

Pritzker budget has income tax catch



Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker delivers his state budget address on Wednesday at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield.

Governor promises added funding for schools, public safety if voters approve

BY JAMIE MUNKS, DAN PETRELLA, RICK PEARSON AND ANTONIA AYRES-BROWN

Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker presented two possibilities in his annual budget address Wednesday: his preferred option, which links a funding increase for public schools and a pension payment boost to voters approving his graduated-rate income tax plan; and a Plan B that limits new spending.

Pritzker would eliminate \$1.4

billion in spending — the projected amount of revenue his income tax plan would raise in the next budget year — from his \$42 billion proposal if voters in November reject one of his top campaign priorities.

“If the graduated tax rates do take effect, this budget proposal takes major steps to stabilize our fiscal condition, and build on the historic investments and improvements we’ve made across the board to better serve the people of our state,” Pritzker said.

Without the new revenue, “our budget nevertheless continues our progress, although at a much slower pace,” he said.

Among the most controversial parts of the plan Pritzker laid out is a call for a smaller increase in the state’s share of education funding should the November vote not go his way.

The governor’s backup plan would have the state sending an additional \$200 million to local school districts for the budget year beginning July 1, missing that target of \$350 million for the first time since a new education fund-

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Trump renews attacks on agency

President calls for Barr to ‘clean shop’ at Justice Dept.

BY EILEEN SULLIVAN
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Ignoring appeals from his attorney general to stop tweeting about the Justice Department, President Donald Trump renewed his attacks on the agency Wednesday, demanding “JUSTICE” for himself and all future presidents.

With a series of retweets, Trump appeared to embrace the suggestion that Attorney General William Barr “clean shop” at the department. And the president promoted the idea of naming a special counsel to investigate what Tom Fitton, the head of the conservative nonprofit Judicial Watch, described as a “seditious conspiracy” at the department and the FBI.

A day earlier, Barr was, according to some of his associates, considering a different sort of shop cleaning: If his boss did not stop meddling with Justice Department investigations, he was said to be considering his own future.

Although Barr’s suggestion that he may quit over the president’s tweets left many close to Trump questioning whether the attorney general really was considering stepping aside, instead believing he was trying to quell an internal uproar at the Department of Justice and bolster his own reputation and his ability to act on Trump’s behalf.

The attorney general last week had taken a public swipe at the president, saying in a television interview that Trump’s tweets about Justice Department cases and staffers make it “impossible” for him to do his job.

Barr had lunch on Tuesday with White House counsel Pat Cipollone, though officials said it was pre-scheduled and unrelated to the firestorm at the

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Saying goodbye to Indiana Beach

The old-school amusement park two hours south of Chicago will close after nearly a century. It grew from a swimming area in a cornfield into a regional attraction. **Business**

FORMER GOV. ROD BLAGOJEVICH RELEASED



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Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich speaks to the media outside his home in Chicago on Wednesday after returning from prison.

Out and about

Ex-governor calls himself a ‘freed political prisoner’

A CHICAGO STORY

The rise, fall and commutation

BY JEFF COEN

Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich was on the witness stand testifying in his own defense in federal court, chattering on in typical form and telling jurors about a 2002 fundraiser that was held for him at Yankee Stadium.

“First time I met Donald Trump,” Blagojevich proudly recalled of the occasion in New York City, “he walked in with Regis Philbin and made a contribution at that event.”

He would see the real estate tycoon again years later, of course, when the indicted and impeached Blagojevich was a hapless contestant on “The Celebrity Apprentice” reality TV show and Trump “fired” him in his role as its bombastic host. Maybe they should stop meeting like this. But now the former governor has Trump to thank for an unlikely new twist in The Blago Show.

The Chicago political jester who rose from life as a scrappy city kid to the state’s highest office — then secretly taped by the FBI in a corruption probe, arrested at home before dawn, tried (twice), convicted and sentenced — was sprung from federal prison Tuesday more than four years early when Trump commuted his sentence.

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Top, Rod Blagojevich waves to the crowd as he leaves his home for Englewood federal prison in 2012. Above, Blagojevich shakes hands after announcing his candidacy for governor in 2001.

“He’ll be able to go back home with his family after serving eight years in jail. That was a tremendously powerful, ridiculous sentence in my opinion and in the opinion of many others.”

— President Donald Trump

BY SOPHIE SHERRY AND STACY ST. CLAIR

Calling himself a “Trumpocrat” and “freed political prisoner,” disgraced ex-Gov. Rod Blagojevich used his first full day of freedom Wednesday to thank President Donald Trump for commuting his prison sentence and take the first shot at redefining his legacy.

A now silver-haired Blagojevich, 63, walked outside his Northwest Side home dressed in a blue sweater and jeans. He was joined by his two daughters and wife, Patti, who joked that the news conference started late because Blagojevich couldn’t find his own socks after being away for so long.

As Blagojevich shook hands and hugged well-wishers, he repeatedly dabbed at his chin with a white handkerchief and explained that he nicked himself while shaving with a real razor blade for the first time in nearly eight years. The cut bled for the entire news conference.

“It’s been a long, long journey,” he said. “I’m bruised and I’m battered and bloody.”

In a so-called homecoming address that sounded more like a campaign speech, Blagojevich painted himself as a public servant persecuted by the “swamp in Springfield” for trying to help people. He spoke of granting free public transportation to seniors and health

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After returning to his Chicago home, Rod Blagojevich peeks from his window Wednesday morning.



JOHN KASS

Shawshank Blagojevich Redemption Tour begins

The news cameras gathered to record the Trumpocrat triumphant, former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, declaring to anyone who'd listen that "I'm returning home today from a long exile, a freed political prisoner."

He doesn't think the 12 million or so people of Illinois were his victims. In Rod Blagojevich's mind, he is their redeemer. There was no mention of the loss others suffered for knowing him. He didn't mention Christopher Kelly.

He was full of stories, and poetry. In his resurrection saga, he likened his prison cell to a tomb. You could tell he'd written and rewritten it all in his head.

When he talked of his early years in a medium security prison on the first day of his Shawshank Rod Redemption tour, I half expected Morgan Freeman to show up.

Blagojevich endlessly praised President Donald Trump for springing him from federal prison. But he wasn't remorseful for what he'd done. He insisted he was a wronged man.

The media loved it. Rod can certainly put on a show. But there was no show in that lot behind the Forest Lumber yard in Country Club Hills where Kelly, Blagojevich's friend, sat in a run-down construction trailer years ago and decided to end his life.

"Blago has all the stories. He's quite a talker, but Chris Kelly can't talk now," lumberyard co-owner Larry Reimer told me on Wednesday.

"Kelly asked me to put that trailer of his out back, and we had space. He paid his rent," Reimer said. "He was smooth at first, a good talker. Not as good as Blago, but good. After he did what he did, we had the whole media shebang out here for a day or two. But no reporters have asked about him for years."

Illinois Democratic politics is a tribal and feudal business, and to understand the connections, you pull at threads.

Blagojevich's rise begins with the planned fall of Northwest Side powerhouse U.S. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee who was indicted in 1994 over postage stamp abuse. The federal prosecutor was Eric Holder,

who'd later become President Barack Obama's attorney general and the president's self-described "wingman."

Politically crippled by the indictment, Rostenkowski was taken out by fellow Democrats like 33rd Ward Boss Richard Mell, Blagojevich's father-in-law and architect of Blagojevich's future gubernatorial campaign. Future state Senate President John Cullerton ran against Rostenkowski in the primary, weakening Rostenkowski, who was replaced in Congress by a little-known Republican, Michael Patrick Flanagan.

Rostenkowski eventually pleaded guilty to mail fraud. William Daley, brother of Mayor Richard Daley, then moved to Washington and became Chicago's rainmaking clout. Rostenkowski had figured out what happened before he died.

Flanagan was taken out two years later by a young Blagojevich and the Democratic bosses.

You might think it all a coincidence. Blago eventually became governor. He was replaced in Congress by Rahm Emanuel.

When Blagojevich became governor, Kelly was his chief fundraiser. Another top Blagojevich fundraiser: Antoin Rezko. It was Rezko, who also went to prison on corruption charges, who became famous as the confidant and real estate fairy (benefactor) of young Barack Obama.

When Kelly committed suicide in 2009, he was about to begin an eight-year federal sentence after pleading guilty to mail fraud. He decided to end things.

Are the 12 million people of Illinois victims of Blagojevich? I think so. He was elected twice. Did they know what they were doing? Or were the people manipulated by experts, as voters most often are?

Just after Blago ruffed about how he'd become a champion for the victims of the criminal justice system, I called someone who'd know:

Paul Vallas, the former Chicago Public Schools CEO, who should have been elected governor in 2002.

"I was watching for a few minutes, watching him talk," Vallas said. "But I just couldn't watch Blago talk anymore about what a victim he'd been. I

just had to turn it off. It was making me sick.

"I'm happy for his wife and daughters," Vallas said. "He's home now. But there is no remorse in the man for what he did, for the people of Illinois that he deceived. That's astonishing."

There were three candidates in the 2002 Illinois Democratic Party primary. Vallas, Blagojevich and former Illinois Comptroller Roland Burris, an African American who was there to block for Blagojevich and pull black votes from Vallas in Cook County.

Burris was floundering, running out of money, but mysterious loans came in. Questionable polls were given media credibility, showing Vallas far behind. Vallas wasn't far behind at all.

It worked. Vallas narrowly defeated Burris in Democratic Cook County. If Burris had not been in, Vallas would have won the election. Blagojevich defeated Vallas by just 25,000 votes.

And years later, after he tried to sell the Obama Senate seat, who did then-Gov. Blagojevich appoint as the distinguished senator from Illinois? Roland "Tombstone" Burris, that's who.

See how things work out if you believe in fairies and pixie dust?

"The state of Illinois was his victim," Vallas said. "Not only for the crimes he was convicted of. Rather than put Illinois on a sound financial footing, instead of funding public pensions, Blagojevich went out and borrowed and borrowed and became involved in creative pension funding schemes. The state was in crisis then."

Then the Great Recession hit in 2008. Illinois began to crumble.

"I didn't let you down," Blagojevich said from outside his bungalow. "Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God."

The Shawshank Rod Redemption tour continues. He'll never stop. He's a hero that one, a talker, a victim, a redeemer. He's something.

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Watching Bloomberg with wrongly arrested in mind



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Michael Bloomberg joined his Democratic rivals on the debate stage for the first time Wednesday night, and I watched the discussion with Jaylan Butler on my mind. Butler, 20, is the Eastern Illinois University student athlete who was falsely arrested and detained by police in East Moline, according to a federal lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois. Two officers held Butler on the ground. One officer held a gun to his head and said, “If you move, I’ll blow your (expletive) head off,” according to the suit.

Butler was traveling with his swim team back to Charleston, Illinois, from South Dakota last February when the team bus pulled over at a rest stop near the Illinois/Iowa border. Butler’s coach suggested he take a selfie in front of a roadside sign for the team’s social media account. That’s when police surrounded him and drew their guns.

“At that moment, I only knew a couple things to do that my dad always told me,” Butler told the Rock Island Dispatch-Argus.

Butler, the only black student traveling on the bus, obeyed the officers’ commands. Bus driver Todd Slingerland saw what was happening from the bus and, with Butler’s coach, approached the police to tell them Butler was with them.

Officers continued to detain Butler, searched his pockets and placed him, handcuffed, in the back of a police car, according to the suit. They released him after a few minutes, once he provided photo ID.

“I’m an old Navy man,” Slingerland told the Rock Island Dispatch-Argus. “I’ve seen a lot, but I’ve never seen anybody screw something up as bad as they did this. ... As far as I was concerned, they were assaulting an innocent victim with deadly force.”

I graduated from EIU. I reached out to Butler, both as a journalist and as an Eastern alum, last week, shortly after I read about what he’d been through. An attorney for the ACLU told me Monday that Butler needs to “pull back” from media requests, which are starting to interfere with his school work and swim training. I respect that.

So I’ll send my support from here. No one should ever endure what he endured. I can’t imagine how a person recovers from that sort of trauma. A gun to your head. An expletive-laced death threat. I imagine it forever shapes your sense of safety and trust and belief system — in justice, in authority figures.

Ironically, I read about Butler’s arrest the same day the Chicago Tribune published a story exploring the potentially harmful mental health effects of active



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Democratic presidential hopeful Mike Bloomberg speaks during the ninth primary debate.

shooter drills in schools on the students and teachers they’re intended to protect.

“We need to put into place some guardrails to protect against collateral consequences and negative impact,” Rob Wilcox, deputy director of policy and strategy at Everytown for Gun Safety, told my Tribune colleagues.

Which brings us to Bloomberg. As mayor of New York, he helped found and fund Everytown for Gun Safety, along with a group of concerned mayors and activists (mostly moms). The group advocates for mandatory background checks, raising the minimum age to 21 for gun purchases, the enforcement of laws keeping guns out of the hands of domestic abusers and other gun safety measures.

Also as mayor of New York, he oversaw a dramatic increase in the use of stop-and-frisk policies. From January 2002, when Bloomberg took office, through 2011, midway through his third term, police data compiled by the New York Civil Liberties Union shows a 605% spike in the number of documented stop-and-frisk incidents, according to CNN.

According to an ACLU of New York report: ■ “Young black and Latino men were the targets of a hugely disproportionate number of stops. Though they account for only 4.7% of the city’s population, black and



Butler

Latino males between the ages of 14 and 24 accounted for 41.6% of stops in 2011. The number of stops of young black men exceeded the entire city population of young black men (168,126 as compared to 158,406). Ninety percent of young black and Latino men stopped were innocent.”

■ “Though frisks are to be conducted only when an officer reasonably suspects the person has a weapon that might endanger officer safety, 55.7% of those stopped in 2011 were frisked. Of those frisked, a weapon was found only 1.9% of the time.”

Bloomberg has apologized for his use of the approach and his past comments defending it, including in 2015 when he said, at an Aspen Institute event, “The way you get the guns out of the kids’ hands is to throw them up against the walls and frisk them.”

Stop-and-frisk came up three times in the first 10 minutes of Wednesday’s debate: Bernie Sanders brought it up first, followed by Elizabeth Warren and then Joe Biden. Bloomberg changed the subject to Trump. Twenty minutes later, moderator Lester Holt raised the topic again.

“If I go back and look at my time in of-

fice,” Bloomberg replied, “the one thing I’m embarrassed about was how it turned out with stop-and-frisk.”

As he should be. But I’m hoping for more context in the coming weeks and months. I want to hear how, as recently as 2015, Bloomberg found the policy defensible, given the statistics about its efficacy, given his Everytown advocacy work to keep Americans safe from violence and trauma, given the violence and trauma that stop-and-frisk incidents subjected tens of thousands of Americans to.

In Butler’s case, officers said they mistook the EIU student for a specific suspect. “Defendants quickly realized that Mr. Butler was not the suspect for whom they were searching ... informed the local dispatcher that it was a false alarm,” Butler’s lawsuit states. “After several minutes of forcing Mr. Butler to lie face down on the ground while handcuffed, defendants allowed Mr. Butler to sit up. ... They did not, however, remove his handcuffs or inform him that he was free to go, even though they had already recognized that Mr. Butler was not the suspect for whom they were searching.”

I wonder if Bloomberg knows Butler’s story. I wonder how he would respond to it. I wonder if he would say it has nothing in common with stop-and-frisk, or whether he’d see the parallels — the racial profiling, the presumption of guilt, the violence, the aftershocks.

Butler told the Rock Island Dispatch-Argus that the mood on the bus, after the incident, was somber.

“Some people were crying,” he said. “They were all pretty quiet. After about 10 minutes, I couldn’t take the silence anymore.”

They stopped at another rest stop to switch drivers.

“Getting off the bus, everyone was next to me, staying as close as possible,” he told the newspaper. “The assistant coach hugged me and said he loved me. That kind of brought on the tears. It got harder to keep that front going. I tried my hardest not to cry around them.”

That pain and that fear don’t dissipate quickly, and they ripple, obviously, through the hearts of communities and families who worry they’ll be wrongly targeted next.

I hope, going forward, Bloomberg uses the national spotlight to explain why stop-and-frisk damages the fabric of our communities. I hope he can articulate what sorts of policies he’s researching and hoping to implement instead. I hope his fellow candidates do the same. I hope this conversation continues long beyond Wednesday, and far beyond Bloomberg.

Butler deserves that. Americans, all of them, deserve that.

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‘We’re no longer going to look the other way’

Lightfoot hosting Chicago poverty summit

BY GREGORY PRATT
AND LOLLY BOWEAN

Seeking to bring attention to deeply entrenched poverty in Chicago, Mayor Lori Lightfoot is hosting a daylong summit on Thursday to help address one of the city’s chronic issues.

Lightfoot’s administration will convene policy experts, academics, union leaders and others who potentially can tackle the issue for a long awareness session at the Isadore and Sadie Dorin Forum at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

“Focusing attention to the problem through a summit like this, which I hope will bring folks from all parts of the city, is shining a spotlight on the problem and saying we’re no longer going to look the other way,” Lightfoot told the Tribune.

The forum will include a panel discussion on Chicago’s history and poverty, moderated by UIC history professor Elizabeth Todd-Breland; a panel on what works when rolling out a policy agenda, moderated by Erika Poethig, Urban Institute vice president and chief innovation officer; and a keynote address from Michael McAfee, PolicyLink president and CEO.

Lightfoot also will participate in “a conversation about poverty in Chicago,” her administration said.

“There’s not one solution or one set of tools that are going to be a game changer, but we’ve got to look at the whole ecosystem of what’s driving poverty and what’s keeping people in its grip,” Lightfoot said.

The city of Chicago features one of the country’s great down-

town areas and a number of wealthy neighborhoods. But in many parts of the city, particularly on the West and South sides, children rely on their schools for the only real meal of their days and people live in deep poverty.

“Many people are struggling financially and that poverty leads to all kinds of consequences for which we pay every single day,” Lightfoot said.

Linking two of the city’s chronic issues, Lightfoot said gun violence is “a symptom of poverty.”

Experts note that Chicago’s poverty is caused by a wide range of social and political factors, including decades of institutional racism. How to address the problem going forward is a major challenge, particularly in light of the city’s financial problems.

The way Teresa Córdova, director of the Great Cities Institute at UIC, sees it, the city has struggled in part because of the huge decline in manufacturing jobs that left workers with few other options that could sustain a comfortable life.

“One of the things that attracted people to Chicago was the strong manufacturing base,” Córdova said. “The poverty became exacerbated by the decreasing number of jobs in a sector where people worked before. As we experienced the decline in jobs and as we reconfigure the economy, we have to do more to incorporate people into this new economy. It’s taken us a while to wake up to that.”

So if city officials want to tackle poverty, especially concentrated pockets, there has to be a pathway to connect residents with training that could help



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Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot will host a daylong summit Thursday on poverty in the city.

them land work in growing industries, such as robotics and tech, she said.

Still, the issues associated with poverty are deep and complicated — there’s segregation, discrimination, housing inequity, food deserts, shortened life span and unequal access to health care.

But the fact that there is a conversation about poverty being led by the mayor is a good step forward, Córdova said.

“It’s important that the mayor is sending this message that we need to not look away and avoid this topic,” she said. “What will be important is bringing folks together — poverty is comprehensive and we have to look at it from different angles.”

Lightfoot said there’s a variety of people who have been invited to the summit because the issue needs to be addressed using “an array of levers and tools.”

“I don’t have an expectation we’re going to have the cure for poverty at the end of this daylong session,” Lightfoot said. “But I want to make sure we put together a framework and road map.”

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City to target online tax for water, alcohol sales

BY JOHN BYRNE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot is cracking down on the online sale of alcohol and bottled water to make sure Chicagoans who get those beverages shipped to their homes and businesses pay the same amount of tax as people who buy them in stores in the city.

Lightfoot introduced an ordinance Wednesday clarifying that liquor and water wholesalers are required to collect applicable taxes when they sell “to a purchaser for use or consumption in the city and not for resale.”

With more and more people shopping for drinks from home, that’s an apparent attempt to stop online distributors such as Amazon that deliver from outside the city from avoiding some of the high local taxes on booze and bottled water.

In addition, stores that get wholesale alcohol or water shipped to them are required to make sure the correct amount of tax has been collected and, if not, pay it themselves directly to the city, according to the ordinance.

“It shouldn’t be that you go to the liquor store near your house and you pay the tax, but you get liquor shipped to your house and you don’t,” said Comptroller Reshma Soni. “So this is seeking to close that loophole.”

Chicago has had a 5-cents-per-bottle tax on bottled water for more than a decade. The city heaps “sin taxes” on beer, wine and liquor sales.

Also Wednesday, Downtown Ald. Brendan Reilly introduced an ordinance to outlaw “street harassment.”

The measure specifically prohibits people from directing insults, taunts or “offensively coarse language” toward anyone else in a public place.

It further bans “conduct that would cause a reasonable person to be seriously alarmed, annoyed, tormented, or terrorized, and the conduct in fact seriously alarms, annoys, torments, or terrorizes such person.”

Fines of up to \$250 could be levied against violators, or they could be required to perform community service.

Reilly dismissed the idea his proposal amounts to a tool for police to preemptively remove aggressive panhandlers in the tourist-heavy downtown area, since somebody has to file a complaint before officers can take action. “Police officers can’t go and submit their own complaints. It will be complaint-driven by a citizen,” he said.

“It’s a shame you have to legislate being a decent human being, but we do,” Reilly said.

As Reilly’s ordinance to outlaw impersonating a ride-share driver passed the City Council on Wednesday, he introduced a second ordinance to allow the city to impound the vehicles of people who are doing so. Police asked for that option, he said.

There was an incident over NBA All-Star Game weekend, Reilly said, in which three women from Wisconsin posed as ride-share drivers and picked up a man outside a bar late at night, then threw him out of the vehicle when police pursued them. “Hospitalized, serious injuries,” he said. “Had we had our ordinance on the books, (police) could have stopped that vehicle before the offense even occurred.”

Also Wednesday, aldermen passed an ordinance to ban city officials from working for subcontractors on projects where they have oversight. It’s the latest attempt to tighten ethics rules at a time when a burgeoning federal corruption investigation at City Hall and in Springfield makes it difficult for politicians to oppose such changes.

And Ald. Raymond Lopez, 15th, introduced a resolution calling for a hearing on whether anything went wrong in the city’s enforcement protocols in the lead-up to a horse dying recently in the yard of a house in the Englewood neighborhood.

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A sign in Douglas Park in Chicago shows an additional “s” added to the end of “Douglas.” The park is named after U.S. Sen. Stephen A. Douglas.

Fight over Douglas Park soldiers on

For three years students have pushed to honor Frederick Douglass

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

Zahir Mbengue stood behind the wooden lectern, unnerved as he addressed the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners.

“It’s insulting to have a park named after a slave owner in a predominantly black community,” he said, referring to Douglas Park.

For three years, Village Leadership Academy students have been working to rename the 218-acre West Side park after former slave and renown orator Frederick Douglass rather than former U.S. Sen. Stephen A. Douglas, who in the mid-1800s advocated that voters should decide the legality of slavery rather than abolish it.

After Mbengue’s two-minute plea to the park board during

Wednesday’s monthly board meeting, another classmate stepped up to vent her frustration.

“We’re tired of being ignored and not taken seriously,” said Aryn Peterson, a seventh grade student at Village Leadership Academy.

Neither Park District Superintendent Michael Kelly nor the Park District commissioners made a comment after the two students spoke. All of the commissioners were not present at Wednesday’s meeting.

Two years ago, the students informally presented the renaming idea to the Park District board, which has the final say on how city parks are named.

Since then, the students have been canvassing Chicago, campaigning in parks and subway stations, to drum up more support before requesting a name change and presenting a petition to the board. They hope to persuade Chicagoans and the Park District

to change the name and add an “s” to Douglas Park.

To make their uphill battle a reality, the students formally submitted a proposal to the board in December that included at least 4,000 signatures, said Jennifer Pagan, a teacher who has helped the students during their campaign.

“They thought that they would just let this blow over, the kids would give this up, and they would be able to let this pass through,” she said. “But they’re not giving up.”

When a formal request is submitted to the Park District, a 45-day notice period is initiated when the public can offer opinions. From there, the Park District superintendent will recommend to the board committee whether or not to rename the park. Renaming requires a board majority.

The Park District, however, says they have not received a “formal

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— Jennifer Pagan, a teacher who has helped the students

request” to rename Douglas Park. They have only received a request to rename the miniature golf course that is located behind the Douglas Park Fieldhouse.

But back at the park, as of Wednesday evening, someone had taken the matter into their own hands. An extra “s” had been added to at least three of the Douglas Park signs.

In spite of the backlash, the Park District said there is no precedent for renaming a park that has already been named after

a historical figure.

A Park District spokesman did not respond to an email asking if the Park District knew Douglas Park was named after a slave-owner. The Park District will, however, work with the students to identify a park to be named in honor of Frederick Douglass.

But the students will not settle, Pagan said.

“Until the name is changed, we’re going to continue to fight.”

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Foxx’s latest TV ad recounts political endorsements

Features family members of gun violence victims

By LOLLY BOWEAN

Just as she’s facing additional criticism for her handling of the Jussie Smollett case, Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx released a new television campaign ad on Wednesday touting her endorsements from high-ranking officials.

The 30-second commercial recounts her endorsements from Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Gov. J.B. Pritzker, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin and the Chicago Sun-Times. The spot also highlights families that have been affected by gun violence and support Foxx’s candidacy.

“At the end of the day, every parent, family member and friend who has lost someone to gun violence must live with the same level of pain and frustration,” Ronald Holt, father of



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Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx released a new TV campaign ad on Wednesday.

slain teenager Blair Holt, said in a statement about the ad. Blair Holt was fatally shot in 2007 on a public bus as he tried to shield his friend from gunfire. “That anguish can never be reversed.”

In the commercial,

which is titled “Trust,” Ronald Holt and Maria Pike, who lost her son Ricky Pike to gun violence in 2012, hold up portraits of their loved ones. They, along with others, say in the ad that they trust Foxx to pursue violent offenders and each

take turns reading a line from the script, which reads in part: “Those of us who know the toll of gun violence, who know the toll of violent crime stand with Kim Foxx for state’s attorney. I’m for Kim because she’s focused on violent

crime and guns.”

The new commercial comes just days after Foxx was endorsed by California Sen. Kamala Harris and recent endorsements from Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who are in the national spotlight as they run for president.

It also comes as Foxx is facing a new round of criticism related to her handling of the Smollett case after a Cook County grand jury issued a new indictment against the actor, who is accused of staging a hate crime against himself. He is now facing six counts of disorderly conduct, reversing Foxx’s decision last year to drop all charges in the case.

Dan Webb, the special prosecutor in the case, said further prosecution of the actor was “in the interest of justice,” and that his investigation into how Foxx’s office handled the case was ongoing. But he said that did not necessarily mean

anyone committed any wrongdoing.

As a result of the new charges against Smollett, two of Foxx’s three Democratic opponents in the March 17 primary have called for her resignation.

Instead, Foxx has touted her efforts to focus only on violent offenders and spend less resources prosecuting people with lower-level charges such as retail theft and marijuana possession.

Last week, Foxx said that the Smollett case has drawn attention but was just one of the high-profile cases her office has handled during her tenure. She pointed to her office’s work to find potential accusers to come forward against singer R. Kelly, as well as securing convictions against the men responsible for killing 9-year-old Tyshawn Lee and 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton.

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Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker arrives for his state budget address on Wednesday at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield.

Budget

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ing formula was approved in 2017. Not meeting the required minimum funding increase would trigger a new distribution formula that prioritizes money for the highest-need schools.

Senate Republican leader Bill Brady of Bloomington said building a budget around the premise that voters will approve the graduated income tax “may work well as a campaign to sell” that proposal, but said it’s “not a sound principle” to build the state’s spending plan on.

Brady said projected state revenue increases coupled with additional spending efficiencies by various state agencies would make it possible to increase funding to the state’s child-welfare agency, hit the target for increased education funding and meet the state’s pension funding obligations “without this type of marketing plan.”

“We’re hopeful that the governor will get off of the campaign mode for the graduated tax increase and get more realistic about making sure that we meet those highest priorities,” Brady said.

House GOP leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs echoed Brady’s criticisms.

“We don’t feel that we have to have a budget that is going to be conditioned on this pixie dust that is spreading through the Capitol on this constitutional amendment. It’s just not right,” Durkin said.

Some key Democrats also pushed back on Pritzker’s plan to hold back a portion of the year-over-year education funding increase.

Democratic Rep. Will

Davis of Homewood, the House sponsor of the evidence-based funding formula legislation that then-Gov. Bruce Rauner signed into law, said he has concerns about Pritzker tying the state’s increase to its share of funding education to the passage of the graduated income tax.

“We worked hard to get the education funding formula in place, and I don’t want to see it take any steps backwards,” Davis said. “We’re going to have some serious and some tough conversations about shifting those dollars around and putting things where we think they should be. ... As much as we think that’s the great equalizer, then we’ve got to make sure it’s the real priority here in the state.”

Senate President Don Harmon of Oak Park said in an interview with public radio and TV that his Democratic caucus will likely try to preserve the \$350 million education funding increase whether voters approve the graduated income tax or not.

“I’m confident that my caucus would be eager to fully fund the education funding model that we’ve developed and made commitments to over the last couple of years,” Harmon said. “So I expect we’ll try to find the resources before May 31 so we can do that regardless of the outcome in November.”

With the state’s public employee pension debt approaching \$140 billion, Pritzker pledged that \$100 million in revenue from a graduated income tax would be added to the state’s annual pension payments. He said that figure should be doubled in subsequent years.

Even without that added

funding, Pritzker’s plan calls for putting \$8.6 billion — roughly 20% of the overall operating budget — into the state’s five pension systems.

“This is not a political football. This is a financial issue that is complex and requires consistency and persistence to manage, with the goal of paying the pensions that are owed,” he said.

Pritzker said those seeking a state constitutional amendment to reduce benefits to retired public employees were pursuing a “fantasy.”

“The idea that all of this can be fixed with a single silver bullet ignores the protracted legal battle that will ultimately run headlong into the contracts clause of the U.S. Constitution,” he said. “You will spend years in that protracted legal battle, and when you’re done, you will have simply kicked the can down the road, made another broken promise to taxpayers and left them with higher tax bills.”

The state constitution currently describes pension benefits as a “contractual relationship” and states that benefits granted cannot be “diminished or impaired.” But Pritzker said the state should also pursue possible solutions such as expanding a pension buyout program begun last year.

Though Pritzker sought in his budget speech to promote optimism and decry what he said was a cynicism that had become rampant in talking about Illinois finances, he was blunt when he told lawmakers, “Our choices remain hard; our financial situation challenging.”

“After years of poor fiscal management, of past leaders lying about how we got here,

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— Senate Republican leader Bill Brady

of scapegoating the wrong people and problems, our constituents deserve some honesty,” he said.

“No amount of wishful thinking will wave away our structural deficit or our pension obligations. No amount of lip service will balance the budget or fund our schools or improve public safety,” he said.

Republicans accused Pritzker of relying on the type of budgetary gimmicks he’s decried in the past to make his spending plan’s math work in the absence of revenue from the graduated income tax. His backup plan calls for holding back \$400 million for state employee health insurance payments, for example.

“State employees are still going to go to the doctor in fiscal year ’21,” said Rep. Tom Demmer of Dixon, the House Republicans’ lead budget negotiator. “The difference is the governor is saying that if the tax increase doesn’t pass, he’s not going to pay them.”

“But that’s exactly the kind of problem that led us to have a ballooning unpaid bill backlog, and he’s proposing to go right back into that playbook.”

The governor’s budget proposal is a starting point for budget negotiations leading up to the May 31 deadline for lawmakers to approve a state spending plan.

The General Assembly blew its deadline last year but ended up with a \$40

billion spending plan that had support from Democrats and Republicans. Lawmakers in both parties have pointed to that agreement as a template for next year’s budget.

Regardless of the outcome of the graduated income tax vote, Pritzker is asking lawmakers to increase funding for the long-troubled Department of Children and Family Services by nearly \$147 million in an effort to ease caseloads for child welfare workers and better protect kids in the agency’s care.

Democratic Sen. Julie Morrison, of Lake Forest, who chairs the Senate Human Services committee, said DCFS has “experienced more turmoil in the past decade than any other state agency.” Morrison applauded Pritzker’s proposed increase to its budget.

“While not all of the agency’s problems revolve around funding, many of the high-profile failures come from it being cash-strapped and squandering its meager resources,” Morrison said.

Pritzker also wants to boost funding for higher education, including \$50 million more for tuition assistance for low-income students and \$55.6 million more for operating the state’s public universities, a 5% increase. But like many other components of his plan, the increased operating budget for universities is tied to approval of the

graduated income tax.

Pritzker’s proposal also counts on the state taking in \$46 million in adult-use cannabis revenues for the budget year that begins July 1, which will be the first full budget year with recreational marijuana revenue flowing into state coffers. Of that money, \$10 million would go to reducing the state’s \$7 billion backlog in bills.

Adult-use cannabis sales began in Illinois Jan. 1. Revenue projections from legal recreational cannabis have fallen short of projections in other states.

In addition to complicating budget negotiations, Pritzker’s reliance on the graduated income tax in his spending proposal is likely to intensify campaigns both for and against the plan, and groups on either side issued dueling statements Wednesday.

Opposition group Vote No on the Blank Check Amendment said Pritzker used “scare tactics” in his address, while the proponent organization Vote Yes for Fairness — funded with \$5 million from the governor’s vast personal fortune — characterized Illinois’ current income tax collection system as “outdated” and “failing.”

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Local agents say they're disappointed by commuting

Whistleblower 'more upset with Trump'

BY ERIN HEGARTY

President Donald Trump's decision to commute Rod Blagojevich's prison sentence Tuesday had nothing to do with right or wrong, said the Naperville woman whose role as a whistleblower led to the former governor's conviction on federal corruption charges.

"Everything that Trump does is based on how it benefits him," said Pam Davis, former CEO of Edward-Elmhurst Health who wore a wire for the FBI in 2003 in order to help gather evidence in Blagojevich's criminal case.

"Do I want taxpayers spending more money housing him? I really don't," she said. "I'm more upset with Trump — just the whole message if you're my friend you can do whatever you want. ... The only thing that is good is he didn't pardon him, he just commuted his sentence. Some people who had done equally egregious things, he pardoned them."

Davis was not alone in expressing displeasure with the president's action. Two retired FBI officials who handled the Blagojevich investigation, both Naperville residents, raised questions about Trump's motivation.

"I have a personal problem with it because it ends up becoming a tool to reward those that are loyal to you, or maybe to stick it in the eye of someone," said Rob Grant, director of the FBI's Chicago office during the Blagojevich investigation.

Davis is credited with contacting the FBI about the governor in 2003 when she suspected she was being pressured into working with particular people at a time when Edward Hospital in Naperville was seeking state permission to build a new \$218 million hospital in Plainfield. She was the president of Edward at the time. She and then-Edward Vice President Bill Kottmann helped to gather evidence on possible extortion connected to the hospital's proposal.

Grant, who retired in 2012, called Trump's decision on Blagojevich "disappointing."

Grant said he has a general dislike of the use of presidential power to issue pardons and commutations. In this case Trump's decision "maybe or maybe not" was directed at Comey or possibly former U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald, who oversaw the Northern District of Illinois, Grant said.

One of those agents was Pat Murphy, a Naperville resident who was an investigator in the case and has since retired.

"I don't feel strongly about the commutation if it was granted because the president feels Mr. Blagojevich has done enough time," Murphy said in a text message. "I think the sentence was appropriate, but reasonable minds can differ on that. What angers me is when it's suggested that the investigation and prosecution were anything but fair and proper."

Davis said she is writing on a book about her experience working with the FBI on the case. She took copious notes and kept original documents so she still has everything in chronological order, she said.

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Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich speaks to the media as his wife Patti and daughters Annie and Amy, look on Wednesday.

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care to uninsured children, but made no mention of the children's hospital he was convicted of pressuring for a donation.

The 20-minute soliloquy included some of the loquacious Blagojevich's greatest hits: He recited British poetry, he told the story of his immigrant parents and compared himself to a boxer. He quoted Martin Luther King and repeatedly insisted he did nothing wrong.

He also spoke a little Spanish, one of his go-to moves on the campaign trail.

"I'm returning home today from a long exile a freed political prisoner," he said. "I want to say again to the people of Illinois who twice elected me governor: I didn't let you down. I would have let you down if I gave into this. But resistance to tyrants is obedience to God."

Occasionally choking back tears, Blagojevich said the length of his incarceration could be measured by milestones his daughters marked while he was away. Amy, now 23, graduated from high school and Northwestern University before earning a master's degree in marketing last year. Annie, 16, was in grade school when her father left and now has a driver's license.

He described, in his trademark purple prose, the 6-by-8-foot prison cell in which he spent most of his incarceration. From the top bunk, Blagojevich said, he would look out a small, barred window and dream of holding his wife's hand again.

He urged anyone facing hardship — he called them his "fellow underdogs" — to think of their own families as they deal with their struggles.

"Don't give up. Don't give up. Think of the people you love. Think of the people you love," he said. "You'll find your purpose."

Blagojevich thanked Trump for commuting his sentence five times in the first 10 minutes, calling him "kind," "smart" and "courageous." He said his daughters always will consider the commutation the kindest gift they've ever received.

He also referred to himself as a "former Democratic" governor, suggesting he no longer aligns himself with the party that helped elect him to the state's top office.



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A dog walker passes by the Blagojevich home as a banner gives thanks to the president.

"I want to say again to the people of Illinois who twice elected me governor: I didn't let you down. I would have let you down if I gave into this. But resistance to tyrants is obedience to God."

— Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich

"I'm a Trumpocrat," Blagojevich said to cheers from onlookers. "If I have the ability to vote, I'm gonna vote for him."

Blagojevich is free to vote in any upcoming election now that he's been released from prison, according to Matt Dietrich, a spokesman for the Illinois State Board of Elections.

"People with felony records can vote as long as they are no longer incarcerated and as long as they re-register," Dietrich said.

In a more stunning moment, Blagojevich also thanked his father-in-law, former Chicago Ald. Dick Mell, for supporting his wife and daughters while he was in prison. It was a public olive branch from the ex-governor, who had long blamed Mell for sparking the federal investigation against him nearly two decades ago.

Despite their financial hardships after Blagojevich's arrest, the Blagojevich family was able to keep their house and send the girls to private school, in part, because of Mell's financial help.

His gratitude list also included the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who lobbied for his release, and Jesse Jackson Jr., whom he referred to as a friend. During Blagojevich's criminal trial, a jury found that Blagojevich attempted to sell then-President-elect Barack Obama's vacant U.S. Senate

seat to Jackson Jr. in exchange for some of Jackson's supporters making a large contribution to the governor's campaign.

One person Blagojevich did not mention during his remarks was his brother, Robert, who was the former governor's chief fundraiser when the charges came down in 2008. Robert was tried as an accomplice in Blagojevich's schemes at the first of two federal trials in the case, but charges against him were dropped after the first Blagojevich jury deadlocked.

The brothers have been estranged for most of Blagojevich's incarceration.

Blagojevich arrived at his Ravenswood Manor home in the early morning hours Wednesday, greeted by a throng of reporters, supporters, neighbors and protesters after pulling up in a white SUV. The former governor was able to catch a late-night flight after being released from a federal prison near Denver late Tuesday, arriving at O'Hare International Airport just before midnight.

Supporters remained Wednesday morning as Blagojevich prepared to speak, adding to a carnival-like atmosphere on the sidewalk. Many had signed a banner declaring "Thanks Mr. President," while someone else hung a cardboard sign proclaiming "Trumpocrats."

The obsequious Ronnie "Woo Woo" Wickers made an appearance in his full customized Cubs uniform, an homage to Blagojevich's beloved baseball team. Another man wore a Blagojevich mask and carried one of the former governor's old campaign posters.

"Welcome to the circus," the masked man told reporters and news helicopters hovered above the family's Mediterranean-style home.

By the time Blagojevich and his family came outside, the crowd was so large, many supporters said they could not even hear the remarks.

Carolyn Ruff was among the crowd of supporters. She said she has known the Blagojevich family for nearly 20 years through her work at the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

"I'm so happy he's home with his family," Ruff said. "I commend Patti. She stuck with her husband, her dream came alive."

Annie Hudson has lived down the block from the Blagojevich family for more than a decade. She said the former governor was a great neighbor who used to come to her house and play basketball with her son, but she doesn't agree much with his politics.

It has been insane in the neighborhood since the news broke Tuesday, according to Hudson.

"My dog is going completely crazy," she said. "I had to give her Benadryl. The helicopters drive her nuts."

Blagojevich's 14-year prison term was commuted by Trump in a wave of clemency moves. The long-awaited decision sent Blagojevich home from prison more than four years early, much to the relief and delight of his wife and daughters.

But not everyone was thrilled — former federal prosecutors who helped put him in prison, Illinois' five-member Republican congressional delegation, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Tuesday derided Trump's decision to release him early, saying it sent the wrong message about the consequences of political corruption and was unfair to his victims.

As Blagojevich spoke, the president tweeted about the commutation, again repeating an inaccurate allegation that former FBI Director James Comey helped convict Blagojevich. Comey was U.S. deputy attorney general when the investigation into Blagojevich's administration began, but he moved to the private sector in 2005 and played no role in Blagojevich's arrest in 2008.

The president also misstated the reason for Blagojevich's conviction. The governor was charged with conspiring to sell the Senate seat — along with shaking down a children's hospital and suburban race-track — and was arrested before he appointed someone to Obama's vacant U.S. Senate seat.

"Rod Blagojevich did not sell the Senate seat," Trump wrote. "He served 8 years in prison, with many remaining. He paid a big price. Another Comey and gang deal!"

Blagojevich was convicted in 2011 on the corruption charges. Trump has said he believed the 40th Illinois governor was treated unfairly when a federal judge in Chicago sentenced him to 14 years in federal prison.

"He'll be able to go back home with his family," Trump said Tuesday. "That was a tremendously powerful, ridiculous sentence in my opinion."

Blagojevich had been scheduled to be released in March 2024. Instead, he found himself sleeping in his own house Tuesday night — and learning how to use a real razor again the next morning.

"How do you properly thank someone who has given back the freedom that was stolen from you? He didn't have to do this," Blagojevich said. "President Trump is tough and outspoken, but he also has a kind heart. This is an act of kindness, and I also believe it's the beginning of a process to actually turn an injustice into a justice."

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Never drama-free

The 40th governor of Illinois, who often ran the state from his home library on the North Side of Chicago, was a speechifier with a trademark shelf of dark hair who often prompted eyerolls as he randomly worked historical and sports references like pot-ter's clay.

Set up two news cameras anywhere, and Blagojevich would find them.

Most of America was barely paying attention, however, until the FBI appeared at his door in December 2008 as he was about to take his habitual morning run. The first memory of Blagojevich for many is him staring blankly out from a mug shot while wearing a tracksuit after his arrest.

Blagojevich has long portrayed himself as all talk and no crime, telling jurors at his second trial he was just trying to set up a political deal and not really selling the U.S. Senate seat Barack Obama vacated when he became president in 2008.

He never lined his own pockets while being captured on tape saying he would take certain official actions as governor if those with a stake in his decisions made campaign contributions, Blagojevich's defense lawyers liked to point out. Everyone knew he was more style than substance and constantly ran at the mouth, they said.

But federal prosecutors called his conduct blatant corruption and self-dealing, their case punctuated by weeks of recorded phone calls where Blagojevich can be heard scheming to bring in campaign money and get himself a new job or government post. He had many ideas on how to trade the Senate seat, which he infamously described as a thing he had that was "(expletive) golden."

As for his ultimate failure to bring in money for himself, prosecutors argued, if a police officer asks you for a bribe to get out of a speeding ticket and you refuse, it's still a crime for that officer to even ask.

Jurors in the second trial reached a sweeping guilty verdict, saying Blagojevich's testimony had not moved them. One told the Tribune at the time that while Blagojevich was on the stand, "People were writing 'blah, blah, blah' in their notebooks and I drew pictures of my cats."

The fourth former Illinois governor to be convicted in a criminal case since 1973, Blagojevich was sentenced in December 2011 by U.S. District Judge James Zagel, who had made it clear at several points during the proceedings that he had grown tired of the shenanigans of Blagojevich the governor and defendant.

It was a few years after former Illinois Gov. George Ryan's 6 1/2-year sentence had been given partly as a deterrent to corrupt Illinois politicians. With Blagojevich and perhaps others seemingly not getting the message, Zagel handed down a stiff 14-year prison term that was to have kept him behind bars until March 2024.

An ask for Trump

After the Supreme Court in April 2018 decided not to hear what appeared to be Blagojevich's final appeal, the former governor and his wife, Patti, played the only card they had left: a direct plea for clemency from Trump, a politician of Blagojevich's own ilk.

The effort included Blagojevich penning an essay in The Wall Street Journal a month later in which he once again told anyone who would listen that he was being punished for the kind of fundraising and deal-making that is routine in American politics.

"I learned the hard way what happens when an investigation comes up empty after the government has invested time, resources and manpower," he wrote. "When they can't prove a crime, they create one. Did you know that an elected official asking for a campaign contribution is the



Patti and Rod Blagojevich dance in the Governor's Inaugural Ball on Jan. 8, 2007, ahead of the governor's second term.



Coach Jerry Marzillo works with Rod Blagojevich in a Golden Gloves tournament in 1975.

same as a dirty cop asking a motorist for a cash bribe to tear up a speeding ticket? I never did."

And then, perhaps directly to a president who was facing his own high-stakes investigation:

"Politically motivated prosecutors can now interfere with and undo free and fair elections," he wrote.

Patti Blagojevich, who has done her best to keep her husband's case in the spotlight during the years he has been away from her and the couple's two daughters, sent Trump her own message. She made TV appearances on his favorite channel, Fox News, to say that the same people who took down her husband were now targeting Trump.

The president apparently listened. Trump stopped short of a full pardon for Blagojevich but made the controversial move to commute his sentence this week after telling reporters he thought Blagojevich had been "treated unbelievably unfairly."

"He served eight years in jail. That's a long time and I watched his wife on television. I don't know him very well," Trump said as he explained his decision Tuesday while standing on a tarmac in Maryland. "I met him a couple of times. He was for a short while on 'The (Celebrity) Apprentice' years ago. Seemed like a very nice person. Don't know him."

The president continued, saying many people disagreed with the length of Blagojevich's sentence and adding that he thought of the Blagojevich daughters, now 23 and 16, as he decided to free their father.

"They rarely get to see their father outside of an orange uniform," Trump said. "I saw that and I did commute his sentence. So he'll be able to go back home with his family after serving eight years in jail. That was a tremendously powerful, ridiculous sentence in my opinion and in the opinion of many others."

Neighborhood kid makes good

Blagojevich grew up in the Cragin neighborhood on the Northwest Side, the second son of Serbian immigrants.

He has always been proud of his Chicago DNA, highlighting his working-class upbringing often during his various campaigns. His mother was a Chicago Transit Authority ticket taker, he liked to recall, and



Antoin "Tony" Rezko arrives at the federal courthouse in Chicago to hear the verdict in his corruption trial in 2008. Rezko was a longtime fundraiser for Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

his father was a worker at the old A. Finkl steel factory and an owner of laundromats.

Blagojevich was an average gangly Chicago kid who often hung out in the local park playing basketball, ever in the shadow of his older brother, Robert, a better student and athlete who would go on to a military career. The future Illinois governor was shaky with the books and on the sports field as well, including running up a completely average record as a Golden Gloves boxer.

As a young man, his idols included Elvis and a number of politicians, Richard Nixon among them, and he decided early on that law school and politics would be his future.

After time at Northwestern University, where he never really fit in, he made his way to California and Pepperdine University in Malibu, where he remained a distracted student but eventually earned a law degree. Blagojevich always knew he would return to Chicago, where legendary Chicago Ald. Ed Vrdolyak was among his early political patrons.

Blagojevich worked for Vrdolyak right out of law school, clerking on personal injury and workers' compensation cases. And by 1986, after a few more stops, he landed at the Cook County state's attorney's office, then run by future Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley.

Again, Blagojevich failed to distinguish himself.

But away from his paid job, he had been recruited by Vrdolyak to do political legwork, helping out in aldermanic races. One place he was sent was the office of then-Ald. Dick Mell, where he did Mell's bidding and later met the alderman's daughter and Blagojevich's future wife, Patti, at a fund-

raiser.

Blagojevich eventually became Mell's top staffer and was unveiled as a candidate himself in 1992, running for and winning a seat in the General Assembly with Mell's backing. The Tribune covered Blagojevich's political debut that January in a short story that misspelled his name "Blagojewevick."

Four years later, it was up the ladder to Congress, as Blagojevich recovered the 5th Congressional District for the Democrats after longtime Rep. Dan Rostenkowski had lost it to a Republican during Rostenkowski's corruption scandal. A Tribune reporter caught up to Blagojevich the morning after that election as he thanked voters at the Jefferson Park CTA station on the Northwest Side.

"Our next campaign begins as soon as we're done with this 'L' stop," he said.

That constant war footing would become a hallmark of Blagojevich's political career, as he often took criticism for being a perpetual candidate instead of focusing on the work at hand once he won office. And in both Springfield and Washington, Blagojevich was often viewed as voting along the lines of what was good for him politically, and not taking many stands beyond vaguely fighting for the working man.

One congressional highlight came in 1999 when Blagojevich traveled to Yugoslavia with the Rev. Jesse Jackson to help bring about the release of three U.S. soldiers who had been captured during the conflict there. Blagojevich's language skills were seen as key in meetings with Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic.

But as usual, Blagojevich was soon looking ahead. In 2000, Gov. George Ryan

became bogged down by what would become known as the licenses-for-bribes scandal, and Blagojevich sensed the weakness.

Ryan would not seek reelection, and Blagojevich would overcome a collection of opponents to first be elected governor in 2002. He saw it as a chance to separate himself from Mell politically, after tiring of being teased as "Representative Son-in-law" by those who thought he had just ridden Mell's coattails.

A prolific fundraiser

One way Blagojevich could assert his own political strength was through piling up campaign contributions, and by many accounts, it became his main priority before and after he was made the state's chief executive.

But what many politicians may do with whispers behind closed doors, Blagojevich did noisily. That was reward political donors with jobs and other spoils of government.

As the first Democrat elected to the state's highest office in some 30 years, there was significant pent-up demand for jobs and positions for loyalists on that side of the aisle. What amounted to Blagojevich's patronage office was run through close confidants Chris Kelly and Antoin "Tony" Rezko, who simply moved their focus over from pure fundraising once Blagojevich took office.

Rumors and tips quickly flowed to federal authorities, even before a public flap with Mell seemed to out Blagojevich's questionable fundraising tactics. During a falling-out between the two, the governor shut down a Will County landfill with family links to Mell's wife, Marge, and Mell retaliated in the press by complaining about Blagojevich's relationship with Kelly and alleging appointments to boards and commissions were being made for those who gave campaign money.

An early federal probe coalesced into an investigation known as "Operation Board Games," where federal authorities looked into whether state panels had been corrupted to give insiders the ability to get kickbacks and siphon money from state contracts. At the center of the probe was Rezko, who was indicted on a charge of influence peddling in October 2006, just a month before Blagojevich was elected to a second term.

Blagojevich's name repeatedly was dragged into Rezko's trial in 2008, but he was hanging on politically going into that fall. His challenges were many, as he fought an uphill battle to fundraise amid all the bad press and watched as another Illinois politician — Barack Obama — lived Blagojevich's dream of riding a wave of political momentum toward the White House.

Those willing to get on the phone to raise money for Blagojevich or go into the field to press their contacts had shrunk to a small band of loyalists and lobbyists, including his brother, Robert, who had come up temporarily from Tennessee to help, and Lon

Monk, a longtime friend Blagojevich had met at Pepperdine and his former chief of staff.

Another was John Wyma, a close adviser who had been Blagojevich's chief of staff in Congress. That fall, Wyma also was a lobbyist for Children's Memorial Hospital, which Blagojevich targeted for fundraising tied to the governor's plan to boost state aid to the facility.

Wyma became alarmed by such aggressive Blagojevich fundraising plans that fall, attending two meetings at the governor's campaign headquarters that he later said unnerved him.

And it was poor timing for the governor, as Wyma himself was under investigation for lobbying activities for a hospital plan that had moved through a state board Rezko had stacked with loyalists. Wyma told the FBI what he had heard at the meetings, allowing federal investigators to win permission from a judge to bug the campaign office.

The rest, as they say, is history, as that taping led to full-fledged wiretaps on phones of players in the Blagojevich camp, and on the line to his home office.

Just days before his arrest, Blagojevich was recorded talking to his brother, Robert, about a possible deal to name then-U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. to the Senate seat in exchange for \$1.5 million in campaign cash.

Allies of Jackson in Chicago's Indian community had made the pledge to Robert previously, with one of them holding up one finger on one hand and five on the other to communicate the amount. That person apparently really meant \$6 million, but that was neither here nor there at the time of the recorded phone call.

Blagojevich wanted his brother to tell the Jackson representative that fundraising would have to start immediately if he made Jackson the senator.

"Now you gotta be careful how you express that," Blagojevich told his brother. "And assume everybody's listening, the whole world is listening."

A fresh start

Blagojevich's trial testimony was, not surprisingly, filled with historical references, and while they may have only inspired one juror's cat drawings, they did shed light on how the former governor's mind works.

"I've used these examples — sometimes the press goes out and says I compare myself to Winston Churchill or Gandhi or somebody like that, I'm not doing that," Blagojevich testified.

"But those are historical figures who I have great admiration for and you can, I believe, draw life lessons from their lives, their struggles, how they dealt with adversities, the things, the principles, the purposes that they committed their lives to."

His biggest adversity was most likely his years as federal inmate 40892-424.

Blagojevich tried to make the best of it. He taught history to inmates and was lead singer in a band known as the Jailhouse Rockers.

But it was undoubtedly brutal. He spent years away from his two daughters, missing holidays and birthdays and graduations. Prison for him was in Colorado, and family trips to see him were not trips.

At his sentencing hearing before Zagel, it was clear Blagojevich could see it coming. Much of the bravado was gone. His tearful family was nearby in the courtroom gallery, and the former governor was visibly wrestling with his emotions.

"My life is ruined," he said. "I have nobody to blame but myself for my stupidity and actions and words and what I thought I could do. I'm not blaming anybody."

He may still not be blaming anybody, but he is thanking somebody. And that person is Donald Trump, president of the United States, who showed him a long-awaited kindness.

Now Rod Blagojevich's life begins again.

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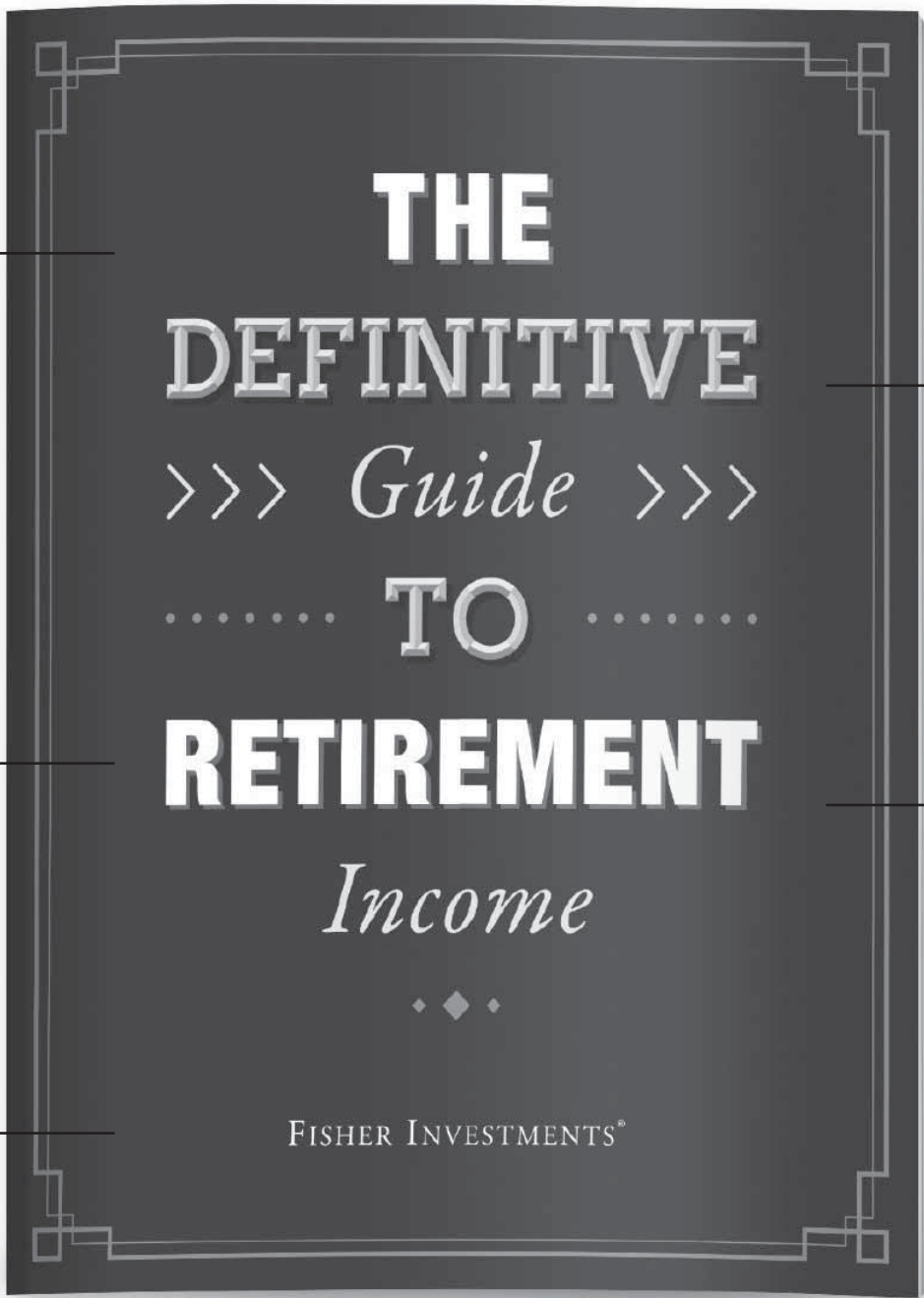
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Lakefront damage tallied for future storm preparation

Park District documents vulnerability

BY MORGAN GREENE

The Chicago Park District approved a contract Wednesday to cover emergency assessments of lakefront damage caused by a January storm that generated waves nearing 20 feet. Last month's storm harmed buildings along the lakefront, according to the Park District, "and highlighted the vulnerability of those structures to future storms, when lake levels could potentially be still higher." That storm also shut down parts of the Lakefront Trail, a portion of South Shore Drive and caused \$37 million in damage in Chicago and Cook County.

At Wednesday's board meeting, Heather Gleason, director of planning and construction for the Park District, presented photos of the Morgan Shoal area after the storm. The photos showed broken slabs of concrete and debris strewn about.

"The lake just spit up all kinds of things," Gleason said. "There was a telephone pole in one of the piles. Not just rocks being undermined and things along the shoreline, but a lot of debris. So those were some of the things that they documented."

In the aftermath of the storm, teams led by engineering firm SmithGroup and city inspectors looked for mechanical and structural damage at dozens of properties along the lakefront, Gleason said. Teams visited buildings predominantly in the 7th, 48th and 49th wards, and spoke to some owners about flooding, according to the Park District.

The teams organized findings by risk and vulnerability to prioritize future efforts and identified po-

tential measures to help the locations in jeopardy make it through the year. The order for the engineering services from SmithGroup was capped at \$200,000, which includes future work, and the city agreed to reimburse the Park District for the contract costs, according to the district.

"The things that they're looking at are — can we quantify the undermining of the edge of the lakefront?" Gleason said.

Stakeholders also want to continue to take drone footage of the shoreline to show additional damage since fall, she said.

Gleason mentioned the closing of sections of the Lakefront Trail, including the paths near Fullerton Avenue, as one example of what officials are documenting in hopes of moving closer to federal funding.

A study reevaluating the Chicago shoreline was not funded in the Army Corps of Engineers' 2020 work plan. The study could have begun a yearslong process to guard sections of the lakefront at a time when lake levels are expected to remain high, and Mayor Lori Lightfoot requested that the Federal Emergency Management Agency declare a lakefront emergency.

Now, the focus is on long-term efforts.

"We can react to each individual storm, but the better thing to do is to plan ahead and say, how do we protect this area?" Gleason said. "What do we really need to do to make sure that we're doing everything we can to protect the lakefront rather than just in a reactive mode?"

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A bicyclist rides onto a traffic lane to avoid a FedEx truck parked on a bike lane along.

Lightfoot proposes crackdown on bike, bus lane violations

BY GREGORY PRATT

Under a new city ordinance proposed by Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Chicago ticketing agents would be able to snap photos of cars illegally parked in bike and bus lanes, and send them their ticket by mail if they

drive off to escape.

The ordinance is aimed at closing a loophole where a motorist illegally parked in a bike or bus lane can evade punishment by driving off, though Lightfoot downplayed the issue at her post-City Council news conference.

"I don't know that that's a big issue," Lightfoot said. "But there have been instances where people are about to get a ticket and they drive off, so all this does is essentially allow the ticketer the ability to take a photograph and use that as evidence in support of a

ticket."

Under the ordinance, ticketing agents could mail notice to the address of the vehicle's registered owner or lessee within 90 days of the violation.

The ordinance would need to be approved by the City Council to become law.

Video shows two officers rescue man from frigid lake

BY PETER NICKEAS

A Chicago SWAT officer who helped pull a man from Lake Michigan said he "didn't think about the cold" when he saw the man in distress in the water.

The 22-year-old man had fallen in the lake near Ohio Street about 7 a.m. Saturday, and the officers were on patrol in the area. Someone from the 25th floor of a building across the street had seen the man fall in, police said.

Officer Shane Coleman, who was in a SWAT truck downtown, said the decision of his partner, Peter Jonas, to drive on the lakefront path gave them a vantage point the Chicago Fire Department did not have and allowed them to see the man in the water near the shoreline.



CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chicago police SWAT team officers and firefighters help a man who was rescued from Lake Michigan on Saturday.

"When you see a guy bobbing in the water, it's a drowning case. You don't think about the cold," Coleman said. "It was less thinking and more doing. There's a guy in the water. We gotta get him out. Let's move."

A police observation camera nearby caught the rescue on video, which shows the officers running

toward the man in the water near a breakwall. Coleman said the man was partially submerged.

The officers took off their vests and laid on the icy ground along the path. Coleman reached down and grabbed the man by his belt while Jonas held onto Coleman. With a Fire Department rescuer who had

arrived, they were able to lift the man out of the water.

"Once I had a secure grip around his torso, under his arms, I called for Pete to start pulling me back," Coleman said. "I grabbed the back of his pants around his belt line and we were able to drag him out."

The man has since been released from Northwestern Memorial Hospital, police said.

The officers have been nominated for a department lifesaving award, officials said.

Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi credited the SWAT officers, 18th District officers, the Fire Department and a good Samaritan for working together to rescue the man.

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- > **Alex Kotlowitz**, author, *An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago*
- > **Tom Gilardi**, Vice President of Youth Programs, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls
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Trial begins for man authorities say killed ex-wife out of jealousy

BY CLIFFORD WARD

A former Glen Ellyn man went on trial Wednesday, accused of strangling his former wife after sexually assaulting her in 2011.

A DuPage County jury heard opening statements in the trial of Juan Granados, 42, who is accused of killing his ex-wife, Nancy Bustos, who was 36, in what prosecutors characterized as a crime of jealousy. Granados is charged with first-degree murder and sexual assault.

Assistant State's Attorney Alexandria Levan told jurors that Granados was unable to accept that his former wife was moving on from their relationship with a new boyfriend. He had texted her, saying, "stay with me tonight, this is your last chance," Levan told jurors.

Bustos was dropping off the couple's 4-year-old son with Granados on Oct. 15, 2011, when Granados sexually assaulted her and stran-

gled her, Levan said.

"What Nancy couldn't have known was that this defendant wasn't going to let her be with anyone else," the prosecutor said.

Defense attorney Laura Mitacek told jurors that Granados had, in fact, choked Bustos to death after the couple had consensual sex. Granados "lost it" when he saw a cellphone video Nancy took of herself having sex with another man, Mitacek said.

"Responsibility does not equal guilt for the crimes he's been charged with," Mitacek said.

In a pretrial motion, Judge Brian Telander had ruled that, depending on the evidence introduced at trial, he may instruct jurors to consider a verdict of second-degree murder, which carries a reduced sentence.

After strangling Bustos, authorities say, Granados dropped the couple's son with family in Hanover Park before he traded cars with

his brother and drove to Mexico. He was formally charged with murder in 2012 and extradited from Mexico in 2017.

Granados and Bustos had ended their 10-year marriage in 2010, but still lived together in a Glen Ellyn apartment with their two children, though Bustos had been spending more time at her boyfriend's, prosecutors said. The couple had a tumultuous relationship and Granados was unable to let go of Bustos as she began seeing another man, prosecutors said.

The defense said Bustos had never revealed the new relationship to Granados, part of Bustos' habitual dishonesty, Mitacek said. Bustos, the attorney said, "lied about everything to everybody, even to those closest to her."

The trial is expected to go to the jury late next week.

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

Alderman makes call for Alden

BY JOHN BYRNE

A Chicago alderman on Wednesday called for representatives of hedge fund Alden Global Capital, Tribune Publishing's largest shareholder, to appear at a City Council committee hearing to talk about whether the company plans to invest in local journalism.

Ald. Matt O'Shea, 19th, introduced a resolution saying Alden Global Capital acquiring a controlling interest in the Tribune is "troubling because of its well-documented history of exacerbating financial problems by extracting short-term profits from already lean operations by dramatically slashing newsroom jobs and denying employees fair wages and benefits."

O'Shea called on Alden

to "invest in Tribune Publishing and its newspapers so that they may more expansively perform their role in communities."

And he requested that representatives of the company appear before a City Council committee to discuss their plans for the Tribune. The resolution is nonbinding, and aldermen have no power to compel company officials to appear for a hearing. O'Shea said he hopes to hold a hearing as soon as possible in the council Workforce Development Committee.

An Alden representative did not return a call seeking comment.

Alden, a secretive New York hedge fund with a reputation for dramatic cost-cutting, took a 32% stake in Tribune Publishing in November, mostly by acquiring former Chair-

man Michael Ferro's stake.

Two Alden representatives subsequently were added to the newspaper company's board, expanding it to eight members. As part of an agreement, Alden is restricted from increasing its stake in the company to more than 33% until June 30.

Launched in 2007, Alden owns about 200 publications through an operating company now known as MediaNews Group, formerly Digital First Media. The chain has come under fire for sweeping layoffs at its newspapers, including major dailies such as the Denver Post, San Jose Mercury News and the St. Paul Pioneer Press, as well as smaller weeklies.

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NATION & WORLD

Dem rivals take shots at Bloomberg

Billionaire faces 5-on-1 fusillade of opponents' criticism

BY STEVE PEOPLES, ALEXANDRA JAFFE AND MICHELLE L. PRICE
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — From the opening bell, Democrats unleashed an aggressive verbal assault on New York billionaire Mike Bloomberg and raised new questions about Bernie Sanders' take-no-prisoners politics in a contentious debate Wednesday night that threatened to scramble even further the party's urgent quest to defeat President Donald Trump.

The former New York City mayor was forced to defend his divisive record on race, gender and Wall Street in his debate-stage debut, while Sanders, appearing in his ninth of the 2020 primary season, tried to beat back pointed questions about his health and his embrace of democratic socialism.

Fierce exchanges throughout the two-hour affair marked the most aggressive sustained period of infighting in the Democrats' yearlong search for a presidential nominee, reflecting rising urgency in a 2020 primary season that is already deep into its voting phase. Nevada votes Saturday. South Carolina the week after. And more than a dozen states host a series of Super Tuesday contests in less than two weeks.

In a fight for her political life, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren was a leading aggressor against Bloomberg. She was on the attack throughout the night



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Mike Bloomberg, from left, Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, Pete Buttigieg, and Amy Klobuchar in Las Vegas.

following a sharp slide in the polls, calling Bloomberg "a billionaire who calls people fat broads and horse-faced lesbians."

She wasn't alone. Sanders lashed out at Bloomberg's policing policies as New York City mayor or that he said targeted "African Americans and Latinos in an outrageous way."

And former Vice President Joe Biden charged that Bloomberg's "stop-and-frisk" policy ended up "throwing 5 million black men up against the wall."

Bloomberg defended himself on all counts and took a shot at Sanders' electability: "I don't think

there's any chance of the senator beating Donald Trump."

Bloomberg later seized on Sanders' rising wealth: "The best known socialist in the country happens to be a millionaire with three houses!" Sanders defended owning multiple houses, noting he has one in Washington, where he works, and two in Vermont.

While Bloomberg was the shiny new object Wednesday, the debate also marked a major test for Sanders, a self-described democratic socialist who is emerging as the front-runner in the Democrats' nomination fight, whether his party's establishment likes

it or not. A growing group of donors, elected officials and political operatives fear that Sanders' uncompromising progressive politics could be a disaster in the general election against Trump, yet they've struggled to coalesce behind a single moderate alternative.

Former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg went after both Bloomberg and Sanders, warning that one threatened to "burn down" the Democratic Party and the other was trying to buy it.

He called them "the two most polarizing figures on this stage."

Watching from afar, Trump joined the

Bloomberg pile on.

"I hear he's getting pounded tonight — you know he's in a debate," Trump said during a campaign rally in Phoenix.

Bloomberg and Sanders may have been prime targets, but the stakes were no less dire for the other four candidates on stage.

Longtime establishment favorite Biden, Obama's two-term vice president, desperately needed to breathe new life into his flailing campaign, which entered the night at the bottom of a moderate mud-dle behind Buttigieg and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar. And after a bad finish last week in New

Hampshire, Warren was fighting to resurrect her stalled White House bid.

The other leading progressive, Sanders, came under attack from Biden and Bloomberg for his embrace of democratic socialism.

Sanders, as he has repeatedly said over the last year, defended the cost of his signature "Medicare for All" plan, which would eliminate private health insurance in favor of a government-backed system that would cover all Americans.

"When you asked Bernie how much it cost last time he said, 'We'll find out,'" Biden quipped. "It costs over \$35 trillion, let's get real."

In a moment near the end of the two-hour event that set up a possible clash should the primary season end without a clear winner, giving way to a contested convention, Sanders differed from the rest of the field by endorsing that the candidate with the most delegates should win the party's presidential nomination even if he or she doesn't have a majority.

His rivals said the party should follow its rules at the Democratic convention rather than handing the nomination to someone without 50% of delegates.

If no candidate hits that threshold initially, super-delegates would be allowed to vote on a second ballot. They include members of Congress and party leaders.

While it was Bloomberg's night for drawing the most attention, voters won't formally judge his performance for another 13 days. He won't appear on his first primary ballot until March 3 — Super Tuesday.

Passengers leave docked ship after quarantine ends

Japan announces 79 more virus cases on ocean liner

BY MARI YAMAGUCHI AND FOSTER KLUG
Associated Press

YOKOHAMA, Japan — About 500 passengers left the cruise ship Diamond Princess on Wednesday at the end of a much-criticized two-week quarantine aboard the vessel that failed to stop the spread of the new virus among passengers and crew.

The quarantine's flop was underlined as Japanese authorities announced 79 more cases, bringing the total on the ship to 621. Results were still pending for some other passengers and crew among the original 3,711 people on board.

Many foreign governments say they won't let passengers from the ship return unless they go through another quarantine period, so it was striking to see passengers disembark, get into taxis and disappear into Yokohama, where the ship is docked.

Japanese soldiers helped escort some passengers, including an elderly man in a

wheelchair who wore a mask and held a cane. Some got on buses to be transported to train stations. Some people still in their cabins waved farewell from their balconies to those who had already been processed.

"I'm a bit concerned if I'm OK to get off the ship, but it was getting very difficult physically," a 77-year-old man from Saitama, near Tokyo, who got off with his wife, told Kyodo News. "For now, we just want to celebrate."

Health Minister Katsunobu Kato initially said Wednesday that those with negative virus tests had fulfilled the Japanese quarantine requirement and were free to walk out and go home on public transportation. He said passengers were only asked to watch their health carefully for a few days and notify health authorities if they have any symptoms or worries.

But after meeting with experts later in the day, he urged the former passengers to refrain from nonessential outings and try to stay home for about two weeks.

Some passengers said on Twitter they received health forms in the morning asking if they had symptoms such

as a headache, fever or coughing. Passengers who tested negative and had no symptoms still had to get their body temperature checked before leaving.

Crew members, who couldn't be confined to their rooms because they were working, are expected to stay on the ship.

The U.S. government said Americans who remained on board instead of returning on the chartered flights would not be allowed to return for at least two weeks after they come ashore. Other governments picking up passengers have similar policies.

Meanwhile in China, inspectors in protective suits went door-to-door Wednesday in the epicenter of the nation's viral outbreak to try to find every infected person in an epidemic that is showing signs of waning as new cases fell for a second straight day.

The city of Wuhan, where the new form of coronavirus emerged, was in the final day of a campaign to root out anyone with symptoms whom authorities may have missed so far.

Mainland China reported 1,749 new cases and 136 additional deaths Wednesday.



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Diamond Princess passengers board an airplane Wednesday at Haneda airport in Tokyo.

day. While the overall spread of the virus has been slowing, the situation remains severe in Hubei province, whose capital is Wuhan. More than 80% of the country's 74,185 total cases are in Hubei and 95% of its 2,004 deaths, according to data from China's National Health Commission.

Cities in Hubei with a combined population of more than 60 million have been under lockdown since the Lunar New Year holiday. Authorities put a halt to nearly all transportation and movement except for quarantine efforts, medical care, and delivery of food and basic necessities.

Many countries have also set up border screenings and airlines have canceled flights to and from China to prevent further spread of the disease, which has been detected in around two dozen countries and caused about 1,000 confirmed cases outside mainland China. Six deaths have been confirmed outside the mainland — two in Hong Kong and one each in Taiwan, Japan, the Philippines and France.

On Wednesday, Iran's state-run IRNA news agency reported two deaths from the virus, both elderly Iranian citizens in the city of Qom, south of the capital, Tehran. No additional details were released.

Passengers from the MS Westerdam, another cruise ship, have tested negative for the virus, Cambodia's Health Ministry announced Wednesday.

Seven hundred of the Westerdam's passengers had already left Cambodia after the ship docked last week, only to have one woman test positive for the virus when she arrived in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The dispersal of those who had already left for various countries has caused concern that they might be undetected carriers of the virus, and health authorities in several nations were tracing them to take protective measures.

Questions about Sanders' health linger after heart attack

BY BRIAN SLODYSKO AND LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bernie Sanders says he doesn't plan to divulge additional information about his health, months after suffering a heart attack on the campaign trail and offering a subsequent pledge to release "comprehensive" medical records.

"I think we have released a detailed medical report, and I'm comfortable on

what we have done," the 78-year-old Vermont senator said during a CNN town hall on Tuesday.

Questions about Sanders' health have lingered ever since he checked into a Las Vegas hospital with chest discomfort on Oct. 1 and had two stents inserted.

His campaign didn't acknowledge that he had suffered a heart attack until his release several days later. And after pledging to divulge a "comprehensive" accounting of his well-being, the campaign waited

until New Year's Eve to put out letters from three doctors attesting to his health — a move traditionally deployed to avoid scrutiny.

Now, as Sanders heads into the Nevada caucuses on Saturday with growing momentum following strong performances in earlier contests, he's facing additional pressure from his rivals to divulge more.

That was brought into sharp focus Wednesday when campaign spokeswoman Briahna Joy Gray sought to deflect questions

about Sanders' health during an appearance on CNN.

First, she suggested that the line of questioning was akin to a "smear campaign."

Then, she inaccurately stated that Sanders' rival, 78-year-old Mike Bloomberg, also suffered a heart attack — a claim she walked back after a swift response from the billionaire former New York mayor's presidential campaign.

Bloomberg had two stents inserted after his doctors performed a heart stress test in 2000, but he

did not have a heart attack.

After returning to the campaign trail in late October, Sanders pledged to release detailed information about his health before the year's end.

"I want to make it comprehensive," Sanders said in an interview with The Associated Press at the time.

Whether he's lived up to that is open to interpretation. His campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment Wednesday.



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Questions about Bernie Sanders' health have lingered since he checked into a Las Vegas hospital with chest discomfort Oct. 1.

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JA'NET DUBOIS

‘Good Times’ actress composed, sang theme for ‘The Jeffersons’

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Ja’Net DuBois, who played the vivacious neighbor Willona Woods on “Good Times” and composed and sang the theme song for “The Jeffersons,” has died.

DuBois’ song “Movin’ on Up” provided a joyous intro to “The Jeffersons” during the show’s 10-season run.

BernNadette Stanis, who played Thelma Evans Anderson on “Good Times” and remained close to DuBois, said she learned of her death Tuesday from the actress’s daughter.

“She used to keep us laughing all the time,” Stanis said, warmly recalling her friend. “She was very, very talented. If she wasn’t singing, she was creating a character to make us laugh.”

Police in Glendale, California, said they received a report about DuBois’ death late Monday. She appeared to have died of natural causes, police Sgt. Dan Stubbs said.

Stanis said DuBois appeared to be in good health when they appeared two weeks ago at a signing event. Her birth date was something she kept to herself, Stanis said.

“Nobody really knows,” said Stanis, who recalled telling DuBois, “‘Oh, you’re so lucky. Nobody knows your age, girl!’ ”

DuBois had a prolific career beyond the 1970s hit “Good Times,” winning two Emmy Awards for her voice work on the WB series “The PJs.”

DuBois’ Willona was the single, sexy neighbor and best friend to star Esther Rolle’s Florida Evans. Though the comedy had plenty of one-liners, DuBois’ appearances gave an extra dose of comedic relief. DuBois showed off more of her dramatic skills when a young Janet Jackson joined the show as the



Ja’Net DuBois played the vivacious neighbor Willona Woods on the 1970s TV series “Good Times.”

abused child Penny; DuBois’ character would go on to adopt Penny, and the storyline also forged a long, close relationship between DuBois and Jackson, who would go on to become a multiplatinum superstar; she cast DuBois as her mother in her 1986 “Control” video.

Jackson paid tribute to DuBois in an Instagram post on Tuesday.

“I am so very saddened to hear my longtime friend Ja’Net DuBois has passed away. I saw first hand how she broke stereotypes and changed the landscape for Black women in entertainment,” she wrote. “I’m grateful in recent years I had a chance to see her and create more lasting memories. I pray for comfort for all her family and friends.”

Oscar-winner Viola Davis, who played the role of Florida in the live version of “Good Times” that aired on ABC in December, posted a picture of herself, DuBois, Stanis, Tiffany Haddish (who played Willona) and Corinne Foxx on the set of the broadcast.

“Oh man!!! Just saw you! What a pleasure it was to meet you,” she wrote. “You shaped so much of the best memories of my childhood! God bless you, Ja’Net DuBois!”

DuBois’ career started in theater, where she appeared in Broadway productions of “Golden Boy” and “A Raisin in the Sun,” according to a biography on her website. A performance in “The Hot l Baltimore” in Los Angeles caught the eye of Norman Lear, who developed “Good Times” and “The Jeffersons.”

DuBois’ Willona was a “true diva back then, fancy dressing, the wigs, doing the thing, the real woman woman,” said Stanis. “She brought it, didn’t she?”

Her film credits included 1970’s “Diary of a Mad Housewife,” “I’m Gonna Git You Sucka” and “Charlie’s Angels: Full Throttle.”

She was credited in numerous other films as varied as “Basic Instinct,” “Next Friday” and “Tropic Thunder,” which included “Movin’ on Up.”

DuBois was a co-founder of the Pan African Film Festival, which since 1992 has showcased films meant to promote a greater cultural understanding of people of African descent.

The festival, which is being held in Los Angeles and runs through Sunday, on Tuesday released an image mourning DuBois, calling her “Our Founder, Now Our Angel.”

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Neb. juvenile facilities under attack

No obvious reason for the uptick in violence, escapes

By GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A sudden and puzzling increase in violence and escapes at Nebraska's two state-run homes for high-risk juvenile offenders has prompted officials to move some of the teenagers to other facilities and to consider spending millions on upgrades intended to enhance safety.

The incidents at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers in central Nebraska, including an outburst that sent two employees to the hospital after a group of boys beat them with pieces of a metal bed frame, has shocked state officials, legislators and parents.

"It's dangerous," said state Sen. Sara Howard, who has taken a leading watchdog role over the facilities. "The people who are there, they want to work with kids. But if it's not safe to do it, why would you stay?"

The complaints about the youth facility recall problems Nebraska has had at its adult prisons, where four people have died in the past five years amid riots and other altercations.

But whereas the prison problems have been largely blamed on staffing shortages and training issues, there has been more confusion about the problems at the juvenile centers.

The Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers were created to serve juveniles ages 14-18 who have broken the law and been rejected by other private treatment facilities.

There were two main campuses more than 100 miles apart in central Nebraska — one in Kearney for boys and one in Geneva for girls — until last month, when state officials re-



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A chain-link fence surrounds the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center in Kearney, Neb.

"The people who are there, they want to work with kids. But if it's not safe to do it, why would you stay?"

—Nebraska state Sen. Sara Howard

vamped the system in response to the recent outbursts. The new system uses Kearney as the main campus for processing boys and girls, while the Geneva campus will treat lower-risk girls in a less restrictive environment. A third campus in Lincoln, the state capital, will serve higher-risk boys and girls who don't respond to treatment at Kearney.

Officials who oversee the facilities said the uptick has been driven partly by youths with a history of violence and who often suffer from severe behavioral and mental health problems. But some parents with children at the lockups say they are chaot-

ic and are plagued by poor communication, a lack of rehabilitative programs and constant power struggles between staff members and the youth.

"It's a mess," said Prudence Waters, whose 17-year-old daughter is being held in Kearney. "How is she supposed to succeed and get on the right path when there's so much chaos every day?"

Tensions at a girls' facility spiked in August after girls broke sprinkler heads in a sleeping area. Other girls complained that the water-damaged rooms where they were supposed to sleep smelled of mold and mildew, leading to a confrontation with staff

members. Lawmakers who investigated days later found fire hazards, holes in the wall and water damage in campus buildings. They also were told that many of the girls weren't getting rehabilitative programming to deal with their anger or the trauma they had experienced.

The boys' facility in Kearney has faced problems of its own, with at least 39 confirmed escapes this year — up from four in 2018. The number surged despite a 10-foot-high chain-link fence that officials installed in July. Some child advocacy groups criticized the fence, saying it would create a prisonlike atmosphere instead of fo-

cusing on rehabilitation. Other critics argued that boys at the facility would see the fence as a challenge to overcome.

Earlier this month, boys who were trying to escape from their barracks-style living units attacked employees who confronted them and sent at least two to the hospital.

"The kids we're seeing are kids who are far more troubled," said Dannette Smith, CEO of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. "We're not talking about children who shoplift. We're talking about children who have had trauma and have had a significant criminal history."

Smith said the more violent youths will be moved to a different state facility in Lincoln because they require more treatment than what the Kearney

facility can provide. She also noted several steps the agency is taking to try to fix the problems, such as placing managers at the facility 24 hours a day and hiring more staff.

State Sen. John Lowe, whose district includes the Kearney facility, said he believes gang violence may play a role. Although most of the youths in custody don't cause problems, Lowe said staffers have told him that the most violent ones are "tougher and more hardened" than juveniles in the past.

Robin Smith, a longtime employee at the Kearney facility, said the violence began escalating several years ago with new administrators who hindered the ability of staff to discipline or restrain youths when they misbehave.

"They want staff to be nice to the kids, to be their buddies, and the kids take advantage of it," he said.

Key lawmakers said they were worried about the recent incidents and argued that a lack of support services and staffing was largely to blame.

Howard, the chairwoman of the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee, has proposed an additional \$3 million in spending to build protective dormitories at the Youth Rehabilitation Center in Kearney.

The union that represents facility employees said its biggest concern is the number of staffers available to deal with the juveniles.

"Our folks are frustrated with the management because there doesn't seem to be any will to deal with this," said Justin Hubly, executive director of the Nebraska Association of Public Employees.

Hubly said the problem is exacerbated by low pay and excessive overtime for workers, who then quit their jobs because they don't want to deal with the hassle.



ANNA MONEYMAKER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Attorney General William Barr offers opening remarks at a telecommunications event Wednesday in Washington.

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agency. Multiple White House officials insisted Wednesday that the spat with Barr was being overblown and that the attorney general would not be going anywhere. But they also acknowledged there was zero chance Trump would refrain from tweeting about the department as requested by Barr.

Barr's spokeswoman said Tuesday night that the attorney general had "no plans to resign." Still, former officials called on Barr to step down from his post after what they see as an erosion of the Justice Department's historical independence.

"The Justice Department has never been perfect, but it has worked very hard to be above suspicion for outright dishonesty and bias and the invasion of politics into it," said Donald Ayer, who was a deputy attorney general under Republican President George H.W. Bush and succeeded by Barr. "What's going on now is that's being torn down."

"I don't remember anything like this that has ever happened," Ayer said.

Barr's frustration with Trump, which he has communicated to senior White House aides, has grown in recent weeks. He told those close to him he felt compelled to speak publicly after Trump criticized the

sentencing of longtime political ally Roger Stone. Barr spoke out to ABC News just days after his Justice Department overruled its own prosecutors — who had recommended that Stone be sentenced to seven to nine years in prison — and took the extraordinary step of lowering the amount of prison time it would seek. All four prosecutors from Stone's trial quit the case and one left the government altogether.

After the Stone reversal, many at the Department of Justice and in the tight-knit Washington legal community expressed dismay at what they saw as presidential interference. More than 1,100 former Justice Department prosecutors called on Barr to resign in a letter released Sunday, insisting that Barr's decision to intervene in Stone's case tarnished the department's reputation.

Some Democrats called for Barr to resign, and Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer called on the Justice Department's inspector general to open an investigation into Barr's role in the sentencing reversal.

Trump has told those around him that he understands why Barr would voice his opinion but made clear he would not change his methods. Emboldened by his impeachment acquittal, Trump appears eager to seek vengeance on those at the Justice Department he believes stirred up the Russia investigation.

The public kerfuffle was enough to prompt a stream of Trump allies, including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Sen. Lindsey Graham, to issue a statement expressing their full confidence in the attorney general.

Barr is well-liked on Capitol Hill and Republicans want to ensure he stays in his job despite criticism from Democrats and needling from the president, according to people familiar with GOP lawmakers' thinking.

For more than a week, the president has been publicly open about his view of the case against Stone. And the notion that Barr might leave his post over Trump's commentary did not appear to quiet the president.

Stone was convicted in November of seven felonies for obstructing a congressional investigation into whether the Trump campaign had ties to Russia. At the time, Trump said his friend's conviction was evidence of a double standard in the justice system.

Trump has also questioned the decisions of the federal judge overseeing the Stone case. And Tuesday, he spoke highly of Barr's integrity while simultaneously undermining his authority. Trump said, "I'm actually, I guess, the chief law enforcement officer of the country."

Stone's sentencing is scheduled for Thursday.

Associated Press contributed.

Trump ousts policy official who certified Ukraine aid

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has ousted the Pentagon's top policy official who had certified last year that Ukraine had made enough anti-corruption progress to justify the Trump administration's release of congressionally authorized aid to Kyiv in its conflict against Russian-backed separatists.

John Rood resigned Wednesday, saying he was leaving at Trump's request.

The Trump administration's delay in releasing the aid to Ukraine was central to the president's impeachment by the House on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. The Senate voted to acquit the president. But in the wake of the Senate trial, an emboldened Trump has gone after officials he has perceived as being disloyal.

Rood is the latest official to be purged. His forced resignation comes as Democrats on the Hill express concerns that Trump is on a vendetta in the wake of his acquittal. Just days after the Senate vote, 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, an NSC lawyer, out with him. Gordon Sondland, Trump's ambassador to the European Union who also was a key witness before House investigators, was recalled from his post.

Trump tweeted Wednesday that he wanted to "thank John Rood for his service to our Country, and wish him well in his future endeavors!"

Rood, in his letter to Trump, did not mention Ukraine. "It's my understanding from Secretary (Mark) Esper that you requested my resignation," Rood said. Rood said he will step down as of Feb. 28.



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP 2018

John Rood, the Pentagon's top policy official, resigned Wednesday at President Donald Trump's request.

Rood wrote in a May 23 letter to Congress that the Pentagon had made a thorough assessment of Ukraine's anti-corruption actions and other reforms. And he said that, "I have certified that the government of Ukraine has taken substantial actions to make defense institutional reforms for the purpose of decreasing corruption and making other improvements."

Rood wrote that his certification, legally required before the aid could be released, was based on insights gained in "persistent U.S. engagement" with Ukraine, including meetings between the U.S. defense secretary and his Ukrainian counterpart.

Asked about Rood's resignation, chief Pentagon spokesman Jonathan Hoffman declined to speculate on the reason for Trump's decision.

"The president has the opportunity and the ability to have the team that he wants to have in policy positions," Hoffman said at news conference. He said Rood's resignation letter spoke for itself.

Rood last year told reporters that, "In the weeks after signing the certifica-

tion I did become aware that the aid had been held. I never received a very clear explanation other than there were concerns about corruption in Ukraine." He also spoke in favor of releasing the aid, suggesting that withholding it would hurt America's defense priorities.

Pentagon press secretary Alyssa Farah said James Anderson, who is currently serving as the deputy for policy, will take over the job until a permanent replacement is appointed by the president and confirmed.

Esper said Rood played "a critical role" on issues such as nuclear deterrence, NATO, missile defense and the National Defense Strategy.

Rood has served as undersecretary for policy since January 2018, but also had worked in various government agencies including the State Department, the CIA and the NSC for more than 20 years. He held senior policy jobs mainly during Republican administrations and also served as a senior policy adviser to Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz.

Rood also was a senior vice president at Lockheed Martin International.

Milken's pardon follows campaign to rehab image

Junk bond king known as poster boy of 1980s greed

BY LAURENCE DARMIENTO
Los Angeles Times

When President Donald Trump pardoned Michael Milken on Tuesday, it came just a week after the former junk bond king's Milken Institute had wrapped up its latest conference in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

The gathering featured a mix of high-powered leaders, including hedge-fund guru Ray Dalio and former Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan, but it wasn't just about how to make money or navigate the Washington, D.C., thickets. Reflecting the Santa Monica, Calif., institute's focus, the program of the 2020 Middle East and Africa Summit featured sessions on health, global diseases, education and the environment.

The event was only the latest manifestation of the 73-year-old's decadeslong commitment to philanthropy. It began before he pleaded guilty to felony violations of securities laws in 1990, but was ramped up

in the years since in what became either an intentional or unintentional effort, depending on your view, to rehabilitate his image as the poster boy of 1980s greed.

In a tearful admission of guilt in a New York City federal courtroom, Milken pleaded in April 1990 to counts of conspiracy; aiding and abetting failure to meet federal securities disclosure regulations; securities fraud; aiding and abetting a regulated broker-dealer to violate securities reporting requirements; mail fraud; and assisting in filing a false tax return.

Milken was given a 10-year sentence, fined \$200 million and required to pay \$400 million in restitution. He later settled lawsuits for an additional \$500 million. He served 22 months at a minimum-security prison dubbed "Club Fed" in Dublin, Calif., and was released after testifying against a former colleague. He also was banned for life from the securities industry.

Milken was among 11 felons who were either granted pardons or commutations of their sentences by Trump on Tuesday. Among the others was former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich,

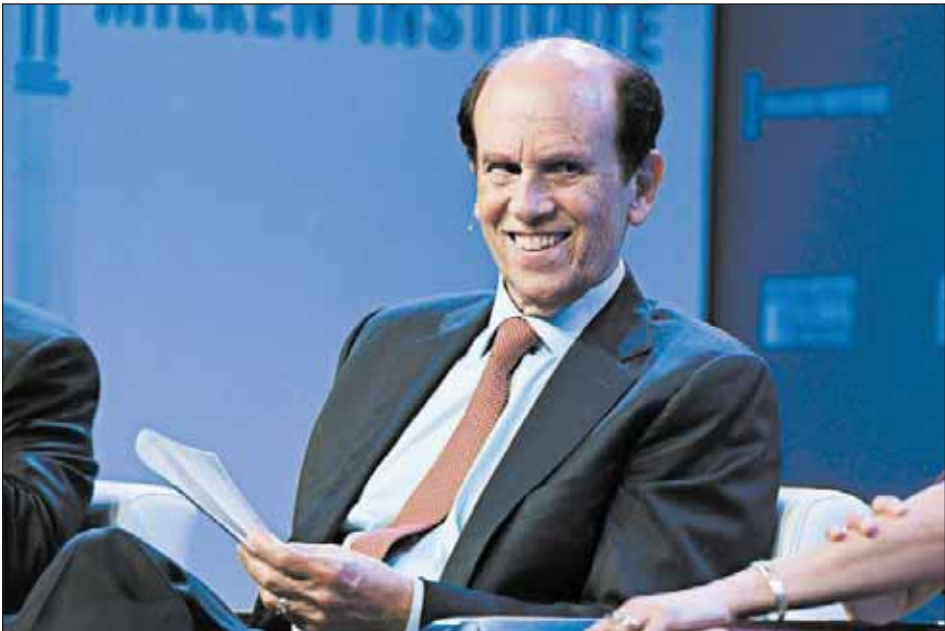
who was serving a 14-year sentence for trying to sell an open U.S. Senate seat held by Barack Obama.

The president's decision follows a long campaign by Milken's supporters to win a pardon for him. In 2018, financier Anthony Scaramucci, who served briefly as Trump's communications director, told the Los Angeles Times that Los Angeles financier Gary Winnick, a former associate of Milken at now-defunct investment bank Drexel Burnham Lambert, had raised the issue at Trump's inauguration, citing his "commitment to health and global progress."

Other proponents of a Milken pardon at the time were said to include Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser; Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin; and Rudy Giuliani, Trump's outside counsel.

It was Giuliani's investigation of Wall Street malfeasance in the 1980s, when he was a federal prosecutor, that led to Milken's guilty plea and imprisonment.

Through his pioneering use of junk bonds, Milken was credited with rescuing companies running low on



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Michael Milken, shown in April 2019, was among 11 convicted felons who were either granted pardons or commutations of their sentences by President Trump on Tuesday.

cash or never had much to start with.

But critics accused him of enabling corporate raiders to plunder and gut viable corporations, laying off workers by the thousands.

The New York Times called Milken "the most powerful, most innovative, and most feared American financier since J.P. Morgan." He wasn't known for lavish living, but his \$550 million salary and bonus in 1987 alone prompted outcries in newspaper editorials.

When Milken was sentenced in 1990, Richard Breeden, the chairman of the Securities and Ex-

change Commission, argued that the legendary trader "stood at the center of a network of manipulation, fraud, and deceit."

Milken, however, insisted that his work created many more jobs than it killed — and that even some of those could have been saved if companies under threat of takeover had been more efficient.

Shortly after his release from prison in 1993, Milken was diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer and given 18 months to live.

Surprising some of his doctors, he survived — and started a foundation that

channeled more than \$700 million into prostate research. In 2004, Fortune magazine declared Milken "the man who changed medicine," pointing to the increased funding and visibility he had brought to the fight against prostate cancer.

Milken also founded the Milken Institute, a think tank that promotes capitalist solutions to global challenges. It annually brings together several thousand of the world's most successful people in business, government, entertainment, sports, arts and the sciences.

Clemency recipient says 'guardian angels' helped her

BY KELLI KENNEDY
Associated Press

HIALEAH, Fla. — A Florida woman who got clemency from President Donald Trump while serving prison time for a \$205 million Medicare fraud scam said Wednesday her case was brought to Trump's attention by a woman who herself got clemency at the urging of reality TV star Kim Kardashian West.

Judith Negron was eight years into a 35-year prison sentence that the FBI called one of the longest sentences ever imposed in a Medicare Fraud Strike Force case when Trump commuted her sentence Tuesday.

"I had some guardian angels as I call them, such as Alice Johnson, who had been advocating for me behind the scenes," Negron told The Associated Press in an interview at her home shortly after her release.

Johnson was serving life without parole for drug offenses when Trump granted her clemency in June 2018. She had been convicted in 1996 on eight criminal accounts related to a Memphis based cocaine trafficking operation. Johnson was featured in one of Trump's campaign ads during this year's Super Bowl. She told the AP that the president had been looking specifically for female candidates, and had asked her for a list of other women who deserved clemency.

Negron, who turns 50 next week, was among the 11 federal inmates around the nation who received clemency actions thanks to the president. The Hispanic woman was convicted as a first-time offender in 2011 in a case that made national headlines.

Authorities said she and two co-defendants paid bribes and kickbacks to owners and operators of assisted living facilities and



TERRY RENNA/AP

Judith Negron was released from prison Tuesday after President Donald Trump commuted her sentence.

halfway houses, as well as patient brokers, in exchange for delivering ineligible patients to their mental health facility.

Trump has worked outside the traditional pardon process usually overseen by the Justice Department, appearing to favor cases that catch his attention. Some have been championed by friends, celebrities like Kardashian West, or conservative media.

Kardashian West's fight for Johnson's release from prison even became a prominent plot line on the reality show Keeping Up With The Kardashians, including an interaction with Trump.

Crystal Munoz, a 40-year-old Texas woman who spent 12 years in prison after being convicted on marijuana charges, also credited Johnson with helping to secure her clemency from the president this week.

Negron's family drove roughly four hours in the middle of the night to pick her up from prison, saying Wednesday they were too overjoyed to sleep. Friends and family streamed into the home, carrying flowers and balloons.

Negron said she'd been dreaming of hugging her boys without restrictions, taking a shower in her own

home and "tucking them into bed and I don't know how they'll welcome that being that they are all grown up, but at least one night."

The photogenic family was surrounded by reporters as they repeatedly thanked Trump from their South Florida home in a swing state where the Latino vote will play a crucial role this election year. But the family said they didn't view this as a political move and had no plans to join Trump's reelection campaign.

Negron said she plans to help others in the clemency process.

"I see this as a miracle that was bestowed upon me by President Trump and his administration and I feel a responsibility to pay this blessing forward because there's a lot of deserving people just like me that I want to ensure they're not forgotten," said Negron, sitting on the couch in jeans and a T-shirt.

With tears in his eyes, her husband, Hector Negron, described raising their two boys, who were 4 and 10-years-old when she was convicted, describing the sad, lonely home and holidays they spent traveling to Virginia to visit her.

Service and by private medical insurance and workers. The Rev. Graham James, the inquiry's chairman, said opportunities to stop the doctor's behavior were repeatedly missed by a system characterized by "willful blindness."

"Eight years passed between medical professionals raising concerns about Ian Paterson's medical practice and his suspension," James said this month. "He was given the benefit of the doubt time and time again, underservedly."

And the consequences

Plaintiffs' attorneys take aim at Boy Scouts' 'dark history'

BY BRADY MCCOMBS AND RANDALL CHASE
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Like millions of other Americans the 1950s and '60s, Duane Ruth-Hefebower spent his formative years learning to tie knots, build campfires and pitch tents with the Boy Scouts, whose wholesome, God-fearing reputation was tarnished by Norman Rockwell's magazine-cover paintings of fresh-faced Scouts, brave, courteous and cheerful.

Though he's no longer involved in scouting, the 70-year-old Mennonite minister from Fresno, California, has followed the slow deterioration of the Boy Scouts of America from afar and cringes to think what this week's bankruptcy filing over a blizzard of sex-abuse lawsuits might mean for an organization already grappling with a steep decline in membership.

"It's really sad. I'm afraid that people are going to be more skeptical than they were once about the organization and will be more inclined to look for other alternatives to Scouting," said Ruth-Hefebower, who grew up in Kansas. "Theses days there are so many things pulling at kids."

With its finances and its vaunted reputation for moral rectitude damaged by scandal, the Scouts resorted to Chapter 11 bankruptcy Tuesday in hopes of pulling through the crisis by setting up a victims' compensation fund for thousands of men who were molested as boys by Scout leaders over the decades.

The fund could top \$1 billion, but to raise the money, the national organization could be forced to sell some of its real estate holdings, which include its headquarters in Irving, Texas, and a huge camp-



MATT ROURKE/AP

Victims' attorneys Paul Mones, left, and Michael Pfau leave during a recess of the bankruptcy hearing for Boy Scouts of America on Wednesday in Wilmington, Del.

ground in New Mexico.

The bankruptcy case began Wednesday with a court hearing in Wilmington, Delaware, where attorneys for victims made clear they will also go after campsites and other properties owned by the Boy Scouts' 261 local councils, and will also demand access to internal files containing abusers' names.

"Here is where we get the story, the dark history of the Boy Scouts. Will those be in the database?" asked plaintiffs' attorney James Stang, a veteran of several Roman Catholic diocese bankruptcies.

While some of the files on abusers have been released as the result of previous litigation, victims' attorney Michael Finnegan said thousands of names have still not been disclosed.

"Those names should be made public" so that communities are informed and children made safe, Finnegan said.

The local councils, which run day-to-day operations for local troops, were not included in the bankruptcy filing and are considered by the Boy Scouts of America to be legally separate entities.

Paul Mones, a Los Angeles attorney representing several alleged victims, predicted a "huge fight" over the locally held assets, add-

ing that their value easily exceeds \$100 million.

"That independence is on paper only," Mones said of the local councils, adding that the Boy Scouts of America is a "vertically integrated corporation" that exercises considerable influence over the local councils.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Laurie Selber Silverstein did not immediately rule on access to the files or how the property of the local councils will be treated.

Another battle is taking shape over what deadline the court will set for victims to file claims for compensation. Victims' attorneys chafed at the notion of an 80-day deadline, saying men who have suffered need more time.

Stang said the victims have experienced "conscience-shaking" trauma and would be forced to revisit painful memories from childhood in documenting their claims.

"These are not 60-year-old men filling out their claim forms," he said. "These are 8-year-old children filling out the claim forms."

Mones called 80 days "wholly insufficient" and said that since the bankruptcy filing lawyers have been fielding calls from "confused, upset and angry men."

Inquiry finds rogue British surgeon injured more than 1,000 patients

Prosecutors: He exaggerated cancer risk, lied to patients

BY DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LONDON — The chairman of an independent inquiry into how a prominent British breast surgeon was able to perform unnecessary operations for years has concluded that more than 1,000 patients might have been affected by a "dysfunctional" system that did not keep patients safe.

In 2017, a jury found

rogue surgeon Ian Paterson guilty of 17 counts of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and three counts of unlawful wounding. Prosecutors say the doctor lied to patients or exaggerated their risk of cancer to persuade them to have surgery.

But Paterson's patients demanded a more thorough reckoning to prevent such situations from ever happening again.

The examination of Paterson's actions concluded that patients were let down for many years both by Britain's National Health

Service and by private medical insurance and workers.

Asked how many patients might have been affected by Paterson's malpractice, James confirmed it could "certainly" be more than 1,000.

Hundreds of Paterson's patients were recalled in 2012 after concerns about unnecessary or incomplete operations. Nine women and one man testified about the procedures during his trial, which dealt with surgeries between 1997 and 2011.

Initially sentenced to 15 years in prison, Court of

Appeal judges later increased his sentence to 20 years.

Paterson owned a luxury home in Birmingham, in central England, as well as properties in Cardiff, Manchester, and the United States, West Midlands police said.

Victims who accused him of playing God with their lives included Deborah Douglas, a mother of three, who underwent an entirely unnecessary mastectomy that left her in "horrendous" pain. At her home in Birmingham, she keeps memorial cards from

the funerals of some other Paterson patients.

"We want recommendations that change the system that allowed Paterson to get away with it, because basically, people have died," she said. "He left breast tissue behind, and that led to patients' deaths."

Among his recommendations, James urged the creation of an "accessible and intelligible" single repository of performance data — a one-stop shop for patients.

Paterson did not accept the inquiry's offer to comment.

2K years of secrets hide in Thames

Mudlarks scour river for artifacts from eras past

By MEGAN SPECIA
The New York Times

LONDON — On a finger numbingly cold morning, Lara Maiklem swung open a metal gate tucked behind a pub in southeast London and scrambled down a set of slick stone steps onto the banks of the River Thames. The river runs through the city west to east, bisecting London as it winds past the new skyscrapers and old docks that line its banks. But twice a day, the low tide pulls the flowing edges of the Thames back — dropping the river level by 20 feet in some areas — revealing centuries of forgotten London life in the fragments that poke out from the newly exposed land, known as the foreshore. This is when the mudlarks, like Maiklem, come out.

“What you are looking for are straight lines and perfect circles,” she said, her eyes scanning the surface of the mud for man-made artifacts. “They sort of stand out from the natural shapes.” Within minutes she had spotted fragments of a 17th-century jug, the half-face of a bearded man visible in the clay. The name — mudlark — was first given to the Victorian-era poor who scrounged for items in the river to sell, pulling copper scraps, rope and other valuables from the shore. But more recently the label has stuck to London’s hobbyists, history buffs and treasure hunters who scour the river edge searching for objects from the city’s past. Mudlarking’s popularity has grown steadily in recent years, driven in part by social media communities in which enthusiasts share their finds and tour groups



Lara Maiklem looks for items from London’s history along the banks of the River Thames during low tide Nov. 29. ANDREW TESTA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

that offer a trudge through the shards of history’s cast-offs. Dr. Fiona Haughey, a London archaeologist who has worked on the Thames since the 1990s, said that although some mudlarks are looking for valuables, others are looking for a connection with the everyday objects of a bygone Britain. But it’s the connection with the layers of lives of Londoners before them, revealed by the tides of the river at the heart of the metropolis, that unites the enthusiasts. For Haughey, a specialist in prehistory, it’s about what an object can tell her about its owner rather than what value it has. “I love the conundrum of it,” she said. The Port of London Authority, which owns the Thames waterway along with the Crown Estate (i.e. Queen Elizabeth II), began to regulate exploration

along the shore in 2016, requiring anyone searching the banks to have a foreshore permit. These permits — about 1,500 were issued this year — allow people to explore the terrain, and scrape or dig into the mud up to a depth of around 3 inches. Mudlarks are advised to report objects that could be of archaeological interest to the Portable Antiquities Scheme, run by the British Museum. Stuart Wyatt, the regional finds liaison officer based at the Museum of London who assesses the artifacts, said there was a “huge increase in numbers” of mudlarks in recent years. “I now have months where I see only new finders,” he said by email. Britain legally obligates anyone who unearths “treasure” — defined as single finds of gold and silver over 300 years old, and hoards of coins and prehistoric metalwork — to

inform the government. Britain takes this law seriously, as one amateur treasure hunter learned in November. He was given a decadelong jail sentence after failing, along with another man, to report the discovery of a Viking hoard they dug up in western England. A specialized permit allows deeper digging to a depth of nearly 4 feet. But those permits are available only to members of the exclusive Society of Thames Mudlarks — an invitation-only group of around 50 members — who have already held a standard permit and reported their findings to the Museum of London for two years. Some mudlarks bring metal detectors. But most simply recover what the river has naturally revealed, usually a fascinating trinket rather than treasure. “I like just to collect what the river decides it’s going

to leave on that day,” Maiklem said. “It’s that element of luck.” But sometimes there are more significant finds, like the first “spintria” found in Britain. Spintriae are Roman bronze tokens, with depictions of sexual acts on one face and a Roman numeral on the other, whose purpose remains uncertain. And every tide reveals some of the city’s varied story: Roman coins, medieval badges worn by religious pilgrims, an elaborate 17th-century watch. The Thames, the very reason people began settling in the city over 2,000 years ago, is one of the best preservers of London’s history. The river has been used many ways over the millennia — as a highway, a source of food and, most important to mudlarks, as a dump. “The Thames is unpredictable, so its just all mixed up, like a big washing mach-

ine,” said Jason Sandy, an architect who mudlarks in his spare time. In the center of London, where the heart of the Roman city stood, many of the finds are Roman or medieval. Farther west, evidence of prehistoric settlements have been found. Where Maiklem was exploring, in Rotherhithe, once an old shipping center in eastern London, finds from the 16th and 17th centuries are the norm. This particular morning, the sun was just rising and the tide was still on its way out as she clambered over rocks. Her eyes flicked quickly over the mud, scattered with bits of modern trash, and settled on the barely visible edge of a coin nestled against a wooden post. She plucked it out and wiped away the grime, revealing a George III farthing, the silhouetted face of the monarch and the date, 1777, nearly rubbed smooth. The coin had been bent into an “S” shape and had a small hole poked through its edge where a chain could be attached, hallmarks that it was likely a love token. At her feet, pieces of clay tobacco pipes from the 16th and 17th century clinked as they washed against rocks, so common as to escape a mudlark’s interest. But a perfectly round musket ball was worth plucking from the muck. The leather sole of a hand-stitched shoe, preserved by the anaerobic mud, flapped in the breeze, and she tugged at its toes to wrest it from the bank. Huge wooden beams from the ships broken up here in the 17th and 18th centuries jut out of the mud. The Mayflower is believed to have been broken down here for scrap. “There are so many ghosts locked in the foreshore,” Maiklem said. “Also, it’s so fleeting because if it’s not collected from the surface, it’s going to be washed away or broken down.”

Trump courts black vote; opposition remains deep

By COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press

DETROIT — President Donald Trump took African American guests to his State of the Union speech, ran a Super Bowl ad boasting how he’s making the criminal justice system more equitable for black people and portrayed himself as the champion of education and job opportunities for people of color. The overtures mean nothing to black voters like Jovan Brown, who loathes Trump’s record on race and sees the Republican president’s African American-heavy guest list at the State of the Union as his penchant for using “black people as a prop.” “I don’t know too many black people who care for Donald Trump,” said the 21-year-old Brown, who favors Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders. Trump went out of his way to reach out to black voters during his speech Tuesday, touting several initiatives ahead of the November election. His guests included one of the last surviving Tuskegee airmen and his great-grandson, who dreams of traveling to space someday, and a black

veteran who struggled with drug addiction and eventually put his life back together with a new job. Trump announced a scholarship for a black fourth-grader from Philadelphia to highlight what he sees as failing public schools. He trumpeted low black unemployment and poverty rates, investments in historically black colleges and universities, and the effect of Opportunity Zones. Critics have long suggested that the real audience for Trump’s appeals to African Americans are white suburban women who may feel more comfortable voting for Trump if they see evidence that he’s not really as racist as he has at times come across. But the campaign has long disputed that charge and is convinced that, if they can just reach black voters and share what Trump has done, including on the economy, at least some may be willing to give him a chance. But recent polls paint a bleak picture for Trump with black voters. A Washington Post-Ipsos poll of 1,088 African Americans showed that more than 8 in 10 say they believe Trump is a racist and has made racism a bigger prob-

lem in the country. Nine in 10 blacks disapprove of his job performance, overall. A Pew Research Center analysis of people who participated in its polls and were confirmed to have voted showed Trump won just 6% of black voters in 2016. Trump’s public denouncement of former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick and other professional athletes who knelt during the national anthem in protest of police violence against African Americans did little to endear him to black voters. The stakes are especially high in Detroit. The city is 80% African American and in a traditionally blue state, Michigan, that Trump won in 2016 by 10,704 votes. Trump won Wisconsin by fewer than 23,000 votes and Pennsylvania by about 44,000 votes, two other states where black turnout will be key. Ninety-six percent of the city’s registered voters cast ballots for Democrat Hillary Clinton in 2016, but turnout was down in Detroit. It fell to 48% from 53% eight years earlier when Barack Obama won the presidency. “People vote when they’re passionate,” said



President Trump stands with Alice Marie Johnson, whose life sentence he commuted. SARAH SILBIGER/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2019

City Clerk Janice Winfrey. “People were passionate for Obama. And — maybe not for the same reason — they’re passionate about Trump. And people are pretty mad.” Critics push back against Trump’s claims of economic progress for the African American community and note that the wage gap between black and white workers remains high. “If we’re talking about someone working two or three jobs and they don’t have health care and don’t have money to keep the lights on, those aren’t quality jobs,” said Rashawn Ray, a David M. Rubenstein Fellow in Governance Studies at the

Washington-based Brookings Institution. They are also frustrated by the racial climate under Trump, the toll of climate change on their neighborhoods and even Trump’s past words and deeds before he became president. Brown cites Trump’s stance on the so-called Central Park Five in 1989, when five black and Latino teenagers were charged in the rape of a white jogger in New York’s Central Park. That attack became a symbol of the city’s soaring crime. Then-real estate developer Donald Trump took out full-page newspaper ads calling for the death penalty.

The teens said their confessions were coerced, and their convictions were overturned in 2002 after a convicted murderer and serial rapist confessed to the crime. “He wanted 15-year-old boys murdered even though they were innocent,” she said. “I don’t think he’s changed much.” But the notion that Trump is racist is a complete myth, said Osigah Kakaq, a 24-year-old black man from Charlotte, North Carolina. “It’s a Republican stereotype the Democrats use over and over again,” Kakaq said. “No candidate or party can be entitled to your vote.”



KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/AP
A demonstrator holds a leaflet Wednesday outside Westminster Magistrates Court in London.

Lawyer: Assange offered US pardon if he cleared Russia

Associated Press

LONDON — WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange plans to claim during an extradition hearing that the Trump administration offered him a pardon if he agreed to say Russia was not involved in leaking Democratic National Committee emails during the 2016 U.S. election campaign, a lawyer for Assange said Wednesday. Assange is being held at a British prison while fighting extradition to the United

States on spying charges. His full court hearing is due to begin next week. At a preliminary hearing held Wednesday in London, lawyer Edward Fitzgerald said that now-former Republican congressman, Dana Rohrabacher, visited Assange at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London in August 2017. Fitzgerald said a statement from another Assange lawyer, Jennifer Robinson, recounted “Mr. Rohrabacher going to see Mr. Assange and saying, on in-

structions from the president, he was offering a pardon or some other way out, if Mr. Assange said Russia had nothing to do with the DNC leaks.” Responding to the lawyer’s claims, White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham said, “This is absolutely and completely false.” U.S. President Donald Trump “barely knows Dana Rohrabacher other than he’s an ex-congressman. He’s never spoken to him on this subject or almost any subject,” Grisham said. “It is

a complete fabrication and a total lie. This is probably another never-ending hoax and total lie from the DNC.” Emails embarrassing for the Democrats and Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign were hacked before being published by WikiLeaks in 2016. District Judge Vanessa Baraitser said the evidence was admissible in the extradition case. Assange appeared at London’s Westminster Magistrates’ Court on Wednesday by video-link

from Belmarsh prison, where he is being held as he awaits his extradition hearing. U.S. prosecutors have charged the 48-year-old Australian computer hacker with espionage over WikiLeaks’ hacking of hundreds of thousands of confidential government documents. If found guilty, he faces up to 175 years in jail. He argues he was acting as a journalist entitled to First Amendment protection.

NEWS BRIEFING

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US judge sides with migrants in case against Border Patrol

PHOENIX — A U.S. judge in Arizona sided Wednesday with migrants who have long-complained about inhumane and unsanitary conditions in some U.S. Border Patrol facilities in the state.

The ruling came weeks after the conclusion of a seven-day trial in which attorneys for migrants who sued in 2015 argued that the agency holds immigrants in extremely cold, overcrowded, unsanitary and inhumane

conditions.

The order makes permanent a preliminary injunction that U.S. District Court Judge David Bury issued in 2016 requiring the Tucson Sector to provide clean mats and thin blankets to migrants held for longer than 12 hours and to allow them to clean themselves.

It also bars the agency from holding migrants more than 48 hours if they've been fully processed.

Erdogan criticizes EU move to enforce Libyan arms embargo

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey's president criticized on Wednesday the European Union's decision to launch a maritime effort focused on enforcing the U.N. arms embargo around Libya, accusing European nations that agreed to the operation of "interfering in the region."

Recep Tayyip Erdogan also hailed a decision by Libya's U.N.-supported government — which he backs militarily — to with-

draw from talks with rivals, after an attack Tuesday on the sea port of the Libyan capital. The U.S., however, called for the talks to resume "quickly."

EU foreign ministers agreed this week to end Operation Sophia, a crack down on migrant smugglers in the Mediterranean Sea. Instead, they'll concentrate on implementing the U.N. arms embargo around Libya, which is routinely being flouted.

German far-right party issues apology for racist coloring book

BERLIN — A chapter of the far-right Alternative for Germany party apologized Wednesday for publishing a coloring book with racist images.

The party's caucus in the North Rhine-Westphalia legislature had initially defended the book Tuesday as a collection of "satirical sketches" and accused critics of attacking artistic freedom.

Police later confirmed they were examining

criminal complaints filed over the book, which included a drawing of women fleeing a swimming pool of people with bones in their hair, and a picture of men with Turkish flags and firearms.

In a statement Wednesday, the party said "some of the (sketches) were definitely not OK."

The party said it wanted to "expressly apologize" and that the project would be stopped.



PANAMANIAN NATIONAL AERONAVAL SERVICE

A homemade semi-submersible craft is docked after it was seized Wednesday by Panama's National Aeronaval Service near the coast of Bocas del Toro province while carrying what authorities said were 5 tons of cocaine. Four Colombians were arrested.

Duke and Duchess of Sussex will begin new life next month

LONDON — Britain's Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, are breaking free of the royal family starting March 31, the couple's office said Wednesday.

The announcement comes as Buckingham Palace reviewed the Duke and Duchess of Sussex's use of the label "Sussex Royal" after their decision to step back from royal duties. Talks involving senior officials are ongoing about the issue and a decision will be announced alongside the launch of their new non-profit organization.

The royal couple stunned Britain with an

abrupt announcement in January that they wanted to step back from royal duties. Prince Harry said he was taking a "leap of faith" in the move in an attempt to build a more peaceful life — one free of the journalists who have photographed and written about him since the day he was born.

Harry and Meghan will no longer use the titles His Royal Highness and Her Royal Highness but will retain them, leaving the possibility that the couple might change their minds and return sometime in the future.

Harry's late mother, Di-

ana, was stripped of the Her Royal Highness title when she and Prince Charles divorced.

The prince and his wife will give up public funding and try to become financially independent. The couple are expected to spend most of their time in Canada while maintaining a home in England, near Windsor Castle.

Harry's priorities remain the welfare of servicemen and women, conservation, sport for social development and HIV. Meghan's focus remains women's empowerment, gender equality and education.

Judge: Army Corps not liable for Harvey damage

HOUSTON — A federal judge has ruled the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers isn't liable for damage to thousands of Houston homes that were inundated by two federally owned reservoirs in the days after Hurricane Harvey because they would have flooded regardless because of the

catastrophic nature of the storm.

U.S. Judge Loren Smith of the Court of Federal Claims on Tuesday dismissed the case against the government. Smith said property owners downstream of the Addicks and Barker dams, located about 20 miles west of downtown

Houston, had no grounds to sue given the unprecedented nature of Harvey's flooding in 2017.

Hurricane Harvey, which made landfall as a Category 4 storm on Aug. 25, 2017, killed 68 people and caused an estimated \$125 billion in damage in Texas.

Trump expected to tap loyalist as intel official

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump was expected to name Richard Grenell, the U.S. ambassador to Germany, to be the acting director of national intelligence, three people familiar with the matter said Wednesday.

Grenell, whose outspokenness as a political operative and then as ambassador has prompted criticism, is a vocal Trump loyalist who will lead 17 national security agencies often viewed skeptically by the White House.

He would take over from Joseph Maguire, who has served as the acting director of national intelligence since the resignation last summer of Dan Coats, a former GOP senator from Indiana.

Grenell, who has pushed to advance gay rights in his current post, would apparently also be the first openly gay Cabinet member.

In Kentucky: The state's Transportation Cabinet has to pay more than \$150,000 in legal fees and court costs for a man who won a lawsuit allowing him to put "IM GOD" on his license plate.

The ruling this week came in a case filed by Ben Hart, a self-identified atheist, who set out to get the Kentucky plate in 2016. The Transportation Cabinet denied the request on the basis it violated anti-discrimination guidelines.

A federal judge ruled in November that "vanity plates" are private speech protected by the First Amendment and that the state had violated Hart's rights by denying him the plate.

Lawyers for the Transportation Cabinet argued the costs were excessive.

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EDITORIALS

The flamboyant return of Rod Blagojevich

Rod Blagojevich emerged from prison and returned to the comforts of kith, kin and a microphone. Yep, there he was Wednesday, his first morning as a freed convict, freshly shaved and nicked by a sharp civilian razor, standing outside his Ravenswood Manor home. He was holding a news conference, seeking attention and adulation just like in the old days before he became a felonious ex-governor, guilty of multiple counts of corruption.

Based on that performance, we can say two things with certainty about this disgraced pol: He didn't lose his smooth-talking ways while incarcerated, nor did he find humility. He made clear he isn't retaking a place in the public eye so he can acknowledge his wrongdoing. He's a victim. And he has some things to say about that. Quoting Scripture, thanking the Rev. Jesse Jackson, thanking President Donald Trump for the commutation of his sen-

Did you expect anything different?

tence, offering wisdom he says he gleaned during long nights staring out a barred prison window, Blagojevich was in full command of his bounteous oratory skills. It's as if he had been preparing for this return to the spotlight for years. Perhaps he was. He sounded like he was campaigning for redemption, or public office, or both. Thankfully, he can't seek state or municipal elected office in Illinois because he was impeached and convicted. But watch out, voters, he can run for federal office. Blagojevich said he hoped to draw on the experience of his imprisonment to work on behalf of people who have been wrongfully incarcerated or oversentenced for nonviolent offenses. He also had a message for his fellow underdogs: "You may be down, all your hopes may have seemed to



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Rod Blagojevich, alongside wife Patti, speaks to the press Wednesday in Chicago.

disappear. The road you have to travel is a long one, and home, that's where you want to be, is so far away you can't even see the flicker of a light at the end of the tunnel. But don't give up." Those are fine enough sentiments, given credence because Blagojevich has been through a long, despairing odyssey — one he deserved.

Prison is punishment, and a lonely place. So here's the thing. It's doubtful at this point that Blagojevich will ever face up to his wrongdoing. He couldn't bring himself to acknowledge culpability when being sentenced to prison, so he's unlikely to do it now. But he still has abilities and notoriety as a fallen public figure. We'd much prefer Blagojevich never try to restart his political career. But there are ways for him to make contributions to the greater good. He could work on criminal justice issues on behalf of advocacy groups or find ways to help social service agencies. He could lecture, or minister, or serve others at a community center. Blagojevich has talents. Every former governor or member of Congress does. He has energy. He has time. Here's hoping Blagojevich finds a way forward as a contributing member of society. But let him do so as quietly as possible.

One year after Aurora: Lax gun enforcement invites more slaughter

Sometimes, it takes a catastrophe to bring attention to a serious problem, and to prompt drastic action to solve it. A catastrophe occurred a year ago in west suburban Aurora, when Gary Martin opened fire at Henry Pratt Co. He killed five of his co-workers and wounded several officers who responded to the call, before he was shot and killed by police.

What made the tragedy especially regrettable is that it was preventable. Martin, a convicted felon, was forbidden to own a gun. Earlier, when his conviction had come to the attention of the Illinois State Police, the agency revoked his Illinois firearm owner's identification card, and he was ordered by letter to surrender his weapons. But he never did, and no one followed up. So he kept his guns and put them to lethal use.

This was unfortunately the norm for enforcement, not the exception. A Tribune investigation discovered that nearly 80% of those who had their cards revoked failed to document that they had gotten rid of their guns, as the law requires. Over the previous four years, nearly 27,000 Illinois residents failed to comply with this obligation — and some 5,000 of them had made serious inquiries about buying guns from federally licensed dealers.

The ISP responded to the Aurora shooting by creating a state database of revoked cardholders that was accessible to law enforcement agencies — and those agencies have made use of it thousands of times. "The number of returned firearm disposition records," the Tribune reports, "has doubled in the past year."

But the drastic action that catastrophes can produce? We're still waiting. The number of cardholders who haven't told police what they did with their guns



JOLIET POLICE DEPARTMENT

Christopher Miller fatally shot his toddler son, Colton, and then himself with this .22-caliber Ruger pistol. Illinois State Police had ordered him to relinquish his weapons after they deemed him too dangerous to own a firearm, but he ignored the directive. Right, his estranged wife, Cassandra Tanner Miller, visits Colton's playroom on Feb. 6.

rose by 14% between February and December, leaving another 5,800 weapons still unaccounted for. The backlog just keeps growing.

Spotty enforcement has led to more horrific bloodshed. In September, another revoked cardholder, Christopher Miller, showed up at the Joliet home of his estranged wife, Cassandra Tanner Miller, choked her and fatally shot their 18-month-old son before turning his gun on himself.

This crime, too, was eminently preventable. Not only had Miller been arrested after losing his

FOID, but his wife had told DuPage County officials that he still owned guns — to no avail. Miller also had been arrested in Cook County and released on bond without his revocation being noted. At either of these



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moments, his guns could have been seized — and the murder of a little boy could have been averted.

The Miller case highlights a simple way to enhance enforcement. Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart proposes that when any defendant appears in court, his revocation status should be checked and shared with the judge before bond is set. If a revoked cardholder has not accounted for his firearms, the judge could require him to do so. Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx has endorsed the change.

This is just one of the steps that is badly needed. Another is a greater commitment by police agencies to call on revoked cardholders who've failed to return their firearm disposition forms.

That job, of course, requires people and money. Last year, the Illinois House approved a measure raising the fee for FOID applications, with a share of the revenue going to fund enforcement. But faced with opposition from gun rights groups, the state Senate has yet to act.

In the meantime, guns remain in the hands of tens of thousands of people who, everyone agrees, should not be allowed to have them. We know ways to resolve that problem, if we have the will.

And, sadly, we know the inevitable consequences of not resolving it. "A gun didn't kill my son," says Cassandra Tanner Miller. "A criminal who was not supposed to have a gun anymore killed him."

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

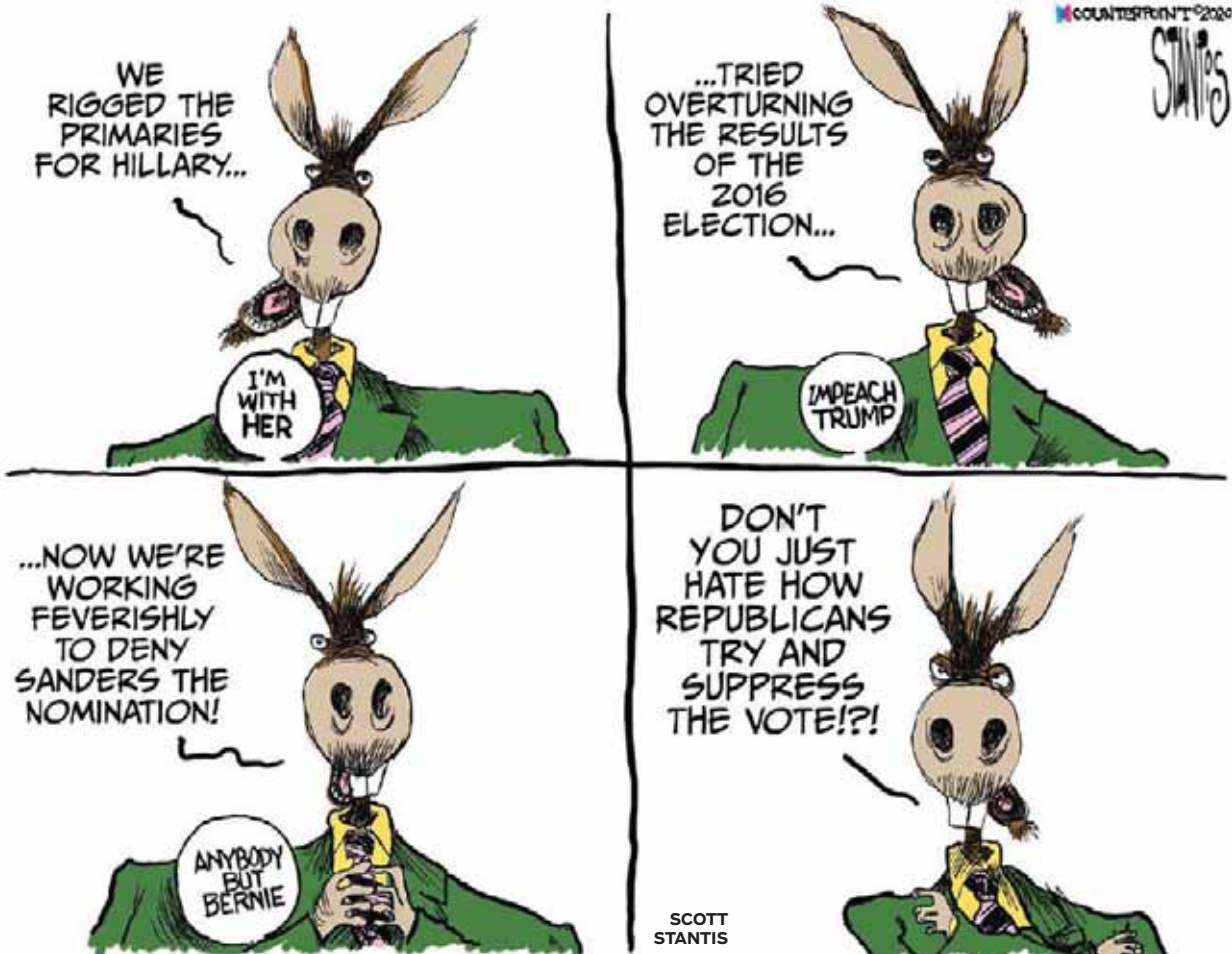
The sting of Hillary Clinton's defeat in 2016 still hangs heavy over the Democratic Party. There has yet to emerge a consensus understanding of the party's failure to beat an opponent who almost everyone assumed could be defeated. Some have focused on voter suppression, others on Russian interference. Clinton continues to blame Bernie Sanders. But missing from the various theories is how Barack Obama's tenure may also have contributed to voter disaffection because he failed to bring about the transformational changes he promised. ...

Black voters' attitudes about the impact of the Obama administration are complicated because they hold Barack and Michelle Obama in such high regard. As president, Obama enjoyed extraordinarily high approval ratings among African Americans, even as black unemployment remained high. His personal popularity notwithstanding, African Americans' ratings of public policy, race relations and the state of the country declined over his presidency. ...

It is undeniable that the Republican Party blocked or curtailed most of Obama's legislative efforts, but his commitment to bipartisanship also undermined and diluted his professed agenda. His efforts to "reach across the aisle" resulted in compromises that came at the expense of the Democratic base.

The reluctance to fully interrogate the Obama years also means that Obama continues to have outsized influence in the party. ... It means that he is able to continue advocating for centrist politics as the guiding strategy for the party as it seeks to oust Trump.

Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, The New York Times



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Choices for Illinois House

Kalish, LaPointe, Tillman, Flowers, Thapedi, Krishnamsetty. This is the Tribune Editorial Board's second group of endorsements for contested Illinois House races in the March 17 primary election.

16th District. When longtime Democrat and Michael Madigan loyalist Lou Lang left the House in January 2019, he tapped **Yehiel “Mark” Kalish** to take over this seat. That makes Kalish the incumbent in a district touching parts of Skokie, Morton Grove, Lincolnwood and Chicago’s West Ridge neighborhood. Then Kalish rankled Lang by not backing a pro-abortion-rights measure that Lang supported. Kalish, who had concerns about language in the bill, lost backing from Lang, who now has endorsed Denyse Wang Stoneback in this race. Kalish is probably much better off without any blessing from Lang, who resigned after being accused of threatening, verbally abusing and inappropriately touching a female activist who was working with him on legislation. An inquiry later cleared Lang of the accusations. Kalish says the exodus of people from Illinois is a top priority, and one answer lies in seeding job growth through tax cuts for middle-sized and small businesses. Stoneback wants to make community colleges free, while Kevin Olickal, 27, believes the state “should have tuition-free colleges for Illinois residents.” Nice thought, but free college comes with a titanic price tag. Who pays for it? Kalish, who deserves praise for his independence from Lang, is endorsed.



Kalish

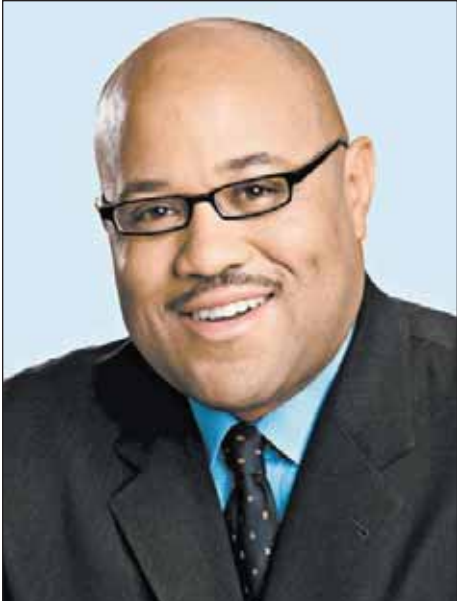


Flowers

19th District. When Democrat Robert Martwick landed a seat in the Illinois Senate last summer, **Lindsey LaPointe** was appointed as his replacement. Now she's running to defend her seat against Chicago police Officer Joe Duplechin and former WGN radio personality Patti Vasquez. LaPointe's open to streamlining government, whether it's looking at another round of pension fund consolidation, school district consolidation or where townships may no longer be needed. LaPointe is right: there's a lot of chaff in Illinois government that can be eliminated. Vasquez brings energy to the race, but we didn't hear enough from her about a road map for fixing the state's ever-growing pension crisis. LaPointe is endorsed.



LaPointe



Thapedi

20th District. The winner in this Democratic contest goes up against Republican incumbent Brad Stephens, who's also the mayor of Rosemont and son of the late Rosemont leader Donald Stephens. R. Cary Capparelli is the son of Ralph Capparelli, a state lawmaker from 1971 to 2004. So the son is no stranger to political campaigns. He waged unsuccessful bids for a seat on the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District board — as a Republican in 2014 and 2018 and as a Democrat in 2016. He also lost his 2010 bid to join the Cook County Board of Commissioners. His opponent this time around is Michelle Darbro, a Chicago firefighter who opted to not take part in the endorsement process. The Tribune makes no endorsement in this race.



Tillman



Krishnamsetty

29th District. Many of the south suburban communities that comprise this district have been ailing economically for years. Incumbent Democrat Thaddeus Jones has represented this Southland stretch since 2011. We didn't endorse Jones in 2016 or 2018 — and we're still not impressed. **DeAndre Tillman** is a Calumet City alderman who helped his City Council get rid of a \$2 million deficit last year. His assessment of what's ailing the state? “Illinois is losing younger residents who go off to college and never return ... (and) is not

attracting younger residents from other states.” Why not? Jobs. As in not enough of them. In the 29th District, a big part of the problem is lack of transportation access to locales in the Chicago metropolitan area where most jobs are. Tillman backs the CTA's Red Line extension project as a way to dramatically improve access to those jobs. Tillman also believes Illinois can trim a lot of waste by consolidating school dis-

tricts, and says that process can start in his hometown, Calumet City, where several school districts serve a population of 37,000 people. Tillman is endorsed.

31st District. For years, the Department of Children and Family Services has been one of Illinois' most troubled state agencies, saddled by episodes of abysmal case management and a revolving door of direc-

tors. Longtime Democratic incumbent **Mary Flowers** has been a counterpoint to the agency's failings, serving as an ardent watchdog of DCFS and tireless advocate for neglected and abused children. She's been in office for 35 years. We've endorsed her before, and we see no reason to not back her again. Her opponent, Samantha Simpson, 35, says she would commit to ensuring better access to jobs, improved funding for education and safer neighborhoods for her district, which stretches from the Englewood and Auburn Gresham communities west to Oak Lawn, Palos Hills and Countryside. Simpson has a strong future in politics, and we like her energy. But Flowers is endorsed.

32nd District. Democrat **Andre Thapedi** has represented this district — which includes parts of Englewood, Burbank and Hickory Hills — since 2009. It's a district in which access to an education that leads to a fulfilling career can be hard to come by, and Thapedi wants to change that. “Every child is not going to college,” Thapedi says. “Our schools need to recognize this fact and ensure that each and every child is prepared and equipped to compete in this global economy.” With that in mind, he has pushed for the opening of trade and vocational schools in Chicago and in impoverished East St. Louis. His opponent, Ricky Gandhi, is a 28-year-old economist with the right outlook on several fronts, including a desire to take a hard look at Illinois' mind-boggling layers of local government (Last time we counted, the state had more than 6,900 units of government). But Thapedi has ably served his district and deserves another term. He is endorsed.

40th District. If House Speaker Michael Madigan is king of Democratic politics in Illinois, then count incumbent Jaime Andrade Jr. as a faithful member of the king's guard. Andrade has stayed in office with the help of the Madigan machine. And he has shown his gratitude by routinely backing the Madigan agenda. It's time for a change. **Syamala Krishnamsetty**, 37, is a social services worker who says consolidating the hodgepodge of pension systems in the state is one way to address the pension crisis that has mired Illinois in debt and financial dysfunction for so long. “Lawmakers from both parties have repeatedly skipped required contributions,” she says, “contributed less annually than they should have or have even (short-changed) the funds to finance other projects.” Spot on. She also backs redistricting reforms to rid the state of gerrymandering, and having voters instead of party bosses fill vacant legislative seats. Krishnamsetty is endorsed.

41st District. The winner of this Democratic contest faces incumbent Grant Wehrli, R-Naperville. Denika McMillen, 43, is a licensed clinical social worker making her first run for political office. She backs Gov. J.B. Pritzker's proposed graduated income tax as the solution to the state's pension crisis — odd, given that Pritzker would devote a relatively small share of the new revenue to the enormous pension debt. Janet Yang Rohr is a board member at Naperville Community Unit School District 203 and director of global data at Morningstar, an investment research firm. We aren't impressed by either candidate's campaign and offer no endorsement.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

In the magnificent history of this country, only three presidents have been impeached and only eight governors also wear that albatross around their respective necks. This is a small but notable fraternity of people who have been accused and confirmed of compromising the public trust. A dubious distinction indeed. Two of the arguably most memorable members of this special class happen to be inextricably linked, not just by a reality TV show, but by their affinity for each other and their personification of privilege.

Donald Trump and Rod Blagojevich may not seem to have much in common besides a penchant for the dramatic and hair that holds its own place in popular culture. For all intents and purposes, these men fundamentally are opposites. Trump has attacked the Affordable Care Act at every turn. Blagojevich attempted to provide state-subsidized universal health care to every child in Illinois. Trump has stalled numerous attempts at comprehensive gun legislation. Blagojevich was a staunch gun-control advocate. Trump has cozied up with the rich and powerful in the financial industry, while Blagojevich fought big banks in attempt to compel them to make loans to small mom-and-pop businesses.

But that's where the distinction ends and the similarities begin to rear their ugly head, revealing the pride and the prejudice that these two men share.

On Dec. 18, 2019, Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House for a quid pro quo scheme with the president of Ukraine and obstruction of Congress and was in short order acquitted by the Senate. Terms like “sham trial” and “Kabuki theater” were tossed around to describe the Senate proceedings.

On Jan. 9, 2009, Rod Blagojevich was impeached by the Illinois House for abuse of power and corruption tied to the potential selling of a U.S. Senate seat; unlike Trump, he was removed from office — by a unanimous

vote of the Illinois Senate — and sent to federal detention.

President Trump's commutation of Blagojevich's sentence did not come with much explanation, but he has showed sympathy for the former governor by saying that he believed he was unfairly treated. Blagojevich didn't show that same sympathy to the men and women who awaited his attention when he was Illinois governor. Blagojevich now walks around as a free man, capable of all manner of things not bestowed upon most people who have run-ins with our justice system.

I do count myself among the people who think that 14 years for Blagojevich was an excessive sentence. However, I can't help but be dismayed at this brand of justice that gives those with titles and connections the benefit of the doubt, and everyone else, the doubt without benefit.

— *State Rep. Kam Buckner, D-Chicago*

Still status quo in Illinois, Rod

Rod Blagojevich will find things haven't changed much in Illinois since his term as governor was so rudely interrupted. Michael “Boss” Madigan is still calling the shots from his mountain perch and letting our new governor, J.B. Pritzker, play pretend. The state is still drowning in public pension debt, and people are fleeing in droves as they try to stay out of the swirl as the state goes down the toilet.

So a heartfelt welcome back, Rod. The sentence was severe by Illinois standards, where “pay to play” is con-

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sidered a parlor game. I know you'll land on your feet, but I'd suggest boots. Things are still mucky here.

— *Steve Moore, Cary*

Blagojevich, Trump peas in a pod

The droning whir of a news chopper echoed through our neighborhood all Tuesday afternoon, a constant, aggravating reminder that our most infamous resident was returning. President Donald Trump getting Rod Blagojevich released is perfect in its ugly synchronicity: one corrupt, ignorant, lazy, arrogant, egotist aiding another.

In many ways, Blagojevich is the Democratic version of Trump, a man who saw political office as nothing more than a way to soak in the spotlight and enrich himself at the expense of the public good. What a slap in the face for the prosecutors who worked so hard to convict the disgraceful ex-governor.

What a sad day for our neighborhood, our state and our country.

— *Lon Wehrle, Chicago*

Blagojevich was made an example

President Donald Trump was right to commute Rod Blagojevich's sentence. According to the Tribune, Judge James Zagel reasoned “a tarnished reputation and a few years behind bars were simply not enough to deter politicians from abusing their power.” This is the problem: Blagojevich was basically set as an example, and that's not the way it should be. His penalty should have been for his crimes only and not to prevent things in the future. He served long enough. Thank you, President Trump.

— *Steven Durfey, Bartlett*

PERSPECTIVE

In Trump's world, the big shots get out early



STEVE CHAPMAN

Irving Kristol, a New York intellectual and youthful communist who became a guru of the American right, once defined a neoconservative as "a liberal who has been mugged by reality."

Thanks to Donald Trump, we have a new definition of a criminal justice reformer: a rich person who is shocked to see his felonious friends punished as though they were poor.

Sorting out the motives behind the president's sudden slew of pardons for people he knows and likes is not terribly difficult. Trump is a monumental sleazeball who is comfortable with other sleazeballs, provided they are people of means and fame. It also helps if they are willing to play the role of toady, because Trump likes to see people grovel before him.

Rod Blagojevich gained his favor during their time together on Trump's reality TV show, "The Celebrity Apprentice." In dismissing him from the competition, Trump said, "Governor, I have great respect for you. I have great respect for your tenacity, for the fact that you just don't give up." Afterward, he made a point of saying how badly he felt for the guy who tried to sell a Senate seat.

In commuting Blagojevich's 14-year prison sentence, of which he has served nearly eight years, Trump lamented the heartless severity of the criminal justice system. "You have drug dealers that get not even 30 days, and they've killed 25 people," claimed the president, with his usual habit of making stuff up. "They put him in jail for 18 years, and he has many years left. And I think it's very unfair."

What Trump didn't mention is that the disgraced Illinois governor got off easy. After his 2011 conviction, prosecutors and the presiding judge agreed that the federal sentencing guidelines for his crimes, which mandated 360 months to life, were excessive. Judge James Zagel said a more reasonable range was 188 months to 235 months. He then imposed an even lighter sentence, 168 months.

It's safe to assume that Blagojevich strove to ingratiate himself with Trump during their TV time. If that weren't enough, his wife, Patti, went on Fox News repeatedly to praise Trump and plead for help, while heaping blame on Barack Obama and James Comey. She knew Trump's triggers.

Blagojevich was in appropriate company Tuesday. Trump also pardoned former New York City police Commissioner Bernard Kerik, who pleaded guilty to eight felonies, including tax fraud, got off with a four-year sentence instead of the 30 years he could have received, and was released after serving three years.

The dirty cop, who served under Trump henchman Rudy Giuliani, responded to Trump's decision with a maudlin lament: "Going to prison is like dying with your eyes open. Its aftermath of collateral consequences and the permanent loss of many of your civil and constitutional rights are personally devastating."

It's enough to break your heart. But the savage cruelty of incarceration never occurred to him when he was supervising a department that arrests hundreds of thousands of people every year so they can be prosecuted and imprisoned.

Trump also announced pardons for Michael Milken, a crooked Wall Street billionaire who did time for securities fraud, and former San Francisco 49ers owner Edward DeBartolo Jr., convicted



EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Donald Trump talks pardons and commutations at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland on Tuesday.

3 reasons for the release (and why they're wrong)

By Ronald S. Safer

We have stepped through the looking glass, or entered George Orwell's dystopia. Criminals are victims. Public servants are criminals. Truth is a lie, and lies told loudly and persistently carry the day. We are at a tipping point where the bedrocks of our society are under attack.

President Donald Trump commuted Rod Blagojevich's sentence Tuesday. Blagojevich will loudly proclaim his innocence, as he has for years, despite the irrefutable evidence that he is guilty. He will rant against the criminal justice system. He will say the prosecutors were the real criminals. The media will dutifully report those rants and many among the public will believe them because of our polarized political perspectives.

But those rants are lies. The "overwhelming" evidence — as the court of appeals called it — against the former Illinois governor included tape recorded evidence of schemes to extort innocent victims, including the head of a children's hospital, for campaign contributions. He crassly used his office for personal gain and he was caught. If it was, as he claims, "politics as usual," that is only because, with his conviction, he became the fourth Illinois governor to be a felon.

There are questions that fair-minded people could raise, but they do not support a commutation.

'What about his daughters?'

I feel for them just as I felt for the daughters of gang leaders I prosecuted

as those gang leaders went to jail for decades. Those children were innocent too. But no helicopters will hover over their homes when their fathers are released from prison. I never left a sentencing as a prosecutor feeling anything but empty. Justice was almost always done but someone who loved the defendant and who the defendant loved was hurt and that is heartbreaking. The Blagojevich daughters share one thing in common with the gang leaders' daughters: Their father, not the criminal justice system, caused their pain.

'Isn't eight years enough?'

Nearly eight years is a long time. George Ryan's sentence was almost seven years. Did that deter Blagojevich from committing his crimes? What message does it send to future corrupt politicians that Blagojevich gets to go home early after abusing his office and the public's trust for personal gain? Unless the price paid for public corruption is certain and severe, we will keep reliving the same nightmare in Illinois. From the headlines about investigations, it seems clear the coming year will bring criminal sentences to more and more high-profile Illinois politicians. What message does commuting the sentence of the highest ranking elected official in the state send to those politicians and others about whether public corruption pays.

'Aren't the prosecutors the real criminals?'

This is the most insidious message the president sends, and it is intentional.

It also could not be further from the truth. The men and woman in the U.S. attorney's office are among the hardest working, most dedicated, most selfless public servants in the country. They work 60-, 70- and 80-hour weeks for us. They face mobsters, drug dealers — very dangerous people — and yes, corrupt politicians, and they do not blink. They protect us from health care fraud, elder abuse, human trafficking and countless other crimes.

Do they do it for money? Hardly. They make a small fraction of what they could draw in the private sector. Do they do it for publicity? You may know the U.S. attorneys, but can you name the prosecutors who tried Blagojevich? How about the prosecutors who indicted Ald. Edward Burke? I didn't think so.

They don't do it for money or fame. They do it because they believe in the rule of law. They believe that public corruption is one of the most dangerous

These assistant U.S. attorneys are heroes. While Blagojevich, like President Trump, takes aim at them in the coming days, the current assistant U.S. attorneys will remain silent — that is part of their job. But I have a voice, and so do you.

All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing. We need to drown out the lies with truth. We need to stop electing corrupt politicians or we will go over the edge.

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Indiana Beach was originally called Ideal Beach. It began as a Lake Shafer swimming beach with a bathhouse and refreshment stand.

Fading into history

Indiana Beach amusement park closing after nearly a century

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

After nearly a century of luring Chicagoans to ride roller coasters amid the cornfields of rural Monticello, Indiana, old-school amusement park Indiana Beach is closing.

California-based Apex Parks Group, a national amusement park owner that bought Indiana Beach in 2015, announced Wednesday it was shutting down four properties, including the storied Indiana attraction two hours south of Chicago.

“Despite significant efforts to improve financial performance and considerable investment in rides and infrastructure, we have not seen improvement in operating results at Fantasy Island (New York), Indiana Beach, SpeedZone Dallas and Boomers Houston,” Apex said in an emailed statement. “We are ceasing operations at those four locations.”

Family-owned and -operated for most of its history, Indiana Beach was launched in 1926 as Ideal Beach by Earl Spackman. The amusement park located by man-made Lake Shafer grew from a swimming area in a cornfield into a regional attraction. Its pitch to Chicagoans in countless TV commercials featured a crow squawking that

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People ride the Galaxi roller coaster at Indiana Beach amusement park in Monticello, Indiana.

10,000-plus apartments predicted to be constructed for downtown Chicago by 2022

Annual rent increases are expected even as plans are drawn up



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

Apartment-dwellers in downtown Chicago shouldn't expect any breaks on their rent, despite an unprecedented pace of construction that has boosted the number of high-end units by 51% in the past five years.

Modest annual rent increases of 2% to 3% are expected to continue even as developers draw up plans for more than 10,000 new apartments between now and 2022.

But it's yet to be seen whether those gains will be enough to help landlords overcome new obstacles including an expected rise in property taxes, according to a forecast by market research firm and consultant Integra Realty Resources.

Downtown apartment rents rose less than 1% in 2019 for newer, well-appointed units and

are expected to go up about 2% this year, Integra executives said Wednesday during the firm's annual apartment and condo forecast event at the Standard Club.

The challenge for developers is to keep rents high enough to help offset expected property tax increases without driving renters away. Taxes are passed on indirectly to tenants.

“The million-dollar question is, how high are they going to go?” said Ron DeVries, Integra senior managing director.

Higher property taxes, part of an expected overhaul of the Cook County Assessor's Office by new leader Fritz Kaegi, are one of a few challenges to a construction boom that has added 23,600 new apartments and 1,200 condos downtown since 2011.

New property assessments are coming to the city in 2021, which could push up property taxes to an estimated \$5,000 to \$6,000 per unit, DeVries said. Just a few years ago, developers were figuring in \$3,500 in per unit in taxes on new projects, he said.

But DeVries said worries about even higher tax increases, to \$8,000 or \$9,000 per unit, are likely unfounded.

Other issues, such as more stringent affordable-housing

“The million-dollar question is, how high are they going to go?”

— Ron DeVries, Integra senior managing director

requirements on new residential projects, also could slow the pace of new construction downtown, where there were fewer than 3,000 units completed in 2019 after three consecutive years well above that level.

“I think these ARO requirements are to some extent driving development out into the neighborhoods,” DeVries said.

The estimate of 10,000-plus new apartments in downtown Chicago, or south of North Avenue, could fall if some proposed projects stall because of higher construction costs, taxes and Affordable Requirements Ordinance (ARO) standards in the city, DeVries said.

The downtown market is boosted by good job growth as companies relocate offices from the suburbs and other cities, DeVries said.

“There's a great long-term outlook for rental product downtown,” he said. “The job market is still cranking along pretty good and we don't see that changing. People want to live downtown.”

Downtown condo devel-

opment could continue a gradual increase in 2020 and beyond, Integra managing director Gail Lissner said. Last year, 204 buyers signed contracts with condo developers, a slight increase from 2018 but a far cry from the 8,000-plus contracts signed during the pre-recession boom in 2005.

Plans to construct buildings with more than 700 new condos were announced and began marketing last year, Lissner said.

Vista Tower, soon to be Chicago's third-tallest skyscraper, will be completed later this year, highlighting a wave of high-profile developments that include condos.

Developers Golub & Co. and CIM Group are converting the landmark Tribune Tower on North Michigan Avenue to condos. Lissner said 25% of its 162 units are already under contract, a good start for a project that just started its marketing a few months ago, Lissner said.

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Groupon to halt product sales

Retailer cutting costs after disappointing fourth-quarter

BY ALLY MAROTTI

After Groupon reported a fourth-quarter performance that CEO Rich Williams said “disappointed by nearly every measure,” the Chicago-based company plans to halt its online merchandise sales.

Instead of selling products through Groupon Goods, the company will focus on its “experiences” marketplace, where customers can buy a haircut coupon or discounted tickets to go ice skating.

“This is where we can grow. This is where we have the right to win,” Williams said during the company's earnings call Wednesday. “We need to act now to extend our lead.”

Williams laid out plans to build an inventory of deals in 10 core cities, launch a new Groupon app and merchant tools, relaunch its brand, and reduce costs.

Groupon Goods “has effectively become a distraction in which we cannot compete,” he said.

Investors weren't impressed. Shares of Groupon fell about 44% Wednesday to close at \$1.70 a share, a new 52-week low.

Groupon Goods offers items from stud earrings to stainless steel knife sets, and competes with other online marketplaces, like Amazon. Groupon expects to end its merchandise sales in North America by the third quarter, and international sales by the end of the year, CFO Melissa Thomas said Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the company reported fourth-quarter net income of \$77 million. On a per-share basis, Groupon said it had net income of 13 cents.

The results did not meet Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of four analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for earnings of 17 cents per share.

The online deal service posted

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Former execs seek to access frozen funds

Government says they have plenty of money for attorneys' fees

BY ALLY MAROTTI

If former Outcome Health CEO Rishi Shah can afford to wire \$105,000 to Tesla and own multi-million-dollar properties, the government argues, he can afford to pay his attorneys' fees.

Shah and former Outcome Health president, Shradha Agarwal, want to access \$10.3 million the government froze as part of a \$1 billion fraud case playing out in Chicago federal court. But the government is not backing down.

Shah and Agarwal need “at least” \$14 million to \$15 million to pay their lawyers, according to court documents filed by the former executives' attorneys last week. The document listed Shah and Agarwal's assets and argued they cannot pay their attorneys' fees without the frozen \$10.3 million.

In a court document filed Wednesday, however, the government rebuffed that argument. Both have “extraordinary amounts of assets” they could sell or use as collateral for loans to pay their lawyers.

“Even if the court were to find the breathtaking \$14 million to be reasonable ... Agarwal has plenty of assets to pay” her attorneys' fees, the document states.

It also states that some of Shah's assets were excluded from court

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Howard Brown planning expansion to serve demand in LGBTQ community

By LISA SCHENCKER

Howard Brown Health is planning a major expansion on Chicago's North and South sides amid a surge in demand for services for the LGBTQ community.

On the South Side, Howard Brown plans to open a health and social services center within the next several years as part of a new, larger community center serving LGBTQ people.

On the North Side, it plans to move its Broadway Youth Center to the Lakeview neighborhood, from Buena Park, and relocate its Halsted Street clinic in Lakeview East to a larger facility down the street.

The multiyear plan will allow Howard Brown, which sees 30,000 patients annually at its 11 locations, to serve another 15,000 patients a year, said President and CEO David Ernesto Munar. The nonprofit organization is a federally qualified health center, meaning it gets federal money to provide services, plus funding from Medicaid, Medicare, private insurers and patients.

Howard Brown is getting \$15 million from the state for the South Side center, and, in addition to that, has set aside about \$15 million of its own money for the projects. It is considering several other options to fund the rest.

"We've seen our demand just skyrocket in the last five years," Munar said. "We've consistently been seeing 300 or more (new) patients a month for the last five years, and have been scrambling to accommodate that need."

Walk-in patients at the youth center have endured long waits, leading some to leave without being seen, he said. Howard Brown's clinic on Halsted no longer accepts new patients, and some existing patients have had to



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Latonya Maley leads a body positivity discussion during the SexuWellness Drop-in Night at a Howard Brown Health Center in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood.

wait up to four weeks to schedule appointments.

Munar attributed the spike in demand to several factors, including the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. That law allowed states to expand Medicaid — a state- and federally funded health insurance program for the poor — to more adults. In Illinois, nearly 3 million people were enrolled in Medicaid last year, including 570,551 who enrolled under the expansion.

Also, many patients are seeking care related to testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, Munar said.

Cook County had the second-highest rates of syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia cases in the country in 2018, after Los Angeles County, according to the most recent analysis from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Many patients in Chicago prefer to visit Howard Brown clinics because of their expertise in treating LGBTQ people, Munar said.

"Our patients are often not treated well in other health care systems or not receiving high-quality care because there's such a lack

of awareness of the needs of LGBTQ people," he said.

Howard Brown has three clinics on the South Side, in Canaryville, Englewood and Hyde Park, but hopes to begin offering additional services at a new community center serving LGBTQ people by 2024. The health system is working with non-profit Pride Action Tank to assess the South Side's needs.

It is looking at neighborhoods including Bronzeville, South Shore, Chatham and Roseland, Munar said. The health system's leaders are not sure how much the project will cost but plan to use \$15 million dedicated by the state as part of a \$45 billion infrastructure plan signed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker last year.

"There's always been a dearth of resources for the LGBTQ community on the South Side," said Kim Hunt, executive director of Pride Action Tank, which is a project of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago.

"Folks feel more comfortable sometimes going to a health care facility where they know their identities won't be questioned and their needs will be met without having to educate the health care provider on

LGBTQ issues."

The center will have space for other community organizations serving LGBTQ people and could include housing, though it hasn't been decided what form that might take, said Rep. Lamont Robinson Jr., D-Bronzeville, who worked to secure the \$15 million from the state.

Beyond the state funding, Howard Brown has budgeted about \$15 million of its own funds for the projects. It also plans to apply for federal tax credits to fund construction of the youth center and is in discussions with lenders to fund any remaining costs on that center and the new Halsted clinic, Munar said. He said the system is strong financially, and had gross revenue of \$137.5 million during the last fiscal year that ended in June.

Howard Brown hopes to break ground on the five-story, 20,000-square-foot youth center in Lakeview by July and move into the facility in summer 2021. The building will allow Howard Brown to expand both its health services for young people as well as other offerings, such as case management, access to showers and laundry, support groups and educational activities. Construction is expected to cost \$11 million to \$12 million, Munar said.

For its new Halsted clinic, Howard Brown is in negotiations to buy 3501 N. Halsted St., now home to Little Jim's Tavern. Howard Brown hopes to mostly demolish the building and construct a new facility with about 30,000 square feet of clinical space. That construction would likely cost about \$30 million, Munar said.

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Indiana Beach amusement park workers Cody Ballenger (left) and Jordan O'Daniel (right) check to make sure the lap bar is secure for riders on the Hoosier Hurricane roller coaster in Monticello, Indiana.

Park

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"there's more than corn in Indiana," a call heeded by generations of family fun-seekers.

The Spackman family sold the park in 2008 to Morgan RV Resorts, which ran it for seven years before selling it to privately held Apex. Founded in 2014, Apex built a national portfolio of amusement parks in partnership with private equity firms, including Chicago-based Edgewater Funds.

Indiana Beach added a new message to its website Wednesday, posting "Permanently Closed" in colorful script above videos of families riding the Corn Ball Express, splashing in the water park and enjoying dozens of other attractions that will ostensibly now fade into amusement park history.

"Regrettably, Indiana Beach is closing and ceasing operations," the amusement park posted. "We are grateful for the many years we've had together and appreciate your support and patronage."

The amusement park's namesake was created when Spackman dredged out a sand beach after a dam project on the Tippecanoe River formed Lake Shafer in the 1920s. Initially designed as a swimming beach, with a bathhouse and refreshment stand, Spackman added a toboggan water slide in 1927, and more attractions and rides followed. A dance floor was built in 1930, drawing some big names over the years, from Glenn Miller to Alice Cooper.

During the 1960s, Monticello became a regular stop on the rock concert circuit, with acts such as The Who, The Beach Boys, Sonny & Cher and The Yardbirds all playing the Indiana Beach stage.

During its heyday, Indiana Beach would draw as many as 800,000 visitors — about half of them from Illinois — each summer to Monticello, which is located about midway between Chicago and Indianapolis.

For a rural town of about 5,300, it was culturally transformational — and an important driver in the local economy.

"It was magical," said Monticello Mayor Cathy Gross, 61, a lifelong resident who worked at the park as a teenager.

Gross said her official title was "ecology girl," which meant sweeping up cigarette butts and trash from the boardwalk. Beyond the paycheck, Gross

said exposure to customers and coworkers from diverse backgrounds and distant locales was even more enriching.

"During the '70s, in a little town like ours, that was eye-opening," Gross said.

While Gross touted manufacturing jobs and a low unemployment rate in Monticello, she said the loss of the amusement park was nonetheless an economic blow to the community — especially the loss of seemingly endless summer jobs for high school and college students.

Indiana Beach remained a throwback as the market shifted to large theme parks such as Great America, which opened in Gurnee in 1976. In a bid to keep people in Chicago and beyond coming to Indiana Beach, the amusement park turned to a decidedly corny advertising campaign in 1985.

Employing a cartoon crew, commercials promoting "Indiana's largest amusement park and vacation playground" ended with the tagline, "there is more than corn in Indiana." The slogan proved enduring, running regularly on Chicago TV for 35 years.

Even iconic amusement parks don't last forever. Chicago's Riverview Park, an urban playground for more than 60 years, was demolished in 1967, giving way to the Riverview Plaza shopping center.

At the same time, there are some fairy tale endings in the amusement park business. In 2006, Santa's Village in East Dundee closed after nearly 50 years, its rides dismantled and auctioned off, with plans to build a mixed-use development at the 38-acre site.

But the redevelopment didn't happen. Instead, the park was resurrected under new owners in 2010 with rides and attractions returning to the formerly vacant site. Santa's Village even bought back some of its iconic rides, such as the Snowball, which had been sold to another park.

Santa's Village is planning to add a new water park when it opens for the season in May, according to park spokesman Brian Wright.

While Apex declined to comment on plans for the Indiana Beach site or its rides and attractions, Gross, Monticello's mayor, offered a modest proposal for its future use.

"What if went back to our roots and became a beach, where there was swimming and fishing," Gross said. "We still have our lake."

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filings, including a Chicago condo valued at \$1.3 million, funds in a bank account in Puerto Rico and \$105,000 he wired to Tesla in October.

"Shah's extraordinary expenditures, including lavish spending even after he knew he was a target in a criminal investigation, contradicts his assertion of a 'bona fide need' to spend restrained assets on his legal defense," the document states.

Shah and Agarwal collected

\$225 million from investors, but they paid most of that money back to settle a lawsuit those investors brought. The government argues the \$10.3 million was part of a chunk of investor funds that Shah and Agarwal did not pay back, and that the money should be frozen because it was obtained through the alleged fraud.

An attorney for Shah could not be reached for comment. An spokesman representing Agarwal declined to comment.

The argument is the latest development in an ongoing criminal case against the

former executives, which Shah and Agarwal's attorneys have said they plan to fight.

Outcome Health installs screens in doctor's offices and waiting rooms that combine health information with drug advertising. Pharmaceutical companies pay Outcome to run the ads and other content on the screens.

The charges allege the former executives ran a massive fraud scheme that brought in \$487.5 million in financing, a \$110 million loan and a \$375 million loan, amounting to nearly \$1 billion. The indictment also

alleges the executives lied to clients and billed them millions of dollars for ads that never ran.

Also charged in the case is Brad Purdy, who held various roles including chief financial officer and chief operating officer. A fourth former executive who was charged in the case, Ashik Desai, pleaded guilty and agreed to cooperate with the government's investigation.

A court hearing on the case is scheduled for Thursday morning.

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Groupon

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revenue of \$612.3 million in the period, also falling short of Street forecasts. Three analysts surveyed by Zacks expected \$692.2 million.

For the year, the company reported that its loss widened to \$22.4 million, or 4 cents per share. Revenue was reported as \$2.22 billion.

The company said it will ask shareholders to approve a reverse stock split "at a ratio of between 1-for-10 and 1-for-12" at its June annual meeting, which would boost share prices.

"We understand that our investors are frustrated. We are as well," Williams said Wednesday. "But we also hope you believe this strategy is the best path forward for Groupon."

Groupon launched more than 11 years ago with a

two-for-one pizza deal at a Chicago bar. Its business model resonated with recession-scarred customers and small merchants, and it became one of the city's great tech success stories after the dot-com boom.

The rise was swift. The company turned down a nearly \$6 billion acquisition offer from Google in 2010, opting to go public instead. It made its debut on Nasdaq in November 2011 at \$28 — a price it hasn't seen since.

The company has spent the past several years scaling back and reconfiguring the ways it reaches consumers.

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EU proposes regulations to limit the risks from AI

Commission says clear rules needed to address systems

By **KELVIN CHAN**
Associated Press

LONDON — The European Union unveiled proposals Wednesday to regulate artificial intelligence that call for strict rules and safeguards on risky applications of the rapidly developing technology.

The report is part of the bloc’s wider digital strategy aimed at maintaining its position as the global pacesetter on technological standards. Big tech companies seeking to tap Europe’s vast and lucrative market, including those from the U.S. and China, would have to play by any new rules that come into force.

The EU’s executive Commission said it wants to develop a “framework for trustworthy artificial intelligence.” European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen had ordered her top deputies to come up with a coordinated European approach to artificial intelligence and data strategy 100 days after she took office in December.

“We will be particularly careful where essential human rights and interests are at

stake,” von der Leyen told reporters in Brussels. “Artificial intelligence must serve people, and therefore artificial intelligence must always comply with people’s rights.”

EU leaders, keen on establishing “technological sovereignty,” also released a strategy to unlock data from the continent’s businesses and the public sector so it can be harnessed for further innovation in artificial intelligence. Officials in Europe, which doesn’t have any homegrown tech giants, hope to catch up with the U.S. and China by using the bloc’s vast and growing trove of industrial data for what they anticipate is a coming wave of digital transformation.

They also warned that even more regulation for foreign tech companies is in store with the upcoming “Digital Services Act,” a sweeping overhaul of how the bloc treats digital companies, including potentially holding them liable for illegal content posted on their platforms. A steady stream of Silicon Valley tech bosses, including Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, Google CEO Sundar Pichai and Microsoft President Brad Smith, have visited Brussels in

recent weeks as part of apparent lobbying efforts.

“It is not us that need to adapt to today’s platforms. It is the platforms that need to adapt to Europe,” said Thierry Breton, commissioner for the internal market. “That is the message that we delivered to CEOs of these platforms when they come to see us.”

If the tech companies aren’t able to build systems “for our people, then we will regulate, and we are ready to do this in the Digital Services Act at the end of the year,” he said.

The EU’s report said clear rules are needed to address “high-risk AI systems,” such as those in recruitment, healthcare, law enforcement or transport, which should be “transparent, traceable and guarantee human oversight.” Other artificial intelligence systems could come with labels certifying that they are in line with EU standards.

It’s important to use unbiased data to train high-risk artificial intelligence systems so they can avoid discrimination, the commission said.

Boeing says debris found in 737 Max fuel tanks

By **DAVID KOENIG**
Associated Press

Boeing said Tuesday that it found debris contaminating the fuel tanks of some 737 Max jets that it built in the past year but was unable to deliver to airline customers.

A Boeing official said the debris was discovered in “several” planes but did not give a precise number. Boeing built about 400 undelivered Max jets before it temporarily halted production last month.

The fuel tank debris was discovered during maintenance on parked planes, and Boeing said it immediately made corrections in its production system to prevent a recurrence. Those steps include more inspections before fuel tanks are sealed.

A Boeing spokesman said that the issue would not change the company’s belief that the Federal Aviation Administration will certify the plane to fly again this summer.

An FAA spokesman said the agency knows that Boeing is conducting a voluntary inspection of undelivered Max planes.

The FAA “increased its surveillance based on initial inspection reports and will take further action based on the findings,” said spokesman Lynn Lunsford.

Metal shavings, tools and other objects left in planes during assembly can raise the risk of electrical short-circuiting and fires.

Mark Jenks, Boeing’s general manager of the 737 program, said in a memo to employees who work on the 737, “During these challenging times, our customers and the flying public are counting on us to do our best work each and every day.”

Jenks called the debris “absolutely unacceptable. One escape is one too many.”

The debris issue was first reported by aviation news site Leehamnews.com.

Max jets were grounded around the world last March after two crashes killed 346 people. Boeing is conducting test flights to assess updates to a flight-control system that activated before the crashes on faulty signals from external sensors.



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Hannah Holemans, left, takes aim with Eefje Battel, a project manager at the Sports Innovation Campus in Bruges, Belgium.

Video games get them off sofa

Companies aim to make players more active, fold fitness into fun products

By **AILI MCCONNON**
The New York Times

Tiffany Ruiz had tried various gyms, apps, workout routines and diets, all in an effort to get fit and lose some weight. “None of them worked because none of them kept my interest,” she said.

Now, Ruiz is working out at least four times a week, thanks to a video game.

In her bedroom, she sprints, squats, stretches and performs other exercises like knee lifts and shoulder presses, all while battling a muscle-bound dragon and its toadies in “Ring Fit Adventure,” a new game from Nintendo, the Japanese consumer tech giant.

“I am so focused on beating the high score or conquering an enemy that before I know it, 30 minutes have passed,” said Ruiz, 26, who is studying to become a nursing assistant in Bakersfield, California.

“Ring Fit Adventure,” created for the Nintendo Switch console, is the latest effort by the video game industry to try to entice consumers to get up off the couch and become more active.

Developers are folding fitness into games as part of a dual-pronged strategy: to retain players by offering a physical twist on traditional gameplay and to draw in new ones like Ruiz who are looking to break up the monotony of working out.

“Developers are trying to reach people who want fun and fitness at the same time,” said Rik Eberhardt, a program manager at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Game Lab. “They know fitness is good for them, but it can feel like a chore in their busy lives.”

Fitness games make up just 1% of the market, but the overall industry is steadily growing. Sales of games across all platforms generated \$35.4 billion in the United States last year, up 2% from 2018, according to NPD Group, a market research firm.

“Exergaming,” a portmanteau of exercise and gaming, has been around since the late 1980s, when Bandai introduced Power Pad, a gray mat with pressure sensors, for the Nintendo Entertainment System. Games now use motion sensors, smartwatches and even virtual reality to track a player’s movement.

Some games disguise fitness routines in the form of role-playing, dancing or other activities like running from zombies. Others are fitness and health apps that lead users through workouts with scoreboards, real-time feedback and multiplayer op-

tions. Nintendo’s Wii game console brought exergaming into the mainstream in 2006. Its “Wii Fit” game incorporated a balance board so players burned calories through calisthenics and yoga.

“The Wii had the fastest adoption rate in the U.S. of any console in the first three years,” Mat Piscatella, an industry analyst for NPD, said. “Wii Fit” remains one of the bestselling games in the United States, according to NPD.

Nintendo’s two main competitors, Microsoft and Sony, followed its lead, adding motion-detecting cameras to their consoles. Games like “Just Dance” and “Zumba Fitness: Join the Party,” which were available on Nintendo, Microsoft and Sony consoles, were “breakout successes” in the motion era, Piscatella said.

Since then, the industry has been overturned by the rise of mobile devices, which allow games to be played on the go.

Exergames are not without risks, said Eefje Battel, a project manager at the Sports Innovation Campus at the Howest University of Applied Sciences in Bruges, Belgium. One element missing in “Ring Fit,” she said, is a coach to ensure that players are performing exercises correctly and safely.

“If you are squatting, the system will measure movement up and down, but it won’t track posture,” she said.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Whopper ads break the mold

Burger King is breaking the mold in its new advertising campaign.

The burger chain is portraying its Whopper covered in mold in print and TV ads running in Europe and the U.S. The message: Burger King is removing artificial preservatives from its signature burger.

The company, already known for irreverent ad campaigns, turned it up a notch, including a time-lapse of a decaying burger on Twitter. That imagery goes beyond the print ads that show a 28-day-old burger.

By the end of this year, Burger King said all food items will be free from artificial colors, artificial flavors and artificial preservatives in the U.S. and select European countries, including Germany and the United Kingdom.

Huawei suit over ban dismissed

NEW YORK — A federal judge in Texas has dismissed Chinese tech giant Huawei’s lawsuit challenging a U.S. law that bars the government and its contractors from using Huawei equipment because of security concerns.

The lawsuit, filed last March, sought to declare the law unconstitutional. Huawei argued the law singled out the company for punishment, denied it due process and amounted to a “death penalty.”

But a court ruled Tuesday that the ban isn’t punitive and that the federal government has the right to take its business elsewhere.

Huawei, China’s first global tech brand, is at the center of U.S.-Chinese tensions over technology competition and digital spying.

China revokes credentials of 3 WSJ reporters

Associated Press

BEIJING — China on Wednesday said it has revoked the press credentials of three reporters for the U.S. newspaper Wall Street Journal over a headline for an opinion column deemed racist by the government.

The expulsions come after the Trump administration on Tuesday designated five state-run Chinese news outlets that operate in the United States as “foreign missions,” requiring them to register their properties and employees in the U.S. China said it reserves the right to respond to what it called a mistaken policy.

The headline on the Journal’s opinion column referred to the current virus outbreak in China and called the country

the “Real Sick Man of Asia.”

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said the Feb. 3 op-ed by Bard College Professor Walter Russel Mead “smears the efforts of the Chinese government and people on fighting (the virus) epidemic.”

“The editors used such a racially discriminatory title, triggering indignation and condemnation among the Chinese people and the international community,” he said in a statement.

He said the expulsions came after the Journal refused demands to “make an official apology and hold the persons involved accountable.”

The term “sick man of Asia” was originally used to describe China more than a century ago when it suffered

internal divisions and was forced to accept unequal treaties with Western powers.

Like most foreign media, The Wall Street Journal is unavailable within China and its website and stories are blocked by online censors.

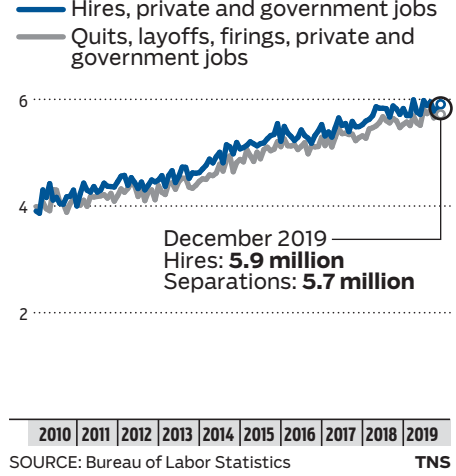
It did not immediately respond to emailed requests for comment.

The Foreign Correspondents’ Club of China issued a statement expressing “deep concern and strong condemnation” of the Chinese move. It pointed out that none of the three reporters had any involvement with the opinion piece or its headline.

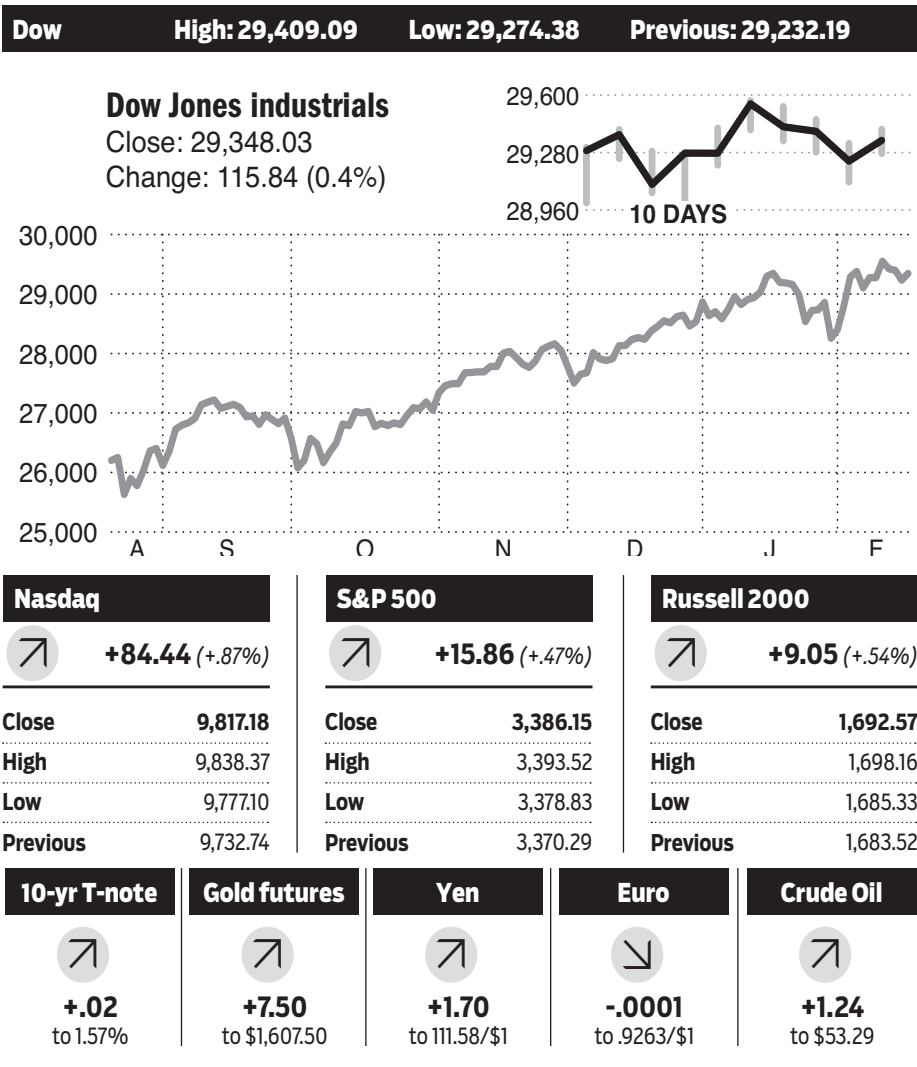
China’s foreign ministry responded to the U.S. moves by demanding the U.S. “immediately cease its wrongful actions” and said it reserves the right to “make a further response.”

Hires and separations

In millions per month



MARKET ROUNDUP



LOCAL STOCKS											
Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.						Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ					
STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	89.36	+4.8	Envestnet Inc	N	86.23	-1.44	McDonalds Corp	N	215.63	-.52
AbbVie Inc	N	94.14	+5.3	Equity Commonwth	N	32.89	-.39	Middleby Corp	O	111.97	-.32
Allstate Corp	N	124.26	-.04	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	75.29	-.43	Mondelez Intl	O	59.30	-.36
Aptargroup Inc	N	115.01	-.25	Equity Residential	N	85.34	-.93	Morningstar Inc	O	165.72	+3.88
Arch Dan Mid	N	43.97	-.48	Exelon Corp	O	49.60	-.40	Motorola Solutions	N	186.12	+1.25
Baxter Intl	N	93.16	+.94	First Indl RT	N	45.50	-.33	Navistar Intl	N	37.51	+0.2
Boeing Co	N	338.30	-.58	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	72.33	-.28	NiSource Inc	N	30.02	-.19
Brunswick Corp	N	64.77	-.14	Gallagher AJ	N	108.78	+2.7	Nthn Trust Cp	O	103.07	+2.24
CBOE Global Markets	N	120.44	-3.10	Grainger WW	N	307.14	-1.04	Old Republic	N	23.22	-1.6
CDK Global Inc	O	52.02	-.35	GrubHub Inc	N	54.58	+2.42	Packaging Corp Am	N	98.93	-.39
CDW Corp	O	136.63	+1.76	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	108.61	-.31	Paylocity Hldg	O	149.73	+2.28
CF Industries	N	39.38	+1.22	IAA Inc	N	50.84	+0.1	RLI Corp	N	94.51	-.20
CME Group	O	207.50	-5.87	IDEX Corp	N	173.54	-1.41	Stericycle Inc	O	65.27	+1.15
CNA Financial	N	49.83	+0.2	ITW	N	187.53	+1.05	TransUnion	N	100.31	+2.15
Cabot Microelect	O	163.98	+2.96	Ingredion Inc	N	94.57	-1.77	US Foods Holding	N	39.86	-.06
Caterpillar Inc	N	136.86	+2.8	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	165.91	-4.13	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	296.86	-1.85
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.80	-.88	Kemper Corp	N	78.79	-.20	United Airlines Hldg	O	79.42	-.82
Deere Co	N	164.93	-1.37	Kraft Heinz Co	O	27.31	-.02	Ventas Inc	N	59.15	-.64
Discover Fin Svcs	N	75.56	+6.5	LKQ Corporation	O	34.00	+7.5	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	52.07	+2.1
Dover Corp	N	117.25	-2.67	Littelfuse Inc	O	187.30	+2.13	Zebra Tech	O	240.50	+3.84

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS		
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
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Chesapck Engy	.48	+0.04
Ford Motor	8.00	-.06
Gen Electric	12.61	-.14
Sprint Corp	9.49	+3.32
Teva Pharm	13.45	+1.13
Bank of America	34.72	+.45
Nokia Corp	4.20	-.05
Yamana Gold Inc	4.42	+0.05
Kinross Gold	5.57	+2.25
Aurora Cannabis Inc	1.71	+0.07
Uber Technologies	41.05	+8.87
AT&T Inc	38.44	+1.18
Itau Unibanco Hldg	7.75	+0.7
Barrick Gold	21.00	+4.2
Sthwstn Energy	1.72	+1.11
Twitter Inc	38.77	+7.1
Intelsat SA	4.01	+1.11
Transocean Ltd	4.32	-.09
Ally Financial	28.33	-3.70
Marathon Oil	10.47	+1.7
Pfizer Inc	36.23	-.09
Snap Inc A	17.20	+0.3
Freeport McMoRan	12.10	+0.8

LARGEST COMPANIES		
Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	222.14	+1.62
Alphabet Inc C	1526.69	+7.02
Alphabet Inc A	1524.87	+5.43
Amazon.com Inc	2170.22	+14.55
Apple Inc	323.62	+4.62
Bank of America	34.72	+4.5
Berkshire Hath B	229.24	+2.47
Facebook Inc	217.49	-.31
HSBC Holdings prA	26.80	-.08
Intel Corp	67.11	+9.7
JPMorgan Chase	137.49	+1.85
Johnson & Johnson	148.94	-.20
MasterCard Inc	344.56	+3.32
Microsoft Corp	187.28	+5.56
Procter & Gamble	125.44	+5.7
Taiwan Semicon	57.64	+1.46
Unitedhealth Group	305.31	+3.17
Visa Inc	213.31	+2.11
WalMart Strs	117.68	-1.95

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS		
Based on total assets		
FUND	NAV	CHG 1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMcP m	35.51	+26 +20.5
American Funds AmrcnBaIa m	29.41	+10 +15.5
American Funds CptWldGrInC m	53.34	+28 +17.3
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	64.06	+11 +12.4
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	64.73	+39 +20.4
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	55.38	+44 +24.2
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.53	+04 +13.6
American Funds InvCmrcA m	40.92	+20 +18.7
American Funds NwPrsctvA m	50.13	+41 +24.7
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	49.61	+19 +18.7
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.29	... +9.7
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	42.87	+23 +10.3
Dodge & Cox Stk	198.18	+145 +14.5
DoubleLine TtlRetBdl	10.79	... +7.0
Fidelity 500ldxlnsPrm	117.71	+57 +24.2
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Vanguard TtlnSldxlnsPlus	118.83	+62 +11.3
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Vanguard WndsrllAdmrl	66.48	+38 +19.6

TREASURY YIELDS		
DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.55	1.545
6-month disc	1.51	1.51
2-year	1.41	1.39
10-year	1.57	1.55
30-year	2.02	2.00

SPOT METALS		
	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1607.50	\$1600.00
Silver	\$18.292	\$18.131
Platinum	\$1004.50	\$993.90

INTEREST RATES		
Prime Rate	4.75	
Discount Rate Primary	2.25	
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75	
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.50	

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Canada (Dollar)	1.3219	
China (Yuan)	6.9983	
Euro	.9263	
India (Rupee)	71.623	
Israel (Shekel)	3.4269	
Japan (Yen)	111.58	
Mexico (Peso)	18.5613	
Poland (Zloty)	3.95	
So. Korea (Won)	1192.81	
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.17	
Thailand (Baht)	31.23	

FOREIGN MARKETS		
INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2975.40	-9.6/-3
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Nikkei	23400.70	+206.9/+9
MSCI-EAFE	2014.15	-12.8/-6
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OBITUARIES

PAUL FARNES 1918-2020

Last RAF ace of Battle of Britain shot down six German aircraft

BY RICHARD SANDOMIR
New York Times

Paul Farnes, a Royal Air Force fighter pilot and the last surviving RAF ace of the Battle of Britain, in which he shot down six German aircraft and damaged a half-dozen more, died on Jan. 28 in West Sussex, England. He was 101.

His death was announced by the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust.

Farnes was one of the last survivors of the nearly 3,000 airmen called "The Few," a nickname inspired by Prime Minister Winston Churchill's tribute to them in August 1940 while the campaign, begun in July, raged on.

"Never in the field of human conflict," Churchill said, "was so much owed by so many to so few."

Farnes entered the Battle of Britain having destroyed three German Luftwaffe bombers, on his own or with a fellow fighter, during the Allies' defeat in the Battle of France in May.

With France having fallen, Britain had reached a critical point in World War II and now had to defend itself against a relentless aerial assault by the Luftwaffe. A German victory in the air would almost certainly have led to a ground invasion of Britain more than a year before the United States entered the war.

But for three months, through October, the RAF battled the Luftwaffe for supremacy in the skies over Britain. Flying a Hurricane fighter for the 501 Squadron, Farnes, a sergeant pilot, proved supremely adept at attacking German aircraft.

In August alone he shot down three Junkers Ju Stuka bombers, a Dornier 17 light bomber and a Messerschmitt 109E fighter.

At the end of September, as Farnes maneuvered his malfunctioning Hurricane back to the RAF's Kenley base, he spotted a German bomber flying directly at him at about 1,500 feet.

"I thought, 'Good God,

so I whipped out and had to reposition myself and managed to get 'round behind him," he said in an interview with the website History of War in 2017. "I gave him a couple of bursts, and he crashed at Gatwick just on the point between the airport and the racecourse."

When he landed at Gatwick, the station commander drove him to meet the German pilot, who had survived a crash landing. They did not speak — neither knew the other's language — but Farnes' attempt to shake hands with the enemy was rebuffed.

During one of his earlier shoot-downs, Farnes recalled, he had watched as the pilot bailed out of his aircraft and parachuted to the ground.

"I waved to him and I got a wave back," he said.

Farnes, who received the Distinguished Flying Medal in late October 1940, was the only member of "The Few" to attend an annual commemoration of the Battle of Britain in 2017.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old," he said, reciting from a poem by Laurence Binyon in a village near Kent. "Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

Paul Caswell Powe Farnes was born on July 16, 1918, in Boscombe, England. His father was a married Australian soldier with three children; his mother died shortly after childbirth.

His father did not want to raise him, but the midwife who delivered him had taken a liking to him and adopted him. "I couldn't have had a more wonderful mother," he said when he was interviewed for an oral history about the Kenley base in 2017. "I was very lucky."

An indifferent student who attended a technical college, Farnes was working in a factory in London in 1938 when the prospect of war led him one day to a Royal Navy recruitment

ship. Soon after, as he recalled, a friend of a friend suggested to him that flying might be more fun than serving on a ship and recommended that he join the RAF Volunteer Reserve.

But Farnes was worried that the circumstances of his birth would be an obstacle to joining the reserve. His adoptive mother wrote a letter on his behalf to the British Air Ministry voicing his concern; she was told that if he passed all the tests, he would be welcomed.

He was. After the war began in September 1939, Farnes went on active duty with the RAF, posted first at a base in Filton, near Bristol, and then in France in early 1940.

He was commissioned an officer after the Battle of Britain, became an instructor and served in Malta, North Africa and Iraq. He also commanded two squadrons in Britain.

After retiring from the RAF in 1958, he worked for his father-in-law in a building-material supply business and helped run a hotel, both in the seaside town of Worthing, on the English Channel.

His survivors include a daughter, Linda Martin, and a son, Jonathan. His two wives died before him, as did a second son, Nicholas.

Aerial warfare against the Germans meant breaking away from the squadron, finding something to shoot at, firing away, then breaking away to safety. But by Farnes' account it was also enjoyable, because he was able to combine his love of flying with the mission to protect Britain.

"The CO would quite often pick the next members of the squadron that had to be at 'readiness,' and the two or three who weren't picked would be pretty fed up," he told History of War. "If you weren't picked, you'd think, 'Why can't I go?' I'm sure one or two must have felt, 'Well, thank God I'm not going!' But a lot of us were quite happy to go."

launch as the spacecraft fired its three engines in a 20-second test.

In 1986, South Korean troops jailed approximately 300 political opponents.

In 1996, Patrick Buchanan won the New Hampshire Republican primary by a slim margin over Bob Dole.

In 1998, Americans Tara Lipinski, 15, and Michelle Kwan, 17, won the gold and silver medals, respectively, in women's figure skating at the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

In 2002, in Egypt's worst railroad disaster, a fire killed 360 passengers aboard a train traveling from Cairo to Luxor.

In 2003, fire erupted at a West Warwick, R.I., nightclub during a pyrotechnic display at a concert by the rock band Great White, killing 100 people and injuring more than 200 others.

In 2005, Israel's Cabinet gave final approval to the government's planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements.

In 2013, former U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. pleaded guilty to conspiring with his then-Chicago alderman wife, Sandi, to siphon \$750,000 in campaign funds for personal use. She pleaded guilty for failing to report income on the couple's tax returns. (He later was sentenced to 30 months in prison; she was sentenced to 12 months.)

In 2016, the Jazz Record Mart, a Chicago landmark since 1962 that long billed itself as "the world's largest jazz and blues record store," closed.



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Dobbs, Robert 'Bob'

Robert Dobbs 'Bob', age 66, beloved husband of Donna Nugent; cherished brother of the late Lawrence (Mariann) and Ronald (Hope); dear brother-in-law and uncle to many nieces and nephews. Will be missed and remembered by his friends as "The guy who worked at Wrigley Field." Visitation Friday, from 3 to 9 P.M. Funeral Service 7 P.M. at Kolbus - John V. May Funeral Home 6857 W. Higgins Ave. Chicago. Interment Private. For info www.kolbusmayfh.com or (773) 774-3232.



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DuSell, Lois Jean

Lois Jean DuSell "Aunt Jean", 94, passed away Tuesday, February 18, 2020. Aunt Jean was born December 25, 1925 in Ottawa, IL, daughter of the late Enoch and Hattie Olson.

She married Forester J. DuSell and enjoyed 65 years together before his death in December 2018.

Aunt Jean was employed as an executive secretary at Richard J. Wilcox in Aurora, IL for many years.

She is survived by and will be greatly missed by her nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents and husband Aunt Jean was preceded in death by a sister and two brothers.

Visitation will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020 from 9 AM until time of service 10 AM at **The Healy Chapel**, 370 Division Drive, Sugar Grove, IL 60554 followed by a burial at Mt. Olivet, Aurora, IL.

Memorials may be made to Pleasant View at www.pvtottawa.org.

To sign the online guestbook please visit www.healychapel.com. 630-466-1330.



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Fonda-Reed, Darlene

Darleen Fonda-Reed, age 80 of Supply, North Carolina, born in Chicago, daughter of the late Frank Fonda and Viola Miller-Fonda, preceded in death by her husband Milton Reed; siblings, Jeanette Prevatt and Richard Fonda, son-in-law Dennis Wilczynski, and a special pet "Skip".

Darleen was an avid bowler and a member of the Lady's Day Out Bowling League at the Brunswick County Bowling Center.

Survived by her daughters, Mona (Vince) Lodestro, Maria Wilczynski, and Antoinette (Joseph) Calangan; five grandchildren; brother-in-law Bob Prevatt, and an aunt of many.

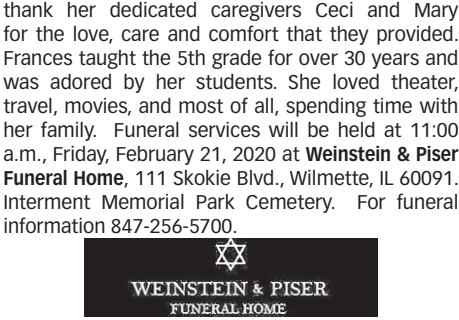
A celebration of her life will be held Sunday, February 23 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, prayers at 3:30pm at the Northlake Funeral Home 140 E. North Ave. Northlake. Family and friends will gather on Monday, February 24th, at the Northlake Funeral Home 10:00am for prayer prior to interment at Elm Lawn Memorial Park.

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Friedman, Frances G.

Frances G. Friedman, 93, of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Norton M Friedman, loving mother Marilyn C. Friedman and Judy (Brian Salmonson) Friedman; fond grandmother of Lauren E. Friedman, David Salmonson, Karen (Danny) Mizialko and great grandmother of Charlotte Rose; dear identical twin sister of the late Bernice Kaufman-Lubin; aunt of Penny McCullough. Her family wishes to thank her dedicated caregivers Ceci and Mary for the love, care and comfort that they provided.

Frances taught the 5th grade for over 30 years and was adored by her students. She loved theater, travel, movies, and most of all, spending time with her family. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 21, 2020 at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. For funeral information 847-256-5700.



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Fusco, Harriet M.

Harriet M. Fusco nee Anderson, age 93; beloved wife of the late Nicholas L.; loving mother of Bernadette D. Fusco, Michele M. Fusco and the late Nicholas T. Fusco; dear grandmother of Kevin N. and Kelsey C. (Ben) Howard; great-grandmother of Noah Nicholas and Emmitt Mitchell Howard; sister of the late Lorraine (the late Vern) Gessert; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, February 21st from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Lack & Sons Funeral Home, 9236 S. Roberts Rd. (8000 W.) Hickory Hills with a service to be held at 11:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Memorials to Catholic Charities L.O.S.S. Program would be appreciated. For information 708-430-5700.

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Gilhooly, Nancy A

Nancy A. Gilhooly 84, Algonquin and formerly of Sun City, Huntley, passed away on February 17, 2020 at JourneyCare Hospice in Barrington with her family by her side.

She is survived by her children, Maureen Gilhooly, Eileen (Dan) Delahanty, Sheila (Al) Woolch, Jack (Candice) Gilhooly, Jr., Bill (Kate) Gilhooly & Dan Gilhooly (Brian Smith), her grandchildren, Erin Delahanty, Breanne (Lawton) Pieschek, Amanda, Matthew & Ryan Wolch, Meghan, Jack Patrick & Claire Gilhooly, Emma, Danielle & Emersyn Pieschek and by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2020 at the **DeFiore Funeral Home**, 10763 Dundee Road, Huntley. Family and friends will gather on Saturday, February 22 at 11:30 am at St. Juliana for a mass of Christian burial - 7201 N Oketo Ave, Chicago, IL. Burial will be in Maryhill Cemetery, Niles. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Ronald McDonald House or Mercy Home for Boys & Girls. For more information please call 847-515-8772 or online condolences can be directed to www.defiorefuneral.com

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Graham, Virginia Ann

Virginia Ann Graham, 88, of Sun City, Huntley, formerly of Mt. Prospect at rest Feb. 14, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Donald Graham; loving father of Paul (Emilie), Susan (Ralph) Heubach, Robert (Diane); proud grandmother of 10.

Memorial visitation will be held Tues., Feb. 25 from 9 until the 10 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Catholic Church, 10307 Dundee Rd., Huntley. Inurnment of Ashes will follow in the St. Mary Cemetery.

For info call the **James A. O'Connor Funeral Home** in Huntley at (847)669-5111 or online at www.jamesaoconnorfuneralhome.com

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Harrity, Kathy

Kathy Harrity, nee O'Connell, 75, of Chicago. Loving wife of the late Michael "Mickey" Harrity. Dear mother of Warren (Suthira), Julie (Jerry) Forquer, Jimmy (Carolyn), Mickey (Kristi), Patrick, Sean (Maureen), and Kate (Scott) Shewchuk. Beloved grandmother of TJ, Thomas, Jayde, Jackie, Matthew, Danny, Meghan, Johnny, Ryan, Connor, Katelyn, Maggie, and Sarah. Adored sister of Terry (Ginny), Mal (Diane), Chris (the late Lorna), and Sue O'Connell. Aunt, cousin, and friend of many. Funeral services Saturday, February 22nd, 9:15 AM, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Avenue, Chicago, to St. Tarcissus Church for a Funeral Mass at 10 AM. Interment private. Visitation Friday, February 21st, 3 PM to 8 PM at the funeral home. Info 773-736-3833 or visit www.smithcorcoran.com

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Kouimelis , Georgia

Georgia Kouimelis (nee kouzios); beloved wife of the late Kosta; devoted mother of Eleousa and Michael. Cherished daughter of the late Peter and Bessie Kouzios. Dearest sister of the late Penelope and Chris Lageotakes, the late Demetrios and Margaret Kouzios. Loving godmother, aunt and friend to many. She was a life member of Homer 98 and 50 year member of the Choir Federation. Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 21, 2020 at 10AM at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, Westchester. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation will be at church from 9:30AM until the time of service. Arrangements by Laird Funeral Home, Elgin. For information, please call 847-741-8800 or www.lairdfamilyfuneralservices.com

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Meewes, Nora C.

Nora C. Meewes nee Duffy, age 96, of Oak Park; beloved wife and love of her life of the late Dellwyn Meewes; loving mother of Donald, Eileen (Sergio) Diaz, Maureen (Fred) Hewitt and Robert (Jacqueline) Meewes; cherished grandmother of Jennifer Wells, Brian (Lauren), Christopher (Stephanie) and Eric Meewes, Stephanie (Tony) Luleung and Emily Ruiz, and Ariana and Andrea Meewes; very loving great-grandmother of 12; dear sister of the late William (the late Mary Frances) and Thomas (the late Rene) Duffy and Mary McDonnell, Margaret Dillon and Rose Cassidy; dear aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 3 to 8 p.m. at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams** Funeral Home, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Prayers Friday 9 a.m. to Ascension Church for Mass at 9:30 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to school fund at Ascension parish are appreciated. Funeral info; 708-383-3191 or drechslerbrownwilliams.com

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Nakatsuka, Kazuko

Kazuko Nakatsuka, 90, of Lansing, IL passed away on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. She is survived by her son, Lawrence (Charlene) Nakatsuka; daughters, Katherine (late Eugene) Hamaguchi, Mitzi (Dan Arrowsmith) Nakatsuka and Mari Nakatsuka; grandchildren, James (Emily) Hamaguchi, Jennifer (Michael) Hill and Nicholas (Bethan) Nakatsuka; great grandchildren, Emily and Katie Hill, Bennett and Veronica Hamaguchi, Kassandra and Jaymie Nakatsuka; sister, Yasuko Yoshida. She was preceded in death by her husband, James M. Nakatsuka; parents, Shimo and Yasujiro Akamatsu; sisters, Kiku (Tad) Yamamoto, Kimi (Joe) Nomura; brother-in-law, Kenji Yoshida.

Friends may visit with the family on Sunday, February 23, 2020 from 2:00-6:00 pm at **Kish Funeral Home**, 10000 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN. www.kish-funeralhome.net

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O'Donnell, Michael J.

Michael J. O'Donnell, of Chicago IL. Beloved husband of Deborah nee Tmovec. Loving fur-dad to Emmitt. Son of Thomas (Marianne) and the late Joan O'Donnell. Loyal brother to Thomas (Kelly) O'Donnell, Jennifer (Eric) Wampler, Daniel (Fiona) O'Donnell, and the late Marie O'Donnell. Dear son-in-law to Dennis and H. Catherine Tmovec. Very special friend to Kathy Myers. Mike proudly served as a member of the Chicago Police Department for over 30 years, retiring at the rank of Detective. A visitation will be held Thursday, February 20, from 4:00-9:00PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago IL. A mass will be held Friday, February 21, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago IL at 10:30AM. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (www.pancan.org) or to the 100 Club of Chicago (www.100clubchicago.org) For more info please call 773-736-3833 or go to Mike's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com.

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Pritchard, Robert E.

Robert E. Pritchard, age 78, U.S. Navy Veteran; Loving father of Robert K. (Terry) Pritchard, Colleen (Edward) Mangan, Kelly (David) Gust and Timothy Pritchard; dear grandfather of 10 and great-grandfather of 5; brother of Maureen (Ted Orant) Clanton; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Robert was a member of Crete Masonic Lodge 763, the Shriners, and Union of Operating Engineers Local 150. Visitation Friday, February 21st from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Lack & Sons Funeral Home, 9236 S. Roberts Rd. (8000 W.) Hickory Hills. Committal service Saturday, February 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at Resurrection Cemetery, interment to follow. For information 708-430-5700.

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ILLINOIS
Feb. 19
Powerball **10 12 15 19 56 / 19**
Powerball/jackpot: \$50M
Lotto/jackpot: \$2.75M
Pick 3 midday **179 / 8**
Pick 4 midday **4905 / 8**
Lucky Day Lotto midday **11 12 28 40 42**
Pick 3 evening **436 / 5**
Pick 4 evening **8666 / 3**
Lucky Day Lotto evening **10 14 30 37 38**

Feb. 21 Mega Millions: \$50M

WISCONSIN
Feb. 19
Megabucks **05 09 15 22 28 35**
Pick 3 **360**
Pick 4 **0258**
Badger 5 **04 06 18 22 24**
SuperCash **04 05 08 13 26 35**

INDIANA
Feb. 19
Lotto **04 13 22 33 35 46**
Daily 3 midday **112 / 5**
Daily 4 midday **2105 / 5**
Daily 3 evening **441 / 1**
Daily 4 evening **0244 / 1**
Cash 5 **14 26 27 33 44**

MICHIGAN
Feb. 19
Lotto **04 12 18 20 30 38**
Daily 3 midday **594**
Daily 4 midday **6095**
Daily 3 evening **181**
Daily 4 evening **7157**
Fantasy 5 **01 02 04 20 29**
Keno **05 06 08 13 17 23**
 25 26 30 35 40 41 44 47
 53 54 56 64 67 68 69 78

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Putz, Brian Michael
Brian Michael Putz, 51, beloved husband and best friend of Regan, nee Werner; loving and patient father of Hayden and Aubrey; cherished son of Eva (Robert) Hodgins and James (Sheila) Putz. Brian was loved by an amazing family and loyal friends who are like family. He was a devoted Wisconsin Badger fan who was filled with courage and strength every day of his 51 years. Chapel service Friday 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Randhill Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Brian Putz Memorial Fund at Am Shalom Synagogue, 840 Vernon Avenue, Glenview, IL 60022 (amshalom.com). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Ruben, Fred A.
Fred A. Ruben (Coach Fred), 93, son of the late Joseph and Sarah, nee Satenstein; beloved husband of 67 years of Betty, nee Dermer; devoted father of Carol (Jeffrey) Clark and David (Josie Howard) Ruben; cherished grandfather of Jennifer (Chad) Kinney, Courtney (Justin) Opsahl, Emily (Tyler) Opperman, Joshua (Katherine Dorn) Clark, William (Lisa Daul) Ruben, Jamison Ruben (Nicole Bono), and Nicholas Ruben; adoring great-grandfather of Ellis Opperman; treasured brother of Lois (the late Al) Weber; caring son-in-law of the late Yetta and Abe Dermer; dear brother-in-law of Marilyn (the late Harold) Dermer; loving uncle and great uncle to many nieces and nephews; fond cousin; WWII veteran; physical education and health teacher, guidance counselor, and football, baseball, and swim coach at Lake View High School for 25 years; founder of the Lake View Alumni Association; football coach at Sullivan High School for 10 years; drivers education instructor at Mather High School; volunteer at Highland Park Hospital for 23 years; and a very special friend and mentor to many. Memorial service Sunday, February 23rd, 1:00 pm at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014, The New Lake View Alumni Association, P.O. Box 57882, Chicago, IL 60618 or to a charity of your choice. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Salzinski, Michael
Michael "Mickey" Salzinski, 80, of Chicago passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. He was the beloved husband of the late Rosalie (Krygowski), loving father to daughter Samantha of Chicago and son Michael (Sara) of Evanston. Fun-loving and adored grandfather "Pop Pop" to Delilah and Jacob Salzinski. Son of the late Henry and Esther Salzinski of Chicago. Also survived by his sister Judith Eastman (the late Stuart), brother John Salzinski (Sue), and sister Sue Bochniak (Dan). Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was forever proud of his college basketball years playing under the late Coach Ray Meyer at DePaul University. A memorial service for family and friends will be held in the Spring.

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Schutter, Richard J
Richard J. Schutter, loving son of the late Joseph and Rose Schutter; devoted brother of the late Robert Schutter, the late Florence (Paul) Harvey, and Elaine (the late William) Fitzpatrick; cherished uncle to Michael Fitzpatrick, Rosanne Fitzpatrick (Ed) Motto, Eileen (the late Joseph) Salamone, William (Julie) Fitzpatrick, Thomas (Arlene Rodriguez) Fitzpatrick, Joseph (Brenda) Fitzpatrick, Richard (Linda) Fitzpatrick, Susan (Bruce) Peterson, Paul Richard (Linda) Harvey, the late Barbara Harvey; and fond great uncle to 17 nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday, 9:00 a.m. from **Salerno's Galewood Chapels, Sciaraffa Funeral Directors**, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago, 60707 to St. Giles Church, 1045 Columbian Ave., Oak Park, 60302 for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Visitation Thursday, 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Richard J. Schutter to St. Giles Catholic Church, 1045 Columbian Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302. For information please call (773) 889-1700.

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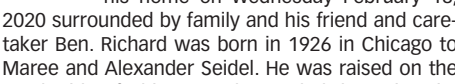


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Seidel, Richard M. 'Dick'
Richard M. "Dick" Seidel, 93. Beloved husband of Judith nee Jaffe. Richard Seidel, former CEO and President of Guarantee Reserve Life Insurance Company and resident of Highland Park, IL died at his home on Wednesday February 18, 2020 surrounded by family and his friend and caretaker Ben. Richard was born in 1926 in Chicago to Maree and Alexander Seidel. He was raised on the south side of Chicago and attended the University of Illinois. On April 11, 1948 he married Judith nee Jaffe, his true love. He and Judy had 4 children; Jan (Frank) Bomher, Karen (Ron) Krefman, Laurie (Cary) Glenner and Richard (Carla) Seidel. They raised their children in Flossmoor, IL. He is survived by his children and was a proud grandfather to his sixteen grandchildren; MaryPat (Andy) Campbell, Francis Bomher Jr, Michael Bomher, Kathleen (Mike Genaze) Bomher, Sarah Bomher, Rachel Bomher, Daniel (Benni) Krefman, Brad (Eric McFarland) Krefman, Adam (Amy) Krefman, Doug (Jamie) Krefman, Lesley (Daniel Wilson) Glenner, Jeffrey (Jessica Knochel) Glenner, Lisa (Michael) Boilini, Amy (Matt) Cicero, Julie (Nick) Standiford and Mark (Kinsey) Seidel. He was a cherished great-grandfather to 15 (+ one on the way) great-grandchildren. Also, to dear companion Anita Rosenblum. Richard was a loving father and devoted husband to Judy even beyond her passing in 2000. He was a sharp businessman and was instrumental in building a family-owned insurance company. He loved golf, clean cars, an organized closet, dressing stylishly and whistling cheerfully. Richard was philanthropic and charitable; he was a social liberal and a fiscal conservative. He was a 79-year diabetic-a true scientific anomaly. Dick wrote the book on what it means to be a family man. His thoughts and actions behind his business dealings and big decisions throughout his life were always made through the lens of his family. He cherished his beloved Judy and was ever so-proud of the three-generation Family he created. He tracked and retained with great detail, each family members' progress through daily calls to his four children right up until the end. All will miss his cheery morning check-ins. Indeed, a life well lived! A funeral service will be held Friday, February 21, 2020 at 10AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Rabbi Debra Nesselson will preside. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made, in honor of the wonderful medical care he received throughout his life, to Rush Medical Center, Dr. Joseph Hennessy Scholarship Fund (<http://rush.convio.net/RSeidel>) or to Evans Scholarship Fund (<https://wgaesf.org/>). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Sokolowski, Anna H.
Anna H. Sokolowski, 90; beloved wife of the late Eugene; loving mother of Cynthia (Joel) Heiniger and the late Eugene J. Soklowski; devoted grandmother of Ava Heiniger; fond sister of the late Joe (late Jean) Baron; loving aunt of Janice (Eric) Dombrowsky, Linda DuBay, late Caroline Stahl, Stephen Sokolowski, and others; devoted and loving friend of many. Visitation Friday, February 21, 2020 from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. at COLONIAL-WOJCIERCHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services Saturday, February 22, starting with prayers at 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home, proceeding to St. Thecla Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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Somday, Francisca C.
Francisca C. Somday. Beloved wife of James. Loving sister of Maria Dolores (Thomas) Fischinger and other siblings in Peru. Dear Aunt of Guillermo Macedo Caçeres, Maria (Christopher Walter) Fischinger and Dolores (Feodor) Gloss and other nieces and nephews in Peru. Great Aunt of Joe, Mary, Rose, Michelle, Patricia, Kristi, Sue, Isaac, Nicholas, Valentino, Veronica, and other great-nieces and great-nephews in Peru. Her journey as a teacher began in her birthplace of Peru and continued until her retirement in Chicago. She loved to teach, she loved children, she loved to teach children. She loved the Montessori method. She met, fell in love with and married James in Peru and moved with him to the United States. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2016. She passed peacefully in her sleep with her husband by her side. Visitation Saturday February 22, 9:30 am until time of funeral Mass 10:30 a.m at St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 2650 W. 55th St. Interment private.

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Sowa (nee Crnogorac), Rose A.
Age 91, late of Hegewisch, passed away Monday, February 17, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Richard Sowa. Loving mother of Richard (Wanda) Sowa, Linda Sowa, Marilyn (Bob) Peterson, Marko Sowa and Nicholas (Helvi) Sowa. Proud grandmother of Jennifer, David, Keith, Robert, Joseph, Andrew and Luke. Devoted great grandmother of Marija, Frano, Ava, Richard and Nikola. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Rose was an avid baker, gardener, seamstress, crafter, reader and cook. She also enjoyed playing pinochle and bunco. Rose was a proud member of the St. Columba Altar and Rosary Society and the St. Columba School Board. Funeral Services 9:00 a.m., Saturday, February 22, 2020 at **Opyt Funeral Home**, 13350 S. Baltimore Ave., Chicago, IL 60633 to St. Columba Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery, Calumet City, IL. Visitation 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, February 21, 2020. (773) 646-1133 or www.opytfh.com

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Teska, Dorothy A.
Dorothy Ann Teska, nee Krejci, age 91, of Plainfield (Carillon) IL, loving wife of the late Leonard "Len" H. Teska for 61 years, passed away surrounded by her family on February 16, 2020. Proud mother of Mark, Michael (Connie), Richard (Angela), Larry (Lorie), Susan (Robert) Novak and Nancy (Brian) Kayzar; devoted grandmother of Sean (Mary), David, Chris (Lexi), Bethany (Angelo) Poulos, Elayne (Daniel) Vollman, Abigail, Amelia, Michael (Hilary) Balensiefen, and Kyle and Kara Kayzar. Cherished great grandmother of Grace, Henry, Theofanis, Rayne, Royce and Rory; dear sister of Ronald (Peggy) Krejci. Dorothy was a loving, supportive mother that taught by example, valuing strong work ethic in all parts of her life. She was the center of the family and continues as our moral compass. She travelled extensively with her husband in retirement and enjoyed all Carillon activities, especially bridge with her dearest friends. Funeral services Saturday February 22, 2020 9:30 a.m. from the **Anderson Memorial Chapel** 606 Townhall Dr. Romeoville, IL to St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, Romeoville, IL for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m., visitation Friday February 21 from 3-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Private interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the www.alz.org would be appreciated. For info 815-886-2323. www.Anderson-Goodale.com

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Walsh, John J.
Age 87, passed away peacefully with his beloved wife Diane "Dee" (nee Birmingham) by his side on February 18, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents Mary Josephine McGowan Walsh and Patrick Joseph Walsh. Loving father of Elizabeth, the late Annie (Mark) Spehn and Frank (Ann Celine) Walsh. Wonderful step-father to Laurie, Sharon, and Michael. Cherished grandfather of 9 grandchildren and great-grandfather of one great-grandchild. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. John was a proud U. S. Army Veteran. John was also a very astute business man and greatly admired by many of his colleagues. He was a voracious reader and quite a history buff. He was an avid golfer and gardener. He took great pleasure driving his "Gator" around to enjoy all the flowers and vegetables in his garden. Most of all, John was a family man who loved and took great pride in his family and was a friend to many. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:00 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to Sacred Heart Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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File No.

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Under the Assumed Name of: **Curtis
Silkscreen and Graphics/ Curtis Enterprise**
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**321 W 79th Street
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The true name and residence Address of
the owner is: **Anthony James Curtis
4951 Crest Court
Country Club Hills, IL, 60478
02/13, 02/20, 02/27/20 6601939**

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Date: **February 6, 2020**
Under the Assumed Name of: **Sandi Zoller
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with the business located at:
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Chicago, IL, 60655**
The true name and residence Address of
the owner is: **Sandi M Zoller
3306 W 107th St
Chicago, IL, 60655
2/20, 2/27, 3/05/2020 6608266**

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COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER INVITATION
FOR BID (IFB) FOR STORAGE BOXES IFB
NO.: 1901-18013**

IFB Document: The IFB document is available
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Contact Person: If you are not able to
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questions, please contact Carolynn Jones,
Contract Negotiator, at (312) 603-1322 or
Carolynn.Jones@cookcountyil.gov.

Questions: Questions can be submitted in
writing to the contact person above until
12:00 P.M. Friday March 6, 2020 (CST)

IFB Due Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday,
March 18, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. (CST)
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
Cook County Building
118 N. Clark Street., Room 1018
Chicago, Illinois 60602
Toni Preckwinkle
President, Cook County Board of
Commissioners

Raffi Sarrafian
Chief Procurement Officer

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2/20/2020 6608824

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR
COURT JUVENILE MATTERS ORDER OF
NOTICE**

NOTICE TO: Sammy Rodriguez, father of a
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Commitment of minor child(ren) of the
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of said child(ren) of the above named in a
lawful, private or public agency or a suitable
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be heard on: 3/18/2020 at 3:00 p.m. at SCJM
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PROTECTION DIVISION**

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kimberly Porter

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Ashley Moore
(Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01435**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**
Any And All Unknown Fathers Any,
respondents, and to **All Whom It May
Concern**, that on **December 05, 2019**, a
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Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in
the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in
the Cook County Juvenile Court Building,
1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,
ON **03/12/2020**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **4
COURTROOM D**, or as soon thereafter as this
case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing
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minor declared to be a ward of the court
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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and
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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 24, 2020 6609055

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kimberly Porter

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Ashley Moore
(Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01435**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 23, 2020 6609065

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Lillie Gibson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Veronica Johnson
(Mother) AKA Veronica Calhoun**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00540**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Veronica Johnson
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held upon the petition to terminate your
parental rights and appoint a guardian with
power to consent to adoption.

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CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY
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COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 23, 2020 6609076

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
**Taylor Harvey AKA Taylor Harvey AKA
Baby Girl Unknown AKA Baby Girl Mc
Queen AKA Baby girl Turcu**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Adriana Turcu
(Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00496**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Adriana Turcu
(Mother), Unknown (Mother)**,
respondents, and to **All Whom It May
Concern**, that on **October 16, 2019**, a
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Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in
the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in
the Cook County Juvenile Court Building,
1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,
ON **03/12/2020**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR
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this case may be heard, a hearing will be
held upon the petition to terminate your
parental rights and appoint a guardian with
power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS
CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY
AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO
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TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO
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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 15, 2020 6609082

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CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
PROTECTION DIVISION**

IN THE INTEREST OF
**Taylor Harvey AKA Taylor Harvey AKA
Baby Girl Unknown AKA Baby Girl Mc
Queen AKA Baby girl Turcu**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Adriana Turcu
(Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00496**

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 16, 2020 6609093

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
**Maddison Williams AKA Madison
Williams**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **April Walton-El
(Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01098**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**
Any And All Unknown Fathers Any,
respondents, and to **All Whom It May
Concern**, that on **October 01, 2019**, a
petition was filed under the Juvenile Court
Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in
the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in
the Cook County Juvenile Court Building,
1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,
ON **03/12/2020**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **4
COURTROOM D**, or as soon thereafter as this
case may be heard, a hearing will be held
upon the petition to terminate your parental
rights and appoint a guardian with power to
consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS
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COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 7, 2020 6609096

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A
BRANCH OF WINTRUST BANK, N.A.**

Notification is given that Wintrust Bank, N.A.,
231 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60604, has
filed an application with the Comptroller of
the Currency on February 19, 2020,
as specified in 12 CFR 5 for permission
to establish a full-service bank branch at
1111 S. Homan Ave., Chicago, IL 60624.
Any person wishing to comment on this
application may file comments in writing
with the Director for District Licensing,
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TO: Maria E. Rodriguez, Maria E. Rodriguez, Maria E. Rodriguez, Maria E. Rodriguez, Clerk and Louis Ruiz, Occupant; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000525 FILED February 10, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2019 Certificate No. 19S-0011014 Sold for General Taxes of 2009-2017 Sold for Special Assessment of [municipality and special assessment no.] None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 2512 S SACRAMENTO AVE, Chicago, IL 60623 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 16-25-124-024-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on June 24, 2020, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 BY: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: February 10, 2020 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604957

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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Co. A/T/U/T/A/D 6/2/87 A/K/A/T/N 1090055; Chicago Title Land Trust Co. A/T/U/T/A/D 6/2/87 A/K/A/T/N 1090055; c/o IT CORP SYSTEM; Edward Linares; Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co.; Labor Temps, Inc.; Occupant, 3247 W. 26th St., 2nd floor, Chicago, IL 60623; Occupant, 3247 W. 26th St., 1st floor, Chicago, IL 60623; Karen A Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000034 FILED: 1/2/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/9/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0010803 Sold for General Tax of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3247 W. 26TH STREET CHICAGO, IL 60623 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 16-26-406-006-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/16/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/16/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/8/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/16/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 LIEN GROUP LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: February 10, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604168

TO: Latin Restaurant Solutions, Inc.; Latin Restaurant Solutions, Inc., c/o Miriam Barradas, Reg. Agt./President; Latin Restaurant Sol; La Quinta de los Reyes; Occupant, 6431 Cermak Rd., Berwyn, IL 60402; Cermak Rd., Berwyn, IL 60402; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000019 FILED: 1/2/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/4/2018 Certificate No.: 16-000065 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 6431-6435 CERMAK ROAD, BERWYN, ILLINOIS 60402 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 16-30-206-004-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/16/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/16/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/8/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/16/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 LIEN GROUP LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: February 10, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604084

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TO: Jorge Arteaga, Maria Del Carmen Arteaga, Chicago Title Trust Company Trustee for Trust Deed recorded as document No. 98057417, IRS, US Internal Revenue Service c/o District Director, US Attorneys Office, Republic Bank of Chicago Successor in Interest to AztecAmerica Bank, Republic Bank of Chicago Successor in Interest to AztecAmerica Bank, Illinois Department of Revenue, IL Dept. of Revenue, Illinois Attorney General, City of Chicago - City Clerk, Illinois Department of the Lottery, International Bank of Chicago successor in interest to Premier Bank, and Dearborn Wholesale Grocers LP c/o Joe Levin; Occupant; Bank of America, N.A. as Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank, N.A. and Bank of America, N.A. as Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank, N.A.; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000532 FILED February 10, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: July 13, 2017 Certificate No. 17S-0002142 Sold for General Taxes of 2010-2015 Sold for Special Assessment of [municipality and special assessment no.] None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3100 S AUSTIN BLVD, Cicero, IL 60604 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 16-32-105-022-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on June 24, 2020, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 BY: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: February 10, 2020 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6605000

TO: Jennifer Yalowitz and Jennifer R. Yalowitz, as trustee of the Jennifer R. Yalowitz 2000 Trust dated July 20, 2000; The Residences at Riverbend Condominium Association c/o KSN Registered Agent, LLC, Occupant and Occupant; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000524 FILED February 10, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No.: 17S-0010706 Sold for General Taxes of 2010-2014 Sold for Special Assessment of [municipality and special assessment no.] None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 333 N CANAL ST, S-93, Chicago, IL 60606 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-09-306-032-1189 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on June 24, 2020, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 BY: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: February 10, 2020 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604962

TO: Donyell Wynn D/B/A Fashionably Unpredictable; Western-Taylor Condominium Association, c/o Phoenix Rising Management, LLC, Reg. Agt.; Western-Taylor Condominium Association, c/o Marie Rapacz, President; Phoenix Rising Management, LLC; Sherman Acquisition Limited Partnership, c/o Jesse White, IL Secretary of State; Occupant, 1017 S. Western Ave., Unit 1, Chicago, IL 60612; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000013 FILED: 1/2/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2019 Certificate No.: 17-0011883 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2017 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1017 S. WESTERN AVE, UNIT 1, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60612 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 19-12-327-034-1005 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/16/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/16/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/8/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/16/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 LIEN GROUP LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: February 10, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604064

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TO: Davis, Chapel Development, Inc.; Davis, Chapel Development, Inc., c/o Michael Thiesse, President; Davis, Chapel Development, Inc., c/o Thomas W. Lynch, Reg. Agt.; Davis, Chapel Development, Inc., c/o Jesse White, IL Secretary of State; Bridgeview Bank Group; Schmidt, Salzman & Moran, LTD.; Tornado Carwash; Occupant, 5735 S. ARCHER RD., SUMMIT, IL 60501; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000024 FILED: 1/2/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/4/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0001573 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 5735 S. ARCHER RD., SUMMIT, IL 60501 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 18-13-219-006-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/16/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/16/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/8/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/16/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 LIEN GROUP LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: February 10, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604113

TO: Jesus Salto, Jesus Salto, Jesus Salto, Jesus Salto, and Jesus Salto; Edwin R. Niemira as Executor of the Estate of Daniel B. O'Leary, Maureen Stack, Joseph O'Leary, Joseph O'Leary c/o Secretary of State, Maureen Stack c/o Secretary of State, Arturo Guerrero, City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel, and City of Chicago - City Clerk; Occupant and Occupant; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000531 FILED February 10, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: July 19, 2019 Certificate No. 19S-0005249 and 19S-0005248 Sold for General Taxes of 2009-2017 & 2008-2017 Sold for Special Assessment of [municipality and special assessment no.] None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 4105 S. 40TH S. MARLEVOOD AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60632 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-01-213-031-0000 & 19-01-213-028-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on June 24, 2020, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 BY: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: February 10, 2020 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604971

TO: HPG Holding, Inc.; HPG Holding, Inc., c/o Halawa Illinois Registered Agent, Reg. Agt.; HPG Holding, Inc., c/o Khader Zahdan, President; Byline Bank S/I/I Ridgestone Bank; Byline Bank; AZ SPE, LLC; AZ SPE, LLC, c/o Halawa Illinois Registered Agent, Reg. Agt.; Shell Oil Company, Occupant, 5230 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60609; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000014 FILED: 1/2/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0006671 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 5230 S. WESTERN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60609 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 19-12-415-042-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/16/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/16/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/8/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/16/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 LIEN GROUP LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: February 10, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604069

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TO: Mario Diaz, Mario Diaz, and Mario Diaz; City of Chicago - City Clerk, City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel, City of Chicago - Department of Water, Pamela Kuzniar, Midland Funding, LLC c/o Midland Credit Management, Inc., IL Dept. of Revenue, Illinois Department of Revenue, and Emily Lugo-Diaz; Occupant; Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-2; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000480 FILED February 3, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: July 19, 2019 Certificate No. 19S-0005262 Sold for General Taxes of 2013-2017 Sold for Special Assessment of [municipality and special assessment no.] None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 925 West 51st Street, Chicago, IL 60632 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-11-301-063-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on June 24, 2020, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 BY: Purchaser or Assignee Omar Moreno Dated: February 3, 2020 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6599632

TO: James G. Drougas; Byline Bank; Occupant, 4101 S. Oakley Ave., Chicago, IL 60609; Auto R. Inc.; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000031 FILED: 1/2/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0004989 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 4101 S. OAKLEY AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60609 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-06-103-001-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/16/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/16/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/8/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/16/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 LIEN GROUP LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: February 10, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604172

TO: Miguel A. Hernandez and Aurelio Hernandez; Occupant 1st floor and Occupant 2nd floor; HSBC Bank U.S.A., N.A., as Trustee of the Fieldstone Mortgage Investment Trust, Series 2005-2; Owen Loan Servicing, LLC; HSBC Bank U.S.A., N.A. as Trustee of the Fieldstone Mortgage Investment Trust, Series 2005-2, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., nominee for Fieldstone Mortgage Company Registered Agent, Inc., and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., nominee for Fieldstone Mortgage Company; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000522 FILED February 10, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: July 20, 2017 Certificate No. 17S-0005192 Sold for General Taxes of 2011-2015 Sold for Special Assessment of [municipality and special assessment no.] None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 4926 S WINCHESTER AVE, Chicago, IL 60609 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-07-216-020-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on June 24, 2020, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 BY: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: February 10, 2020 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604975

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TO: Warren McKeithen; City of Chicago, c/o Anna M. Valencia, City Clerk; Van Oak Capital, LLC; Van Oak Capital, LLC, c/o James M. Kropid, Reg. Agt.; James Barnes; Occupant, 1303 W. Marquette Rd., Chicago, IL 60636; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000028 FILED: 1/2/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0007598 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1301-1303 W. MARQUETTE ROAD & 6702-6710 S. THROOP STREET,

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TO: BHF Chicago Housing Group B LLC; BHF Chicago Housing Group B LLC, c/o Chad M. Poznansky, Reg. Agt.; Wilmington Trust, N.A.; Illinois Finance Authority, c/o Brad Fletcher, Reg. Agt.; Paper Street Realty LLC F/K/A Paper Street Properties F/K/A Rent Ready Apartments; City of Chicago, c/o Anna M. Valencia, City Clerk; Illinois Attorney General; Property Manager, 7655-7657 S. Lowe Ave, Chicago, IL 60620; Property Manager, 612-614 W. 77th St., Chicago, IL 60620; Occupant, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000017 FILED: 1/2/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0007747 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A. Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 7655-7657 S. LOWE AVENUE & 612-614 W. 77TH STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60620 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-28-310-017-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/16/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/16/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/8/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/16/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 LIEN GROUP LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: February 10, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604072

TO: Restoration Tabernacle Bible Church of Chicago; Restoration Tabernacle Bible Church of Chicago, c/o Christopher L Johnson, Reg. Agt.; Restoration Tabernacle Bible Church of Chicago, c/o Jesse White, IL Secretary of State; BMO Harris Bank, N.A., Occupant, 8001 S. Ashland Ave, Chicago, IL 60620; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000018 FILED: 1/2/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0008015 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 8001 S. ASHLAND AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60620 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-32-108-001-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/16/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/16/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/8/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/16/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 LIEN GROUP LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: February 10, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604079

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TO: La Dor M. Mason; Amanda Cotton Allen; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000245 FILED: January 21, 2020 TAKE NOTICE county of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 19, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0006539 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2010-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 9713 S. Oglesby Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 26-07-122-046-0000 Vol. 297 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 IDRIS OMOSANYA, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 13, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6605139

TO: Grover Barnes; Occupant of Unit A211, Fountain Crest Condominium Bldg #2; Fountain Crest Condominium Association Building No. 2, c/o Clear Property Management Services; Internal Revenue Service; United States Attorney, United States Attorney, General, U.S. Department of Justice; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000247 FILED: January 21, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 17, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0003620 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2010-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: Unit A211 in Fountain Crest Condominium 2 located 14635 Greenwood Road, in Dolton, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-10-209-022-1023 Vol. 202 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 IDRIS OMOSANYA, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 13, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6605115

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TO: Nadine Rosier; Occupant of Unit B403, Fountain Crest Condominium Bldg #2; Fountain Crest Condominium Association Building No. 2, c/o Clear Property Management Services; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000246 FILED: January 21, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 17, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0003621 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2011-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: Unit B403 in Fountain Crest Condominium 2 located 14635 Greenwood Road, in Dolton, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-10-209-022-1039 Vol. 202 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 IDRIS OMOSANYA, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 13, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6605152

TO: Gregory W. Haase; 14647 Greenwood Condominium Association, c/o Clear Property Management Services, Inc.; Occupant of Unit A301, 14647 Greenwood Avenue; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000248 FILED: January 17, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 17, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0003623 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2010-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: Unit A301 in 14647 Greenwood Condominium located at 14647 Greenwood Road, in Dolton, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-10-209-027-1025 Vol. 202 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 IDRIS OMOSANYA, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 13, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6605121

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TO: Keith D. Tolen; Occupant of 28 E. 157th St., Citizens Bank, National Association (successor to Charter One Bank, N.A.); RBS Citizens, N.A.; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000361 FILED: January 28, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 17, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0003979 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2012-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 28 E. 157th Street in Harvey, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-17-312-027-0000 Vol. 209 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 IDRIS OMOSANYA, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 12, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604433

TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Company as trustee u/t/a 1090901 dated 4-1-1988; Heirs to the Estate of Florida Cresswell, Sr., c/o Florida Cresswell; Occupant of Unit 432; Florida Cresswell; The Park of River Oaks Condominium No. 2, c/o Keen Registered Agent; The Park of River Oaks Condominium No. 2, c/o Reginald Whitley; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000244 FILED: January 17, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 18, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0004226 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2006-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: Unit 432 in Park of River Oaks Condominium No. 2 located at 500 Park Avenue, in Calumet City, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-24-100-022-1135 Vol. 215 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 IDRIS OMOSANYA, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 12, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604443

TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Co., as successor to the Financial Bank u/t/a 11159; Heirs to Estate of Larry Dean Hunter; Colleen Hunter; Occupant of Unit 55; Holiday Terrace Condominium Building #3 Condominium Association, c/o BOGS Management Inc.; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000238 FILED: January 17, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 18, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0004236 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2006-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: Unit 55 in Condominium located at 2303 Holiday Terrace, in Lansing, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-25-405-021-1025 Vol. 215 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 IDRIS OMOSANYA, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 12, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604424

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TO: William Barbee a/k/a Bill Barbee; Kendrick Robinson; Occupant of 2340 186th St.; The Forest Glen Condominium Association, Inc., c/o Rachel Kestenbaum; BOGS Management, Inc., c/o Robert Bogs Jr.; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000233 FILED: January 17, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 18, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0003732 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2005-2014) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: Unit 220 in Condominium located at 2340 186th Street, in Lansing, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-36-410-003-1049 Vol. 219 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 IDRIS OMOSANYA, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 12, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604401

TO: Frederick Watts; Frederick W. Watts; Frederick L. Watts; Occupant of 31272; Bernice Red, Bernice One Mortgage Company, LLC, Bernice Terrace Condominium Association; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS); Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 00023 FILED: January 17, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 18, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0004715 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2008-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: Unit 31272 (A/K/A Unit 2) in Bernice Terrace Condominium, located at 3127 Bernice Road, in Lansing, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 30-30-408-057-1020 Vol. 228 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 IDRIS OMOSANYA, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 13, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6605131

TO: Berrymann & Berrymann Enterprises, Inc., c/o Wayne E. Berrymann, President; Berrymann & Berrymann Enterprises, Inc.; Berrymann & Berrymann Enterprises, Inc., c/o Jack G Bainbridge; Berrymann & Berrymann Enterprises, Inc., c/o Jesse White, IL Secretary of State; Fisch Real Estate Partnership; Fisch Real Estate Partnership, c/o Markus Fisch, Member; Coldwell Banker Commercial Chicago, c/o George Chandler; Richton Park Carwash; Occupant, 3605 Sauk Trl, Richton Park, IL 60471; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000025 FILED: 1/2/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/7/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0002633 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3605 SAUK TRAIL, RICHTON PARK, ILLINOIS 60471 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 31-35-104-030-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/16/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/16/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/8/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/16/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 LIEN GROUP LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: February 10, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604117

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TO: Erez Radai Occupants of City of Chicago Heights c/o City Clerk County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned parties, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000334 FILED: January 27, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 4, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0000202 16-0000203 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 345 W. 14th St., Chicago Heights, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-19-212-014-0000 32-19-212-015-0000, Volume 014 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 10, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on August 5, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 10, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 Orih Cohen Purchaser or Assignee Dated January 27, 2020 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6603034

TO: South Suburban Community Development Corporation NFP, South Suburban Community Development Corporation NFP, c/o Hank Roberts, Reg. Agt.; The Chicago Community Loan Fund, c/o Calvin L Holmes; The Chicago Community Loan Fund; Property Manager, Occupant, 205 W. 14th Place, Chicago Heights, IL 60411; Occupant, 207 W. 14th Place, Chicago Heights, IL 60411; Occupant, 1415 Campbell Ave., Chicago Heights, IL 60411; Campbell Ave., Chicago Heights, IL 60411; Occupant, 1417 Campbell Ave., Chicago Heights, IL 60411; Jorge Lugo Rodriguez; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000035 FILED: 1/3/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/4/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0000254 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 207 W. 14TH PLACE & 1415-1417 CAMPBELL AVENUE, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 32-20-302-010-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/16/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/16/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/8/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/16/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 LIEN GROUP LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: February 10, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/18, 19, 20/2020 6604195

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First order of business

Rossy moves quickly: **Kris Bryant** is the Cubs' new leadoff hitter. 'That's our best player, and I want to put him at the top.'



PAUL SULLIVAN
In the Wake of the News

MESA, Ariz. — A few days ago, the big question in Mesa, Ariz., was whether Kris Bryant would make it through spring training in a Cubs uniform.

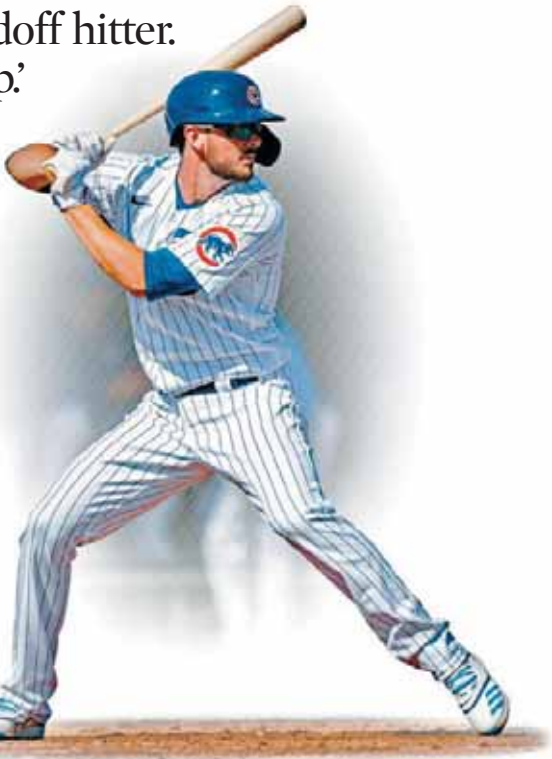
After Bryant met with manager David Ross on Wednesday morning, the question was whether Bryant would be the Cubs next leadoff man. The answer, Ross later revealed, was yes.

"My goal is to put the best players and the best at-bats in the top of the order," Ross said. "Kris Bryant is a really good at-bat, gets on base, probably one of our best baserunners. His baseball IQ is extremely high. So when you talk about putting the best players in baseball at the top of the order, that's our best player, and I want to put him at the top."

Bryant, who typically hit second or third in the lineup for the first five years of his career, said he would embrace the new role. "I led off my whole junior year in college and I won every college award — first-team All-American, the Golden Spikes Award," he said, referring to the honor given to the best amateur player in the nation.

So he likes leading off?

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Fire reach multiyear TV deal with WGN

Matches also available via ESPN Plus; other 10 nationally broadcast

By **JEREMY MIKULA**

Since taking over as majority owner of the Chicago Fire, Joe Mansueto has openly discussed his desire to see the team's games on free, over-the-air television.

That's now a reality.

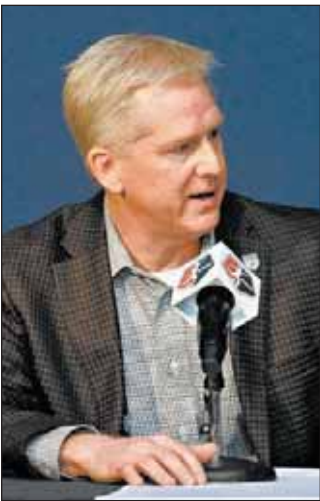
The Fire on Wednesday announced a multiyear partnership with WGN-9 to air the team's Major League Soccer matches. WGN will air 24 matches this season, while the Fire's 10 remaining games will be on national broadcasts.

Those 24 matches also will be streamed on ESPN Plus, the Fire said.

"In this transformational year for our club, we want to provide our fans with as many ways as possible to experience the Fire, both live at Soldier Field and on the broadcast," Mansueto said in a statement. "We know WGN-TV's powerful place on the city's sports scene and we're excited to be their new flagship sports property."

Terms of the deal were not disclosed. However, Sports Business Journal reported last year that MLS instructed clubs not to agree to broadcast deals beyond 2022, the year the league's national and international rights agreements expire. That would stand in line with the latest collective bargaining agreement between MLS and its players, which includes a revenue share of media rights for players.

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'LAST YEAR, SOMETHING HAPPENED WITH WOMEN'S SOCCER'

Red Stars owner Arnim Whisler has reason to be excited about the game — and his team. Jeremy Mikula's story, **Back Page**

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'We're going to need to go on some type of run'

Hawks' recent slump increases pressure as trade deadline looms

By **PHIL THOMPSON**

If the Blackhawks' recent 1-4 trip did nothing else, it brought their season into focus.

Heading into Wednesday night's home game against the Rangers, the Hawks were eight points back in the Western Conference wild-card race.

If the Hawks lose much more ground in the next three games before Monday's trade deadline, it crystallizes the answer for general manager Stan Bowman: sell.

Trade whatever attractive contracts you can — that don't sacrifice youth — if you can find

takers.

But the Hawks don't believe it will come to that.

The game against the Rangers on Wednesday night began the final 23-game stretch, and all but four of the 15 games in March are at the United Center.

"Obviously we're going to need to go on some type of run, win five or six in a row at some point — maybe even more — to get ourselves back in the picture," Patrick Kane said Tuesday. "I think right now, (the) focus is on this two-game homestand."

It also helps that some games — such as against the Predators on Friday and a home-and-home against the Wild in March — come against rivals for the final wild-card spot.

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Four Chicago high school students stood in front of a packed house at the Jordan Brand flagship store on State Street, explaining how their involvement with the Wings Scholars Program had forever altered their lives.

Together, Little Black Pearl Design Academy's Muhammad Holmes, Link Unlimited Scholars' James Jackson, Enlace's German Carvajal and Embarc's Arial Grier had endured a 10-week design workshop and accomplished something they didn't know was possible.

The teenagers, all Chicagoans who have been consumers of Jordans, created a new take on the Jordan 10, equipping it with a reflective upper and adding trim that utilized all the colors of Chicago's eight transit lines. They all wore their prized sneakers and a Wings hoodie as they delivered the kicker: Every one of their classmates in attendance would receive a pair of the shoes as well.

Monica Haslip, who founded the Little Black Pearl Arts and Design Center and created the Wings program with the chairman of the Jordan Brand advisory board, Larry Miller, beamed the entire time, including when she walked onstage, delighted to take the microphone and add more credence to the moving words her students shared.

"It was just mind-blowing," Haslip said. "Every now and then, out of the 26 years I've been doing this, something will happen that just reminds me why I did it in the first place. That event was one of those moments because they're so clear and articulate about this opportunity and the fact that this is something that has changed their lives already."

The Feb. 12 event unofficially kicked off NBA All-Star Weekend in Chicago, which was filled with charitable gestures, including the new All-Star Game format that awarded \$500,000 in donations to two local programs.

But this event had a different feel because of the time and effort put in by both the students and the organizers, who were committed to the Wings education far before the inception of the Wings program in 2015.

Haslip ran Little Black Pearl out her basement for 11 years before building a space for the nonprofit in 2005, moving to a 40,000-square-foot facility on the South Side.



NIKE

The Jordan Wings program "has bigger implications than learning about making shoes."

Her initial mission was to provide an outlet for students in her neighborhood. Soon she found her calling, taking talented students and introducing them to the business of the arts.

Miller, a former Jordan Brand president, has deep roots with the company that date to programs called "Jordan Fundamentals," which focused on giving scholarships to teachers so they could become better educators, and "A's for J's" in Philadelphia, an initiative that rewarded students directly for their good grades. Finally, he helped steer the Wings program, and he explained the core pillars, which include a design program, internships and the Wings scholars.

"Jordan Brand, we've always looked back at how we could give back to the community," Miller said. "We didn't talk about it much, but that's always been a part of what we did, and most of that has been driven around education and providing opportunities for underserved people, kids who don't have the opportunities they should."

"And the other thing we talked about, which helped give birth to Wings, is we know these young folks have a connection to our brand. How can we use that connection to motivate them in a positive way? So that was our goal with Wings."

Current Jordan Brand President Craig Williams, who joined the brand in November 2018, said he is proud of the history of the Wings program and plans to make sure the company continues to play a part in helping the youth.

"Kids are important to all of us," Williams said. "They're obviously important to the brand, and when we can be a part of ensuring that the future looks a little bit brighter and more promising for them, that's great."

"What the Wings program stands for is an opportunity to level the playing field by opening up access to education and mentorship for kids, and when you get the chance to be included in that, it's good for Jordan Brand and it's good for communities where we participate."

The impact Jordan Brand has had on Chicago became clear through the words shared by Holmes, Jackson, Carvajal and Grier. And Haslip, who has seen this program from its inception, knows that the next in line were in the crowd watching and waiting their turn.

"This is a unique experience that can open up some real doors for them," Haslip said. "We've sent about 16 or 17 kids to college on a full ride from Jordan Brand, and that's a huge thing because now the other students come and they get to see what their peers have done and they know that they're next in line."

"That's a huge motivation to get them focused on other things, including their academics, their social consciousness. We talk a lot to them about how their work is connected to the community. It's their way of showing they can contribute, so it has bigger implications than just being able to learn about making shoes."

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NBA

Hectic finish ahead

Bucks' quiet dominance among many storylines as sprint to playoffs begins

BY TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

CHICAGO — On Thursday, the NBA comes back for a frantic eight-week sprint to the finish of the regular season, with teams having from anywhere between 25 and 29 games left to play before the 16-team field for the playoffs is filled and set.

There are 12 teams that start Thursday: the Bucks, Pistons, Heat, Hawks, Nets, 76ers, Hornets, Bulls, Grizzlies, Kings, Rockets and Warriors. Every other team resumes play Friday except for the Clippers, who get a couple extra days of break and won't get back on the floor until Saturday afternoon.

For the most part, the postseason teams are largely set. The Bucks could clinch a playoff berth as early as this coming weekend. At 46-8, they're quietly on pace for the third-best regular season in NBA history. They're seven games in the loss column ahead of the Raptors in the race for No. 1 in the Eastern Conference, four losses clear of the Lakers in the race for the league's best overall record.

"Our job is to take it, obviously, day by day," said Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo, the NBA's reigning MVP. "We want to win as many games as possible, but our goal is to win the whole thing. So obviously, as I said, you want to win every game. If you win every game, that would be great. But we cannot lose focus. We can't lose track of our actual goal, which is get better every day, keep learning every day, and win the whole thing."

The Raptors, a team that many suspected would freefall after Kawhi Leonard and Danny Green left for the Clippers in free agency, hits the break with the NBA's third-best record at 40-15. The Raptors, Celtics, Heat, 76ers and Pacers can pretty much start making their East playoff plans.

Out in the Western Conference, the Lakers, Nuggets, Clippers, Jazz, Rockets, Thunder and Mavericks all have separated themselves in the playoff race as well.

That's 13 teams for 16 spots. In the East, the Nets and Magic will seek to hang on to the last two spots.

Out West, the No. 8 Grizzlies have a four-game lead on the Trail Blazers and a five games up on the Spurs — a team that hasn't missed the playoffs since 1997, but has some serious work to do in order to extend that streak.

"It feels good to be in a winning situation," Lakers' big man Anthony Davis said.

"I think being No. 1 in the West, we have something good going over there in L.A. I'm excited about our team. I'm excited about our chemistry. I'm excited for the second half of the season and see what we can accomplish.

"We still have a lot to work on, but right now we're doing pretty fine."

Some of what to watch down the stretch of the NBA regular season:

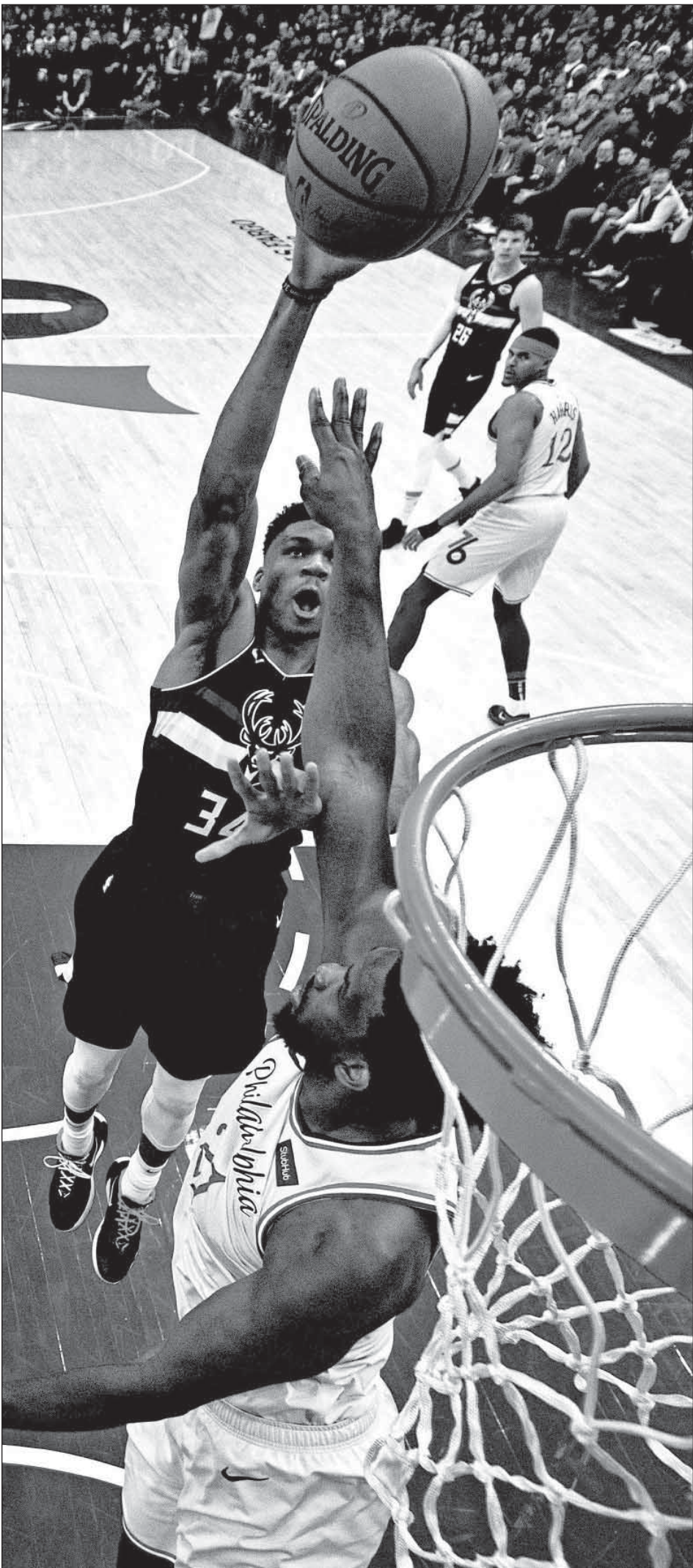
Tough sledding

If the Grizzlies are going to hang on to its playoff spot in the West, it'll have to survive what Tankathon — which charts such things — says is the toughest remaining schedule in the NBA. The Grizzlies still have two games left with the Lakers, Mavericks, Rockets and Raptors.

Star power

The Warriors' run of five straight appearances in the NBA Finals is almost certainly about to end — the Warriors are 16½ games out of a playoff spot with 27 games left, which means the mathematical chance of getting in still exists but is beyond slim.

But the Warriors expect to get Stephen Curry back from injury at some point in March, which if nothing else could get him some work before a potential Olympic appearance this summer and a return to what figures to be a back-to-normal operation next season.



CHRIS SZAGOLA/AP

Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Bucks are on pace for the NBA's third-best regular season.

"Let me be honest with you. The players, we kind of enjoy that he's not playing — not enjoy that he's hurt," Antetokounmpo said. "We want him to be healthy, but he just makes it way, way tougher for the rest of the league. But I'm happy he's going to be back healthy and happy that he's going to be able to help his team win some games."

Harden's scoring

The Rockets' James Harden is well on his way to a third consecutive scoring title. If he gets there, he'll join George Mikan, Neil Johnston, Wilt Chamberlain, George Gervin, Michael Jordan and Kevin Durant as the only players to win the title at least three straight times.

Harden is averaging 35.3 points per game, 5.3 points ahead of Antetokounmpo.

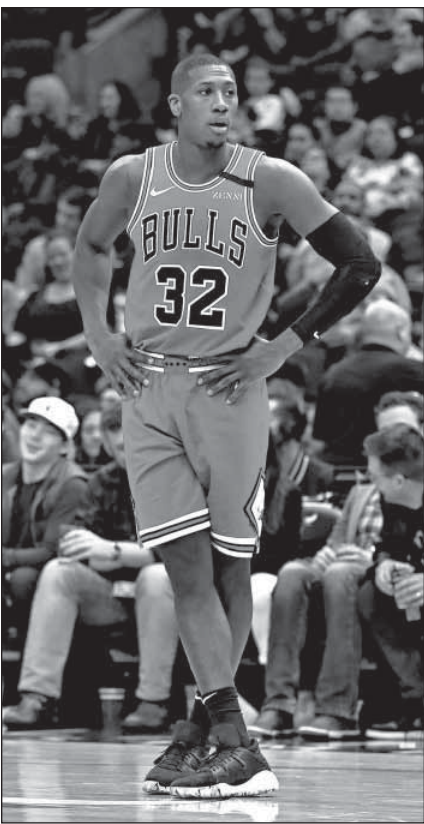
Here's how wide a gap that really is: Assuming both players appear in all 28 of their remaining games, and Harden continues to score at his current clip, Antetokounmpo would have to average about 44.5 points per game the rest of the way to catch Harden for the title.

Streaks continue

Barring a big change, three of the four longest active playoff droughts will continue this spring.

The Kings are in line to miss the playoffs for a 14th consecutive year, the Suns for a 10th straight year and the Knicks for a seventh straight season.

The Lakers have also missed six consecutive postseasons, a streak that will finally end in April.



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Bulls coach Jim Boylen said Kris Dunn's injury "rattled our team."

BULLS

Another setback in Dunn's recovery

Boylen waiting for defense to surge after dwindling in point guard's absence

BY SHANNON RYAN

When Bulls guard Kris Dunn suffered an MCL sprain on Jan. 31, the injury "rattled our team," coach Jim Boylen said.

The team announced Wednesday another setback for Dunn, further hampering hopes of momentum building during the final stretch of 27 remaining games.

After being evaluated on Feb. 14, Dunn will miss another 4-6 weeks and the Bulls will then decide whether he can return to training.

"When a guy is out we try to focus on what a guy does well, what a guy does for the team," Boylen said at Advocate Center after Wednesday's practice. "Kris Dunn does a lot of things that don't show up on the stat sheet. We miss those things."

The Bulls will miss additional players Thursday against the Hornets when they return to action after the All-Star break.

Otto Porter Jr. (fractured left foot) and Wendell Carter Jr. (sprained right ankle) returned to practice Tuesday and worked with the team Wednesday, with Porter going through the full session and Carter limited. But neither will play Thursday, Boylen said.

Denzel Valentine (hamstring) will miss his fourth straight game, while forward Chandler Hutchinson (shoulder) also will sit out. Lauri Markkanen (pelvis) will miss his 10th straight game.

"We'll figure out who we're going to start tomorrow and we'll see how that goes," Boylen said. "We had two good days of practice trying to get our legs back, trying to blow the rust out but also try to develop the things we need to do better."

Trying to make a push in the final stretch while also developing players is a balancing act.

"We're trying to be as basic as possible while still having opportunities for Zach (LaVine) and some of our veteran guys to be in the position where they can be successful," Boylen said. "There's a learning curve when you add new people in. I think that's understood."

"But the only way to do it is practice, work through it and communicate what we want. ... It's what it is, and we'll keep working at it."

The Bulls defense increasingly has struggled since Dunn's injury.

He was playing a key role on defense, providing a rare bright spot in a gloomy season. He started the season as the first player off the bench but worked his way into the starting lineup and is averaging 7.3 points, 3.6 rebounds and 3.4 assists in 51 games. He ranks second in the NBA in steals behind the 76ers' Ben Simmons.

Boylen hopes to see other players charge up the defense — what he said the Bulls "hang our hat" on.

"We were fourth in the league when Wendell went down," he said. "We were seventh in the league when Dunn went down. We're 10th in the league now. We still have a top-10 defense. We have struggled with new guys playing and some of our experienced guys not out there. We will keep hammering away at it."

Dunn has approached his injury with a strong mindset.

"He's very positive, upbeat," Boylen said. "He's that type of person."

"(We are) trying to support him the best we can."

NBA NOTES

Beilein resigns as Cavs coach after 54 games

News services

John Beilein didn't make it through one NBA season. Another college coaching dropout.

Wildly successful at Michigan and other stops in his coaching career, Beilein resigned Wednesday after just 54 games with the rebuilding Cavaliers, who can't seem to find the right person to lead their team.

The 67-year-old Beilein never got comfortable during his short stint in the pro game. The demands of travel, lack of practice time and a group of players who didn't respect him or respond to his coaching style proved to be too much, so he decided to move on before the team returned from the All-Star break.

"This was a very difficult decision for me, but I want to be clear — this was my decision to step down and I truly appreciate the understanding and support of the front office during this time," Beilein said in a statement released by the team. "I find losing very challenging and this year has taken a much bigger toll on me than I

expected. I grew concerned for the consequences this toll could potentially take on my own health and my family's well-being down the road.

"I was not certain I could be at my best for the remainder of the season and in the future. That would not be fair to the players, coaches and support staff."

The Cavs went just 14-40 under Beilein, who the Cavaliers signed to a five-year contract last May. The team said he will be reassigned to a different role within the organization. At this point, Beilein's next role is still being discussed but his college connections would make him invaluable in draft preparation.

Associate head coach J.B. Bickerstaff will take over for Beilein. The team is still working through some contract language for Bickerstaff, who had become the preferred sounding board for Cleveland's players. He has head coaching experience after nearly two full seasons with the Grizzlies and one with the Rockets.



Beilein

Towns still out: Timberwolves center Karl-Anthony Towns will remain out indefinitely as he continues to recover from a left wrist injury.

Towns missed the Timberwolves' last game before the All-Star break.

He's averaging a career-best 26.5 points and 10.8 rebounds per game this season. He missed 15 games earlier this season with a sprained left knee.

Judge dismisses Oakley's suit: A federal judge dismissed Charles Oakley's lawsuit against executive chairman James Dolan and Madison Square Garden, stemming from the former Knicks forward's ejection from a game and ensuing arrest three years ago.

Judge Richard J. Sullivan ruled in U.S. District Court in Manhattan that the case "had the feel of a public relations campaign" and Oakley hadn't alleged a plausible legal claim under federal pleading standards.

BLACKHAWKS



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RANGERS 6, BLACKHAWKS 3

Third period dooms Hawks

Dominik Kubalik scored twice, and Drake Caggiula added a goal to give the Blackhawks hope with their season teetering on the brink, but the Rangers had Robin Lehner's number Wednesday night. The Hawks allowed five goals in a disastrous third period in a 6-3 loss at the United Center. With the Hawks trying to make the case to general manager Stan Bowman that he should keep the roster intact after Monday's trade deadline, their unraveling Wednesday didn't speak well for their playoff hopes. Kubalik's two goals gives the rookie 25 this season, two behind Patrick Kane for the team lead. Lehner had his worst outing since allowing six goals to the Canucks on Jan. 2 in Vancouver. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Stretch

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"There's lot of games left and we have games in hand, but it doesn't matter if we don't (win). ... We've got to perform," coach

Jeremy Colliton said. After Wednesday's practice, Colliton downplayed the notion that the presence of the trade deadline meant he was getting pressure to win from Bowman or face the prospect of losing some veterans. "I think we're both on the same

page as far as you try to win now with the players you have and also look ahead because you want to have long-term success," Colliton said. He acknowledged the uncertainty for players, "but that's part of the business." After Friday, the Hawks hit the

road again for games against the Stars, Blues, Lightning and Panthers — all playoff contenders. "If we can get ourselves a few points back in the wild-card race, then we'll have a home stretch where we can really do some damage," forward Alex DeBrincat said.

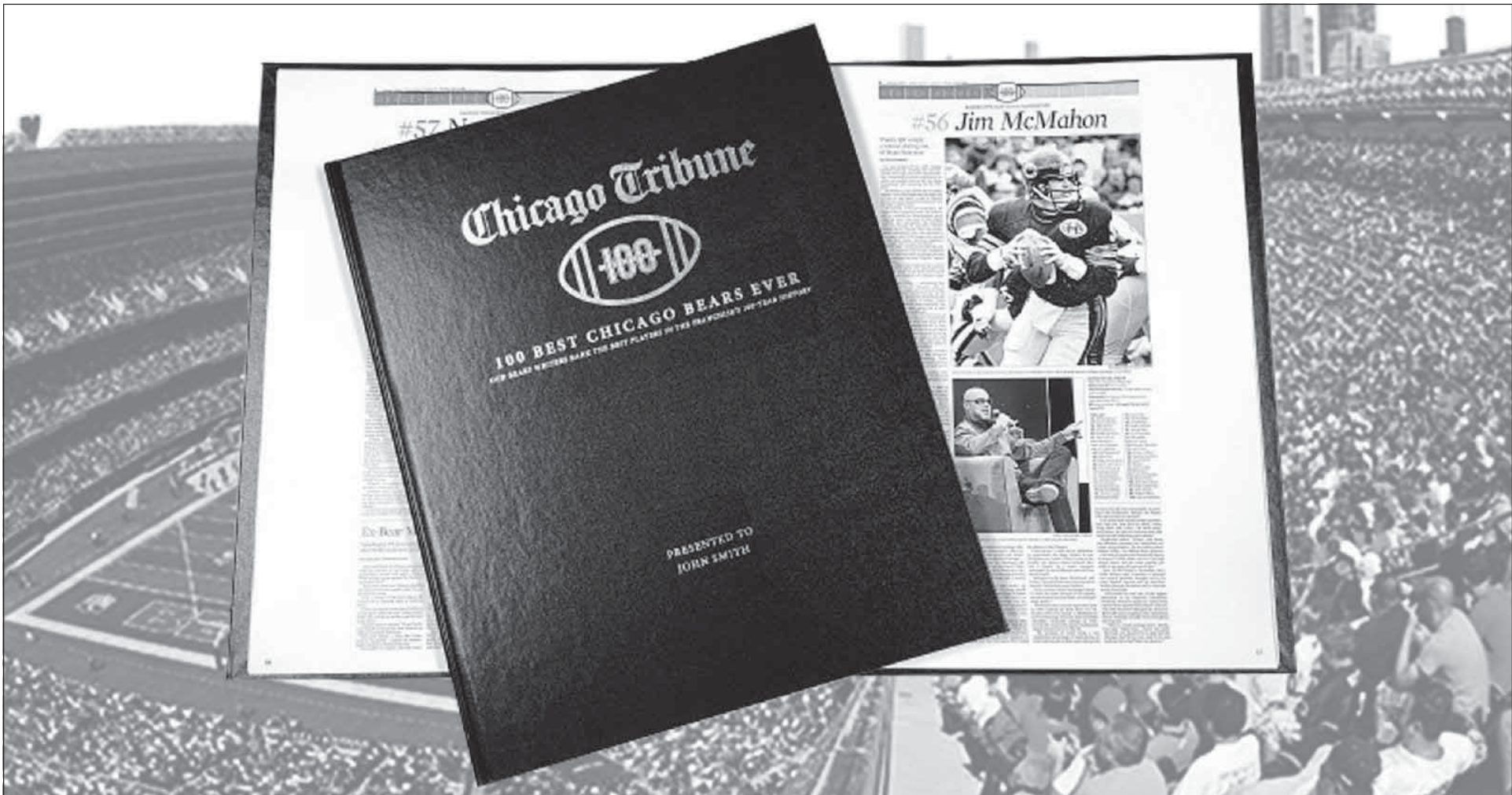
BEARS

Tight end signing adds depth

Nagy reunites with Harris, a former Chief

By COLLEEN KANE

The Bears are expected to add help to their tight ends room with the addition of Demetrius Harris on a one-year contract, an NFL source confirmed Wednesday. The Browns released Harris, 28, earlier this week after one season, in which he had 15 receptions for 149 yards and three touchdowns. The move, with a year remaining on his deal, saved about \$2.5 million in salary cap space, Cleveland.com reported. The NFL Network first reported the signing. Harris played his first five seasons with the Chiefs, four when Bears coach Matt Nagy was their quarterbacks coach then offensive coordinator. Harris made 57 catches for 605 yards and six touchdowns with the Chiefs, including a career-high 18 catches for 224 yards in 2017. He could play the role of the Bears "Y" (blocking) tight end and also has a lot of experience on special teams. The 6-foot-7, 230-pound Harris played college basketball at Wisconsin-Milwaukee, which doesn't have a football team, before he signed as an undrafted free agent with the Chiefs in 2013. The Bears are in desperate need of tight end upgrades after the group had 46 catches for 416 yards and two touchdowns last season. Trey Burton had surgery in December to repair the labrum in his hip. In the second season of a four-year, \$32 million contract, Burton never looked healthy and totaled 14 catches for 84 yards in eight games before the Bears placed him on injured reserve in mid-November. Adam Shaheen, a 2017 second-round pick, had nine catches for 74 yards in eight games before the Bears benched him for performance reasons then placed him on injured reserve.



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White Sox starting pitcher Reynaldo Lopez laughs during a spring-training workout Sunday.

Lopez altered offseason routine

‘I made some changes to get my mind right,’ Sox right-hander says

By LaMond Pope

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Reynaldo Lopez is scheduled to pitch for the White Sox on Saturday in their Cactus League opener against the Angels.

It will be an opportunity for Lopez to display some of what he learned after an inconsistent 2019.

“Last year was a year of too many ups and downs,” Lopez said through an interpreter. “But I learned to take the positive things from last year, and it put me in a better position for this year. I’m pretty confident that this is going to be a better year.”

“I worked a lot during the offseason (in Los Angeles). ... I’m in a much better place mentally and physically, and it’s going to be a good year.”

The right-hander hopes to rebound after finishing 2019 with a 5.38 ERA, the second-worst in the majors. He went 10-15 with 169 strikeouts and 65 walks in 184 innings and surrendered 35 home runs, the fourth-most in MLB.

Lopez had several strong outings, including a one-hitter with

11 strikeouts against the Indians on Sept. 5 at Progressive Field. But he also had outings like the one against the Royals on Sept. 11 at Guaranteed Rate Field, when he allowed six runs on nine hits — including four home runs — in 4⅔ innings.

“All the downs from last year were related to on-the-field stuff,” Lopez said. “Sometimes I made a bad pitch and then I couldn’t get rid of it. That thought in my mind was always there, or a bad outing that I couldn’t get rid of for the next outing. It was always something — when something bad happened, bad thoughts kept on my mind.”

“That was the reason why I struggled last year and wasn’t able to be consistent. But this year it’s going to be different. I learned from that and I know what I need to do in order to keep my consistency.”

Lopez faced some hitters in a batting-practice setting Tuesday. And Sox manager Rick Renteria said overall, the coaching staff came away impressed.

“There were some pitches that he made that were truly outstanding,” Renteria said. “I know that (pitching coach Don) Cooper has seen him, talked about him staying behind the ball a lot better than he had last year. He had

some things over the winter to try to correct.

“Saw some good pitches, saw a nice changeup and saw a well-located fastball. He’s still a little rusty, it seems to me, with the batters in there. But he looks pretty good.”

While in Los Angeles in the offseason, Lopez went to the Mamba Academy, where he worked with teammate Lucas Giolito and Mets pitcher Noah Syndergaard, among others.

“The (pitching) repertoire is going to be the same (as last season),” Lopez said. “I don’t want to add or get rid of anything. Physically I made some changes, workouts. About my stuff, I don’t have any major changes.”

“I worked on my fastball spin rate ... but that was it. It was more about getting my body in that better shape.”

The work wasn’t just physical. “Everyone knows this game is more mental than physical,” Lopez said. “I used to work on my body more than my mindset, but ... I made some changes to get my mind right for the season.”

“My goal is just to stay healthy and keep my focus throughout the whole season and try to grind. It’s going to be a very good year for me and for the team.”

WHITE SOX TAKEAWAYS

Garcia ready to lend a hand at second

By LaMond Pope

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Here are two takeaways from White Sox spring training Wednesday.

1. Leury Garcia is putting in work at second base.

Leury Garcia played two games at second base in 2019. That number will likely increase this upcoming season. Garcia is one of three players vying to start at second base for the Sox, along with Danny Mendick and prospect Nick Madrigal.

The spot opened after the Sox non-tendered Gold Glove winner Yolmer Sanchez in December.

Garcia, who turns 29 on March 18, has done a little bit of everything with the Sox. Last season, in addition to the two games at second base, he played 120 games as an outfielder, 19 at shortstop, one as a third baseman and one as a designated hitter.

“It looks like I’m going to be playing a lot of second base this year, more than the last couple of years,” Garcia said Wednesday. “I’ve been taking a lot of ground

balls at second. But I’m still taking ground balls at short, third, fly balls. Just be ready for whatever position.”

“I’ll be working with Super Joe (bench coach Joe McEwing) a lot at second base, just getting ready.”

Garcia has appeared at second base in 49 games (34 starts) during his 433-game career. That ranks fourth among the positions he’s played in his career. Center field (197 games), left field (92) and right field (70) are the top three.

“This kid’s a baseball player,” Sox manager Rick Renteria said. “He’s a really good athlete. He can move around everywhere quite easily, and we’ve all seen it. I’m really looking forward to seeing what he’s going to be able to do over there (at second).”

Madrigal, the No. 40 prospect in baseball according to MLB.com, is considered the team’s second baseman of the future. But when that future arrives remains to be seen. Garcia, who hit .279 with eight home runs and 40 RBIs last season and can become a free agent at the end of 2020, is ready to lend a hand to the Sox in any fashion.

2. Michael Kopech reached another milestone Tuesday.

Michael Kopech faced hitters in a batting practice setting Tuesday. It was another step forward after missing all of last season while recovering from Tommy John surgery.

“For him, it’s very simple right now. It’s binary: he’s either doing that or he’s not,” Sox general manager Rick Hahn said.

“And right now, he’s doing it. He looks good, he looks free and easy. I know he was excited (Tuesday) to face hitters for the first time. There’s going to be a series of those milestones for him as he works his way back.”

“He’s physically, knock on wood, fine. It’s now just a matter of getting him in baseball shape and in a position to competitively get big-league hitters out. Each small milestone, although perhaps going from throwing a sideline to throwing (batting practice) is not a big deal, I know it brings him a great deal of happiness and gets him one step closer to contributing to the big-league level again.”

CUBS TAKEAWAYS

Ross to ‘maximize’ Bryant’s versatility

By Mark Gonzales

MESA, Ariz. — Here are three takeaways from Cubs spring training Wednesday.

1. Shuffling looms when Kris Bryant shifts to the outfield.

Manager David Ross plans to maximize the versatility of third baseman Kris Bryant by occasionally moving him to other positions.

“But his main position will be third,” Ross said.

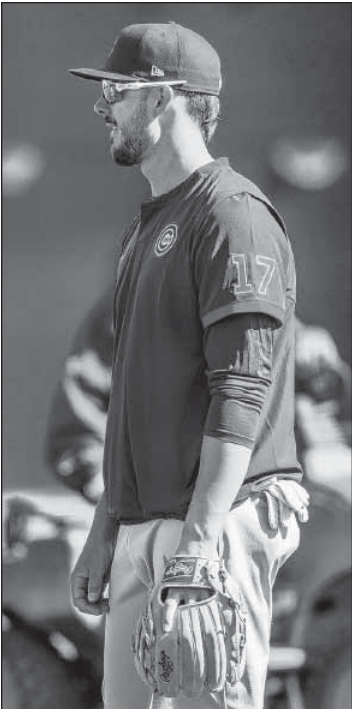
Nevertheless, the Cubs must take into consideration the best way to shape the roster to provide coverage when Bryant moves to the outfield.

For instance, who will play third base? David Bote committed only four errors in 56 games there while Bryant rehabbed a badly bruised left shoulder in 2018. But last season Bote committed 11 errors in 67 games at third.

Ian Happ has played primarily in the outfield since joining the Cubs in 2017. But in eight games at third base in 2019, he committed only one error in 54 innings and looked comfortable there in September.

The Cubs also need a dependable backup to shortstop Javier Baez.

While rookie Nico Hoerner is the best candidate, the Cubs may be challenged to find enough at-bats to justify keeping Hoerner on the major-league roster if Jason Kipnis earns most of the playing time at second base.



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The Cubs’ Kris Bryant, who normally plays third base, will be put in the outfield occasionally.

The top five spots in the lineup could comprise Bryant, Rizzo, Javier Baez, Kyle Schwarber, and Willson Contreras for a right-left-right-left-right order. Jason Heyward could bat sixth or dip to eighth if fellow left-handed hitter Jason Kipnis earns a majority of the playing time at second base.

2. The Cubs may continue to alternate their right- and left-handed batters in the lineup.

Former manager Joe Maddon was criticized for using so many lineups, but one of his themes may be continued by successor David Ross.

With Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo at this point penciled in at the leadoff and second spots in the lineup, Ross can continue to alternate right- and left-handed hitters throughout most of the lineup.

“Alternating is important now with the three-batter minimum (rule) (putting) added pressure to the other team,” Ross said. “We want to make sure they have well-rounded pitchers in the bullpen when it comes to that.”

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“It’s fine,” he said. “I look at the two-hole as another leadoff hitter, too. So you can interchange those. The past three years, we really haven’t had someone who was stuck in the leadoff hole and stayed there.”

“I think we totally took Dexter (Fowler) for granted while he was here. I certainly did. He was up there working great at-bats, and he was always on base, had a high on-base percentage. That showed in the numbers after (he left).”

“We’ve had so much turnover and guys trying out (in the spot), you don’t get that consistency. If I need to be the guy that’s up there that’s going to be consistent and be on base, I’ll be that guy.”

Ross also hinted that Anthony Rizzo would bat second, calling Bryant-Rizzo “a good 1-2 punch at the top.”

So Rizzo is batting second? “Maybe,” Ross said with a grin.

That would make “Bryzzo” the new Daily Double — the nickname broadcaster Harry Caray coined for the 1-2 hitters Bob Dernier and Ryne Sandberg in 1984.

“Listen, I’ve thought this thing to death,” Ross said of his lineups. “And I’m still thinking about it.”

Bryant asked to be the first hitter during a live batting practice session Tuesday against Tyler Chatwood. Bryant doesn’t know whether he’ll lead off in the Cactus League opener Saturday against the A’s.

Bryant has led off only seven times in his career, going 9-for-28 (.321) with a .387 on-base percentage. He has a .398 career OBP in the No. 2 hole, his most frequent spot, and a .361 OBP in the third spot, where the team’s best hitter usually resides.

Cubs leadoff hitters were last in the majors in 2019 with a .294 OBP after finishing second in that category in 2018 (.366), when they won 95 games.

“That leadoff spot has been a real thing around here since Dexter left,” Ross said. “The way (Bryant has) handled all the situations he’s been in in his career and

risen to the occasion a lot of the times, he can handle that. ... I would hate to be on the other side and look at that big boy step in the box and lead things off with what he can do.”

Bryant conceded it’s different than leading off in college and said he might ask some veteran leadoff men, like Fowler, for some advice if he’s inserted there.

“The biggest thing with hitting at the top of the order is that fifth at-bat,” he said. “I want that fifth at-bat, and I’ve done that for five years, now going on six years. So I have the right mindset to do it.”

Ross said he will stick with the lineup and won’t move Bryant if he struggles at the outset.

“That screams panic when you start to change all that,” Ross said.

Bryant said he’s willing to do anything he’s asked and always has been. He also is willing to play center field more often if asked.

“Sometimes that’s misinterpreted or not looked at enough,” he said of his willingness to move around, adding “I love center field.”

Ross said Bryant would play some outfield but added: “His main position will be third.”

Bryant was one of Joe Maddon’s most valuable chess pieces the last five years because of his versatility.

On another subject, Bryant said he didn’t think MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred’s apology for calling the World Series trophy a “piece of metal” was sufficient.

“I don’t think people are accepting it,” he said. “When you say something like that, I genuinely believe he really meant that it was just a piece of metal. Not to me. I have one in my office back home, and it’s right in the middle, the center of attention.”

“This was something that was very important to me and very important to the whole organization. We haven’t had one in 108 years, and that piece of metal meant a lot to the whole city.”

Can Manfred still be a viable commissioner without the support of the players?

“It’s not really up to us. It’s up to the owners and the management people in charge,” he said. “If they think he’s doing the right job, they’re going to keep him.”

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



/HANDOUT

DePaul freshman guard Marisa Warren drives against Providence on Feb. 2.

DEPAUL WOMEN

Guard's goals are lofty, long-term

Warren, who loves aviation, has 'never met anyone who looks like me who is a pilot'

BY SHANNON RYAN

When the DePaul women's basketball team travels to games, Marisa Warren snags a window seat. She usually observes the type of plane and might peek into the cockpit.

Aviation has been a joy for the freshman point guard since childhood. At 8 years old, she flew by herself from Missouri to Texas to visit an aunt. She took her first international flight in eighth grade when her German class toured Europe. She has crisscrossed the nation to compete on basketball teams.

But when Warren held the controls of a piston-engine Cirrus SR20 plane over the Mississippi River last year, she knew for certain she wanted to be a pilot.

"It was, 'Wow, this feels natural,' " she said. "I loved it. I knew it was really, truly what I wanted to do."

Warren, last season's St. Louis Post-Dispatch All-Metro player of the year, feels equally comfortable on the basketball court. As a reserve for the No. 12 Blue Demons (24-3, 14-1 Big East), she averages 2.5 points and 1.2 assists; she had a season-high 16 points and seven assists against Alabama State in December.

Coach Doug Bruno calls Warren essential to the program's future. He spotted her talent at Incarnate Word Academy in St. Louis, a school that produced Blue Demons sophomore guard Sonya Morris and former DePaul and WNBA guard Felicia Chester-Wootton.

"She has such great court vision," Bruno said of the 5-foot-8 Warren. "She can really see. She's one of those point guards who can figure out quickly to go to Player B instead of Player A, even if both of them are open, because she sees Player B has just a little better positioning."

"She's going to have a chance (in future seasons). We'll be losing Kelly Campbell, one of the best point guards in the nation, leaving a wide-open opportunity for her to step in and take over."

As a peace, justice and conflict studies major with an interest in social justice, Warren's passions are varied and plentiful.

She participated in an Air Force ROTC program at Illinois Institute of Technology through last semester, taking the CTA Red Line 30 minutes to train before class or practice. She recently reassessed her schedule and lifestyle and decided basketball and her studies needed to take priority for now.

"I met a lot of cool people, F-22 pilots and F-16 pilots," she said. "I loved it and I'm not opposed to coming back to the reserves at some point."

A high school teammate's parents, both pilots, invited her to a Women in Aviation event at Saint Louis University. She performed a flight simulation and they helped her arrange a "discovery" flight in

which she received instruction from a pilot and handled controls during an hourlong flight above St. Louis.

"I had the controls for 50 minutes," she said, noting the pilot handled takeoff and landing. "We're up there and can see everything. It was a bumpy ride, but to know you're in control of this huge machine, that's the most exciting part."

She grew up knowing about Bessie Coleman, America's first black female pilot. She has not been discouraged by the lack of black women in aviation.

Women account for a little more than 7% of U.S. pilots, according to the Federal Aviation Administration, and black women make up fewer than 1%.

"I've never met anyone who looks like me who is a pilot," Warren said. "I don't care. This is what I want to do. I know I can do it. I know I can get there."

While Warren didn't waver in her commitment to DePaul, Bruno said he looked into ways she could pursue basketball and aviation at the university. But with the time demands of basketball and the school not offering an aeronautics degree, "it just didn't work." He even looked into whether it would work at another university.

Warren plans to attend flight school after college and hopes to become an international pilot, perhaps for a commercial airline but also flying humanitarian aid missions.

She was raised to see beyond the horizon.

Alisa Warren is executive director of the Missouri Human Rights Commission, and she often engaged her daughter in topics of injustice. When protests against police brutality sprung up in Ferguson, Mo. — just 10 miles from their home — they drove nearby, watched the news together and talked about injustice.

"We talked about the racial tension in our community and how it ignited other protests in other parts of the world," Alisa Warren said. "Why people have feelings about each other. Why people hate instead of love. Marisa always made a point to have a diverse group of friends and still does. When you do that, you break down barriers. Fears are gone."

It was not a shock to her that Marisa would choose a major dedicated to understanding the world better. It also wasn't a surprise that she wants to become a pilot.

She played on a basketball team for 5-year-olds when she was 3 and enjoyed competing against her brother, 10 years her senior. As a slender middle schooler, Marisa picked the tuba as her instrument of choice. Her favorite song as a child was "Window Seat" by neo-soul singer Erykah Badu.

"Everything she's chosen has been different and unique," Alisa Warren said. "She's her own woman."

Marisa Warren has lofty goals: excelling at basketball, applying her studies to social justice and eventually taking to the skies.

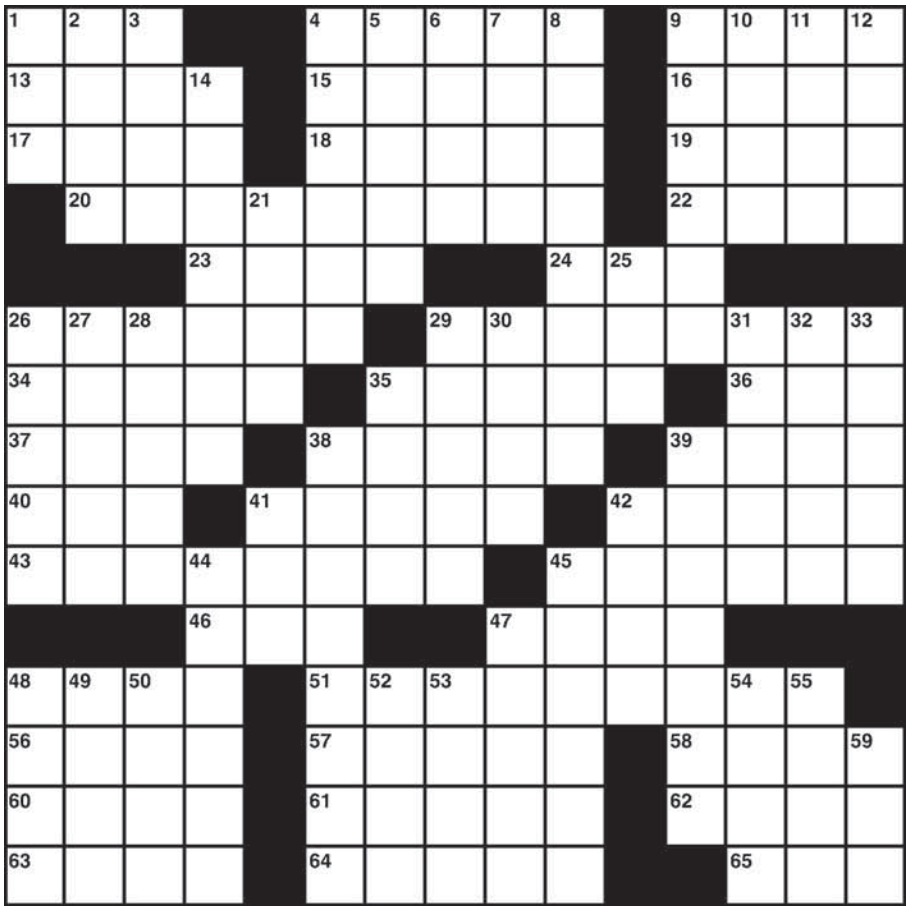
"I don't want to limit myself," she said. "I am so young. Whichever route gets me there is the route."

VILLANOVA 91, DEPAUL MEN 71

No answer for 'Nova shooters

The Blue Demons lost their eighth consecutive game Wednesday night, when No. 12 Villanova unleashed a 3-point barrage during its 91-71 win at Wintrust Arena. DePaul (13-13, 1-12 Big East) was tied 10-10 then outscored 36-16 in the rest of the first half for a 20-point halftime deficit. Villanova shot 33-for-58 (57%) from the field and made 18 of 26 (69.2%) 3-point attempts. Saddiq Bey led the Wildcats (20-6, 9-4) with 20 points, and Justin Moore and Collin Gillseppe added 17 apiece. Jalen Coleman-Lands scored 17 points to lead DePaul, and Paul Reed added 13 points and a team-high seven rebounds. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Four-yr. degrees
- 4 Caesar's "I ___ saw, I conquered"
- 9 Big party
- 13 Night birds
- 15 Sir ___ Newton
- 16 Unpleasant
- 17 Radar screen image
- 18 Where, in Spain
- 19 Sailing vessel
- 20 Cowardly
- 22 Actor David Pierce of "Frasier"
- 23 Bookish fellow
- 24 Siesta hour
- 26 Valuables
- 29 Meddlesome folks
- 34 Breath fresheners
- 35 Task
- 36 Motorists' assn.
- 37 Eras
- 38 Public meeting place
- 39 Tomorrow's shout
- 40 Feminine pronoun
- 41 Obama's VP
- 42 Untrue
- 43 Overexerted
- 45 Occupation

DOWN

- 1 Hope or Newhart
- 2 Hole-making tools
- 3 Undergarment
- 4 Apple drinks
- 5 ___ as the hills
- 6 Lion's neck hair
- 7 Actor George
- 8 Wicked winter weather
- 9 Chess piece
- 10 Sore
- 11 Fail to grip the roadway
- 12 Excessive publicity
- 46 J. Edgar Hoover's agcy.
- 47 Sudden loud noise
- 48 Surgery memento
- 51 Oddest
- 56 Ripped
- 57 Lift something heavy
- 58 Warty amphibian
- 60 ___ up; misbehaves
- 61 Shed crocodile tears
- 62 "Oh, for Pete's ___!"
- 63 Long deep cut
- 64 Dissuade
- 65 Animal enclosure

Solutions



- 14 Small pianos
- 21 NBA team
- 25 Misery
- 26 Pile up
- 27 Vision
- 28 Derisive smile
- 29 Tear to bits
- 30 Part of speech
- 31 Two strokes
- 32 Employee's delight
- 33 Not as risky
- 35 Word after area or zip
- 38 Done
- 39 Dartboards
- 41 High chair accessory
- 42 Long sharp tooth
- 44 Anew
- 45 Horse's gait
- 47 Sew lightly
- 48 Male animal
- 49 Comic actress
- 50 ___ and crafts
- 52 "It's all Greek ___"
- 53 Hilarious person
- 54 Daytime serial
- 55 ___ away; subtract
- 59 TV room, often

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	40	15	.727	—
Boston	38	16	.704	1½
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

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	32	.418	11½

NORTHWEST				
Denver	38	17	.691	—
Utah	36	18	.667	1½
Oklahoma City	33	22	.600	5
Portland	25	31	.446	13½
Minnesota	16	37	.302	21

PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	41	12	.774	—
L.A. Clippers	37	18	.673	5
Phoenix	22	33	.400	20
Sacramento	21	33	.389	20½
Golden State	12	43	.218	30

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Milwaukee at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

TEAM COMPARISON

OFFENSE	PPG	FG%	3P%	FT%
Milwaukee	119.6	48.0	36.1	73.5
Houston	118.2	45.1	34.7	78.7
Dallas	116.4	46.2	37.1	78.1
L.A. Clippers	115.9	46.3	36.4	78.6
New Orleans	115.8	46.0	37.3	73.7
Washington	115.6	46.4	36.4	78.1
L.A. Lakers	114.7	48.8	36.3	73.0
Portland	113.4	45.6	37.0	80.5
San Antonio	113.2	47.1	36.8	80.4
Boston	113.1	46.3	36.4	80.2
Memphis	113.0	47.3	35.1	77.5
Toronto	112.9	46.0	37.7	79.5
Minnesota	112.4	43.7	33.2	75.7
Phoenix	112.4	46.3	34.9	82.1
Miami	111.7	46.8	37.8	77.8
Utah	111.3	47.5	38.7	76.8
Okl. City	110.6	47.1	35.4	80.4
Brooklyn	110.5	44.5	34.2	74.2
Denver	110.4	46.5	35.7	77.7
Atlanta	110.2	44.7	32.9	78.7
Indiana	109.7	47.8	36.6	78.9
Philadelphia	108.6	46.5	35.4	74.1
Detroit	108.0	46.1	36.8	74.4
Sacramento	107.9	45.6	36.1	76.4
Chicago	106.4	44.2	34.6	76.2
Golden St.	106.3	43.3	34.1	81.1
Cleveland	106.1	45.4	34.8	76.5
New York	104.8	44.0	33.4	69.2
Orlando	103.9	43.4	33.7	76.5
Charlotte	102.9	43.4	34.8	74.6

ODDS TO WIN NBA FINALS

TEAM	NOW	10/21	6/13
L.A. Lakers	9/4	13/2	20/1
Milwaukee	5/2	6/1	9/2
L.A. Clippers	3/1	10/1	18/1
Houston	14/1	12/1	12/1
Philadelphia	16/1	12/1	18/1
Denver	16/1	20/1	25/1
Utah	16/1	40/1	50/1
Boston	18/1	15/1	18/1
Toronto	20/1	10/1	10/1
Miami	22/1	350/1	50/1
Dallas	40/1	35/1	40/1
Indiana	75/1	75/1	80/1
Portland	100/1	25/1	50/1
Brooklyn	150/1	25/1	25/1
Okl. City	150/1	50/1	40/1
New Orleans	250/1	60/1	40/1
Memphis	300/1	150/1	150/1
Orlando	350/1	125/1	100/1
San Antonio	350/1	60/1	70/1
Chicago	1,500/1	150/1	100/1
Detroit	1,500/1	300/1	500/1
Sacramento	1,500/1	75/1	100/1
Phoenix	1,500/1	500/1	500/1
Minnesota	3,000/1	150/1	250/1
Atlanta	3,000/1	100/1	100/1
Charlotte	3,000/1	500/1	500/1
Cleveland	3,000/1	400/1	250/1
New York	3,000/1	30/1	15/1
Washington	3,000/1	500/1	500/1
Golden State	3,000/1	20/1	19/10

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	38	11	12	88	201	147
Tampa Bay	40	15	5	85	215	159
Florida	32	22	6	70	210	202
Toronto	31	22	8	70	213	204
Buffalo	27	25	8	62	175	190
Montreal	27	27	8	62	187	192
Ottawa	21	28	11	53	163	204
Detroit	15	43	4	34	127	232

METRO.

Pittsburgh	37	15	6	80	196	154
Washington	37	17	5	79	208	180
Philadelphia	33	20	7	73	198	178
Carolina	34	21	4	72	193	164
N.Y. Islanders	33	20	6	72	168	162
Columbus	30	19	12	72	156	155
N.Y. Rangers	31	24	4	66	195	184
New Jersey	22	27	10	54	162	207

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	33	17	10	76	190	172
Dallas	35	19	6	76	164	153
Colorado	34	18	7	75	209	165
Winnipeg	31	25	5	67	185	184
Nashville	29	23	7	65	190	191
Minnesota	28	24	7	63	180	190
Chicago	26	26	8	60	179	194

PACIFIC

Edmonton	32	21	7	71	191	185
Vancouver	32	22	6	70	194	184
Vegas	31	22	8	70	192	185
Calgary	31	24	6	68	180	190
Arizona	30	25	8	68	174	170
San Jose	26	29	4	56	155	194
Anaheim	24	29	7	55	156	190
Los Angeles	21	34	5	47	148	193

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

N.Y. Rangers 6, Chicago 3
Dallas 3, Arizona 2
Boston 2, Edmonton 1 (OT)
Colorado 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
Florida 4, Anaheim 1
Minnesota 4, Vancouver 3 (SO)

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Montreal at Washington, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 6 p.m.
San Jose at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Winnipeg at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Arizona at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Vegas, 9 p.m.
Florida at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

RANGERS 6, BLACKHAWKS 3

N.Y. Rangers	0	0	5	—
Chicago	0	1	2	— 3

FIRST PERIOD: 1, N.Y. Rangers, Chytil 13 (DeAngelo, Kakko), 1:58.
Penalties: Koekkoek, Chi (Interference), 2:41; Howden, NYR (Slashing), 17:54.

SECOND PERIOD: 2, Chicago, Kubalik 24 (Keith, Kane), 2:29. **Penalties:** Lemieux, NYR (Hanging), 2:39; Chicago bench, served by Nylander (Roughing), 9:26; Howden, NYR (Tripping), 13:31.

THIRD PERIOD: 3, N.Y. Rangers, Buchnevich 14 (Kreider), 2:33; 4, N.Y. Rangers, Strome 15 (Zibanejad, DeAngelo), 4:01 (pp.). 5, Chicago, Kubalik 25 (Toews, Caggiula), 6:05. 6, N.Y. Rangers, Kreider 24 (Zibanejad, Staal), 8:48. 7, N.Y. Rangers, Panarin 30, 9:41. 8, Chicago, Caggiula 7 (Toews, Nylander), 11:39. 9, N.Y. Rangers, Zibanejad 26 (Buchnevich, Kreider), 13:37.

Penalties: Maatta, Chi (Holding), 2:47; Caggiula, Chi (Boarding), 18:46.

SHOTS ON GOAL: N.Y. Rangers 12-10-20—41. Chicago 12-16-12—40.

POWER PLAYS: NYR 1 of 4; Chi 0 of 3.

GOALIES: N.Y. Rangers, Shesterkin 7-1-0 (40 shots-37 saves). Chicago, Lehner 16-10-5 (41-35). A: 21,573 (19,717). T: 2:16.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. **Baylor** (24-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Kansas, Saturday.
2. **Gonzaga** (26-1) did not play. Next: vs. San Francisco, Thursday.
3. **Kansas** (23-3) did not play. Next: at No. 1 Baylor, Saturday.
4. **San Diego State** (26-0) did not play. Next: vs. UNLV, Saturday.
5. **Dayton** (22-2) did not play. Next: vs. Duquesne, Saturday.
6. **Duke** (22-4) lost to N.C. State 88-66. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Saturday.
7. **Maryland** (22-4) did not play. Next: at No. 25 Ohio State, Sunday.
8. **Florida State** (22-4) did not play. Next: at N.C. State, Saturday.
9. **Penn State** (20-6) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Sunday.
10. **Kentucky** (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Saturday.
11. **Louisville** (22-5) beat Syracuse 90-66. Next: vs. North Carolina, Saturday.
12. **Villanova** (20-6) beat DePaul 91-71. Next: at Xavier, Saturday.
13. **Auburn** (22-4) lost Georgia 65-55. Next: vs. Tennessee, Saturday.
14. **Oregon** (20-6) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Thursday.
15. **Creighton** (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Butler, Sunday.
16. **Seton Hall** (19-7) beat No. 21 Butler 74-72. Next: vs. St. John's, Sunday.
17. **West Virginia** (19-7) did not play. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
18. **Colorado** (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Thursday.
19. **Marquette** (17-8) did not play. Next: at Providence, Saturday.
20. **Iowa** (18-8) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 Ohio State, Thursday.
21. **Butler** (19-8) lost to No. 16 Seton Hall 74-72. Next: at No. 15 Creighton, Sunday.
22. **Houston** (21-6) beat Tulsa 76-43. Next: at Memphis, Saturday.
23. **BYU** (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. Santa Clara, Thursday.
24. **Arizona** (18-7) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon State, Thursday.
25. **Ohio State** (17-8) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Iowa, Thursday.

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

EAST

American U. 71, Navy 62
Colgate 70, Lehigh 67
George Washington 70, Duquesne 67
La Salle 58, Fordham 49
Lafayette 61, Boston U. 59
Loyola (Md.) 81, Army 77
Michigan 60, Rutgers 52
Providence 73, Georgetown 63
Seton Hall 74, Butler 72
Siena 65, Iona 64
Chattanooga 91, The Citadel 68
ETSU 75, Furman 66
Georgia 65, Auburn 55
Georgia Tech 86, Wake Forest 79
Louisville 90, Syracuse 66
Memphis 77, E. Carolina 73
Mercer 106, Samford 66
Nicholls 73, Northwestern St. 69
Richmond 65, George Mason 50
Texas A&M 74, Alabama 68
Tulane 80, SMU 72
UNC-Greensboro 83, Wofford 79, OT
VMI 74, W. Carolina 71
Virginia 78, Boston College 65
MIDWEST
Bradley 83, Missouri St. 79, OT
Drake 77, Valparaiso 75, OT
Loyola of Chicago 84, Illinois St. 69
N. Dakota St. 77, S. Dakota 74
Adrian 85, Olivet 76
Anderson (Ind.) 94, Manchester 70
Capital 86, Wilmington (Ohio) 76
Chicago 84, Illinois St. 69
Kalamazoo 58, Calvin 53
Mount Union 83, Baldwin Wallace 73
Rose Hulman 67, Earlham 48
Wis.-Platteville 80, Wis.-Eau Claire 56
Wittenberg 78, Wabash 69
S. Dakota St. 94, N. Dakota 83
UCF 89, Cincinnati 87, 2OT
UMKC 69, California Baptist 63
SOUTHWEST
Abilene Christian 82, Houston Baptist 68
Incarnate Word 65, McNeese St. 59
Lamar 77, Sam Houston St. 65
Louisiana-Monroe 66, Arkansas St. 52
Stephen F. Austin 83, Cent. Arkansas 68
Texas 70, TCU 56
WEST
Utah 78, Wyoming 58

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. **South Carolina** (25-1) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Thursday.
2. **Baylor** (24-1) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Saturday.
3. **Oregon** (22-2) did not play. Next: at California, Friday.
4. **Stanford** (23-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Oregon State, Friday.
5. **Louisville** (23-3) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Thursday.
6. **UConn** (22-3) beat Tulane 74-31. Next: vs. UCF, Saturday.
7. **Maryland** (23-4) beat Wisconsin 85-56. Next: vs. Purdue, Tuesday.
8. **UCLA** (22-3) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Friday.
9. **Mississippi State** (22-4) did not play. Next: at Auburn, Thursday.
10. **N.C. State** (22-3) did not play. Next: at Miami, Thursday.
11. **Arizona** (21-4) did not play. Next: at Utah, Friday.
12. **DePaul** (24-3) did not play. Next: at Georgetown, Friday.
13. **Gonzaga** (25-2) did not play. Next: at Loyola Marymount, Thursday.
14. **Kentucky** (19-5) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Thursday.
15. **Oregon State** (19-7) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Stanford, Friday.
16. **Texas A&M** (20-5) did not play. Next: at Georgia, Thursday.
17. **Florida State** (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Thursday.
18. **Northwestern** (23-3) beat Rutgers 82-65. Next: at Wisconsin, Saturday.
19. **Iowa** (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Saturday.
20. **South Dakota** (24-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Dakota St., Thursday.
21. **Arizona State** (18-8) did not play. Next: at Colorado, Friday.
22. **Arkansas** (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee, Thursday.
23. **Missouri State** (21-3) did not play. Next: vs. Evansville, Friday.
24. **Indiana** (20-7) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Saturday.
25. **Princeton** (19-1) did not play. Next: vs. Harvard, Friday.

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

EAST

Akron 69, Buffalo 63
American U. 48, Navy 40
Army 75, Loyola (Md.) 55
Binghamton 62, Mass.-Lowell 58
Boston U. 47, Lafayette 40
Bucknell 63, Holy Cross 45
Colgate 82, Lehigh 73
Duquesne 72, Rhode Island 62
New Hampshire 64, Hartford 55
Stony Brook 72, Vermont 68
Temple 78, Memphis 64
UMBC 54, Albany (NY) 44
VCU 67, La Salle 61
SOUTH
E. Carolina 59, Tulsa 42
Incarnate Word 72, McNeese St. 71
Nicholls 73, Northwestern St. 66
Richmond 75, George Mason 70
Saint Joseph's 63, Davidson 54
UCF 56, S. Florida 48
MIDWEST
Ball St. 97, N. Illinois 89
Cent. Michigan 71, Kent St. 58
Dayton 50, George Washington 44
Michigan 80, Illinois 59
Ohio 86, Toledo 58
Ohio St. 65, Nebraska 52
SMU 72, Wichita St. 67
Saint Louis 59, Fordham 49
TCU 54, Kansas St. 52
SOUTHWEST
Sam Houston St. 75, Lamar 68
WEST
Air Force 88, Fresno St. 65
Boise St. 85, San Jose St. 67
Colorado St. 60, UNLV 56
UMKC 83, California Baptist 81
Wyoming 64, Utah St. 45

TENNIS

ATP DELRAY BEACH OPEN

R2 at Delray Beach Stadium Center; Delray Beach, Fla.; outdoors-hard
#4 Reilly Opelka d. Mackenzie McDonald, 6-4, 6-3
Kwon Soon Woo d. Ryan Harrison, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (0).
Yoshihito Nishioka d. Noah Rubin, 6-1, 6-2.
Brandon Nakashima d. Cameron Norrie, 7-5, 6-2.

ATP RIO OPEN

R2 at Jockey Club Brasileiro; Rio de Janeiro; outdoors-red clay
#3 Cristian Garin d. Federico Delbonis, 6-4, 6-3.
Pedro Martinez d. Pablo Andujar, 6-1, 6-4.
Attila Balazs d. Thiago Monteiro, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Federico Coria d. Carlos Alcaraz Garfia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

ATP OPEN 13 MARSEILLE

R2 at Palais des Sports; Marseille, France; indoors-hard
#2 Stefanos Tsitsipas d. Mikael Ymer, 6-1, 6-3.
Alexander Bublik d. #6 Benoit Paire, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Vasek Pospisil d. #8 Hubert Hurkacz, 6-3, 6-4.
FIRST-ROUND SINGLES
#7 Felix Auger-Aliassime d. Stefanos Tsitsipas, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (6), 6-3.
Egor Gerasimov d. Dennis Novak, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Pierre-Hugues Herbert d. Mikhail Kukushkin, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

WTA DUBAI DUTY FREE CHAMPIONSHIPS

R2 at Aviation Club Centre; Dubai, United Arab Emirates; outdoors-hard
#1 Simona Halep d. Ons Jabeur, 1-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7).
#2 Karolina Pliskova d. Kristina Mladenovic, 6-1, 6-2.
#7 Aryna Sabalenka d. Elise Mertens, 6-4, 6-3.
#8 Petra Martic d. Barbora Strycova, 6-3, 6-3.
#9 Garbine Muguruza d. Veronika Kudermetova, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.
Elena Rybakina d. Katerina Siniakova, 6-3, 6-3.
Jennifer Brady d. Marketa Vondrousova, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

ODDS

SPORTS

RED STARS

Looking for more

Red Stars owner Whisler expecting big things despite loss of Kerr

BY JEREMY MIKULA

Something happened to the Chicago Red Stars last season en route to their first National Women's Soccer League final: They grew up.

At least that was owner Arnim Whisler's viewpoint as he sat in a conference room at the team's office in Lincoln Park, reflecting on a season in which the Red Stars got over their semifinal hump and made significant attendance gains at SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview, including a record 17,388 to welcome back World Cup players.

"Last year, something happened with women's soccer," Whisler told the Tribune on Monday. "We've seen it with the World Cup before, but this time we saw it cross over culturally. We really saw the world take notice of some of the disparities in the way the women are treated from the men in this sport and in many other walks of life.

"It's their turn."

Despite the highs, 2019 ended with a dud for the Red Stars in a 4-0 defeat against the North Carolina Courage in the championship match.

It was, Whisler said, a learning experience for a Red Stars team that enters the 2020 season with a different makeup but the same expectation: playoffs or bust.

"If you're in pro sports and you don't expect to make the playoffs, you're doing something wrong," Whisler said. "We legit expect to be there. We expect to be in the championship again this year."

But to get to the playoffs for a sixth straight year, the Red Stars will have to navigate the Sam Kerr-sized hole in their roster.

Kerr, last season's MVP and Golden Boot winner and the NWSL's all-time leading scorer, left the Red Stars in November for English club Chelsea and a rumored \$1 million contract. She scored 34 goals in 40 games with the Red Stars; the rest of the team scored 45 goals during her two seasons with the club.

Additions Kealia Ohai, Makenzy Doniak and Rachel Hill will be tasked with filling the void left by Kerr's departure.

"In some ways we miss Sam," Whisler said. "But in some ways, we're going to play better without Sam. Sam was impossible to pass up as a target. If you could get the ball to Sam in space, more often than not she was going to find a way to score.

"But our best soccer was when Sam was one of five scoring options. ... When we were at our worst is when we just looked at Sam, tried to get her the ball and waited for something to happen. That's not good soccer."

Kerr was so prolific, the NWSL in the offseason adopted new rules that allowed teams to spend up to \$300,000 beyond their usual expenses, such as staffing, player accommodations and stadium costs. One aspect of the rule — dubbed the "Sam Kerr rule" — is that allocation money can be applied to certain players whose salaries exceed the cap.

Whisler said the Red Stars were prepared to "put a competitive offer on the table" that would have allowed Kerr to play in Australia's W-League during the off-season. But the NWSL equivalent to Major League Soccer's designated player rule is something that could have a negative impact, he said.

"There's a dynamic that we don't love, even if we were willing to spend to keep Sam," he said. "Spending that much to keep Sam and having her be paid multiple times more than anyone else on your roster is not a great chemistry dynamic, even if everyone loves Sam. We're not a team that has big lopsided single-player salaries."

That lack of big salaries is one reason Whisler doesn't expect the Red Stars to be big spenders, instead preferring Rory Dames and his coaching staff to develop players and make smart use of the draft.

"We're the poor team in the league relative to some of the others," Whisler said. "We know that we can develop and grow players into starting roles without having to buy them at their peak like the Yankees."

Still, the increased investment is a good sign for the NWSL's continued growth, which will welcome expansion club Louisville as its 10th team next season. The league also raised the salary cap 20%, increased the minimum salary and eliminated housing caps. Additionally, the NWSL is close to finalizing a new broadcast-rights agreement and is set to announce a new commissioner soon.

Locally, the Red Stars now are the primary tenant at SeatGeek Stadium thanks to the Fire's return to Soldier Field.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Red Stars made big strides in 2019, but they're looking to take the final step this year.

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— Red Stars owner Arnim Whisler

Though the Red Stars and Fire are discussing a possible doubleheader at Soldier Field, having priority pick for matches will help the Red Stars have a more favorable schedule for the bulk of the year.

"We love the ability to brand the facility and to remake it in a way that is even more consistent with the experience we want our fans to have," Whisler said.

In all, it amounts to fairly drastic change for both the Red Stars and the NWSL as it enters its ninth season.

"This offseason has been easily the most productive, high-intensity, big-dream off-season I've been part of with the league," Whisler said. "We're going for it, and as the best league in the world by some distance right now, we intend to further extend our lead pretty dramatically if we do all things we're intending to by the end of the year."

But for a women's sports league, the lack of female coaches is glaring. Of the league's nine head coaches, only one — Sky Blue's Freya Coombe — is a woman, and only a handful of clubs have female assistants.

Earlier this month, Red Stars assistant Craig Harrington left to become the Utah Royals head coach. Royals assistant Scott Parkinson went the other way to join Dames' staff, which also added former Red Stars players Julianne Sitch, a DePaul alumna, as an assistant and Michelle Lomnicki as academy director.

The hiring of female assistants is about two years in the making, Whisler said.

"When we last did the assistant search, Rory and I put out an APB to every one of the women in the coaching network that we knew," Whisler said. "We asked them to really let people know we wanted to hire female assistants. Even if they weren't fully ready, we wanted them to have an opportunity to grow in our system. We got zero female applicants for assistant coach. And we've talked about that internally. It was frustrating."

Whisler said by hiring Sitch and Lomnicki, the Red Stars are taking a step in the right direction.

"We really need to intervene to accelerate the pipeline of women's coaches in the U.S. as well around the world," he said. "We're going to do our part to make sure that it's an accessible reward and financially rewarding path for anyone that wants to be on the journey."

platform that requires a monthly subscription. Being more readily available in the Chicago area via free TV should help the club get more exposure as they return to Soldier Field.

For WGN, it's a return to live sports after a brief absence. Between the Blackhawks, Bulls and White Sox moving all of their games to NBC Sports Chicago, which those teams partially own, and the Cubs forming the Marquee Sports Network, WGN entered the year without the rights to any major professional sports.

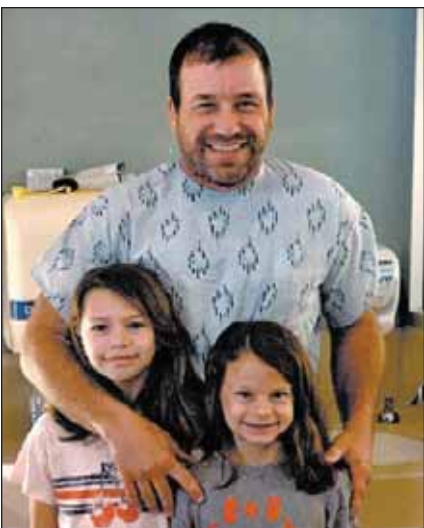
"WGN-TV has a rich history of broadcasting live sports and we look forward to continuing and building on that tradition

with Chicago Fire FC," WGN vice president and general manager Paul Rennie said in a statement. "The Fire have found a new home at Soldier Field and now a new broadcast home at WGN-TV. We're thrilled to bring the exciting action of Chicago Fire FC to our viewers and all of Chicago."

With the deal signed, the Fire are not done with their broadcast team, however.

Longtime broadcaster Dan Kelly said in October that he will not return, and analyst Frank Klopas left the booth to become an assistant on new coach Raphael Wicky's staff.

The Fire are expected to announce their new broadcast team in the coming weeks.



AP

Ryan Newman poses with his daughters, Brooklyn Sage, left, and Ashlyn Olivia.

NASCAR

Newman leaves hospital

Driver out 2 days after crash; no timetable yet to race

BY JENNA FRYER

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Ryan Newman was released from a Florida hospital Wednesday, about 42 hours after his frightening crash on the final lap of the Daytona 500.

Roush Fenway Racing released a photo of Newman leaving a Daytona Beach hospital holding the hands of his two young daughters. The announcement came just a few hours after the team said he was fully alert and walking around the hospital.

The 42-year-old Indiana native was taken by ambulance directly from the track in serious condition following the crash Monday night. Doctors said two hours after the accident that Newman's injuries were not life-threatening, but no details have been released.

His release from the hospital was rapid. Roush Fenway said earlier Wednesday that Newman "continues to show great improvement." The team added that "true to his jovial nature, he has also been joking around with staff, friends and family while playing with his two daughters" and included a photo of Newman standing in a hospital gown, smiling with his arms around the girls.

Two hours later, he was leaving the hospital in jeans, a T-shirt and socks, holding hands with his girls. The team released a third photo of Newman and his daughters with the staff that treated him following his crash.

"First and foremost, our focus remains with Ryan and his family as he continues to recover," said Roush Fenway president Steve Newmark. "We also want to express our sincere gratitude to all of those who have offered support and taken the time to send their thoughts and prayers to Ryan, his family and everyone at Roush Fenway Racing."

"The NASCAR community has long prided itself on being a close-knit family. That is never more evident than during these types of moments."

Roush Fenway said Ross Chastain will pilot the No. 6 Ford beginning this weekend at Las Vegas Motor Speedway and that a timetable for Newman's return has yet to be determined.

Chastain is running for the Xfinity Series championship this year for Kaulig Racing, but drove in the Daytona 500 last weekend for Spire Motorsports in a car fielded by Chip Ganassi.

Chastain, an eighth-generation watermelon farmer, is gradually trying to move into NASCAR's top Cup Series. He's got 72 career Cup starts for small teams but has been waiting for a break in competitive equipment.

Chastain has won three times in the Truck Series and twice in the Xfinity Series, including a win at Las Vegas in 2018.

"No one could ever take the place of Ryan Newman on the track, and I can't wait to have him back," Chastain tweeted.

"As we continue to pray for a full and speedy recovery, I'll do my best to make him and everyone at Roush Fenway Racing proud."

Newman was injured when he crashed while leading NASCAR's biggest race. Contact from Ryan Blaney sent Newman spinning into the wall and his Ford went airborne, where it was then hit by Corey LaJoie in the driver side door.

The car landed on its roof, slid across Daytona International Speedway and came to a rest upside down and on fire, with gasoline pouring out of the vehicle. It took a safety team nearly 20 minutes to remove Newman from the car and he was taken directly to the hospital.

Blaney and LaJoie have stepped back from racing to process their roles in the accident. LaJoie climbed from his own burning car and dropped to his knees on the track, learning only after he was checked at the care center that Newman was injured.

Blaney seemed distraught as he paced beside his car following his second-place finish to Denny Hamlin.

Fire

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The Fire's first match on WGN will be March 7 against the New England Revolution in Foxborough, Mass., and the deal includes a monthly series with behind-the-scenes access to the team. A special called "Chicago Fire FC: Homecoming" will air March 20.

The deal appears to be mutually beneficial for both parties. The Fire are entering the third and final year of their three-year deal with ESPN Plus, an online streaming

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GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Bruce Boudreau was fired as coach of the Wild on Friday despite the team's recent strong play at the time. The Wild were 7-3-1 over their previous 11 games when he was let go.

'I can hold my head high'

Recently-fired
Boudreau proud
of tenure with Wild

By SARAH MCLELLAN
Minneapolis Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — Bruce Boudreau is out and about.

After an hourlong visit with friend and KFAN personality Paul Allen on Monday, he spent another hour or so at a Chick-fil-A in Eagan. He stopped there before driving home to Woodbury, fiddling with a straw wrapper as he refueled with a lemonade.

Initially, Boudreau wanted to avoid the public eye because he didn't want sympathy — a "pity party," as he called it — which is exactly what happened when he stepped out Sunday.

"The first place we went a guy came up to me and said, 'I just wrote a letter to the Tribune,'" Boudreau said.

But he isn't in hiding. He has no reason to be.

"I can hold my head high," Boudreau said. "I gave it my best shot. It didn't turn out."

Boudreau on Friday was abruptly fired as head coach of the Wild — a decision by first-year general manager Bill Guerin that surprised Boudreau and caught the rest of the NHL off guard.

Not only was the team enjoying one of its most successful runs of the season, going 7-3-1 over its previous 11 games, but the Wild was also knocking on the doorstep of a playoff spot with games in hand.

Since then, the team was shut out in interim coach Dean Evason's debut as interim head coach Saturday.

The aftermath has upended Boudreau's rhythm, now that he's doing laps around the coffee table instead of leading practices. But he's still putting himself out there, opening up to the media about his dismissal and taking calls from the countless hockey people who have reached out.

This may be the end of the road with the Wild, but Boudreau is



TOM OLMSCHIED/AP

The Wild were shut out by the Sharks in Dean Evason's debut as interim head coach Saturday.

hopeful as he awaits his next journey.

"When you love the sport and nine times out of 10 you love the people that you work with, it's pretty hard to get that out of your blood," he said.

Boudreau was in his office Friday at Tria Rink in St. Paul hashing out the five areas he wanted the Wild to focus on at practice later that morning when Guerin walked in and closed the door.

"As soon as he did that, I went, 'Uh oh,'" Boudreau said.

Guerin told him the team was making a change, and Boudreau asked if he was being fired. "Yes," Guerin said. Seconds later, Boudreau walked out.

He had been fired before as an NHL coach, first in Washington and then in Anaheim — which preceded his hiring in Minnesota

in 2016. But those exits he anticipated. This one he didn't.

Being in the final season of a four-year contract and on his third GM, Boudreau didn't expect to be re-signed, but because he wasn't shown the door earlier under Guerin's watch and was still in charge in mid-February, he figured he would finish out the season.

"I am so naive," Boudreau said. "I always believe that nothing bad is going to happen."

Getting fired made him feel like he failed, and the fact the entire world heard about it made him embarrassed. But Boudreau was also hurt and disappointed.

"You didn't get to finish the fight you fought," he said.

Boudreau didn't watch the Wild's first game without him, a 2-0 loss to the Sharks on Saturday, but he did check the players' ice

times afterward. Eventually, he'll start tuning in; already, he's staying up past his usual bedtime to catch the action around the NHL. He wants to remain in the know and visible.

"I don't want people to forget about me," he said.

The 65-year-old would like to continue coaching, and although the free-agent market is rife with options after an eye-popping eight in-season changes, Boudreau's resume is extraordinary. He boasts the second-best winning percentage (.576) among those who have coached more than 600 games, trailing only Hall of Famer Scotty Bowman (.581).

Overall, Boudreau has 567 victories (22nd in NHL history), 302 losses and 115 overtime losses after a 158-110-35 stint with the Wild that included setting the franchise record for points in a season (106) during his first year.

"I hope somebody will want me," he said.

Known for rags-to-riches transformations and an outgoing personality that has made him one of hockey's most popular faces behind the bench, Boudreau reached the 500-win plateau second-fastest in NHL history and is the first coach to guide three franchises to winning streaks of 11 or more games. He also has never finished a full season under .500 in terms of points percentage, and he prides himself on that competitiveness.

"I don't feel old," he said. "I don't feel tired. I don't feel exhausted when we play three games in four nights. I still get up and do all my stuff because doing it is what keeps you going, when I'm in there either writing lineups down or watching video."

With less than two months to go in the regular season, it's likely this will be the longest Boudreau is out of work since he became an NHL coach. He joined the Ducks two days after the Capitals let him go and was unemployed barely a week before the Wild scooped him up.

Teams interested in Boudreau's services will have to seek permission from Guerin to interview him.

"Obviously, that hasn't happened," Boudreau said. "But that's the way the process goes."

A former Jack Adams winner as coach of the year, Boudreau is idling on 984 games. He was on track to hit 1,000 on March 17, and his daughter Kasey and grandchildren were going to be in town for the game.

Now, they've all made plans to visit an indoor water park in Wisconsin.

"You think you should be doing something," Boudreau said of his newfound downtime. "I'm not really a home project kind of guy. It's not like I sit there and say, 'OK, give me the list. What do we gotta do? Fix the basement faucets?' That's not really me."

Despite the sudden change in his routine, Boudreau is grateful for the Wild and understands the reality of his industry.

"I knew the business that I was getting in to," he said. "I don't want people feel sorry for me."

In hindsight, there are in-game decisions he'd like to change, but he went with his gut and when his gut was right, no one questioned it.

He wishes he would have won more, but Boudreau reflects like a beaming parent on the growth of the team's young players, and he wanted to help continue the success of such veterans as captain Mikko Koivu, Ryan Suter and Eric Staal because of the respect he has for them. He also said he wishes the coaching staff the best.

And that's what he'll remember the most from his tenure with the Wild: the individuals, from his co-workers in the organization to the fans who supported him.

"The people here were so good to me and my family," he said.

His legacy so far is chock-full of those bonds. But it's what's missing from his 45 years in pro hockey that fuels his motivation to keep coaching.

"I never won the Stanley Cup," he said. "That's the goal of my dreams and my life. I think it's every hockey player's dream. So many people who have been so good to me over the years, I can imagine the day with the Cup. I want them all there."

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Jackie Heinricher's car (57) races in the Rolex 24 last year in Daytona Beach, Fla. Heinricher's team received initial support from Caterpillar, but they pulled funding before this season.

Trying to turn the corner

By Roy Furchgott
The New York Times

Jackie Heinricher, a professional racecar driver and a biotech executive, set out a few years ago to create an all-star team of female drivers.

She knew it would take millions of dollars to run a team properly, but she said she felt confident that companies owned by women, or run by women, or interested in marketing their products to women, would quickly deliver all the sponsorships her team would need.

“By now I would have thought the car would be covered in tampon ads and Massengill and whatever,” she said. “I didn’t get any bites.”

Instead, the team found its main support from Caterpillar, the construction equipment manufacturer. That financing was enough to get her dream rolling, and in late January 2019, Heinricher Racing made its debut in the GT Daytona Class of sports car racing in the International Motor Sports Association. In the association's 50 years of racing, the team was the first to complete a season using exclusively female drivers — and it finished the season in October in the top 10.

When Heinricher visited Caterpillar in September to discuss plans for this season, however, she was told the company had decided it would no longer bankroll her team. As the 2020 season got underway, Heinricher raced the clock to find a sponsor to keep her team together.

But another owner wooed away her drivers, leaving Heinricher to affect change as the only woman team owner and, at least this season, not from behind the wheel.

Auto racing has come a long way since the 1970s, when men threatened to boycott races if women were allowed to compete. There are highly qualified women behind the wheel, in the pits and on engineering teams, in numbers as never before. But finding sponsors for the necessary \$3 million to \$6 million in financing for teams, always a difficult part of racing, has been a barrier for women, who are often treated as marketing gimmicks rather than serious competitors.

“Gimmick,” Heinricher said. “I hate that word.”

Heinricher said she had sought to put together an all-female team “to demonstrate that women can compete head-to-head with their male counterparts and win if they have legitimate support.”

That should have attracted sponsors. Among her drivers was Katherine Legge, who owns a track record at Laguna Seca, a marquee track in Northern California. There was also Simona De Silvestro, who has a win in the IndyCar series, which includes the Indianapolis 500.

Then there is Heinricher, the founder and president of BooShoot, which pioneered commercial bamboo production. She was the first woman to compete in the Lamborghini Super Trofeo. In 2017, she and Pippa Mann were the first all-female team in the Trofeo series, taking third in the pro-am event.

The Heinricher Racing team made its debut at the Rolex 24 at Daytona, an annual endurance race, in late January 2019. The first all-female teams raced there in 1966, when two teams of women drove small baby-blue Sunbeam Alpines for an oil company sponsor that called them the

Behind the wheel and behind the eight ball,
Heinricher fights to keep all-female team rolling



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Drivers Simona De Silvestro, left, and Katherine Legge walk to an autograph session for the Rolex 24 last year in Daytona Beach, Fla.

“Ring-Free Motor Maids.”

One of those drivers, Janet Guthrie, would become the first woman to compete in the Daytona 500 and the Indianapolis 500. But the 1966 campaign “was embarrassing,” she said in a telephone interview, because the women had no hope of contending with such underpowered cars. The all-female teams came in third from last and last, but ahead of 26 cars that did not finish.

Back then, using women as an attention-getting stunt was considered smart marketing. But as recently as 2016, Bernie Ecclestone, the chief executive of Formula One at the time, told the Canadian network TSN that a female driver “would not be taken seriously.” That was years after Danica Patrick had won an IndyCar race and earned the pole position at the Daytona 500. Patrick, who retired in 2018, got plenty

of sponsorship and media attention, but a healthy portion of it played up her sex appeal rather than her driving skill.

The motor sports industry has made efforts to battle the perception it isn’t female-friendly — creating commissions and diversity programs — but tangible change has been harder to come by. In June, for example, when Heinricher Racing applied for a spot in 24 Hours of Le Mans, one of sport’s most prestigious events, it was turned down.

Asked why in a BBC interview, Michelle Mouton, president of the Women’s Commission for the racing governing body, said she had been told one female team was the limit. “It was the answer I got,” she said. “We can have only one.”

The chosen team, Kessel Racing, was held up as an example of how egalitarian racing had become. An article on the

LeMans website carried the headline, “Kessel Racing Proves That Motorsport Isn’t Just for Men.”

Caterpillar later told Heinricher in an email that one of its reasons for parting ways with her team was her inability to get its car into LeMans. “An all-female team has been invited and raced in the LeMans, so now it is not a first that we can promote,” the email said.

The organizations governing LeMans denied that there was sexual discrimination, and Heinricher publicly shrugged it off.

“You could call it sexism, you could say it’s discriminatory, you could say many things,” she told the BBC, “but the fact is that we’re not privy to the room.”

In interviews, Heinricher carefully parses what she says, concerned that being outspoken might count against her as a team owner who needs to court sponsors. She even expressed reservations about being interviewed for this article, saying, “I don’t want this to become a controversy.”

Caterpillar did not respond to multiple requests for comment about Heinricher and the decision to drop her team.

But the 11th-hour lack of sponsors cost Heinricher: Her drivers were recruited to another team for this season.

Heinricher remains the only woman team owner in the International Motor Sports Association, one of the primary organizers of auto racing, and Exxon Mobil last month committed to the team, although all the drivers will be men.

Part of the difficulty Heinricher had in attracting sponsors could be that women remain a small percentage of the racing audience, and where there is diversity, it has not translated into significantly larger audiences. The National Hot Rod Association, for example, has a long history of female champions.

“There is not a more diverse group, and it hasn’t helped them,” said Ron Schneider, chief executive of Sport Dimension, which specializes in race marketing. “Why didn’t the NHRA take off if this is important?”

The W Series, an all-female Formula Three circuit that began this year in Europe as part of an effort to get more women into racing, eliminated the sponsorship concern by raising the money itself to pay 20 drivers and supply them with cars.

The system was criticized at first by some notable racers, including Mann, a British driver who has competed at six Indianapolis 500s.

“Those with funding to help female racers are choosing to segregate them as opposed to supporting them,” Mann wrote on Twitter, adding the hashtag #HandmaidsRacingSeries.

By the end of the first season in August, though, many doubters had been won over. The W Series fielded credible drivers and proved to be sincere about providing women a long-term path to Formula One.

Heinricher said she remained undaunted in trying to usher more women into the top ranks of racing. She is mentoring Loni Unser, the 22-year-old fourth-generation progeny of the Unser racing dynasty who is in lower-tier races this season.

“What I want is to engage true talent,” she said. “I have my eyes on young female drivers, but it’s not enough to be a girl driver. You have to be a girl driver who wins.”

IN PERFORMANCE ‘Graveyard Shift’ ★★★★★

A devastating play about a relationship of fear

By CHRIS JONES

Plays about the fraught and clearly broken relationship between African Americans and police officers are everywhere in the Chicago theater.

“Sheepdog,” a play that looks at the issue from the point of view of a black cop, currently runs at Shattered Globe Theatre. Time-line Theatre is opening “Kill Move Paradise,” a work inspired by the deaths of unarmed African Americans, this week, just two days after the Goodman Theatre opened the world premiere of “Graveyard Shift,” a play by korde arrington tuttle that was inspired by the 2015 death in police custody of 28-year-old Sandra Bland, a woman from Naperville who had arrived there following a trivial traffic stop. In “Until the

When: Through March 8

Where: Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St.

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: \$10-\$45 at 312-443-3800 or www.goodmantheatre.org

Flood,” the Goodman in 2018 explored the aftermath of the death of Michael Brown in Missouri. And just a couple of seasons ago, Steppenwolf staged Antoinette Nwandu’s “Pass Over,” a play wherein a police officer was seen as a murderous force synonymous with existential harm to young African Americans. And that is just a partial list.

Coming soon to Chicago is “American Son,” a flawed Broad-

way play that nonetheless probed the profound anxiety felt by upper-middle-class parents over their African American son coming into any kind of contact with the police.

Not everyone sees all of these plays, of course. But if you do, their cumulative weight is enough to make you marvel at how the political process somehow does not seem to be listening to what surely now qualifies as a profound and unrelenting artistic and political movement, crying out in the most visceral of ways for something to be fixed.

All of the works on this list are profoundly upsetting — “Graveyard Shift,” the subject of this review and the current production in the Goodman’s Owen

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LIZ LAUREN PHOTO

Keith D. Gallagher and Aneisa Hicks in Goodman’s “Graveyard Shift,” which was inspired by the 2015 death in police custody of Sandra Bland.



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Artist Amy Sherald painted the official portrait of former first lady Michelle Obama while President Barack Obama was in office.

Michelle Obama’s portrait explained

Many people didn’t get it, and artist Amy Sherald says that’s just fine

By STEVE JOHNSON

Amy Sherald has heard the complaints about her official portrait of former first lady Michelle Obama. “Why is she gray?” “It doesn’t look like her.” They came up again as the artist appeared in a public forum last week at the Stony Island Arts Bank. At the sold-out event to unveil the new book “The Obama Portraits,” one of her questioners even brought up the instant, sharp reaction of Black Twitter, which, like most Twitter demographics, is not shy in its judgments.

“I feel like anything that comes along with something that’s very public is going to bring along some criticism,” Sherald told people at the old bank that Chicago artist Theaster Gates has turned into a kind of community art clubhouse. “So I was ready for it. I thought I was ready for it. But after 48 hours. ... I was like, ‘People are crazy.’ ”

She has heard the complaints and she is not budging.

“Some people like their poetry to rhyme. Some people don’t,” was her most succinct summary. “That’s fine. It’s cool.”

Still, she “saw a lot of opportunity” in the reaction, she said. “When I had time to respond to the emails, a lot of the people just had not engaged with art at



Artist Amy Sherald stands next to a copy of her portrait of former first lady Michelle Obama earlier this month at the Stony Island Arts Bank on the South Side.

all. And they’re like, ‘You have a first lady who is a black woman, and she should have black skin.’ To me when you see brown skin, it tends to codify something. So through the gray you’re almost allowed to look past that into the real person.”

Then, too, there is the live impact of the painting, monumental at 6 feet tall by 5 feet wide, versus a little snapshot of it seen on a screen. The cool colors

warm up, as does the subject itself, famous for her ability to project vivacity in public settings. At the same time there is a guardedness in her face, a sense of the private person she has been holding back, of the work it has taken to be a beloved first lady.

And then, against a wall that appears beige, as in the famous photograph of

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Pitchfork headliners: Crank up the noise

By KEVIN WILLIAMS

Has it been 15 of these things already? Really?

The 15th edition of the Pitchfork Music Festival, scheduled for July 17-19 at its usual spot in Union Park, is out with its lineup, headlined by the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, The National and Run the Jewels (rap duo Killer Mike and El-P that has become a Chicago fest fixture).

Though the fest had some curatorially erm ... interesting years with headliners such as R. Kelly, of late Pitchfork has gotten its mojo back, stuffing the three days with bands that as Lollapalooza moves more toward giant headliners and an undercard of “Huh?” acts, hew to fest tradition: interesting music for a crowd that appreciates it. And of course as usual at Pitchfork, bands you’ve seen there before, for that familiar feeling. The fest will be noisier this year, after all of the beeping, burbling and sighing at last year’s fest, even if only one band (Dogleg) comes out of the garage into the light of day.

Quibbles? For a Chicago festival fixture, fewer than 10 locals on the bill ain’t cool, even as the acts represented are killer, including Kaina, Femdot, Twin Peaks and be sure to take a break for Dustin Laurenzi. And though rap is the nation’s predominant pop cultural force, lineup presence for the genre is scarce even as it is strong, including performers like Tierra Whack, Rapsody, Maxo Kream and Danny Brown. And permit a grumble that, given the strength of the local hip-hop scene, it’s fair to raise eyebrows at only one Chicago rapper here in Femdot.

It’s cool to see a headliner with some crunch, as Karen O and her Yeah Yeah Yeahs cohorts promise a raucous close to Friday, with eardrums also being threatened by Jehnnny Beth, Angel Olsen and Deafheaven, to name a few. And yes, there are also the usual synths, beeps, sighs, burbles and beeps. And one set you should be interested in hearing is from Mariah the Scientist. Live, her r&b could take off like a rocket. Anyhow, here’s a day-by-day lineup:

Friday: Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Angel Olsen, Fiery Furnaces (first show in 10 years), Jehnnny Beth (Savages), Deafheaven, Waxahatchee, Tim Hecker & The Konoyo Ensemble, Sophie, Fennesz, Hop Along (elegant, bouncy indie action you should make time for), Dehd, Spelling, Kaina (the band should also be quite cool), and Femdot (brilliant new music with his “94 Camry Music” project).

Saturday: Run The Jewels, Sharon Van Etten, Twin Peaks, Danny Brown, Thundercat, Cat Power, Tierra Whack (miss this sure-to-be-monster set at your own peril), Badbadnotgood, Dave, Oso Oso (the stop for tidy, elegant power pop, but don’t let the numerous guitars fool you — not crunchy), Divino Niño, Boy

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NBC 1989

Lark Voorhies, left, was part of the original “Saved By the Bell” ensemble, which also included Ed Alonzo, clockwise from top left, Mark-Paul Gosselaar, Elizabeth Berkley, Mario Lopez, Dustin Diamond, Dennis Haskins and Tiffani Thiessen.

Voorhies slighted, not ‘Saved by the Bell’

Bayside High alumni Zack Morris, A.C. Slater and Jessie Spano will all reunite on the small screen for a reboot of “Saved by the Bell.” But what about gossip queen and fashionista Lisa Turtle?

Lark Voorhies, who played Lisa on the hit ’90s sitcom, was not invited back to participate in the revival, arriving on NBC’s streaming service, Peacock, which is set for an April launch.

In an interview with Dr. Mehmet Oz on his daytime program, Voorhies opened up about how the exclusion affected her and speculated that her struggles with mental illness might have influenced her chances of returning. “I have to admit I did feel a bit slighted and hurt when I was not invited to be part of the ‘Saved by the Bell’ reunion,” she said. “Yet, of course, I also realize that having this puzzling disorder may have played a major part.



Voorhies

Dr. Oz also asked Voorhies for her thoughts on a recent photo of some her ex-castmates getting together for a group dinner “celebrating 30 years of friendship.” The actress said it made her feel “empowered.” “They have the right to do that, and they’re happy in their element, and they can have it, certainly,” she said, before admitting she wished they would include her.

Lisa isn’t the only character who won’t appear on the reboot. Among the other actors unconfirmed for a comeback are Dustin Diamond, who played Screech, and Thiessen, who played Kelly. However, even Gosselaar — who portrayed series lead Zack — looked like he was out of the project until last month.

“Honestly, I was never approached,” Gosselaar told Variety in September after reports of a reboot first surfaced. “I woke up to the news this morning with a kind of ‘huh?’ response.”

— Los Angeles Times



RON FREHM/AP

Zoe Caldwell, a four-time Tony Award winner who brought humanity to larger-than-life characters, whether it be the dotty schoolteacher Miss Jean Brodie, an aging opera star Maria Callas or the betrayed, murderous Medea, has died. She was 86. Her son Charlie Whitehead said Caldwell died peacefully Sunday at her home in Pound Ridge, New York. Whitehead said her death was due to complications from Parkinson’s disease.

Brit awards: Scottish singer-songwriter Lewis Capaldi and London rapper Dave took top prizes Tuesday at the U.K. music industry’s Brit Awards. Billie Eilish and Tyler the Creator were among the international winners at the awards. The 21-year-old Dave won the coveted album of the year prize for the self-reflective “Psychodrama.” Capaldi’s U.K. and U.S. chart-topper “Someone You Loved” was named song of the year, and Capaldi also won the best new artist prize. Grime artist Stormzy was named British male artist of the year, and singer-songwriter Mabel, daughter of musician Neneh Cherry, was named female solo artist of the year.

Feb. 20 birthdays: Actor Sidney Poitier is 93. Actress Sandy Duncan is 74. Actor Peter Strauss is 73. Actor Anthony Head is 66. Actor Willie Garson is 56. Model Cindy Crawford is 54. Actress Lili Taylor is 53. Singer Brian Littrell is 45. Actress Lauren Ambrose is 42. Actor Jay Hernandez is 42. Guitarist Coy Bowles is 41. Actor Michael Zegen is 41. Actor Jocko Sims is 39. Actress-singer Jessie Mueller is 37. Comedian Trevor Noah is 36. Actor Miles Teller is 33. Singer Rihanna is 32.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Call transgender people by their name

Dear Readers: Like all of you, I am curious about how things turn out after I publish a question. The following two letters are responses to a recent question from a college sophomore who signed his letter “Embarrassed.”

Dear Amy: I’ve been reading your column since I was a little kid.

Last month, I decided to ask you my own question.

As a transgender man, I was confused and embarrassed during the Thanksgiving holiday that my parents persisted in calling me by the female name they assigned me at birth. I thought I would let you know how things turned out when I returned home for Christmas.

I knew my family loved me, but it felt like they weren’t recognizing something that is a deep and personal part of me.

My experience with gender identity is like this: I was born wearing an itchy, scratchy sweater. I didn’t like it. But I looked around and saw everyone who looked like me was wearing their sweaters, and I had certainly never heard of anyone taking off or wearing different sweaters. After all, I had been given this! It was a gift!

In high school, I would wake up at 4:30 a.m. to meticulously put on makeup, so I could look feminine enough to feel passable. I was so unhappy.

I began using a masculine nickname. My parents hated it. But to me, it felt right. I finally found a sweater that fit me, and I was ecstatic. I came out to my parents. Cut my hair short. Began looking and dressing how I wanted. I

look like the young man that I am.

During my visits home, my parents have persisted in introducing me by my “dead” name — the female name I had growing up.

I don’t think cisgender people can really understand what it feels like to be called the wrong name. I wouldn’t wish this feeling on anyone.

Your advice was to face the issue with compassion and humor. You explained that my parents were also going through a transition, but because they didn’t live in my body, they were experiencing it differently than I was.

This made visiting home for Christmas easier. I could laugh it off, which made other people laugh, and ultimately avoided that awkwardness of correcting people. The confidence and kindness I’ve been able to exude has helped to ease the tension.

When you’re trans, some people seem to act as though you are both the killer and the slain. Helping my family to understand that I have not killed their daughter and sister is one of the hardest things I have to do. But armed with resources, humor and love, they’re slowly starting to realize that their son and brother has always been here — he was just wearing the wrong sweater.

— Justin

Dear Justin: Your original question touched me deeply; your generous and helpful response touches me even more.

Your parents did a very good job. They raised a kind, brave and resilient son. I’m happy to call you by your name.

Dear Amy: I had tears running down my cheeks while reading the letter from “Embarrassed,” a college sophomore and transgender man.

My transgender daughter came home for Thanksgiving and came out to me.

I am not living her life, so I have no idea what she is going through, but she is happy. And that is all I want for her. Help me please, because I keep messing up. I keep referring to her using the pronoun “he” instead of “she.”

It just flies from my mouth, as it has for 22 years. I want to kick myself because I know it upsets her. I am trying to train myself to use the correct pronoun, but I find myself avoiding conversation because I see the pain in her face when I get things wrong.

I am so proud of her. I love her, and I want to use the right pronoun. My other children correct me, and I appreciate that, but I feel so ignorant.

Can you help me to use the correct pronoun?

— Embarrassed Mom

Dear Mom: You just used the correct pronoun — all the way through your question.

Don’t avoid communicating. Ask your daughter to be patient with you.

While she is away at school, look at her picture, follow her on social media (if possible), practice seeing her in this new way, and continue to love her — just as she is.

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Sherald

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Parker Curry, the young African American girl staring up at the portrait as a museum guard watches, Obama’s skin, those famously toned arms, do begin to take on shades of brown, at least from a certain angle.

“A lot of people were like, ‘I didn’t like it and then went to go see it.’ And they wrote me back to say, ‘It made me cry.’” Sherald told the South Side crowd. “Because it has a visual effect that it does not carry on Instagram.”

Sherald also knows that the criticism is just one subset of the reaction. She has also gone into the room where it hangs at the Smithsonian’s National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C., seen the enthusiasm for hers and Kehinde Wiley’s portrait of President Barack Obama, still, some two years after they were unveiled. They have roughly doubled attendance at the museum, according to NPG officials.

“It’s become something that’s almost really sacred,” she said in an interview before the public forum. “I’ve kind of invisibly hung out there while people were looking. It’s almost like when you walk into one of those spaces where you’re like” — she moves to a whisper — “I’m whispering, but I’m not sure why I’m whispering. But you kind of feel like you should, like you’ve entered into a different space.”

She was talking not only about the continued warm reception for the works but for her hopes when they begin their recently announced and first tour, which, like the launching of the Smithsonian book, will begin in Chicago, the city that started the Obamas’ political career, at the Art Institute in June 2021.

“As long as it continues to hold its historical value and weight, I think it’s a great idea,” she said of the tour.

Asked if going to see the public reacting to the paintings was like a filmmaker



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Artist Amy Sherald, who painted the official portrait of former first lady Michelle Obama, with the new book about her painting, upstairs at the Stony Island Arts Bank.

slipping into the back row at one of her movies, Sherald said, “I mean, I would have to be there for other stuff, but I would just kind of go up and stand around because, I don’t know, I’m nosy. But it was nice to see people really enjoy it and hear what they were saying sometimes.”

Those paintings, it is fair to say, are the most famous and far-reaching contemporary art works made in America this century.

And they exist, Duke University art history professor and South Side native Richard Powell told the Stony Island crowd, because their subjects had the courage to go for something beyond standard presidential portraiture.

They chose Wiley, already well known for his aggrandizing portraits of pop culture figures, and Sherald, growing in art-world stature for her incisive, cool-toned portraits of everyday African Ameri-

cans, because they wanted more than just likenesses of themselves, said Powell, whose essay in the book attempts to place the paintings in art history.

Wiley’s Barack Obama, of course, is immediately warmer, seated, looking presidential, in a suit but not a tie, but — surprisingly — amid, almost one with, a fore- and background of ivy decorated with flowers representing his biography.

“It speaks volumes that President Obama and first lady Michelle Obama chose Kehinde and Amy,” Powell said, “because what it says is that not only did they want really, really accomplished portraits, but they also wanted important works of contemporary art.”

Powell thanks the rise of the ubiquitous phone-based camera for some of the resonance the Obama portraits have had. “I think perhaps it’s the popularity of photography that has

made these paintings special and extraordinary in many people’s eyes,” he said in a subsequent interview. “Unlike a very, very flat, shiny photograph, with something on canvas you can see the paint, and sometimes it’s high gloss and sometimes it’s matte, and sometimes you can see the brushstrokes, and the sheer scale and the framing devices, the painters’ compositions — all of that I think really captured people’s imaginations, along with the mystique of President Obama and first lady Michelle Obama.”

Among the art historical essays and the many, many images, the book details Sherald’s first meetings with the Obamas, as recounted by Michelle Obama in a transcript of the unveiling ceremony.

“I had seen her work, and I was blown away by the boldness of her colors and the uniqueness of her subject matter,” Mrs.

Obama said at that NPG event in February 2018. “She walked in and she was fly and poised, and I just wanted to stare at her for a minute ...

“And within the first few minutes of our conversation, I knew she was the one for me. And maybe it was the moment she came in and she looked at Barack and she said, ‘Well, Mr. President, I’m really excited to be here, and I know I’m being considered for both portraits,’ she said, ‘but, Mrs. Obama’ — she physically turned to me and she said — ‘I’m really hoping you and I can work together.’

“And after that, she and I — we started talking — and Barack kind of faded into the woodwork.”

Obama empathized too with the heat the portraits would bring, even in the moment that they were being made public. “To paint a portrait of Michelle and Barack Obama is like cooking Thanksgiving dinner for strangers.

Everybody has an idea of what Thanksgiving dinner is supposed to taste like,” the former first lady said. “(Sherald) has handled it all with remarkable poise and grace, which I think tells you a lot about who she is.”

Hearing Sherald, now 48, describe her life since Michelle Obama is like hearing about an unending walk on a treadmill, one that involves making new paintings and speeches and dealing with a new level of celebrity. She was based for most of her career in Baltimore, but has since relocated to New York City and has left the Chicago-based Monique Meloche Gallery for Hauser & Wirth, described in Artnet News as a “mega-gallery.”

“I haven’t had a lot of downtime to really digest it,” she said. “You’re kind of thrown back into what you were doing already, which is already overwhelming, in addition to the new life that came along with that. It’s been about meeting commitments and making myself available to, mostly, educators and other peo-

ple that didn’t know who I was prior to the unveiling of the portraits, showing up for schools and things like that.”

She called it “a blur, a positive blur,” but said she remains thrilled with the painting’s reception.

“It was really exhilarating,” she said, “and the continued excitement around it really speaks to the power of portraiture. I feel like all of art history is a moment for portraiture, and then there was the break for abstract expressionists. And for me as a black artist, portraiture is important because there’s been a lot of art history without representation of the black figure.”

In bringing one of the planet’s most famous black figures into the museum, Sherald said, “I wanted to produce something that was really about the interior versus the exterior ... something that alluded to the nuances of who she really is versus who she has to be, right?”

“It was really important for me just to take pause and there kind of bubble up a little mystery around her and around the portrait. Something that would draw you in, but for different reasons. Not because she was smiling or because she, I don’t know, had on a beautiful outfit, but just because her eyes were speaking to your soul. I know it sounds corny, but ...”

She trailed off and then answered, yet again, a question about the painting possibly being misunderstood. “The conversations that were being had around art and around painting among people who had never even really probably considered going to a museum, I found that to be really exciting,” she said. “So if there was misunderstanding, then I think that, for me, signifies that the work is a good work.”

You wouldn’t necessarily want to make something that’s universally loved?

“No,” she said. “No, that would be Mickey Mouse.”

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BOOK REVIEW

An immigrant down and out Down Under

Outsider's view conveyed with authority, wit

By DWIGHT GARNER
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Danny Rajaratnam, the protagonist of the bracing new novel by Aravind Adiga, “Amnesty,” has a vegan girlfriend. She looks at him and says things like: “You know what milk is? A kind of pus. Think about that, you’re guzzling pus.”

Danny’s days are already difficult. Born in Sri Lanka — there, he was Dhananjaya, not Danny — he came to Australia to study before being denied refugee status. He’s an illegal, which to him makes it sound as if he’s legal but sick.

Danny does feel a bit ill, every day. He’s short and brown in a country that’s tall and white. He’s not bad-looking, but his teeth are cracked. He has golden highlights in his hair. Is there not a place for him here?

I like to read Adiga’s novels almost as much as the poet James Dickey liked to drink. He has more to say than most novelists, and about 50 more ways to say it. Born in India, Adiga was educated at Columbia and Oxford. He won the Booker Prize for his novel “The White Tiger” (2008).

Adiga is a startlingly fine observer, and a complicitator, in the manner of V.S. Naipaul. Danny wishes to belong in Australia, for example, but his views about other immigrants are tangled. His girlfriend listens to him. “My God!” she thinks. “Danny is a conservative.”

Another illegal immigrant, a lovable and wily young man known as Abe, spies a policeman and recognizes “the look in his eyes: the look of a people losing their grip on a continent.” Adiga is valuable because he attends to how people think, rather than how they should think.

No one in his novels is simple to understand. Adiga may not agree with everything that gets said or thought, but there is no gauze on his mental windshield. Nice people are often skewered, as if on kebabs. Reading him you get a sense of having your finger on the planet’s pulse.

Danny works to fit in. He practices his posture. He rehearses his language skills: “Never say ‘receipt’ with the ‘p.’ Be generous with ‘I reckon.’ Add a loud ‘Look’—at the start of the sentence, and ‘ridiculous’ at the end.”

There are practices to avoid: “White people did not like the sound of knuckles being cracked.” He hopes to understand the thing that, at times, baffles him the most: Australian irony.

Danny cleans houses and works in a grocery store. His life is a series of subaltern tasks. He lives in the grocery store, too, in the stockroom. When a regular customer says, “I’ve never seen you,” Danny thinks: “Because I’m just the brown man working at the back of the store.”

This novel has a simmering plot: One of Danny’s former housecleaning clients is murdered. Danny thinks he knows who did it. The suspect knows Danny is in the country illegally. They have a “kompromat”



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Aravind Adiga’s new novel features a man in Australia illegally, gambling and a murder.

on one another. Perhaps they will each turn the other in, in a kind of mutually assured destruction pact.

Adiga’s plot clicks the novel forward along its tracks, but it’s packed with small implausibilities. You come to this novel for other reasons, notably for its author’s authority, wit and feeling on the subject of immigrants’ lives.

“Amnesty” has a lot to say about the desire to be seen. Sometimes, Adiga suggests, immigrants see one another all too plainly. “There is a buzz, a reflexive retinal buzz, whenever a man or woman born in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka or Bangladesh sees another from his or her part of the world in Sydney — a tribal

pinprick, an instinct always reciprocal, like the instantaneous recognition of homosexuals in a repressive society.”

One of the novel’s characters, the ostensible murderer, compares the plight of even legal people from India in Australia to certain sea creatures. This man says to Danny about the Great Barrier Reef:

“You’ve gone in the glass-bottomed boat to see all the corals, right? And what do you see? There’s that filthy stingray, hiding squat on the ocean floor, and kicks up mud and it goes fleeing under the glass-bottomed boat with its forked tail, just the most frightened vermin you ever saw. I’m never going to live like that.” A pungent ex-

pletive trots along behind these sentences.

This man’s name is Prakash, and he alone is worth the price of admission. The contents of his character are alluring but suspicious, like the contents of Claude Rains’ wine cellar in “Notorious.”

For Prakash and his lover, ruinous gambling is part of their wellness routine. They compare themselves to Oscar and Lucinda, the title characters and gambling obsessives in Peter Carey’s 1988 novel.

Adiga’s observations about gamblers are perfect: “It was an odd vocation, this gambling, very technical, full of numbers, pencils and calculations, done by the kind of brawny men who did not seem to be



‘Amnesty’

By Aravind Adiga, Scribner, 256 pages, \$26

otherwise into thoughtfulness or calculation.” Everyone in this novel seems to be cashing in a shrinking pile of chips.

You can scoop Adiga’s smaller observations up like shrimp in a net: “Even the smell of tobacco made a man more rational.” “Anything can happen in Australia, because the world’s upside down.” “We only appear to like rules and regulations. What we really like is plumbing.”

Danny does not gamble, and dislikes sports. This novel’s essential metaphor is sports-related, however. We come to see Danny, in his ability to elude capture and remain in Australia, as “an athlete of the underground.”

He realizes he is “in a game — a big, international World Cup or Olympics. In this game, people were running from countries that were burning to not-yet-burning ones; catching boats, cutting barbed wire, smuggling into containers at the bottoms of ships, while another set of people were trying to stop, stall, catch or turn them back.”

I read this novel on a long flight. Its opening pages are a reverie about Danny’s life back in Sri Lanka, and there are mermaids and singing fish and a “magic island.” Oh God, I thought, Adiga has become Salman Rushdie — how do I pop the emergency exit? He hasn’t become Rushdie. Keep reading.

BOOK REVIEW

Oral history of Bond films is for 007 fans’ eyes only

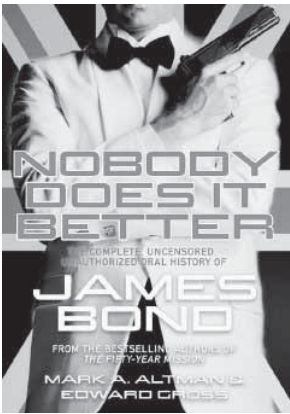
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Three words — “Bond, James Bond” — changed film history when 1962’s “Dr. No” introduced the British super-spy 007 to the silver screen. Originating in Ian Fleming’s Cold War espionage novels, the globe-trotting, gadget-equipped chick magnet, who liberally applied his license to kill, set the archetype for Hollywood action heroes.

But you already know that, and more, if you are in any way drawn to “Nobody Does It Better.” Authors Mark A. Altman and Edward Gross supply the international legions of fans a dossier worthy of Her Majesty’s Secret Service detailing the creative and business alchemy that built cinema’s most enduring franchise. The oral history format serves up hundreds of backstage stories told by those who were there and clarified by Bond scholars and enthusiasts.

Altman and Gross’ chatty narrative virtually situates committed readers in a hollowed-out volcano lair, stroking a white feline and witnessing a debate of such vital topics as which Bond film is best? Which villain? Who is the hottest Bond Girl? And the eternal Bond question: Who did it better — Sean Connery, George Lazenby, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton, Pierce Brosnan or Daniel Craig? If you don’t already have an opinion, this book may not be your cup of shaken-not-stirred tea.

Altman and Gross depict how a recipe of imagination, talent and serendipity resulted in Bond’s peaks (“Goldfinger,” “The Spy Who Loved Me,” “Skyfall”) and valleys (“A View to a Kill,” “Die Another Day,”



‘Nobody Does it Better: The Complete, Uncensored, Unauthorized Oral History of James Bond’

By Mark A. Altman and Edward Gross, Forge Books, 720 pages, \$29.99

“Quantum of Solace”). The authors employed the same approach to entertaining effect in curating the logs of the “Star Trek” franchise in their 2016 oral history “The Fifty-Year Mission.” Interestingly, both properties, born in the ’60s, were greatly influenced by changing mores and tastes as they ebbed and flowed to the present.

The double-0 hole in “Nobody Does it Better” is the dearth of commentary from Connery, the man whose performance propelled both himself and Bond to worldwide fame. He is more MIA than MI6, given only a few attributions in the book. Amazingly, comedic auteur Woody Allen has more to say about playing Bond in the 1967 spoof version of “Casino Royale.”

Otherwise, even for those who collect the films and scrutinize every mak-

ing-of featurette, Altman and Gross provide plenty of Bond trivia and production details. One example: Many of the early Bond actresses, foreign beauties with accented English who were new to American cinema, were dubbed in postproduction to sound either sexier or more intelligible. In the case of bikini-clad siren Ursula Andress, a studio executive said her voice sounded too much like “a Dutch comic” for her ingenue character.

The Bond producers habitually sought fresh ideas. Director John Landis (“The Blues Brothers,” “Trading Places”) unsuccessfully pitched a deliciously ludicrous opening sequence involving a chase, a church and a crown of thorns in a script that was laughed off as “Animal House Bond.” Director Nicholas Meyer, who reenergized the Enterprise with “Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan,” was shown the door after suggesting that Bond go to the dark side by joining the villain’s Earth-saving depopulation scheme.

Such vignettes exemplify the book’s through line of how the Bond producers — mostly Albert R. “Cubby” Broccoli and his heirs running EON Productions — managed the films’ long-term popularity. They walked a tightrope while balancing adherence to a successful formula of gadgets and babes and against sufficient changes to make the movies relevant to modern audiences. Over the course of two dozen feature films with no end in sight, their stewardship has rightly earned the fans’ renewal of their license to thrill.

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BOOK REVIEW

Modern King Henry VIII proves history repeats itself

By VALERIE TAYLOR
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As I read Olivia Hayfield’s debut novel, “Wife After Wife,” about a serial philanthropist, I kept yelling, “Off with his head.” As you read it, the story will seem predictable if you’re familiar with the history and legend of King Henry VIII.

Even though you may think you’ve heard it all, you’ll be instantly absorbed by Hayfield’s mastery of the subject and entertaining, lively prose, starting with how she names her characters.

With a tip of a crown to the past, Hayfield gives us Harry Rose, a modern-day King Henry VIII. You may recall, Harry was the common name for Henry in medieval England and Rose is a bow to the War of the Roses, which ended during King Henry VII’s reign.

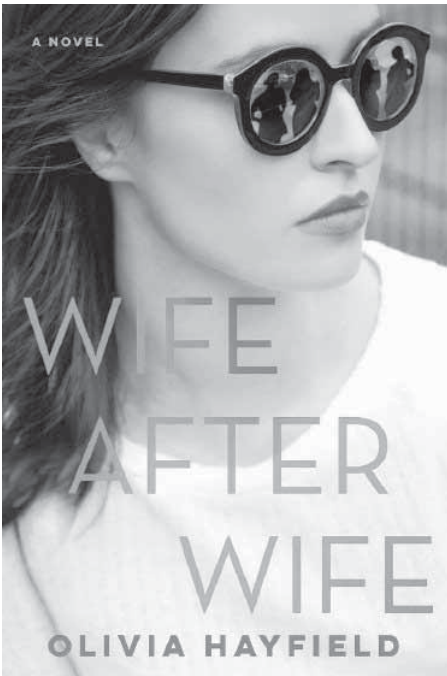
Like the king, Hayfield’s Harry is educated, wealthy, handsome and romantic. Unable to keep his pants on, “he could charm the birds out of the trees.” You’ll be more than satisfied with how Hayfield introduces and disposes of each of Harry’s wives with all the steamy salacious trimmings. And with a nod to today’s culture, Harry even meets one of his amours in an online chat room.

But that’s only one side of Harry Rose. As expected, he is also cruel, domineering, a bully, especially when it comes to ruling Rose Corp., the media company he’s inherited from his father. Determined to grow his empire and defeat his rivals, Harry launches a new publication, the Rack, an aptly named celebrity magazine whose purpose is to reveal “the real person behind the facade.”

With his brand and domain expanding, he recklessly continues his personal pursuits. Though he doesn’t lose his kingdom for a horse, Harry is hospitalized after a horrendous car accident. A severe leg injury forces him off his game, and he becomes addicted to painkillers and increasingly obese. When he marries his sixth wife, Harry’s struggle to conquer his nightmares fades, but not completely. His past reputation continues to haunt him until he’s finally forced to give up his ghosts.

While Hayfield positions Terri “Baskin-” Robbins More, a well-known reporter, as Harry’s antagonist, I’d suggest Harry is his own antagonist. Poppycock, you say?

Consider this. Terri, notably, is one of the few women Harry does not try to bed. When he recruits her to be editor of the Rack, she plays the role of his conscience, challenging his decisions and actions.



‘Wife After Wife’

By Olivia Hayfield, Berkley, 464 pages, \$16

However, if you try to slot Harry into one of the three common central plots — man vs. man, man vs. nature and man vs. self — it’s clear Harry is his own worst enemy. Though he wants to be happy, his own obsessions prevent him from being so. Rather than being a strong, modern Renaissance man, Harry is weak and totally responsible for his own downfall, not Terri.

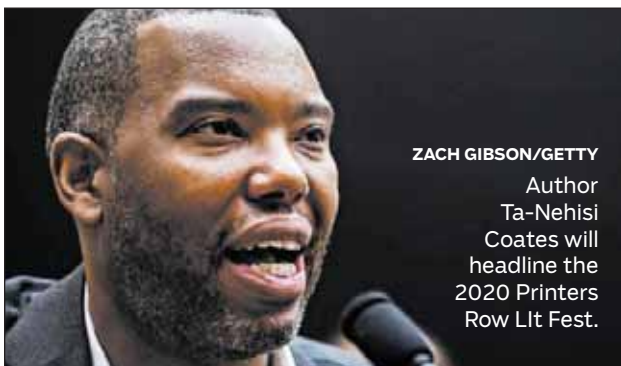
So, is Terri or Harry the antagonist? You be the judge.

No book relating to King Henry VIII would be complete without addressing his fixation on producing a male heir. Hayfield does not disappoint in this regard, but she doesn’t overplay this theme. Rather, it’s there, always an undercurrent, like an itch you can’t quite reach. Cleverly, Hayfield weaves just enough of Harry’s daughters into the plot, easily setting us up for the sequel, “Sister to Sister.”

Don’t fret if your recollection of the history is a bit rusty. You could head to Google, but you don’t have to. Hayfield provides a description of the cast of characters and answers questions in a Reader’s Guide at the close of the novel.

All things considered, whether you’re a fan of the British royals or not, I’d bet more than a quid you’ll find “Wife After Wife” a jolly good read.

Ta-Nehisi Coates to headline Printers Row Lit Fest



ZACH GIBSON/GETTY
Author Ta-Nehisi Coates will headline the 2020 Printers Row Lit Fest.

BY JENNIFER DAY

Author Ta-Nehisi Coates will headline the 2020 Printers Row Lit Fest in June as the winner of the Harold Washington Literary Award. The 36-year-old festival draws about 100,000 people each year to the South Loop for two days of free literary programming and an outdoor book sale.

This year's fest will be June 6-7. Coates is most recently the author of the novel "The Water Dancer," however he is perhaps best known for "Between the World and Me," his National Book Award-winning essay collection on race. Coates, a 2015 MacArthur fellow, also has crossed over into comic books, writing Marvel's Black

Panther and Captain America. The Near South Planning Board, founder of Printers Row Lit Fest, presents the Harold Washington Literary Award each year to recognize achievement that "has touched the public mind and imagination." Past winners have included Ralph Ellison, Susan Sontag and Alex Kotlowitz.

A June 4 gala featuring Coates will kick off Lit Fest weekend and raise funds for the Near South Planning Board's Authors in the Schools literacy program. This marks the second year the Board will operate the festival after the Chicago Tribune sold its interest in the fest back to its original founder. For more details, visit printersrowlitfest.org.

Who was Pop Smoke?

7 facts on late rapper

Up-and-coming performer was killed Wednesday

BY CHRISTIE D'ZURILLA
Los Angeles Times

Pop Smoke's death early Wednesday in the Hollywood Hills shocked many in the rap community as well as devoted fans of the up-and-coming performer. But to others, the rapper born Bashar Barakah Jackson was an unknown quantity.

Here are a few facts about the "Welcome to the Party" mastermind, who was killed at age 20.

Pop Smoke was an up-and-coming star in Brooklyn's drill rap scene. His debut mixtape, "Meet the Woo," came out last July, and "Meet the Woo, Vol. 2" debuted this week in the Top 10 on the Billboard 200 albums chart. "Dior" and a "Welcome to the Party" remix that featured Nicki Minaj both made it into the Top 50 on Billboard's list of hot R&B/hip-hop songs. "Gatti," which featured Pop Smoke along with Travis Scott, broke the top 35 on that chart last month.

He played the 2019 Rolling Loud festival in Los Angeles in December, along with Lil Uzi Vert and Playboi Carter. "What Rolling Loud, now in its third year as a traveling event, represents is the shock of the new: noise

over order, charisma over lucidity, bad vibes over good," The Times' Mikael Wood wrote. "You saw it in 20-year-old Pop Smoke, rapping in his throaty bellow over a wobbling bass line that sounded close to collapse."

He was one of five rappers the NYPD asked Rolling Loud to lose from its New York lineup. Pop Smoke, 22Gz, Casanova, Sheff G and Don Q were called out in a police letter to organizers as being "affiliated with recent acts of violence citywide" and therefore, the letter claimed, likely to increase the risk of violence during the event, the New York Times reported in October. Organizers complied with that request.

Pop Smoke and his crew were aware that their lifestyle brought risks. "On the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway ... he and his crew engaged in what can only be described as defensive driving formations: rotating order, intermittently speeding up and slowing down, blocking other cars from their path," the New York Times wrote last fall. "It was the type of behavior exhibited by those who are mindful that something unexpectedly awful could happen at any moment."

He was about to go out on a monthslong international tour. Pop Smoke had a show set for March 21 at the Bottom

Lounge in Chicago as part of a 40-plus-date tour that would have taken him across the U.S. Also on tap were shows in the U.K., Ireland, France, Belgium and Portugal.

He was free on \$250,000 bail after being arrested last month in New York on suspicion of stealing a Rolls-Royce that he had borrowed overnight for a music video shoot in L.A. Jackson was charged with a federal crime, interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle, after he allegedly arranged for the car to be shipped cross-country on a flatbed truck. He had posted a shot of himself with the \$375,000 car on social media. It was found parked in front of Jackson's mother's Brooklyn home with its plates changed and windows tinted. Previously he took part in a diversion program for first-time offenders, likely related to weapons possession.

Pop Smoke was killed Wednesday by masked gunmen in a Hollywood Hills home invasion. A person calling from the East Coast told authorities that several suspects had entered their friend's home shortly before 5 a.m. Police responding to the call found the 20-year-old rapper in the house with gunshot wounds. "The Bible tells us that jealousy is as cruel as the grave," Minaj wrote Wednesday on Instagram. "Unbelievable. Rest In Peace, Pop."



SUZANNE CORDEIRO/GETTY-AFP

American rapper Pop Smoke performs during the Astroworld Festival at NRG Stadium on Nov. 9, 2019, in Houston. Born Bashar Barakah Jackson, the artist died Wednesday at age 20.



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Karen O of New York-based alternative rock band Yeah Yeah Yeahs.

Lineup

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Scouts (the exciting project of the precocious Taylor Vick), Ezra Collective (hope this jazz combo isn't stuffed on the Blue Stage, opposite noisy acts on Red or Green), Margaux.

Sunday: The National (bringing it back to 2006 and the first Pitchfork Fest), Big Thief, Kim Gordon (MY headliner for the day), Phoebe Bridgers, Yaeji, Caroline Polachek, DJ Nate, Maxo Kream (find a safe place when this rapper sends the place up for grabs), Rapsody (one of the best MCs in the game), Faye Webster, Mariah the Scientist, Dogleg (bring earplugs and keep the pit clear. Get in!), The Hecks, and Dustin Laurenzi's Snaketime (Chicago represent!)

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Shift

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Theatre, perhaps the most of all.

Why? It is partly because the director, Danya Taymor (who also staged "Pass Over"), is such a visceral and relentless artist, working with an unstinting script and a hell-mouth kind of design from Kristen Robinson, a piece of stagecraft wherein fresh air and blue sky is ever in danger of being blanked out.

In one truly gut-wrenching scene during two intermission-less hours, we see two illuminated faces in designer Marcus Doshi's sea of darkness. One belongs to a police officer, Brian, played by Keith D. Gallagher. One belongs to a young woman, Janelle (Anesia Hicks), who has moved from Chicago ("I have to get the hell out of Chicago") to Prairie View, Texas. The police stop is over a broken taillight and the officer had planned only to issue a warning, but Taymor is all about the exploration of intensification or, in law enforcement parlance, the absence of de-escalation.

The two characters keep doubling down, unable to back away from steps they've already made, positions they have staked out. And, as you watch, you start to feel a deep sense of dread — even, speaking for myself, of a kind of internal panic. Such moments in the theater always are profound; our great, shared tragedies all have in common the sudden onset of chaos, of human beings flung into a situation they no longer can control. Tuttle makes it very clear that it was incumbent on



LIZ LAUREN PHOTO

Anesia Hicks and Debo Balogun in "Graveyard Shift" at Goodman Theatre.

the police officer to control the situation, not the citizen who was otherwise going about her business. Still, the play also suggests that the humans here are just reactive creatures, fallen prey to bigger societal and systemic forces than themselves.

The acting in that scene is sufficiently intense, and the staging sufficiently disturbing, to merit a warning that the re-creation of this notorious traffic stop with such specificity may be painful for some audience members. But this is a work of political theater and, frankly, it functions as a gateway to one of this play's other major themes, which is the recounting of loss.

The main conduit there is Kane (Debo Balogun),

the young woman's romantic partner. Balogun is a major talent in Chicago theater whose work (which I first noticed in "Red Rex") is imbued with the kind of moral authority that has made plenty of people big stars.

If you know you are seeing a play about the Bland case, you might have anticipated some of the above. But I doubt you will expect such beautiful monologues about love, and the diminishing of the soul that comes with its sudden absence. The relationship between Janelle and Brian is not only written with complexity but it takes on a kind of imperative quality that, in the theater, makes you pull for its perpetuation and fear for its loss.

Many political writers struggle to dramatize romantic love; "Graveyard Shift" has both anger at what happens and the ability to articulate (to anyone who is listening) the profundity of the human loss. As with "Sheepdog," this play would contribute greatly to officer education, if someone at the Chicago Police Department would only take that risk.

Aside from the couple whose lives are destroyed, we see the officer in the company of colleagues, deftly played by Rae Gray and Lia D. Mortensen. Tuttle's point, I think, is to show what he perceives to be workaday police culture on the graveyard shift, the stresses and strains of the job. There is an intentional

matter-of-factness, an exploration of how when things go very wrong, we are utterly unprepared.

The final scene of the work, which involves a wayward gun, needs more attention, in part because the soaring rhetoric of the lines finally starts to get ahead of what we are actually seeing and, for the first time, a show that has been staged in meticulous if minimalist detail strains credulity. Guns in the theater are always difficult invaders in the human drama we all share.

The same, of course, might be said of guns in our lives.

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Tim Allen

“Last Man Standing” (7 p.m., FOX): Mike’s (Tim Allen) offer to help Jen (Krista Marie Yu) with her school bake sale goes up in smoke when he has the brilliant notion to set up a sales station outside of Bud’s Buds, a marijuana dispensary, in the new episode “Baked Sale.” Elsewhere, Kyle (Christoph Sanders) gets some unlikely advice from Joe (guest star Jay Leno) regarding where he should enroll in college. Nancy Travis also stars.

“grown-ish” (7 p.m., 9 p.m., FREE): When Aaron (Trevor Jackson) goes looking for employment at a Cal U job fair, his student loan problems come to a head, leading him to ask Zoey (Yara Shahidi) to help him get a position working for her father at his agency in the new episode “Real Life St.” Meanwhile, Sky (Halle Bailey) tries to come to terms with what she recently discovered about Rodney. Jillian (Ryan Destiny) tries to find common ground with Zoey.

“Everything’s Gonna Be Okay” (7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., FREE): On what feels like the most important night of her life, Matilda (Kayla Cromer) finds herself at a crossroads confronting a future of either success or obscurity in the new episode “Blue Death-Feigning Beetles.” Elsewhere, Nicholas (Josh Thomas) tries to juggle a houseful of very different personalities, with Penny (Vivienne Walshe) even beaming in a message from her hospital bed in Australia.

“The Bold Type” (8 p.m., FREE): Jane’s (Katie Stevens) in-depth piece on millennial weddings is brought to a screeching halt by a secret she uncovers about Jacqueline (Melora Hardin) in the new episode “Tearing Down the Donut Wall.” Seeking a break from a stressful current assignment, Sutton (Meghann Fahy) turns her energy to helping Carly (Kira Groulx) challenge a uniform policy at her school.

“Carol’s Second Act” (8:30 p.m., CBS): After one of Carol’s (Patricia Heaton) patients undergoes transplant surgery and the procedure is declared a success, as the staff unwinds they can’t resist teasing Carol about her obvious infatuation with the very handsome primary surgeon (recurring guest star Patrick Fabian) in the new episode “Carol’s Crush.” Eugene Cordero guest stars.

“Law & Order: Special Victims Unit” (9 p.m., NBC): The female chief executive officer of a popular health and wellness company claims that she was raped, but her business partner responds with an allegation that the accusation is part of a complicated embezzlement cover-up in a new episode called “Swimming With the Sharks.” Radha Mitchell, Stark Sands and Samantha Mathis guest star.

TALK SHOWS

- “Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actress/comic Jenny Slate.*
- “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.*
- “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Democratic presidential hopeful Michael Bloomberg.*
- “Jimmy Kimmel Live!”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

* Subject to change

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	ABC	7	Station 19: "Into the Woods." (N) © 10			Grey's Anatomy: "A Diagnosis." (N) © 10		(9:01) A Million Little Things (N) © 10		News at 10pm (N) 11	
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 20): Career advancement flows naturally this year. Your team wins with steady practice and coordination. Get into community action this winter, before resolving an amorous complication and that leads to a hot romantic finale. Next winter brings domestic changes and career blast-off.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Together, you're a powerful community force. Discuss a shared vision and coordinate actions. Adapt to unforeseen circumstances. Connect and hold on. Support each other.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Share a dream or vision with a strong professional team and you're unbeatable. You can adapt to unexpected circumstances. Inspire others and pull together.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Explore a subject you've been dreaming about. Discipline with planning and preparation pays off. Stick to basics and fundamentals before advancing.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Confirm intuition with facts and data, especially regarding family or shared finances. Changes necessitate budget revisions. You can see the way forward. Make practical moves.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Fortune follows disciplined collaborative efforts. You can see the prize that you and your partner have been working for. Strengthen foundational elements.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. All that physical practice is beginning to pay off. Luck shines on your dream. Take practical steps to achieve a milestone. The prize is yours.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. You can see a path to realize a long-term, heartfelt vision or dream. Go for substance over symbolism. Use your creativity. Grow what you love.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Household matters need attention. Make repairs. Consider long-range plans. Get inventive to find creative, cost-effective solutions. Find new purpose for something you already have.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. You're especially clever and creative. Write your discoveries. Edit carefully and double-source public statements. Diplomacy can resolve a challenge. Find areas of common connection.

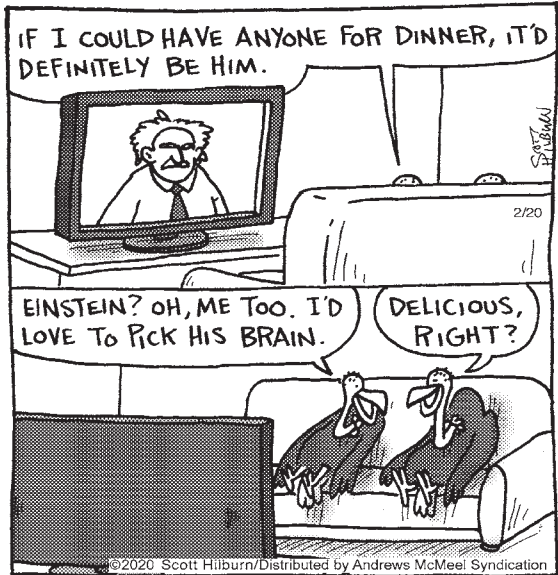
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. You can make good money. It may require making a mess or overcoming an obstacle. Things could get chaotic. Get terms in writing. Collaborate.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. A personal ambition takes focus. New possibilities entice you to pursue something long-desired. Take charge for positive results. Energize a hot opportunity.

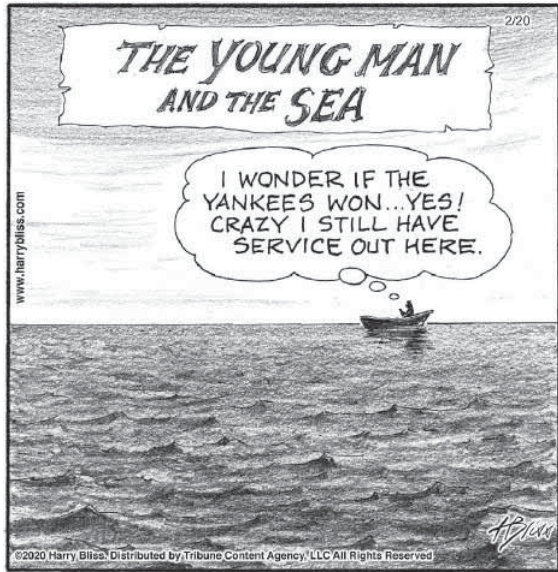
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Peaceful meditation illuminates hidden thoughts, perks and motivations. An insight provides freedom from endless repetition.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ Q		♠ 10	
♥ 10 6 4		♥ 7 2	
♦ A 9 7 6 4		♦ K Q J 10 8	
♣ J 10 8 4		♣ Q 9 7 5 3	
South			
♠ K J 8 4 3			
♥ A K 8 5 3			
♦ 2			
♣ A K			

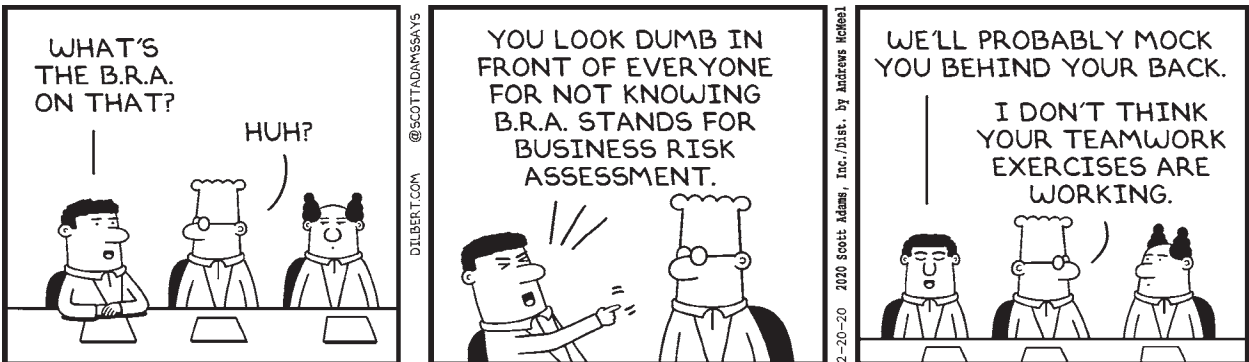
East-West were about to suffer a serious penalty in five diamonds doubled, but South soldiered on to five hearts. This had the potential to be a complete disaster, but South could salvage it if he could find a way to take 11 tricks. He was up to the task.

West, who knew that his partner was short in spades, started with the ace of spades and another spade. South ruffed with the 10 of hearts in dummy. After surviving this start, South led a heart to his ace, cashed the king, and led a diamond to dummy's ace.

The hand was pretty much an open book, as West was known to have started with six spades and three hearts. West almost had to have started with 2-2 in the minors, or East's bidding wouldn't make much sense. South ruffed a diamond back to his hand and cashed the ace and king of clubs. Declarer had eliminated both minor suits from the West hand, leaving West with four spades and a high trump. South exited with a trump to West and West had to lead a spade into South. This gave South the rest of the tricks to make his contract. Nicely played!

— Bob Jones
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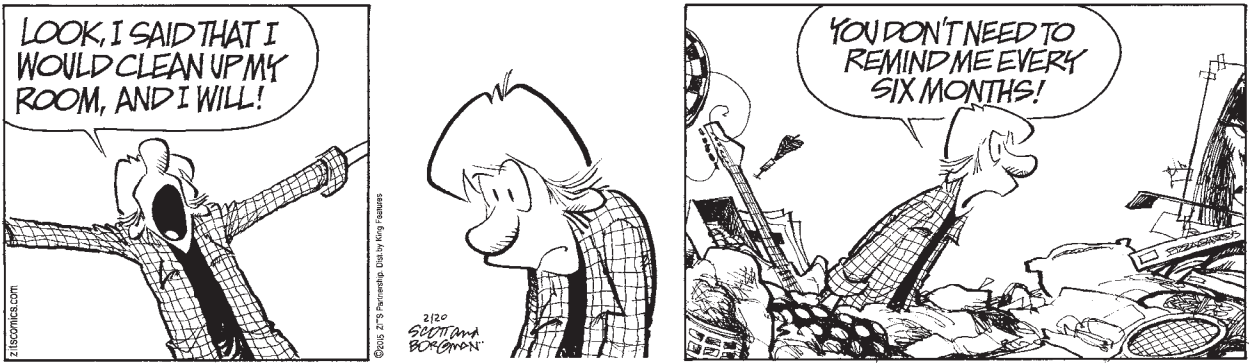
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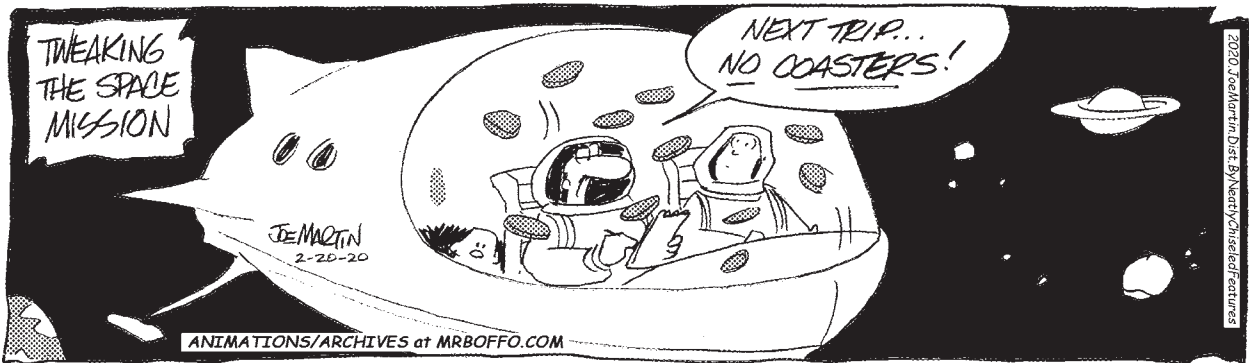
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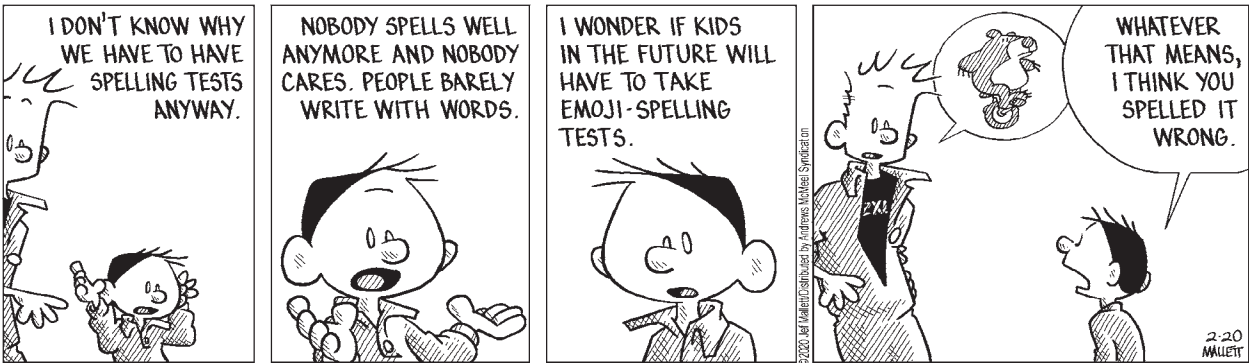
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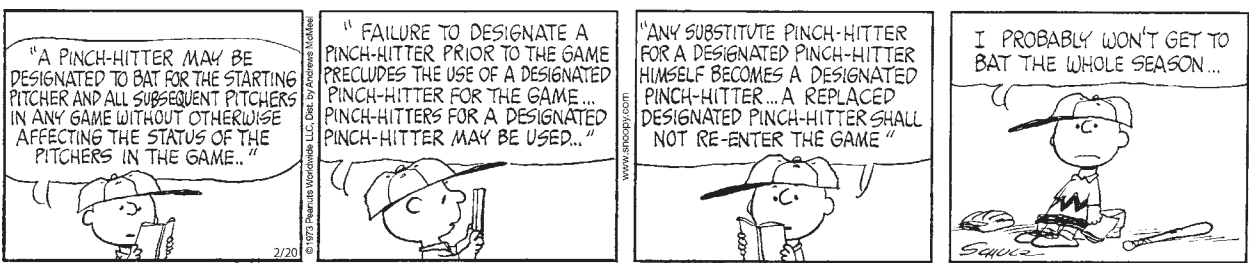
Mr. Boffo



Frazz



Classic Peanuts



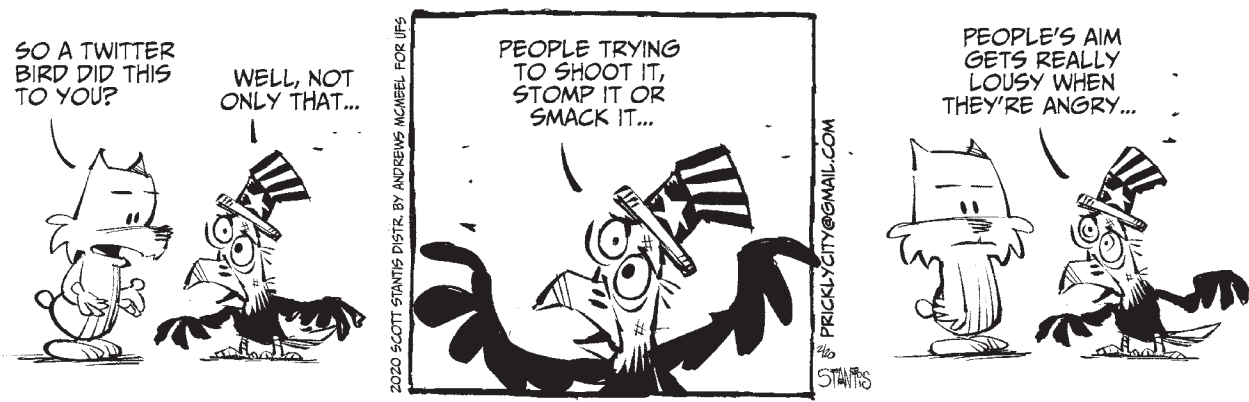
Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



Prickly City



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THURSDAY, FEB. 20

NORMAL HIGH: 37°

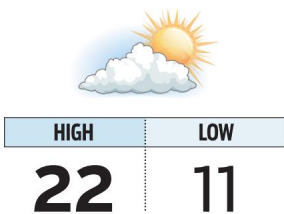
NORMAL LOW: 22°

RECORD HIGH: 70° (2017)

RECORD LOW: -9° (1896)

Very cold air overhead and highs only in 20s

LOCAL FORECAST



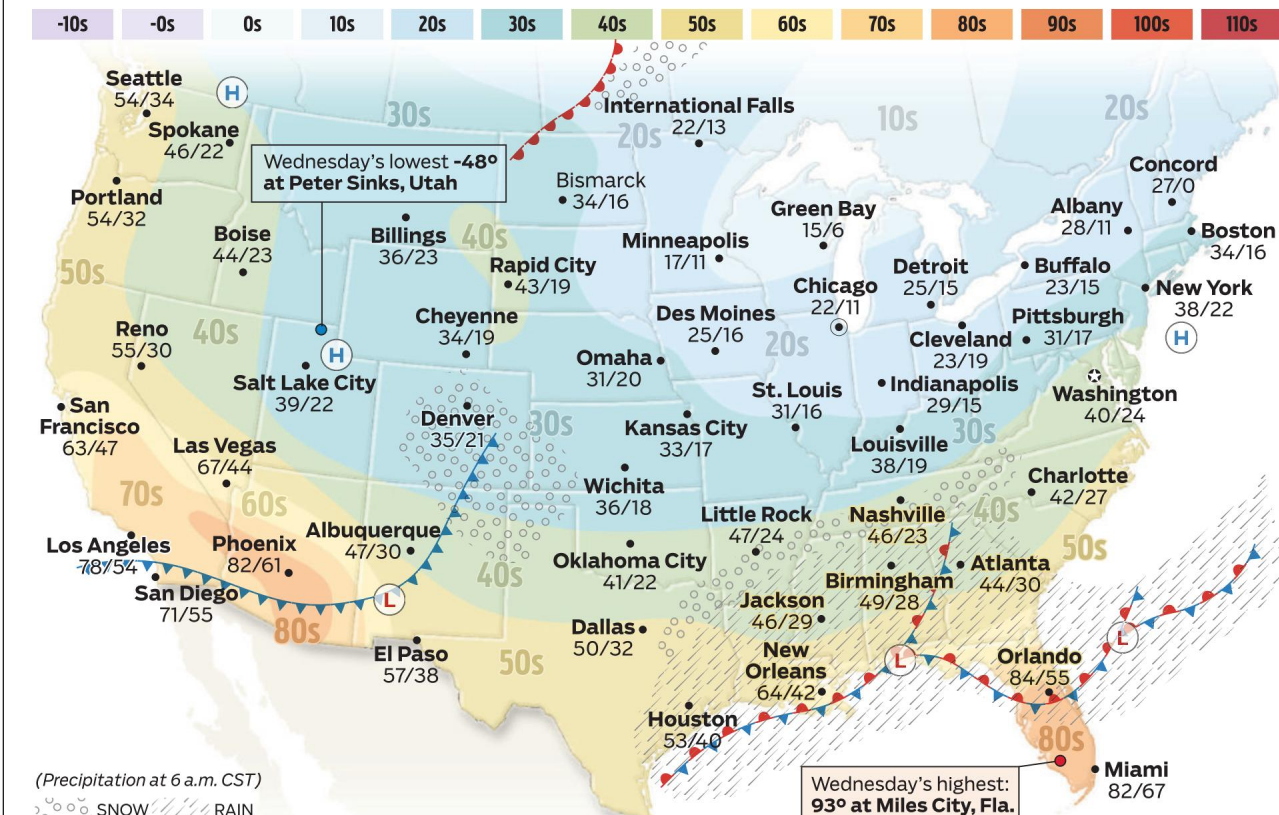
■ A very dry and cold high pressure air mass will move slowly east over the Chicago area during the next 24 hours.

■ Cloudiness drifts off to the south and east with abundant sunshine, but very cold temperatures — starting off the day with single-digit to sub-zero early morning low temps, afternoon readings will likely peak only in the low to middle 20s — some 12 to 15-degrees below the normal for this date.

■ Clear skies and cold overnight.

■ Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph, diminishing overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST

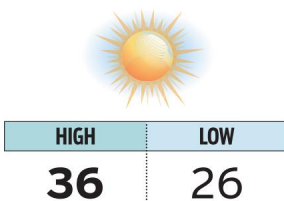


Even with abundant sunshine that's twice as powerful as mid-December, temps Thursday will still struggle to warm much higher than the low to mid 20s. A very cold dry high pressure air mass will be overhead, and with temperatures starting out in the single-digits to below zero, we can expect a chilly day with a northwest breeze.

As the high pressure drifts off to the southeast, winds shift to west and then southwest overnight into Friday, allowing temps to begin a rebound back into the 30s. The southerly winds and sunshine continue Saturday, boosting temperatures well into the 40s. Highs will likely stay in the 40s Sunday, despite an increase in cloudiness.

Low pressure moving through from the southwest will likely spread a cold rain/wet snow mix into our area Monday — more on that later.

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

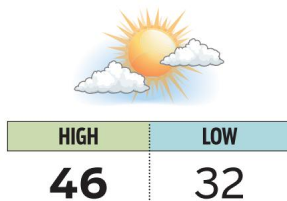


Sunny, gusty southwest winds 15 to 25 mph and not as cold — afternoon highs in the middle 30s. Mostly clear skies overnight.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the “high” refers to maximum reading expected during day and “low” is the minimum reading expected the following night.

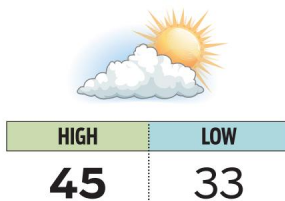
SATURDAY, FEB. 22



Mostly sunny and milder. Breezy southwest winds boost afternoon highs well into the 40s. Mostly clear skies overnight.



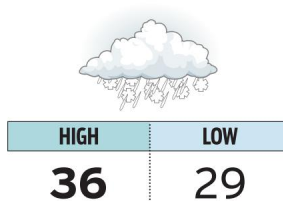
SUNDAY, FEB. 23



A gradual increase in cloudiness with little temperature change. Highs in the middle 40s. Thickening clouds at night with rain or wet snow likely. Southerly winds.



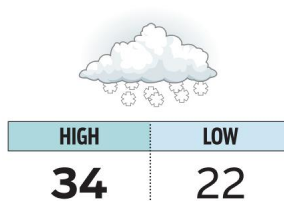
MONDAY, FEB. 24



Wet snow north and cold rain south or a wintry mix. Afternoon highs in the middle 30s. A changeover to all snow at night. Southeast winds shift to the east-northeast 10 to 20 mph.



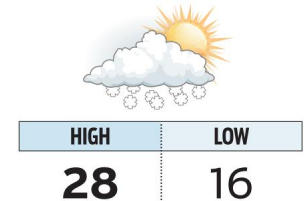
TUESDAY, FEB. 25



Cloudy and colder with some light snow likely. Highs in the low to mid 30s. Cloudy and cold with flurries overnight. Northerly winds.



WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26



Cloudy and cold with snow showers likely. Afternoon highs in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Clouds and a chance of flurries overnight. Gusty north to northwest winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Have weather conditions contributed to the coronavirus outbreak?
Jeff Calharn, Chicago

Dear Jeff,
There appears to be no demonstrable link between flu occurrences and a particular year's weather. If there were, flu outbreaks would be expected to start in this country's northern states and work south, and it doesn't happen. Admitting that patterns of flu occurrence can be difficult to identify, occurring randomly and at different locations, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention does note an autumn and winter flu outbreak peak in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. The coronavirus outbreak originated in Wuhan, China, in December and is spreading across the world. Thus far, cases in the U.S. have been limited to people who have visited China.

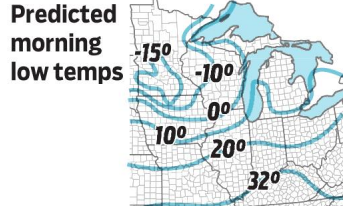
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Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.



Pattern shift leads to weekend warmup in Chicago

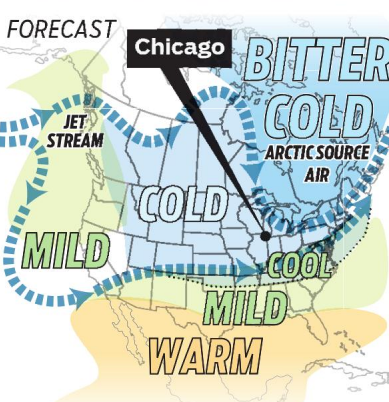
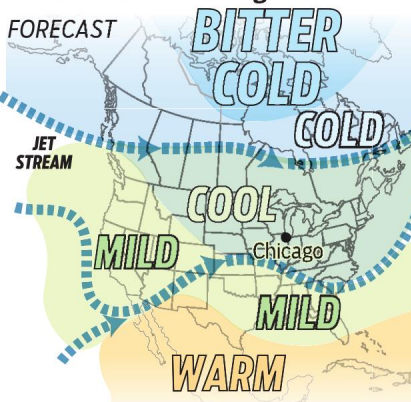
THURSDAY MORNING



CHICAGO DAILY TEMPERATURE DEPARTURES

How far from normal?	FEB. 20 THU	21 FRI	22 SAT	23 SUN	24 MON	25 TUE	26 WED	27 THUR	28 FRI	29 SAT	MARCH 1 SUN	2 MON
	-13°	-6°	+6°	+9°	+6°	+4°	-4°	-11°	-12°	-10°	-5°	-2°

TOM SKILLING, PAUL DAILEY, BILL SNYDER, BILLY FALETTI, THOMAS VALLE / WGN-TV

THURSDAY'S SET-UP
Chicago positioned on southern tip of arctic-source air over Lake HuronFRIDAY-SUNDAY'S SET-UP
Chicago in “cool” air as bitter cold air is confined to arctic region

MIDWEST CITIES

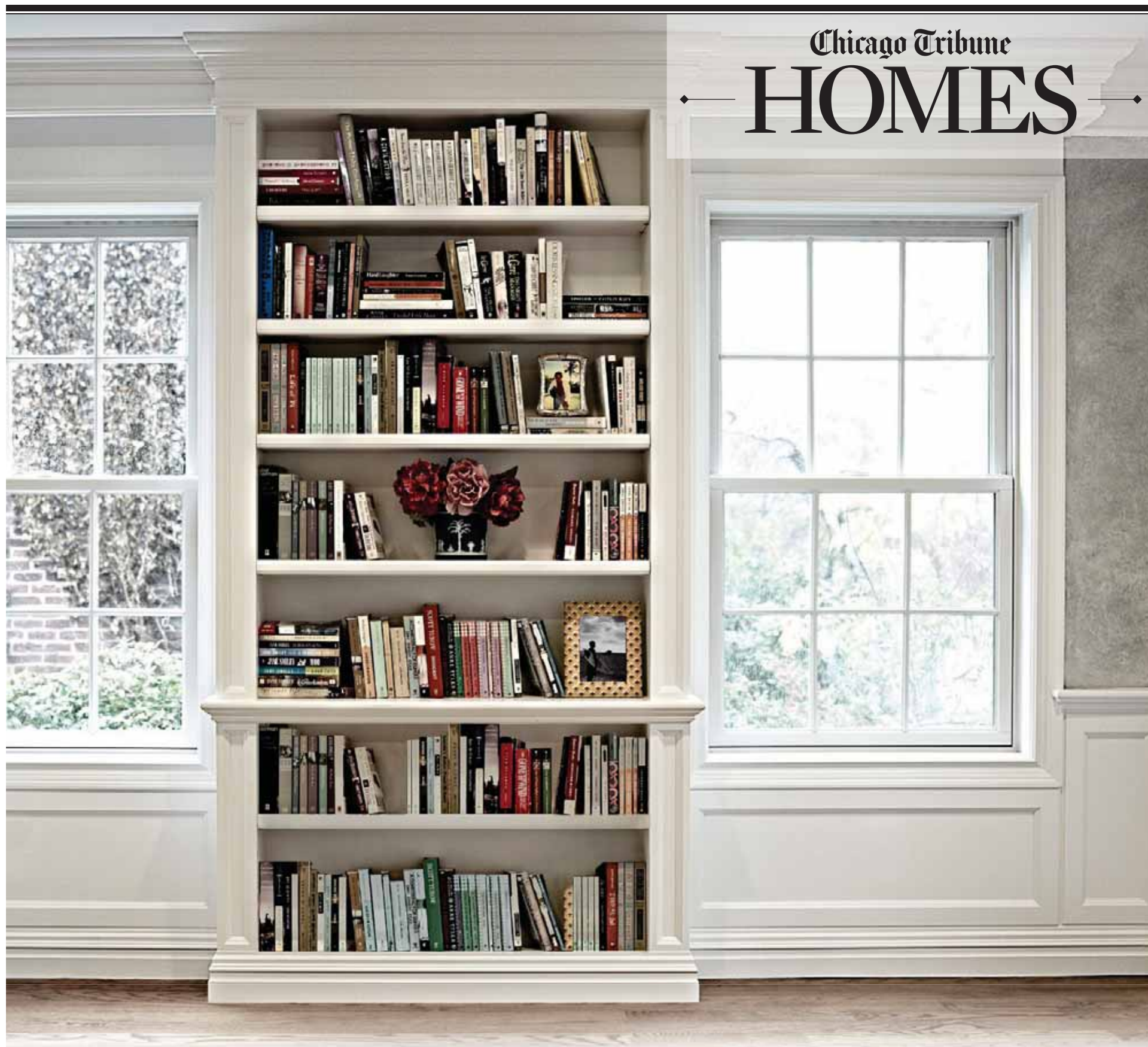
THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	35	18	su	40	23
Carbondale	pc	26	13	su	36	22
Champaign	pc	26	13	su	37	23
Decatur	pc	26	14	su	37	23
Moline	su	24	11	su	41	25
Peoria	su	26	15	su	39	24
Quincy	su	28	15	su	42	27
Rockford	su	20	8	su	37	23
Springfield	pc	28	13	su	39	24
Sterling	su	22	10	su	39	23
Indiana						
Bloomington	pc	32	16	su	39	22
Evansville	pc	36	19	su	38	22
Fort Wayne	pc	26	15	su	36	22
Indianapolis	pc	29	15	su	38	22
Lafayette	pc	27	14	su	37	22
South Bend	pc	24	13	su	37	23
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	su	15	6	su	33	21
Kenosha	su	21	10	su	38	25
La Crosse	su	16	5	su	35	20
Madison	su	17	8	su	36	23
Milwaukee	su	17	8	su	35	20
Wausau	su	14	5	pc	35	20
Michigan						
Detroit	pc	25	15	su	36	24
Grand Rapids	pc	21	14	su	33	27
Marquette	pc	23	13	su	40	23
St. Ste. Marie	pc	20	11	su	32	27
Traverse City	pc	19	15	su	36	28
Iowa						
Ames	su	21	12	su	42	25
Cedar Rapids	su	16	5	su	36	21
Des Moines	su	25	16	su	44	28
Dubuque	su	19	4	su	35	22

OTHER U.S. CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albino	pc	45	28	pc	50	39
Albany	pc	28	11	su	34	21
Albuquerque	pc	47	30	pc	53	38
Amarillo	ss	35	22	pc	50	35
Anchorage	ss	35	29	ss	32	19
Asheville	su	34	12	su	43	21
Aspen	su	44	30	pc	46	26
Atlanta	su	39	21	su	38	28
Atlantic City	su	48	38	pc	54	38
Austin	su	40	24	su	40	29
Baltimore	su	36	23	su	42	28
Birmingham	su	49	28	su	48	26
Bismarck	su	34	16	su	38	20
Boise	pc	44	23	pc	46	25
Boston	su	34	16	su	33	26
Brownsville	su	61	47	su	55	50
Buffalo	su	23	15	pc	31	27
Burlington	pc	17	1	pc	29	21
Charlotte	rs	42	27	pc	43	24
Charlottesville	su	50	35	pc	46	33
Charlottesville	su	38	16	su	37	19
Chattanooga	su	42	26	su	46	26
Cheyanne	su	34	19	su	30	31
Cincinnati	pc	32	16	su	39	20
Cleveland	pc	23	19	su	35	26
Colorado Spgs	pc	27	17	su	48	28
Columbia MO	pc	30	16	su	42	27
Columbia SC	su	45	32	pc	45	26
Columbus	pc	29	16	su	37	21
Concord	su	27	10	su	29	15
Corpus Christi	su	55	44	pc	58	46
Dallas	pc	50	32	pc	51	39
Daytona Bch.	su	77	53	su	56	49
Denver	su	35	21	su	50	28
Duluth	su	20	12	su	37	19
El Paso	pc	57	38	su	54	45
Fairbanks	cl	29	7	sh	16	4
Fargo	su	19	13	su	31	13
Flagstaff	su	51	26	pc	56	34
Fort Myers	pc	85	66	sh	68	50
Fort Smith	pc	48	23	su	47	27
Fort Worth	su	74	43	pc	72	42
Grand Junc.	su	44	21	su	52	28
Great Falls	su	39	20	su	40	27
Harrisburg	cl	34	15	su	35	23
Helena	su	51	17	su	45	26
Honolulu	pc	79	69	pc	80	70
Houston	su	53	40	su	57	40
Int'l Falls	su	22	13	pc	35	15
Jackson	su	78	54	pc	73	53
Jacksonville	su	70	45	pc	51	41
Janeau	rs	38	34	su	36	29
Kansas City	pc	33	17	su	45	31
Las Vegas	su	67	44	su	72	50
Lincoln	su	34	19	su	50	26
Little Rock	pc	47	24	su	43	24
Los Angeles	su	78	54	pc	73	53
Louisville	su	38	19	su	40	21
Macon	su	47	34	pc	49	26
Memphis	su	45	24	su	44	26
Miami	pc	82	67	cl	76	61
Mobile	su	17	11	su	58	36
Montgomery	su	55	34	su	51	28
New Orleans	su	46	29	su	44	27
New York	cl	38	22	su	37	29
Norfolk	rs	42	27	su	37	24
Ola, City	pc	41	22	su	49	35
Omaha	su	31	20	su	49	27
Orlando	ts	84	55	su	58	48
Palm Beach	pc	85	67	sh	73	63
Palm Springs	su	80	56	pc	81	54
Philadelphia	su	39	20	pc	38	27
Phoenix	su	82	61	pc	80	61
Pittsburgh	su	31	17	su	37	23
Portland, ME	pc	28	3	su	29	20
Portland, OR	pc	54	32	pc	56	36
Providence	pc	34	14	su	34	24
Raleigh	rs	41	25	su	41	21
Rapid City	su	43	19	su	53	25
Reno	pc	50	30	pc	59	32
Richmond	ss	39	21	su	40	19
Rochester	su	21	13	su	32	26
Sacramento	pc	68	43	cl	72	46
Salem, Ore.	su	54	34	pc	56	34
Salt Lake City	su	39	22	su	45	29
San Antonio	su	50	39	pc	54	39
San Diego	su	71	55	pc	67	55
San Francisco	pc	63	47	cl	65	48
San Juan	pc	84	72	pc	85	71
Santa Fe	su	41	23	pc	49	32
Savannah	su	52	36	pc	49	31
Seattle	su	36	16	su	41	25
Shreveport	su	48	31	su	49	30
Sioux Falls	su	28	20	su	41	18
Spokane	su	46	22	su	47	29
Tucson	pc	35	16	su	41	25
Syracuse	ss	22	12	pc	32	22
Tallahassee	su	69	41	pc	54	31
Tampa	pc	82	55	cl	61	44
Topsham	su	81	56	pc	74	55
Tulsa	pc	81	55	su	74	55
Washington	su	40	24	su	41	27
Wichita	pc	36	18	su	45	31
Wilkes Barre	su	29	12	su	31	22
Yuma	su	82	58	pc	80	59

WORLD CITIES

THURSDAY	FC	HI	LO	THURSDAY	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	su	89	71	Kyiv	sh	46	30
Algiers	su	69	46	Lima	cl	80	72
Amsterdam	su	51	40	London	su	67	50
Ankara	su	30	16	Madrid	su	62	37
Athens	su	63	46	Manila	pc	87	74
Bangkok	cl	77	58	Mexico City	su	63	43
Buenos Aires	su	96	75	Montreney	sh	62	44
Cardenas	su	83	76	Montreal	cl	41	31
Caracas	pc	60	44	Moscow	su	13	1
Casablanca	su	61	43	Mumbai	su	84	63
Beirut	su	62	56	Nairobi	su	80	61
Berlin	cl	46	38	Nassau	su	84	63
Bermuda	su	70	64	New Delhi	su	85	65
Bogota	su	63	45	Niagara	rs	39	25
Brussels	su	50	36	Ottawa	pc	12	1
Bucharest	su	48	37	Panama City	pc	90	70
Buenos Aires	su	47	30	Paris	su	53	37
Calcutta	su	70	53	Rangoon	su	53	35
Cairo	su	70	53	Rio de Janeiro	su	76	57
Cancon	su	85	73	Riyadh	su	95	70
Caracas	su	79	63	Rome	su	50	36
Casablanca	su	61	43	Sao Paulo	su	53	36
Copenhagen	su	43	38	Seoul	su	63	37
Dublin	rs	43	40	Singapore	ts	88	78
Edmonton	su	35	18	Sofia	cl	61	46
Geneva	su	55	40	Taipei	cl	73	56
Gujalajara	su	89	55	Sydney	sh	73	61
Havana	su	89	70	Taipei	sh	73	61
Hong Kong	su	71	62	Tehran	rs	48	35
Istanbul	su	49	43	Tokyo	su	82	65
Jakarta	su	55	40	Toronto	pc	22	14
Kobe	su	55	40	Trinidad	su	86	71
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Kobe	su	55	40	Winnipeg	su	42	39



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LIGHT, BRIGHT, WHITE

Younger buyers want move-in-ready homes boasting painted woodwork **PAGE 4**

5 simple home projects to tackle over the weekend

BY DIANA CRANDALL
HomeAdvisor

Home improvements don't have to be major remodels.

The turn of a screw, new paint in a favorite nook — a few small upgrades can go a long way in creating a welcoming atmosphere that inspires and comforts you in every room.

Don't know where to start? Here's a look at five simple projects you can tackle in a weekend or two.

1. Install a new showerhead. Installing a new showerhead is a quick and easy way to make your bathroom more comfortable and cost-effective. A low-flow showerhead can slash your utility bills, while a high-pressure showerhead will banish problems with low water pressure. Some even come with filtration mechanisms that can turn your water from hard to soft. Do your research and pick the showerhead that works best for you. If you need help with installation, homeowners report paying about \$65 an hour for a handyman, via HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide.



DREAMSTIME

Installing a new faucet in a kitchen or bathroom can boost efficiency and touch up style.

2. Fix small issues. The kitchen is the heart of the house, and small improvements can make it even more enjoyable. With a little bit of research and elbow grease, you can take on irksome issues like slamming cabinets or a drawer that won't close in

an afternoon. Need a helping hand? A local handyman or kitchen pro can easily handle these tweaks in a quick and professional manner.

3. Organize the garage. If the stored items in your garage are slowly creeping

toward your parking spot, now is the perfect time to take an inventory of what exactly is packed away — and decide on what you can keep or need to give away. Staying organized isn't just a matter of finding items when you need them. Crumbs, debris and even

cracks in your walls can invite pests inside. Block out a weekend to clean up and inspect your garage. If you suspect animals or insects have already taken up residence inside, don't hesitate to call a pest removal service. Homeowners typically pay about \$345

for animal control and removal.

4. Update your faucets. You don't need to rip out your sink to improve its look and functionality. Installing a new faucet in your kitchen or bathroom is a great way to enhance efficiency, touch up style and test the waters if you're thinking about a full renovation. This is probably a job best left to a plumber, unless you have relevant DIY experience. Homeowners typically report paying \$175 to \$450 for this type of work.

5. Add an accent wall. Add dimension and style to your home with an accent wall. A pop of wallpaper or color can completely transform a room. And, unlike a full interior repaint, this is a quick and cost-effective refresh that works in practically any place in your home. You'll find plenty of inspiration online, or you can consult an interior decorator if you want a professional touch. Wallpaper installation starts at \$285, homeowners report via HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide.

GADGETS

Smart mirror, smart mirror on the wall ...

BY GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Service

Capstone Connected brings efficiency to a whole new level with the launch of its magical smart mirror, designed to bridge the gap between technology and everyday life.

While brushing your teeth, you can simultaneously have the mirror give you local news, get your coffee brewing, check the traffic before your day

begins and then turn the lights off as you head out.

The smart mirror looks like a mirror, with a modern design making it perfect for a bathroom, bedroom, entryway or hallway. It hangs like a traditional mirror or can be used on the included stand on any flat surface.

The mirror performs and functions just like a tablet, with both touchscreen and voice interfaces for internet access. The Android op-

erating system is built in to download apps and use Google Voice Assistant for hands-free tasks and browse social media.

And if you have multiple people using the mirror, each user can modify and customize the smart mirror to fit their personal experience with browsers, apps and shortcuts accessed with a simple "Hey Google, Good Morning."

According to Capstone, the mirror's functionality is

driven by the Capstone Connected Control Hub, which is integrated into the mirror through its proprietary docking feature to access anything you would access through your smartphone or tablet.

The Hub can be used to set up music playlists, messaging apps, social media profiles and much more when connected to your home Wi-Fi.

The smart mirror was on display at the Consumer



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Should you paint woodwork white?

Designers, real estate agents see generational shift

By KERRI WESTENBERG
Minneapolis Star Tribune

When Somia Mourad first walked into the Minneapolis home that she would buy, she saw dark-stained oak woodwork mixed with white woodwork on much of the main level. In the kitchen, three different wood finishes fragmented the space.

"The house had clearly gone through a ton of renovations," Mourad said.

Though the work had been done with care and had been maintained well, she wanted a more cohesive look. So even before she, her husband, Keith Bush, and their two daughters moved into the 1891 three-story, painters were summoned. The fireplace mantel, centerpiece of a gracious living room, went from a dark oak stain to white enameled paint so that it would match the shelves on either side, which were already white. Beams in the ceiling got the same treatment. Wood panels in the dining room, which is open to the living room, also got coats of white paint.

Like many of today's homebuyers, Mourad and Bush prefer the sleek, clean look of white enameled woodwork. But their experience also speaks to the conundrum of sellers considering whether to paint their woodwork in order to sell a house more quickly. Many buyers are seeking a move-in-ready home that reflects the modern aesthetic of clean white woodwork.



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A bookcase in a room with white molding and wood paneling. White woodwork is popular among millennials.

Mourad said she fell for her house the moment they walked in and saw the wood door that led to an entryway with delicately detailed woodwork.

"The entryway was so warm — just stunning — with intricate carvings on the wood banister at the staircase; I didn't want anyone to touch it," Mourad recalled. She kept that nod to the history of the home, even as the painters set to work on other parts of the house.

Sometimes a home shows best when it remains true to character. The oak beams and other wood accents of Craftsman-style bungalows, for example, help make those homes distinct.

"You wouldn't change the color of a classic car, even if it's a little funky, and sometimes you shouldn't paint the woodwork of a house," said Ruth Whitney Bowe, a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Burnet's Minneapolis Lakes office.

In midcentury modern homes, wood paneling and other details can warm up the clean lines. In Victorians, intricate woodwork can speak to the home's

original era — and can also be expensive to paint.

In addition to the style of the home, competition is another factor.

"If a home is in an area surrounded by other homes with wood cabinets in the kitchens, there may be no need to turn the woodwork white," Bowe said. "But most often, white woodwork helps a house sell."

Jayne Morrison of Morrison Interiors in Plymouth, Minnesota, is a designer and stager who helps people ready their homes for the marketplace.

"Millennial buyers want white woodwork," she said. "If we are staging for a young family in a neighborhood of young families, it is advisable to have woodwork painted white."

That's especially so for owners of homes built in the 1980s with the golden oak woodwork that was popular during that era.

"If you are in a 1980s house and you have a lot of that golden oak woodwork, painting it white will help sell your house faster," she said.

Morrison is seeing a generational shift as she works with homeowners on design.



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"Baby boomers love woodwork," she said. "Millennial clients say they want an estimate for painting everything white. It is quite pricey, but often they go ahead and do it. They want that total white woodwork look."

Whether it is sellers or new homeowners hoping to create a space they adore, the decision to paint is often based on "that bad word that starts with 'b': budget," Morrison said. When clients decide to do the paint-

ing themselves to save money, she suggests they start in one room and see how it goes before tackling the entire house.

Painted woodwork is a fresh look, she notes, and it's been going strong since 2010. In recent years, she has seen the white warming up a bit, shifting to warm gray.

When Mourad got around to remodeling her kitchen and ridding the space of three different wood finishes, in fact, a

designer suggested that she paint the center island gray to contrast with the white paint elsewhere in the kitchen and the home.

Mourad declined, preferring to keep the look cohesive. Plus, she said, "I knew I would never tire of white."

And she hasn't.

"Now when I walk into the house, I feel peaceful, uplifted, happy. There is a lightness and a calm," she said. "It is amazing how much woodwork impacts the feel of a home."



MORTON ARBORETUM

Vernal witch hazel (*Hamamelis vernalis*) in bloom at the Arboretum in Lisle.

Witch hazel can be a great pick for winter gardens

BY BETH BOTTS

It's a head-turning sight on a bone-chilling February day: a tree in bloom.

Sparkly little yellow-and-red flowers, with petals like tiny ribbons, flutter along the branches of vernal witch hazel (*Hamamelis vernalis*), banners of hope in a time of gray skies and frozen toes.

"Witch hazel is a great small tree or large shrub for a Midwestern yard," said Julie Janoski, Plant Clinic manager at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. "The flowers have a spicy fragrance, and the tree has good fall leaf color, too."

Vernal witch hazel reaches 8 feet or so in height and width, with an irregular shape. "It fits beautifully into a less formal or naturalized garden," Janoski said.

Native to the Ozark Mountains in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri, vernal witch hazel is still reliably hardy here. It's closely related to the slightly larger common witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*), which is native to the Chicago region and is the hardier species. It has yellow blooms in late fall, rather than late winter.

Cultivated varieties of

witch hazel, most of which are hybrids of the common witch hazel and Chinese witch hazel (*Hamamelis mollis*), flower in early spring. The Arboretum has a variety of witch hazel in its Witch Hazel Dell, blooming in fall, late winter and early spring.

Of course, trees don't bloom just to make winter-weary people happy. They bloom to invite insects and other pollinators to sip nectar from the flowers and, in the process, spreading pollen to other flowers and help them reproduce. So why would a tree flower when the weather is still cold and no insects are to be seen?

It turns out there are insects in winter. Scientists have discovered that vernal witch hazel is pollinated by a special group of owl moths that can warm themselves by shivering as they fly through the cold air in search of food. They mostly feed on sap from broken branches, but they'll sip nectar if it's available — so the vernal witch hazel serves it up, and gets pollination services in return.

Still, there aren't large numbers of these dauntless moths on the wing in February. Avoiding competition for the attention of the few winter moths may be

the reason that common witch hazel evolved to bloom instead in late fall, when there are still bees and flies around to pollinate its flowers.

Witch hazel has another charming quirk that comes several months after the blooms. In early fall, its small brown seed capsules pop open and shoot black seeds like BBs several feet away. "Birds love the seeds," Janoski said.

In the garden, vernal witch hazel tends to sucker, meaning it sends up shoots that can form thickets. "If you want to keep it from growing into a tangle, prune out the suckers regularly," she said.

Witch hazels can tolerate quite a bit of shade, since they naturally grow beneath larger trees at the edges of woodlands. They grow best in moist, well-drained soil, but common witch hazel can tolerate clay soil.

Like other trees, witch hazel prefers a layer of mulch over its roots, Janoski said.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum (mortonarb.org/plantadvice, 630-719-2424 or plant-clinic@mortonarb.org). Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum.

Amaryllis not growing? You may be overwatering

BY TIM JOHNSON

My friends gave me the impression that amaryllises were easy to bring into flower at home. I potted mine three weeks ago and have not seen any growth yet. Do you have any suggestions on what to do?

— Kristie Jacobsen, Highwood

The hybrid amaryllis (*Hippeastrum*) is a tender bulb with large, showy flowers and is easily grown indoors in a container by most gardeners.

Most amaryllis plants are Dutch or African hybrids selected for flower size, color and ease of forcing. The usual flowering season is from February to April, but you can find them in flower during the winter holiday season too. However, this bulb will not overwinter outside in the Chicago region.

To get started, choose a standard-size flower pot so the large bulb has approximately 1 to 2 inches around the sides and at the bottom. These bulbs do not need much space for their roots. Use a well-drained potting mix to plant the bulbs in, and position the bulb so the top third of it sticks out of the soil. The final level of the growing medium should be approximately 1/2 inch below the rim of the pot to facilitate watering. Your container should have a hole in the bottom for drainage.

You will generally see growth begin in two to six weeks, with flowers developing in another six to eight weeks. Certain varieties of amaryllis may take more time to sprout, but typically you will see some leaf development in the first two weeks — so you have reason to be concerned.

Check the bulb to see if it is still firm. As long as



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

The hybrid amaryllis (*Hippeastrum*) is a tender bulb with large showy flowers that is easily grown indoors in a container. Its flowering season is February through April.

your bulb remains firm, be patient and be careful not to overwater it. If the bulb is soft and squishy, then it is likely not going to grow, and you will need to start over. If that's the case, you probably either started off with a bad bulb or overwatered it.

Once an amaryllis bulb sprouts, it is important to move it to a bright location, such as a south-facing window with lots of sunlight. An application of a balanced fertilizer every 10 to 14 days is helpful after the new growth has emerged. Rotate the pot every two to three days to prevent the flower stalks from leaning toward the light. The flower stalks may require support to keep them from toppling over.

Place the container where the temperature remains above 60 degrees

Fahrenheit. The warmer the temperature is, with 70 to 75 degrees for day and night being ideal, the faster the bulb will begin growing. Providing bottom heat by setting the pot on a propagation mat may help stimulate growth, especially if you keep your house temperatures cool.

Water the bulb thoroughly after planting, and then water only when the top inch or so of potting mix is dry to the touch. It is better to err on the side of watering less frequently until roots have developed, as watering too much can cause the bulb to rot. If the pot is covered with Spanish moss, it is best to lift the moss and pour water directly on the growing medium.

Be sure to try growing another amaryllis, and with these tips, hopefully it will flourish.

ASK THE BUILDER

What to know before installing apron sink

BY TIM CARTER

Tribune Content Agency

Q: I'm almost certain I want an apron sink in my new kitchen. You've got one last chance to talk me out of it. Have you installed one? Do you own one? What are the pros and cons of an apron sink? Are there special things you have to do to install one? I can sometimes be more concerned about looks than how something functions, so if you feel I'll regret my decision, I need to know now.

A: Before you make a big decision about a major fixture, do all your due diligence. You've asked all the right questions about apron sinks, sometimes known as farmhouse sinks.

Over the years I've installed my fair share of these sinks. They're not that hard to install, and it helps to have fine carpentry skills to make the installation go perfectly. As it happens, I have an apron sink in my own kitchen. What's more, I recently installed two of them in my daughter's new custom home, one in her kitchen and the second one in her scullery.

I've always loved doing plumbing work, and an apron sink connects to your household plumbing sink just as a normal one might. You might not give a second thought about the water and food particles that leave your kitchen sink, but they travel



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An apron sink usually projects past the face of the kitchen sink base cabinet.

through a network of pipes that must be sized correctly and vented properly. While on the subject of vents, be sure your plumber installs a traditional loop vent if your apron sink will be in an island. Mechanical vents can fail and allow foul sewer gas into your new kitchen.

In my opinion, there are many more pros than cons when it comes to apron sinks. Let's talk about looks first and then functionality. There are many different designs when it comes to these sinks. The apron sink almost always projects past the front face of the kitchen sink base cabinet. This extra relief helps draw your eye to the sink, especially if

the sink is a different color than the cabinetry.

One of the positive aspects of an apron sink is that if you drip water down the front of the sink, it doesn't harm the sink. With a normal sink, the water might flow onto the wood cabinet below. Some apron sinks have gorgeous designs that are part of the front of the sink, so this helps add character and beauty to the kitchen. Keep in mind you can get both single and double-bowl apron sinks. My own sink is a double-bowl design with one bowl much larger than the smaller veggie-rinse bowl on the right side of my sink.

The only negative thing I

can think of is that it's not always easy to replace an apron sink if it needs to be done.

Your countertop will overhang the top edge of the sink. This means if you need to remove the sink, it needs to slide out of the opening. This is not too easy to accomplish. What's more, since the cutout in the base cabinet is very exact, you need to replace the old sink with one that has the exact same measurements.

Apron sinks require a platform to sit on inside the base cabinet. In my daughter's case, she had custom cabinets made, and the cabinetmaker was able to create the perfect platform



TIM CARTER

Apron sinks aren't difficult to install, but it helps to have top-notch carpentry skills for the project.

inside the cabinet and do the required cutout on the face of the cabinet based on dimensions provided by the sink manufacturer. Her sink fit perfectly into the cabinet. I only had to make a simple circle cut in the platform for the drain hole.

Standard kitchen sink base cabinets can be used with apron sinks, and you just have to build your own platform. A simple piece of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch thick A/C fir plywood will provide plenty of support and a 1x2 cleat screwed into each side of the cabinet will support the platform. Just be sure that the top of the apron sink sits $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch below the top of the cabinets so you can put a bead of caulk between the countertop and the top of the sink.

Keep in mind the platform for the sink doesn't extend all the way to the back of the cabinet. Keep it away from the back of the

cabinet about 5 inches so you can have access to the underside of the countertop. You'll need this to be able to install the sink faucet.

Be prepared to shim the underside of the apron sink, especially if it's a cast-iron one. The sinks are not always cast perfectly, and when sitting on the platform they may rock back and forth a little bit. You'll need to shim the sink so it doesn't move.

I have a few videos showing how apron sinks are installed and some dramatic photos of the support platform of my daughter's scullery sink on my AsktheBuilder website. If you're thinking of having one of these wonderful sinks in your kitchen, I urge you to take a look at the photos and videos. Simply type: "apron sink photos" in my search engine and you'll find all you're looking for.

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HOME REMEDIES

Home feeling a bit stale? Easy upgrades can help

BY JENNA SCHUSTER
Angie's List

Everyone deserves to love their home. But if you've lived in the same spot for several years, or if the space simply feels stale, it can be difficult to feel as excited about it as when you first moved in.

Sometimes, all your home needs is a little TLC to rekindle the flame.

Here, we've compiled a few upgrades to help you fall in love with your space again.

Get organized. It's not easy to love your home when it's cluttered and messy, so take an afternoon to tidy things up. Return misplaced items to their proper storage areas and organize things by color, size or purpose. If you're lacking in storage, now may be a good time to invest in a new system, like an extra set of shelves, bins or even an extra hall closet. If the job seems overwhelming, consider hiring a professional organizer for help.

Change the paint. If your walls haven't changed color since the day you moved in, a fresh coat of paint will easily breathe new life into your space. Opt for a trendy shade like Pantone's Color of the Year, Classic Blue. Or tone things down with a safe, calming, multifunctional hue like greige. Something as simple as switching from a matte to a glossy paint finish can make a huge difference.

If you want to change up the hues of your home without committing to a new paint job, try investing in pillows, rugs and blankets. New patterns and shades can completely change the feeling of a room.



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Update the kitchen. If the kitchen is the heart of your home, show it some love by giving it a quick remodel without breaking the bank. Try installing granite countertop overlays on your existing counters to give them a quick (and affordable) face-lift. Also, consider painting your cabinets for a big-impact update with a lower price tag than a full cabinet replacement. Other ideas include switching out old finishes and cabinet pulls for new, trendy options and adding a new backsplash.

Warm things up. Nothing will warm your heart faster than a few luxurious heating improvements. Whether you add heated towel racks to the bathroom, heated floors in the living room or warming

lamps on the patio — these pockets of comfort will make you home feel cozier than ever. And if you don't have one already, consider installing a fireplace. Not only will it create an enjoyable hearth in your space, but it's also known to pay off at resale.

Treat yourself. Have you been putting off a dream upgrade? If you want to love your home again, now may be the time to make it happen. Design a luxurious bathroom space with spa-like enhancements, including a clawfoot tub and rainfall showerhead. Or create a reading nook and hobby corner so you have designated spaces for the things you enjoy. Something as simple as adding a walk-in closet can make your space more functional and satisfying.

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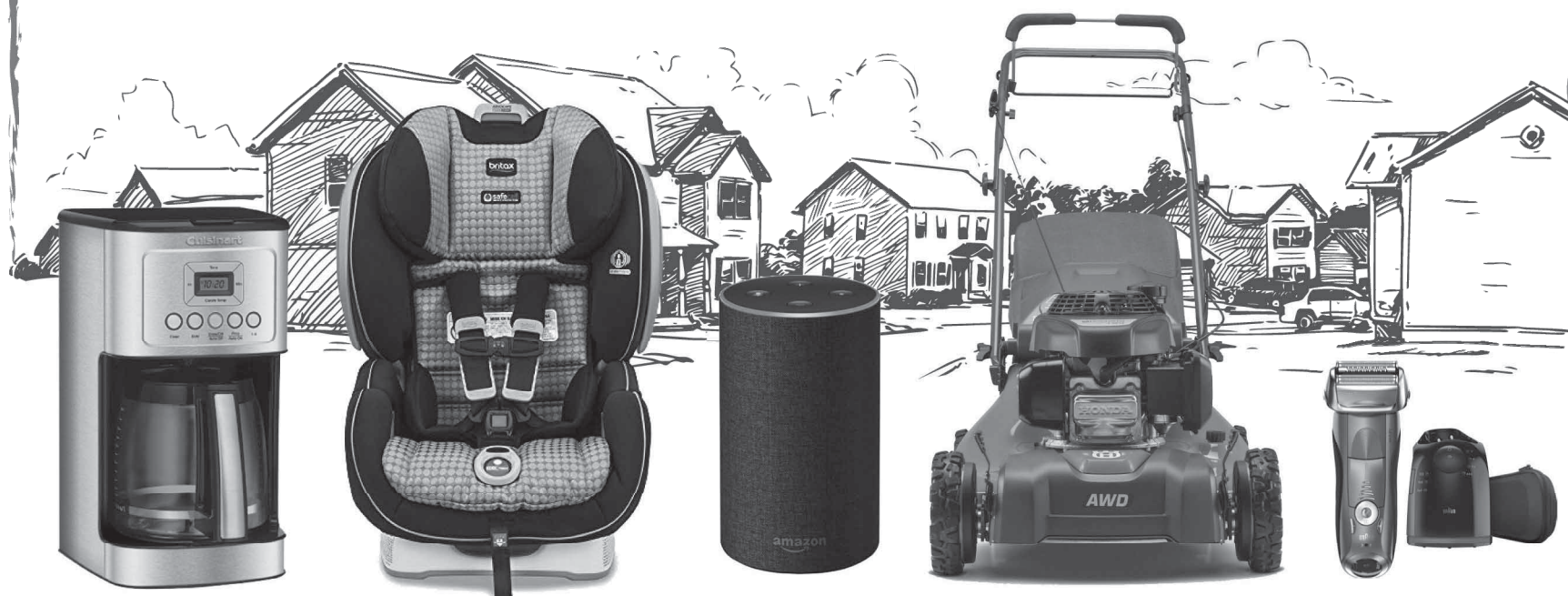
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