or optional finished basements and two car garages. Homes in the Settlements Series offer open concept designs with two to four bedrooms, two or 2½ baths, island kitchens, flex space, basements and two-car garages with homes priced from the \$270s. Priced from the \$300s, homes in the Crossings Series range from 2,043 to 2,674 square feet in size with three or four bedrooms, two or 2½ baths, formal and informal living space, gourmet kitchens open to great rooms, flex space, optional finished basements and two- or three-car garages.

"With the cold winter weather upon us, new home buyers come to appreciate the energy-efficient features included in every Shodeen home," Harmon says. "On average, new homes are 30% more energy efficient than homes built 10 years ago and our homes are even more efficient with a projected HERS Index of 60, making them about 40% more energy efficient than a home built 10 years ago."

Buyers looking to make a move this winter will want to visit the 1,547-square-foot Everleigh ranch plan priced at \$339,800. Located at 721 Elizabeth St. in Elburn, this home includes two bedrooms, two baths, open concept kitchen with 42-inch white cabinets, granite countertops, stainless-steel appliances, wide plank wood floor-



Buyers with varying lifestyle needs and budgets can choose from a collection of 20 home designs, including low-maintenance Village Homes, at Elburn Station.

ing, family room with vaulted ceiling and fireplace, screened porch, full basement, and two-car garage.

The two-story Berquist at 625 Elizabeth St. is also move-in ready and offers 2,022 square feet of living space with four bedrooms, 2½ baths, island kitchen with 42-inch cabinets, granite countertops and stainless-steel appliances open to the family room with fireplace, wide plank flooring, den with French doors, master bedroom with large walk-in closet and private bath, lookout basement, wood deck and two-car garage priced at \$330,000.

Buyers looking for a low-maintenance lifestyle will want to visit the two-story Denver at 907 Station Blvd. Priced at \$295,000, this 1,920-square-foot, two-story home features three bedrooms, 2½ baths, upgraded cabinets, countertops and flooring, master bedroom with vaulted ceiling, a screened porch and two-car garage.

"Elburn Station offers other amenities popular with today's buyers such as telecommuting ease being an AT&T Connect Community and within walking distance of the Metra Station," Harmon says.

"Residents enjoy the remote and peaceful setting of Elburn Station, yet love the close proximity to high-end shopping and services just minutes away along Randall Road at The Geneva Commons Shopping Mall, Northwestern Delnor Hospital, and several other shops and restaurants."

The Elburn Station sales center is located west of Randall Road at the corner of Anderson Road and Elizabeth Street. The sales center and model homes are open 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, and Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment.

For more information, call 630-232-8181 or visit shodeenhomes.com.

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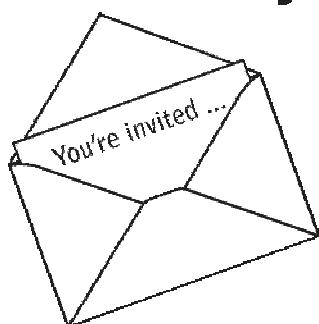
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