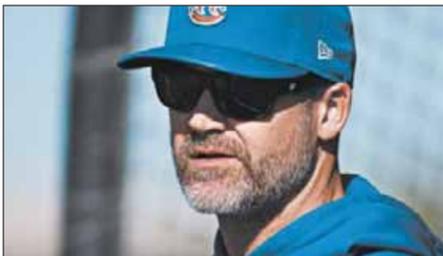


Ross ready for his late debut

Sullivan: You can imagine what David Ross has in store when he returns to Cubs camp after missing his first two training games as manager with flu-like symptoms. The irony is he made a point of telling the players to be ready, then was missing in action.



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Sox 'optimistic' about Kopech

Michael Kopech's Cactus League debut still hasn't been scheduled but manager Rick Renteria says he's "very optimistic" about the progress the pitcher has made this spring. And Kopech said he's ready to prove himself after coming off elbow surgery.

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Alex Mars and Conner Dick, in front, join other fans of Manchester United in cheering for their team's goal while watching a match on Sunday.

Blago's release hinders strategy

State GOP's corruption message complicated by Trump's decision

BY RICK PEARSON

Looking ahead to the November general election, leading Illinois Republicans thought they had a marketable message to voters by pointing to myriad federal investigations that have ensnared Democrats at the city, suburban and state level.

But Republican President Donald Trump's decision Tuesday to commute former Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich's prison sentence on federal corruption charges may have short-circuited the GOP's strategy.

Voters in a state with a rich history of corruption can rightfully ask Republicans how dedicated they are toward cleaning up government in Illinois when their president — who vowed to "clean the swamp" of government — freed a former governor who attempted to shake down a children's hospital for campaign funds and tried to sell President Barack Obama's U.S. Senate seat.

"It's discouraging for people in the state of Illinois to see this happen and that a disgraced former governor who is corrupt to the core is walking out of the federal prison based on a gift from the president," said Illinois House Republican leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs.

"There are, I think, more deserving inmates in the (federal) Bureau of Prisons who are serving lengthy sentences for crimes that

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'Coffee is just not the same'

Early morning soccer fans elated about change to Sunday liquor law

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

Fifteen minutes before the clock struck 10 a.m. on Sunday, bartender Mick Kenna put down the coffee pot and started to take orders from his regulars.

For the previous two hours, a tightknit group of Manchester United fans of Chicago had crowded along the bar clutching clear mugs of hot coffee at Fado Irish Pub in River North, yelling chants and maintaining an ener-

gy high on caffeine only.

One member of the group, Gonzalo Del Rio, excitedly trotted around the pub, giving nearby patrons high-fives.

"The real fans come before 10 because you can't drink," Del Rio said.

But other European soccer fans took a different tack, successfully campaigning to change the city drinking laws so they can watch the Sunday morning matches with a beer or a mimosa.

In two weeks, an ordinance allowing alcohol to be sold starting at 9 a.m. on Sundays instead of 10 a.m. will go into effect for establishments that also sell food.

North Side Ald. Michele Smith, 43rd, citing a growing community of European soccer fans, said more Chicago bars are catering to people who like to watch the early morning matches.

"Because of the growing popularity of watching games from

Europe, many of our establishments would like to open up a little bit earlier to be able to play the games, and of course serve brunch," Smith said last week.

By 7 a.m. Sunday, Kelly Sandos started her serving shift at Fado, which was filled with more than a dozen loyal patrons in red Manchester United jerseys and scarves.

"I'm so sorry, we can't serve

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Sen. Bernie Sanders and his wife, Jane, attend a presidential campaign rally Sunday in Houston.

Sanders asserts control after dominating Nevada caucuses

BY SHANE GOLDMACHER
 The New York Times

LAS VEGAS — Sen. Bernie Sanders won big on Saturday and is now the clear front-runner. Former Vice President Joe Biden saved enough face to march on to his must-win in South Carolina a week from now. Pete Buttigieg finished in the top tier again and embraced the urgency of knocking down a rising Sanders, though it is not clear where he wins next. And Sen. Elizabeth Warren is awash in cash after her

debate dismantling of Michael Bloomberg — \$9 million in three days — but the performance did not nudge her up in the standings in Nevada.

Here are takeaways from Saturday:

Sanders in command

Sanders did not just win Nevada. Entrance polls show that he dominated.

Those polls showed Sanders winning men and women; whites and Latinos; voters in all but the

oldest age group (17-29, 30-44 and 45-64); those with college degrees and those without. He was carrying union households and nonunion households, self-identified liberal Democrats (by a wide margin) and moderate and conservative ones (narrowly).

The Sanders victory was built upon three distinct and yet overlapping bases of support: young people (56% support among those 44 and under), very liberal voters (49%) and a majority of

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7 in GOP line up for shot to reclaim 14th District

Freshman Democratic Rep. Lauren Underwood is seen as vulnerable

BY RICK PEARSON

Members of Congress are seen as most politically vulnerable after their first term, which helps explain why seven Republicans have lined up to challenge freshman Democratic Rep. Lauren Underwood in the 14th Congressional District.

All seven have theories on how Underwood was able to defeat three-term Republican Randy Hultgren in 2018 in an exurban district that has long backed conservative Republicans — and two years earlier had gone for Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton by 4 percentage points.

They cite complacency on Hultgren's part, a lack of GOP campaign infrastructure, motivated anti-Trump voters and an uninspiring and ultimately unsuccessful reelection campaign by Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner. They also acknowledge Hultgren faced a well-funded and on-message Democratic candidate.

But none believe the district's

demographics or ideology has tilted toward Democrats.

State Sen. Sue Rezin of Morris, one of two state senators and one of two women in the race, said better organization, not changing ideology, has led to Democratic successes in the traditionally Republican suburbs.

"They have an army and they've put a structure into place that allows people to vote early and when those ballots come in, about 70% of those ballots are for Democrats. So, if it's a close race, right now Democrats are winning," said Rezin, 56, a 10-year legislator who lives outside the district but is stressing her history of electability.

Catalina Lauf, 26, who spent a year as a Trump political appointee in the Department of Commerce, says new ideas are more important than electability. Lauf is seen by some as the conservative response to Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the freshman New York congresswoman who symbolizes the far left among House Democrats.

"The Republican Party desperately needs new faces and new

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Democratic presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg speaks during a campaign rally in Houston on Feb. 13.

If Bloomberg is the nominee, African Americans will take one for the team



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Nearly every day, something ugly is exposed about Michael Bloomberg's past. In a normal presidential election year, such a steady drip of racist and misogynistic vitriol would have doomed a candidate from the start.

But we are living in a different political environment now, where a candidate's viability is determined solely by whether he or she can defeat Donald Trump in November. Everything else, including one's moral fortitude, seems less important.

When it comes to Bloomberg, Democrats are demanding a lot from African Americans. Those who are convinced that he is the only one who can go toe-to-toe with Trump are asking black people to suck it up and take one for the team.

Not everyone agrees that they should. But if he is the nominee, most of them will.

Blacks would join millions of others in voting for Bloomberg, in part, because it would be in the best interest of America. Most voters are desperate to rid our nation of a president so selfish, divisive and corrupt that he would destroy the democracy that we love.

But it also is because Trump has normalized aberrant behavior.

We promised not to allow that to happen, but Trump has worn us down. Year after year, he has tested the boundaries of what Americans can tolerate, and he has survived every challenge without ever having to pay a price.

We have become accustomed to a president who lies in nearly every sentence. We are used to a president who excuses white nationalism. And we have been forced to acknowledge that a president can create his own

rules and punish anyone who dares to defy him.

The moral code for a president has diminished to the point that he could pay off an adult film star to keep her quiet about an alleged affair and avoid even a blemish. More than a dozen women can accuse him of sexual misconduct since the 1980s, and he will not be held accountable.

We have settled into the notion that in America, a president no longer must attempt to exude honesty and dignity. They don't even have to try and convince us that their flaws aren't as bad as they might seem. Nor must they promise to fix them.

Bloomberg has entered the Democratic race with a bag weighed down with flaws. He has apologized recently for things he kept quiet about for years. Time will tell whether he is sincere about making amends. Meanwhile, we will take his word for it and move on.

The former New York City mayor continued to rise in the polls, even after the release of an excerpt from a 2015 speech in which he said the way to get guns out of kids' hands is for cops to "throw them against the wall and frisk them."

In that same speech, he said 95% of murderers and murder victims fit one description. "You can just take the description. Xerox it and pass it out to all the cops. They are male minorities, 16-25. ... That's true in virtually every city."

No one was shocked by reports of Bloomberg's past habit of telling lewd, sexual jokes in the workplace. We did not flinch upon hearing that he suggested a new computer system would "do everything, including give you a —job" and "put a lot of you girls out of business."

How could we when the man currently in the White House boasted that he could do anything to women, including "grab 'em by the p—." How could we when former close associates insist that Trump has used the N-word, labeled Latino immigrants rapists and drug dealers and contin-

ues to advocate for "stop and frisk?"

For weeks, voters only got to see Bloomberg as the messenger in powerful television ads that made him seem like a larger than life figure who isn't afraid to fight on Trump's terms.

He appeared to be fearless on Twitter, and the millions he is pouring into his campaign felt like a safety net that gave him the power to do whatever it takes to tear Trump down. Seeing Bloomberg do his thing on the airwaves gave a lot of people hope.

Then last week, we saw him sputter in a debate with seasoned competitors who wasted no time ganging up to reveal his considerable defects. Suddenly, he didn't seem as impenetrable as we thought. He was not as forceful as his ads had portrayed him as being.

He was just a man, a seriously imperfect one at that.

Polls taken since the debate show that his momentum may have stalled. A Morning Consult poll released Friday dropped him from second place to third place behind Bernie Sanders and Joe Biden. But that doesn't mean Bloomberg is done.

In the coming weeks, we can expect Bloomberg to reenergize his campaign and wow us with more compelling ads. He will get better at debating, as every candidate still standing has done.

And he will compel many to believe that he and only he can defeat Trump.

If he manages to stick it out to the end, African Americans will campaign for him, place his bumper stickers on their cars, put signs in their yards and make calls on his behalf. And on Election Day, black people will do what they always do and try to push him over the top.

Many voters may never care for Bloomberg as a person. But as president, they are sure that he would be a thousand times better than Trump.

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'It was a colossal mess-up'

Neighbors demand answers after party goes awry at \$1.5M Naperville estate

BY SUZANNE BAKER

The only visible damage to a \$1.5 million Naperville home used for an unauthorized house party on Super Bowl Sunday is a 3-inch smudge on a family room wall.

But the biggest loss for Naperville resident Dean Batogowski is to his reputation, and he's reaching out to neighbors and Naperville City Council to make repairs.

Four people who live near the seven-bedroom, 7,000-square-foot estate on Santa Maria Drive appealed to the Naperville City Council this week to shut down what they described as a "party house" after 150 people showed up Feb. 2 and caused havoc on the block.

"The chaos lasted well into Monday morning, culminating with numerous fights at 4 a.m.," Nancy Cole, who lives on the block, told the city council. "My sense of security in my own home has been shaken."

Andy Hunter, who lives across the street from the home where the party took place, said he woke up Feb. 3 to find bottles strewn around his yard.

"This is unacceptable and a dangerous situation," Hunter said. "We want neighbors that value family and schools, not unaccounted businessmen and weekend partiers."

The incident is not the first involving an Airbnb in Naperville. Prior to this, the most public abuse of a short-term rental property occurred last year at a home on North Ellsworth Street. Residents on that block complained at a council meeting about an out-of-control New Year's party at which guests urinated in public, fought and threw bottles in neighbors' yards.

City staff is compiling information on how other municipalities regulate Airbnb and VRBO rentals in order to come up with policies to curb future incidents, said Allison Laff, deputy director of the city's Transportation, Engineering and Development department.

Batogowski said he feels betrayed by the client who booked the palatial home in the East Highlands neighborhood, the first client he had used the home marketed as a luxury, executive short-term rental.

He and business partner Donald Russell decided to move into the short-term rental market in Naperville after Batogowski had success renting out a home on Airbnb and VRBO in the Cantigny Woods neighborhood of Wheaton, he said.

His idea was to offer a place in Naperville where companies could hold corporate meetings and retreats; families of Edward



Naperville resident Dean Batogowski stands in the kitchen of a 7,000-square-foot, seven-bedroom estate in the East Highlands neighborhood of Naperville that he rents out through Airbnb and VRBO.

Hospital patients could feel at home during a stressful time; North Central College alumni, guest speakers or families of students could stay; or generations of former Naperville residents could share the holidays or reunions without putting everyone up in a hotel, he said.

This weekend the home is booked by a group of people celebrating 10 years of being cancer-free, he said. Last weekend it was rented by people involved with the NBA All-Star game. "That is the vision I had for this home," Batogowski said.

The actions of his first Naperville client, he said, is opposite of what he had in mind. "It was a colossal mess-up," said Batogowski, who also lives in the East Highlands neighborhood.

"My brand means a lot to me," he said. "I'm so embarrassed by it."

Batogowski said the property was booked through Airbnb for a birthday/Super Bowl party that was only supposed to have 30 guests.

Despite meeting with the client twice to explain the ground rules, which included strict parking restrictions and a requirement that no additional guests were allowed, Batogowski said the client broke the agreement when more than 100 extra people showed up.

Batogowski said he was at another party when his security system alerted him of the vast number of people entering through the front door. He immediately left to address the situation, he said.

Neighbors, meanwhile, were calling the police multiple times, they told the council.

Batogowski said he and police worked to disperse the partygoers, but many kept returning and trying to get back inside.

Police officers were on the scene for roughly four hours and

one party-goer received a citation, Police Chief Robert Marshall told the city council.

Fire Chief Mark Puknaitis said while the fire department would have concerns about emergency egress at a home occupied by 150 people, the city does not have occupancy limits for residential properties.

The property owner needs to be hit economically to prevent situations like this from happening again and to pay for capitalizing officers' time, Councilman Kevin Coyne said. "There needs to be a financial repercussion for allowing something like this," he said.

Until the city has policies in place to prevent the abuse of short-term rental properties, Councilwoman Patty Gustin said residents and city staff should push Airbnb to remove the Santa Maria Drive property from its listings.

Batogowski said the Airbnb renter should be the one punished, not him or the people from whom he leases the property.

Airbnb has banned the renter from using its online service, Batogowski said, and he's in negotiations with Airbnb for the renter to pay a \$20 a head penalty for each of the 100 extra people who showed up, on top of the \$1,600 cost for two days of use.

The home is owned by Steve Malik and Jo Malik, who said that before they leased the property to Batogowski, they had rented it out themselves for the last three and a half years. This was the first time there's been any trouble, they said.

Steve Malik said despite what neighbors said at the council meeting, he and Jo are not out to make money off Batogowski's lease. The amount Batogowski pays is about the same as the monthly \$6,000 mortgage on the property, he said.

Jo Malik said she and Steve

were approached by Batogowski after the Maliks took a trip to Florida and booked a home through a short-term rental service. Because she had a good experience there, she was open to something similar in Naperville, she said.

"Never ever in our wildest dreams did we think this would happen," Jo Malik said.

As a former resident of the home, Steve Malik said the reaction of neighbors is understandable. "I would be livid," he said. "I don't think it's been handled in the best possible way."

Jo Malik said she has tried to convince her former neighbors and the city that neither she nor Steve Malik wants their \$1.5 million estate to become a party house, and it's also not in Batogowski's best interest to earn that title because of the time and money he's invested into staging the home.

Batogowski estimated he's spent thousands of dollars in furniture, decorations, bath and bedding items and kitchen furnishings and has no desire to have it all trashed by uninvited partygoers.

Batogowski plans to tighten security measures and is requiring clients to supply a list of people who will enter the home, whether for an hour or for a full night.

If on surveillance cameras he counts more than the allotted number of people entering the home, he'll immediately send out the private security company he's hired to remove any additional individuals, he said.

As a neighbor living in East Highlands, Batogowski said he wants to repair the relational damage the party caused and encourages his neighbors and city council to give him a call to open up a dialog.

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Winter weather returns to Chicago

Snowstorm, single-digit temps in the forecast

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

Early Sunday, as Chicagoans were getting ready to enjoy a day of unseasonably warm weather, meteorologists at the National Weather Service were honing this week's forecast — including details about another snowstorm that's expected in the area in the next few days.

Forecasters said the storm could move into the area Monday night and linger through Wednesday, "with significant accumulating snow possible," according to a social media post. When it first reaches the Chicago area, the system is expected to start with rain, then drop wet snow that will turn to snow and start accumulating. By Tuesday, the snow will become heavier, continuing into Wednesday before tapering off by Wednesday night, forecasters said.

Higher snowfall amounts are expected to the northwest. In Rockford and portions of McHenry County, there was more than a 90% chance that the snowfall will exceed 2 inches. There was only about a 30% chance that portions of Chicago will get more than 2 inches of snow, meteorologists said. Near Midway Airport, meteorologists said the chance for 2 inches of snow was only 19%.

"Due to the complexity of the evolution of this storm, confidence is still fairly low with exact snowfall amounts. However, it appears that the potential exists for several inches of accumulation especially across portions of Iowa, Wisconsin and northern Illinois," according to the weather service website.

Colder weather also is expected to accompany the snow, and temperatures will drop even lower behind it. As of 4 p.m. Sunday, the high temperature at O'Hare was 55 degrees. Monday and Tuesday temperatures should hold in the mid-30s, but on Wednesday and Thursday night the low temperature is expected to be in the low teens and single digits, forecasters said.

"Dry but colder weather then moves in by the end of the week," the weather service said.

Monitor information on the storm as the forecast firms up by visiting the Tribune's weather page.

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Tired of waiting to get on the bus?

CTA tests plan to let riders to board at back door



MARY WISNIEWSKI
Getting Around

It can be a long wait to get on the bus, as people ahead of you fumble for change and try to remember where they put their Ventra cards.

That wait is one of the chief causes of bus delays, along with bad traffic.

In order to speed things up, the CTA this summer will introduce an "all-door" bus boarding pilot on two South Side routes — the busy #J14 Jeffery Jump and the #192 University of Chicago Hospitals Express. All-door bus boarding allows riders to enter a bus through both the front and rear doors.

The six-month test is part of a larger CTA plan to improve bus service, which includes creating priority lanes on busy routes so buses can get through traffic faster. Bus ridership has dropped almost 25% since 2012, a decline the agency blames in part on the rise in ride-share.

"This is a big change," CTA spokesman Brian Steele said.

"Never in our modern history have we offered all-door boarding. We think it's something customers will respond to positively."

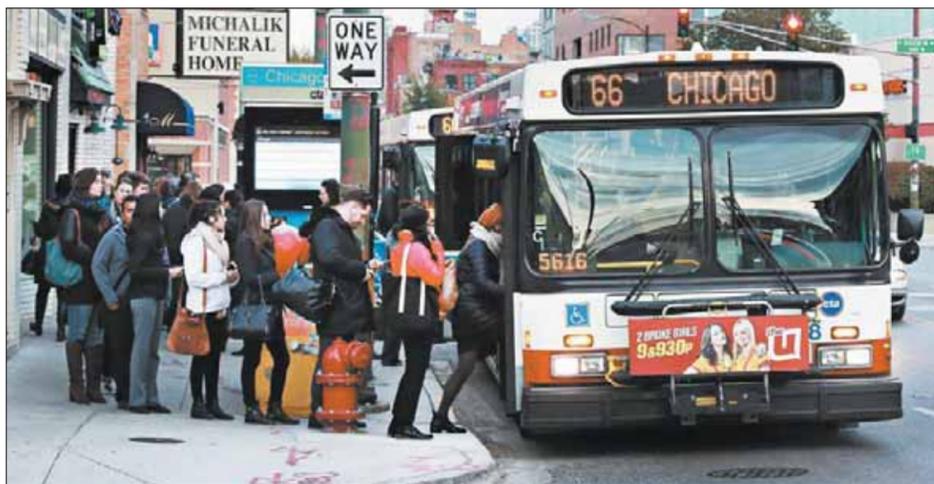
The routes connect with Union Station and the Ogilvie Transportation Center west of the Loop. The pilot will start in June on the Jeffery Jump, which runs seven days a week between 103rd Street/Stony Island Avenue and Washington Boulevard/Jefferson Street, and on the #192 route, which runs between Clinton/Madison streets and Cottage Grove Avenue/57th Street during weekday rush hours.

The Jeffery Jump, which runs express for long portions of the route, carries nearly 10,000 passengers every weekday and is one of the busiest routes on the CTA system, Steele said. The #192 carries 600 riders on an average weekday.

Riders will be able to use a fare reader for Ventra or contactless credit, debit or bank cards for "tap-on" boarding at either door, Steele explained. Customers who want to pay cash still will have to go to the front.

The agency will spend \$450,000 to install card readers on 30, 60-foot accordion-style buses.

Steele said he did not expect fare evasion to be a problem since it has not been an issue with other transit agencies that have launched all-door boarding. Bus



Bus ridership has dropped almost 25% since 2012, blamed in part on the rise in ride-share.

drivers can use rear view mirrors to spot problems, and can ask people to come to the front to ensure they've paid their fares.

Steven Higashide, a national transit expert who wrote the book "Better Buses, Better Cities" about improving bus service, said the CTA is "late to the game" in all-door boarding. Several other U.S. cities use it for busy routes, and San Francisco has it city-wide, Higashide said. San Francisco and some other cities use fare inspectors.

"I think it's almost certain you'll see some benefits in terms of bus speeds," Higashide said of the CTA pilot. "Hopefully, they don't spend an inordinate amount of time studying a small pilot and determine quickly whether they can scale up to all-doors boarding on all routes."

In its 2018 report card on CTA bus service, the Active Transportation Alliance gave many busy routes poor marks due to congestion and slow speeds. The advocacy group's report recommended all-door boarding as one solution to the problem.

"It's really exciting," alliance spokesman Kyle Whiteheadsaid of the pilot. "There's been a decline in bus ridership and we've been making the case that a big reason why that's happening is that we haven't been doing enough to make the bus competitive with other options."

Any incremental drop in monies collected because of fare evasion will be made up for by an increase in riders because service is faster and more reliable, Whitehead said.

Transportation song quiz

■ No disrespect to the cowboy or the construction worker, but the best version of our transportation song last week was done by the Muppets, dressed as Vikings. The song was "In the Navy," originally performed by the Village People. Christine Lamut of Albany Park was first with the right answer.

■ This song was written in response to a segregation-related drowning in downstate Cairo, and became an anthem of the civil rights movement. What's the song, and who wrote it? The first reader with the right answer gets a Tribune tote bag, and glory.



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Rep. Lauren Underwood speaks at a news conference with Sen. Tammy Duckworth, right, in August.



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Underwood pins U.S. Navy veteran Ronald Gunther during a ceremony in November.

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perspective. We lost this seat because people were tired. People are tired of the same candidates and the more that we continue to run these candidates that aren't bringing new energy or aren't growing the base, the more we're going to lose," Lauf said.

Lauf, the youngest candidate in the primary, said Republicans need to counter the youthful energy of Underwood, who is 33.

"She really embodied everything that the Democrats look for in the future. And unless our party starts competing with that, bringing new people, bringing younger faces, bringing people who are going to be lions up, we're going to continue to lose," Lauf said.

Lauf cited none of her rivals by name, but her pitch appeared most directly aimed at the other state senator in the race, Jim Oberweis, 73, of Sugar Grove. Elected to the state legislature in 2013, Oberweis made unsuccessful bids for the U.S. Senate in 2002, 2004 and 2014, for governor in 2006 and the 14th Congressional District seat in 2008.

A wealthy financial adviser and owner of the family's namesake dairy, Oberweis contends his legislative tenure in Springfield helps round out the life experience needed to serve in Washington.

"I've spent my entire life starting and building businesses," Oberweis said. "I believe I'm uniquely qualified to understand what it takes to motivate entrepreneurs to provide their time, their energy, their motivation and their financial resources to start and grow businesses and create jobs and opportunities for people."

All seven candidates tout their support for Trump and his tax cuts.

"What we have to understand is the rich are the ones who produce the wealth of the country and the commerce of the country and they give people jobs. Rich man gives poor man a job. Poor man can't give a rich man a job," said Anthony Catella, a GOP precinct committeeman in St. Charles and a part-time employee at an Army surplus store.

The candidates agree that Trump shouldn't have been impeached by House Democrats. And they oppose the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare, though they offer few specific prescriptions to replace it aside from advocating the need to protect preexisting medical conditions as part of a free-market solution to health care.

"Many of the solutions, the free-market solutions, are what I would champion," said Ted Gradel, 55, of Naperville, a self-employed investor making his first bid for public office.

"Does anybody want the federal government running 20% of our economy? Do we want the bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., controlling our entire health care system? Because that will lead to a lower caliber of care, higher taxes, rationing, (longer) wait times and worse patient outcomes," he said.

Taking a similar view is James Marter, 57, a software business consultant from Oswego who pledged to join the House GOP's conservative Freedom Caucus, an offshoot of the tea

party movement.

"There's nobody on our side of the aisle, on this side of the table, or the other side that can come up with a government plan to make health care affordable. It's about the market, folks," said Marter, a former Kendall County Republican chairman who made previous unsuccessful bids for federal office in 2016 and 2018.

Lauf said there has to be a bipartisan solution on health care.

"Republicans don't have an answer. But we need to focus on coming together and getting one very quickly," she said.

Rezin warned that unless "both parties, our party," figures out a way to make health care more affordable and accessible, "the middle class will never be allowed to increase, to grow."

Through running for Congress, the candidates are quick to criticize Democratic-controlled Illinois' taxes and fees, as well as Gov. J.B. Pritzker's push for a graduated-rate income tax that would take more from higher earners.

"I'm ashamed what the state legislature and the governor have done to the state of Illinois," Oberweis said. "When I grew up, I was very proud to say I was from Illinois. Now, it's not quite as proud, quite frankly."

Though they decried high local property taxes, which are not dictated by policy from Washington, only one candidate mentioned a federal move that hurt the state — a provision of the tax cut package that capped the deduction for state and local taxes from federal income taxes.

The move disadvantaged high property-tax states such as Illinois and was one factor in the defeat of another veteran Republican in 2018, Rep. Peter Roskam of Wheaton, who played a lead role in the tax cut package despite representing several communities with high real estate taxes.

"I was not the biggest fan on the cap on state and local taxes in terms of deductions," said Jerry Evans of Wheaton, a first-time candidate who runs a music school and invests in real estate.

"Obviously there's limitations on what I would do if I was working in Congress (affecting) the state level," he said. "But I would continue to fight for fiscal responsibility in Washington."

Oberweis' campaign has the most cash in the Republican field. He raised nearly \$1.5 million in the election cycle, including \$1 million in personal loans to his campaign, and reported just over \$1 million available in cash at the start of the year.

Gradel raised more than \$838,000, including \$230,000 in personal loans and started the year with nearly \$650,000. Rezin raised almost \$463,000, including \$200,000 in personal loans, and had nearly \$330,000 to begin 2020. Lauf raised more than \$170,000 and had \$31,700 in cash on hand Jan. 1.

Marter raised \$51,255, including nearly \$15,000 in loans plus another \$3,400 in direct contributions and had \$10,248 to start the year. Evans raised \$45,442 and had more than \$18,000 in cash on Jan. 1. And Catella gave himself \$912, spent it all, and reported no money to start the year.

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REPUBLICANS

Sue Rezin

Age: 56

Occupation: Co-owner and manager of family commercial real estate firm.

Political background: Illinois state senator since 2010.

Quote: "Democrats in control under House Speaker Nancy Pelosi have self-styled themselves as 'the resistance' focusing on endless partisan investigations of the Trump administration at the expense of results for the people they were elected to serve."

Website: rezinforcongress.com



Sue Rezin

Catalina Lauf

Age: 26

Occupation: Consultant for father's technology business.

Political background: Adviser, U.S. Department of Commerce, 2018-2019.

Quote: "Today, angry voices seek to divide us by skin color, economic class and where we come from. They use envy and bitterness trying to convince us to surrender our personal freedoms for the false promise of socialism."

Website: www.catalinaforcongress.com



Catalina Lauf

Jim Oberweis

Age: 73

Occupation: Investment manager, chairman Oberweis Dairy.

Political background: Illinois state senator since 2013. Unsuccessful bids for the U.S. Senate in 2002, 2004 and 2014, governor in 2006 and the 14th Congressional District in 2008

Quote: "As a country, we must decide how many immigrants we want to accept per year and whether those should be merit based. Then we need to enforce that law. If we allow people to enter our country illegally, then we are pushing them to the head of the line for new immigrants and penalizing those who are attempting to join our country legally. That is not fair."

Website: jim2020.com



Jim Oberweis

Ted Gradel

Age: 55

Occupation: Self-employed investor.

Political background: First run for public office.

Quote: "I have spent my career in the private sector. The more I take a deeper look at the state of our country the more I see that the free market system that rewards ingenuity and work ethic is under assault. I'm running for Congress to defend our freedom and speak out against the false promise of socialism and a 'Big Government' agenda."

Website: tedgradel.com



Ted Gradel

Jerry Evans

Age: 35

Occupation: Founder and director, Jerry Evans School of Music; real estate investor.

Political background: First run for public office.

Quote: "I may not be a politician, but I think Congress desperately needs more of the business-minded and common sense problem solving that President Trump has brought to the White House."

Website: www.jerryforcongress.com



Jerry Evans

Anthony Catella

Age: 49

Occupation: Part-time employee at Army surplus store

Political background: St. Charles Republican precinct committeeman; College intern for former state Rep. Art Tenhouse of Quincy.

Quote: "I am a Republican because I believe in the principles and ideals of faith and freedom, capitalism, wise frugal limited government, maximum liberty based upon justice under law, a strong economy and a strong military defense."

Website: catellaforcongress.com



Anthony Catella

Jim Marter

Age: 57

Occupation: Software business consultant

Political background: Former Kendall County Republican chairman; defeated twice for federal office in 2016 and 2018.

Quote: "This district is a swing district now and we can take it back for America! Our race can set the tone for electing America loving patriots who will secure the border and build the wall."

Website: marter4congress.us



Jim Marter

DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT

Lauren Underwood

Age: 33

Occupation: Member of Congress, former nurse.

Political background: Senior adviser at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Obama administration, elected to House in 2016.

Quote: "In order for the economy to work for all of our families, we need a broad approach to job creation. We need to invest in small businesses; we need to stop the layoffs; we need to embrace the freelance and gig economy; we need to incentivize employers to hire out-of-work or underemployed individuals; and we need to invest in new and emerging sectors that can generate jobs for the 21st century."

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Charges in West Side barbershop shooting

BY WILLIAM LEE

An Indiana man has been charged in connection to a shooting at a popular West Side barbershop in January that wounded five people, including two young brothers.

Chicago police said two gunmen opened fire through the front window of the Gotcha Faded barbershop in the 200 block of North Pulaski Road on Jan. 16 as children played inside.

Walter Jackson, 29, of East Chicago, faces four counts of attempted first-degree murder for the shooting, police said.

At the time of the shooting, police described the scene as “horrific” in the moments after gunfire sprayed into the crowded barbershop, which is popular with local kids because of the hair designs done by the barbers.

The first officers to arrive at the barbershop picked their way through shell casings and broken glass littering the sidewalk from large bullet holes in the door and window.

Responding officers encountered as many as 10 children who ranged in age from about 2 to 16. Among the wounded were Michael Smith, 12, who was hit in the knee, and his brother Lorenzo Matthews, 11, who was hit in the abdomen, back and elbow. Three others, a 40-year-old barber, 16-year-old boy and 30-year-old man, also survived their wounds.

Police said the gunmen first walked around inside the business before leaving and firing shots. A police source said it was believed the gunmen were targeting a man in a backroom of the barbershop, but he wasn't injured.

It wasn't immediately clear what led to Jackson's arrest. Court records show he has two felony convictions and numerous arrests.



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Bartender Mick Kenna serves coffee at the bar before 10 a.m. on Sunday, while patrons watch soccer at Fado Irish Pub.

Liquor

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alcohol yet,” Sandos repeated to guests as they found an open seat. “Trust me, at 10 o'clock, I got you.”

The server, who has worked at the pub for seven years, is excited for the ordinance to take effect.

“I always feel bad because you never want to say no,” she said. “This will change people's lives in the morning. The drinks make everyone a little more energetic with football matches, there's just something satisfying about having a beer in your hand. Coffee is just not the same.”

Kenna, the bartender, said he didn't think the extra hour would make that much difference for patrons or in sales.

“I don't think it'll be that big of a change. It might be for people topping off from Saturday night, which we still have to be responsible for,” he said. “Ninety percent of the time, the 10 a.m. start time is not an issue.



As 10 a.m. hits, bartenders pour rounds of drinks for patrons watching a rugby match.

Only people from out of town really question it.”

The match between England's Manchester United and Watford started at 8 a.m. Chicago time, and despite the occasional eruption of cheers and cries of agony, Del Rio said the gathering was a bit mellow.

But bigger matches can

attract up to 150 fans, and that number could grow after the ordinance takes effect, he said.

“We're able to provide a place for people to come and cheer on our team,” Del Rio said of his group being able to watch matches at Fado. “The camaraderie and alcohol play a part in that. I'm grateful

for the ordinance because it will be nice to share a good victory pint with the lads.”

Like waiting for the ball to drop at Times Square, rugby fans watching England versus Ireland later Sunday morning filled the second-floor space to standing room only. Beer started to pour out of the

nozzle at 10 a.m. on the dot. Bartenders lined up pints of Guinness, and servers shimmied around patrons, balancing the dark beers on small black serving trays. Guinness, Irish coffees and the occasional mimosa are the most popular drinks, Sandos said.

Horacio Sanchez from Lakeview ordered a pint of Carlsberg beer right at the strike of the clock.

“The hour doesn't make much of a difference,” said Sanchez, a fan of London's Arsenal soccer team, which was playing later Sunday. “Maybe if it was a big game, but I don't have too much riding on it. It's just a beer.”

Conner Dick from Lakeview said his family is from England, and he has been an avid Manchester United fan all of his life. He said he watches his team with or without beer.

“We're just kind of hanging out together right now,” Dick said, holding a coffee before 10 a.m. “If I could, I'd order one, though.”

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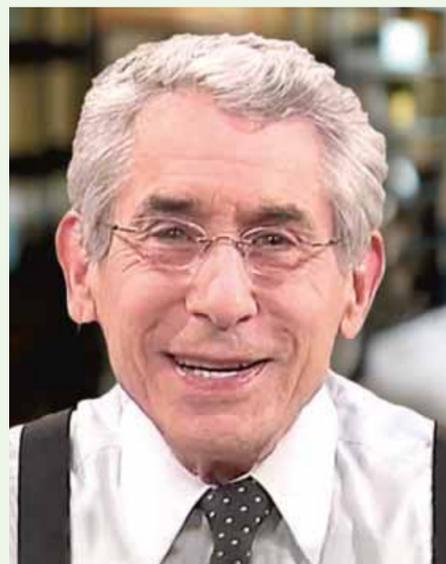
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were I think not as harmful as what Gov. Blagojevich did who are never going to receive one bit of consideration from this president," said Durkin, a former prosecutor who played a lead role in Blagojevich's impeachment.

Republicans knew they had their work cut out for them after what the party's state chairman, Tim Schneider, acknowledged was a "rough year" in 2018. The GOP lost the governorship and all other statewide offices, saw Democrats expand their stranglehold in the General Assembly and pick up two traditionally GOP U.S. House seats.

With Illinois a solidly blue state in presidential elections due to Democratic turnout in Chicago and demographic changes that have eroded the longtime GOP leanings of the suburban collar counties, there was little for Trump to gain politically in freeing Blagojevich — something the state's underdog Republicans realized.

"Blagojevich is the face of public corruption in Illinois, and not once has he shown any remorse for his clear and documented record of egregious crimes that undermined the trust placed in him by voters," said a statement released by the five Republicans in the state's congressional delegation who had previously urged Trump not to pardon Blagojevich or commute his sentence.

"As our state continues to grapple with political corruption, we shouldn't let those who breached the public trust off the hook. History will not judge Rod Blagojevich well," said the statement signed by U.S. Reps. Darin LaHood of Peoria, John Shimkus of Collinsville, Rodney Davis of Taylorville, Mike Bost of Murphysboro and Adam Kinzinger of Channahon.

After the dismal 2018 election, Republicans had hoped to capitalize on the federal corruption investigations that have ensnared



President Donald Trump talks Tuesday at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, where he announced he commuted the sentence of former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

EVAN VUCCI/AP

some of the state's most powerful Democrats.

Ald. Edward Burke, Chicago's longest serving alderman, last year pleaded not guilty to sweeping corruption charges alleging he abused his office to extort work for his law firm and other favors from companies and individuals doing business with the city.

The charges against Burke came after Ald. Daniel Solis became the center of a spiraling FBI probe at City Hall. Solis resigned after secretly wearing a wire and cooperating with federal investigators amid a probe into his alleged wrongdoing over a two-year period.

In Springfield, state Sen. Martin Sandoval of Chicago, head of the chamber's powerful Transportation Committee, resigned and pleaded guilty to a bribery charge, and agreed to cooperate with federal investigators in a burgeoning, widespread probe of public corruption involving construction, transportation and power company officials, lobbyists, gambling interests, a red-light camera company and at least three suburban mayors.

State Sen. Tom Cullerton, D-Villa Park, has pleaded not guilty to federal charges

over an allegedly no-show union job.

Former state Rep. Luis Arroyo, D-Chicago, has pleaded not guilty to a federal charge over allegedly attempting to bribe a state senator to support gambling-related legislation. Arroyo resigned his House seat after his indictment. State Sen. Terry Link, D-Vernon Hills, has been identified by a Tribune source as a cooperating witness against Arroyo, but he denies that.

Federal investigators also have sought documents involving the Republicans' chief political target, House Speaker Michael Madigan, as part of an investigation into the lobbying practices of ComEd and its parent company, Exelon. Federal authorities have raided the Downstate home of powerful former lobbyist Mike McClain, a top Springfield insider and one of Madigan's closest friends.

It all has made for a potent tableau for Republicans to paint their anti-corruption strategy to attract voters — until Trump's decision to let Blagojevich out of prison.

"I think it doesn't help the argument," said Illinois Senate Republican leader Bill Brady of Bloomington.

"We here in Illinois had to live through the tragedy of what Rod Blagojevich did, and (we) better understand the hurt and the damage he did to our reputation," he said. "That is why uniformly you saw us say that if the judicial system thought that 14 years was the right amount (of prison time), then that's the right amount."

Brady said he believed most voters would consider Trump's commutation of Blagojevich's prison time as a matter of compassion rather than a reflection of the president's views of the crimes the former governor committed.

But Trump has defended Blagojevich's actions, saying last August that Blagojevich was behind bars "over a phone call where nothing happens." He added Blagojevich "shouldn't have said what he said, but it was braggadocio."

And on Wednesday, Trump issued a tweet that included a major falsehood: "Rod Blagojevich did not sell the Senate seat. He served 8 years in prison, with many remaining. He paid a big price."

There is a lot riding on the GOP message in Illinois. In addition to looking to elect more Republicans in

November, the party is looking to use the corruption angle to fight Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker's signature agenda item — voter approval of a change in the state's constitution to impose a graduated-rate income tax to replace the currently mandated flat-rate income tax.

Their argument is that in the midst of federal investigations, Democrats cannot be trusted with a move that would give the state an additional \$3.6 billion in annual revenue.

Pritzker is cognizant of the threat the corruption argument by Republicans brings to voter consideration of the proposed amendment and has been using an anti-corruption theme of his own.

On Thursday, he noted that more than a decade after Blagojevich's impeachment, "We still have politicians in this state who are on the take. We've got to get rid of them. We've got to make sure we find them out. We've got to make sure they get prosecuted."

Democrats, for the most part, want nothing to do with a Blagojevich return to Illinois. Many, including Pritzker and Mayor Lori Lightfoot, supported Blagojevich's continued incarceration scheduled through March 2024.

But Pritzker has a Trump connection that won't go away — secret government wiretaps that were part of the federal investigation of Blagojevich that were obtained by the Tribune in the months leading up to Pritzker's November 2018 victory.

In a Nov. 14, 2008, conversation between the two discussing an Obama Senate replacement, Pritzker called Secretary of State Jesse White the "least offensive" among candidates for the job. Speaking about other options, Pritzker referred to then-state Senate President Emil Jones as "crass" and then-U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. as a "nightmare."

Following the release of the conversation by the Tribune in February 2018, Pritzker, then a candidate for governor, issued an

apology to the African American community and said, "On that call, I was not my best self. I can be better. I have been better and I can do better and I have."

On Thursday, Pritzker was again compelled to address the issue.

"There were hundreds of people who were recorded, to be clear. And let's also make sure we all understand that what happened more than 10 years ago has nothing to do with where we are today in this state," he said.

Upon his release, Blagojevich dubbed himself a "Trumpocrat" — but Brady, the Senate Republican leader, says his party wants nothing to do with him either.

He maintained ongoing news stemming from the federal investigations may overtake any need to address Trump's commutation of Blagojevich's sentence.

"I think that the prevailing issues involving illegal activities will persist as these Democrats continue to go through the court system," Brady said.

Durkin said he thinks voters will continue to ask questions about Trump and Blagojevich, especially as the ever-loquacious Blagojevich seeks public forums to voice his criticism of federal prosecutors while still proclaiming his innocence.

"When the Republican president of the United States says, 'You know what? You don't have to pay your debt to society on a case that deals with public corruption,' people in Illinois are obviously going to be confused," Durkin said.

"I also think they're going to take the position that, 'Why didn't you take this more seriously, Mr. President?'" he said. "Public corruption is something that has cast a long shadow upon state government, and to me, considering the environment that we're in, it minimizes what should be a strong statement coming out of the administration about where it stands on issues of corrupt officials."

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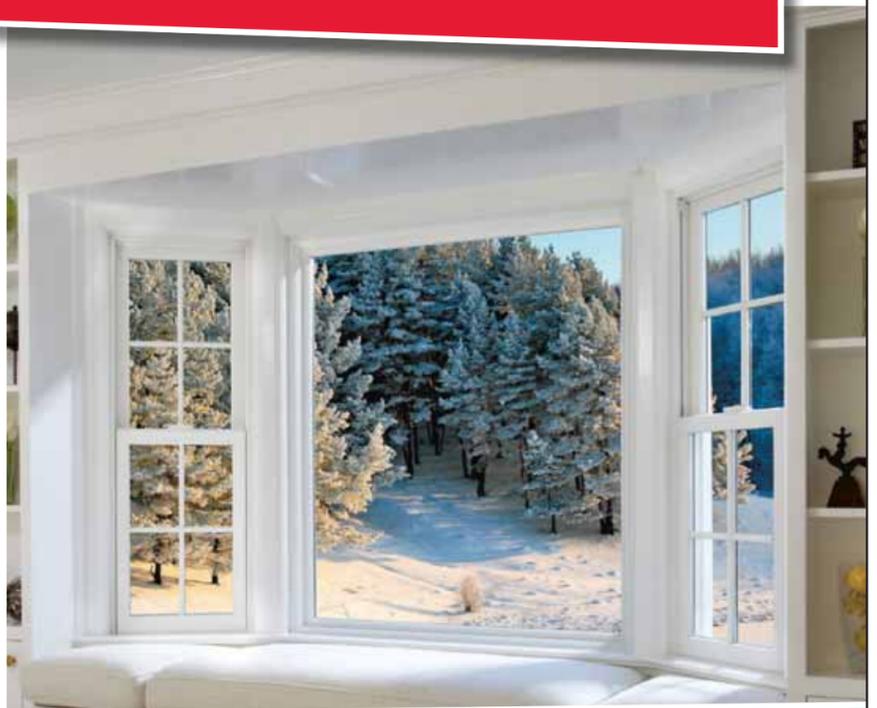
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NATION & WORLD

Voting machines face new criticism

Security, reliability of 'ballot-marking' models questioned

By FRANK BAJAK
Associated Press

Nearly 1 in 5 U.S. voters will cast ballots this year on devices that look and feel like the discredited paperless voting machines they once used, yet leave a paper record of the vote. But computer security experts are warning that these so-called ballot-marking devices still pose too much of a risk.

Ballot-marking machines were initially developed not as primary vote-casting tools but as "accessible" alternatives for the disabled. They print paper records that are scanned by optical readers that tabulate the vote.

They cost at least twice as much as hand-marked paper ballots, which computer scientists prefer because paper can't be hacked. That's an important consideration as U.S. intelligence officials warn that malicious meddling in this year's presidential contest could be worse than in 2016.

The machines have been vigorously promoted by the trio of privately held voting equipment vendors that control 88% of the U.S. market and are nearly unregulated at the federal level. They are expected to be used by about 40 million eligible voters more than in the 2018 midterm elections.

Key counties in the crucial swing states of Pennsylvania, Ohio and North Carolina, much of Texas, California's Los Angeles County and all of Georgia and Delaware have bought ballot-marking machines. So has



Steve Marcinkus of the Office of the City Commissioners shows the ExpressVote XL voting machine in Philadelphia. MATT ROURKE/AP 2019

South Carolina, which will use them in Saturday's primaries.

Some of the most popular such devices, from Election Systems & Software and Dominion Voting Systems, register votes in bar codes that the human eye can't decipher. That means skilled hackers could game bar codes while keeping voters' intended choices on the human-readable portion of the ballot printout, computer scientists have found.

ES&S claims such tampering is "a practical impossibility."

Spokeswoman Katina Granger said the company's ballot-marking machines' accuracy and security "have

been proven through thousands of hours of testing and tens of thousands of successful elections." Dominion declined to comment for this story.

Even on machines that don't use bar codes, voters may not notice if a hack or programming error mangles their choices. A University of Michigan study determined only 7% of participants in a mock election notified poll workers when the names on their printed receipts didn't match the candidates they voted for.

"There are a huge number of reasons to reject today's ballot-marking devices — except for limited use as assistive devices for

those unable to mark a paper ballot themselves," says Doug Jones, a University of Iowa election security expert.

Critics say currently available ballot-marking devices undermine the very idea of retaining a paper record. It's an idea supported by a 2018 National Academies of Sciences report that favors hand-marked ballots tallied by optical scanners, which 70% of U.S. voters used in 2016 and 2018 and will again rely on in November. It is a stance also shared by Colorado, a national leader in election security. The state is banning bar codes from ballot-marking voting machines beginning in 2021.

But some election officials see ballot-marking devices as improvements over paperless touch screens, which were used by 27% of voters in 2018. They like them because the touch screens are familiar to voters, and they can use one voting method for everyone.

Michael Anderson, elections director for Pennsylvania's Lebanon County, said "voters want it." The county offers all voters both machine- and hand-marked ballots.

"When we give them a paper ballot, the very first thing they say to us is, 'We're going back in time,'" he said.

Northampton County in eastern Pennsylvania be-

came ground zero last November in the debate over ballot-marking devices when its newly purchased ES&S ExpressVote XLs failed in two different ways.

A ballot programming error prevented votes cast for one of three candidates in a judge's race from registering in the bar codes used to count the vote. Only absentee ballot votes registered electronically for the candidate. A manual recount of the paper voting records settled the election.

The other problem: miscalibrated touch screens on about a third of the county's 320 machines.

One poll judge called the touch screens "garbage," and some voters who registered complaints in emails obtained by The Associated Press in a public records request said their votes were assigned to the wrong candidates. Others worried about future malfunctions triggering long lines.

According to state certification documents, voters require triple the amount of time on average to navigate ES&S ballot-marking machines when compared with filling out hand-marked ballots and running them through optical scanners.

ES&S blamed the Northampton County debacle on human error.

But New York state election commission co-chair, Douglas Kellner, an early critic of paperless electronic voting machines, is confident in a ballot-marking device, the ImageCast Evolution by Dominion, certified for use in his state.

He said safeguards built into the machines and security protocols make a hack of the Image Evolution "extraordinarily unlikely."

States step up funding for Planned Parenthood

Legislation seeks to cover for lack of federal funding

By SUSAN HAIGH
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Several states have begun picking up the tab for family planning services at clinics run by Planned Parenthood, which last year quit a \$260 million federal funding program over a Trump administration rule prohibiting clinics from referring women for abortions.

States including New Jersey, Massachusetts and Hawaii already are providing new funding, and Democratic governors in Connecticut and Pennsylvania have proposed carving out money in state budgets to counter the effects of the national provider's fallout with the Republican presidential administration.

The proposals have stirred political debates over abortion at the state level, with some opponents claiming it's a government endorsement of abortion and an inappropriate use of taxpayer money.

Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont earmarked \$1.2

million for Planned Parenthood in his new budget proposal. The executive director of the Connecticut Catholic Conference, Christopher Healy, criticized it as a purely political act.

"Where is the pressing need here to do this?" Healy said, arguing Planned Parenthood does not need taxpayer money. "They have the ability to raise money."

Lamont said he wants to help cover an expected shortfall for Planned Parenthood to ensure women in Connecticut have access to all the health services they need. A spokesman for Lamont said the administration doesn't want the abortion debate to stymie access to things like contraception and cervical cancer screenings.

"This is the law of the land. Here in a state like this, we believe that abortion rights are right, and we believe they ought to be affordable for folks who otherwise might not have that availability," Lamont said. "So I think it's the right thing to do."

Nationwide, about 4 million women across the U.S., many low-income and uninsured, were receiving services last year under the Title X federal program,

including STD testing, various screenings, education and wellness exams. Planned Parenthood and some other providers decided to withdraw from the program rather than comply with what Planned Parenthood calls the Trump administration's "gag order," which bars clinics that participate in Title X from referring women for abortions. The move caused a money crunch for some clinics.

Since then, some of the rejected federal funds have been replenished by state or local funds in Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Vermont, Oregon, Washington, Massachusetts, California and New York. Hawaii's current fiscal year budget sets aside \$750,000 to partly cover a \$2 million loss in Title X grant money.

In Massachusetts, Republican Gov. Charlie Baker signed legislation authorizing up to \$8 million. In California, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors last year voted to cover a \$482,000 expected shortfall for six Planned Parenthood clinics serving 36,274 patients.

And Pennsylvania's Democratic governor, Tom Wolf, has included a \$3



Washington Gov. Jay Inslee talks with state Attorney General Bob Ferguson, right, after a news conference addressing a change in rules of the Title X family planning program. ELAINE THOMPSON/AP 2019

million line item in his proposed 2020-21 budget to also help offset the funding loss for Planned Parenthood providers.

In Oregon, the lead plaintiff in a lawsuit challenging the Trump administration's rule, a spokesman for Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon said the agency has been "working closely with state officials to create critical backstops and protect access to care for all Oregonians who need it, regardless of federal action on Title X," and commended Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat, for prioritizing

funding for reproductive health services.

Abortion opponents have accused governors of providing the money to gain favor with an organization that often supports Democrats at election time.

In New Jersey, where Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy last month signed legislation that set aside \$9.5 million in state money for family planning at Planned Parenthood, New Jersey Right to Life called it a disgraceful money grab.

"The taxpayers of NJ should not be forced to fund abortion — and make no

mistake — that is what this bill will do," Marie Tasy, the group's executive director, said in a statement.

Title X regulations prohibit funds from being used for abortions, with some narrow exceptions, and the money Lamont has proposed would fund Title X services and not on abortions, according to Connecticut's Department of Public Health.

Abortion opponents in Connecticut have argued for years that state funds should not be used for abortions or abortion referrals.



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"Mad" Mike Hughes said his goal was to fly to the edge of space to determine for himself whether the world is round.

Daredevil flat-earth theorist dies in rocket crash

Associated Press

BARSTOW, Calif. — A California man who said he wanted to fly to the edge of outer space to see if the world is round died after his home-built rocket blasted off into the desert sky and plunged back to earth.

"Mad" Mike Hughes was killed on Saturday afternoon after his rocket crashed on private property near Barstow, California.

Waldo Stakes, a colleague who was at the rocket launch, said Hughes, 64, was

killed.

The Science Channel said on Twitter it had been chronicling Hughes' journey and that "thoughts & prayers go out to his family & friends during this difficult time."

A video on TMZ.com showed the rocket taking off, with what appears to be a parachute tearing off during the launch. The steam-powered rocket streaks upward, then takes around 10 seconds to fall straight back to Earth. Shrieks can be heard as the rocket plows into the desert.

Freelance journalist Justin Chapman, who was at the scene, said the rocket appeared to rub against the launch apparatus, which might have caused the mishap with the parachute.

In March 2018, Hughes propelled himself about 1,875 feet into the air. He deployed one parachute and then a second one but still had a hard landing in the Mojave Desert in California, and injured his back.

"This thing wants to kill you 10 different ways," Hughes said after that

launch.

He said in a video that his goal was to eventually fly to the edge of outer space to determine for himself whether the world is round.

"I don't want to take anyone else's word for it," he said in the video, posted on the BBC News website. "I don't know if the world is flat or round."

In another video posted on his YouTube site, Hughes said he also wanted "to convince people they can do things that are extraordinary with their lives."

Trump eager to receive warm welcome from India

Like-minded Modi offers orchestrated rally and adulation

By JILL COLVIN AND JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It was the Trumpiest of offers.

A rally at one of the world's largest stadiums. A crowd of millions cheering him on. A love fest during an election year.

President Donald Trump's packed two-day visit to India promises the kind of welcome that has eluded him on many foreign trips, some of which have featured massive protests and icy handshakes from world leaders. He is expected to receive a warm embrace from the ideologically aligned and hug-loving Prime Minister Narendra Modi, complete with a massive rally soon after his arrival Monday and then a sunset visit to the Taj Mahal.

After hosting Modi at a "Howdy Modi" rally in Houston last year that drew 50,000 people, Modi will return the favor with a "Namaste Trump" rally (it translates to, "Greetings, Trump") at the world's largest cricket stadium in the western Indian city of Ahmedabad. Tens of thousands are expected to line the streets.

Modi "told me we'll have 7 million people between the airport and the event," Trump said to reporters Tuesday, then raised the anticipated number to 10 million when he mentioned the trip during a Thursday night rally. Indian authorities expect closer to 100,000.

"I'll never be satisfied with a crowd if we have 10 million people in India," Trump said. And as he left the White House on Sunday, the upcoming spectacle was on the president's mind again: "I hear it's going to be a big event. Some people say the biggest event they've ever had in India. That's what the prime minister told me — this will be the biggest event they've ever had."

Trump's motorcade will travel amid cheers from carefully picked and screened Modi loyalists and workers from his Bharatiya Janata Party. They will stand for hours alongside the neatly manicured 14-mile stretch of road to accord Trump a grand welcome.

Trump generally dislikes foreign travel and prefers being home in his White House bed; in fact, he noted to reporters upon his departure from the White House that it was a long trip to India and that he was only going to be there one night. But he has a particular



Drivers on Sunday ride on a decorated bridge in Ahmedabad, India, that President Trump is expected to cross during his visit this week.

affinity for India. He owned a hotel and casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey, named the Trump Taj Mahal, and he owns multiple properties in India.

"There's a lot of color. This is a loud and boisterous country, and that exactly in some ways really fits with the Trump style," said Tanvi Madan, a senior fellow and director of The India Project at the Brookings Institution. She said Trump is likely to get a king's welcome from a

country well-rehearsed in the art of adulation. A half-million people gathered to hear President Dwight D. Eisenhower speak in 1959; former President Jimmy Carter had a village named after him — Carterpuri.

India has spent weeks making preparations for the visit. At a cost of almost \$14 million, the government is blanketing the city with ads of Trump and Modi and hastily erected a 1,640-foot brick wall beside the road Trump will take to the

stadium, which officials are rushing to finish in time for Trump's arrival. Critics say the wall was built to block the view of a slum inhabited by more than 2,000 people. Stray dogs have been caught and exotic trees planted.

Presidents have often used trips overseas to bolster their electoral prospects. Images of American presidents being feted on the world stage stand in contrast to those of their rivals in the opposing party

slugging through diners in early-voting states and clashing in debate.

This trip, in particular, reflects a Trump campaign strategy to showcase him looking presidential during short, carefully managed trips that provide counter-programming to the Democrats' primary contest and produce the kinds of visuals his campaign can use in future ads. His aides also believe the visit could help the president woo tens of thousands of Indian American voters before the November election.

Beyond the optics, there are serious issues to address as India faces a slumping economy and ongoing protests over a citizenship law that excludes Muslims.

Trade tensions between the two countries have escalated since the Trump administration imposed tariffs on steel and aluminum from India. India responded with higher penalties on agricultural goods and restrictions on U.S. medical devices. The U.S. retaliated by removing India from a decades-old preferential trade program.

Though trade will be on the agenda, Trump and administration officials are downplaying expectations.

"Well, we can have a trade deal with India, but I'm really saving the big deal for later on," the president said.



Joe Biden greets supporters during a presidential primary campaign event at a union local on Saturday, the day of Nevada caucus voting in Las Vegas.

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Latino voters. The latter was a new factor in Nevada after two heavily white opening states, Iowa and New Hampshire, and particularly important as the race expands to big and diverse states on Super Tuesday with large Latino populations, none more significant than California and Texas.

Sanders has now won the most votes in each of the first three states. (Buttigieg appears to have edged him in delegates in the still-disputed Iowa results) and has more momentum than all his rivals and more money than everyone besides the two self-funding billionaires, Tom Steyer and Bloomberg.

It was no accident that Sanders spent much of the day before the Nevada caucuses in California and had two rallies in Texas on Saturday. The campaign is looking ahead to Super Tuesday, March 3, as the day he breaks away from the rest of the Democratic field.

The field isn't shrinking

Not long after the first results began rolling in, a super PAC supporting Buttigieg announced it was

buying TV ads in Super Tuesday states. Biden's campaign manager declared that "the Biden comeback" had just begun. Sen. Amy Klobuchar dropped from her New Hampshire showing yet claimed to have "exceeded expectations." And Warren's campaign manager said her performance at last week's debate would prove more important than the actual election.

Translation: No one is about to quit this race.

Biden's best finish is second

The Biden case for the nomination has been straightforward: He's the guy to beat President Donald Trump. Yet for the third time in three races, Biden did not win. He did improve from his bad fourth-place finish in Iowa and his disastrous fifth place in New Hampshire (as of late Saturday both Buttigieg and Biden were claiming second as Nevada sloooowly processed results).

But throughout February, Biden had said that his fortunes would be reversed now that more diverse states were voting. Except it was Sanders who soundly defeated Biden among Latino voters, according to entrance polls, while Biden's lead among African Americans — his strongest base — continued

to shrink to 12 percentage points.

"Y'all did it for me. Y'all did it," Biden nonetheless told his supporters in Las Vegas.

Buttigieg wants to be anti-Bernie

Of all the victory and concession speeches on Saturday, Buttigieg's was the most revealing. He used the big platform not just to make the case for himself but to slash at Sanders, whom he accused of pushing an "inflexible, ideological revolution that leaves out most Democrats, not to mention most Americans."

Going forward, the problem is that Buttigieg's early successes in Iowa, New Hampshire and, to a lesser extent, Nevada, have not yet lifted him nationally.

Warren doesn't get Nevada bump

If Wednesday's debate performance was going to turn Warren's political fortunes, it did not do so fast enough for the Nevada caucuses.

The results delivered another round of frustration for a candidate who fell below expectations in both Iowa and New Hampshire.

"We believe the Nevada debate will have more impact on the structure of the race," campaign manager Roger Lau wrote on Twitter.

President says he wasn't told Russia was helping Sanders

By DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Sunday that he has never been briefed about Russian efforts to help Bernie Sanders win the Democratic presidential nomination, and he accused the Democratic chairman of the House Intelligence Committee of leaking election security information from a classified briefing.

Sanders acknowledged on Friday that he was briefed last month by U.S. officials about Russian efforts to boost his chances to be the nominee against Trump in November.

"I read where Russia is helping Bernie Sanders," Trump told reporters before leaving on a trip to India. "Nobody said it to me."

He accused Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the committee chairman who played a lead role in Trump's impeachment, of leaking information from a classified briefing.

"Schiff and his group, they leaked it to the papers and as usual," Trump said. "They ought to investigate Adam Schiff for leaking that information."

Schiff said Trump's accusation was false.

"Nice deflection, Mr. President. But your false claims fool no one," Schiff tweeted. "You welcomed Russian help in 2016, tried to coerce Ukraine's help in 2019, and won't protect our elections in 2020."

A nearly two-year investigation led by special counsel Robert Mueller concluded there was a sophisticated, Kremlin-led operation to sow division in the U.S. and upend the 2016 election by using cyberattacks and social media as weapons. Intelligence officials have warned Russia is doing the same in 2020.

Trump, however, has remained skeptical about the Russian interference.



President Trump gestures toward the press prior to leaving on Sunday for a two-day trip to India.

Asked why Trump recently called Russian interference in the election "another misinformation campaign" that is being "launched by Democrats in Congress," Marc Short, chief of staff for Vice President Mike Pence, defended the president.

Short told NBC's "Meet the Press" that Trump does want to stop foreign interference in the elections. Short also said Trump wants to have a briefing at the White House in the next couple of weeks so "we can tell the American people how we're making sure that our voting is safer."

Conflicting accounts emerged from the recent closed-door briefing that election security officials gave to the House committee about interference by Russia and other nations in the 2020 campaign.

One intelligence official said lawmakers were not told that Russia was working to directly aid Trump. But other people familiar with the meeting said they were told the Kremlin was looking to help Trump's candidacy. The people spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the classified briefing.

It's unclear whether the committee members were also briefed about Russian efforts to boost Sanders — a move that could be seen as beneficial to Trump's re-

election bid.

"I think what it could be is, you know, the Democrats are treating Bernie Sanders very unfairly and it sounds to me like a leak from Adam Schiff because they don't want Bernie Sanders to represent them," Trump told reporters on the South Lawn.

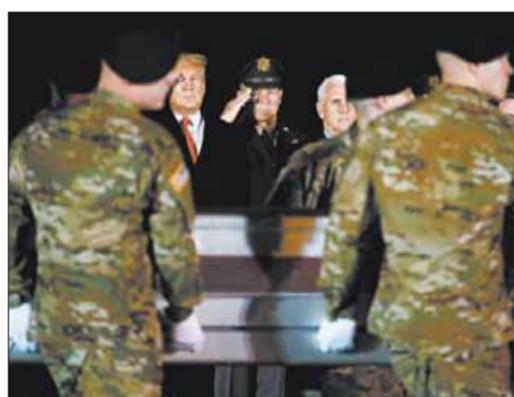
Trump's national security adviser said Russia probably would favor Sanders.

"They'd probably like him to be president, understandably, because he wants to spend money on social programs and probably would have to take it out of the military," Robert O'Brien told CBS' "Face the Nation."

O'Brien said he had not seen any intelligence or analyses indicating that Russia was aiding Trump and neither had top leaders in the intelligence agencies.

"The national security adviser gets pretty good access to our intelligence," O'Brien told ABC's "This Week."

"All I know is that the Republicans on the side of the House hearing were unhappy with the hearing and said that there was no intelligence to back up what was being said," O'Brien said. "But here's the deal: I don't even know if what's been reported as being said (by the briefers) is true. You know those are leaks coming out of that hearing."



President Trump, left, and Vice President Pence observe the transfer of remains of soldiers killed in Afghanistan.

Trump optimistic on US-Taliban peace deal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Sunday he's ready to sign a peace deal with the Taliban in Afghanistan if a temporary truce holds in America's longest war.

"They want to stop. You know, they've been fighting a long time. They're tough people. We're tough people," Trump said as he left the White House for a trip to India. "But after 19 years, that's a long time."

The two sides earlier this

month announced the truce, which took effect last Friday and set the stage for a broader deal aimed at ending 18 years of war in Afghanistan and bringing U.S. troops home.

If the truce proves a success, it will be followed by the signing of the peace accord on Saturday, wrapping up the United States' longest-running conflict and fulfilling one of Trump's chief campaign promises.

"We think they want to make a deal. We want to

make a deal. I think it's going to work out. We'll see," Trump said.

For the Taliban, the successful completion of the truce and Afghanistan peace talks would give the militants a shot at international legitimacy, which they lacked at the time they ran the country and gave Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida associates safe haven.

U.S. officials have noted the possibility that "spoilers" uninterested in peace talks could disrupt the

truce. Determining who is responsible for potential attacks during the seven days will therefore be critical.

On Sunday, Trump expressed cautious optimism.

"You know we have a certain period of nonviolence. It's been holding up, it's a day and a half so we'll see what happens. But people want to make a deal, and I think the Taliban wants to make a deal too, they're tired of fighting."

There are more than 12,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

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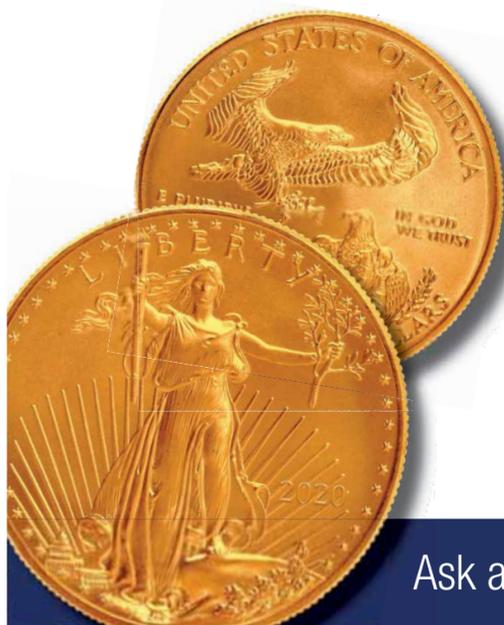
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Steyer may give Sanders a boost in crucial state

Billionaire could help propel rival to victory in SC

By MEG KINNARD
Associated Press

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Billionaires are the consistent villains in Bernie Sanders' campaign narrative. He rails against what he perceives as the undue influence their wealth wields and how that contributes to the yawning inequalities of American life.

His criticisms are unsparring, and his most recent target is Mike Bloomberg, a rival for the Democratic presidential nomination and one of the world's richest people.

But another billionaire in the race, Tom Steyer, has largely escaped Sanders' wrath. And perhaps with good reason: It could well be Steyer who helps propel Sanders to success in the crucial state of South Carolina.

Steyer's aggressive courtship of black voters in the state, coupled with tens of millions of dollars in advertising, has put him in a surprisingly strong position that could siphon support from former Vice President Joe Biden. That would create a lane for Sanders that

undercuts Biden's case that South Carolina will be his electoral firewall.

Over the past few weeks, Steyer has largely had South Carolina to himself, as the most of the other candidates focused on New Hampshire and Nevada. Most of the field, including Biden and Sanders, attended a march and rally in Columbia on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Sanders hasn't returned since, and Biden made a brief, last-minute stop the night of the New Hampshire primary.

Early polls showed Biden with a commanding lead in South Carolina, particularly among the black voters who make up as much as two-thirds of its Democratic electorate. Biden also has compiled the most endorsements from black lawmakers and other officials.

Michael Bailey, a spokesman for the Democratic Black Caucus of South Carolina, said Biden's stout presence may have led some campaigns to think they had no path to victory in the state.

"A lot of the other candidates assumed that Biden had it wrapped up, so we're not going to put our resources there. We're going to battle in other states and try to make up," Bailey said.

But Sanders has had a

presence in the state since his previous campaign in 2016: an existing infrastructure from Our Revolution, a super PAC that supports him, providing a ready-made organization.

Since launching his 2020 bid, Sanders has held campaign events in rarely visited, lower-income communities and, as many candidates have done, spoken in black churches on Sundays.

"What I've come to understand is that he's someone who fights social injustice," said state Rep. Ivory Thigpen, an African American legislator who is backing Sanders. "And fighting for social injustices is in the DNA of African Americans. My mama said a long time ago, 'real' crosses all barriers."

Sanders is also getting help from an unexpected source: Republicans. Last month, a group of GOP leaders from South Carolina's upstate region announced a push to encourage fellow Republicans to cross over and support Sanders in the Democratic primary. It was an effort to boost the candidate they see as the weakest general election matchup with President Donald Trump.

But Sanders' biggest help may be Steyer's money. He has spent more than \$60



MEG KINNARD/AP

Billionaire Tom Steyer has largely escaped Sen. Bernie Sanders' wrath in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. And perhaps with good reason.

million on ads in the state and has doled out more than \$300,000 to support Democratic Parties at the state and county levels, according to his campaign, and has also forged inroads particularly in the black community.

On Monday, a fifth member of the Legislative Black Caucus officially endorsed Steyer. Two others, including the caucus chair, are on his campaign's payroll as senior advisers.

Some of that support, said one longtime state lawmaker, can be seen as cutting into Biden's appeal to moderate black voters, a move that could be making

room for Sanders' more progressive backers.

"I think that he's creating space for others and narrowing the lane," said state Sen. Gerald Malloy, an unaffiliated member of South Carolina's Legislative Black Caucus. "Tom Steyer has the willingness to reach out to minority voters in ways that other candidates can't or haven't."

For Bailey, Steyer's candidacy was garnering more support than just from disaffected Biden supporters.

"I don't think it's just that he's taking votes away from the vice president — he's taking votes from everybody, and he's bringing new

voters to the polls," he said.

Some of Steyer's efforts have been unconventional. His wife, Kat Taylor, recently rented a home in Columbia, where she has hosted several open houses and plans to use it as an East Coast base of operations as long as her husband is in the presidential race.

"I've said from the beginning, if you want to be a Democratic candidate for president, you've got to appeal to everybody across the country, and you've got to appeal to the diverse Democratic Party coalition," Steyer said after a campaign block party earlier this month.

S. Korea: 'Unprecedented' steps necessary to fight virus

By HYUNG-JIN KIM
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's president said Sunday that he was putting his country on its highest alert for infectious diseases and ordered officials to take "unprecedented, powerful" steps to fight a soaring viral outbreak that has infected more than 600 people in the country, mostly in the last few days.

China also reported hundreds of more infections for a total of more than 77,000, and Iran raised its death toll from the virus to eight — the highest toll outside of China. While the number of patients worldwide is increasing, some virus clusters have shown no link to China and experts are struggling to trace where those clusters started.

The Iranian health ministry said there were 43

confirmed cases in Iran, which did not report its first case of the virus until Wednesday.

Warning that China's virus epidemic is "still grim and complex," President Xi Jinping called for more efforts to stop the outbreak, revive industry and prevent the disease from disrupting spring planting of crops.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in said his government had decided to

increase its anti-virus alert level by one notch to "Red," the highest level. The step was last taken in 2009 to guard against a novel influenza outbreak that killed more than 260 people in South Korea.

Under the highest alert level, authorities can order the temporary closure of schools and reduce the operation of public transportation and flights to and from South Korea.

Moon's education minister, Yoo Eun-hae, said later Sunday that the new school year for kindergartens, elementary, middle and high schools in South Korea has been put off until March 9.

Moon said that the outbreak "has reached a crucial watershed," and that the next few days will be "critical." "We shouldn't be bound by regulations and hesitate to take unprecedented, powerful measures,"

he said.

Early Monday, South Korea reported 161 more cases of the new virus, bringing its total to 763. The country didn't report any new deaths, leaving its total at six.

Also on Monday, mainland China reported 409 new infections caused by the virus and 150 new deaths.

In all, 2,592 people have died in the country from COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus.



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Chicago Tribune Publisher and Editor-in-Chief Bruce Dold will lead a discussion on empowering Chicago's at-risk youth. The program will be followed by a reception for the speakers and audience. Panelists include:

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- > **Sandra Abrevaya**, President and Chief Impact Officer, Thrive Chicago
- > **Alex Kotlowitz**, author, *An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago*
- > **Tom Gilardi**, Vice President of Youth Programs, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls
- > **Marcelo Sanchez**, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls alum

NEWS BRIEFING

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Cuomo: NY Jewish center evacuated amid threats in US

ALBANY, N.Y. — The Albany Jewish Community Center was evacuated and searched Sunday morning after it and several other centers around the country received anonymous emails with vague threats that mentioned a bomb, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said.

Cuomo went to the Albany center after police evacuated about 100 people, searched the building with dogs and declared it safe.

Similar vague threats were emailed to about 18 Jewish Community Centers around the country, according to Cuomo's office. The centers provide educational, fitness and social programs for children and adults. Cuomo's office had no further details about the nature of the threats nor whether police searched other locations.

Cuomo said the FBI is investigating where the threats originated.

Hanukkah attack hero declines \$20K reward over Zionism

WEST NYACK, N.Y. — An Orthodox Jewish man credited as a hero for attacking a knife-wielding man who stabbed five people during a Hanukkah celebration north of New York City is refusing to take a \$20,000 reward from established Jewish groups because he considers them Zionists, according to a rabbi who knows him.

Officials with the Jewish Federation and the

Anti-Defamation League told The Journal News that they were caught off guard by Josef Gluck's decision to turn down the reward, the newspaper reported Friday.

"The reward would have been for anybody who offered information that would lead to an arrest," said Miriam Allenson, spokeswoman for the Jewish Federation & Foundation of Rockland County.

Man drives Jeep off 6-story roof of Los Angeles-area garage

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — A man drove his Jeep off the sixth floor of a Los Angeles-area parking garage early Sunday and was taken to a hospital in critical condition, authorities said.

When officers arrived shortly after midnight, they found the destroyed vehicle up against a McDonald's restaurant across the street from the garage in Santa Monica, police said.

They said the 20-year-old driver, who was not immediately identified, was conscious and speaking with officers when they arrived.

Firefighters extricated him from the wreckage and took him to a trauma center, the Santa Monica Fire Department said.

Two passengers inside the Jeep were able to jump out before it went off the roof, the Los Angeles Times reported.



ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/AP

Russian Communist Party supporters carry a banner reading "Free Russia from Putinism coronavirus!" and opposition movement flags during a rally in Moscow on Sunday marking the Defenders of the Fatherland Day.

Palestinian rockets strike Israel after clash at Gaza border

JERUSALEM — Palestinian militants fired about 20 rockets toward southern Israel on Sunday evening, the Israeli military said, hours after Israel said it killed a Palestinian militant who tried to place a bomb along the Israel-Gaza barrier fence.

There was no immediate claim for the rocket fire, but it appeared to be meant to avenge the death of the militant.

Palestinians were furious over the image of the man's lifeless body dangling off the front of an Israeli bulldozer that had crossed into Gaza to re-

trieve it. There was also criticism in Gaza of the territory's Hamas rulers for not responding.

The Israeli military reported air raid sirens throughout southern Israel, and said at least 20 rockets had been fired.

There were no reports of damage or injuries on the Israeli side, but it was the heaviest barrage of rockets from the Gaza Strip in several months.

Air raid sirens continued into the evening. Israel's Home Front Command ordered the suspension of classes in Israeli schools in southern Israeli communi-

ties near the Gaza Strip on Monday and prohibited large gatherings.

In response, the Israeli military said aircraft struck Islamic Jihad operatives "preparing to launch rockets from the northern Gaza Strip at Israeli territory" Sunday night.

The Gaza health ministry reported that four Palestinians were treated at the Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City for wounds caused by the Israeli strikes.

Israel and the Islamic Jihad group engaged in a heavy round of fighting last November.

Israel hits Islamic Jihad targets in Syrian capital

DAMASCUS, Syria — Israel struck multiple targets near the Syrian capital late Sunday, triggering anti-aircraft fire from the country's air defenses that shook Damascus. It was the latest attack by Israel on the war-ravaged country.

A Syrian military statement reported an Israeli

attack near Damascus International Airport and said its air defenses confronted Israeli rockets coming from the direction of the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights.

In a rare acknowledgment of operations in neighboring Syria, Israel said its warplanes attacked

targets of the Palestinian militant Islamic Jihad group south of Damascus in addition to sites in the Gaza Strip.

It said the sites attacked were used for "research and development of armaments" that are manufactured in Syria and the Gaza Strip.

Iraqi officials: 1 protester shot dead in fresh violence

BAGHDAD — One protester was shot dead and at least six wounded in renewed violence between anti-government demonstrators and security forces in central Baghdad on Sunday, Iraqi officials said.

One protester was killed in Baghdad's central Khilani Square on Sunday evening and at least six were wounded when security forces fired live rounds to disperse crowds, Iraqi security and medical officials said. The clashes occurred near the Sinak bridge, which was recently reopened by security forces after protesters had blocked access for months.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

Protesters continue to occupy central Tahrir square and adjacent Jumhuriyah bridge, which leads to the fortified Green Zone, the seat of Iraq's government.

In Haiti: Haitian police officers exchanged gunfire for hours Sunday with soldiers of the newly reconstituted army outside the national palace, in a dangerous escalation of protests over police pay and working conditions.

At least three police officers were wounded, fellow officers said. The army's high command said in an online statement that a soldier had been wounded by a bullet in the back.

AP journalists saw dozens of men who said they were off-duty officers march with hundreds of supporters toward the palace, demanding better pay for Haitian law-enforcement officers.

The protest stopped outside the army headquarters, which faces the palace.



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EDITORIALS

For clerk of Cook courts: Boykin to replace Brown

Vote for the candidate who helped
 repeal the notorious soda tax

The good news is that, in November, voters will elect a new clerk of Cook County Circuit Court. The bad news is that the new clerk inherits county government's most toxic Superfund site — a mismanaged wasteland of obsolete practices and occasional scandals. One failure among many in this office: current Clerk Dorothy Brown's 20-year inability to do what she pledged in her Chicago Tribune candidate questionnaire for the March 21, 2000, Illinois primary: "I will make certain that the Clerk's office keeps pace with upgrades in technical equipment and I will make certain that the employees of the Clerk's office receive continuing education in operating and maintaining the office's information management system." Ask any attorney who practices in the county courts how badly the clerk's little house of recordkeeping horrors cripples the flow of cases.

We cite the extent of this wreckage to demonstrate how crucial it is that Democratic voters in the March 17 primary look past tribal politics and nominate a change agent. Four Democrats are running. Any of them would bring improvement.

That said, we can't endorse Michael Cabonargi, the preferred candidate of a Democratic Party establishment run by Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. Cabonargi's name will be on Democratic palm cards, so he's likely to win if voters don't think for themselves.

Cabonargi holds one of three seats on the county's crucial if obscure Board of Review. On Cabonargi's watch, the Board of Review members joined then-county Assessor Joe Berrios in refusing to cooperate with investigations by county Inspector General Patrick Blanchard's office. We wrote in 2016 that this brushoff of inquiries by Cabonargi & Co. essentially froze, for several years, Blanchard's ability to follow up on complaints aimed at these officials and offices. Maddening.

The Democrat best equipped to fix the clerk's office and energize its more than



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1,400 employees is **Richard Boykin**. He's an attorney who, during a term on the Cook County Board, displayed an independent streak that annoyed several other Dems. We lauded his vocal opposition in 2017 to the

notorious soda tax that Preckwinkle championed and that — after a tax revolt by citizens — Boykin and other commissioners repealed.

One moment we won't forget: Boykin's

taxpayers-first comment as the County Board weighed a budget balanced not with the soda tax, but with spending cuts: "At the end of the day, what you have here is, I think, a realization that ... we didn't need the sweetened beverage tax revenue. What you have here is a tightening of the belt and a scalpel approach that doesn't devastate our operations of county government, but instead allows us to maintain high-quality services as it relates to public health and public safety. And that's the mission of the county."

Another moment we won't forget: Boykin's cheeky suggestion in 2015 that Preckwinkle reduce her claimed need for more tax revenue by cutting employee raises in her office.

These moments of defiance help explain why Boykin no longer is on the County Board.

Last month, while debating his opponents before the Tribune Editorial Board, Boykin said he expects that modernizing the clerk's office will reduce the vast head count. That would be bad news for some precinct captains, good news for taxpayers.

The other two candidates in this race, state Sen. Iris Martinez and attorney Jacob Meister, impressed us with their passion for bringing the clerk's office into the 21st century.

We admire Martinez for taking on Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan; she says Democratic representatives need "protection" from Madigan, whose control of campaign coffers flush with donations gives him the power to end lawmakers' careers. We endorsed Meister for court clerk four years ago; his three decades of practicing law in Cook County have taught him how broken the clerk's office is.

But our endorsement this year goes to the candidate who has a proven record of bucking the County Building establishment on behalf of taxpayers. Boykin not only calls himself "unbossed and unafraid," he's lived those words. Boykin is endorsed.

Rashid for Cook Board of Review

Even the name — Cook County Board of Review — is opaque. Review *what*? The quick answer: Review appeals of property assessments so that local property taxes are levied fairly.

But for attorneys who know how to game the county's system for valuing real estate, the Board of Review can be a valuable ally. When the three-member board reduces a property's assessed valuation, that reduction in one owner's tax burden gets redistributed via higher taxes on everyone else's properties. Too often, lawyers who contribute to the campaigns of these board members have won big assessment reductions for their clients. What a coincidence.

In the March 17 primary election, two Democrats are competing for the chance to challenge Board of Review incumbent Republican Dan Patlak in November's

general election. Whom to endorse? The best reason for us to support **Abdelmasser Rashid** for this nomination also is the reason that gives us pause. Here's how we puzzled out our decision:

Voters in 2018 installed a new county assessor, Fritz Kaegi, to begin overhauling Cook County's grievously unfair system for valuing properties. Among the injustices exposed by a Chicago Tribune investigation: Assessment breaks for affluent homeowners long had shifted an inordinate share of the tax burden to poorer communities.

And Rashid, who now seeks to adjudicate appeals of Kaegi's assessments, previously worked as Kaegi's chief policy officer. Rashid says he resigned from Kaegi's office to run for Board of Review. Rashid previously had served as policy director and deputy chief of staff for former county clerk David Orr.

So we can endorse the candidate who has helped shape reforms of a broken assessment system, or we can reject him because he'd be evaluating his previous boss' work.

Rashid is open about, and proud of, his leadership posts in two county offices. We concluded that if he winds up on the Board of Review and blindly rubber-stamps whatever assessments Kaegi's office calculates, Rashid will squander his good reputation. That seems unlikely. No one would be more conscious than Rashid that he'd be scrutinized.

His opponent, Tammy Wendt, is an attorney who says she has extensive experience handling property tax appeals. Wendt opened her response to the Tribune Editorial Board's candidate questionnaire by highlighting Rashid's potential conflict of interest. Fair enough. But her claim that



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Rashid's employment history is "the most glaring reason" for nominating her, not him, doesn't persuade us.

We'll go with the candidate who is likelier to be most current with efforts to fix Cook County's assessment system. Rashid is endorsed.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

For most of the century since Ireland gained independence from Britain, control of the country has alternated between two parties. On Feb. 8 that duopoly was smashed apart, when Sinn Fein got the largest share of first-preference votes in the republic's general election. The party, with links to the Irish Republican Army, which bombed and shot its way through the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s, won with a left-wing platform that included promises to spend more on health and housing. Yet it did not hide its desire for something a lot more ambitious. "Our core political objective," its manifesto read, "is to achieve Irish Unity and the referendum on Unity which is the means to secure this." ...

Sinn Fein's success at the election is just the latest reason to think that a united Ireland within a decade or so is a real — and growing — possibility. That prospect means something far beyond the island of Ireland. The Irish diaspora includes more than 20 million Americans. Parties to ethnic conflicts across the world have long found common cause with Northern Ireland's Roman Catholics, who contend that the separation from the south is an illegitimate vestige of 500 years of incompetent and often callous domination from London.

Ireland, source of pubs, poets, playwrights and too many Eurovision songs for anyone's good, has soft power to rival a country many times its size. Until today, however, unification has never been more than a Republican fantasy.

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Mark Anthony, a supporter of President Donald Trump, shows off his shirt as he waits to enter a Trump campaign rally on Friday in Las Vegas.

Living in President Trump's post-integrity America



LEONARD PITTS

Back during the scandal over his sexual exploitation of a young intern, Bill Clinton was pilloried in this space for his moral defects.

To which many liberals responded with derision. Morality? What did that matter? The economy was good, we were at peace and Clinton was hardly the first man to fool around and lie about it. As one reader put it, he was hired to be a president, not a pope.

At the time, that felt like a rationalization. A generation later, it feels like a portent. Indeed, it is often said that we are living now in Post-Fact America. But truth is, we are also living in Post-Integrity America.

No, that's not breaking news. But it's been brought into painfully clear focus these last few days.

One watched — not with surprise

anymore, the capacity for that being long lost, but surely with dread and fascination — as Donald Trump launched his post-impeachment purge of aides deemed insufficiently sycophantic. But that was just a prelude.

Last week, he pardoned or commuted the sentences of 11 people, most of them guilty of lying, fraud, corruption, tax evasion and similar crimes. In other words, the kinds of things of which Trump has often been accused.

The power to soften or wipe away criminal convictions is one of the nicer perks of the presidency, allowing compassion to be shown to those who deserve it. And in fairness, several of those who benefited last week seem to meet that standard. Crystal Munoz, for instance, had been sentenced to almost 20 years for dealing pot.

But it is worth noting that every person Trump pardoned or gave clemency came to his attention not through the normal machinery of government, but through inside connections or else, as The New York Times noted, "were promoted on Fox News." Some were championed by aides and allies. Some

had donated big money to his campaign. And again, most had breached the public trust.

Like former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who had served eight years of a 14-year sentence for trying to sell Barack Obama's vacated Senate seat. Trump, who has opined how unfair it is that U.S. companies are not allowed to pay bribes to do business overseas, had called that sentence "ridiculous."

It's no great leap to suggest that he sees himself in Blagojevich. Or in former New York police Commissioner Bernard Kerik, and financier Michael Milken, whom he pardoned for tax fraud and securities fraud, respectively. If granting clemency and pardons opens a window upon a president's moral priorities — and it does — the view offered here suggests an unfortunate affinity for scammers and grifters, an empathy for those on the make, cutting deals, cutting corners, living the dream, until they got caught up by pesky rules designed to enforce integrity. And if those same people happened to give him money or had their names whispered into his ear by

a friend, so much the better.

That's not how this is supposed to work. And that it is working this way right out in the open, before our very eyes, suggests — no, screams — Trump's imperviousness to any sense of ethical affront.

During Clinton's scandal, it was argued in this space that a president stamps himself upon an era "not simply by legislative accomplishment, but also by dint of personal authority and moral suasion."

Trump disproves that. He has stamped himself upon this era while ignoring the very idea of personal authority or moral suasion — and daring us to care. But we had better. By his lack of personal character, Trump threatens our national character. And he stamps this era with the signature lesson of his life:

Once you give up integrity, it's easy to give up everything else.

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A boy's 'Chicago tattoo' becomes a springboard to dreams realized

BY STEPHEN J. LYONS

After watching the pregame festivities at this year's NBA All-Star game in Chicago, I gave in to what I had denied ever since I left home at the know-nothing age of 17.

I was molded by the greatest city in America.

Circling a model of the city in the Chicago Legends video were city luminaries such as former President Barack Obama, who admitted that "Chicago made me a man."

There were cameos from Chance the Rapper, Buddy Guy, Common, Kiki Palmer and many more people who have defined Chicago and given back so much to the city.

Later, in the pregame introduction ceremony, Common narrated an inspirational history of Chicago that included everyone from the city's first settler, Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, to Black Panther activist Fred Hampton to Dwyane Wade, Derrick Rose, Chaka Khan and Michael Jordan.

"If this city could talk," Common rapped, "it would say, hey man, you're from Chicago."

But what moved me to tears was the young boy featured throughout Common's performance, a young boy who could have been me so long ago, shooting baskets in the alleys of Hyde Park

and later West Rogers Park, imagining that the entire balance of the Bulls' season hung in one of my perfect jump shots.

Although my winning shot percentage was closer to a weak infielder's batting average than the shooting percentage of say, Chet "The Jet" Walker, I remained a legend in my own mind. Hey, a boy can dream big, right?

My whole childhood revolved around basketball, a necessary escape from the hot, cramped apartments where Mom raised me. Life and its subsequent lessons all held court in the neighborhood alleys of Chicago. In addition to basketball, we played baseball in vacant lots, kick-the-can and hide-and-go-seek in the passageways between the three-story apartment buildings.

For some unknown reason we were always on the move. In the 17 years of living in Chicago, I lived in at least eight apartments. Given my increasingly disintegrating memory there might have been more. However, I do remember one horrible moment when we moved on a Sunday and the movers would not take the refrigerator off the van until Mom came up with the payment: in cash.

Now when I visit those neighborhoods I see that the places we once lived still exist. I stand out-

side those buildings and imagine all the subsequent families — especially those Chicago kids — who have lived there before and after Mom and me. Like me, those boys and girls are filled with more hopes and dreams than those small rooms can ever hold.

Forget shooting a basketball for a moment. I knew I wasn't ever going to be a Chicago Bull or a White Sox. But I knew I could be somebody. What did Chicago have to do with that vision?

Well, how about everything?

Chicago pushed a shy, insecure kid from a broken family forward into the world. Life in this city is not easy. You have to compete. This city will knock you down, but this city will help you up. You will meet people who will try to hurt you. But on the next block you will meet people who will give you the chance to prove yourself. You will be deflated by the politics and by the sheer unfairness of the arrogant haves who can afford all those shiny objects you covet. But that will only make you double your efforts to succeed. And in the end, you will show them all. You will show them that you, too, have a worth that can't be put under lights in a display window.

I am an example that you can be more than you ever imagined. That you can survive the punks, the poverty and the punishing



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Children play basketball at dusk in Altgeld Park in 2017 in Chicago.

weather. That you can look at a Lake Michigan sunrise and, because you cannot see the other side, dream big because there is nothing to stop you.

To me, nostalgia is a loser's game. It can elevate the past, devalue the present and negate an even better future. But at the age of 60-something, my rearview mirror grows larger with each passing year.

I have the scars and scrapes on my body from the ups and downs of life, but part of me is still that hopeful, dreamy kid shooting baskets on a summer night in a Chicago alley.

The last time it snowed here in downstate Illinois I thought back to all those rides on CTA buses in

winter time. The windows were fogged over, we were all packed in tight for warmth next to each other — brown, black and white — and we were returning home to our apartments, to the people who loved us. I have lived in eight states, and to this day I have never experienced that same sense of belonging as I did on those buses.

In the NBA All-Star pregame video Jordan put it best when he said that Chicago "is like a tattoo. It's not removable." I wear it proudly. Right above my heart.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Legroom for airline passenger has been steadily shrinking for years.

Turn that legroom rage into a demand for airline seat regulations

BY DAVID MARTIN

Most of us have probably seen the viral video of the airline passenger repeatedly punching the back of the reclined seat in front of him. Much like the photo of the striped dress from five years ago, which appeared blue and black to some and white and gold to others, the airplane video has divided viewers, and the flying world.

It's easy to jump into this debate and take a side. If you feel the need to recline to achieve a more comfortable position, you'll likely favor the female passenger. If, like me, you're over 6 feet tall, you'll likely side with the male passenger.

The resulting raucous debate does nothing more than give cover to the true culprits: the airlines and the federal governments that regulate them.

Reclinegate was not even a thing 40 or 50 years ago. Seat space was fairly generous back then and passengers could recline without torturing their fellow travelers. But thanks to deregulation and corporate greed, the space between airline rows has continually shrunk to the point where the only passengers who don't complain are those with short legs. Pitch is the measurement of the distance

between the front edge of your seat and the back of the seat in front of you. Years ago, the pitch was a generous and comfortable 35 inches. Now you're lucky if you get 31 inches, and some flights have reduced that space to a knee-crushing 28 or 29 inches.

Rather than rant and rave at fellow passengers, it's time we took up arms (and legs) and insisted on sane seat size regulations. Canada recently implemented a passenger bill of rights, but the only action taken was to make airlines compensate passengers for excessive delays.

If federal governments truly cared about the health and safety of passengers, they would strictly regulate seat size. Although lengthy delays are annoying, inadequate seat size can actually be deadly.

We're now aware of the risk of developing deep vein thrombosis on lengthy flights, particularly when a passenger remains seated and immobile for hours. That risk increases significantly if you are packaged in your seat like a sardine.

The federal governments in both Canada and the United States should step up and protect passengers' health, safety and even just their basic comfort. Legislators and bureaucrats have no problem

protecting us with seat belts, speed limits and safe medications. Why not airplane seat size?

"Recliners" and "punchers" should take a break from their seat shoving and start lobbying our legislators and bureaucrats to get out of their comfy chairs and regulate the flying torture seats that are endangering our health.

In the U.S., legislation for the Airline Passengers' Bill of Rights proposes, among other things, giving the FAA the power to regulate seat size. The bill has been referred to committee in the U.S. Senate. But given the current political atmosphere, it is far from being passed by the Senate, much less the House, and there is no guarantee the FAA would even use the newly conferred power.

Airline passengers in both the U.S. and Canada should redirect their air rage to those in government and insist that the cattle car mentality of the airlines be changed. Sure, we may have to pay a bit more for our flights but at least we'll make it to our destination alive and in one piece.

David Martin is a writer based in Ottawa, Ontario.

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Russia aims to sow chaos in US

Allegations from intelligence officials that Russians are interfering in U.S. elections again are not surprising

Russia's goal isn't to promote President Donald Trump's reelection bid so much as to undermine American democracy by creating internal political conflicts, populace strife and electoral confusion. This is a relatively new form of international warfare necessitating creation of mechanisms to counter such insidious initiatives.

Unfortunately, Trump believes Russian President Vladimir Putin has a commitment to him rather than to establishing international hegemony concomitant with destroying American democracy. Putin is using Trump in a larger manipulative game to drive a wedge between the U.S. and its global allies.

— Ballard J. Powell, Country Club Hills



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Russian President Vladimir Putin listens during a meeting in Moscow on Feb. 17.

Shooting drills help future shooters

Regarding the letter "Shooting drills help prepare kids" (Feb. 18): I taught for over 40 years, and I went through many active shooter drills, but my experience was vastly different from that of letter writer Douglas Peterson's wife. The letter discounts the stress that the drills create and argues that the shooting drills make kids feel empowered. While some of my students were traumatized by the drills, most found them to be a waste of time.

Consequently, the issue of unnecessary stress was never much of a concern to me. However, while I, too, believe that those drills do prepare students, my question is: Which students do they prepare and for what?

When we would have shooter drills after the Columbine High School massacre happened, I would be terrified that a depressed, suicidal boy might be sitting next to me daydreaming about getting an even higher kill rate than the Columbine shooters.

As far as I could tell, if we had deeply troubled boys, our shooter drills simply prepared them to be better at killing. It told them that if a door is unlocked, don't bother with it. Go to the rooms with things pushed up against the doors.

These drills are not like fire drills. A fire is not sentient being and is not out to do harm; therefore, it does not adapt itself to kill more, but deeply disturbed individuals do.

There must be a better way to prepare schools from acts of violence than active shooter drills.

— David Fript, Chicago

Push to rename park is misguided

I am very sympathetic to the students from Village Leadership Academy who want to change the name of a park in their community from Stephen A. Douglas to Frederick Douglass. I think, however, that it is a mistake to go down the road of renaming parks and streets because we now recognize that historical figures made wrong decisions, which prior generations did not see when they honored these people.

There are two major parks that border where I live on the South Side. George Washington and Andrew Jackson both owned slaves. In fact, at least 12 presidents — including Jefferson, Madison, Adams and Monroe — had slaves, and we have many streets and parks named after them.

Overtime U.S. Sen. Stephen A. Douglas and abolitionist Frederick Douglass both deserve to be commemorated by Chicago, and I hope that the Park District and the Village Leadership Academy students can agree on an approach to accomplish that.

— Richard Badger, Chicago

Using technology for CTA safety

Regarding "With CTA crime in spotlight, tips for 'L' riders to stay safe": In an era where we all carry GPS devices in our pockets, it is ridiculous that the best advice to witnesses of a crime on the CTA is to scurry to the next car in order to hit the operator button and call 911. Why is there no way to silently request help from my phone? Similarly, the Tribune article says that the bus driver union wants strobe lights on the top of buses to alert police in emergencies. Why not a silent message to the police that includes the bus's location from GPS?

— Joshua Thompson, Chicago

Beijing's Great Leap Backward: A fear of information

BY BRET STEPHENS

Several years ago, in an overheated room in Beijing, I was forced to endure a stern lecture from a Chinese foreign ministry official. My sin: As the editor at The Wall Street Journal responsible for the paper's overseas opinion sections, I had apparently insulted the entire Chinese people by publishing the work of a "well-known terrorist" — courageous Uighur human rights activist Rebiya Kadeer.

I had to clench my jaw to suppress the rejoinder that China's best-known tyrant, Mao Zedong, has his portrait overlooking the killing field known as Tiananmen Square.

I thought of that episode last week on hearing news that the Chinese government decided to expel three Wall Street Journal reporters based in China — two Americans and an Australian — in retaliation for the headline of an opinion column by Walter Russell Mead, "China Is the Real Sick Man of Asia." In a style reminiscent of my own experience, the Foreign Ministry issued a statement claiming, "The Chinese people do not welcome media that publish racist statements and smear China with malicious attacks."

Any reader of Mead's column, headline and text alike, will note that there isn't an iota of racism in it, though it makes a devastating case about the ways in which the coronavirus epidemic has exposed the broader fragility of the Chinese system. And those familiar with The Wall Street Journal will know that the paper, like The New York Times, enforces a strict separation between its news and opinion sections — meaning the reporters facing expulsion had absolutely nothing to do with the writing and publication of Mead's column.

But factual accuracy is irrelevant in a political scapegoating exercise, which is what this strike on the Journal is all about. And this does more to underscore Mead's broader point about China's incoherent weaknesses than it does to contradict it.

What are those weaknesses? Demographers point to China's falling birthrate, aging population and gender gap. Economists cite its faltering productivity, its made-up statistics and its giant debt bomb. And political analysts point to ever more repressive policies from Beijing, leading to ever greater discontent from Hong Kong to Xinjiang.



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Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang speaks on Jan. 29 during a briefing in Beijing on the decision to expel three Wall Street Journal reporters.

But the coronavirus crisis has exposed a far deeper weakness: The Chinese regime fears information.

It was just this fear that, as my colleague Nick Kristof pointed out, led the government to suppress news about the new virus — and punish whistleblowing doctors — when it should have done the opposite, swiftly, so as to better contain its spread. The result was the loss of the critical time in fighting the virus, all but guaranteeing the global health crisis that followed.

This sort of behavior is nothing new for the Chinese government: It mishandled the 2003 SARS epidemic in much the same way. Nor is the problem specific to China: Any regime that depends on the manipulation or manufacture of "truth" for its own survival is bound to act in similar ways. That's one of the reasons Donald Trump's nonstop lying and misstatements of fact aren't just immoral but also dangerous. Truth driven underground doesn't vanish. It stalks.

But the problem for the Chinese is much more acute, for the simple reason that they don't have genuinely independent domestic journalism. That means that ordinary people have no access to timely, accurate and comprehensive information — and neither do China's rulers. The result is rumor, which can be dangerous; ignorance, which can be fatal; and miscalculation, which can be catastrophic.

The move against The Wall Street

Journal will compound the regime's problems, since reporting by foreign news organizations has often been critical in filling the omissions and straightening the distortions of China's official media. It was the Journal that did some of the most pathbreaking work to expose the scale of the country's environmental catastrophes, just as it was the Times that exposed the extent of graft at the top of the Chinese leadership pyramid. Other news outlets, particularly Reuters, have done vital reporting on the frauds and scams endemic in China's economy.

Suppress this kind of reporting, and the first people who will suffer information blindness are China's leaders. Every dictator needs subscriptions to the Journal and the Times, even if they come — like smutty magazines of yore — in inconspicuous brown envelopes.

It's always possible that the regime will think better of its move to expel the reporters or at least quietly let them return in a few weeks' time. Wise leaders, facing a monumental crisis brought on by their own irrational distrust of information, would at least learn the lessons of their folly. But there might be a truth in China even more frightening than the coronavirus — foolish rulers.

For that, no vaccine has ever been invented.

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You know how it is . . .

You stop enjoying your favorite activities because your knee is hurting. You try pain medicines, braces, or different over-the-counter arthritis supplements. But all of them leave you regretting spending the afternoon raking up leaves, tickling grandkids, or even just taking that short trip upstairs...

So What Is Causing My Knee Pain And How Do I Stop It?

It's pretty simple, really. You see, when you're young, you have a thick, fluid protein inside your knee joints to lubricate them as you move.

This fluid also acts as a cushion and shock absorber inside your knee. It's called synovial fluid, and it works much like the oil in a car's engine to keep all the parts moving freely, without friction.

However, as you age, this fluid dries out, leaving your bones to painfully rub and grind against each other with every step. And unfortunately, there's no way for the joint to make more.

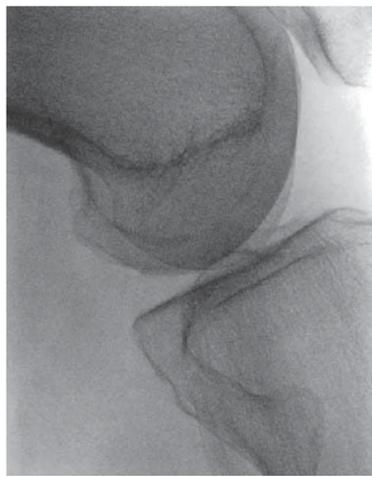
After years of trusted service in moving you everywhere you need to go, your knee starts to feel a subtle ache with certain activities like using stairs, kneeling down, or getting out of the car. With time, it becomes a constant ache. *If left untreated, it can keep you awake at night, and hurt with every step.*

Why are many doctors with knee pain fleeing away from knee surgery to this treatment for themselves?

Research has proven that up to one-third of those who have knees replaced continue to experience chronic pain, while 2 in 5 are dissatisfied with the results.

The number of total knee replacement surgeries done in the US each year has more than doubled between 1991 and 2010. A recent study analyzed data of more than 4800 patients with Osteoarthritis showed "One-third of Total Knee replacement performed may be inappropriate."

The good news is, scientists have discovered an all natural, lubricating fluid that is identical to the fluid we have in our knees. It has been proven in numerous clinical studies to act as a natural lubricant in your joints.



It's FDA approved and is a perfect cushion and shock absorber for your joints. In fact, it's even been compared to letting your sore joints rest on the softest down pillow. It's almost as if your knee sighs with relief and relaxation.

Once it's correctly placed inside your knee, it can make them feel just like new again, eliminate any rubbing and friction, and make your joints glide smoothly.

Sounds good but in general, I have been able to tough it out so far.

Here is why this is a mistake that you could regret for the many years to come, because while we have seen much better response with proactive people, this ache in your knees could be a sign of serious damage, and people who choose to simply "tough it out," will definitely see their knees deteriorate further over time. The one thing we know is: The damage will NEVER undo itself without some help.

You see, once the fluid in your knees is gone, you're out of luck. You're facing a lifelong fight against knee pain. And while some pills and topical gels might disguise the pain - *the damage is still happening.*

That's the real issue here. Just because the pain can be reduced with a few anti-inflammatory pills and an ice pack, **doesn't mean it's ok.** You need to do something about it now before your knee is completely destroyed.

With less activity, comes weight gain, depression, more aches and pains, until finally you realize you can no longer do all of those fun & exciting activities you enjoy.

Sure, you can put up with this ache in your knee, but the cost of doing nothing about it is HUGE. You are not doing yourself a favor by "toughing it out."

"Every day was hard. I couldn't enjoy my favorite activities anymore. But thankfully, now I'm back in full form. I am doing yard work for the first time in years!" — Phil M.

Seriously, you can get the knee pain relief you are looking for without wasting your precious time recovering or even spending a dime (more on that shortly).

One thing you should know:

As long as you haven't had knee surgery, you will feel relief from this treatment. Patients should be aware that surgery is a "done deal." That's why you cannot have this treatment after surgery if you still hurt.

This special treatment is often called "Joint Oil" because it's like squirting oil on a rusty door hinge. It eliminates a lot of the rubbing, grinding, and pain.

The doctors at Joint Relief Institute use live digital imaging in addition to a unique double-confirmation technique that **GUARANTEES that 100% of the medicine is delivered with extreme precision into the troubled areas inside your joint every single time.**



Is it true this natural treatment option could cost NOTHING?

Yes, more good news, besides the pain relief, is that because this nonsurgical program has already proven to help thousands of seniors, Medicare and other insurance plans will cover this wonderful treatment.

So there is very likely NO COST to you for this life-changing treatment.

Here is what you need to do to claim your free screening:

If you or a loved one is suffering with knee pain, this could be the blessed relief you're looking for.

You are personally invited to a FREE knee pain screening from the Joint Relief Institute doctors to see if you are a good candidate for this all natural, highly-precise treatment.

Your screening will only take about 20-30 minutes of your time, as one of their doctors sits down with you and answers all the questions you have about your knees.

On the day of your treatment, you'll be able to come in on your own, and be done within 30 minutes or less. No pain. No problem driving yourself home.

Due to high demand, they can only offer a limited number of FREE screens every month.

So if you're interested,

Call Now For Your FREE Screening (708) 963-0064.

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Why is the success rate for this treatment very high at Joint Relief Institute while many people getting the same treatment with no relief whatsoever?

Scientists recently discovered why many non-surgical treatments fail. They found out that 30% of the time, treatments miss the joint space!

Both the patients and their doctors think that the knee didn't respond. Turns out, in most cases, the medicine never got in the right space.

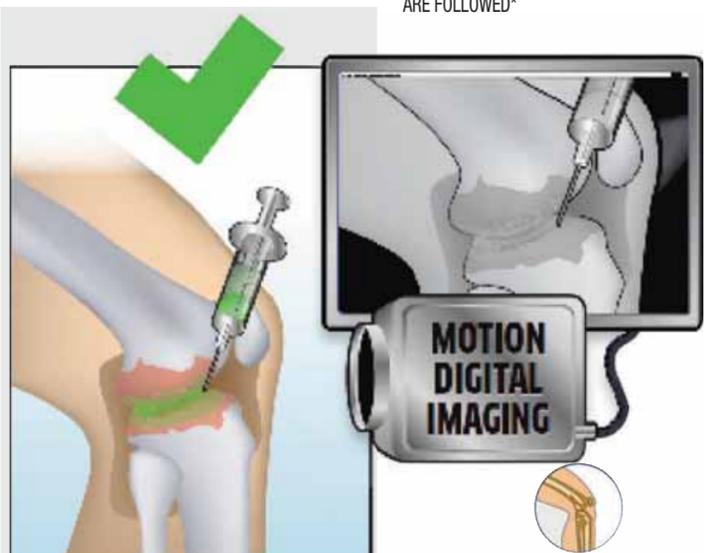
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PLUS - the injection is virtually painless because the doctors at Joint Relief Institute use a two step numbing and imaging process to eliminate pain.

Most of the injections done everywhere else are done blind with no digital confirmation, and very few are done with a single digital confirmation technique.

One patient even said this:

"When I received a similar treatment to this, and it didn't help me, the doctor scheduled me for surgery. Luckily, I decided to travel more than 400 miles to the Joint Relief Institute. I am pain-free now, and I never had to go under the knife."



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Your Monday guide to managing money, work and the business of life



JILL SCHLESINGER
Jill on Money

Putting off marriage, kids to shore up finances

One of the things that certified financial planners like me try to do is to use the calendar to our advantage as a way to write about financial advice that is appropriate all year long.

That's what I would normally do in February and during wedding season — talk about love and money — but a recent survey from nonprofit insurance group Life Happens made me wonder about my timing.

A significant chunk of Americans (61%) report that they are delaying traditional life milestones, like getting married and having children, in order to become more financially secure. There is evidence that millennials (those born from 1981-1996) have been leading the trend, often because they are paying off their student loans and focusing on their careers.

One interesting upside of the delay: It appears that it has contributed to a drop in the U.S. divorce rate. The reason may be as simple as when both people in the couple are more financially secure, they fight less about money when they tie the knot.

The Life Happens survey found that of those who have delayed a traditional life milestone, 74% have reported being more financially stable as a result. Additionally, there is a new way of thinking about financial security in general: as an act of love.

Often that act of love means sharing information with your partner or spouse, but given that many are delaying the official trip down the aisle, at what point in the relationship should people be talking about money?

As with most relationship issues, it depends. As time evolves, there will be ample opportunity for you to talk about your financial values. How interested are each of you in financial security? What were some of the messages your parents gave you about money? How comfortable are you with your level of financial know-how?

Another area of difficulty is how much of your digital life should you share? Kaspersky Lab research found that half of people in a relationship give their partners the pass codes to unlock their devices, and 26% store intimate things on their partner's devices.

The report says that 80% of people believe that each person in a couple should have some private space both online and offline, but 70% state that relationships are more important to them than their privacy. This can lead to a lack of trust, arguments, spying, breakups and even vengeful acts.

So, when and how should you draw the line with your partner? At least until the relationship is serious, I recommend that you don't share passwords to your phone, e-mail, social media and, most crucially, any of your financial accounts. If you want to make your streaming subscription available to your love, that's fine, but draw the boundary there.

Of course, if the idea of sharing makes you queasy, that may be a relationship red flag, which should be discussed. Kapersky found that 87% of those who said they are in a good relationship also say they don't intentionally hide anything about their online activities. So, if you are in a longer-term relationship and are still worried or anxious about the idea of sharing more, that may be a sign of trouble brewing.

Once you decide to cohabitate or get married, you can re-evaluate what needs to be shared. Obviously, all joint account information should be open and transparent, and you need to communicate your feelings and be honest about the boundaries that feel best for both of you.

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DREAMTIME

Raise your hand

Volunteering can sharpen skills, improve chances of landing a job

By TYLER R. DAVIS | Tribune Content Agency

For job seekers trying to get their resume to the top of the pile, volunteering with a nonprofit is one thing career coaches and hiring managers recommend, especially for people looking to pick up new skills, flesh out their professional networks or become more successful leaders.

“What we hear back from volunteers is that the combination of training we provide, as well as the muscle-building activity that you gain through regular volunteering, helps build really critical skills that can be helpful for working with other individual contributors as part of a team or being a more effective manager,” said Jaime-Alexis Fowler, founder and executive director of Empower Work, a hotline that connects people going through tough situations in the workplace with trained volunteer peer counselors.

According to Fowler, her volunteers often report that they have received positive performance reviews or promotions thanks to the communication and leadership skills they've picked up volunteering.

For Lauren Cardenas, an Empower Work volunteer, her experiences with the organization helped her land a job as the assistant director for undergraduate career services at the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business, particularly by giving her concrete examples of skills and achievements to talk about during job interviews.

“When folks would ask me in the interview process about ‘What’s your communication style?’ or ‘What role do you play on a team?’ I would go back to those experiences I had volunteering and how that shaped my communication style,” Cardenas said.

According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, one in three American adults volunteered in some capacity in 2018. CNCS also found that volunteers have a 27% higher chance of finding a job after being out of

work than people who don't volunteer, and that people without a high school diploma are 51% more likely to find work if they have volunteer experience.

Karyn McCoy, the assistant vice president of DePaul University's career center, says she encourages people to use volunteering as a way to get experience in their field while job searching. It's also a great way to help others and give yourself a mental boost.

“If you are interested in a career in finance, if you volunteer with a nonprofit organization that is looking for someone to help with their budgeting and finances, that's a great way to get experience,” McCoy said.

Nonprofits have volunteer opportunities in a variety of skills and career paths. A quick search on a volunteer job board like VolunteerMatch will turn up opportunities for people interested in all sorts of vocations, such as marketing, design, event planning, counseling/social work, teaching and coding.

“It's a good way to learn new skills,” said Anita Jenke, executive director of the Career Transitions Center of Chicago. “Let's say you have a background in marketing but you're not that familiar with, say, Google Analytics. Maybe there's a nonprofit that knows a little bit, and you could learn from them about Google Analytics and teach them about marketing strategies.”

For people looking to work in the nonprofit sector, volunteering can signal to organizations that a candidate's values are aligned with their mission, and that they understand the challenges that nonprofits face.

“When I do hiring as a nonprofit manager, if I don't see that somebody

has done some volunteer work, I'm thinking ‘Why do you want to work here if you've never even volunteered at a nonprofit?’” said Jenke, who makes hiring decisions at CTC Chicago.

“To me it signals alliance around values,” said Fowler, who is involved in hiring for Empower Work. Volunteering “to me, is an important signal of what they value, how they show up and what they think about, and it really resonates with me.”

For Erica Braverman, volunteering with Knowbility — a nonprofit that works to make the internet more accessible to people with disabilities — helped her land a job there. Soon after completing a certificate program in user experience design at the University of California San Diego, she began volunteering a couple days a week with Knowbility, leveraging her skills in UX design and learning about accessibility until they were able to put together a job for her in community engagement.

“It was a very good real world experience of what I was just starting to touch on in my classes,” Braverman said.

For Megan DeBrabander, her volunteer experience with A Voice for the Innocent — a nonprofit that creates a safe space for victims of sexual violence to share their stories — helped her land a research assistant job at Sam Houston State University while she pursues a masters in clinical psychology.

“I work with people who experience trauma every week, so coming into this job I would be able to handle if someone else were to tell me about their traumatic experience,” DeBrabander said.

Volunteering is also a great way to meet people who may be professional assets, said Kate Solis Silva, a career coach who, herself, has leveraged volunteer experience into professional advancement.

“You just never know whose path you're going to cross, but to already have the cause as a connection point is just another easy way to start and easy conversation,” Solis Silva said.

To find a volunteer opportunity that matches your goals, check out sites like VolunteerMatch.org or Idealist.org, or reach out to a nonprofit in your area.

Retiree tax tips

It's important to take advantage of available breaks

By SANDRA BLOCK
Kiplinger

Filing taxes this year as a retiree? There are some advantages, such as a larger standard deduction than what younger taxpayers receive. But if you're filing a tax return for the first time as a retiree, you could be in for some unpleasant surprises.

Consider: The money you've scrupulously saved in your 401(k) or traditional IRA will be taxed when you withdraw it. As is the case for non-retirees, you'll also owe taxes on dividends, interest and capital gains in your taxable accounts.

A portion of your Social Security ben-

efits may be taxable, too. (If all of your income comes from Social Security, your benefits likely won't be taxed. But if you have income from other sources, such as a part-time job and withdrawals from an IRA or a pension, up to 85% of your benefits could be taxed.)

That means it's critical to take advantage of all the tax breaks available to you. To start with, you're eligible for a larger standard deduction once you turn 65. For 2019, your standard deduction if you're unmarried and not a surviving spouse is \$13,850. If you and your spouse are both 65 or older, your standard deduction is \$27,000. (For younger taxpayers, the stand-



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ard deduction is \$12,200 for singles and \$24,400 for married joint filers.)

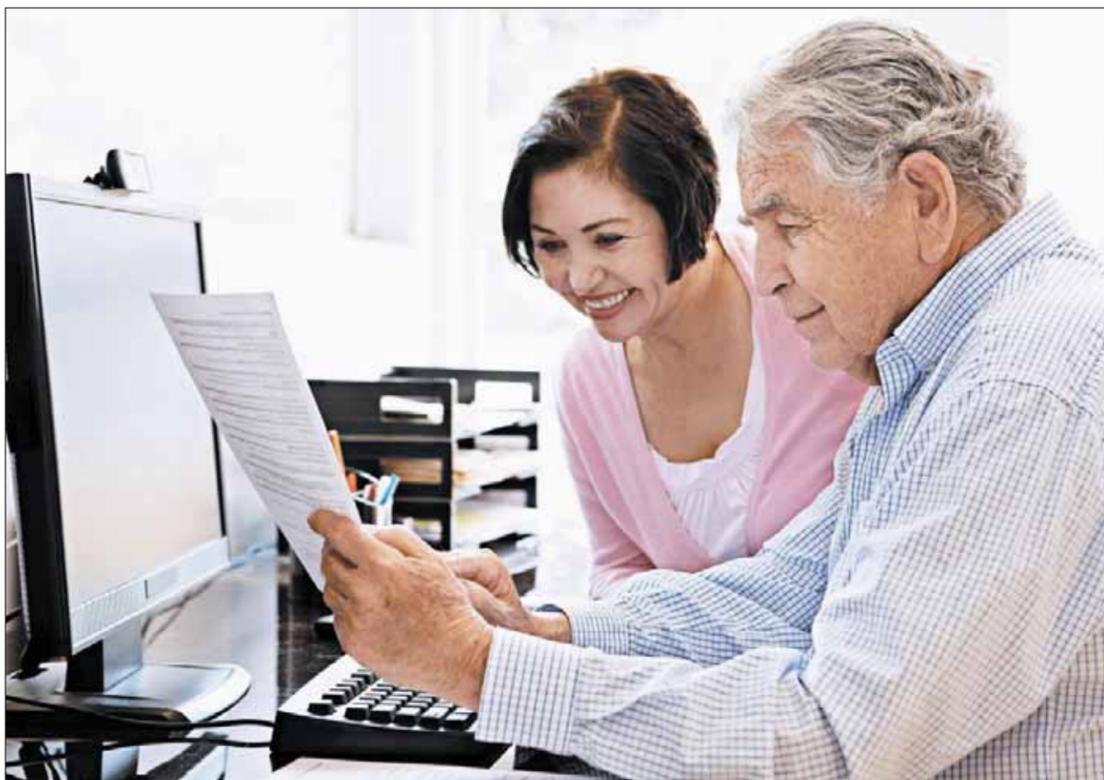
If you reached age 70 1/2 by the end of 2019, you'll have to take required minimum distributions from your tax-deferred accounts and pay taxes on that money. It's too

late to do anything about that now, but it's not too soon to look for ways to lower your tax bill in 2020.

You can transfer up to \$100,000 a year from your traditional IRAs directly to charity. (If you're married, your spouse can transfer an additional \$100,000 to charity from his or her IRAs.) The transfer counts toward your required minimum distribution and is excluded from taxable income.

Depending on your income, you may also be able to avoid paying taxes on capital gains from your taxable accounts. If you're a single filer and your 2019 taxable income was less than \$39,375 (or \$78,750 if you're married and file jointly), you won't owe taxes on gains from stocks or mutual funds you owned for more than a year.

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Changing Medicare choice

Follow steps carefully when making switch



ELLIOT RAPHAELSON
The Savings Game

It's not too late to switch.

In a recent article in Investment News, Mary Beth Franklin pointed out that although the annual enrollment season for Medicare enrollment ran from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, the 22 million people enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan have until March 31 to change plans.

Many people select a Medicare Advantage plan because of lower cost and because many of these plans offer benefits not offered by traditional Medicare, such as vision and dental care and prescription drug coverage. Those who selected a Medicare Advantage plan during open enrollment may switch to another or return to original Medicare. However, those wishing to do so must carefully follow, in order, the required steps.

One of the disadvantages of enrolling in a Medicare Advantage plan is that if you change your mind, there is no guar-

antee that you will be able to obtain a Medigap policy at a later date. And even if you can, the cost of a Medigap policy may be higher than it would be for individuals who enroll in traditional Medicare when they first reach age 65.

When you apply for Medigap coverage, you are subject to medical underwriting. Traditional Part B medical coverage covers only about 85% of associated costs. Accordingly, many, if not most, traditional Medicare enrollees elect a Medigap policy that covers the 15% of medical costs not covered by traditional Medicare.

Accordingly, if you decide that you no longer want to continue your enrollment with your existing Medicare Advantage plan, and prefer to use traditional Medicare instead, then you should apply for Medigap coverage before you disenroll in your plan. Only after you are approved should you apply for Medicare Part D (drug coverage) if you choose.

The problem in applying for Part D coverage first is that you will automatically be disenrolled from your Medicare Advantage plan. If you apply for Part D before you are approved for Medigap, then you could be facing a lack of supplemental coverage for a year of insurance with traditional Medicare. In other words, you would incur the 15% medical costs not covered by traditional Medicare.

If you want to consider another Medicare Advantage Plan, you can consult the Medicare Plan Finder (www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/questions/

home.asp) or contact your state's Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP). I volunteered for SHIP for many years. It is a reputable organization, and there is no cost for its services. Franklin also recommends consulting a Medicare insurance broker, such as Boomer Benefits. These brokers are paid by the insurance companies, not you.

If you have already enrolled in traditional Medicare, you would not be able to consider a Medicare Advantage plan until 2021. Although there are some advantages associated with Medicare Advantage plans, there are disadvantages as well.

A significant disadvantage is that the doctors you prefer may not be available to you without additional costs, and specialists your doctors recommend may not be available also without additional cost. In addition, there would be regular co-pays to doctors for services and specific procedures that would not be incurred if you selected traditional Medicare and an associated Medigap plan.

An excellent source for all aspects of Medicare is a book I have recommended in the past, "Get What's Yours for Medicare: Maximize Your Coverage, Minimize Your Costs," by Philip Moeller (Simon and Schuster). Another important source is "Medicare and You," available from the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, available at no cost. It is updated each year.

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TERRY SAVAGE
The Savage Truth

In high-flying market, risk abounds

The latest word from the country's largest IRA and 401(k) plan provider Fidelity: Neither political machinations nor fear of a global pandemic or warnings from seasoned investment pros have taken a toll on the record highs the stock market has seen in recent days. Investors have also seen record amounts in their retirement accounts at year-end 2019.

In fact, the bull market has been coining retirement-plan millionaires. On Fidelity's books, there are now 233,000 401(k) millionaires and 208,000 IRA millionaires.

Even "average" investors have increased their personal wealth dramatically. See how you compare to the Fidelity statistics:

■ The average 401(k) balance rose to a record \$112,300, a 17% year-over-year increase.

■ The average IRA balance also rose to a record \$115,400, up 17% from a year ago.

■ The average 403(b) plan balance was up 18% to \$93,100.

Clearly, stock market participants have done well since the Dow Jones Industrial Average bottomed around 6,700 in the spring of 2009. Those who weren't scared off in the panic, and kept contributing automatically, found their regular monthly investment amount purchased more fund shares at lower prices. Then, as the market soared over the next 11 years, their account values grew dramatically.

That performance didn't take investment genius. Most of those accounts were invested in index funds that tracked overall market performance, or in stock funds that also reflected overall market gains. And that's the way it is supposed to work — over the long run.

I never tire of reminding investors that over the long run — at least 20 years — a diversified portfolio of large-company American stocks, with dividends reinvested, will come out ahead, even adjusted for inflation. That's the conclusion of the Ibbotson market historians who analyzed every 20-year period going back to 1926 and found no losing 20-year period, if you include reinvested dividends (which account for about 40 percent of the total return).

So, if you have a lot of 20-year periods ahead of you, the smart move is to keep contributing to your retirement plan, stay diversified, and have the discipline to ride out the ups and downs that will surely come your way.

But what if you're close to retirement? It's never easy to maintain the discipline to keep investing in a bear market. But it is especially difficult — and very dangerous — to hold that position if you're on the edge of, or already into, your retirement years.

The reason is simple. Time is no longer on your side. You need retirement savings to live. You will have to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) from your retirement accounts every year starting at age 72. Thus, you might be forced to sell stocks at a time when the market is making lows if you haven't set aside some money for withdrawals inside your retirement account.

If you're at or near the stage of taking RMDs, this is the time for risk management, not market timing. No one knows when this market will stage a bear retreat, or what might trigger it.

Money is fuel for stocks. And there is plenty of money-moving stock markets these days. We've had a decade of global central banks creating liquidity to keep their economies from stagnating. And much of that liquidity has found its way into the U.S. stock market. In recent weeks, China joined that trend, creating ¥1.7 trillion (\$243 billion in U.S. dollars) to keep the Chinese economy afloat as the coronavirus closed plants and shut down commerce.

Like water, money seeks its own level. And it flows most easily into liquid markets that are perceived to be safe and well-regulated.

When predicting when and how the markets will continue to trend, an old saying comes to mind: "The bigger they are, the harder they fall." And that's The Savage Truth.

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

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Timing Social Security benefits

Weigh life expectancy when making decision

BY LISA GERSTNER
Kiplinger

Q: I'm deciding at what age I'll claim Social Security benefits. How does my life expectancy factor in?

A: First, the basics: You can start getting benefits as early as age 62, but you'll receive up to 30% less in each check than if you wait until your full retirement age, which is 66 for those born from 1943 to 1954 and gradually rises to 67 for those born in 1960 or later. For each year after your full retirement age that you wait to start benefits until the age of 70, you'll get an 8% boost in delayed-retirement credits.

Social Security actuaries aim to set payouts so that if you die at the time your life expectancy projects, you'll receive about the same total amount of benefits no matter when you start claiming them. If you are single and have never been married, spousal and survivor benefits aren't a concern, so your decision about when to claim hinges on



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how long you think you'll live.

If you can afford to postpone taking benefits and are deciding whether to hold out to age 70, a key question is whether you expect to live past 80. Research shows that at about age 80, the cumulative amount you've received in benefits is approximately the same whether you started benefits at age 62, 70 or somewhere in between.

As a rule of thumb, "If you're single

and believe that your life expectancy is less than 80, you should claim before 70. If you think you're going to live past 80, wait until 70," said Bill Meyer, CEO of Social Security Solutions, which provides tools to help recipients determine when to claim benefits.

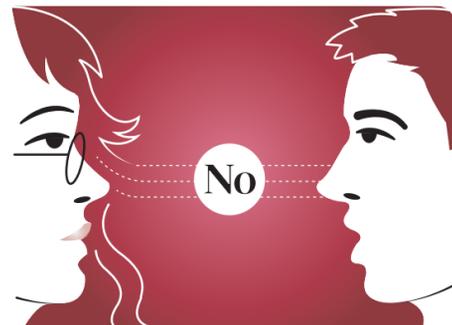
A person who is eligible to receive \$2,000 a month at a full retirement age of 66 and lives to 95 would receive \$198,000 more in total benefits if he or she waited to claim at age 70 instead of at 62.

You can enter your gender and birth date at www.ssa.gov/oact/population to get an estimate of how many more years you may live at your current age as well as at 62, your full retirement age and 70, if you haven't reached those ages yet. But you should also account for your health, your lifestyle and your parents' longevity (especially that of your mother) as you gauge your potential life span.

Lisa Gerstner is a contributing editor to Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine. Send your questions and comments to moneypower@kiplinger.com. And for more on this and similar money topics, visit Kiplinger.com.

How to say no

In the words of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, "The art of leadership is saying no, not yes." Here are some ways to do that with your team:



Lay the foundation

Your employee will be much more likely to accept a no from you when they believe you appreciate and respect them. So be fair and kind from the get-go, and be sure to treat people equally.

Have a good reason

Yes, you're the boss, but a "no" will go down much easier if you have a good reason for doing it out. Perhaps the request is against company policy or it's simply a bad move for your department. Avoid the parental: Because I said so.



But don't go overboard

State your reason or reasons for denying the request or idea in a polite but direct manner. Avoid apologizing excessively and belaboring the point; that can be just as painful for the one hearing the bad news.



Embrace your inner procrastinator

If you aren't able to decide on the spot, feel free to put off the decision until later. Use the space to consider the best approach. Broach the topic again when you're ready and deliver your judgment. Even if the person is disappointed, he or she likely will be pleased that you gave it some thought.

SUCCESS

By **STEPHANIE VOZZA**
Fast Company

Having an in-demand hard skill, such as proficiency in a certain technology, may get your foot in the door when you're searching for a job. But if you want to land it, employers want to see your soft skills.

Unfortunately, traits such as being a team player or problem solver are not as easy to convey. "Often, the best predictors of future job success are the hardest to measure," said Joe Essinfeld, vice president of strategy at iCIMS, a recruitment software provider. "On paper, job candidates do — and should — list relevant past experience, technical and hard skills that level up nicely to the position they want. But what most candidates overlook is the need to outline soft skills and how they ladder up to future success in the position."

Soft skills are critical to success in today's workforce, said Michelle Armer, chief people officer at CareerBuilder.

"A lot of that is because the way that people work together has changed to be more team-oriented and service-oriented," she said. "It's not just about completing a task anymore, and hiring managers are focused on skills that are interpersonal and relational."

A recent study by Adobe found that communication is the most sought-after soft skill, followed by creativity and collaboration. Nearly three-quarters of job postings list communication as a necessary skill, while 50% list creativity, but just 25% of applicants include those skills on their résumés.

Adding words to a résumé is a start, but showcasing those skills during an interview is how you can bring your soft skills to life. Here's how to do it:

Communication

A great way to demonstrate your communications skills is to create conversation and connect with the interview panel, said Maya Marcus, vice president of people for the cybersecurity company Palo Alto Networks.

"When I'm assessing new talent, I want to see how the



Employers want to know about creativity, communication, ability to work with others

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individual can create ease in a room, connect quickly with peers and demonstrate capability," she said. "All of that is done through soft skills of conversation starting, putting people at ease, creating an environment that leads to productivity. It means waiting for your interviewer to finish their sentences before starting, being introspective about the answer, and connecting with them as a person."

"Though interviews can be rehearsed, a good conversation is one of the strongest indicators that a candidate has the soft skills needed to excel in a given position," Essinfeld said.

Communication skills involve more than words, said Ayana Champagne, vice president and chief human resources officer of Ferring Pharmaceuticals.

"Many times, interviewers are not paying attention to every word you're saying," she said. "It's important to be aware of your eye contact, body language, how you articulate your answers through tone and style, and if you are able

to respond to a question in a way that paints a picture, provides a solid example and can be understood clearly and concisely."

Creative thinking

Behavioral or situational questions hiring managers ask during an interview offer a way for you to share your creative-thinking skills, Armer said. When you're asked to talk about a problem you solved or a difficult co-worker or customer you had to handle, don't just talk about the end result; explain your thinking process. Armer recommends sharing the information by starting with the event, then talking about your action and then the result — the EAR formula.

"You can say to the interviewer, 'Here's what the situation was. Here's what I did. And here's the outcome,'" Armer said. "Then share how your soft skills contributed to the outcome."

Use examples of your creative-thinking soft skills in your storytelling, suggested Debora Roland,

vice president of human resources for CareerArc, an outplacement and social recruiting firm. Creative thinking is often demonstrated in how well you solve problems.

"You can say, 'I had zero turnover in my department for the last two years,' but adding 'if there was ever a conflict amongst team members, I made sure to listen to the issues and resolve them in a collaborative way that allowed everyone to feel valued,'" she said. "That gives you a little more depth in your answer."

Collaboration

If you're a great collaborator, you can demonstrate this soft skill during your interview by providing an example of where and how well you worked with others.

"If you're talking about teamwork, make sure that you're using the right language, such as how you all contributed — not just your own personal contribution," said Melanie Tinto, chief human

resources officer at the payment solution system WEX. "This demonstrates that you are thinking beyond yourself and that you do, in fact, have a team-oriented mindset."

Collaboration is shown in results. It can take a solid background in this soft skill to accomplish ambitious goals, said Marcus, who recommends helping your interviewer connect the dots behind your contributions.

"When you're speaking to a project you managed, talk about how you managed conflict resolution within the team," she said. "When you're discussing how you'd get started at the organization, talk about how you would make people feel comfortable and build connections."

While it helps to be intentional, you will demonstrate some soft skills during an interview without even realizing it, Roland said. "Having clear communication, listening skills and a positive attitude are examples of soft skills that will reveal themselves naturally."



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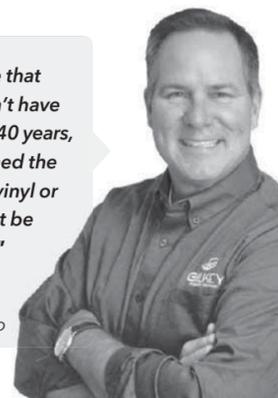
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OBITUARIES

CHANDRA JHA 1926-2020

Structural engineer worked on Hancock, Onterie skyscrapers

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

Chandra Jha was a structural engineer and developer who played a key role in the construction of the skyscraper formerly known as John Hancock Center. He later formed his own firm, PSM International Corp., and developed the Gold Coast's Onterie Center building.

"Chandra was tireless. He always wanted to get things done and he was prepared to take risks," said retired University of Chicago anthropology professor Ralph Nicholas, a long-time friend. "With characteristic determination, he and (his wife) created PSM and built the 60-story Onterie Center, which is now an integral part of the Chicago skyline."

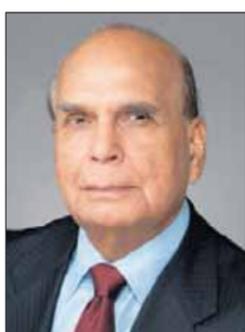
Jha, 93, died of complications from sarcoma on Jan. 21 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, said his daughter, Lakshmi. He had been a longtime Lakeview resident.

Born Chandra Kant Jha in India, he received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Bihar College of Engineering in India, which is now known as the National Institute of Technology.

After college, Jha worked as a civil engineer for an American firm, his daughter said. He remained with that firm as he emigrated from India to Chicago in 1953. He then got a master's degree in civil engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1957.

Jha continued working in various consulting engineering firms in Chicago, focusing more on structural engineering. He earned an MBA from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business in 1962, and in 1967, he joined Tishman Realty & Construction as a vice president.

While at Tishman, Jha worked with architectural firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and with Skidmore's noted structural



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engineer and architect Fazlur Rahman Khan — a close friend of Jha's — on the construction of Chicago's iconic John Hancock Center, now known as 875 North Michigan Avenue.

Other projects Jha worked on while at Tishman included the Renaissance Center in Detroit and Olympic Tower in New York City.

Seeking to run his own firm, Jha left Tishman in 1977 to form PSM International Corp., a real estate development and management company. PSM developed Onterie Center, and Jha worked again with Khan on that project, although Onterie Center wasn't completed until 1986 — four years after Khan's death.

In the design of Onterie Center, Khan invoked the same diagonal brace trussed tube structure seen on the John Hancock Center. The mixed-use building is known today as Axis Apartments & Lofts, and also contains medical office space.

PSM International continued to manage Onterie Center for many years afterward through its management arm.

Jha was appointed by then-Gov. James Thompson to the board of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority. He also served on the steering committee of the Chicago-based Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat and helped raise funds to estab-

lish an endowed chair for a professor of structural engineering and architecture in Khan's name at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania.

"He was a sage of the industry," said structural engineer Sarv Nayyar, who retired last year as founding principal of his firm, Nayyar & Nayyar. "I left Skidmore in 1985 to start my own business, and I went to see him, and he advised me to get off the pedestal. He said, 'Work doesn't land on your door. You have to go get it.'"

Jha retired in 2005 and wound down PSM.

Jha was very active in building community for Indian Americans in Chicago and providing support for recent transplants from India. He formed the India League of America as a foundation that worked to make a wider American audience more familiar with Indian culture.

"The India League of America that Chandra led sought to create mutual understanding between South Asian immigrants and other Americans," Nicholas said. "As this mission evolved, he transformed the ILA into a foundation that supported cultural and social programs to carry it forward."

Jha and his wife were frequent arts patrons at the Lyric Opera of Chicago and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and he also stayed physically active, playing tennis each week against his daughter into his 90s, she said.

A first marriage ended in divorce. In addition to his daughter, Jha is survived by his wife of 50 years, Hekmat; a son from his first marriage, Rashmi Katayyan; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A memorial service and reception is set for 1 to 4 p.m. on May 17 at the International House, 1414 E. 59th St.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON FEBRUARY 24 ...

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued a papal bull, or edict, outlining his calendar reforms. (The Gregorian calendar is the calendar in general use today.)

In 1803, in *Marbury v. Madison*, the Supreme Court ruled itself the final interpreter of constitutional issues.

In 1821 Mexico declared its independence from Spain.

In 1836 painter Winslow Homer was born in Boston.

In 1863 Arizona was organized as a territory.

In 1868 the House impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin Stanton; Johnson later was acquitted by the Senate.

In 1874 Hall of Fame baseball player Honus Wagner was born in present-day Carnegie, Pa.

In 1885 Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet during World War II, was born in Fredericksburg, Texas.

In 1903 the United States signed an agreement acquiring a naval station at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

In 1920 a fledgling German political party held its first meeting of importance in Munich; it became known as the Nazi Party, and its chief spokesman was Adolf Hitler.

In 1938 Nike founder Phil Knight was born in Portland, Ore.

In 1942 the Voice of America went on the air for the first time.

In 1945 American soldiers liberated Manila from Japanese control during World War II.

In 1955 the Cole Porter musical "Silk Stockings" opened on Broadway.

In 1967 the Nizam of Hyderabad, who had 1,200 bodyguards and was one of the world's wealthiest people, died in India at 81.

In 1975 the U.S. government announced it would begin an airlift to Phnom Penh, the besieged capital of Cambodia.

In 1980 the U.S. hockey

team defeated Finland, 4-2, to clinch the gold medal at the Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, N.Y.

In 1981 Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Britain's Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer.

In 1983 a congressional commission released a report condemning the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II as a "grave injustice."

In 1986 the U.S. Supreme Court struck down as unconstitutional an Indianapolis ordinance that allowed women injured by someone who had seen or read pornographic material to sue the maker or seller of that material.

In 1988, in a ruling that expanded legal protections for parody and satire, the Supreme Court overturned a \$200,000 award that Rev. Jerry Falwell had won against *Hustler* magazine and publisher Larry Flynt.

In 1989 a state funeral was held in Japan for Emperor Hirohito, who had died the month before at age 87.

In 1990 magazine publisher Malcolm Forbes died in Far Hills, N.J.; he was 70.

In 1991 the United States and its Gulf War allies launched a large-scale ground assault against Iraqi troops, many of whom surrendered to the advancing forces.

In 1992 General Motors reported a record \$4.5 billion loss for 1991.

In 1994 entertainer Dinah Shore died in Beverly Hills, Calif.; she was 76.

In 2000 the state of Texas executed Betty Lou Beets, 62, by injection for murdering her fifth husband.

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Barnett, Harris 'Bootie'

Harris "Bootie" Barnett, age 93 of Margate, FL and Lincolnshire, IL; long-time scrap dealer and broker, beloved husband of the late Rae Barnett, nee Pollack; loving father of Edward (Gayle Goldstein) Barnett, Howard (Angie) Barnett, and Paul (Ellen) Barnett; adored grandfather of Joshua, Benjamin (Laura), Michael (Susie), and Richard (Shannon) Barnett; proud great grandfather of Oliver, Elliot, Samantha, Ari, Ethan, Rhys, CeCe, Teddy, Everett, and Aidan; devoted son of the late Jesse and the late Mollie Barnett; cherished brother of the late Arnie (late Mary) Barnett and the late Glennis Barnett; dear brother-in-law of the late Morris (late Rose) Pollack, late Beatrice (late Simon) Ganellin, and the late William (late Muriel) Pollack; treasured uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. Bootie was the last survivor of his generation. He was an avid golfer, boater, and a true lifetime character. Loved by all that knew him. Service Tuesday, 12 Noon, at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Entombment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to JUF, www.juf.org. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Cronin, Nan

Nan E. Cronin (Nee Walker) passed peacefully, February 15, 2020, after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. She was preceded in death by her adoring husband, Dan. She is survived by daughter, Kim Ridder (Michael), Leslie Gustin (John), son Kevin Cronin (Nelly), daughter Kelly Cronin, Keri Cronin, Katie Liotone (Todd) and son, Dan Cronin. 12 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and sister Lynne Riley (John) and 4 nieces. She was born in Toledo, Ohio December 30, 1934. She was a graduate of University of Toledo. She worked for the gas company as a "Betty Newton." She loved cooking, decorating, entertaining, music, and playing the piano. She loved the Lord with all her heart and soul. A private celebration of her life will be held in May and a burial in McGregor, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

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DiGangi, Lou

Lou DiGangi, age 92, Navy Veteran of WWII; longtime Big Band Director; beloved husband of the late Dorothy "Do", nee Kummer; loving father of Carol (Michael) Warren, Chuck (Margie), Diane (Dominick Fashoda) and father figure to Joe Vaccarella; proud grandfather of Lisa (Scott Ketelboeter), Robert (Erin), Erin (Jack Pereira) and Christine (Matt Welch) and great-grandfather of Raymond and Charlotte; dear brother of the late Sam. Friends and family will meet for a Committal service, Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 10:00 a.m. at Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery (main office), 1400 South Wolf Road, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601. Arrangements handled by Gibbons Funeral Home, Elmhurst. 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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HARRIS, ROBERT H.

Robert H. Harris, age 83, passed away peacefully at home on February 21, 2020; loving husband of Carolyn Lekovish Harris; beloved son of late mother and stepfather Mae and Paul Johnson, and late father and stepmother Lee and Vera Harris; devoted father of Johanna (Daniel O'Shea) Harris and Robin (Saul Modestas) Harris; dearest grandfather of Daniel and Grace O'Shea and Milo Modestas; dear brother of Richard (Betsy) Harris; fond uncle of Jay, Sue, Danielle, and Marla. Robert, a Riverside resident of 58 years, spent his career as a chemist in the food industry. A classic movie and WWII buff, he also enjoyed fishing excursions to Canada, and especially loved the time he spent with his grandchildren. Visitation Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 2 to 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 26, 9:30 a.m. till time of services at 10:30 a.m. at **Ivins/Moravecck** Funeral Home 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside, Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the American Lung Association at www.lung.org. Funeral info 708-447-2261 or www.moravecek.com.

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Herbst, Sandra S.

Sandra S. Herbst, nee Sandstrom, age 81, of Lake Forest, formerly of Ashland, WI, respected physical therapist, and later in her career was associated with the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA), which provides home and community-based health services to the medically underserved. After graduating from University of Wisconsin, Sandra worked with the Illinois Children's Hospital-School, which addressed the treatment and education needs of children with severe physical disabilities. She was also the past president and former board member of the Over the Rainbow Association, which provides affordable housing solutions for individuals with physical disabilities. She is the beloved wife for 55 years of Walter Brown Herbst; loving mother of Scot (Amy) Herbst and Annie (David) Mlicki; adored grandmother of Kai and Aya Herbst, Avery and Gavin Mlicki; cherished sister of Barbara (late John) Pierce. Sandra took great pride in her home; cooking and baking special recipes, home decorating, making her own clothing and even making draperies for the house. Services will be private. Donation may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Hook, Anna M.

Anna M. Hook, 93, passed away peacefully at her home in Glenview on Sunday, February 9, 2020. She was born in Skokie, IL, on February 6, 1927, daughter of John P. and Marguerite (Schuller) Michelau. She was preceded in death by her husband George F. Hook (November 10, 1991). Ann and George owned and operated Edwards Florist, in Winnetka, for many decades. She was involved in volunteer work, social clubs, and was proud of her Luxembourg heritage. Ann is survived by her children Lawrence (Diane), David (Nancy), Carol (Robert) Jochens, and Susan Hook Miller. She is also survived by her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Visitation will be held Friday, February 28th 9:30 am, followed by 11 a.m. Funeral mass in the chapel at St. Gilbert Church, 301 E. Belvidere Rd, Grayslake, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either Society of the Divine Word, P.O. Box 6038, Techny, IL 60082 (www.divineword.org) or Seasons Hospice Foundation, 6400 Shafer Ct. Suite 700, Rosemont, IL 60018 (www.seasonsfoundation.org). Info: 847-675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com

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JOHNSON, RUTH M

Ruth M. Johnson (néé Grom) 95 formerly of Chicago, IL beloved wife of the late Oliver Johnson; loving mother of John (the late Kathleen) and James (the late Katherine); cherished grandmother of Emily Johnson, William (Julie) Stenzel, Ruth Rademaker, Stacy (Bryan) Roe, Joseph (Rose) Johnson, Victoria (Frank) Martin, and Jennifer (Brian) Gore; treasured great grandmother of 21; fond sister of the late Howard, Frances, William, Edna, Glory, Kenny, Marian, and Joseph, and dear aunt to many. Funeral 1:00 PM Thursday February 27, 2020 at STRANG FUNERAL HOME 1055 Main St. (Rte. 83) Antioch, IL 60002, with visitation beginning at 10AM. Interment private. Donations to the Anti-Cruelty Society INFO 847-395-4000 or www.strangfh.com.

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Molsbee, Allan Ray

Allan Ray Molsbee died Feb 8. Service Feb 29, 2pm, Molsbee Chapel, Nocona, TX. Born Mar 14, 44 in Nocona TX, to Charles and Grace Molsbee. Finished HS with 12 years perfect attendance. Married to Dowleen for 54 years. He was an introspective man of integrity, honesty, and generosity, who provided a good life for his family. CEO/Sr Executive roles at Southland Paint, HMK, Sheffield Steel, Intl. Business Interiors, Dillon Transport, Officite & Bilz USA. Remembered with great love by his wife and by his children, who learned the value of hard work and tenacity by watching his example. Loved animals, country music, golf, documentaries, ribeyes, murder mysteries, and a good single malt. He never forgot where he came from, and he will be greatly missed. Preceded in death by brother Kenneth, son Justin; survived by wife Dowleen; children Staley and Brooke (Weatherford); grandchildren Ashleigh Pembroke, Garrett Molsbee, Emily Molsbee, Dylan Pembroke, Sarah Gorostiega, Collin Molsbee, and 4 great-grandchildren.

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Novielli, Patricia C.

Patricia C. Novielli nee Sikora, age 86, beloved wife of the late Dominick aka DOMO of Bari, Italy; loving mother of Pamela, James (Carol), Steven, and the late Paula; cherished grandmother to Kyle, Justin, Jennifer, and Marco (Alicia) Novielli; dear sister-in-law of Stella (Tony) Lettieri; caring aunt to Chris (Brenda), Renee, Michael Lettieri, Marina (Phil) Figarelli and Jeffrey (Anne), Paul, Daniel (Shelly), and Robert (Marissa) Lettieri. Pat is also survived by her former daughter-in-law, Pamela Adams Novielli; devoted daughter of the late Stephen and Mildred nee Evans Sikora. Dom and Pat met ballroom dancing at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago and married on the first day of summer in 1952. Pat and Dom are now reunited and dancing a rumba to "Spanish Eyes" by Al Martino - their very special song. Pat loved music, literature, and theatre. Visitation 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Prayers Thursday 9:30 a.m. to St. Luke Church for Mass at 10 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to BrightFocus Foundation for Macular Degeneration Research, St. Jude's Research for Children, and Misericordia. Funeral Info 708-383-3191 or www.drechslerbrown-williams.com

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Palda, Gail Arlene

Gail Arlene (McGuire) Palda, age 69, of Lake Summerset, Illinois died peacefully February 22, 2020 in Oregon, Illinois. She was born November 25, 1950 in Oak Park, Illinois to Michael and Carolyn (Jenson) McGuire. Gail married her sweetheart, John Palda, on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2003 at Saint Mary's Episcopal Church in Park Ridge, Illinois. Gail was subsequently confirmed Roman Catholic at Saint Clare of Assisi Parish at St. Victor's Catholic Church, Monroe, Wisconsin by Monsignor Larry Bakke in 2018. Gail attended North Park College, Chicago, Illinois before joining Material Service Corporation as a Medical Specialist, advancing to Director of Medical Services over a 20-year career. She joined John Bello and Associates, an ophthalmic medical practice at Resurrection Hospital, Chicago as Practice Administrator and served in that capacity until her retirement in 2013. Gail enjoyed travel, fitness and was an avid long distance swimmer. She was a joyful and outgoing woman with a gift to light up any room with her smile. Gail was known to never speak an unkind word toward anyone. She was loved by many and will be deeply missed by her husband, John and so many of her friends. Her parents and her brother, Michael, preceded her in death.

A Visitation will be from 10 AM to 12 PM-NOON on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at Saint Clare of Assisi Parish at St. Victor's Catholic Church, 1760 14th Street, Monroe, Wisconsin, followed by a Requiem Mass at 12 PM- NOON with Monsignor Larry Bakke as celebrant. Interment will take place at Calvary Cemetery in Monroe, and luncheon to follow at The Ludlow Mansion, 1421 Mansion Drive, Monroe. In lieu of flowers, Gail requests that contributions be made in her name to Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute attn. Priya Kumthekar MD, 675 N. St. Clair St., 20 Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60611. **Shriner Hager Gohlke Funeral Home** is assisting the family; condolences may be sent to the family at: shriner111.com.

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Ralston, Kenneth A.

Kenneth A. Ralston, 82 of Glen Ellyn, IL, passed away peacefully on February 21, 2020. Beloved husband of Marlene (Bender) for 60 years. Loving father of Douglas (Lori), Kris (Michael) Land, Robyn (Bill) Rohrer. Dear grandfather of Christopher, Chandler & Catherine Ralston, Kallan, Sierra, Jake & Karl Land and Jack, Katie, Maggie, Ellie & Matthew Rohrer. Fond brother of Richard (Cindy) Ralston, Carol Newford, the late Virginia Textor, late Jack Ralston, late Tom Ralston, late Jimmy Ralston & the late Kibby Fencel. Beloved uncle to 21 nieces and nephews.

A memorial gathering will be Friday, February 28th from 4-8 PM at Leonard Memorial Funeral Home (630-469-0032). A memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, 10 AM at St. Petronille Church, 420 Glenwood Ave. Glen Ellyn. Interment to follow at St. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Naperville, IL. Reception to follow at 1pm at Glen Oak Country Club 21W451 Hill Ave, Glen Ellyn.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the ALS Foundation, <http://webchicago.alsa.org/donate>. For enhanced obituary, please visit www.leonardmemorialhome.com/obituary/Kenneth-Ralston

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Shea, Dr. John Francis

Caution: External Sender



Dr. John Francis Shea, 78, passed away peacefully surrounded by love at his Burlington home on February 19th, 2020. John was born on July 13, 1941 in Peoria, IL to his parents James D. Shea and Ruth Shea nee: (Marchino). He and Patricia Ann Moeckel were married

December 7, 1984 in Kauai, Hawaii and resided in Riverside, IL.

A celebration of Dr. Shea's life will take place on Saturday, March 21st, 2020 at Integrity Celebrations Center- 2789 Browns Lake Dr. Burlington, WI 53105 (Located at the Corner of Highway 36 and W). The family invites you to an open house from 11:30pm to 2:45pm, followed by a 3:00pm memorial service, that will include time for anyone that would like to share stories of John.

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Slotnick, Judith Lee

Judith Lee Slotnick, 67, loving daughter of the late Miriam and the late George Slotnick. Dear sister of the late Dana Chess. Caring sister-in-law of Paul Chess, fond niece of Harriet Wolf and many aunts and uncles who predeceased her. Loving and attentive cousin and friend to many. Judy experienced many challenges in life but met them with determination, optimism, intelligence, and good humor. Service Wednesday 11AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Menorah Gardens. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the ARK, 6450 N. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60645, www.arkchicago.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

CHICAGO JEWISH FUNERALS

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Tregner, Mary Sue

Mary Sue Tregner nee Fields died peacefully on Friday February 21, 2020 surrounded by her children. She was born December 28, 1950 to Edward and Lorraine nee Livgard. Mary is survived by her children, Thomas (Laura) and Susan (Rob) McColgan; five grandchildren, John Paul, Ethan, and Nathalie Tregner and Ian and Katherine McColgan; siblings, James, Jeanne (Bob) Cox, Marjorie (Richard) Boser, Gary, Michael, and Charles (Estella); and nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her husband of 46 years, parents, and her brother Jack. Mary grew up on a family farm in Anoka County, Minnesota. She met her beloved John in college at Winona Minnesota. They were married June 26, 1971. After college they lived in Chicago. They raised their family in Villa Park, IL and spent the rest of their life there together. After John's death she lived near her son in Charleston, SC. Mary cared deeply for her family. She devoted herself to raising her children and managing her home. She also completed her Bachelor's in Psychology and Human Services during that time. She had a strong sense of morality and fostered a questioning attitude and a desire to learn in her children. She will be greatly missed. Her remains will be interred next to her husband at Chapel Hill Gardens West.

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Weil, Stephen Jay

Stephen Jay Weil, 72. Husband of the late Ellen nee Saltz. Father of Naomi (Mark) Saunderson. Grandfather of Charlotte and Ellie. Brother of Erika (Dr. James) Shapiro. Uncle of Sarah, Matthew (Chanel) and Rachel. Nephew of Claude Weil. Service Tuesday 11AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK

In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2020:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2020 assessment of Real Property located in the following township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County.

NORWOOD PARK
Identified also as Area(s) 12,13, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.

The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at such sitting is March 31, 2020.

Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions in said township(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 24th day of February, 2020.

FRITZ KAEGI
02/24/20 6610541

The Illinois Department of Transportation cordially invites you to attend the open house public meeting concerning the I-55 Access Study located in the City of Joliet and Village of Shorewood in Will County. The details of the meeting are as follows:

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020
Time: 4 PM - 7 PM
Location: Joliet Junior College, Auditorium, Building U, Auditorium, 1215 Houbold Road, Joliet, IL 60431

Purpose of the meeting:

- To present the preferred alternative for each of four independent projects identified by the I-55 Access Study
 - US 52 from River Road to Houbold Road
 - I-55 from I-60 to US 52
 - Olympic Boulevard from I-55 East Frontage Road to Houbold Road
 - Sell Road from Raven Road to IL 59
- Provide a status update for each of the projects
- Discuss the next steps of the project study

Interested persons may attend anytime between 4 PM and 7 PM. Exhibits will be on display and an audio-visual presentation will be shown continuously during the meeting. Project team members will be present to discuss the project and answer questions.

This meeting will be accessible to people with disabilities. Anyone needing special assistance should contact Jessica Feliciano, at (847) 705-4087. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the Department's TTY/ITD number (800) 526-0844/or 711; TTY users (Spanish) (800) 501-0864/or 711; and Telebriaille (877) 526-6670 at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

All correspondence regarding this project should be sent to:
Illinois Department of Transportation
201 W. Center Court
Schaumburg, IL 60196-1096
Attn: Bureau of Programming
Jessica Feliciano
or submitted through the project website: www.i55atit59accessproject.org

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Adrian Dlogopolski

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Danuta Kordus (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01310

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Danuta Kordus (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 07, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/11/2020, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **12 COURTROOM L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 30, 2020 6612109

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Ana Lopez Josue Esquivel

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Paloma Esquivel (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00263 18JA00677

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Omar Lopez (Father), AKA Jairo Esquivel, Paloma Esquivel (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 09, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/10/2020, at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **8 COURTROOM H**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 10, 2020 6612121

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Celin Vega

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Mariela Castillo-Maldonado (Mother) AKA Mariela Vega**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00276

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 **March 22, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/22/2020, at 10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **12 COURTROOM L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 30, 2020 6594937

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE GEORGE W. DUNNE COOK COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING RFP NO.: 1923-17871
RFP Document: The RFP document is available for download at: <https://legacy.cookcountyll.gov/purchasing/bids/listallbids.php>

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the RFP or if you have other questions, please contact Edmund Rendon, Senior Contract Negotiator, at (312) 603-6824 or edmund.rendon@cookcountyll.gov

Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference
Date, Time, and Location: Friday, March 6, 2020 at 10:00 AM (CST)
George W. Dunne Cook County Office Building
69 W. Washington Street, Conference Room 2200
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Site Visit Date, Time, and Location: Friday, March 6, 2020 at approx. 11:00 AM (CST)
Site Visit will be conducted at the George W. Dunne Cook County Office Building after the Pre-Proposal Conference

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 12:00 PM (CST) on March 9, 2020.

Proposal Due Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 3:00 PM (CST)
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
Cook County Building
118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018
Chicago, Illinois 60602

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2/24/2020 6612958

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Markco Mc Donald

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Harrielle Evans (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00951

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Antoine Mc Donald (Father) Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 27, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/16/2020, at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **8 COURTROOM H**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 15, 2020 6612935

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Noah Coral

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Monica Coral (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00945

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Geoffrey Staffin (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 26, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrios Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/16/2020, at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **76 COURTROOM G**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 9, 2020 6612943

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE GEORGE W. DUNNE COOK COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING RFP NO.: 1923-17871
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2/24/2020 6612958

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Yu Fang Zhang (Mother)

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Yu Fang Zhang (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01549

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Yu Fang Zhang (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 23, 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 **03/16/2020, at 11:00 AM** in CALENDAR **4 COURTROOM D**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 16, 2020 6612928

LEGAL NOTICES

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BULLS

Late TO is his MO

Down 10, 30 seconds to go ... and a timeout? It's Boylen's thing, and he won't back down even if it's frustrating LaVine.

BY JAMAL COLLIER

Bulls coach Jim Boylen understands why some might view his timeouts late in blowout losses as unnecessary.

Boylen has started to become known for that tactic in his first full season as an NBA head coach, the latest instance coming at the end of the Bulls' 112-104 loss to the Suns on Saturday night. Boylen called a timeout with the Bulls down 10 and 30.3 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter.

The stoppage visibly bothered guard Zach LaVine, who shook his head and mouthed, "Why we calling a timeout down 10?" with an added expletive. That prompted a meeting in Boylen's office during which they aired their frustrations after the Bulls lost their season-high eighth consecutive game.

Before the Bulls hosted the Wizards on Sunday, Boylen maintained that he and LaVine have a healthy relationship and defended his timeout usage.

"We're trying to establish that we're going to play till the end and we're going to compete," Boylen said. "We've had some tremendous comeback wins this year where we've kept playing, so I think the guys get that."

"What we can't do is not expect people to be frustrated with a losing streak or a home loss. That's a healthy thing that there's frustration."

The Bulls are one of the youngest and most inexperienced teams in the league, and Boylen has preached almost ad nauseam about trying to establish a culture and focus on development.

He pointed to their furious comeback win against the Hornets in November, after being down eight with 40 seconds remaining, as validation of his methods. It's why Boylen has remained unapologetic about calling timeouts late in games that appear to be decided, even if the list of people taking issue with it continues to grow.

"I coach to the end of games," he said. "You guys know that. Could some people look at that timeout as unnecessary? Of course they can. You can judge it any

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Bulls coach Jim Boylen huddles with guard Zach LaVine going into a last-minute timeout earlier this season.

CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

BULLS 126, WIZARDS 117

For a second consecutive game, Coby White scores 33 points as Bulls overcome Bradley Beal's career-high 53. **Page 5**

WHITE SOX

Kopech can't wait to prove he's ready

Cactus League debut isn't set but righty likes how he's progressing

BY LAMOND POPE

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Michael Kopech has thrown bullpen sessions. He has faced teammates in live batting practice. And sometime down the line, he'll pitch in a Cactus League game.

It's all part of the process for the White Sox right-hander, who missed all of 2019 while recovering from Tommy John elbow surgery.

"This is a big spring for me," Kopech said Sunday, "coming off of an injury, giving me a chance to kind of prove myself again and

really get into the middle of things and show some of the joy that I still have for the game.

"I have really tried to fine-tune my game in the past year and I've continued to do that this spring. And hopefully here in a week or so, when I do get into games, then I'll be able to showcase that."

The Sox haven't finalized a timetable for Kopech's first appearance in an exhibition game. Meanwhile, he's getting all he can out of live batting practice.

"You get good feedback because it's your own teammates," Kopech said. "They want you to get better and they want to get better themselves. You get real-time feedback from great hitters."

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ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/TRIBUNE

"I'm confident in what I'm doing and I feel I'm pretty close to being where I need to be."

— Michael Kopech

Boo-hoo-flu: MIA Ross sure to catch some grief

GLENDALE, Ariz. — When it comes to dishing out politically incorrect abuse with no apologies, a baseball clubhouse has no limits.

So you can imagine what David Ross has in store for him when he returns to Cubs camp after missing his first two spring training games as manager with flu-like symptoms.

During spring training in 2016, his final season as a Cubs player, Ross' teammates gave him a motorized scooter with the personalized license plate "GDPA," an abbreviation of "Grandpa." Now that he's their boss, could a wheelchair be delivered to his office at Sloan Park?

How much grief can one man take?



PAUL SULLIVAN
In the Wake of the News

We're about to find out.

"You know, we haven't given him any yet, but when he shows up ..." pitching coach Tommy Hottovy said before Sunday's game at Camelback Ranch against the Dodgers.

One of Ross' friends asked me to check on how many times in his playing career he didn't show up at the ballpark for a game.

"I'm guessing the answer is zero," he said with a laugh. While everyone feels for Ross as he gets over the flu, no one feels so badly they won't be able to make fun of him when he gets back. When your friend becomes your boss, he doesn't get a free

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TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

Marquee: Winners 'n' losers

More Mark Grace, please. During his too-short, three-inning visit to the Marquee Sports Network booth during the channel's debut Cubs game Saturday night, Grace called the Cincinnati Reds baseball's equivalent of the NFL's underperforming Cleveland Browns.

The former Cubs star rhapsodized about how, as a player, his diet featured jelly doughnuts, Philly cheesesteaks and Tootsie Rolls.

He reminisced about playing first base during Kerry Wood's storied 1998 20-strikeout game.

"I could have put my glove on my head," Grace said.

The Cubs beat the Athletics 12-2 on Saturday in their exhibition opener, but the real winner was Grace, who was funny and charming and insightful.

The guy was the life of the party. He even read promos with gusto.

There was much talk during the game about the geegaws and gimmickry Marquee will have at its disposal once the season starts.

There were loads of promos touting the Cubs-centric programming this partnership between the ballclub and Sinclair Broadcast Group will yield.

Someday, perhaps, the channel's microphones — pinned Saturday on Jason Heyward during batting practice and Anthony Rizzo during the first few innings — will yield something nearly as entertaining as announcers Len Kasper and Jim Deshaies kept saying they did.

For now, however, it's Grace's brief guest turn that should entice fans, not the technology. If Marquee is smart, it will figure out a way to make him a full-timer.

There were, of course, other winners and losers from Marquee's launch.

Winner: Jed Hoyer

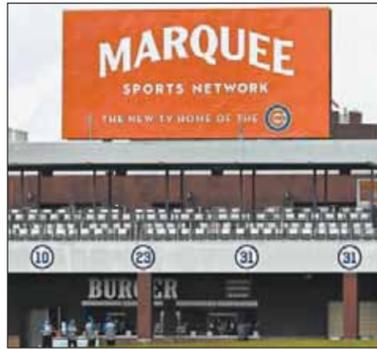
The line of the night may have come during a fourth-inning in-booth interview with the Cubs executive vice president and general manager.

Hoyer said he texted David Ross, who missed what would have been his spring training debut as manager with the flu.

His message: "Lou Gehrig, you are not."

Loser: Sponsor plugs

The Cubs' stated rationale for Marquee Sports Network is it will give fans more of what they want.



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Marquee Sports Network had its share of the good, the bad and the ugly in its debut.

What part of reporter Taylor McGregor's in-game feature on the family that controls the plumbing valve concern with naming rights to the Cubs spring training home was supposed to be interesting to fans back in the Midwest?

Loser: Remote-control cameras

Robotic cameras aren't new to Cubs TV, but there apparently will be a lot more of them in use once the season starts.

There was much talk Saturday from Len Kasper, Jim Deshaies and even Cubs business President Crane Kenney about how great it will be to have remote-controlled cameras perched atop the center-field scoreboard and foul poles at Wrigley Field.

Viewers have every reason to wonder how much this will add based on the slow-panning robo-cams near the dugout and in the broadcast booth Saturday.

High and faraway shots at Wrigley might make for pretty cutaway shots, but they are hardly well-positioned for game action.

Winner: Foot fans.

Crane Kenney touted it as the JavyCam because of its proximity to Javier Baez. Len Kasper called it the DirtCam, which is the name Fox Sports calls it when it's in use. But the folks at Marquee are very excited about planting a miniature camera in the infield dirt at Wrigley Field — calling it Cleat Cam because it's at shoe level.

Loser: Graphics fans

Marquee's spring training game cov-

erage will lack the channel's full graphics package. Pitch speed and a location box won't be available until the regular season.

Loser: Long-term memory

A product that advertises itself as helping improve short-term memory was among Marquee's launch partners, but that's not the kind of memory with which the channel struggles.

Its "Cubs Countdown: All-Time Games" hour featured a top 10. None predated 1970. All but two were since 1984. Four were in the last five years. That's a real keen sense of history on display.

If you want to blame fan voting for omitting, say, Babe Ruth's called shot at Wrigley Field in the 1932 World Series, OK. But Marquee signed off on the show. Add hanging Steve Bartman out to dry yet again at No. 2, and it's not a great look.

Winner: The real Harry Caray

There were plenty of clips on Marquee's opening day of Harry Caray, who was the first voice heard on the new channel.

Each clip evoked the memory of how Caray left the White Sox for the Cubs bad-mouthing the Sox plans to take games off free, over-the-air Chicago TV and launch pay TV's SportsVision in 1982.

The businesses of baseball and TV changed, of course, and the Cubs eventually moved games to local cable, but not until after Caray's 1998 death.

Loser: Ryan Dempster's Harry Caray impression

A little more than 15 minutes into Marquee's first hour, the former Cubs pitcher trotted out his imitation of the former Cardinals, A's, White Sox and Cubs announcer. There's no need for more of that.

Winner: Ron Rapoport

The former Sun-Times columnist and the author of the definitive Ernie Banks biography, "Let's Play Two," was the backbone of Marquee's "More Than Mr. Cub" documentary.

It was a solid effort prominently featuring Michael Wilbon, Billy Williams, Rich Cohen, Randy Hundley, Banks' sons and others. But it's hard to understand how Banks' 2013 appearance on stage with Eddie Vedder and Pearl Jam merited as much time as it received.

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CUBS

Q&A LEN KASPER

7 questions about Cubs' new network

BY PAUL SULLIVAN

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Len Kasper is entering his 16th year as play-by-play man for the Cubs, matching Harry Caray's 16-year run on the North Side from 1982 to 1997.

And at 49, Kasper doesn't look much different than when he replaced Chip Caray in 2005, with the exception of a gray hair or two.

As he begins a new season as the voice of the Cubs for Marquee Sports Network, for which he'll team with longtime partner Jim Deshaies and a rotating cast of co-analysts, Kasper answered a few questions about what we can expect from him in 2020.

How has the transition to Marquee Sports Network been?

The first game was special. The fact that this has all started really from scratch is pretty mind-boggling. I've seen the studio. The big rollout will be opening day. I don't think there will be as much done in the studio in spring training because it's not opening day. There will be more bells and whistles once the season starts that people certainly will notice, but to get on the air with J.D. and (Mark Grace) is exciting.

What can we expect with a three-man booth on the Marquee telecast?

There's been a lot of talk and a lot of meetings on how this is going to go. But a lot of the on-air content I don't want to do off the air. I talked to Gracie (before Saturday's game) and he was really excited. I said: "A lot of it I don't want to tell you what we're talking about. I want to spring it on you during the game." That's the fun of it. I just want to make sure that as prepared as we are, we're not overprepared to the point it's not organic and genuine, because that's how J.D. and I roll. I don't want to bring up a lot of topics off the air because I want to hear what his first take is on the air.

Will there be any difference Cubs fans will notice?

Yes and no. It's the same because it's Cubs baseball and it's J.D. and me, but a lot will be different. A lot more resources and a lot more people involved, and I've embraced the newness of that. I guess the familiarity of our voices, hopefully, will be comforting for people. But I also think there will be a lot of new wrinkles that people will like as well.

Will it be difficult getting comfortable with all of the rotating analysts after pairing only with Jim Deshaies for so long?

Certainly the dynamic changes a little bit, but my job in those spots is to let the two former players have a baseball conversation, and I really pride myself in being adaptable and being able to work with a lot of people. There is no finite number of games or number of innings people are going to do. A lot of them will come in in the middle three (innings), and there will be games where there will be a three-man booth for the whole game. So they're going to try some different things to see what works. I believe we have four games in spring training that are three-man — J.D. and Gracie, and later in the spring it'll be Gracie, (Rick Sutcliffe) and me. J.D. will have few days off.

And you're doing more national games?

I have added more Fox (games), so I will have eight to 10 Cubs games off for Fox. When we're in London, I'll be in Atlanta doing Dodgers-Braves, and when we're in New York, I'll be going to Fenway to do Red Sox-Cardinals. So it'll be something different. Chris Myers will fill in for me, probably about 10 games. I also might do a little radio for Pat (Hughes). He takes off like 12 games, and I'll slide over to radio and Chris will do TV. Just keeping it fresh. I like radio. I turn 50 next winter and I don't want to be the person who is unable to do new things and adapt. I like stuff that gets me out of my comfort zone.

What's your workload like this spring?

I'm doing all but three (Cactus League) games. I'm used to it. I do as many as I can. I don't do any other sports.

So you are no Jason Benetti?

No, he's insane. Every time I talk to him, it's "Where are you (broadcasting) today?" I'm just a one-sport guy.



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Marquee Sports Network announcer Len Kasper works the Cubs game Saturday.



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Albert Almora Jr. walks to the batting cages to work on his swing during spring training.

Almora makes key adjustments

Outfielder says he wasn't 'in a good place mentally' in '19

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — If this is the last hurrah for the core group of Cubs hitters that came up through the farm system, it's news to Albert Almora Jr.

"That's what you guys are here for, to make some stories," Almora said with a smirk. "We love that. I don't want to say there's pressure or the limelight, but this group of guys is incredible, and we'd go to war with them every day."

Almora did, however, take individual inventory during the winter after an admittedly disappointing 2019 season in which he "wasn't in a good place mentally."

His production wasn't in a good place either, which caused him to alter his swing to try to hit with more authority.

"It's visibly different," said Almora, who lifted a breaking pitch into right-center field for a double off the Athletics' Lou Trivino during a three-run rally Saturday night. "I'm going to face pitching now, and everything is going to come together. It's more the mindset, the mental approach of that. I feel that will be a big difference."

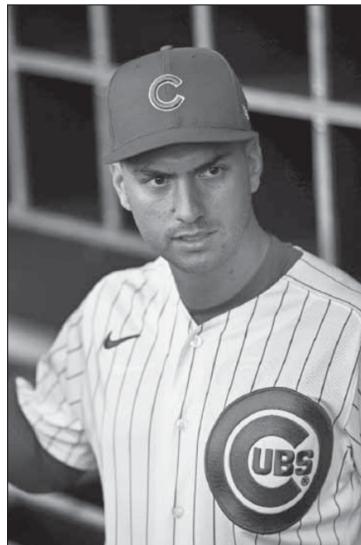
Almora, 26, has a career 77.4% contact rate — well above the team mark of 73.8% in 2019. But that was offset by Almora's penchant for swinging early in counts against pitchers' pitches. His batting average on balls in play was .255, and his hard-hit ball percentage was 30.6%.

He also lost his mastery of left-handed pitching that once earned him playing time. His batting average against lefties sank from .342 in 2017 to .295 in 2018 to .213 in 2019. His overall on-base percentage dipped to a career-low .271.

"The league made an adjustment, and I had to make an adjustment back," Almora said. "That's about it. This is a game of adjustments. I took that seriously this offseason."

The biggest challenge for Almora will be hitting the ball in the air with more authority while maintaining a respectable contact rate.

"I don't think he'll lose the ability to make contact," said hitting coach Anthony Iapoce, who initially joined the Cubs as a special assistant in 2012, five months after Almora became the first draft pick of the Theo Epstein regime. "There's a learning balance throughout your career to establish things you don't do well and things you're very good at and learning how to combine those things in certain situations. "The swing is ever-evolving. You're always going to improve. And then as you shorten up, learning to stay center with your body and getting yourself in the best position to land and to be able to drive



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Albert Almora Jr.: "It's the little things that matter in this game."

pitches through the middle of the field. Sometimes he wasn't in position to do that, and he just made contact."

"It's maintaining that focus on elevating the ball more."

Almora, like teammate Javier Baez, also fessed up about not preparing properly for games last year and is determined to make amends.

"It's the little things that matter in this game," Almora said. "The outcome, good or bad, if you prepare the right way, you can turn the page a lot easier."

"And I learned a lot this offseason. There are no games going on, but you learn how to prepare mentally and physically before games."

Almora chafed at having extra time to dwell on his shortcomings as the Cubs missed the playoffs for the first time since he reached the majors in 2016.

"It's really difficult," he said. "I didn't watch a lot of playoff games. I needed to disconnect a little bit. It was an important year in my life that I needed to go through and experience."

Almora said he opened up to his "circle" of trusted friends and was receptive to their advice.

A fresh mind can't hurt, considering the image occasionally lingers of the young girl Almora struck in the head with a line drive at Minute Maid Park in Houston last May.

"That's not an excuse (for the poor season)," said Almora, who has respected the family's wishes to remain private. "It definitely impacted me, but I'm not going to sit here and say that was the reason I didn't perform the way I wanted to."

4 TAKEAWAYS

Darvish could be lining up to start opener

BY MARK GONZALES

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Here are four takeaways from Cubs spring training Sunday:

1. Yu Darvish could start the season opener.

The Cubs rotation is lining up in a manner that could lead to Yu Darvish starting the March 26 opener against the Brewers in Milwaukee.

Darvish will throw live batting practice Monday before making his Cactus League debut later this week. Jon Lester will face the Rockies on Tuesday, followed by Kyle Hendricks on Wednesday against the Royals.

The Cubs haven't made a formal announcement about the rotation. The current plan is for starters to throw only one inning in their spring debuts, but pitching coach Tommy Hottovy said Darvish — who had a 2.76 ERA with 118 strikeouts in 81²/₃ innings in the second half last year — will pitch two innings in his debut.

Jose Quintana was scheduled to pitch live batting practice Sunday until he experienced flu-like symptoms.

"It's really managing the workload early," said Hottovy, who managed Sunday's game against the Dodgers as David Ross missed his second consecutive game because of flu-like symptoms. "Each guy has a certain way they like to do that first game."

Hottovy likes limiting his starters' spring debuts to one inning so "we can easily build up from that point. We look at intensity increasing with volume."

2. Tyler Chatwood clears his first hurdle.

Tyler Chatwood, who's vying for the fifth spot in the rotation, was pleased after working out of a jam in the first inning in his spring debut.

"I feel really good," Chatwood said after jamming Justin Turner and inducing AJ Pollock to ground into a double play. "My stuff's exactly where I want it to be. I've just got to keep that muscle memory and stay in my routine, but I'm excited and ready to go."

Chatwood, who lost his spot in the rotation in the middle of the 2018 season because of control issues, threw three consecutive balls to Mookie Betts before working the count full and retiring him on a fly to right.

"There's still a lot of untapped potential, and I feel this is the best I've ever been," Chatwood said.

3. Craig Kimbrel's schedule allows the Cubs to look at more candidates.

One benefit of closer Craig Kimbrel working on his own schedule is it allows the Cubs to look at other relief candidates.

"We've got to get a good look at a lot of these guys to get them in games as much as we can," Hottovy said. "Right now everyone is looking and feeling good, so we'll keep that process."

Kimbrel is scheduled to throw live batting practice Monday.

Meanwhile, the Cubs would welcome any contribution from Brandon Morrow after he suffered a right chest strain.

"Getting Brandon Morrow anytime in the year is beneficial for us, whether it's opening day, mid-June or September," Hottovy said. "Right now the process is just him getting comfortable and continuing his progression and knowing there will be bumps in the road."

Morrow hasn't pitched in a game since July 15, 2018, because of right forearm discomfort.

4. Rule 5 pick Trevor Megill warms to technology.

Trevor Megill, whom the Cubs selected from the Padres organization for \$100,000, initially struggled with a suggestion after spending time in the Cubs pitching lab.

"I was kind of hard-headed when I came to the organization with my curve grip," Megill said. "They showed me the spike curve, which they have everyone here on."

"The first week it sucked. I hated it. I kept going after it. Week 2 came around, and I felt more comfortable with it and I'm throwing it in live BP for strikes. I think it will be another pitch that will be an equalizer off my fastball."

Megill — who threw three wild pitches in the fourth inning Sunday — hopes to join Rowan Wick and Brad Wieck as former Padres who found success after joining the Cubs and spending time in their lab.

Megill must stay with the Cubs for the entire 2020 season or be placed on waivers. If he clears waivers, he must be offered to the Padres for \$50,000 and can be outrighted to the minors only if the Padres decline.



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Yu Darvish will throw batting practice Monday and pitch in a game later this week.

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pass just because he can tell you what to do.

Ross gave such an inspirational speech last week that Kris Bryant said he wanted to “run through a wall” for him. Who could’ve guessed a few days later Ross would hit the wall and be sent home by Cubs physician Stephen Adams before he could infect the rest of the team.

So Ross missed his debut Saturday as well as the debut of Marquee Sports Network, for which he was supposed to be mic’d up. The six-hour pregame coverage included features of Ross touring Sloan Park with Ryan Dempster and highlights of Ross hitting a home run in Game 7 of the 2016 World Series.

But when the bell rang, he was out. We don’t know if he had Marquee available in his spring training residence, but if he did, he could’ve heard general manager Jed Hoyer crack wise about the illness on the first telecast.

“Lou Gehrig he is not,” Hoyer said he texted Ross.

The irony is Ross made such a point of telling the players to be ready, then was missing in action on Day One — through no fault of his own.

“He’s so good about accountability for the players and saying how we’re really going to support each other, so guys have been giving him crap,” Hotovy said. “But (the flu) has been going around. It’s something you’ve got to take care of.

“You don’t want more people getting sick. He’ll be in the limelight plenty. Being a couple days behind is fine.”

Ross still was recovering at home Sunday as the Cubs traveled across the valley to Camelback Ranch to face the Dodgers, leaving bench coach Andy Green to fill in once again. That means Ross hasn’t been in the Cubs dugout during a game since the 2016 World Series.

Green has fared well so far as Ross’ replacement, though you had to wonder if Ross was managing from his bed.

“He was texting about the game,” Hotovy said of Saturday’s opening win over the A’s. “He’s locked in.”

Cactus League games don’t mean anything expect to players on the roster bubble, but Ross surely is eager to get his first game under his belt. After replacing Joe Maddon, the pressure is on him to get the Cubs back where they need to be.

New managers always are a little anxious, especially when the media focus on them as much the media.

“I’m not the focal point around here,” Dusty Baker argued in 2003 after winning his Cactus League debut with the Cubs. “I never wanted to be. When I started managing, I did not want to be a star manager. What ends up happening sometimes is it’s out of your control.”

Baker welcomed the scrutiny, as did Lou Piniella, who went on the warpath after losing his first four Cactus League games as Cubs manager in 2007.

Before the fifth game, Piniella called a team meeting.

“We’ve got some work to do,” he said afterward. “This is no push-button operation. I can tell you that.”

Sometimes the new Cubs manager has to smooth things over right off the bat, as Mike Quade had to do in 2011 when Aramis Ramirez and Carlos Silva scuffled in the dugout during the first Cactus League game.

“Look, nothing goes away in the blink of an eye just because ‘Q’ says it goes away,” Quade said, referring to himself in the third person.

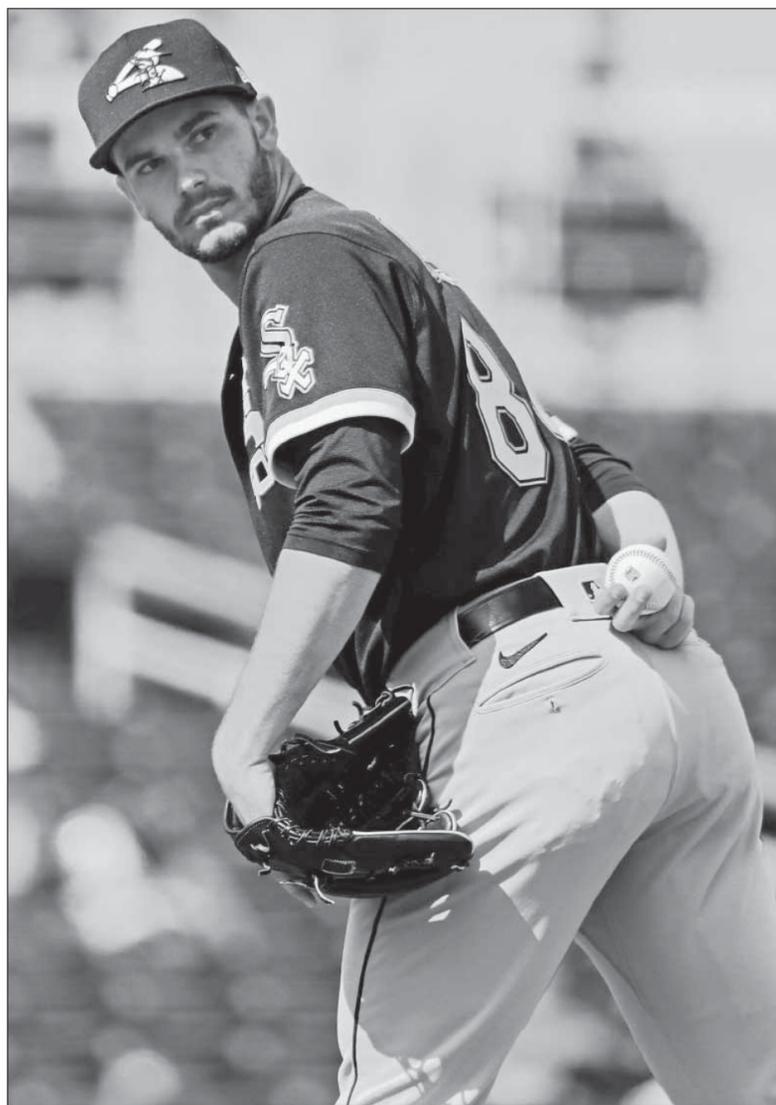
Ross’ illness probably will be forgotten by the end of his first spring training in the manager’s seat. The Cactus League season goes by in the blink of an eye, and soon enough it will be opening day in Milwaukee.

There’s no question Ross will be able to answer the bell March 26.

His players will be sure to remind him when it’s time to go.



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David Ross hasn’t been up to talking much since flu-like symptoms surfaced.



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Dylan Cease got the White Sox off to a good start in their first exhibition game Sunday.

WHITE SOX 3 TAKEAWAYS

For starters, that sure wasn’t bad

Cease, Anderson help defeat Reds in Cactus League opener

By LAMOND POPE

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — The White Sox opened Cactus League play Sunday with a 7-2 victory against the Reds at Goodyear Ballpark.

Seby Zavala homered and had two RBIs, and Tim Anderson, Leury Garcia, Danny Mendick and Nick Madrigal each drove in a run.

Here are three takeaways from Sunday.

1. Dylan Cease looked sharp.

The Reds had runners on first and second with one out in the first, and Dylan Cease rose to the challenge.

First he struck out Curt Casali on a 97 mph pitch, according to the reading on the scoreboard. Then he got Kyle Farmer to fly out to center to end the inning.

Cease allowed three hits and struck out three in two scoreless innings. He also hit a batter.

“I was very happy,” Cease said. “Lot of fastballs for strikes, for the most part off-speed (pitches) for strikes, good shape on pitches, good changeups. It was good.”

Cease said he focused on fastball command and his off-speed pitches.

“I threw at least one or two good, solid off-speed pitches of each category,” Cease said. “I threw at least two good changeups, curveballs, sliders. I feel like for the two innings, I was able to get good work in.”

Cease felt the progression from bullpen sessions to live batting practice to an exhibition game went smoothly.

“I had better feel (Sunday) than I did at any point last season,” Cease said. “As long as I can keep carrying that on, I’ll be happy.”

2. Tim Anderson provides a spark in the leadoff spot.

The Sox displayed the Tim Anderson-Yoan Moncada combo at the top of the lineup.

Anderson began the game by beating out a high grounder to third for an infield hit. He went 1-for-3 with an RBI, driving in Nicky Delmonico on a groundout to short in the fifth.

Moncada went 0-for-3. Sox manager Rick Renteria discussed the one-two punch before the game.

“(Anderson) hits his way on,” Renteria said, “but he’s able to, in many instances, see



Shortstop Tim Anderson celebrates as he heads off the field against the Reds.

a lot of pitches as well, allowing the guys behind him to see what the guy’s got.

“You got a guy on, Moncada facing a right-hander with a hole open, you shoot one through the hole and get first and third. Things you want to take advantage of early, if possible, and possibly put a point on the board.”

Top prospect Luis Robert was slated to bat first Saturday against the Angels, but rain washed out the game. He batted seventh Sunday and lined out to left field and grounded out to short.

“We’ll have plenty of time this spring for Luis in the top spot,” Renteria said. “He’s a guy that projects, as he ultimately becomes who he’s supposed to be, anywhere from one through five.

“But right now, we’re able to get these guys out there together for the first time and see how it looks.”

3. Gio Gonzalez is ‘progressing well’ after left shoulder soreness.

Rick Renteria provided an update on starting pitcher Gio Gonzalez, who has been slowed this spring after experiencing left shoulder soreness about two weeks before camp.

“He’s coming along fine,” Renteria said. “He’s doing his throwing program. He’s progressing well. He’s actually doing everything I want him to do in terms of feeling free and easy and pain-free. We’re going to continue to bring him along guardedly.

“We’re still scheduled to have him gradually get into the rotation.”

Gonzalez, 34, signed a one-year, \$5 million deal in December and is expected to add depth to the rotation.

BASEBALL NOTES

Fans give Fiers warm welcome

Associated Press

Athletics fan K.C. Sandstrom was sitting down the right field line watching his team warm up while armed with a small dry-erase board, a marker and a statement written in all caps.

“MIKE FIERS FOR PRESIDENT”

It’s been a tumultuous few months for Fiers, the current A’s pitcher and former Astros player who helped expose that team’s sign-stealing scandal that’s rocked Major League Baseball. But on a cool Sunday in Mesa, Arizona, the 34-year-old received a largely warm reception during his first spring training appearance in Mesa.

“Oakland’s going to support us no matter what,” Fiers said after throwing two perfect innings against the Giants. “They’ve always been there. It’s fun, it’s fun playing in front of these fans and with these guys. Just a great day of baseball.”

While Fiers is now widely known for his connection to the Astros’ sign-stealing, he’s also an accomplished pitcher. He’s thrown two no-hitters over nine seasons and is coming off his best year in the big leagues — he finished with a 15-4 record and 3.90 ERA in a career-high 184²/₃ innings in 2019.

He’s expected to have a prominent role on this year’s staff as well.

The right-hander had a good start to spring, retiring all six of the Giants he faced. When the A’s lineup was announced before the game, he received loud cheers from the A’s side of the stadium. The Giants’ side was a little less enthusiastic, but certainly not hostile.

Cespedes speaks: Yoenis Cespedes expects to be ready to play by opening day. He said so himself.

Six days after saying he didn’t plan to speak to the media all season, the Mets slugger broke his silence.

Out of the lineup since July 2018 with heel problems, Cespedes said he planned to play in spring training games by the middle of March. And if all goes well, he intended to be in the lineup on March 26 when the Mets host the World Series champion Washington Nationals in the opener.

“If I continue progressing the way that I am, yes,” he told reporters through a translator. “I feel good. I’m happy with the progress. Every day I’m still working to get better and better. It’s not as fast as I want it to be, but as the season approaches, I’m feeling like I’m really good right now.”

Asked about his motivation level for this year, on a scale of one to 10, he answered in English: “Twelve.”

That’s a lot more than Cespedes said Monday, when he shut down media members who approached him in the clubhouse.

“Not today, not tomorrow, not at all this year,” he said.

The 34-year-old Cespedes has played in only 119 games in the first three seasons of a four-year, \$110 million contract, only 38 since the end of the 2017 season.

The two-time All-Star outfielder was out for much of 2017 with hamstring strains, then missed more than two months in 2018 because of a strained hip flexor. He homered at Yankee Stadium in his return July 20, then went back on the DL and had surgery to remove bone calcification from his right heel on Aug. 2, 2018, and his left that Oct. 26.

While recovering from surgery on his heels last May, Cespedes fractured his right ankle in multiple places in an accident at his ranch just west of the Mets’ training complex.

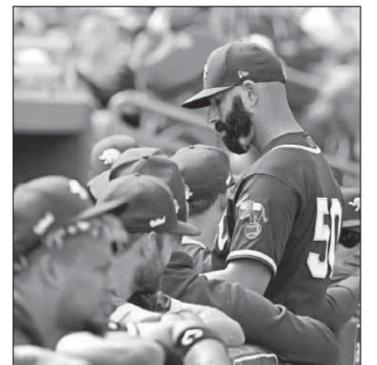
“I am not going to speak about the past,” Cespedes said. “I committed an error and paid the price for it, but today I will be talking about the present and the future.”

Cespedes and the Mets agreed in December to an amended contract that cut his base salary from \$29.5 million to \$6 million.

Pedroia to IL: The Red Sox placed second baseman Dustin Pedroia on the 60-day injured list.

The 36-year-old former AL MVP has played just nine games over the last two seasons.

The four-time All-Star has spent the time trying to recover from an injury he sustained when the Orioles’ Manny Machado slid spikes-high into his left knee in May 2017.



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Pitcher Mike Fiers steps into the dugout during Sunday’s spring training game.

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“I faced (Nick) Madrigal the other day and I couldn’t get a fastball by him. It hurts to see that, but at the same time, that guy is on my team. We’re all pulling in the same direction.”

The coaching staff likes the direction of Kopech’s progression.

“We are very optimistic about where he’s at,” Sox manager Rick Renteria said Friday. “We will allow him to continue to pitch and get some innings under his belt, and I’m sure, first year after coming from the surgery, that there are parameters we want to stay within. It will be a very optimistically

guarded approach.”

Kopech echoed the optimism.

“I’m confident in what I’m doing and I feel I’m pretty close to being where I need to be,” Kopech said. “But at the same time, I feel there’s pitches that need to be executed better. Fortunately for me, (Friday) was only my second live BP, so I have time to make some adjustments.”

Kopech said the feel for his secondary pitches is “still coming along.”

“With that being said, I’m still confident in my slider,” Kopech said. “I feel like I have the slider that I had pre-injury. I’m very comfortable with what I’m throwing. I haven’t mixed in too many curveballs yet. I want to continue executing that.

“And then my changeup’s not where I want it to be, but it’s farther along than it

ever has been. So I feel like I’m in a pretty good spot with my secondary stuff.”

Overall, Kopech has been pleased with his command.

“I could definitely be better,” he said. “I missed a few spots with my fastball (Friday), but for the most part, if I was missing away, I was trying to go away; if I was missing in, I was trying to go in. I’m pretty much around where I want to be, so I’m pretty comfortable with where I’m throwing the ball.”

Kopech is enjoying the energy in the clubhouse.

“Everyone has been pretty excited,” he said. “I haven’t been with the big-league team that long, but from the time I have been there, this is a different feel altogether. It just makes me want to be part of it that much more.”

BULLS

BULLS 126, WIZARDS 117

White hot, goes for 33 again

Guard joins MJ as only Bulls rookies with 2 straight 30-point games

BY JAMAL COLLIER

Coby White has teased the Bulls with several tantalizing streaks of brilliance this season.

Sometimes the rookie guard's hot streak lasts only a quarter, other times for a half or maybe a full game. The spurts have remained as unpredictable as they are exhilarating, and as sporadic as they are encouraging, for a player who just turned 20 last week.

White put together the best back-to-back games of his career this weekend, and his 33-point effort Sunday night helped guide the Bulls to a 126-117 victory over the Wizards that snapped a season-worst eight-game losing streak.

It was the second consecutive night White scored 33 points, which matched a career high and made him the first Bulls rookie since Michael Jordan with back-to-back 30-point games.

"It means a lot," White said of joining Jordan. "It's a blessing; he's the GOAT. You've just got to continue to get better, build from it and hopefully just stay consistent."

White's performance provided the Bulls with an additional scoring threat they have been lacking all season alongside Zach LaVine, who finished with 32 points and made six 3-pointers to raise his season total to 177, breaking Ben Gordon's franchise record.

LaVine and White (five 3s) were joined by Thaddeus Young (five 3s, 25 points) to become the first trio of Bulls teammates with at least 25 points since LaVine, Otto Porter Jr. and Lauri Markkanen did it in a four-overtime loss to the Hawks last March 1.

White also became the first rookie in NBA history with consecutive 30-point games off the bench.

"We need (White) to do things like that," LaVine said. "I told him, let's do it again next game.



JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY

Coby White flies past Thomas Bryant of the Wizards to score two of his 33 points at the United Center.

Keep it going, don't put a cap on it."

They needed it all to stave off the Wizards, who kept trimming an advantage that was once 25 points, cutting the lead to seven with about seven minutes remaining. Bradley Beal finished with a career-high 53 points.

As the team goals shift toward development this season, it has raised questions about White's

role and whether he could find a spot in the starting lineup. White is one of only three Bulls to appear in all 58 games this season, with LaVine and Tomas Satoransky, but has yet to receive his first start.

Coach Jim Boylen likes White in his current role, in which he can serve as the leader of a second unit depleted by injuries. And when he gets hot like he did

Sunday night, he'll be on the floor with the starters to close the game, which is just as important to him as getting the chance to start.

"You want to be in at the end of the games to try and finish for your team," White said. "Everyone on this team does, just because of our competitive nature, but it means a lot to me to be able to finish the game."

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way you want."

Boylen has annoyed opposing coaches and been bemoaned by opposing broadcasters. He was booed in Philadelphia earlier this month for calling a timeout down eight with 28.4 seconds remaining.

He called a timeout down 25 with 1:04 remaining in Toronto, saying he needed to run a play for two-way player Adam Mokoka, which caused Raptors television announcers to complain he delayed their plans to watch the Super Bowl.

That was also the first game LaVine appeared clearly agitated by one of Boylen's late timeouts in blowout losses.

"That's what he do," LaVine said Saturday night. "I don't know what else to tell you. I'm not the coach. He told me he likes working on things that we do in practice and things like that. He's the head coach; he can call a timeout if he wants to."

The relationship between Boylen and LaVine has been rocky at times this season, including when Boylen benched LaVine in November. LaVine has been the Bulls' most valuable player by far, healthy enough to start all 58 games and carry a heavy share of the burden on and off the court for this struggling rebuild.

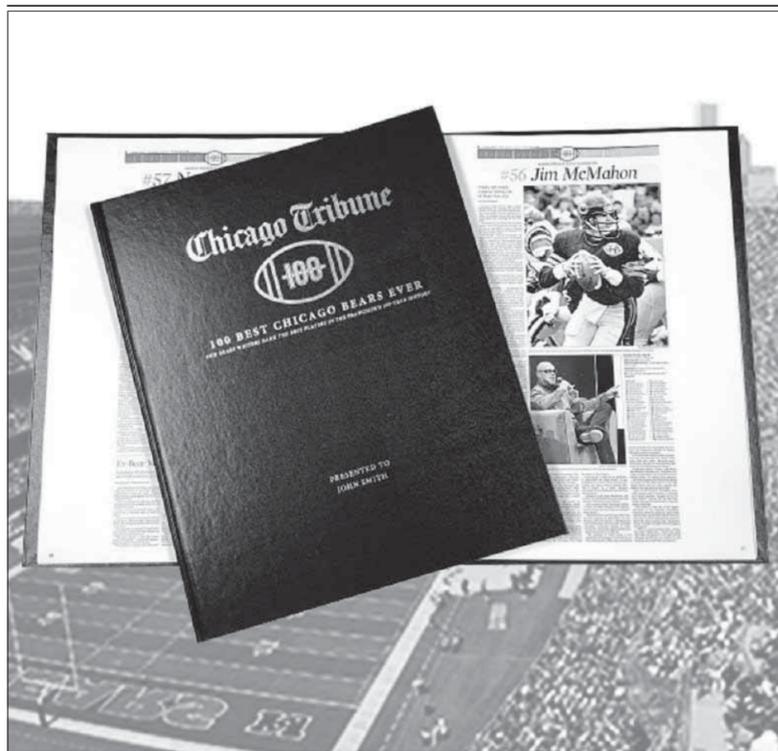
Both LaVine and Boylen downplayed any hostility. LaVine chalked up his reaction to frustration about the game and losing streak, while Boylen reiterated that the two meet often, not just when something goes wrong.

"I think he was frustrated in that moment," Boylen said. "He did not say to me he's questioning (the timeouts). He was frustrated in that moment."



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Bulls coach Jim Boylen keeps his eyes on the clock late in a game.



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SPORTS

ANALYSIS

Fury hits right notes in victory

Brit dominates boxing's biggest title fight in years

By **TIM DAHLBERG**
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The world has never seen a heavyweight champion quite like Tyson Fury, the British behemoth who gave Deontay Wilder a beat down to win the heavyweight title and then celebrated by leading his fans in a chorus of "American Pie" from the ring at the MGM Grand hotel.

He can fight, he can sing and he can talk. Oh, can he talk.

Before the fight Fury talked nonstop about how he was going to switch from boxer to puncher to take the heavyweight title from Wilder. After the fight he talked about how he did just that — and will only get better as his career goes on.

"Not bad for a fat guy who can't punch," the 6-foot-9 Fury crowed after handing Wilder his first defeat in a fight so one-sided that Wilder's corner finally threw in the towel at 1:39 of the seventh round of their heavyweight showdown Saturday night. "I had a dream of coming to Las Vegas and taking over. Now here I am."

It wasn't supposed to play out like this. Not against an unbeaten heavyweight champion so feared who had knocked out 41 of 43 men put in the ring against him.

Not after Fury plunged into the depths of despair a few years back when his life was spiraling out of control and cocaine and alcohol had made his weight balloon 37 pounds.

But now the Gypsy King has the heavyweight title once again, five years after first winning it from Wladimir Klitschko.

And, no matter what his fellow Brit Anthony Joshua might say, he should be hailed by all in boxing as the best heavyweight in the world.

"Everybody knows I'm a master boxer," Fury said. "But that didn't work the last time. I got a draw and a draw is a failure to me. The only way I could guarantee I was going to get a win was a knockout."

The path to greatness in Sin City was a troubled one. Fury had to beat his demons before he could beat the best heavyweights, and then had to beat the skeptics to be considered the best of the best.

Against Wilder he proved he was just that in a fight most never saw coming. Most, that is, who thought Fury was bluffing when he said he would go after Wilder from the opening bell in the rematch of their draw from 14 months earlier.

He put on a show in a theatrical entrance, wearing a crown and carried aloft on a throne. Then he put a show on in the ring, knocking Wilder down in the third round with a right hand to the head and again in the fifth with a left to the body.

By the time Wilder's corner threw in the towel, the outcome of the fight had long since been decided. Wilder was taking punches to the head without landing any of his own, and any thought that he might suddenly unleash a right hand to change things was long gone.

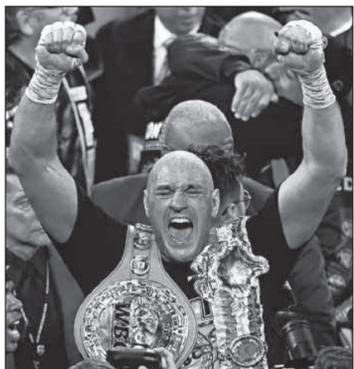
And the singing afterward? Well, Fury might not want to quit his night job — one that made him \$30-40 million for the signature win of his career.

"Were you not entertained?" Fury asked afterward. "I've now finished off my collection. I've won every belt in boxing."

Unfortunately for Fury, he doesn't hold every belt in boxing, even after putting on a spectacular show in the biggest heavyweight fight in the U.S. since Lennox Lewis beat Mike Tyson 18 years ago in Memphis. The others belong to Joshua, who won them back in Saudi Arabia in December after being stopped by Andy Ruiz Jr. in their first fight.

But Fury has never lost and he beat a man who had made 10 title defenses and also entered the ring unbeaten. He did it in a way that not only thrilled his fans but backed up the case that he is the best heavyweight around.

If any more evidence was needed, oddsmakers at the Westgate Superbook opened betting on a possible Joshua-Fury matchup with Fury a big minus-260 favorite.



MARK RALSTON/GETTY-AFP

Tyson Fury celebrates after his title win over Deontay Wilder on Saturday night.



MATT SULLIVAN/GETTY

Joey Logano celebrates in victory lane after winning Sunday's race in Las Vegas.

NASCAR

Miss, then a make for Logano in Vegas

Ex-Cup champ botches final pit, still earns 24th career win

By **JENNA FRYER**
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The adjustments to a major offseason overhaul at Team Penske continued Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, where miscommunication between Joey Logano and his new crew chief led to a botched final pit stop.

Logano still wound up in victory lane for the second year in a row, winning a two-lap sprint to the finish that ended under caution.

A caution with six laps remaining forced teams to make strategic decisions and crew chief Paul Wolfe told Logano to come to pit road for new tires. Logano didn't hear Wolfe and remained on track, a move that cycled him into the lead but put him in position to hold off a slew of contenders on fresh tires.

Logano knew it was critical to get his Ford separated from the pack quickly on the restart to have any shot at the win.

"Clean air was going to be key with old tires," he said. "If I got swallowed up by a couple cars, I was just going to fall backwards really quick."

Logano got a push from Ricky Stenhouse Jr. on the restart with two laps remaining, then threw a block on William Byron to maintain his position out front that Logano called "the winning move."

"I was able to get down in front of him and then be able to separate myself a little bit from the field," he said.

Logano, the 2018 Cup champion, just missed advancing to the championship race

last season. At the start of this year, owner Roger Penske announced he'd swapped the crews of Logano, Ryan Blaney and Brad Keselowski, with Logano getting Wolfe, the crew chief who led Keselowski to a Cup title.

They've worked together at the track the last three weeks and Logano praised the new pairing.

"He's done such a great job, and it's been fun getting to know each other, and the whole team," Logano said. "The pit crew was amazing today. I think we gained a spot every time at least. Proud of the effort that everyone has put in over the offseason."

Logano had taken the white flag when a crash occurred deep in traffic to bring out the caution, freeze the field and secure the victory for the No. 22 Ford.

The 24th victory of Logano's career broke a tie with Ricky Rudd for 35th on NASCAR's all-time win list.

Matt DiBenedetto in a Ford for the Wood Brothers — a Penske partner — for his second race was 0.491 seconds behind to tie his career-best finish.

"This is all just too surreal," he said. "Tough to be that close, but hey, this is only the second race of the season. So it was the strength of this team. It's so cool to have the backing of all the people that allow me to drive this thing."

Stenhouse, pole-sitter for the Daytona 500 a week ago, was third in a Chevrolet in his second race for new team JTG-Daugherty Racing.

"So far so good," Stenhouse said. "Two weeks, we've been fast this week, we weren't bad this week, and we know what we need to work on."

Austin Dillon was fourth for Richard Childress Racing and Jimmie Johnson fifth.

Newman has head injury, intends to return in '20

By **JENNA FRYER**
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Ryan Newman said he suffered a head injury in his crash on the last lap of the Daytona 500 but did not disclose details in a statement from the driver read before Sunday's race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

"I was fortunate to avoid any internal organ damage or broken bones. I did sustain a head injury for which I'm currently being treated," Newman wrote in a statement. "The doctors have been pleased with my progression over the last few days."

There is no timetable for Newman's return to racing, but Roush Fenway Racing said the 42-year-old Indiana native is determined to get back to the track.

"He has expressed unequivocally that this is where he wants to be and he wants to be back in a race car," said Roush President Steve Newmark, adding that once he returns, Newman wants to be the one to address his health personally.

"Ryan actually wants to be the one in front of you to answer those questions," Newmark said. "He and I talked about that and he's kind of chomping at the bit to get back here and I think he feels that would be most appropriate for him to be behind the mic answering a lot of those questions."

Roush Fenway gave its first detailed account of the harrowing ordeal that began when Newman, while leading the last lap of the rain-delayed Daytona 500, was involved in a crash that sent him hard into a wall, airborne, hit in the driver side door by another car, then trapped in an upside-down Ford on fire as rescue workers tried to free him from the damaged vehicle.

He was hospitalized Monday night in what Roush officials called serious but not life-threatening condition — which Newmark

said they did not learn until Newman's father passed along the information from doctors roughly two hours after the accident.

Newman walked out of the Daytona Beach hospital roughly 42 hours later appearing unscathed and holding hands with his two young daughters. The photo of that moment, Newman said in his statement, was a testament to the Roush Fenway Racing organization "that built me a car not only fast enough to lead the final seconds of the Daytona 500, but strong enough to do its job under great distress, allowing me to survive such an accident."

"I am truly indebted to each of you and it is unlikely I will ever be able to properly express to you how much the diligent effort with which you conduct your craftsmanship has affected me and my family. I hope you took pride in the photograph of me walking out of the hospital hand-in-hand with my daughters on Wednesday. Thank you. I can't wait to get back in your race car."

Newmark opened the news conference by reading Newman's lengthy statement, which began with an apology from the driver for not being in Las Vegas. Ross Chastain drove the No. 6 Ford on Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway and finished 27th as Newman's streak of 649 consecutive starts dating to the 2002 season opener came to an end.

"I have spoken with Jack Roush and he has assured me that the No. 6 car will be waiting and ready for my return," Newman concluded in his statement. "I'm looking forward to getting behind the wheel and battling for another race win in the Roush Fenway Ford."

Newmark said Newman intends to race for the 2020 Cup championship this season, and he plans to ask NASCAR for an exemption to qualify for the playoffs once he's medically cleared to return.

GOLF

Reed rallies, wins another WGC title

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Patrick Reed made it hard for anyone to question his moxie.

A week that began with Brooks Koepka saying he thought Reed cheated when he was penalized for swiping sand in the Bahamas ended with Reed delivering clutch moments down the stretch Sunday to win the Mexico Championship.

Then again, Reed always seems to be at his best when it feels as though the world is against him.

Two shots behind with four holes to play, Reed ran off three straight birdies to overtake a faltering Bryson DeChambeau, closing with a 4-under 67 for his second World Golf Championships title.

Reed made it interesting in the end with a wild tee shot into the trees on the 18th hole at Chapultepec Golf Club, forcing him to chip back to the fairway. He had to two-putt from 35 feet for eighth victory of his PGA Tour career.

In a wild final round in which five players had a share of the lead — and four were tied heading for the back nine — DeChambeau appeared to seize control with five birdies in a six-hole stretch starting at No. 9.

Everyone around him faltered — Justin Thomas, Rory McIlroy, Jon Rahm, Erik van Rooyen — everyone but Reed, who played bogey-free until he only needed a bogey to win.

DeChambeau failed to birdie the par-5 15th, missed the green on the 16th with a pin in a bowl that made birdies accessible, and then three-putted from long range on the 17th. He shot 65.

Reed never flinched with so much going on around him, on and off the golf course.

He has yet to shake whispers on the tour and heckling from the gallery over the Hero World Challenge in December, when video caught him twice swiping away sand behind his ball in a waste area in the Bahamas. Reed accepted the two-shot penalty and said a different camera angle would have shown his club wasn't as close to the ball as it looked.

Koepka became the strongest voice during an interview Monday with SiriusXM in the Bay Area while he was previewing his title defense at the PGA Championship in May.

Radio host Sway Calloway asked Koepka if Reed was cheating.

"Uh, yeah. I think, yeah, yeah," Koepka said, known for speaking his mind. "I mean, I don't know what he was doing, building sand castles in the sand. But you know, you know where your club is. I mean, I took three months off and I can promise you I know if I touched sand."

"If you play the game, you understand the rules," he said. "You understand the integrity that goes on. I mean, there's no room for it."

Asked about it Saturday, Reed said, "At the end of the day, you can't listen to what other people are saying. All you can control is what you do."

All he did Sunday was win. "To come back and win my second World Golf Championship, especially with how I had to finish from basically 15 onwards ... last hole was ugly but it was what I needed just to get the job done," Reed said.

He finished at 18-under 266 and moved to No. 8 in the world.

DeChambeau walked back across the bridge to the 18th green to congratulate Reed. DeChambeau can appreciate heavy criticism, his variety for his pace of play.

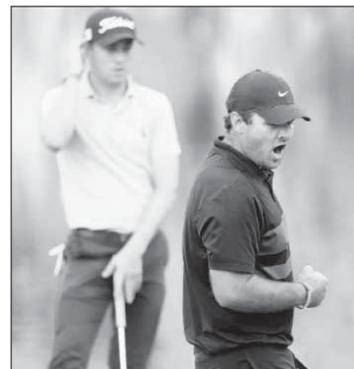
"There's been a lot of stuff said in past years, I guess you could say, with him, and even with me. I feel like unfortunately sometimes we get quite a bad rap," DeChambeau said. "And yeah, there's things that we've done that hasn't been right, but we haven't got really gotten the best rap."

"... He's a great player, and he'll be a great player for a long time, and I have a lot of respect for his game."

Rahm had a chance to reach No. 1 in the world with a victory, depending on how McIlroy finished. It was a moot point when the Spaniard took bogey on the par-5 11th and dropped another shot on the 14th with a short iron that went just over the back of the green.

McIlroy was within one shot until going nine straight holes without a birdie.

Thomas, who lost a 54-hole lead for the second time in the Mexico Championship, shot 73.



ROB CARR/GETTY

Patrick Reed reacts after draining a birdie putt on the 17th hole Sunday.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	42	15	.737	—
Boston	39	17	.696	2½
Philadelphia	35	22	.614	7
Brooklyn	26	29	.473	15
New York	17	39	.304	24½
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	36	20	.643	—
Orlando	24	32	.429	12
Washington	20	35	.364	15½
Charlotte	19	37	.339	17
Atlanta	17	41	.293	20
CENTRAL				
x-Milwaukee	48	8	.857	—
Indiana	33	24	.579	15½
Chicago	20	38	.345	29
Detroit	19	40	.322	30½
Cleveland	15	41	.268	33

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	36	20	.643	—
Dallas	34	23	.596	2½
Memphis	28	28	.500	8
New Orleans	25	32	.439	11½
San Antonio	24	32	.429	12
NORTHWEST				
Denver	39	18	.684	—
Utah	36	20	.643	2½
Oklahoma City	35	22	.614	4
Portland	26	32	.448	13½
Minnesota	16	39	.291	22
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	43	12	.782	—
L.A. Clippers	37	19	.661	2½
Sacramento	23	33	.411	20½
Phoenix	23	34	.404	21
Golden State	12	45	.211	32

x-clinched playoff spot

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

L.A. Lakers 114, Boston 112
 Toronto 127, Indiana 81
 Denver 128, Minnesota 116
 Oklahoma City 131, San Antonio 103
 Chicago 126, Washington 117
 New Orleans 115, Golden State 101
 Portland 107, Detroit 104

MONDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
 Miami at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Washington, 6 p.m.
 Orlando at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
 New York at Houston, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at Utah, 8 p.m.
 Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Charlotte at Indiana, 6 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Chicago, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Boston at Portland, 9 p.m.
 New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.
 Sacramento at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

BULLS 126, WIZARDS 117

WASHINGTON: Bonga 1-3 0-0 2, Hachimura 4-8 2-2 10, Mahinmi 0-1-2 1, Beal 15-27 18-20 53, Smith 3-5 2-3 10, Bertans 7-15 3-3 22, Bryant 2-2 0-0 4, Wagner 0-2-4-4, Brown Jr. 3-4 1-2-7, Napier 1-1 0-0 2, Payton II 0-1 0-0 0, Robinson 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 37-73 31-36 117.

CHICAGO: Satoransky 6-10 2-4 15, Young 9-15 2-3 25, Gafford 4-5 0-4 8, Arcidiacono 1-5 2-2 5, LaVine 11-20 4-6 32, Harrison 1-3 0-0 2, Felicio 2-3-2-6, Mokoza 0-2 0-0 0, White 11-18 6-7 33. Totals 45-81 18-28 126.

Washington	31	27	27	32	—117
Chicago	35	38	28	25	—126

3-Point Goals—Washington 12-30 (Beal 5-11, Bertans 5-11, Smith 2-3), Chicago 18-37 (LaVine 6-12, Young 5-7, White 5-9, Satoransky 1-3, Arcidiacono 1-4, Mokoza 0-2). **Fouled Out**—1, Mokoza. **Rebs**—Was 34 (Hachimura 9), Chicago 37 (Felicio, White, Young 6). **Assists**—Washington 24 (Smith 5), Chicago 27 (Satoransky 13). **Fouls**—Washington 27, Chicago 28. A—18,024 (20,917)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	39	12	12	90	208	159
Tampa Bay	40	17	5	85	221	171
Toronto	32	23	8	72	220	210
Florida	32	24	6	70	217	212
Buffalo	29	25	8	66	182	193
Montreal	29	27	8	66	194	195
Ottawa	21	30	11	53	164	212
Detroit	15	45	4	34	130	240

METRO. W L OT Pts GF GA

Washington	39	18	6	82	218	190
Pittsburgh	37	18	8	80	201	168
Philadelphia	35	20	7	77	206	183
N.Y. Islanders	35	20	6	76	176	164
Carolina	35	22	4	74	201	172
Columbus	30	19	14	74	162	163
N.Y. Rangers	33	24	4	70	203	188
New Jersey	24	27	10	58	167	210

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	36	17	10	82	200	174
Colorado	36	18	7	79	212	166
Dallas	36	20	6	78	167	159
Minneapolis	32	27	5	69	193	191
Nashville	30	23	8	68	195	196
Minnesota	29	25	7	65	186	197
Chicago	27	27	8	62	182	197

PACIFIC W L OT Pts GF GA

Vegas	34	22	8	76	208	196
Edmonton	33	22	7	73	198	192
Vancouver	33	22	6	72	203	187
Calgary	32	25	6	70	187	196
Arizona	31	26	8	70	181	174
San Jose	26	32	4	56	159	203
Anaheim	24	30	8	56	161	197
Los Angeles	22	35	6	50	156	203

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Washington 5, Pittsburgh 3
 Buffalo 2, Winnipeg 1
 Dallas 2, Chicago 1
 N.Y. Islanders 4, San Jose 1
 Calgary 4, Detroit 2
 St. Louis 4, Minnesota 1
 Edmonton 4, Los Angeles 2
 Vegas 6, Anaheim 5, OT

MONDAY'S GAME

Ottawa at Columbus, 6 p.m.

STARS 2, BLACKHAWKS 1

Chicago	0	1	0	—1
Dallas	1	1	0	—2

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Dallas, Pavelski 14 (Janmark, Radulov), 15:20.

Penalty: Klingberg, Dal (Hooking), 17:10.

SECOND PERIOD: 2, Chicago, Kubalik 26 (Kane, Keith), 7:06 (pp), 3, Dallas, Seguin 15 (Benn, Perry), 16:29.

Penalties: Faska, Dal (Interference), 5:06; Toews, Chi (Interference), 5:10; Hintz, Dal (High Sticking), 6:00; Radulov, Dal (Slashing), 9:46; Olesiak, Dal (Interference), 13:36; Keith, Chi (Interference on breakaway (Penalty Shot)), 17:00.

THIRD PERIOD: None.

SHOTS ON GOAL: Chicago 10-13-9—32.

Dallas 12-10-11—33.

POWER PLAYS: Chicago 1 of 5; Dallas 0 of 0.

GOALIES: Chicago, Crawford 11-17-3 (33 shots-31 saves). Dallas, Khudobin 15-7-2 (32-31).

A: 18,532 (18,532). **T:** 2:22.

Referees: Dan O'Halloran, Chris Schlenker.

Linesmen: Derek Amell, Jonny Murray.

TENNIS

ATP DELRAY BEACH OPEN

Final: Rio de Janeiro; outdoors-Red clay #4 Reilly Opelka d. Yoshihito Nishioka, 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-2

ATP RIO OPEN

Final: Rio de Janeiro; outdoors-Red clay #3 Cristian Garin d. Gianluca Mager, 7-6 (3), 7-5

ATP OPEN 13 MARSEILLE

Final: Marseille, France; indoor-hard #2 Stefanos Tsitsipas d. #7 Felix Auger-Aliassime, 6-3, 6-4.

WTA QATAR TOTAL OPEN

Ri; Doha, Qatar; outdoors-hard #11 Garbine Muguruza d. Daria Kasatkina, 7-5, 5-7, 6-3. #16 Elise Mertens d. Wang Qiang, 6-1, 6-2.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

- Baylor** (24-2) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas St. Tuesday.
- Gonzaga** (27-2) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego, Thursday.
- Kansas** (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma St. Monday.
- San Diego State** (26-1) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado State, Tuesday.
- Dayton** (25-2) did not play. Next: at George Mason, Tuesday.
- Duke** (23-4) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Tuesday.
- Maryland** (22-5) lost to No. 25 Ohio State 79-72. Next: at Minnesota, Wed.
- Florida State** (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Louisville, Monday.
- Penn State** (20-7) lost to Indiana 68-60. Next: vs. Rutgers, Wednesday.
- Kentucky** (22-5) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Tuesday.
- Louisville** (23-5) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Florida State, Monday.
- Seton Hall** (20-7) beat St. John's 81-65. Next: at No. 19 Marquette, Sat.
- West Virginia** (19-8) did not play. Next: at Texas, Monday.
- Colorado** (21-7) did not play. Next: at California, Thursday.
- Marquette** (17-9) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Wednesday.
- Iowa** (19-8) did not play. Next: at Michigan State, Tuesday.
- Butler** (19-9) lost to No. 15 Creighton 81-59. Next: vs. DePaul, Saturday.
- Houston** (21-7) did not play. Next vs. Cincinnati, Sunday, March 1.
- BYU** (23-7) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Saturday.
- Arizona** (19-8) did not play. Next: at Southern Cal, Thursday.
- Ohio State** (18-9) beat No. 7 Maryland 79-72. Next: at Nebraska, Thu.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

EAST
 Boston U. 64, American U. 60
 Canisius 57, Manhattan 56
 Colgate 90, Holy Cross 60
 E. Carolina 67, Temple 63
 Fairleigh Dickinson 75, Robert Morris 70
 Lehigh 69, Bucknell 60
 Loyola (Md.) 70, Lafayette 68
 Marist 76, Niagara 54
 Monmouth (N.J.) 89, Quinnipiac 78
 Mt. St. Mary's 65, Merrimack 57
 Sacred Heart 83, Bryant 76
 Siena 62, Fairfield 59
 St. Francis (Pa.) 74, LIU 71
 St. Peter's 73, Rider 54
 UConn 78, S. Florida 71
 Wagner 75, St. Francis Brooklyn 71, OT

OTHERS
 Boise St. 74, New Mexico 61
 Cincinnati 67, Wichita St. 64
 Creighton 81, Butler 59
 Detroit 79, Milwaukee 73
 Indiana St. 64, Evansville 62
 Minnesota 83, Northwestern 57
 N. Iowa 64, S. Illinois 52
 Oakland 92, Green Bay 88, 2OT
 Wisconsin 79, Rutgers 71

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

- South Carolina** (27-1) beat No. 14 Kentucky 67-58. Next: at Florida, Thu.
- Baylor** (25-1) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Monday.
- Oregon** (25-2) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Stanford, Monday.
- Stanford** (24-3) did not play. Next vs. No. 3 Oregon, Monday.
- Louisville** (25-3) beat Pittsburgh 79-47. Next: vs. Boston College, Thu.
- UConn** (23-3) did not play. Next: at Cincinnati, Wednesday.
- Maryland** (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Tuesday.
- UCLA** (23-4) lost to Washington 74-68. Next: vs. Colorado, Friday.
- Mississippi State** (23-5) lost to Alabama 66-64. Next: vs. No. 22 Arkansas, Thursday.
- N.C. State** (23-3) did not play. Next: vs. Duke, Monday.
- Arizona** (22-5) lost to Colorado 50-38. Next: vs. No. 4 Stanford, Friday.
- DePaul** (25-4) lost to Villanova 76-58. Next: at Marquette, Sunday.
- Gonzaga** (27-2) did not play. Next: at Portland, Saturday.
- Kentucky** (20-6) lost to No. 1 South Carolina 67-58. Next: vs. Georgia, Thu.
- Oregon State** (20-8) beat California 76-63. Next: vs. Washington, Friday.
- Texas A&M** (22-5) beat Auburn 84-54. Next: vs. Alabama, Thursday.
- Florida State** (21-6) lost to Georgia Tech 65-62. Next: vs. Clemson, Thu.
- Northwestern** (24-3) did not play. Next: at Ohio St., Tuesday.
- Iowa** (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Thursday.
- South Dakota** (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Dakota, Saturday.
- Arizona State** (19-9) lost to Utah 75-71. Next: vs. California, Friday.
- Arkansas** (21-6) lost to Florida 83-80. Next: at No. 9 Miss. St., Thu.
- Missouri State** (23-3) beat Indiana St. 82-58. Next: at Illinois State, Thu.
- Indiana** (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Thursday.
- Princeton** (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. Penn, Tuesday.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

EAST
 Boston College 75, Miami 64
 Drexel 66, Elon 47
 James Madison 89, Hofstra 52
 LIU 71, St. Francis (Pa.) 64
 Maine 64, Stony Brook 62, OT
 Marquette 76, Georgetown 56
 Mt. St. Mary's 62, Merrimack 53
 Northeastern 66, Towson 63
 Richmond 72, St. Bonaventure 58
 Rider 53, Iona 41
 Robert Morris 48, Fairleigh Dickinson 35
 Sacred Heart 52, Bryant 48
 Wagner 74, St. Francis Brooklyn 53
 William & Mary 78, Delaware 60

SOUTH
 Georgia 73, LSU 56
 Tennessee 67, Vanderbilt 63
 NC-Wilmington 74, Coll. Charleston 50
 Virginia 86, Virginia Tech 76
 Wake Forest 82, N. Carolina 79, OT

MIDWEST
 Butler 51, Providence 42
 Cincinnati 87, Tulane 63
 Cleveland St. 68, Detroit 63
 Creighton 76, Xavier 62
 Green Bay 61, IUPUI 58
 Milwaukee 66, Ill.-Chicago 60
 N. Dakota St. 82, N. Dakota 74
 Notre Dame 72, Syracuse 70
 Oakland 86, Youngstown St. 73
 S. Illinois 99, Evansville 60
 Texas Tech 77, Iowa St. 74

SOUTHWEST
 TCU 49, Oklahoma St. 37
 Wichita St. 70, Tulsa 61

WEST
 USC 66, Washington St. 60
 UC Davis 65, Hawaii 48

MLB: SPRING TRAINING

Karolina Muchova d. Magda Linette, 6-3, 6-1.
 Laura Siegemund d. Yaroslava Shvedova, 6-3, 6-2.
 Svetlana Kuznetsova d. Cagla Buyukakcay, 6-2, 6-2.
 Veronika Kudermetova d. Kristina Mladenovic, 7-6 (6), 0-6, 6-3.
 Ajla Tomljanovic d. Priscilla Hon, 6-2, 6-4.
 Bernarda Pera d. Caroline Garcia, 6-3, 6-1.
 Alison van Uytvanck d. Polona Herczeg, 6-2, 6-2.
 Amanda Anisimova d. Ekaterina Alexandrova, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
 Ons Jabeur d. Katerina Sinikova, 6-3, 6-2.
 Jelena Ostapenko d. Jill Teichmann, 7-5, 2-6, 7-5.

GOLF

WGC-MEXICO CHAMPIONSHIP

4th of 4 rds; Chapultepec GC; Mexico City; 7,345 yds; par 71

266 (-18)	\$1,820,000
Patrick Reed (550)	69-63-67-67
267 (-17)	\$1,150,000
Bryson DeChambeau (315)	68-63-71-65
269 (-15)	\$600,000
Jon Rahm (170)	72-69-61-67
Erik van Rooyen	70-62-67-70
270 (-14)	\$430,000
Rory McIlroy (115)	65-69-68-67
271 (-13)	\$320,667
Tyrrell Hatton (96)	69-68-66-68
Hideki Matsuyama (96)	69-64-71-67
Justin Thomas (96)	67-66-65-73
272 (-12)	\$237,500
Billy Horschel (81)	68-71-68-65
Kevin Na (81)	71-68-65-68
273 (-11)	\$205,000
Paul Casey (73)	69-68-66-70
275 (-9)	\$182,000
Abraham Ancer (67)	70-70-67-68
Gary Woodland (67)	70-69-65-71
276 (-8)	\$160,000
Sebastian Munoz (61)	71-66-72-67
Xander Schauffele (61)	72-72-66-66
277 (-7)	\$143,500
Rafa Cabrera Bello (56)	71-71-67-68
Carlos Ortiz (56)	75-68-66-68
278 (-6)	\$125,500
Tommy Fleetwood (51)	70-69-70-69
Benjamin Hebert	73-70-65-70
Kevin Kisner (51)	63-69-67-69
Bubba Watson (51)	67-72-71-68
279 (-5)	\$105,500
Matt Kuchar (43)	75-67-67-70

SPORTS



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Hopefully, Bears coach Matt Nagy and general manager Ryan Pace can provide some answers Tuesday.

BEARS 5 STORYLINES ENTERING THE NFL SCOUTING COMBINE

QB or not QB? Plus other crucial issues

BY COLLEEN KANE

Bears general manager Ryan Pace and coach Matt Nagy have many big tasks ahead this offseason as they plot moves to help them improve on an 8-8 finish in 2019.

As the NFL world convenes at the scouting combine in Indianapolis this week, Pace and Nagy must figure out which players might help fix their offense. They must plug a few key holes on defense. And, of course, they need a quarterback.

The combine provides a forum for the Bears to talk with executives from other teams and agents as they plot free-agent signings and trades. And they will begin to meet with prospects to determine how to make the most of a draft in which they don't have a first-round pick. The Bears pick twice in the second round at Nos. 43 and 50.

Pace and Nagy will meet with the media Tuesday for the first time since their season-ending news conference Dec. 31. Here's a look at five Bears storylines as they ready for a big week.

1. The quarterback question.

Future Bears offensive success hinges on improved quarterback play. While Ryan Pace and Matt Nagy said Mitch Trubisky remains the starter heading into the offseason, they also are examining options via free agency, trade or the draft.

They have to be prepared to move on from Trubisky, and they must decide what type of quarterback they will bring in to either replace or compete with him.

There are a lot of options.

Looking beyond Tom Brady, could the Bears and their tight salary-cap space afford Philip Rivers or Teddy Bridgewater? Or would they go for a lower-priced option such as Case Keenum?

What about Derek Carr, who sparked public curiosity Thursday when he posted an Instagram photo of him hugging good friend Khalil Mack?

The Raiders reportedly are looking to land Brady, which would leave Carr in want of a new home. Might the Bears look into a trade for Andy Dalton or Nick Foles?

And would the Bears also spend a draft pick on a quarterback they can develop? Are they interested enough in somebody such as Washington's Jacob Eason or Georgia's Jake Fromm to draft him if he's available in the second round?

2. More offensive help.

The Bears' problems on offense in 2019 started at quarterback, but they need to address many other issues with a unit that averaged 296.8 yards per game, 29th in the NFL.

That includes a tight end group that totaled 46 catches for 416 yards and two touchdowns. Trey Burton battled injuries all year and is recovering from hip surgery. Adam Shaheen was benched in November, went on injured reserve and might not see the field again for the Bears. They signed former Chiefs and Browns tight end Demetrius Harris to a one-year deal Thursday, but they need to add more than him.

Focusing on the draft, an interesting crop of tight ends might be worth considering in the second round, including Notre Dame's Cole Kmet, Florida Atlantic's Harrison Bryant and Dayton's Adam Trautman — if Shaheen hasn't scared Ryan Pace off of small-school tight ends.

Pace was clear at the end of the season he was not happy with the offensive line in 2019. The Bears could target a right guard to compete with Rashaad Coward and also might look for a tackle to develop behind Charles Leno and Bobby Massie. ESPN analyst Mel Kiper Jr. noted on a conference call Wednesday that Connecticut's Matt Peart, LSU's Saahdiq Charles and USC's Austin Jackson could be second-round tackle options.

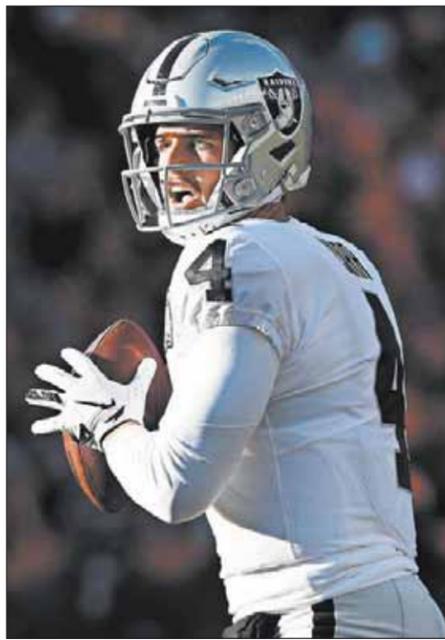
Kiper said he wasn't high on the depth at tackle into the second round, but he believes the wide receiver class is so deep, he sees as many as 25 going in the first 3½ rounds and potentially 13 in the first two rounds. That could entice the Bears to take a receiver, especially considering Anthony Miller is recovering from another shoulder surgery and they released Taylor Gabriel on Friday after a two-concussion season.

3. New offensive minds.

Ryan Pace and Matt Nagy haven't spoken to the media since they fired offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich, offensive line coach Harry Hiestand and tight ends coach Kevin Gilbride and replaced them with a new alignment of coaches.

So it will be noteworthy to hear from Nagy how he sees his offense improving with the additions of offensive coordinator Bill Lazor, quarterbacks coach John DeFilippo, offensive line coach Juan Castillo and tight ends coach Clancy Barone, along with the promotion of Dave Ragone to passing game coordinator.

How will the new voices help Trubisky? How will their roles be divided? And how will this new set of coaches help boost a running game that



MATTHEW STOCKMAN/GETTY

Las Vegas Raiders quarterback Derek Carr may be on the trading block if the Raiders land Tom Brady.

ranked 27th in the NFL with 91.1 yards per game?

Some teams, such as Vic Fangio's Broncos, are leaving their assistants at home this year because they believe the coaches' time is better spent working there than during the combine's new TV-friendly schedule.

But the Bears are expected to bring their staff to Indianapolis as they start figuring out how to get their offense running.

4. What about the defense?

The Bears defense is in much better shape than the offense, even if it did regress a little in the first year under coordinator Chuck Pagano.

Most of the big-name players return, led by outside linebacker Khalil Mack, cornerback Kyle Fuller and safety Eddie Jackson, and they should get defensive lineman Akiem Hicks and inside linebacker Roquan Smith back from injuries.

But they have a few holes to fill.

The Bears need a starting inside linebacker — either re-signing or replacing Danny Trevathan or Nick Kwiatkoski — plus a starting safety to replace Ha Ha Clinton-Dix and a starting cornerback after they released veteran Prince Amukamara on Friday before the third and final year of his deal to save some money. They also could use another edge rusher to complement Mack and Leonard Floyd.

Many of Ryan Pace's biggest successes have come on defense. That includes drafting Jackson and former Bears safety Adrian Amos in the fourth and fifth rounds. Can he find more midround defensive gems?

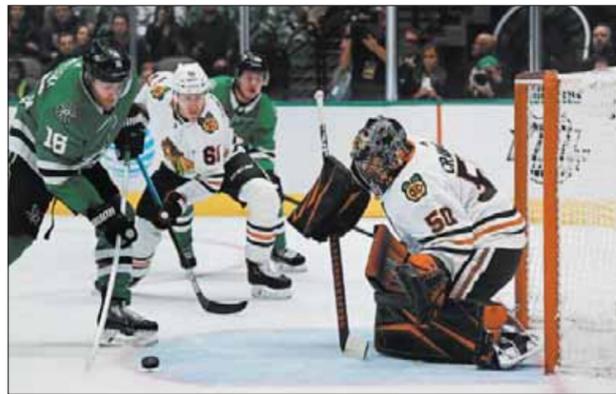
5. League changes ahead.

The big league news leading up to the combine has been about negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement, which owners approved Thursday.

The NFLPA spent Friday discussing the terms of that proposed deal but delayed a vote, pending further discussions.

If passed, the new CBA would include playoff expansion to 14 teams in 2020 and the addition of a 17th regular-season game sometime between 2021 and '23. It also would include numerous adjustments to salaries, benefits, working conditions and roster construction.

The pros and cons of the proposed deal will be a big topic of conversation in Indianapolis.



RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY

Joe Pavelski of the Stars gets ready to knock the puck past Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford in the first period Sunday in Dallas.

STARS 2, BLACKHAWKS 1

Crawford stops 31 but power-play fails

Associated Press

DALLAS — Tyler Seguin scored the tiebreaking goal in the second period, and the Stars beat the Blackhawks 2-1 on Sunday.

The Stars' Joe Pavelski opened the scoring in the first period.

Hawks rookie Dominik Kubalik tied the score in the second period on the power play. It was his 26th goal of the season, which leads NHL rookies.

Seguin's goal came at 16:29 of the second. He outmaneuvered Hawks goalie Corey Crawford, whose 31 saves included stopping a second-period penalty shot by Mattias Janmark.

Stars goalie Anton Khudobin also stopped 31 shots. As the backup to Ben Bishop, Khudobin has a 15-7-2 record, including 4-0-1 in his last five games.

"He was outstanding," Stars coach Rick Bowness said. "There's a lot of teams in this league that would love to have the duo that we have."

Khudobin's saves included a shot by Jonathan Toews from the right faceoff circle with an extra Hawks skater on the ice in the final minute.

"We played to the end and we had our chances," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "They have tremendous defensive awareness, and that's why they're a good team."

The Stars remained third in the Central Division. They were coming off a 5-1 loss to the division-leading Blues on Friday.

"That's much more like Dallas Stars hockey today," Bowness said, "not giving them the odd-man rushes and limiting their chances."

At 15:14 of the first period, Crawford smothered a point-blank attempt by Pavelski, who was spinning around from the left goalpost. Six seconds later, after

the Stars won a faceoff, Pavelski took a pass in front from Alexander Radulov, put the puck on his forehand and sent it into the right corner of the net.

Kubalik scored at the end of a 4-on-3 power play, taking a pass from Patrick Kane and firing a slap shot from the right faceoff dot past Khudobin at 7:06 of the second period. An interference penalty against the Stars' Radek Faksa ended just as Kubalik took his shot.

The Hawks (2-6-2 in their last 10 games) were 1-for-5 with a man advantage. They had a power-play goal in each of their last two games after going 0-for-17 in their previous six.

"Our power play generated some scoring opportunities," Colliton said. "We get a goal, and we get another that they called a penalty on."

The 1-1 tie lasted until 16:29 of the second, when Seguin took a pass across the slot from Corey Perry. Seguin waited as Crawford slid across the goal mouth to confront him, then put a wrist shot past Crawford to a vacant spot in the right of the net.

Just 31 seconds later, the Stars' Mattias Janmark earned a penalty shot when Hawks defenseman Duncan Keith hooked him on a breakaway. The shot went off Crawford's blocker and over the net.

"I have one route that I usually take whenever we do it in practice, kind of go high blocker," Janmark said. "He came out toward me, so I've just got to get it a little further."

Hawks defensemen helped stop two odd-man rushes in the third period. Slater Koekkoek hustled back to break up a 3-on-1 advantage with his stick, and Keith kept Denis Gurianov from scoring on a breakaway with 3:45 to play.



NAM Y. HUH/AP

Minnesota guard Marcus Carr drives to the basket past Northwestern's Miller Kopp (10) and Ryan Young (15) on Sunday in Evanston.

MINNESOTA 83, NORTHWESTERN 57

Gophers hand Wildcats 11th consecutive defeat

BY SARAH TROTTO

Associated Press

Daniel Oturu had 22 points and 12 rebounds to pace Minnesota to an 83-57 rout of Northwestern on Sunday at Welsh-Ryan Arena.

Marcus Carr added 18 points and Gabe Kalscheur and Payton Willis had 14 apiece for the Gophers (13-13, 7-9), who snapped a three-game losing streak.

Pete Nance led last-place Northwestern (6-20, 1-15) with 11 points. Ryan Young added 10 points for the Wildcats, who have lost 11 straight.

Oturu, one of the top big men in the Big Ten, blocked three shots and shot 3-for-5 from 3-point range in addition to his 15th double-double. The 6-foot-10 sophomore entered Sunday as the conference's No. 2 scorer with 19.6 points per game and the top rebounder with 11.4 per game.

Oturu's one-handed dunk gave

the Gophers a 55-34 lead with 13:21 remaining. His career-high third 3-pointer extended the margin to 61-38. Willis' 3 gave Minnesota its biggest lead at 78-49.

The Gophers shot 48.4% from the field and made 14 of 30 from beyond the arc. Minnesota entered Sunday shooting 41.5% overall and 31.3% from 3-point range.

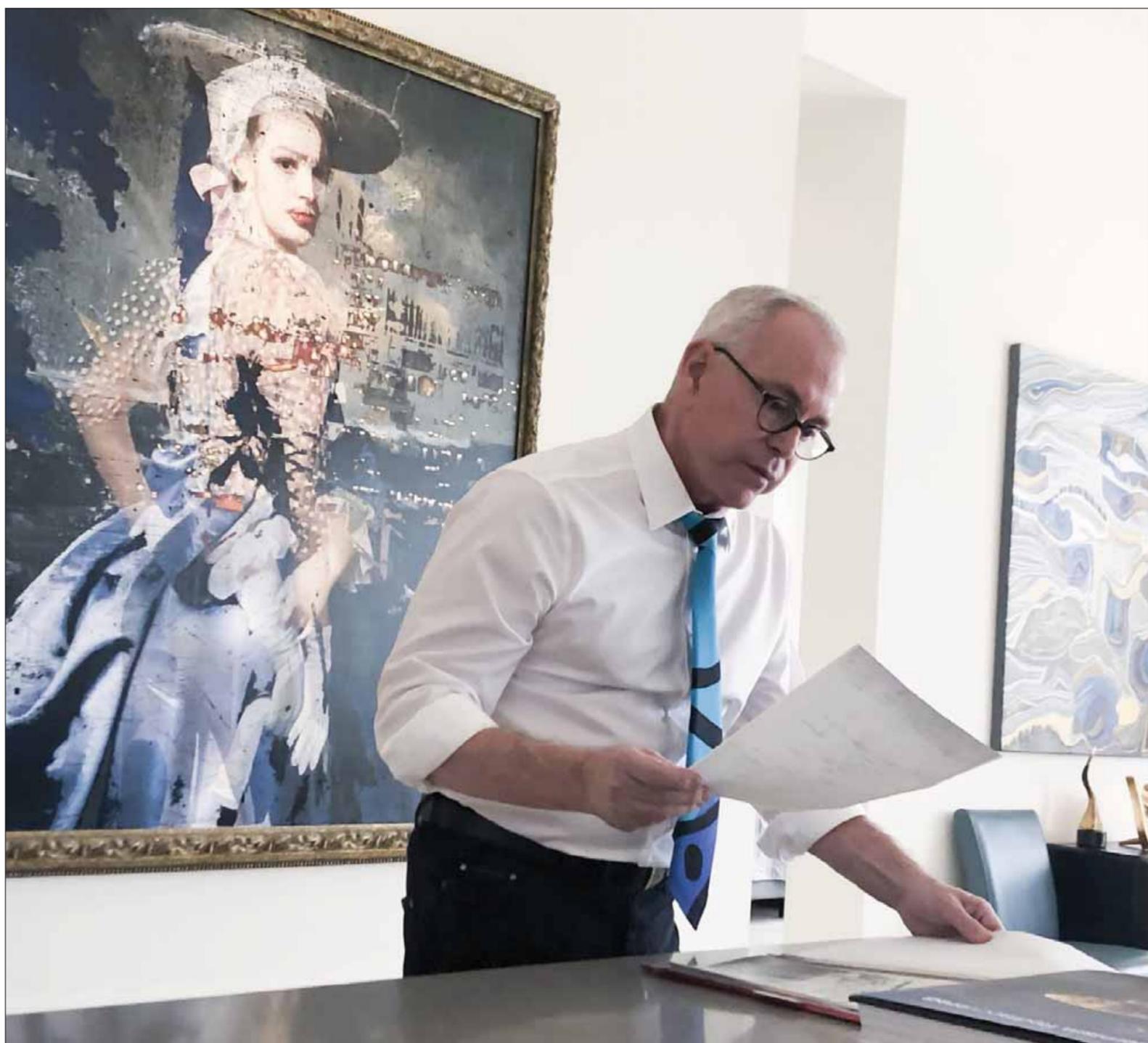
Northwestern shot 38.7% from the field and 16.7% on 3s and was outrebounded 48-29.

The Gophers ended the first half on a 7-0 run for a 44-28 lead. Oturu had 13 points on 5-of-6 shooting and eight rebounds. Northwestern didn't score for the final 2:42 before halftime.

Minnesota beat the Wildcats 77-68 on Jan. 5 in Minneapolis when Northwestern had just seven scholarship players available because of injury.

The Wildcats haven't won since Jan. 11 against Nebraska. They host Illinois on Thursday.

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KIM KOZLOWSKI/AP

Robert Julian Stone looks over his medical records on Jan. 20 in his home in Palm Springs, Calif. Stone alleges a late U of M Athletic Department physician sexually assaulted him.

‘IT’S UNBELIEVABLE’

Sex-misconduct claims at the University of Michigan mirror OSU doctor case

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — When the University of Michigan announced last week that allegations of decades-old sexual misconduct by a sports doctor were under investigation, former wrestler Mike DiSabato was stunned by the parallels to an abuse scandal at his alma mater, Ohio State.

The accusations by several people against Dr. Robert E. Anderson at Michigan immediately called to mind claims DiSabato and hundreds of other men made about Dr. Richard Strauss at Ohio State. The two cases had striking similarities. Two physicians, both dead for years, are now accused of using their positions to abuse male athletes and students. Both men worked in athletics and student health care, were well-regarded during long tenures and at some point focused on researching or treating genital ailments.

“It’s unbelievable, yet totally believable,” DiSabato said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Former athletes have alleged that both doctors performed inappropriate or unnecessary exams. They said some athletes joked and warned each other about the behavior but did not challenge it because they were embarrassed, unsure of the medical necessity or unwilling to risk jeopardizing their spot on a team. They recalled nicknames for the physicians like “Dr. Jelly Paws” and “Dr. Drop Your Drawers.”

Former patients said they made coaches or other officials aware of concerns decades ago and got nowhere. Investigators said both men came under scrutiny by state regulators in the mid-1990s, but the cases were closed. The accusations against Strauss and Anderson were brought to the attention of university officials by former wrestlers just a few months apart in 2018, but the resulting investigations and responses have followed different timelines.

Ohio State launched a school-funded investigation by a law firm



ROBERT KALMBACH/AP

In a photo provided by the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan, Dr. Robert E. Anderson is shown. The University of Michigan president has apologized to “anyone who was harmed” by Anderson.

in April 2018. Those investigators concluded last year that Strauss sexually abused young men for nearly two decades, starting in the late 1970s, and that school officials failed to stop him. The university has apologized and promised a “monetary resolution,” though the federal lawsuits against the school remain unsettled after months of mediation.

University of Michigan officials said campus police began investigating Anderson after a former wrestler notified the athletic director in July 2018 that he was fondled during medical exams in the 1970s and had told his coach back then. After local prosecutors reviewed the investigation and determined no criminal charges could be authorized, the school announced Wednesday that an outside investigation by a law firm was underway.

Those investigators are likely to encounter similar hurdles as well. Many years have passed. Memories have faded. Records may have been purged, and some employees or others with relevant knowledge may be dead.

The president of the University of Michigan apologized Thursday to “anyone who was harmed” by Anderson. While no one has publicly defended Strauss, The Detroit News quoted Anderson’s children rebuffing the allegations against their father. In a police report, former Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr was among those interviewed who said they did not see or hear about any inappropriate behavior.

Meanwhile, some of Anderson’s accusers are eyeing potential legal action, including Olympic wrestler Andy Hrovat, the first athlete to make public accusations

about being mistreated.

“It’s clear that Andy has a claim,” said attorney Michael Nimmo, part of the Denver-based law firm representing Hrovat. “There are federal and state laws that will protect him and all student-athletes who were put in the same situation he was with respect to providing a safe environment to have medical exams done. We’re going to be investigating that to the fullest extent.”

Another attorney, John Manly, said former Michigan athletes alleging misconduct by Anderson have also reached out to his firm. Manly represented more than 200 victims in the abuse cases that led to the imprisonment of former gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar and a \$500 million settlement by Michigan State.

MSU dropped a plan to investigate its handling of the Nassar

complaints and release a public report, upsetting survivors who have urged the school’s new president to revive the investigation.

Rachael Denhollander, the first woman to publicly accuse Nassar of sexual abuse, told the AP that University of Michigan leaders should not follow Michigan State’s lead and should commit to a “truly independent review,” the findings of which would be made public. She said she’s dismayed, though, by how Michigan officials have handled things so far.

“The scary thing and the horrifying thing about these situations is that it’s always the same set of circumstances. It’s always people in authority who care more about reputation, who care more about some outside set of goals than they care about people, covering up reports of abuse,” Denhollander said.

Michigan State’s mishandling of the Nassar complaints led to a \$4.5 million federal fine in September and a statement by Education Secretary Betsy DeVos that such behavior “must not happen again, there or anywhere else.”

DeVos’ department also is investigating whether Ohio State handled reports about Strauss appropriately. The agency would not confirm Friday whether it has any investigation related to Michigan and Anderson. Universities dealing with such allegations face heightened concerns about institutional trust after sexual misconduct investigations at other schools and throughout the Catholic Church and the Boy Scouts, said Peter McDonough, vice president and general counsel for the American Council on Education.

“The public tends to perceive that the first step is figuring out how to defend oneself as an institution or an individual,” McDonough said. “Higher ed institutions are not about defending in these situations in the first instance. They are about figuring out what happened, or at least they should be.”

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— Rachael Denhollander, the first woman to publicly accuse imprisoned former MSU gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar of sexual abuse

eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

New Pirates manager Derek Shelton talks to players Feb. 17 in Bradenton, Fla. Shelton invited Hall of Famer Bill Mazerowski, below, to spring training to serve as a special instructor.

Shelton hopes Mazerowski's magic rubs off on Pirates

BY KEVIN GORMAN | The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

BRADENTON, Fla. — Bill Mazerowski pressed his right fingertips against the palm of his glove hand, demonstrating the double-play pivot that he made so famous.

The Pittsburgh Pirates Hall of Famer shared the secret of the sleight-of-hand trick that allowed him to turn two faster than anyone who ever played second base in baseball history.

"I didn't catch the ball," he said. "It's just the ricochet."

Before you could blink Maz, even at 83 years of age, slipped his right hand under his imaginary glove and swung his right arm into a cocked position, ready for the throw to first.

"It's quicker," he said, "than anybody else ever did it."

Best remembered for his heroics in Game 7 of the 1960 World Series, when he hit a walk-off home run over the left-field wall at Forbes Field to beat the New York Yankees, Maz is as revered in baseball for his glove at second base.

"It's weird," Maz said. "I'm known for the home run and I'm in the Hall of Fame because of my defense."

That's why Derek Shelton personally called this winter to ask Maz to work as a special instructor at spring training, and why the new Pirates manager called it "unbelievable" that his invitation was accepted after Maz arrived Friday at Pirate City.

Obviously, everyone knows about the home run in Game 7 that gives you goosebumps even thinking about it," Shelton said, "but one of the things that stood out to me was something that I read, that he's considered by many people to be the greatest defender at second base of all time — and not only the greatest defender at second base but maybe the greatest defender of any defensive position.

"When you talk about that and how it transcends into today's game — and that's with guys using advanced analytics to look at it — anytime you can have an alumni guy in camp, it's special. But when you have a Hall of Famer who's hit a home run in Game 7 of the World Series and also is one of the greatest defenders of all time? If he rubs off on anybody in our camp, we're very fortunate."

The Pirates have to hope that their celebration of the 60th anniversary of their 1960 "Beat em Bucs" team rubs off better on these players than the 40th anniversary of the '79 "We Are Family" team did last summer.

Mazerowski is the youngest of the last nine living members from the '60 World Series champions. That's a good number, I told him, knowing that his No. 9 is retired by the Pirates.

Enough to make a team, he quipped.

But it's a number that seems to dwindle with every year. The

Pirates lost pitchers Bob Friend and Joe Gibbon in February 2019 and catcher Hal Smith — whose three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth gave the Pirates a 9-7 lead before the Yankees rallied to tie it in the top of the ninth — just last month.

The team has a reunion every five years, with the next scheduled for June 16 at PNC Park. It's fitting that the Pirates are playing the Yankees, even more so that they will honor Maz with a Gold Glove bobblehead as part of the 1960 World Series celebration.

"Ooh, that's right," Maz said. "I go to the ballpark again."

That's a trip he usually makes only once a year, which is more often than he visits the brick wall with the painted "457 FT" that still stands from Forbes Field on Roberto Clemente Drive.

Baseball fans known as the Game 7 Gang gather there every October 13th to listen to the radio broadcast.

Every time, it ends with Maz's homer. It has given Maz a measure of both fame and immortality. One of the best stories Maz has told is how it helped cure a degenerate gambler who bet everything he owned on the Yankees. The guy quit cold turkey.

"You hear some funny stories, some weird stories," Mazerowski said. "They're all interesting. I just can't remember them all."

But he's never forgotten how to turn two.

Maz claims his 161 double plays in 1966 is a major-league single-season record that will never be broken. It's something Maz shares with Pirates infielders, both a joy and point of pride that he calls his "special reason" for coming to



HARRY HARRIS/AP

Mazerowski is mobbed by his Pirates teammates as he nears home after hitting the World Series-clinching home run against the Yankees in 1960. Mazerowski made it to the Hall of Fame due to his defense at second.



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Mazerowski throws out a first pitch against the Yankees in 2008.

spring training.

"I always show them the same way I did it," Maz said. "They can

adjust to do the things that they can do. I show them the quick ways I did it. They can do most of that but they don't get the hands as quick or feet as quick moving as they should. Some of them always left some little part of it out."

Maz isn't shy about saying that he benefited from a bygone era, before slow-motion instant replay could catch his cheating. (His word, not mine). Maz even demonstrated how his pivot foot never touched the bag, just gave the appearance of grazing it.

"I cheated just about every double play I made, about that much off the bag," Maz said, holding his hands several inches apart. "That's the God's honest truth, too. You couldn't see it with plain eyes. With slow motion, they slowed it down. I was about right there" — a half-step from an imaginary base — "and gone."

"It has to be quick. I was never on the bag when I made a double play. It's just so quick that this had

to be out of the way first when I caught the ball."

This is where Maz corrected himself. He never actually caught the ball, just relayed the ricochet into his right hand. And he estimates that he didn't drop but maybe five in his career.

"It wasn't too quick," he said, "but it was quick."

The Pirates want that quick turn to rub off on second baseman Adam Frazier — and anyone else who can pick up on Maz's incomparable ability to turn two — as Shelton attempts to instill a winning mentality into a franchise four decades removed from its last World Series championship.

It only makes sense to start with Maz, who made playing second base look as magical as hitting a World Series-winning home run. If he had to choose between them? With a sly smile, Maz answered quicker than anybody else ever did it.

"I'll take the home run."

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Billy Harrigan Tighe, center, as Brantley Foster with the cast of Paramount Theatre's world premiere of "The Secret of My Success."

LIZ LAUREN

IN PERFORMANCE 'The Secret of My Success' ★★ 1/2

A whip-bang 'Success'

Paramount's production shines, but clunky retro story drags it down

BY CHRIS JONES

If anyone doubted whether the Paramount Theatre in Aurora could pull off a legit pre-Broadway tryout, a project backed in this case by Universal Studios, the opening of "The Secret of My Success" Friday night puts that to rest.

Using mostly Chicago talent and two hugely talented songwriters, Michael Mahler and

Alan Schmuckler, who made their bones in the city, this non-profit theater delivered a whip-bang, fast-paced, old-school, we-love-New York kind of show, filled with appealing tunes, witty lyrics and very classy production values, all skillfully and entertainingly wrangled by the director Gordon Greenberg.

The issue though, going forward, will be whether Broadway audiences still want to see a retro

and, at times, anodyne show that feels far removed from the current preoccupations of American commercial entertainment.

The show will also struggle to differentiate itself from "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," the classic 1961 Frank Loesser musical which not only comes with a similar title, but a protagonist with much in common with this musical's Brantley Foster (Billy Harrigan

Tighe), another imaginative riser through the corporate ranks.

Brantley doesn't come with a little book of success tips and his own percussive cues; his semi-conscious strategy is to assume a second, more elevated persona around the office and he's much less snarky, and thus blander, a figure. But when you add in a workplace romance with Christy Lockhart (Sydney Morton), the usual clutch of office eccentrics

(Gabriel Ruiz plays an especially amusing one) and various farcical confusions of identity, the similarities keep popping into your head.

Add in the show's plot line about a guy moving to the big city and persuading his mercurial corporate bosses to save the factory crucial to the small town of Brantley's origin, and that even

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Blagojevich is back, and so is Second City parody

BY CHRIS JONES

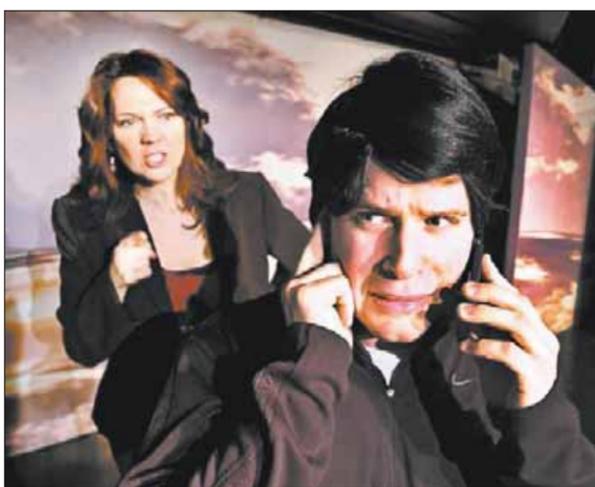
With the return home of Rod Blagojevich, the former Illinois governor and self-described "political prisoner," comes the reprise of Second City's "Rod Blagojevich Superstar."

And just as Blagojevich had his sentence commuted by President Donald J. Trump, so "Rod Blagojevich Superstar" will be back for one night only, an April 2 performance at Second City's e.t.c. stage benefiting Second City's alumni fund and the cancer charity known as Gilda's Club.

The illustrious Chicago comedy theater at 1613 N. Wells St. first staged Ed Furman and T.J. Shanoff's satirical spoof of all things Blagojevich in 2009 in its e.t.c. space, drawing inspiration from "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Godspell" and similar rock operas from the 1970s. The show later moved to Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier and then the Metropolis Performing Arts Center in Arlington Heights.

At the time, the show was dubbed "the passion of the Rod."

"My party, my party, why have you forsaken me," sang the title character in the opening number.



BOB KNUTH

Lori McClain and Joey Bland in "Rod Blagojevich Superstar."

"Machine, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Characters in the piece included such real-life political figures as former U.S. attorney Patrick Fitzgerald, former alderman Dick Mell, former Illinois attorney general Lisa Madigan and, lest we forget, the former U.S. Senator Roland Burris, a Blagojevich appointee.

As reported at the time, other highlights in the piece included a rhyme for Judy Baar Topinka ("a great thinka"), a Pythonesque explanation of the full Blagojevich moniker Milorad ("Serbian, for one who is named Steve"), and appearances by both a hairbrush and a wig.

To make the show yet more surreal, Madigan could be seen on opening night, doubled up

with laughter, even though the piece suggested she was having an amorous relationship with Fitzgerald.

And, stranger yet, Blagojevich himself went to the show on June 13, 2009, at Second City's invitation (and maybe with some financial inducement). He got an enthusiastic ovation.

"Where were you when I was impeached?" he asked the audience.

Blagojevich was played by the actor Joey Bland. Second City has not yet announced casting for the benefit, but it is expected many of the original actors will return. Tickets are not yet on sale.

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5 MINUTES WITH ...

Chicago's Matthew Cherry on his Oscar win and Kobe Bryant

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON

It has been less than two weeks since Matthew Cherry, the Chicago native and NFL retiree turned entertainment sensation, won the Oscar for best animated short film for his charming movie "Hair Love," a story about a black father doing his young daughter's hair for the first time.

"Hair Love" was released in theaters in August with "The Angry Birds Movie 2" and came out in December on social platforms. The film has received more than 20 million views on YouTube, and has an accompanying picture book that became a New York Times bestseller.

Cherry, who directed and wrote the film, came back to Chicago Thursday for a screening of the movie and a panel discussion about black hair and black beauty. He was joined on the panel by three local women: Caroline Robinson, a cosmetic dermatologist; Ebony Jamison, a beauty, fashion and lifestyle blogger; and Amina Smith of Stadium Sports Network, who moderated the discussion.

Cherry sat down with the Tribune for five minutes to talk



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Chicago native Matthew Cherry won an Oscar for his animated short film "Hair Love."

about his Oscar win and what's next for him. The conversation has been edited for space and clarity.

Q: Watching you and Sony executive and producer Karen Rupert Toliver — two black people with locs — walk

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Lizzo is honored as entertainer of the year Saturday at the NAACP Image Awards in Pasadena, California.

Lizzo, 'Just Mercy' big NAACP winners

Lizzo was named entertainer of the year and "Just Mercy" won best motion picture, best actor and best supporting actor Saturday at the NAACP Image Awards. "We are such a beautiful people, this is just a reminder of all the beautiful things that we can do," Lizzo said as she accepted the night's last and biggest award.

Host Anthony Anderson of "Black-ish" opened the show, telecast on BET for the first time, with a monologue that took a shot at the lack of diversity at the Oscars and Hollywood's other ceremonies that handed out awards earlier in the year.

"Unlike other awards shows, we actually have black nominees," Anderson said. He may well have been talking about "Just Mercy," the acclaimed film that was snubbed by the Oscars, Golden Globes and other ceremonies in the long awards season.

Michael B. Jordan won best actor in a motion picture for his role as a crusading defense attorney in the film, and Jamie Foxx won best supporting actor for the wrongly convicted man he fought for.

Lupita Nyong'o won best actress in a film for her role in "Us," and 15-year Marsai Martin won best supporting actress for her role in "Little."

Beyoncé was the big winner at Friday night's non-televised gala, winning six awards, including outstanding female artist and album. She also won outstanding duo/group for her collaboration with her 8-year-old daughter, Blue Ivy, and Saint Jhn.

— Associated Press

Box office

1. "Sonic the Hedgehog," 26.3 million
2. "The Call of the Wild," \$24.8 million
3. "Harley Quinn: Birds of Prey," \$7 million
4. "Brahms: The Boy II," \$5.9 million
5. "Bad Boys for Life," \$5.86 million
6. "1917," \$4.4 million
7. "Blumhouse's Fantasy Island," \$4.2 million
8. "Parasite," \$3.1 million
9. "Jumanji: The Next Level!," \$3 million
10. "The Photograph," \$2.8 million

SOURCE: Associated Press
Estimated sales,
Friday-Sunday



JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP 2012

"B." Smith dead at 70: Model, restaurateur and lifestyle guru Barbara "B." Smith has died at age 70, her family announced in a statement on social media. She died Saturday evening after battling early onset Alzheimer's disease, which she was diagnosed with in 2013. Smith wrote three cookbooks, founded three successful restaurants and launched a nationally syndicated television show and a magazine. Her successful home products line was the first from a black woman to be sold at a nationwide retailer when it debuted in 2001 at Bed Bath & Beyond. In 1976, she became the second black model to be on the cover of Mademoiselle magazine.

Feb. 24 birthdays: Actor Dominic Chianese is 89. Singer Joanie Sommers is 79. Singer Michelle Shocked is 58. Actor Daniel Kaluuya is 31.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Celibacy causes her esteem to crash

Dear Amy: I am a woman in my mid-50s. I had a brief, miserable marriage in my 30s (no children), and I have been happily single ever since.

"Jack" is 60, was married for his entire adult life and has two grown kids. He thought his marriage was happy, but his wife just left one day, moving halfway across the country. (I knew them both before that.) After their divorce, Jack and I started dating.

Jack is loving and considerate. We have a wonderful life with fulfilling jobs, a great circle of friends and shared hobbies. His children and their spouses have welcomed me. We talk through differences like rational people. I could not imagine a better relationship!

Still, my self-esteem has taken some hits. Jack did not choose to end his marriage, and being aware that he would prefer to be with his ex makes me feel like I'm the consolation prize. Jack has never said anything about it, but it's something I'm aware of.

For some reason that he is unwilling to discuss, Jack does not want to be intimate. We had a few encounters early in our relationship solely because he wanted to please me. Whenever I bring it up, he just says he's more interested in companionship.

Is a lack of sexual intimacy common in relationships between older people? Or is it because he wants to be with his ex-wife?

I'm OK with never having sex, as long as it's not a sign that there is something bigger missing in our relationship.

— Confusedly Celibate

Dear Amy: You say that you and "Jack" talk through your differences like rational human beings.

I don't relish poking holes in your happiness, but ... Jack lets you assume that he would prefer his ex. He frames his marriage as having ended out of the blue. He won't have sex with you and won't discuss it with you.

Has it occurred to you that this behavior might have contributed to his wife's choice to leave?

Libido does drop for some people as they age, but it hasn't dropped for you, and no, I do not think it is the norm for people in this age group to be celibate. There is nothing wrong with choosing celibacy or living a celibate life. But you didn't choose it. He did.

True intimacy entails being courageous enough to let yourself be loved through your weakest, weirdest or more challenging moments. Intimacy starts with talking, disclosing, listening and responding honestly.

If your relationship was in the right place, your self-esteem would not take such hits. You have the right to ask questions and engage in honest conversations. If your guy can't (or won't) engage with you in this way, then you'll have a tough choice to make.

Dear Amy: I've been in a bridge club for over 10 years. We get together about once a month.

Prior to the last couple of years, the host provided dinner and drinks. It was great! You had a night off and enjoyed someone else's hospitality. When it was your turn to host, you

repaid the favor.

In the last few years, this has become more of a "potluck" evening. The problem is — the same few people seem to be bringing the pots! I often bring an enticing, creative dish, only to have someone else bring a bottle of sparkling water or nothing.

Is there a way to even the workload among us, without pointing fingers and hurting feelings?
— A Bridge Too Far

Dear Bridge: Yes. The way to work this out is to talk about it as a group. You can say, "Our bridge dinner was great while it lasted, but do we want to transition away from the dinner and into something else?" Bringing snacks, desserts, or just beverages might be the collective choice.

Dear Amy: "Survivor" endured terrible childhood abuse and wanted to confront a woman who had bullied her as a child.

This sentence is pure gold: "Letting sleeping dogs lie" is not the answer for you, because, for you, the dogs never sleep. These memories still pace and stalk and threaten to pounce."

Thank you for helping this survivor — and millions of others — with less than 100 words.
— Grateful

Dear Grateful: I've received an outpouring of support for this answer, and I genuinely appreciate it.

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'ORDINARY LOVE' ★★★

Couple in crisis elevated by Manville and Neeson

By KENNETH TURAN
Los Angeles Times

It's a paradox of films dealing with devastating illness — a cadre in which the newly released "Ordinary Love" is definitely included — that they're at their best when they are the hardest to take.

The gold standard for that category is Michael Haneke's pitiless 2012 Oscar winner "Amour," starring Jean-Louis Trintignant and Emmanuelle Riva, which details what happens to a lifelong marriage when the wife suffers a series of debilitating strokes.

"Ordinary Love," directed by Lisa Barros D'Sa and Glenn Leyburn, is not in that league (nothing else is, either), but it shares the benefit of having a pair of superb performers as stars, in this case taking us through a year in the life of a harmonious couple dealing with a wife's diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer.

While Liam Neeson, playing husband Tom, is the bigger name courtesy of his berserker heroics in the "Taken" series, "Ordinary Love" is grounded in the great gifts of his co-star Lesley Manville as wife Joan.

Oscar-nominated for Paul Thomas Anderson's "Phantom Thread," Manville is all-in here, alternating between fragility and strength as she finds ways to wordlessly express emotions one might have thought were inexpressible.

A first screenplay by veteran British playwright Owen McCafferty and set in Northern Ireland, "Ordinary Love" is based partly on experiences he and his wife went through.

The film starts with Tom and Joan as a companionable couple who



LIAM NEESON/MANVILLE/STREET
Liam Neeson and Lesley Manville star in "Ordinary Love."

MPAA rating: Not rated
Running time: 1:32

like nothing better than matching each other stride for stride in exercise walks and then genially teasing each other about their mutual foibles.

These scenes of contentment have a pro forma quality about them, the kind of calm before the storm that is inevitable in a film about the onset of medical calamity.

Things start to go bad when Joan discovers a lump in her left breast, goes to see her doctor and is sent to the hospital for a series of tests and procedures matter-of-factly depicted in Piers McGrail's cool cinematography. Tom, whose default position is a kind of bluster, insists that the tests will prove her cancer-free. When Joan asks, "What's going to happen if I've got cancer?," he softens, telling her he will be with her every step of the way. Exploring what that turns out to mean is where "Ordinary Love" is heading.

One of the things we discover is that Joan and Tom had a daughter who died suddenly a decade earlier — we never learn why — a death that they

both share and react to in different ways.

One of the most affecting points "Ordinary Love" makes is that as much as he would like to, in reality Tom can't share Joan's experience, can't know what it feels like to be the person with cancer, the person who might die.

"Ordinary Love" is also unstinting in showing the deprivations of the chemotherapy.

And the worse things gets, the more compelling "Ordinary Love" becomes, culminating in a fight nominally about which pill ought to be taken but actually stemming from the fact that both husband and wife feel on the verge of cracking up.

"Ordinary Love" can in no way sustain that level, and some elements, such as a hospital-born friendship with one of their daughter's former teachers (David Wilmot) and his husband (Amit Shah), feels too convenient.

What does sustain is the work of the leads, especially Manville. As her face gets increasingly drawn, even haunted, it draws us in and tells us everything we need to know. Manville's gifts and accomplishments are no surprise, but she's never been better than she is here.

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up to the stage to receive the Oscar for "Hair Love" was a powerful moment. You all brought DeAndre Arnold, and you talked about the CROWN Act in your speech. It really felt like the culmination of a moment. What kind of message do you think this sent?

A: Anytime you can have art meet real-life action and change, with a story like DeAndre's and the story like the CROWN Act, it's just the best situation possible for a film. Our goal was to always try to help change the world, and try to have young black boys and girls see themselves in this medium of animation, which often is the first medium of film that most kids are introduced to. When you don't see yourselves in these mediums, it really can do a number to your self-confidence. There are so many stories of young kids saying they want their hair straight like their favorite character and just things that may not seem damaging at the time. For us, we wanted a character in Zuri (the daughter in the film) who was very proud of her hair; you can tell she got it from her mom — and her dad, as well, who has locs and tattoos and looks like any young black man you would see today. We just wanted people to see themselves in the project.

Q: Some would say you kind of "spoke into existence" your Oscar win with some clairvoyant tweets. What was that winning moment like for you, knowing how long the journey had been of starting "Hair Love" from a Kickstarter?

A: Eight years ago, it was a little darker time in my career. I just did my first feature and was trying to figure out what would happen next. I didn't get the same love that a lot of other filmmakers get after their first films, so I was

kind of considering giving it up. I didn't have a lot of followers on Twitter at the time, so I could just put stuff out there almost like a journal. So for it to happen — when I tell you it all felt like a dream and still does — it hasn't really, truly hit me. I had to go right back into work the very same day. I had to bring it with me (on the set of "mixed-ish"); I didn't even get a chance to go home. Light flex, light flex. It was cool though, too, because for the most part, how many times are you ever going to see an Oscar in your life? It was cool seeing the cast and crew be inspired.

"Our goal was to always try to help change the world, and try to have young black boys and girls see themselves in this medium of animation."

Q: You dedicated your award to Kobe Bryant. What does it mean to you to have won in the same category he did just two years ago?

A: Kelly Carter, an ESPN writer, made the connection that he was the first former athlete and I was the second. Kobe actually retweeted it, it was one of his last tweets. He said, "Let's go." He was very supportive. I think it just goes to his mentality: He didn't see it as competition but as another young brother trying to come up, and he wanted to support. I hoped he may present the category. For me, he represents everybody who has a strong second act in their career; he always talked about wanting to be a storyteller. Even when he won his Oscar two years ago, backstage you could tell he was like a kid, he was just so honored to be there. Because there was

that connection of both being a former athlete, I really wanted to honor him, and show him that obviously what he did blazed the path and now we just got to keep the ball going.

Q: Black men and their sons have a special bond with their hair as well, so I'm curious what made you choose to focus on a father-daughter relationship in "Hair Love"?

A: Back in 2016, I came across a really amazing image of what looked like an Afro-Brazilian father, and his daughter was sitting in his lap and she had these two afropuffs. How they also say little girls are "daddy's little girl" and little boys are "mama's little boy," there's just something about that dynamic that is always so special. I saw that image; that's when I initially had the idea for the project, and then I tried to make it happen. A year later, for whatever reason, it fell off. Then I came across all these videos of dads doing their daughters' hair. For me, it was like if we can capture that same magic that is helping these videos go viral, then we'll be in good shape. I think that's what we did.

Q: In your speech, you mentioned "Hair Love" being born out of wanting to normalize black hair. Do you have anything else in the works that will continue moving that mission forward?

A: In all my work, I always try to normalize black life. Typically it's smaller, slices-of-life stuff, stories that show us just being us and just us existing. And that act in itself is radical because so often we have the burden of our entire race when we're doing films, where we have to represent for everybody. And I think the more we just normalize each other's stories, I just think the world will be a better place.

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IN PERFORMANCE

Beach Bunny stays blissful, sharp, endearing at Metro

BY ALTHEA LEGASPI

The honeymoon continued between Beach Bunny and its growing audience at the group's hometown Metro show on Saturday, with the Chicago pop band giving fans early and new alike plenty of reasons to feel smitten. While the sold-out concert served to launch the tour in support of the newly released debut full-length "Honeymoon," the set was as much a well-deserved victory lap as it was a display of the young band's promise and resonance.

Singer/songwriter/guitarist Lili Trifilio first began putting out solo music under the Beach Bunny moniker in 2015, self-releasing lo-fi bedroom recordings that earnestly dealt in heartbreak. She eventually recruited bandmates to compete in a battle

of the bands, and the group includes the adept instrumentalists Matt Henkels (guitar), Jon Alvarado (drums) and Anthony Vaccaro (bass). Beach Bunny didn't win that competition, but the group — resolved — continued performing, recording and building a devoted fanbase.

Last year, "Prom Queen," the title track from the 2018 EP of the same name, went viral. A takedown on impossible, unfair beauty standards, the song has amassed millions of streams and made the Billboard Hot Rocks chart. Beach Bunny has played Lollapalooza and Riot Fest, and scored a spot on the lineup for Coachella in April, all before dropping a debut album.

At Metro, the band showcased what makes it so indelibly endearing. While Trifilio's open-hearted

lyrics addressed longing, anguish, anxiety and self-doubt, they were also bathed in cathartic, shout-along refrains and buoyant melodies. Devoid of cynicism, its youthful optimism was feel-good, even when picking up the shards of a freshly broken heart.

They particularly excelled in expressing the in-between emotions that plague the confusing moments between still crushing-out and moving on. Songs, including opener "Promises," "Cuffing Season" and "Rearview," highlighted Trifilio's tender, lilting vocals as they reached a crescendo alongside the band's building, revved-up melodies and rhythms as her voice rose to a bellow to hone in on where the pain still resides. "Part of me still wants you / Part of me wants to fall asleep ... Part of me still



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Lili Trifilio leads Chicago band Beach Bunny during a sold-out show Saturday at Metro.

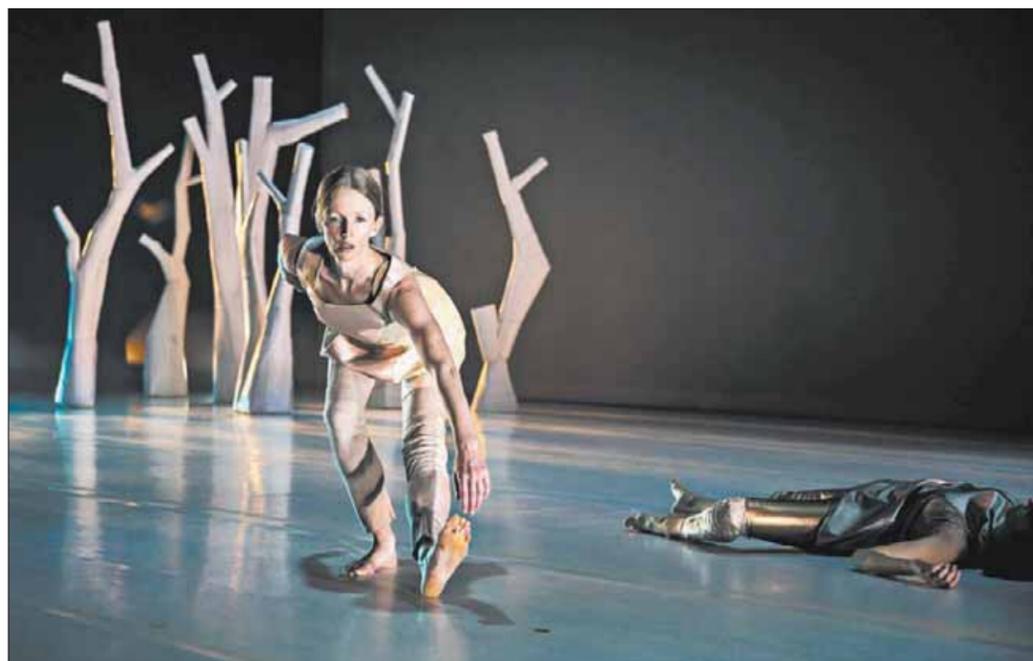
hates you" she belted on "Promises," as a mosh pit broke out on the floor, which continued throughout the entirety of the hour-long set. "You love me / I love you / You don't love me anymore, I still do," she sang on "Rearview," rising to her toes for further emphasis.

Beach Bunny played

"Honeymoon" in sequence, only skipping "Racetrack," the band's confidence in its new material giddily met by a crowd that bounced, surfed, sang along and clung to every word. The second half of the set was rounded out with back catalog favorites, such as the vulnerable "6 Weeks" and the exuberant "Boys."

Beach Bunny closed the night with "Prom Queen" and the surging "Painkiller," a cathartic one-two punch to cap off an exhilarating set.

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Director Joanna Read's "Bad Bunny" was one of two premieres performed by Same Planet Performance Project.

IN PERFORMANCE

Mollusks, bunnies inspire Same Planet premieres

BY LAUREN WARNECKE

The thing I miss the most about Same Planet Different World is the name. Faced with the immense challenge of continuing to run a conventional repertory dance company, director Joanna Read reorganized Same Planet as a pick-up group a few years ago.

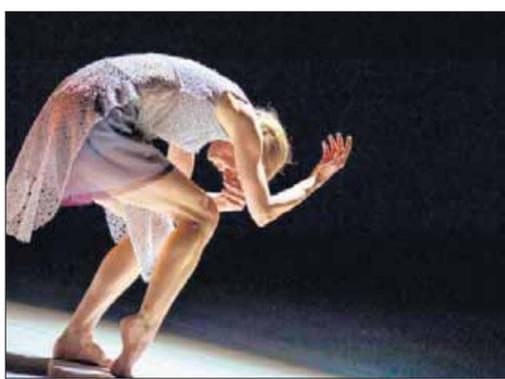
Recent productions have mainly consisted of small studio showings, with an all-new roster of dancers under the moniker Same Planet Performance Project. There are a lot of differences between Same Planet Different World and Same Planet Performance Project, but whatever she calls it, Read somehow keeps going.

That's good for us. Read is an underrated asset in Chicago's dance community; she's an immensely talented choreographer and attracts interesting works to supplement those she makes for her company.

It's been nearly seven years since Same Planet performed at the Dance Center, so the house was justifiably packed Friday night for two world premieres.

The evening opens with "Ammonite," by New York choreographer Ivy Baldwin, titled after pre-historic mollusks that disappeared with the dinosaurs. Ammonites share many of the characteristics of cephalopods (squid and octopus being the most common examples of those). So, if you picture squid tentacles poking out of a snail shell, you get close to what ammonites looked like.

There are several choreographic nods to this title, though it's not so obvious that you can look at "Ammonite" and think, "yeah, that's definitely a mollusk."



"Ammonite" was choreographed by Ivy Baldwin.

Yet, they spend large portions of this piece in hunched postures, mimicking the animal's curvilinear shell. They often gasp for air, with fists against their chins and elbows pointed upward, until the quartet extends their arms and softly waves them overhead. In a long solo near the beginning, dancer Enid Smith, at intervals, flicks a hand or foot, snapping into balletic shapes, gesturing her subject's smooth exterior punctuated by gangling tentacles. Justin Jones' sound score has all the makings of a relaxation tape, with layered loops of what sounds like crickets, wind, rain or ocean waves — maybe white noise. Vin Reed's costumes—simple, loose frocks of purple-hued tulle and net-like lace — seem like moss or seaweed entangling their bodies.

Claiming no proficiency in mollusks, I didn't see any of that until I Googled the title. And I'm not sure Baldwin even wants us to draw direct parallels between extinct marine life and "Ammonite." Indeed, many moments feel wholly human. As Smith concludes her solo, a black curtain parts to reveal her three castmates: Michelle Giordanelli, Michael

O'Neill and Patrick Burns. The gorgeous atmosphere back there (created by lighting designer Jacob Snodgrass) is cooler, fluorescent and more stringent. It's the same planet, but a different world.

I wouldn't say this quartet does much in the way of forging connections between its dancers. Perhaps that extends to "Ammonite" writ large, which doesn't allow us to get too attached to it. It simply ends, unceremoniously. The larger idea in "Ammonite" is the steady path of decay in the natural world, which does not attach the same degree of preciousness to birth, life, sex and death as we humans do, despite culpability in the precarious state in which the planet finds itself.

Read's contribution to the evening, titled "Bad Bunny," closes the program. Initially, "Ammonite" and "Bad Bunny" lack contrast. Dancer Earlyn Whitehead is added to the same four dancers in the previous work. The sonic and visual landscapes (by Erika Ricketts and Snodgrass, respectively), and similarly shaped sheaths by Reed don't do quite enough to differentiate between these pieces.

But it can't last, of course. It took longer than I expected for Read to build a driving pulse into "Bad Bunny," but it's quite satisfying when she gets there. What looks like leafless birch trees placed upstage (by set designer Nick Bamford) goes largely unrecognized until near the end, when they begin to traipse a path through that forest. Like "Ammonite," there's a sense of connectivity with nature — Smith's two-dimensional tip-toeing echoes Vaslav Nijinsky in "The Afternoon of a Faun," while Giordanelli's spritely leaps bound her across the stage like a gazelle. Each dancer has his/her own motif, which occasionally coalesces into unison duos or trios. While they're pretty terrific performers on their own, not every match-up works.

I don't know if Read had the Puerto Rican Latin trap singer in mind when she made this piece. But Bad Bunny got his stage name from being forced to wear a bunny costume as a child. And the crux of "Bad Bunny," the dance, deals with the topic of consent, seen most clearly in the middle of this piece. Smith sits at Giordanelli's feet, tugging Giordanelli's knees out of alignment or slapping her thighs. The lot of them poke and prod at Burns, who goes limp and complacent as he's moved across the stage, pulled by his hands and feet, flipped over again and again. The lack of synergy amongst the cast may be the point, though I wished that "Bad Bunny's" decidedly dance-y moments had really come to fruition.

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IN PERFORMANCE

Confessions, crowd work and pilates fill Todd Barry's set

BY ZACH FREEMAN

"I was hoping there'd be like a blizzard or something," said comedian Todd Barry Saturday night in the opening moments of his 65-minute set at Thalia Hall, issuing a faux complaint about the unusually nice weather and how it ruined his chance to start the show with a solid bad-weather rant along the lines of: "Why do I always have to play Chicago in February?"

With a smooth voice that would make a soft rock DJ jealous, Barry — who's been performing stand-up for 32 years — delivered all of his material in his signature silky deadpan that varies only in volume, occasionally dropping to a whisper or rising to full volume in order to punctuate a word or turn of phrase. "I've got a Netflix special out, don't know if anyone's seen it," he said earnestly near the start of the show, before continuing with a smirk: "Doesn't matter, because here's the first 45 minutes of it."

While he did sprinkle a few of the jokes from his 2017 special "Spicy Honey" throughout the night, he also performed plenty of new material and — as has come to be expected from a comedian who, in 2014, released a special called "The Crowd Work Tour" that set aside written material and consisted entirely of off-the-cuff audience interactions — a solid helping of crowd work.

The majority of Barry's material sits somewhere between standard stand-up (setup/punchline — e.g. "I've been trying to improve my life — taking a pilates class. It consists of me and three women who know how to do pilates") and brief stories (he continues by breaking down the various exercises the pilates instructors give him vs. the women). But his act doesn't feature a throughline or even much of an attempt at tricky segues to connect one bit to the next. Instead, Barry employs non-sequiturs as connective tissue, either offering meta commentary on the structure (or perceived audience reaction) of a given joke, or interjecting a question to an audience member, riffing for a bit with them, and then jumping back into his material on a new topic, creating an unexpected seamlessness to a disconnected act.

Barry has frequently been described as "low energy," and while the term does fit with his calm demeanor on stage, there's also an underlying sense of tension and a constant searching that permeates his work. He somehow manages to consistently come across as both utterly relaxed and completely on



THEO WARGO/GETTY

Comedian Todd Barry, shown here in 2016, performed Saturday night at Chicago's Thalia Hall.

edge. "You guys are a good crowd. I feel very loose tonight," Barry said at one point, gripping the mic in one hand and the mic stand in the other. "This is me feeling loose, by the way," he added seriously.

The self-image Barry presents on stage walks the narrowest path between self-deprecating and self-aggrandizing, in one breath calling himself the world's greatest comedian and in the next thanking audience members for being at his show by saying, "I appreciate that you can't afford Tim and Eric tickets." (Comedians Tim Heidecker and Eric Wareheim were also in town Saturday night, playing the Chicago Theatre.) At the end of the night, Barry returned to the stage for a brief encore, asking for another round of applause for opener Chelsea Hood, before cutting the audience off with a reprimand: "Alright, that's enough. It's about me."

Even the name of his current "Stadium Tour" captures this divide — mocking his own level of fame while downplaying the impressiveness of filling a venue like Thalia Hall (at one point Barry mentioned there were 550 people in the audience, a not-insignificant crowd).

His 2017 book, "Thank You for Coming to Hattiesburg: One Comedian's Tour of Not-Quite-the-Biggest Cities in the World," is a captivating travelogue, in which Barry obsesses over minutiae and captures the ins and outs of the life of a touring comedian performing in smaller venues in smaller cities. While his "Stadium Tour" might find him in bigger venues and bigger cities, he's working with the same straightforward persona he's cultured over three decades of comedy: the unassumingly down-to-earth braggart celebrity who you should be grateful to see, even though he's not that famous.

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Blake Shelton

"The Voice" (7 p.m., NBC): Nick Jonas is expected to make his debut as a coach as this hit music competition series launches Season 18. Jonas replaces Gwen Stefani, a coach in multiple past seasons, who will be tied up with a Las Vegas engagement during much of the new season's production schedule. Blake Shelton, John Legend and Kelly Clarkson return to their familiar coaching posts. Carson Daly is the host.

"9-1-1: Lone Star" (7 p.m., FOX): An apparent electrocution at the hands of a Los Angeles transplant and a runaway bull that's causing chaos at a used car lot are among the emergency calls handled by Owen (Rob Lowe) and his team in the new episode "Bum Steer." An excited Michelle (Liv Tyler) gets her strongest lead yet on her missing sister, while Owen keeps trying to prove his chemotherapy doesn't impair his job performance. Billy Burke guest stars.

"The New Pope" (8 p.m., 10 p.m., HBO; 12:05 a.m., HBO2): Now that Voiello (Silvio Orlando) has bowed out of the running, Cardinal Assente (Maurizio Lombardi) is next in the line of succession in this new episode. Not much time passes, however, before it becomes readily apparent that Assente's policies are not compatible with the wishes of most cardinals. The Vatican, meanwhile, decides to end radio broadcasts of the breathing of the comatose Pius XIII (Jude Law), a decision that inflames the idolaters.

"David Crosby: Remember My Name" (8 p.m., Starz): Cameron Crowe ("Almost Famous") is among the producers on A.J. Eaton's wildly acclaimed 2019 documentary profile of music legend David Crosby, chronicling his half-century in the California rock scene. That includes both peaks and valleys, from his early days with Joni Mitchell and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young to more recent dark times in jail and estranged from his beloved bandmates. The title is a play on Crosby's 1971 album called "If I Could Only Remember My Name."

"The Good Doctor" (9 p.m., ABC): Shaun (Freddie Highmore) makes an emotional confession that doesn't produce the result he had hoped for in the new episode "Autopsy." Elsewhere, he pushes the envelope with some of his hospital relationships when he becomes obsessed with performing an autopsy on a young unidentified woman, while Claire, Morgan and Dr. Andrews (Antonia Thomas, Fiona Gubelmann, Hill Harper) try to help a male college student with a puzzling split personality disorder. Cameron Gellman and Luke Camilleri guest star.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show" (10 p.m., Antenna): Late-night talk show hosted by Johnny Carson, including guest interviews and musical performances.*

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Paul Reubens.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): BTS talk and perform.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

* Subject to change

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'THE LODGE' ★★★

Horror film gives peek into world of trauma and grief

BY JUSTIN CHANG
Los Angeles Times

Double, double, toil and trouble: In their supremely nasty 2014 shocker, "Goodnight Mommy," Austrian filmmakers Veronika Franz and Severin Fiala wove an elegant nightmare about a house in the woods, a cruel battle of wits and doppelgangers both real and imagined.

Think of their new, English-language thriller, "The Lodge," as a lesser but not ineffective mirror image to that earlier picture, which it echoes not only in its remote forest setting but also in the way it uses the language of horror to pry open a window into trauma and grief.

It begins on a chilly day, with a depressive Laura (Alicia Silverstone) dropping off her teenage son, Aidan (Jaeden Martell), and prepubescent daughter, Mia (Lia McHugh), at the home of their father, Richard (Richard Armitage). Richard wants to finalize their divorce; Laura breaks down in anguish. You might initially guess, from the peculiarities of the framing and the intensity of Silverstone's performance, that Laura is the movie's protagonist, although that turns out not to be the case.

With near-surgical delicacy, the directors (who wrote the script with Sergio Casci) shift the story's perspective from Laura to Richard's fiancée, Grace (an excellent Riley Keough). It feels like an act of transference. The scene that introduces Grace is quietly remarkable; previously glimpsed only as a blurred silhouette, she slips into the passenger seat of Richard's car, waits a beat and then turns toward the backseat to greet Aidan and Mia — and us — for the first time.

There's awkwardness and bad feeling all around;



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Riley Keough, Jaeden Martell and Lia McHugh in "The Lodge."

MPAA rating: R (for violence, bloody images, language and brief nudity)

Running time: 1:48

despite Richard's insistence that the kids get to know their stepmom-to-be, they want nothing to do with her, partly out of loyalty to Laura and partly out of the suspicion that Grace, whose name hints at her long-ago fundamentalist upbringing, may not be entirely trustworthy. The hostility remains even after they all head into the mountains for the Christmas holidays. And that's before Richard is suddenly called back home, leaving Grace, Aidan and Mia alone together in the enormous family lodge, a house veiled in heavy shadows and full of doors that seem to open and close at random.

Franz and Fiala let tension mount slowly and deliberately, and with a merciful absence of jump scares. Their suspense-building strategies are understated and unorthodox (symmetrical frames and slow, creeping zoom shots abound), even when the plot turns are fairly conventional.

There are foreshadowing images of a dollhouse whose miniature

setups might remind you of the similarly chilling dioramas in "Hereditary," a superior entry in the horror cinema of anti-therapy.

There's nothing wink-wink postmodern about "The Lodge," though at the same time, there isn't much conviction or heat in the way it quietly shuffles through its various reference points, either. The haunted-house elements are offset by a dash of suicide-cult claptrap, complete with flashbacks to duct-taped bodies and other sinister imagery reminiscent of Jonestown and Heaven's Gate. It's a contrivance, designed to get us thinking seriously about the return of long-repressed trauma, and also about sin, guilt and remorse.

To that end, the movie's strongest asset is Keough, an actress who can seize and hold the screen with electrifying force, but who is no less powerful in her quieter, more recessive moments. In "The Lodge" she plays a woman trying desperately to do the right thing in a bewildering situation, lost in a fog that is not entirely of her own making. The key to her insidious and frightening performance is that by the end you're not sure whether to fear her or fear for her.

MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 24

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	The Neighborhood	Bob Hearts Abishola	All Rise: "Fool for Liv."		Bull: "Rectify."		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	The Voice: "The Blind Auditions Season Premiere."				(9:01) Little Big Shots (N)		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Bachelor (N) ©				The Good Doctor: "Autopsy."		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	black-ish	black-ish: "Black Math."	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N)		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	It's a Living	3's Comp.	Family Ties	Growing	Designing	Murphy	Carson ♦
	Court 9.3	♦ Closing Arguments (N)		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan	♦			
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Antiques Roadshow (N) ©		No Passport Required: "Chicago."		Independent Lens (N) ♦
	CW 26.1	All American (N) ©		Black Lightning (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil		Tamron Hall (N) ©		Steve Wilkos Show (N)		Cops ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	Why Do Fools Fall in Love (R,'98)	♦♦ Halle Berry.			Swordfish (R,'01)	♦♦ John Travolta.	♦
CABLE	FOX 32	9-1-1: Lone Star: "Bum Steer."	(N) ©	(8:01) Prodigal Son: "Pilot."		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©
	Ion 38	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal ♦
	TeleM 44	♦ Exatlón EE. UU. (N)		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacifico (N) ©		Chicago (N)
	MNT 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago ♦
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	Univ 66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno (N)		Rubí (N)		Noticias (N)
	AE	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	Live Rescue: "Live Rescue -- 02.24.20."	(N) ©			Live PD
	AMC	♦ (6:45) Better Call Saul		Better Call Saul (N) ©		(9:05) Better Call Saul		GoodFell. ♦
	ANIM	Alaska- Last Frontier		Alaska- Last Frontier		Bush People (N)		Bu. People
	BBCA	Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Trek: DS9 ♦
	BET	BET Star Cinema		We Belong Together (NR,'18)		Cassidy Fralin, Ross Fleming.		©
BIGTEN	College Basketball: Nebraska at Illinois. (N) (Live) ©		Postgame		BIG Show		BIG Show	
BRAVO	Below Deck Sailing Yacht		Below Deck (N)		Spy Games (N) ©		Watch (N)	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦	
COM	The Office	The Office	The Office		The Office		Daily (N) ♦	
DISC	Street Outlaws (N) ©						Fastest (N) ♦	
DISN	Bunk'd	Gabby	Fam Jam	Roll With It	Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk'd ©	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Frasers (N)	
ESPN	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Oklahoma State at Kansas. (N)		Bush People (N)		SportCtr (N)	
ESPN2	♦ Wm. Basketball (N)		Women's College Basketball: Oregon at Stanford. (N)				Basketball	
FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
FOOD	Girl Scout Cookie (Season Finale) (N)		Kids Baking (N)		Chopped Sweets (N) ©		Chopped ♦	
FREE	♦ Future	Speed (R,'94)	♦♦♦ Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper.		©		700 Club ♦	
FX	Ride Along 2 (PG-13,'16)	♦♦ Ice Cube, Kevin Hart.			Ride Along 2 (PG-13,'16)	♦♦ Ice Cube.	♦	
HALL	Bottled With Love (NR,'19)	Bethany Joy Lenz.			Love in Paradise (NR,'16)		Luke Perry. ♦	
HGTV	Home Town (N) ©		Home Town (N) ©		Home Town ©		Home ♦	
HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		American Pickers (N) ©		Pickers ♦	
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
LIFE	Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13,'05)	♦♦			(9:03) Madea's Family Reunion		♦♦	
MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. ♦	
NATGEO	Brain Games: Bonus (N)		Brain Games (N) ©		(9:03) Brain Games ©		Brain ♦	
NBSCH	MLB Preseason Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Los Angeles Dodgers.						Wire ♦	
NICK	♦ Cloudy With Meatballs	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♦	
OVATION	♦ (6) Practical Magic (PG-13,'98)	♦♦	Are We Done Yet? (PG,'07)	♦	Ice Cube, Nia Long.			
OWN	Dateline on OWN		The Real Story w/Salinas		Deadline: Crime		Dateline ♦	
OXY	NCIS: "Newborn King."		NCIS: "Housekeeping."		NCIS: "A Desperate Man."		NCIS ♦	
PARMT	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops (N) ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	
SYFY	♦ Lara Croft	(7:31) Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life ('03)	♦♦				Futurama ♦	
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Conan (N)	
TCM	Two Women (NR,'60)	♦♦♦ Sophia Loren.			A Special Day (NR,'77)	♦♦♦	♦	
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days				90 Day Fiancé		sMothered ♦	
TLN	Supernatural	IMPACT	Faith Chi	Faithwire	Robison	Billy Graham	Ask God ♦	
TNT	♦ (6:45) Justice League (PG-13,'17)	♦♦ Ben Affleck.			(9:15) Jack Reacher (PG-13,'12)	♦♦♦	♦	
TOON	Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	
TRAV	Expedition Unknown ©		Expedition Unknown ©		Beyond the Unknown (N)		Unknown ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©						Briarpatch	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop (N) ©		Love & Hip Hop Miami (N)		Love & Hip Hop ©		Hip Hop ♦	
WE	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds: "Fatal."		Criminal ♦	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	♦ Quantum of Solace	♦♦	The New Pope (N) ©		(9:02) McMillion\$ (N) ©		Pope ♦
	HBO2	The New Pope		Valkyrie (PG-13,'08)	♦♦ Tom Cruise.		Out Sight ♦	
	MAX	Strike Back ©		(7:50) The Marine (PG-13,'06)	♦	(9:25) Rescue Dawn ♦		
	SHO	Homeland: "False Friends."		Kidding ©		Homeland: "False Friends."		Desus (N)
	STARZ	(7:07) Wrong Man ©		David Crosby: Remember My Name (R)		(9:38) Outlander ©		♦
STZNC	♦ Sicario-Soldado		Lethal Weapon (R,'87)	♦♦♦ Mel Gibson.			Running ♦	

Success

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employs his mom, Joanne (Barbara E. Robertson), and we're firmly in "Kinky Boots" territory, only minus the kinky.

In other words, this movie turned musical does not sufficiently make its own case for its freshness or relevance to the moment. It needs a lot more edge.

None of that, really, is the fault of the book writers, Steve Rosen and director Greenberg, who have penned a witty and very likable trajectory for this show; it is baked into the material. When "The Secret of My Success" hit theaters in 1987, the critic Roger Ebert said that if felt like the screenplay "had been in a drawer since the 1950s." And that comment was made in the 1980s.

Go forward another 30-odd years and a story about a perky dude from a small town going (by bus!) to New York to save small-town America from the ranks of temporary assistants really feels like a postcard from a time long gone.

This new musical has tried to update the story. It is set in the digital present, acknowledges the instability of today's corporate jobs, expunges some of the amoral antics of the source movie and works harder at creating a sympathetic protagonist. The original Kansas hometown of the hero is now in Minnesota, thus making him and his mom embodiments of Minnesota nice (there's even a song). The central romance is fresher, too, and carefully penned to avoid sensitive workplace dynamics. And the score, especially the terrific Act 2 opener "I Got This," shrewdly recasts the idea of success in the language of self-actualization, which is how today's self-anointed corporate progressives justify making lots of money.

Although she's a business-suit type, Christy comes from Staten Island, allowing the musical to



LIZ LAUREN

Billy Harrigan Tighe plays Brantley Foster in Paramount's "The Secret of My Success," based on the 1987 film.

When: Through March 29

Where: Paramount Theatre, 23. E. Galena Blvd. Aurora

Running time: 2 hours, 25 minutes

Tickets: \$36-\$74 at 630-896-6666 or www.paramountaurora.com

explore issues of class (especially in the far stronger Act 2) and it means the designer, Jeffrey D. Kmiec, can come up with some terrific theatrical vistas on a ferry past the Statue of Liberty. The show is filled with odes to Manhattan, which is usually good business on Broadway.

But as with so many romantic comedies that become musicals, "The Secret of My Success" has a sprawling, multi-location plot. And there is no easy way to include musical performances — the show mostly has to make the people at the corporate headquarters sing, and, frankly, we've seen much of that before. A missed opportunity here, perhaps, is the fun to be had with someone constantly switching identities, "Servant of Two Masters"-style. But there's so much else to tell in the story that little time remains to have a whole lot of fun there.

One possible way forward would be with a quirkier lead performer. Even though Tighe is solid,

there's not a lot of emotional vulnerability on view or enough, really, to differentiate the role from a standard-issue leading man. Another might be to keep the piece in its actual era, excesses and all, rather than try and shoehorn it into a very different moment.

On opening night, though, the Aurora audiences weren't worrying about anything beyond what was before their eyes; the reaction in the house, which was not filled with industry types, was one of evident delight, an embrace of what their beloved theater was doing and a palpable appreciation for seeing something first.

Schmuckler and Mahler's score really is a notable achievement. One song, "Ferry Ride," beautifully sung by the very charming Morton, will really reach your heart, I think. Not unlike their peers Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, Mahler and Schmuckler not only can make songs bounce and climb, but there's a sweetness to their work, an inherent understanding of the fears that lie in even the most ebullient expressions of love. And Rosen is a great match for them.

But this movie? Not so much.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 24): Advance professionally by leaps and bounds this year. Strong collaboration produces excellent results. Winter team victories come before a breakdown with someone beloved; career changes redirect you toward fun, family and romance. New domestic directions lead to blossoming professional opportunities. Prioritize matters of heart.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. All is not as it appears. Quietly wait for developments. Consider long-term consequences. Actions taken now can have long-lasting impacts.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Your social status is rising. Expand your territory. Your recent work reflects you well. Invest into a shared dream. Collaborate for long-lasting community benefit.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Set your professional goals high. More is possible. Take new ground. Expand with discipline and determination. Fortune amplifies your own commitment levels.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Launch an educational adventure. Use what you're learning to benefit family and friends. Make long-distance connections and reach a wider circle.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Everything seems possible. Friends help you make an important connection. You can get the funding to empower a shared venture. File papers, contracts and applications.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Listen to your partner's perspective for a wider view. You're learning quickly. Support each other with the tasks at hand. You're a powerful team.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Your physical performance seems energized. Practice your moves. Give it your all. Build upon strong foundations. Imagine perfection and then go for it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Relax and have fun with people you love. Make plans and schedule future connections. Imagine delightful encounters and set them up. Light candles.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Focus on home and family matters. The neighborhood provides what you need. Renovate and repair with help from your local community.

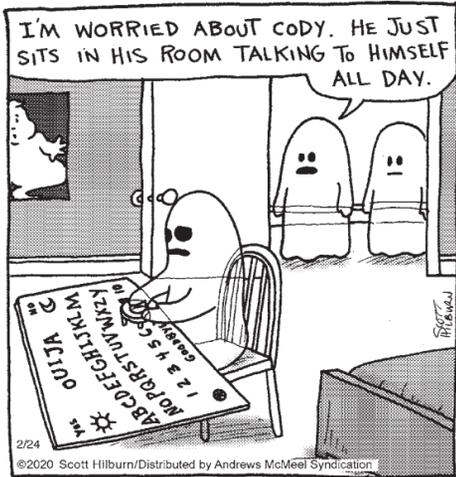
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Get your message out. Make and share powerful connections. Greater impact is possible. Take advantage of a beneficial development. Your story has legs.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. A lucrative venture benefits from your attention. Provide excellence. Plug a financial leak. Look at what you have from another perspective.

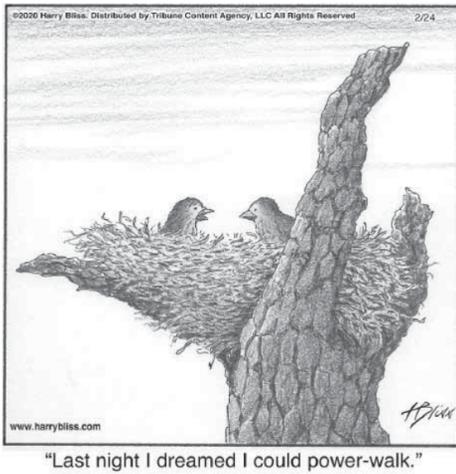
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. A personal dream beckons. You can see the road to take. Adapt as you go. Overcome old fears. A respected mentor inspires action.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A ♥ K 6 4 ♦ A K 10 4 3 ♣ K J 9 2

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♠	Pass

?

What call would you make?

A.1—Partner's bid is invitational, so give up on slam. The choice is between 3NT and 4S. We like 3NT but we have no strong objection to 4S.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q 9 ♥ A K Q 7 4 3 ♦ A 7 3 ♣ J 7

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	Pass	2♥*

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***Spades and a minor, at least 5-5**

What call would you make?

A.2—You have a nice hand, but you're out-gunned. Give it up. Pass.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 9 5 ♥ K 10 7 ♦ Q 7 4 ♣ K J 7 3 2

Partner opens 1D and right-hand opponent overcalls 1S. What call would you make?

A.3—Double, what else?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A J 8 4 3 ♥ 7 3 ♦ J 9 4 ♣ J 8 2

Partner opens 1H and right-hand opponent overcalls 2C. What call would you make?

A.4—This is close between pass and a negative double. We like double.

— Bob Jones

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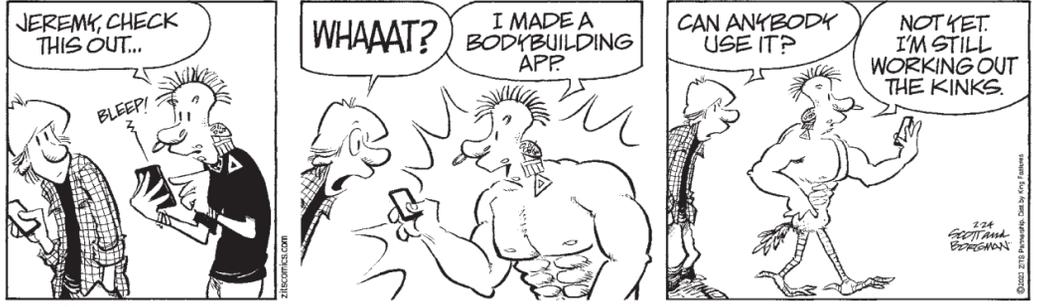
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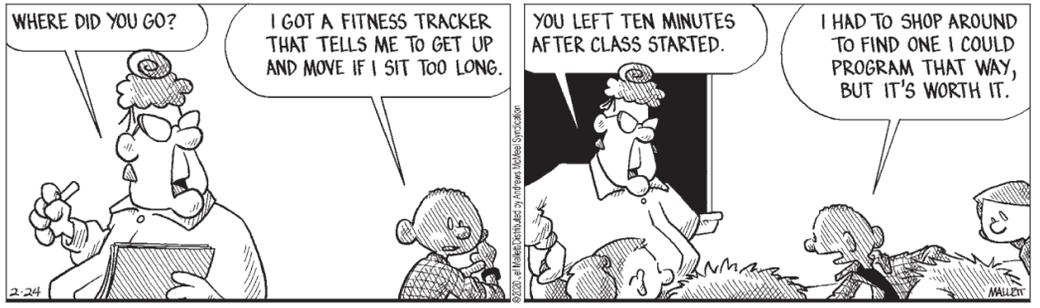
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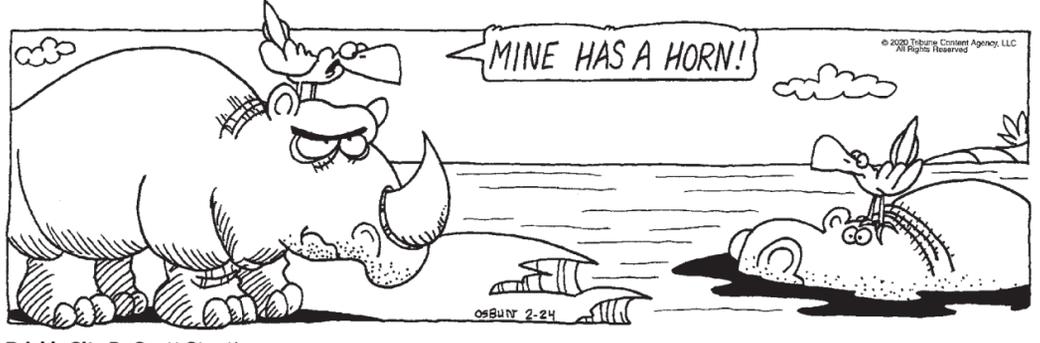
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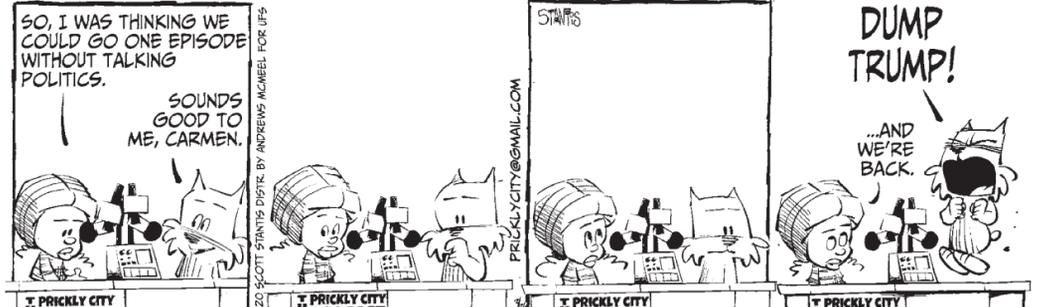
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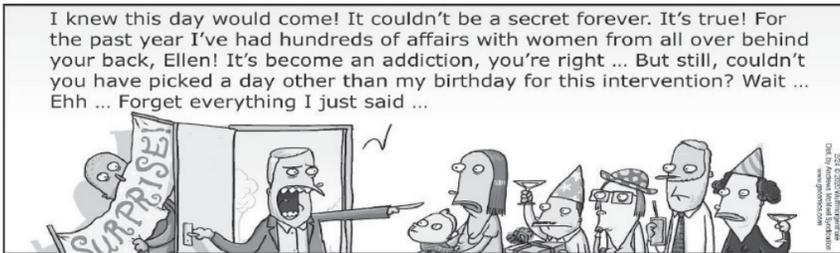
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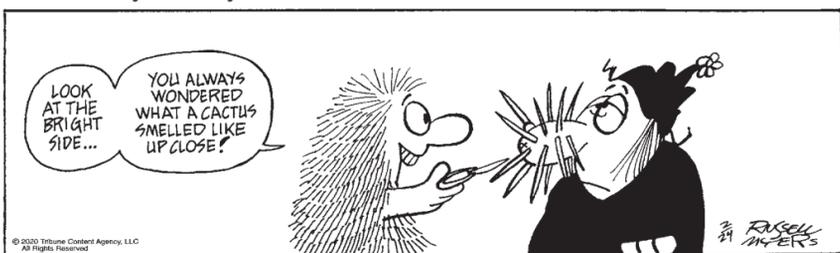
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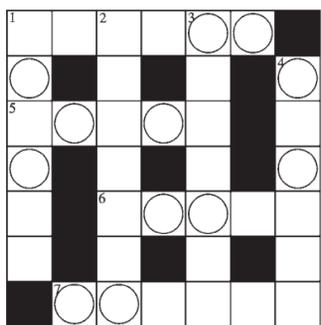
Trivia Bits

To reach the crown of the Statue of Liberty from the main lobby, how many steps must you climb?
 A) 100
 B) 377
 C) 555
 D) 1,776

Saturday's answer: The Edmonton Oilers were a WHA team that joined the NHL in 1979.

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Jumble Crossword



CLUE: ___ can run up to about 30 mph.

BONUS: [A grid of 15 empty circles]

- ACROSS**
- CLUE ANSWER
1. Shoe ___ LSHPOI
5. ___ story OCRVE
6. Chicken ___ HTBOR
7. Motion ___ ROSSEN
- DOWN**
- CLUE ANSWER
1. ___ basket CNIPIC
2. Fit to inhabit LALIVEB
3. No laughing matter USEISRO
4. More wealthy ERCRHI

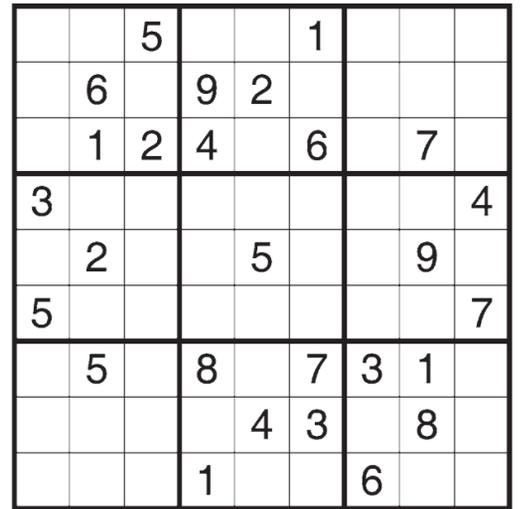
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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ANSWERS: 1A-Folish 5A-Cover 6A-Booth 7A-Genius 8D-Genius 9D-Kicker 10-Kicker 11-Kicker 12-Kicker 13-Kicker 14-Kicker 15-Kicker 16-Kicker 17-Kicker 18-Kicker 19-Kicker 20-Kicker 21-Kicker 22-Kicker 23-Kicker 24-Kicker 25-Kicker 26-Kicker 27-Kicker 28-Kicker 29-Kicker 30-Kicker 31-Kicker 32-Kicker 33-Kicker 34-Kicker 35-Kicker 36-Kicker 37-Kicker 38-Kicker 39-Kicker 40-Kicker 41-Kicker 42-Kicker 43-Kicker 44-Kicker 45-Kicker 46-Kicker 47-Kicker 48-Kicker 49-Kicker 50-Kicker 51-Kicker 52-Kicker 53-Kicker 54-Kicker 55-Kicker 56-Kicker 57-Kicker 58-Kicker 59-Kicker 60-Kicker 61-Kicker 62-Kicker 63-Kicker 64-Kicker 65-Kicker 66-Kicker 67-Kicker 68-Kicker 69-Kicker 70-Kicker 71-Kicker 72-Kicker 73-Kicker

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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2	7	8	3	5	1	6	9	4
9	1	4	6	7	8	3	5	2
6	5	3	2	4	9	1	8	7
7	9	2	5	6	4	8	1	3
4	8	5	7	1	3	9	2	6
3	6	1	9	8	2	7	4	5
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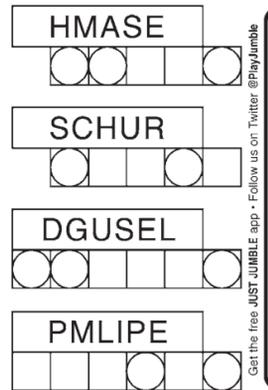
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



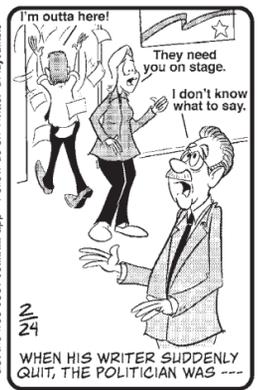
Answer here



Saturday's answers

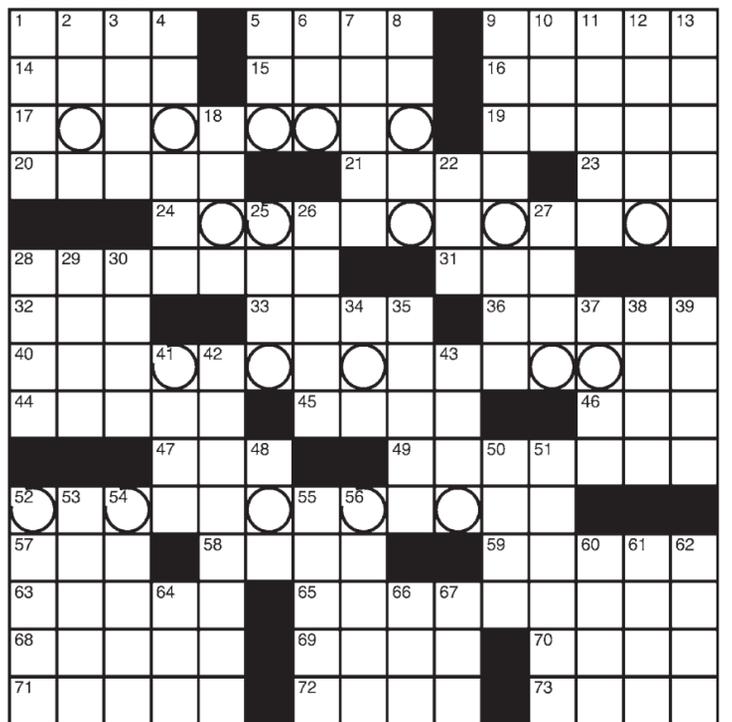
Jumbles: DITCH DINKY WEDDED MANNER
 Answer: All her dinner date did was complain. She wasn't happy about being — "WHINED" AND DINED

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Crossword

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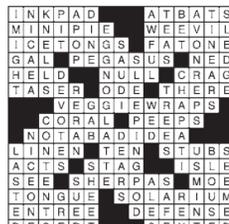
Across

- 1 On a peg, as a golf ball
- 5 Panda Express kitchen items
- 9 Aerospace giant ___ & Whitney
- 14 Pre-deal payment
- 15 Rapper/actor with a cool name?
- 16 Talk show host in the National Women's Hall of Fame
- 17 Keyboard chamber work
- 19 Pending state
- 20 Go off-script
- 21 Indian royal
- 23 Very long time
- 24 Shih Tzu or Chihuahua
- 28 Wet just a bit
- 31 Ainer of old films
- 32 Kindle download
- 33 Norse royal name
- 36 Was shown on TV

- 40 Authorize someone to represent you at the shareholder meeting
- 44 Tea biscuit
- 45 Sank, with "down"
- 46 Fellows
- 47 Pontiac muscle car
- 49 Financed like many fleet cars
- 52 Personal unrest
- 57 ___ Paulo
- 58 Bruins star Phil, to fans
- 59 Eye surgery acronym
- 63 Singer Ronstadt
- 65 Command to bypass a recap of prior episodes ... and what the puzzle circles do
- 68 Make sure not to see
- 69 "Electric" fish
- 70 Product preview
- 71 Like a bad breakup
- 72 Deuce topper
- 73 Smoochy love letter letters

- 12 It's forbidden
- 13 Skimpy swimsuit
- 18 Column that aptly includes the letters BIO
- 22 Stick (out)
- 25 Sign gas
- 26 Relative via marriage
- 27 Mideast bigwig
- 28 Magazines with Alfred E. Neuman
- 29 Intl. oil group
- 30 ___ facto
- 34 Had lunch
- 35 Snake's poison
- 37 Capital of Italia
- 38 They aren't together anymore
- 39 Unit of force
- 41 "Picnic" dramatist
- 42 Prepare (for)
- 43 ___ extra cost
- 48 Tense NBA periods
- 50 Taylor of "Mystic Pizza"
- 51 Largest living antelopes
- 52 Muslim religion
- 53 Hardly worldly
- 54 They're forbidden
- 55 Unexpected win
- 56 "Today" weather anchor
- 60 Snake-Pot dinner
- 61 Hogwarts librarian ___ Pince
- 62 Screwball
- 64 Prefix with card or count
- 66 Land in l'eau
- 67 Future therapist's maj.

Saturday's solution



Down

- 1 Cantina snack
- 2 Oklahoma city
- 3 And others: Abbr.
- 4 Jeans
- 5 Quipster
- 6 Text digitization meth.
- 7 Knightley of "Love, Actually"
- 8 Brown ermine
- 9 Frigid zone ice formation
- 10 N.Y. tech school
- 11 Carrying a weapon

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MONDAY, FEB. 24 NORMAL HIGH: 38° NORMAL LOW: 23° RECORD HIGH: 64° (1930) RECORD LOW: -11° (1873)

Heavy snow looms for middle of the workweek

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 38 **LOW** 33

■ **Winter Storm Watch for heavy snow 6 inches or more a.m. Tues. to a.m. Wed. generally along and north of I-88 into immediate Chicago area.**

■ As the center of low pressure approaches from the SW, clouds will lower and thicken with rain or rain/snow mix spreading north across our area.

■ Turning colder. E-NE winds increase to 12-25 mph by afternoon.

■ Cold rain south and a rain/wet snow mix north. High in the upper 30s.

■ Overnight rain or a rain/wet snow mix - changing to all wet accumulating snow western portions.

NATIONAL FORECAST



We wouldn't have known it Sunday, but low pressure and accumulating snow are on the way. A Winter Storm Watch for 6 inches or more snowfall is in effect for generally the north half of the Chicago area - Interstate 88 into the immediate Chicago area Tuesday into Wednesday. Lesser amounts of snow are expected south. Strengthening northeast winds will cause lakeshore flooding Tuesday and Wednesday.

Clouds increase overnight and will continue to lower and thicken Monday as rain spreads north. The rain could be mixed with snow in northern portions. Low pressure will track south of Chicago and then on east Tuesday, and as it does so the rain or rain/snow mix will change over to accumulating heavy wet snow. Snow will continue Wednesday gradually diminishing to snow showers Thursday.

TUESDAY, FEB. 25

HIGH 35 **LOW** 28

Mostly cloudy and chilly. Rain changes to wet snow. Highs in the mid 30s. Heavy snow overnight especially north portion with 6 inches or more possible - less south. Gusty NNE winds 20-30 mph with lakeshore flooding likely.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

HIGH 30 **LOW** 16

Snow gradually diminishes from the west later in the day and overnight. Additional accumulations possible. Afternoon highs upper 20s to lower 30s. N winds with gusts to 30 mph or higher - lakeshore flooding continues.

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

HIGH 24 **LOW** 11

Mostly cloudy, gusting NW winds 15-25 mph and colder. Lake effect snow in NW Indiana, flurries elsewhere. Partly cloudy overnight.

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

HIGH 27 **LOW** 9

Partly sunny, brisk winds out of the north and cold. High in the mid to upper 20s. Clear skies and cold overnight - single digit lows possible away from the city.

SATURDAY, FEB. 29

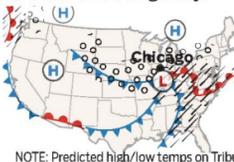
HIGH 28 **LOW** 15

Mostly sunny skies as high pressure dominates. Continued cold with highs struggling to reach the 30 degree mark. Clear skies overnight. Light winds gradually shift to the south late.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

HIGH 37 **LOW** 24

Mostly sunny not quite as cold - afternoon highs in the mid to upper 30s. Clear skies overnight. Southerly winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
In the 1980s there was talk about a coming ice age. Now the talk is about global warming. What happened to cause the change?
James Leon

Dear James,
A series of especially harsh winters and cool summers from the mid 1970s to the mid 1980s prompted speculation that a new ice age was imminent. Locally, the media portrayed images of glaciers pushing south along Michigan Avenue in the not-too-distant future. "Ice-age speculation" peaked in the mid 1980s, after which the focus of discussion gradually shifted to global warming, prompted by the occurrence of warming temperatures practically worldwide. The ice-age scenario is still accepted by some, but the great majority of atmospheric scientists believe the issue now is about global warming: how rapidly it is occurring and how to deal with it.

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Winter storm to bring heavy wet snow/colder temps

WINTER STORM WATCH

Tuesday morning to a.m. Wed.

TUESDAY 6 A.M.

Low pressure center south; easterly winds

- Accumulating snow
- Rain/wet snow mix
- Lakeshore flooding

TUESDAY 6 P.M.

Winds shifting NE then north and NW with time; precip all snow in Chicago

- Lakeshore flooding

AFTER THE SNOW

Thursday-Friday forecast set up

Feb. 29, 2020 forecast
HIGH: 28° LOW: 15° Sunny

COMING UP: THE 36th LEAP YEAR SINCE WEATHER RECORDS BEGAN IN CHICAGO (1871)

Temperature distribution over the 36 leap years

Number of days with these highs: Number of days with these lows:

10s	2	20s	8	30s	16	40s	2	50s	5	60s	3	-0s	1	0s	2	10s	7	20s	15	30s	9	40s	2
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AVERAGE HIGH TEMP	38°	AVERAGE LOW TEMP	24°	RECORD HIGH TEMP	65° (1972)	RECORD LOW TEMP	-3° (1884)	GREATEST SNOW DEPTH	4"
COLDEST AVERAGE	8.5° (1980)	WARMEST AVERAGE	54° (2000)	MOST SNOWFALL	1" (2008)	■ 3 times; the last in 1960			

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

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CHICAGO DIGEST

SUNDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	52	30	Midway	56	33
Gary	57	35	O'Hare	55	35
Kankakee	56	32	Romeoville	56	32
Lakefront	55	34	Valparaiso	53	31
Lansing	55	32	Waukegan	54	31

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Sun. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.06"
February to date	0.37"	1.11"
Year to date	2.65"	2.42"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sun. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	25.2"	23.9"
Normal to date	28.1"	29.3"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	
Wind	NE 10-20 kts.	NE 20-35 kts.
Waves	2-4 feet	8-12 feet
Sun. shore/crib water temps	37°/36°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

FEB. 23	2020	2019
Area covered by snow	28.2%	53.3%
Average snow depth	4.3"	7.5"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	22 days	19 days
Subzero lows	1 days	1 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Sunday's reading: Moderate
Monday's forecast: Moderate
Critical pollutant: Particulates

MONDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:33 a.m.	5:34 p.m.
Moon	7:25 a.m.	6:38 p.m.

Feb. 23 Mar. 2 FULL Mar. 9 Mar. 16

MONDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:25 a.m.	5:51 p.m.
Venus	8:12 a.m.	9:19 p.m.
Mars	3:28 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
Jupiter	4:18 a.m.	1:32 p.m.
Saturn	4:50 a.m.	2:17 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME

Mercury	Not visible
Venus	6:15 p.m. 33° WSW
Mars	5:30 a.m. 16° SE
Jupiter	6:00 a.m. 14.5° SE
Saturn	5:45 a.m. 8.5° SE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Chicago Astronomical Society

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