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Former "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett departs Monday after a court appearance at the Leighton Criminal Courts Building.

Smollett repeats his lines: Not guilty to new charges

Actor's lawyers take fight over alleged faked attack to Illinois Supreme Court

BY MEGAN CREPEAU AND JASON MEISNER

A distinct atmosphere of déjà vu hung over the Leighton Criminal Court Building on Monday as a black SUV pulled up to the curb and Jussie Smollett stepped out.

The charges the former "Empire" actor was there to face were the same. The allegations that he'd staged a sensational hate crime attack on himself were the same. The breathless media throng awaiting him was the same.

And once inside, standing next to the lawyer who appeared with him when he was first charged last year, the plea Smollett entered was also the same:

Not guilty.

And so what easily ranks as the most infamous disorderly conduct case in recent Chicago history began all over again, the differences this time being a new judge and a special prosecutor, Dan K. Webb.

Webb's special grand jury earlier this month indicted Smollett on six counts of disorderly conduct alleging he lied to police about being the victim of a

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Brothers Olabinjo Osundairo, left, and Abimbola Osundairo depart Monday after attending Smollett's court appearance. As key prosecution witnesses, the two told police the actor paid them to stage the alleged attack.

Weinstein guilty in landmark court case

New York jury convicts former film industry mogul of rape and sexual assault

BY MICHAEL R. SISAK AND TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Harvey Weinstein was convicted Monday of rape and sexual assault against two women and was led off to prison in handcuffs, sealing his dizzying fall from powerful Hollywood studio boss to arch-villain of the #Me-Too movement.

The jury of seven men and five women took five days to find Weinstein guilty of raping an aspiring actress in a New York City hotel room in 2013 and sexually assaulting production assistant Mimi Haley at his apartment in 2006 by forcibly performing oral sex on her.

He was acquitted on the most serious charges, two counts of predatory sexual assault, each carrying up to life in prison. Both of those counts hinged on the testimony of "Sopranos" actress Annabella Sciorra, who said Weinstein barged into her apartment, raped her and forcibly performed oral sex on her in the mid-1990s.



Weinstein

The 67-year-old Weinstein had a look of resignation on his face as he heard the verdict that could put him away for the rest of his life. The charges carry up to 29 years behind bars.

"This is the new landscape for survivors of sexual assault in America, I believe, and it is a new day. It is a new day because Harvey Weinstein has finally been held accountable for crimes he committed," District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. said. "Weinstein is a vicious, serial predator who used his power to threaten, rape, assault and trick, humiliate and silence his victims."

Weinstein's lawyers said they will appeal.

"Harvey is unbelievably strong. He took it like a man," defense attorney Donna Rotunno said. "He knows that we will continue to fight for him, and we know that this is not over."

Another of his lawyers, Arthur Aidala, quoted Weinstein as telling his legal

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\$10M in tax revenue grew from sales

January recreational marijuana figures put state on pace to blow away Pritzker estimates



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Customers line up on the first day of recreational marijuana sales on Jan. 1 at Sunnyside Lakeview. Sales for January generated more than \$10 million in tax revenue for the state.

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Recreational marijuana sales in Illinois generated more than \$10 million in tax revenue in January, putting the state on track to surpass Gov. J.B. Pritzker's budget estimates.

The state collects sales tax and an additional cannabis tax on recreational marijuana sales. January sales generated more than \$7.3 million in cannabis tax revenue and more than \$3.1 million in sales tax revenue, according to the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Pritzker's budget estimated the state would collect \$28 million in cannabis tax revenue before June 30.

Recreational marijuana sales started Jan. 1 in Illinois and have continued to draw throngs of people to dispensaries. Customers spent more than \$39.2 million on legal weed during the first month of sales, one of the strongest showings in the history of marijuana legalization.

Tax revenues follow a similar pattern,

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City ordinance draft outlines plan to stem displacement

Programs target affordable housing near Obama center

BY LOLLY BOWEAN

The city of Chicago would invest about \$4.5 million into four separate programs that would help lower-income residents in Woodlawn fix up their homes, assist some to become new homeowners and aid others in getting financing to purchase and renovate vacant buildings, officials said.

In addition, the city would require developers that want to build apartment buildings on city-owned vacant land to set aside a specific number of units for residents who earn significantly less than the standard income guidelines.

The proposed legislation is the city's first attempt to address housing concerns in a community near the site of the proposed Obama Presidential Center, which is slated to be built in Jackson Park. The ordinance aims to promote a mix of neighborhood growth, while attempting to preserve affordable housing, Chicago Housing Commissioner Marisa Novara said.

"The mayor has talked about the fact that when she came into office, she made it a point to sit down with a variety of voices from Woodlawn, South Shore area, and her takeaway was the city really needed to step into a proactive role," Novara said. "A lot of time has

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NASA mathematician broke through barriers

To the end of her life, Katherine Johnson deflected praise for her role in sending astronauts into space, keeping them on course and bringing them safely home. "I was just doing my job," author Margot Lee Shetterly heard her say. Johnson died at 101, NASA announced Monday. **Business**, Page 6

Virus outbreak sickens markets, infects outlook

Amid concerns that global output could decline for the first time since the global financial crisis a decade ago, stock markets sank Monday. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones closed down more than a thousand points Monday after an eruption of coronavirus in Italy. **Business**, Page 3

Bowman: Blackhawks glide to better position

Stan Bowman couldn't turn the Blackhawks into an instant contender, even for next season, so he had to take the long view, acquiring two young players and two draft picks in a pair of trade-deadline deals. **Chicago Sports**



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A woman takes a photo of the television while watching a Democratic presidential debate in 2019 in Atlanta.

Simulation of male political pundits shows only Sanders can beat Trump



REX HUPPKE

While Sen. Bernie Sanders is now the front-runner in the Democratic presidential primary, there's still ample confusion over which of the remaining candidates stands the best chance of beating President Donald Trump in November.

To help straighten things out, I've assembled my own expert panel of political pundits, much like the very important and always accurate ones you see on television 24 hours a day. My panel will offer an array of correct opinions on what the future holds.

Here are some quick introductions. To my right is Zap Bernie. He's a long-time political operative, head of the advocacy group Marijuana4All and a vocal supporter of Bernie Sanders.

Just to Zap's right is Chad Centriston. He has spent most of his career in Democratic politics and currently sits on the board of three Fortune 500 companies. He fears a Sanders candidacy and believes a centrist such as Mayor Pete Buttigieg or former Vice President Joe Biden has the best chance of taking down Trump.

On my left is Dan MAGA. He's a longtime Republican activist who recently had his last name legally changed to reflect his devotion to President Trump. His hobbies include "owning the libs" and screaming at immigrants, and he believes no Democrat can beat the current president.

As you can see, my panelists are all older Caucasian men, and none of them have given any thought to the two remaining women in the Democratic primary, whatever their names are.

So here we go. My first question is to Zap Bernie. Zap, what makes you think Sen. Sanders is the right pick for this election?

ZAP BERNIE: "Look, man, this is a revolution. This country needs a revolution, and Bernie Sanders is leading that revolution. Americans are truly revolting. They've never been more revolting, you know what I'm saying?"

No, I do not.

ZAP: "What I'm saying is it's time for the people rise up and take the power back from the rich who've been running this country for too long. Bernie is the only candidate who can build the grassroots movement."

DAN MAGA: "TRUMP 2020! KEEP AMERICA GREAT! YOU SUCK, YOU SOCIALIST PUKE!"

Excuse me, Dan, I'll get to you in a moment.

Zap, what do you say to the concerns of people like Dan who worry about socialism.

ZAP: "First of all, Bernie is a Democratic socialist, not a regular socialist."

Can you explain the difference to our viewers?

ZAP: "Oh, isn't that just like the corporate media. I don't see you asking that kind of question to capitalist pigs like Joe Biden or Mayor Pete."

Well ... they're not ...

CHAD CENTRISTON: "If I can cut in here, I think what a majority of Americans want is a reasonable voice who can end the acrimony in politics and bring the nation together."

OK, Chad, how would either Biden or Buttigieg do that?

CHAD: "It's simple. I've been in this business for a long time, and I can tell you that the candidate who gets 270 or more Electoral College votes will be the next president. And the best person to do that is the person who winds up doing that."

Ummmm ... well, yes. That's technically accurate. But what specifically does that say about any of the centrist candidates?

CHAD: "Yes."

OK. Next I'm going to turn to Dan MAGA and ask...

DAN: "WOOOOOOOOO!! THE TRUMP TRAIN AIN'T STOPPIN', BABY! FOUR ... MORE ... YEARS! FOUR ... MORE ... YEARS!"

CHAD: "You see, it's this kind of divisiveness that former Vice President Biden or Mayor Pete or possibly Mike Bloomberg or really anyone who isn't Bernie Sanders or that other really progressive one ... what's her name?"

Isn't it Elizabeth Warren?

CHAD: "Yeah, that's it. What I was saying was that the only way we win in November is with someone who represents the folks in the middle."

How do you know that?

CHAD: "Because people give me money to say that, and money is never wrong. Do you happen to have any mayonnaise?"

No. The next question I have is...

ZAP: "You see, this is exactly what Americans don't want anymore?"

Mayonnaise?

ZAP: "No, typical status quo ideas from a bunch of 1-percenters who don't care about THE PEOPLE! The only person who will beat Trump ..."

DAN: "TRUMP!!!"

ZAP: "... who will beat Trump in November is Bernie Sanders. Period. There's no choice."

What do you base that on?

ZAP: "I'm a pundit."

But so are the other two people on the panel.

ZAP: "Yes, but I'm right, and the truth is on our side."

CHAD: "No, the truth is I'm right."

DAN: "FAKE NEWS! TRUMP IN A LANDSLIDE, BABY!! You got any of that mayonnaise?"

I DON'T HAVE ANY MAYONNAISE!

DAN: "Geez, relax, snowflake."

Getting back on track, I'd like to hear from each of you about the two remaining women in the Democratic primary race. I'm told it's Warren and Amy Klobuchar.

ZAP: "Bernie or bust!"

CHAD: "I admire Klobuchar's centrism and connections to America's heartland, and Warren is a fighter, but they're both just a bit too ... what's the word I'm looking for?"

Not male?

CHAD: "Yes, that's correct. And I wish they'd smile more."

DAN: "TRUMP THAT B ..."

Well, gentlemen, that's about all the time we have for today. I want to thank you three for adding absolutely nothing to the conversation, further deadening the senses of viewers exposed day in and day out to this kind of future-telling claptrap and demonstrating why the white patriarchy maintains its chokehold on American politics.

ZAP: "You bet, buddy!"

CHAD: "It was moderately fine to be here."

DAN: "KEEP AMERICA GREAT!"

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Guilty verdict proves Oscars, wealth — even walker — not enough to shield Weinstein from fed-up world



HEIDI STEVENS

In the end, none of Harvey Weinstein's accoutrements were enough.

Not the Oscars. Not the wealth. Not the walker.

Not the well-placed friends. Not the Gloria Steinem endowed chair he helped fund at Rutgers University in honor of his late mother, Miriam. Not the private security agencies he hired to spy on the women and the journalists trying to expose him.

Not the defense attorney who tried to put the #MeToo movement on trial.

"The pendulum is swinging so far in the overly sensitive direction that men can't really be men, and women can't really be women," Donna Rotunno told Vanity Fair shortly before her client's trial for felony sex crimes began. "I feel that women may rue the day that all of this started when no one asks them out on a date, and no one holds the door open for them, and no one tells them that they look nice."

In the end, it all fell like a house of cards.

Weinstein was convicted Monday of rape and sexual assault in a ruling that could send him to prison for up to 29 years. Sentencing is scheduled for March 11.

"It is a new day," District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. said after the jury of seven men and five women found Weinstein, 67, guilty. "It is a new day because Harvey Weinstein has finally been held accountable for crimes he committed. Weinstein is a vicious, serial sexual predator who used his power to threaten, rape, assault and trick, humiliate and silence his victims."

At least 100 women have accused Weinstein of sexual abuse, though just six of them — actresses Jessica Mann, Annabella Sciorra, Dawn Dunning and Tarale Wulff, production assistant Miriam Haley and scriptwriter Lauren Marie Young — testified at his trial.



SETH WENIG/AP

Harvey Weinstein arrives Monday at a Manhattan courthouse for jury deliberations in his trial in New York. Weinstein was convicted Monday of rape and sexual assault against two women and was immediately handcuffed and led off to jail.

"The reality is that we only got a glimpse of the lives he destroyed," Adrienne Lawrence, author of the upcoming "Staying in the Game: The Playbook for Beating Workplace Sexual Harassment," wrote on Twitter Monday.

But that glimpse was a game-changer.

"Regardless of today's verdict, there is more to being a survivor than validation through the court system," Teresa C. Younger, president and CEO of the Ms. Foundation for Women, wrote in a statement after the verdict. "Telling your story and being heard and believed begins the process of ending sexual abuse by changing the systemic and cultural structures that allow people in positions of power to treat others without dignity, respect, or bodily autonomy."

"To the women who have bravely come forward to bring justice to Harvey Weinstein," Younger continued, "please know that many people around the country and across the world have heard you, believe in you, and have been lifted up by your voice."

Keep going. New York Times reporters Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey detailed the lead-up to their Oct. 5, 2017, Weinstein bombshell in their book, "She Said: Breaking the Sexual Harassment Story That Helped Ignite a Movement." I went to hear them speak at the Chicago Humanities Festival in October, and they told a story about sharing a cab home from the newsroom well after midnight, just hours before their story would go public on the New York Times website.

They wondered if anyone

would read it. They feared maybe not.

So many people had told them, in the hours and weeks and months they spent chasing leads and tracking down sources and interviewing witnesses, that Weinstein was a nonstory. Hollywood's worst-kept secret. Nothing new. The way of the world.

Now that world is changing. They helped change it. As did Ronan Farrow with his reporting for the New Yorker. As did, most of all, the survivors who came forward.

And not just survivors of Weinstein. Survivors who felt an almost imperceptible shift in the culture — a nascent willingness to listen, an emerging capacity to believe, an ever-so-slight lowering of the defenses we've built to keep ourselves from grappling with the

abuses of power baked into so many of our industries, our workplaces, our schools, our places of worship, our teams, our families.

Survivors who used that shift as a terrifying invitation to speak up, in whispers and shouts, about the abuse they had suffered, for far too long, in silence.

Tarana Burke founded the #MeToo movement in 2006. The Weinstein story poured gasoline on it and lit a match. And now a jury made sure the fire wasn't in vain. It's reduced Weinstein's legacy to ashes and keeps the heat where it belongs — on predators who weaponize their power and hide behind their accoutrements, hoping they'll be enough.

That world is changing. And not a moment too soon.

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CPS watchdog uncovers cases of 'outright cheating'

IG reports 'worrisome' irregularities as result of standardized tests investigation

BY HANNAH LEONE

For students at some Chicago public schools, a standardized test that typically takes an hour to complete lasted, on average, for many hours over many days.

At one school, the five students who saw the biggest improvement in their math scores each took seven to 10 hours to complete the exam, and were allowed to pause the test as many as 19 times.

They were among clusters of students at 20 CPS schools who saw such large test score increases that the chance of a random sample of CPS students achieving the same result was calculated at less than one in 1 billion, according to a newly released report by the Chicago Public Schools watchdog that found "worrisome" irregularities — including "unusually long" test times with numerous breaks — in the spring 2018 MAP tests taken by third through eighth graders.

Students and staff interviewed as part of the investigation by the CPS inspector general reported "a variety of improper testing procedures. ... This included everything from attempts to game the system to coach-

ing to outright cheating."

The MAP tests, produced by Northwest Evaluation Association, are not intended to be timed, but have in some cases in CPS "turned into a multi-day or even week-long event," the report says, with more than 24,000 tests that took at least three times the national average of about an hour.

Students who took more than six hours on the test — which measures growth and in CPS can also factor into high school admissions, school ratings and teacher performance reviews — were nearly seven times as likely as the average student in CPS to show "unusually large gains," according to Inspector General Nicholas Schuler's report.

"Students and teachers described a variety of improper practices that could have added to test duration," according to a memo by Schuler to Board of Education members.

The investigation behind the findings followed years of complaints about alleged cheating on the MAP tests, according to Schuler's report.

One questionable practice the report highlights occurred when students or

their proctors intentionally paused and resumed their tests to produce new questions. The OIG considers such pausing "an attempt to game the test." The report also cited examples of proctors coaching students on how to answer questions with a nod or shake of the head, by pointing to the screen or even showing formulas.

The inspector general "is concerned that inflated or distorted test scores may be preventing students from getting the help they need — and their parents from knowing they need help."

Though the irregularities found involved a minority of test-takers, the report stated they were "enough to be worrisome and to warrant action." The report also noted repeated violations of proper test administration procedures, though as district officials have been quick to point out, it substantiated no systemic misconduct.

District officials also pointed out the report did not make any finding of inflation or distortion. "The review did not find any correlation between test duration and high academic growth and it does not call into question the accomplishments of our students and school communities," a spokeswoman said.

Acknowledging "a need for additional guidance and

training for staff on NWEA's unique, untimed testing format," CPS officials said the district plans to implement all of Schuler's recommendations.

The district is finalizing new guidance for testing duration and pauses for proctors, administrators and coordinators of this year's spring testing.

"To ensure our schools are supported and have clarity on testing protocols, the district created a definitive testing action plan to provide test proctors with additional guidance, training, and auditing to ensure students use only an appropriate amount of time to complete the test," states a letter to CPS families from CEO Janice Jackson and Chief Education Officer LaTanya McDade.

In addition to the guidance, this includes hiring a national test security expert, updating training, and targeted audits and support for schools "as needed."

More than one of every four MAP tests taken by CPS students in the time frame investigated took at least two times the national average amount of time to complete, according to the report. Each test has at most 53 questions.

To Chicago Board of Education Vice President Sendhil Revuluri, it's no wonder Chicago kids are

taking longer on these tests than their peers in other districts: There's a lot at stake, like getting into selective enrollment high schools.

"It's not intended to be a high-stakes assessment," Revuluri said. "... I know that I'm more careful about something when I know that the result counts."

But Revuluri wasn't ready to say CPS should stop factoring the exams into selective enrollment decisions. While different tests better serve different purposes, it would be too much to try to give the perfect assessment for every purpose, he said.

"There is a balance," he said. Testing is "not some kind of dark art. It's not something we do to students because we don't like them. It's an important part of the learning process."

The tests' design can add stress for students who feel they need to try as long as they can to get every question right, according to the report. One teacher said an eighth grade student who scored highly took more than a week to complete the math test and described the student as going through "mental torture," according to the report.

After earning top scores as a third and fourth grader in CPS, one boy's standardized test scores "plummeted" when he switched

to a private school, according to the report. His high scores had been "the result of cheating by CPS proctors," according to the OIG report.

CPS released the report — which included data analyses of the computer-based tests, along with interviews of students and teachers at schools with unusual results — on a Friday afternoon the week before the board meeting when Schuler was supposed to present it, and along with their own testing action plan.

A district spokeswoman said because it's Schuler's last week on the job, the district wanted parents to have the information in time to bring their questions or concerns to the meeting.

"CPS's release of our report today took us by surprise, as CPS leadership had previously asked us to release our findings via a joint presentation with them at next Wednesday's Board meeting," Schuler said in a statement.

Revuluri said he doesn't think concerns about that or about cheating or gaming are warranted by the report.

"I think by far the biggest question is if we are giving the proper guidance," he said.

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Underwood: Dem presidential contenders may harm 2nd bid

BY RICK PEARSON

Freshman Democratic Rep. Lauren Underwood said Monday that she thinks the influence of the party's presidential contenders on her chances for reelection in the traditionally Republican 14th Congressional District would be "neutral at best or really difficult at worst."

Appearing before about 150 people at the City Club of Chicago, Underwood was asked if she shared concerns among some Democratic moderates that Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders could hurt down-ballot Democrats who won in 2018 or are in swing districts, should he win the nomination.

"Some people are neutral and some people are not, and no one in my opinion that's running on the Democratic ticket is helpful to me in my race," Underwood replied, drawing murmurs from the crowd.

Underwood defeated three-term GOP Rep. Randy Hultgren in 2018 in an exurban district that has long backed conservative Republicans. She noted that she defeated Hultgren by 5 percentage points while J.B. Pritzker lost to Bruce Rauner in the district by 8 percentage points — though Pritzker defeated Rauner statewide by 16 percentage points.

"We have had many people run statewide in our state and do very well across the state that do not win in the 14th District," she said. "And so for that reason, I view presidential candidates as neutral at best or really difficult at worst."

Seven Republicans are competing in the March 17 primary to take on Underwood in a traditionally high-turnout presidential election year.

But Underwood, of Naperville, said she has sought to keep her reelection campaign from being tied to the presidential contest.

"We're not running a presidential race. My election as their member of Congress has very much to do with the local issues that we talk about in our community," she said after her speech. "What I do is not



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

U.S. Rep. Lauren Underwood, D-Ill., watches Monday as a video plays during her speech at a City Club of Chicago luncheon at Maggiano's Banquets in Chicago.

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— U.S. Rep. Lauren Underwood of the 14th Congressional District

framed in the context of President (Donald) Trump or the presidential election — period. You very rarely hear me talk about President Trump and that's not what this is about."

Moreover, Underwood, 33, indicated that the

Democratic Party label isn't a major part of her campaign due to the nature of the district and what had been its traditional Republican leanings.

"We just know that in our community, this whole idea of the Democratic

brand is not what's attracting people," she said. "And so, whether it's a generic Democratic presidential candidate or a named individual, they're not going to be helpful for me."

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Prosecutors: Gunmen smiled at each other before starting to shoot

Two accused of firing at barbershop, injuring 5, including 2 children

BY WILLIAM LEE

The two men who entered the Gotcha Faded barbershop that chilly January evening walked around the shop crowded with children with their hands concealed in their jacket pockets. After spotting their intended target, the men walked outside, smiled to each other, then allegedly raised their guns to the shop's front door, firing numerous gunshots inside, prosecutors said Monday during a bail hearing for one of the men.

According to authorities, the shop's surveillance video allegedly captured Walter Jackson and another man firing into the shop at 234 N. Pulaski Road on Jan. 16, then escaping in a car registered to Jackson's girlfriend. Instead of hitting the target, the gunfire struck five people between ages 11 and 40, leaving some with debilitating injuries.

Jackson, 29, a felon with prior convictions for gun possession and aggravated fleeing and eluding, faces five counts of attempted first-degree murder for the shooting that threw the shop into chaos as young children and barbers ducked for cover. The second gunman had been identified from the surveillance but remained at large at the time of the hearing.

Jackson, dressed in a navy blue windbreaker and faded jeans, was silent before Judge Mary C. Marubio as prosecutors recounted the frantic chain of events captured on video.

Chicago police detectives traced the getaway vehicle after getting its license plate from the video, according to prosecutors. Jackson was positively identified by a witness and officers familiar with both men from previous incidents, prosecutors said.

After his arrest last Friday, Jackson admitted going into the shop and firing four gunshots into the business after spotting an unnamed person inside, according to Assistant State's Attorney Katherine Hegarty. Authorities didn't

mention a motive for the shooting beyond repeating Jackson's alleged words that both men appeared at the shop that day to "take care of business."

Among the shooting victims was a 16-year-old boy who was wounded in the back and leg and requires a colostomy bag, authorities said. A 30-year-old man underwent surgery to repair his arm, where a bullet shattered the bone, Hegarty said. A 40-year-old barber suffered a gunshot wound to the leg.

Also wounded were Michael Smith, 12, who still has a bullet lodged behind his knee, and his brother Lorenzo Matthews, 11, who suffered multiple wounds to his arm and torso, requiring surgery. Their mother, Cierra Mobley, closed her eyes and shook her head as the judge recounted the injuries.

Noting the "terror and chaos" that erupted during the shooting and the video evidence, Marubio approved the prosecution's request for a denial of bail, calling Jackson a danger to the public.

After the hearing, Mobley left the courthouse without making a comment, but community activist Dawn Valenti, later released a statement on her behalf saying Mobley was focusing on her sons' recovery but was glad Jackson was off the street so that he could not hurt anyone else.

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 unique 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.

Jackson, who has addresses in East Chicago, Indiana, and Chicago's East Chatham neighborhood, is expected to return to court on Friday at the Skokie Courthouse.

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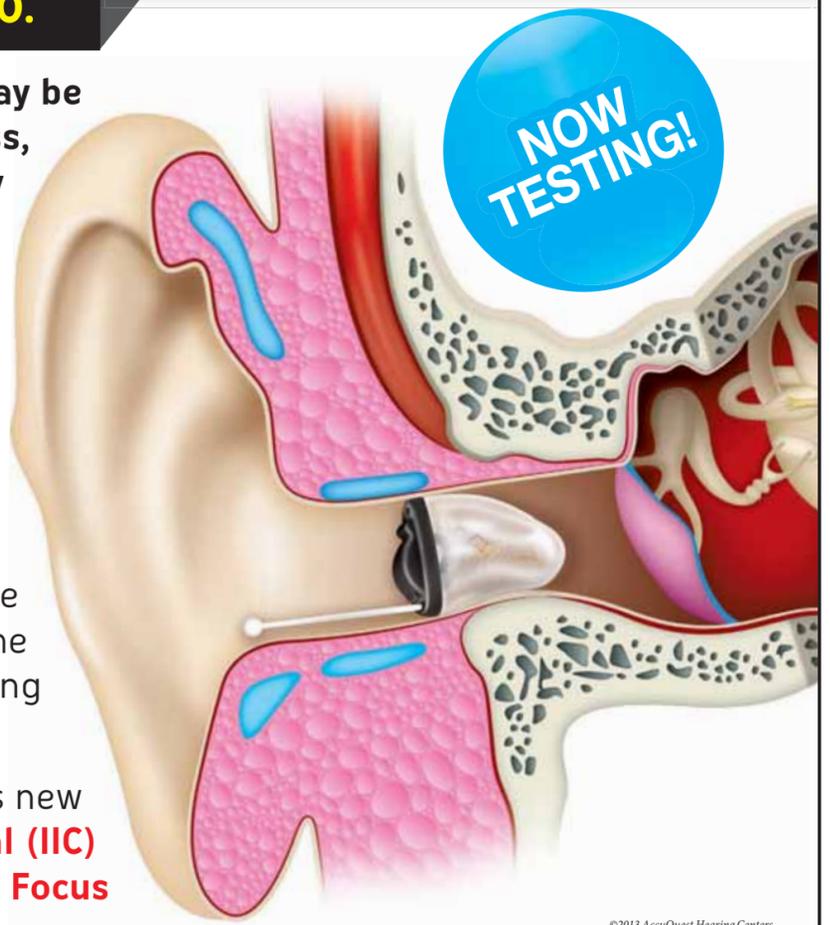
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racist and homophobic attack on a frigid night in Chicago in January 2019. The veteran attorney was appointed last summer to investigate the Smollett matter after the first charges were abruptly dropped by Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office, bringing controversy and national scrutiny.

But while Webb's investigation did lead to a renewed criminal case against Smollett, all indications were the legal battle may be just beginning.

After Monday's brief arraignment, Smollett's attorneys said they had no intention of negotiating any plea deal with Webb, and that they would take the case all the way to trial if need be.

And as Smollett was on his way to court, his lawyers filed an emergency petition with the Illinois Supreme Court asking that the indictment and Webb's appointment as prosecutor be thrown out altogether.

In the courtroom of Associate Judge James Linn, where Smollett entered his plea, his attorneys also filed paperwork Monday requesting that the case be tossed out, contending it violates Smollett's double jeopardy protections.

Smollett arrived Monday with an entourage that included members of his family and apparent bodyguards. As they walked silently up the courthouse steps, several cameramen tripped as they backed up, creating a small pileup. Smollett did not respond to questions shouted by reporters as he made his way into court.

As he waited to hear which judge would take his case, Smollett sat ramrod-straight in the gallery next to supporters including his sister, actor Jurnee Smollett-Bell.

Across the packed courtroom gallery sat brothers Abimbola and Olabinjo Osundairo, key prosecution witnesses who told police Smollett paid them to stage the attack. The defense has, in turn, accused them of actually beating Smollett and then lying to police about what happened.

After two false starts, Judge LeRoy Martin Jr. announced that Smollett's



Jussie Smollett, center, arrives Monday at Chicago's Leighton Criminal Court Building for his arraignment. He appeared before Associate Judge James Linn.

case was assigned to Judge Linn, a Chicago native and veteran jurist who presides in an airy seventh-floor courtroom.

The first two judges selected via a random generator, William Gamboney and Diane Gordon Cannon, both happened to be out sick Monday.

"I want a judge that's here," Martin said.

In Linn's crowded courtroom, Smollett stood silently before the bench as his attorneys asked the judge to postpone his arraignment in light of their request to the Illinois Supreme Court.

Linn turned them down, but released Smollett on a recognizance bond, meaning that unlike last year, the actor did not have to post any cash to stay out of custody as his case is pending.

Webb had asked Linn to set the same \$100,000 bond that was instated in the first case. Smollett had paid 10% of that figure — \$10,000 — to get out of jail, funds that were forfeited to the city as part of an agreement with Cook County prosecutors when charges were dropped in March of last

year.

Linn said he expects the actor to appear for court dates during which substantive arguments will be made; it is not yet clear whether that will be the case for the next hearing on March 18.

If Smollett's attorneys are successful before the state's high court, however, the case will be tossed out altogether. They argued in their filing Monday that Cook County Judge Michael Toomin overstepped his authority when he ordered the appointment of a special prosecutor.

After the charges were abruptly dropped, Sheila O'Brien, a retired Illinois appellate judge, petitioned Toomin to appoint a special prosecutor to look into the handling of the investigation.

After extensive legal arguments last summer, Toomin ruled that Foxx had the right to withdraw herself from overseeing the prosecution but held no legal authority to then delegate that responsibility to her top deputy.

After Toomin found that Smollett's first prosecution

was invalid, Webb was appointed to determine whether the actor should again face charges.

Smollett's attorneys are challenging Toomin's logic in their motion to the Illinois Supreme Court, arguing that Foxx had every right under the law to withdraw from the case the way she did and to assign her top deputy to handle the case.

Toomin "lacked authority to essentially horizontally reverse the circuit court's dismissal of the case and to appoint a special prosecutor to 'further prosecute' Mr. Smollett," their motion argues.

The hearing before Linn was over in less than 10 minutes. Afterward, Gloria Schmidt Rodriguez, the attorney for the Osundairo brothers, told the dozens of reporters waiting in the courthouse lobby that the brothers had come to court to "support the process" and indicated that they would also be observing future court dates — a highly unusual move for such important witnesses in a criminal case.

The brothers have been truthful throughout the process, including in recent

interviews with the special prosecutor's office, she said, and have gotten little in return.

"To anyone out there who thinks that they got some kind of immunity or some kind of plea deal out of this, that's incorrect," she said. "Their lives have been put on hold for this moment and for this process."

Speaking at the same microphones minutes later, Smollett's lead attorney, Tina Glandian, told reporters it was surprising to see the brothers there.

"I'll leave it to you to wonder why they bothered to appear here," she said.

Glandian said Smollett continues to staunchly maintain his innocence and finds the ordeal frustrating.

"He's strong, he's resilient, he'll get through this, but it's frustrating," she said.

Smollett left the courthouse shortly after 11:30 a.m. without addressing reporters.

As news helicopters hovered overhead, his entourage pushed past a crush of camera crews, climbed back into an SUV and headed south on California Avenue.

Smollett, who is black and openly gay, told police

last year he was attacked by two men as he was walking home after getting a sandwich at a Subway restaurant. The men shouted slurs, poured bleach or a similar substance on him and hung a noose around his neck, he told officers.

But the actor, best known for his now-ended role on the Fox TV show "Empire," eventually turned from victim to suspect, and in a twist, police said that the entire incident was a hoax and that Smollett actually staged the assault from start to finish to bolster his career.

In bringing the new charges earlier this month, Webb said he considered "the extensive nature" of Smollett's falsehoods, the massive amount of time and money Chicago police put into the investigation, and the strength of the evidence cited by Foxx's own prosecutors in bringing the original charges.

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Pedestrians enjoy sunny weather Sunday as snow melts along the Chicago Riverwalk.

Chicago area braces for storm bringing 4 to 7 inches of snow

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

Chicago may have had springlike temperatures this weekend, but it's not done with winter weather yet.

The National Weather Service on Monday firmed up its forecast for a winter storm headed into the area, saying most of northern Illinois will be under a winter storm watch starting Tuesday morning.

Four to 7 inches of snow will be possible between Tuesday and Wednesday, with the highest accumulations along and south of Interstate 80 and possibly along the lakefront, a change from earlier forecasts, said Brett Borchardt, a meteorologist for the weather service.

"A period of heavy snow is possible Tuesday into Wednesday morning, with snowfall rates in excess of 1 inch per hour at times ... the greatest risk of snowfall of greater than 6 inches of snow is currently within the watch area," the weather service reported.

Maps of the expected

highest amounts highlighted Cook County and other parts of the lakefront, including northwest Indiana, as well as areas south of I-80.

Counties including Cook, DuPage, Will, Kendall, Grundy, LaSalle, Winnebago, Boone, McHenry, Ogle, Lee, DeKalb, Kane and Lake will be under the winter storm watch, meteorologists said.

The snow isn't expected in time to mar the morning commute, but by Tuesday's evening rush, travel could become dangerous, meteorologists warned. The snow will become heavy by late morning or early afternoon Tuesday.

While it's expected to snow a good part of the day Tuesday, snow isn't expected to start accumulating close to the city until late Tuesday or early Wednesday, as temperatures hover above freezing until early Wednesday, Borchardt said.

Tuesday also will be breezy, with gusts from the northeast as strong as 40 mph possible, prompting a lakeshore flood watch

in Cook County from Tuesday morning until Wednesday afternoon. Waves could reach 8 to 12 feet along the Illinois shore of Lake Michigan, forecasters said.

"Expected large waves combined with near record-high lake levels could exacerbate already significant beach and shoreline erosion and damage structures along the shore," according to the flood watch.

The watch means conditions are favorable for flooding to develop, and residents who live on or near the shoreline should protect property and stay informed on the latest developments during the storm.

Rain began moving into the area Monday from south to north, forecasters said.

Meteorologists said residents should expect biting cold to follow the snowfall. By Thursday night, single-digit temperatures are expected.

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Cook County officials push for more time on delinquent taxes

BY SOPHIE SHERRY

Cook County elected officials and community leaders Monday called on Springfield to increase the length of time property owners are given to pay delinquent taxes from nine months to 13.

As of Friday, there were more than 57,500 properties in Cook County whose owners owe a total of \$188.2 million in delinquent taxes before the annual tax sale, scheduled for May 8, 2020.

There are 17,000 more parcels in delinquency than last year at this time, according to Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas. The properties on the tax sale list are divided evenly between the city and suburbs, with a little more than 28,000 parcels in each.

"This is about the most vulnerable citizens in this

county," Pappas said during a news conference Monday. "And the numbers are getting worse."

There are people on the tax sale list who may actually be owed money from an overpayment or failure to claim senior exemptions, homeowners exemptions and a senior freeze, Pappas said.

Ald. Roderick Sawyer, 6th, said a woman came to his office in tears because she was on the tax sale list and the sale was the following day.

It turned out the county actually owed the woman thousands of dollars, more than what she owed in the tax sale. Sawyer said the woman's situation was just one example of people in his community falling through the cracks.

"This is something that has to change, we have to get

more information to these people," Sawyer said.

Every alderman and state representative has the name and address of people on the tax sale list, according to Pappas. She said they are dispatching everyone with a list to go out and knock on doors.

Senate Bill 3356, which would extend the deadline to make payments to 13 months, was introduced in the Illinois General Assembly on Feb. 14. The bill is sponsored by Sen. Elgie Sims Jr., D-Chicago, and co-sponsored by Deputy Majority Leader Sen. Laura Murphy, D-Des Plaines.

To avoid the tax sale, property owners must pay all delinquent taxes and interest before the sale begins. Residents can check whether their taxes are delinquent by visiting the Cook County treasurer's website.

Facing federal indictment, Urlacher resigns from Civil Service Commission

BY JAMIE MUNKS

Casey Urlacher, the mayor of suburban Mettawa and brother of Chicago Bears' Hall of Famer Brian Urlacher, has resigned from the Illinois Civil Service Commission after being charged last week in a federal indictment alleging that he and others ran an offshore sports gambling ring.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration is "working to identify qualified candidates and name a replacement" following Urlacher's resignation, Pritzker spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh said.

Urlacher, 40, was

charged Thursday

with conspiracy and running an illegal gambling business. He is accused of acting as an agent for the gambling ring that took in millions of dollars from gamblers in the Chicago area, recruiting bettors and taking a cut of their losses.

According to the indictment filed in U.S. District Court last week, the gambling ring was led by Vincent Delguidice, of Orland Park, and operated from 2016 to 2019.

Veteran Chicago police Officer Nicholas Stella was



C. Urlacher

also named in the indictment.

Urlacher was elected mayor in 2013 of the small Lake County village of Mettawa.

He served on the Illinois Civil Service Commission from his appointment in 2013 until he resigned Friday, and was paid a \$25,928 annual salary.

Among the five-member commission's duties are hearing employee appeals of suspensions, layoffs, allocations and demotions.

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with Illinois again landing among the top states.

"No one is selling in any of the neighboring states, and that is having an effect," said Richard Auxier, a researcher at the Washington, D.C.-based Tax Policy Center. Plus, "Illinois is just a populous state that has major urban centers."

Some marijuana companies have suggested sales could have been higher if not for a statewide shortage of marijuana product. The shortage, which operators had expected for months, caused some dispensaries to halt recreational sales or institute buying limits starting in the first week of January.

Many dispensaries continue to sell recreational marijuana only on certain days of the week or for restricted hours. Though greater volumes of product continue to filter into the market from Illinois growers, the statewide shortage is expected to last for a year or more.

Facilities that grow weed

are expanding, and dozens of dispensaries are expected to open this year around the state. As more product becomes available and sales increase, so too will tax revenues, as they have in other states, Auxier said.

But once sales even out, the state could find itself in a less desirable situation, said Carl Davis, research director at the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy.

Some states tax marijuana based on weight, and some, like Illinois, levy taxes based on the price consumers pay. That means if marijuana prices go down — which they are expected to do once more dispensaries open — tax revenues could take a hit.

Medical marijuana is not subjected to the marijuana tax, which varies by product and by the content of psychoactive compound THC. Illinois was the first state to tax weed based on the potency.

Marijuana-infused products are taxed at 20%. All other marijuana with 35% THC or less is taxed at 10%, and marijuana with THC content higher than 35% is



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A customer pays for her cannabis products with \$100 and \$20 bills on Jan. 2 at Midway Dispensary in Chicago. January sales generated more than \$7.3 million in cannabis tax revenue and more than \$3.1 million in sales tax revenue.

taxed at 25%. Municipalities can levy an additional 3% tax, which was not included in the figures the state released Monday.

The state also collects a 7% tax from growers on the sale of marijuana products to dispensaries.

Illinois will use the tax

receipts to fund its regulation of the industry and invest in communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the war

on drugs, among other uses.

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passed ... there is some eagerness and impatience to ensure that there's a framework in place so that people don't get run over. And we have a history of that in this city, in certain neighborhoods, so it's a valid concern."

The draft of the ordinance comes just a couple of weeks after a group of protesters held a sit-in outside Mayor Lori Lightfoot's office demanding a meeting to discuss rising housing costs near the Obama site. The members of the Obama Community Benefits Agreement Coalition wanted to talk with Lightfoot about how the city could implement a so-called CBA ordinance that would guarantee certain protections for residents by creating a rental assistance fund, for example, and forcing developers and rehabbers to set aside 30% of their apartments for low-income renters.

The draft ordinance also is the culmination of dozens of meetings city officials have had with stakeholders, clergy members, community leaders, homeowners and renters who have, at times, clashed over how to manage the transformation of the South Side neighborhoods that surround the area where the Obama center would be built.

The Obama Foundation is in the process of developing the Obama Presidential Center, a sprawling campus with buildings that will house the foundation offices, have meeting spaces for conferences and workshops, a public library branch, and an abundance of indoor and outdoor recreation areas.

The center will be home to a museum devoted to telling the story of the first African American president and first lady.

The development is expected to transform the South Side by attracting thousands of tourists, bringing a new wave of residents and businesses that would cater to many visitors.

But it has also revealed just how complicated it is to create an ideal community.

As some celebrate the project for bringing much-needed investment to a neglected community, others have identified affordable housing and displacement as one of their more urgent concerns. They fear the fancy development ultimately will spur an increase in property taxes and rents.



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Kyana Butler, center, and other members of the Obama Community Benefits Agreement Coalition stage a sit-in on Feb. 11 outside Mayor Lori Lightfoot's office at City Hall in Chicago. They were demanding a meeting to discuss rising housing costs near the site of the proposed Obama Presidential Center.

On Monday, officials with the city Department of Housing unveiled a 30-page first draft of their ordinance proposal and presented it to a collective of community stakeholders, officials said.

It is a first draft that can be changed and adjusted based on feedback, Novara emphasized.

Still, it offers a glimpse into just how city housing officials are trying to stem displacement and address an anticipated wave of gentrification.

The ordinance is unique in that it attempts to address issues that come with growth before they occur. It leans on reworking programs the city has implemented in other communities.

For example, the city is proposing using about \$1 million to establish the Woodlawn Long-Term Homeowner Improvement Grant program, which would allow some residents to apply for funds to fix up their properties. That program is similar to one that was offered to residents who live near The 606.

There's a provision that would allow tenants in a

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— Marisa Novara, Chicago housing commissioner

multiunit building that is being sold to organize and get the first opportunity to buy it — an idea modeled after a law designed to protect single room occupancy buildings.

Private developers constructing housing in Woodlawn are subject to the city's Affordable Requirements Ordinance.

But under the proposed ordinance, the city would leverage its vacant lots to force developers that want that land to create some housing for lower-income residents. For example, a developer constructing a building with six to 14 units would have to set aside 10% of the apartments — or basically one to two units — for families that earn less than 80% of the area medi-

an income. That's \$64,200 for a family of three or less than \$77,050 for a family of five.

The ordinance tries to address the many concerns raised by residents, Novara said.

She acknowledges it could not cover everything. The city doesn't have the power to freeze property taxes. And the ordinance doesn't establish a rental assistance fund, which is being pushed by some community groups.

Instead, it would funnel funding to established housing firms that would be tasked with turning renters into owners.

"There is no one voice in Woodlawn," Novara said. "Rather than sitting in City Hall and somehow decid-

ing what the path should be ... we (got) folks talking to each other and coming up with a plan that we feel we can put resources behind, that our Law Department is comfortable with, and that is something that we feel like will achieve the goals we are hearing from people.

"While there are extremely varied views about where this community should be headed, a takeaway ... that everyone agreed on is: No one who lives in Woodlawn now should be displaced," she said.

In the past, 20th Ward Ald. Jeanette Taylor expressed frustration with how city officials were managing the process of drafting legislation to help residents in the community she represents. Taylor wrote her own ordinance last year, but it was placed on hold.

As the city's Department of Housing moved forward with its legislation, Taylor said officials were moving without her input or approval.

But on Monday, she said she was still reviewing the city's proposal and expressed a more pragmatic

tone.

"If my community as a whole is OK with it, then I'm for it," she said. "I can't make everybody happy, but I want to make sure we do right by people who have historically been wronged in these processes. We make the mistake of accommodating developers and investors and people who have profited from our pain. I get that this is going to be a process. We haven't trusted a system that (has) mistreated us, so we have to build trust."

Linda Tinsley has lived in Woodlawn for 14 years in an apartment where the rent is partially covered by a subsidy. Tinsley is a part of the CBA coalition.

As she examined the city's proposal, she said she worried that it still won't do enough for the poorest and most vulnerable residents.

"We need to be helping people more. The income limits are so high and most likely at the rate they've got ... it will more so be helping people with higher incomes," she said.

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Villa Park woman who abused teenagers given work release

BY CLIFFORD WARD

A Villa Park woman accused of sexually abusing two teenage boys she met at a drinking party was sentenced Monday to work release and probation, according to DuPage County prosecutors and court records.

Stefanie Litton, 37, was

ordered to surrender to the DuPage County jail beginning March 17. She will be released during the daytime hours, but must spend nights at the jail for 90 days under the sentence handed down by Judge Jeffrey MacKay, according to court records.

The judge also ordered Litton to register as a sex

offender and spend three years on specialized probation for people convicted of sex crimes.

Litton pleaded guilty in October to a count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, a Class 2 felony, in a negotiated plea with prosecutors who agreed to drop other counts she faced in exchange for her

admission of guilt.

Authorities say that the two boys attended an underage drinking party she held at her home in 2017. At the time, one of the youths was 14 and the other was 16.

Prosecutors alleged she abused the teens between December 2017 and July 2018.

After the allegations came to light via an anonymous tip to police, Litton was charged in December 2018.

"Stefanie Litton took advantage of a young boy less than half her age just to satisfy her sexual desires," State's Attorney Robert Berlin said. "Thanks to the efforts of the Villa Park

Police Department however, her disgusting behavior was uncovered and she will now spend the rest of her life as a registered sex offender."

She has been out on bond since the day after her arrest.

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India visit prioritizes pageantry over policy

Trump reaffirms close US relations with PM Modi

By JILL COLVIN AND JONATHAN LEMIRE
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AHMEDABAD, India — Prioritizing pageantry over policy, President Donald Trump basked in India's welcoming embrace on a day that featured a megareally with cheering crowds, a mutual admiration show with his counterpart and a sunset tour of the famed Taj Mahal.

Trump used Day One of his whirlwind 36-hour visit to India to reaffirm close ties with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and tease progress on a trade deal down the road.

But the day was largely devoted to a trio of enviable photo-ops: the largest rally of Trump's presidency sandwiched between visits to a former home of independence leader Mohandas Gandhi and the Taj Mahal.

In his first hours on the subcontinent, Trump received the adulatory reception that has eluded him on many foreign trips.

More than 100,000 people packed the world's largest cricket stadium, nearly all of them wearing white caps with the name of the event, "Namaste, Trump."

But miles away in the capital of New Delhi, police used tear gas and smoke grenades to disperse a crowd of clashing protesters hours before Trump was due to arrive, as violence broke out over a new citizenship law that excludes Muslims.

Anti-Trump street demonstrations also erupted in



President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump pose as they visit the Taj Mahal on the first day of their visit to India. "Really incredible, an incredible place," Trump said.

Kolkata, Hyderabad and Gauhati.

Trump opened his rally speech in Ahmedabad on Monday by declaring that he had traveled 8,000 miles to deliver the message that "America loves India, America respects India and America will always be faithful and loyal friends to the Indian people."

He praised India as a place where different faiths "worship side by side in harmony" and made no mention of the new law that is raising fears that the country is moving toward a

religious citizenship test. And yet, he emphasized his own administration's efforts to secure its borders and crack down on "radical Islamic terrorism."

The sun-baked city bustled around him, its streets teeming with people eager to catch a glimpse of the American president.

The president's motorcade traveled newly cleaned roads planted with flowers and featuring elaborately costumed dancers and musicians as well as hundreds of large billboards featuring the president, Modi and

first lady Melania Trump. Tens of thousands lined the route, making an impressive showing, but well short of the over-the-top prediction of up to 10 million that Trump had said Modi promised him would be on hand.

His first stop was Gandhi's home, where Trump donned a prayer shawl and removed his shoes to walk through the humble ashram.

He inspected the spinning wheel used by the famed pacifist and saw a statue of monkeys repre-

senting Gandhi's mantra of "See no evil, Hear no evil, Speak no evil."

Then it was on to a far more boisterous setting — the mega-rally at the world's largest cricket stadium.

A battery of carefully chosen Modi loyalists and workers from his Bharatiya Janata Party lined the road to accord the president a grand welcome, which had the feel of a carnival.

Tens of thousands of police officers were also on hand to keep security tight and a new wall was erected

in front of a slum, apparently to hide it from the president's motorcade.

Modi, a noted hugger, figuratively and literally embraced Trump at the start of the "Namaste Trump" rally that was the back half of home-and-away events for the two men.

Both had attended a "Howdy Modi" rally in Houston last year that drew 50,000.

Trump lavished praise on Modi and the democracy he leads, highlighting an effort to lift residents out of extreme poverty.

"India gives hope to all of humanity," he told the crowd.

The stadium was packed with revelers, many of whom wore Trump and Modi masks as they sat in 80-degree heat.

Yet scores of attendees, particularly those sitting in the sun, streamed out before Trump had finished his 27-minute speech.

Before he arrived, the crowd listened to a medley of Bollywood hits and songs from Trump's usual campaign rally playlist, including Elton John numbers that seemed to puzzle some in the chanting, colorful crowd.

Trump, whose foreign visits typically are light on sightseeing, told reporters traveling with him that he was eager to see the Taj Mahal, which he'd never visited, and later delighted in the immense white marble 17th century mausoleum in the city of Agra.

As daylight began to fade, Trump and his wife posed for photos.

"Really incredible, an incredible place," Trump said.

China, S. Korea report more coronavirus cases

Associated Press

BEIJING — China and South Korea on Tuesday reported more cases of a new viral illness that has been concentrated in North Asia but is creating worrisome, increasing clusters in the Middle East and Europe.

China reported 508 new cases and another 71 deaths, 68 of them in the central city of Wuhan, where the epidemic began in December. The updates bring mainland China's totals to 77,658 cases and 2,663 deaths.

South Korea now has the second-most cases with 60 reported Tuesday morning, bringing its total to 893. South Korea has reported a near 15-fold increase in infections with the new coronavirus in a week, as health workers continue to find batches in the southeastern city of Daegu and nearby areas, where panic has brought towns to an eerie standstill.

Of the 60 new cases reported by South Korea's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 49 came from Daegu and the surrounding areas of North Gyeongsang province.

The country also reported its eighth fatality, a man in his 60s who was linked to a hospital in Cheongdo, where a slew of infections has been reported among patients at a mental ward.

South Korea's cases now outnumber those reported by Japan, where the virus infected almost one-fifth of the passengers and crew on a cruise ship.

Clusters have also emerged in Iran and Italy, and there are concerns that the new outbreaks could signal a serious new stage in the global spread of the illness.

Schools were closed in Iran for a second day, and daily sanitizing of public buses and the Tehran met-



South Koreans examine the door of Milan's cathedral, one of the many tourist attractions closed Monday in Italy.

ro, which is used by about 3 million people, was begun.

In several countries that reported their first cases Monday — Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman, the infected patients had links with Iran. Iraq and Afghanistan closed their borders with Iran in an effort to stop the further spread.

In Italy, where 229 people have tested positive for the virus and seven have died, police manned checkpoints around a dozen quarantined northern towns as worries grew across the continent.

Austria temporarily halted rail traffic across its border with Italy. Slovenia and Croatia, popular getaways for Italians, were holding crisis meetings. Schools were closed, theater performances were canceled and even Carnival celebrations in Venice were called off.

It was a sign of how quickly circumstances

could change in the widening COVID-19 scare. Italy had imposed more stringent measures than other European countries after the outbreak began, barring flights beginning Jan. 31 to and from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao.

Until last week, Italy had reported just three cases of infection.

"These rapid developments over the weekend have shown how quickly this situation can change," the health commissioner for the European Union, Stella Kyriakides, said in Brussels. "We need to take this situation of course very seriously, but we must not give in to panic, and, even more importantly, to disinformation."

After the large increases in COVID-19 cases were reported in other countries, the World Health Organization said the virus had the potential to cause a pandemic, though it wasn't one yet.

US appeals court upholds ban on abortion referrals

By GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

SEATTLE — In a victory for the Trump administration, a U.S. appeals court on Monday upheld rules that bar taxpayer-funded family-planning clinics from referring women for abortions.

The 7-4 ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned decisions issued by judges in Washington, Oregon and California. The court had already allowed the administration's changes to start taking effect while the government appealed those rulings.

The changes ban taxpayer-funded clinics in the Title X program for low-income women from making abortion referrals, a restriction opponents characterize as a "gag rule."

Beginning March 4, the rules will also prohibit clinics that receive federal money from sharing office space with abortion providers, which critics said would force many Title X providers to find new locations, undergo expensive remodels or shut down — further reducing access to the program.

Title X patients receive affordable birth control, reproductive care and other care through the program, including breast and cervical cancer screenings and HIV testing.

Abortion is a legal medical procedure, but federal laws prohibit the use of Title X or other taxpayer funds to pay for abortions except in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the woman. Under Title X, a 1970 law designed to improve access to family planning services, federal money may not be used in programs "where abortion is a method of family planning."

Abortion rights supporters and opponents have argued for decades



President Donald Trump's administration has won a victory on imposing hurdles for women seeking abortions.

whether counseling a patient about abortion or referring a patient to a different provider for an abortion violates that language. Abortion opponents and religious conservatives say Title X has long been used to indirectly subsidize abortion providers.

"Congress has long prohibited the use of Title X funds in programs where abortion is a method of family planning and (the Department of Health and Human Service's) recent rule makes that long-standing prohibition a reality," U.S. Justice Department spokeswoman Mollie Timmons said in a written statement celebrating the 9th Circuit's ruling. "We look forward to continuing to defend this vital rule against all challenges."

More than 20 states and several civil rights and health organizations challenged the rules in cases filed in Oregon, Washington and California. Judges in all three states blocked them from taking effect, with Oregon and Washington courts issuing nationwide injunctions.

One judge called the new policy "madness" and said it was motivated by "an arrogant assumption that the government is better suited to direct women's health care than their providers."

Planned Parenthood,

which served 1.6 million of the 4 million patients who received care through Title X, has already left the program in protest, giving up about \$60 million a year in federal funding.

Overall, nearly 1,000 clinics have left Title X, according to the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association. Washington and Oregon have abandoned the program entirely. In Vermont, all of the Title X clinics were Planned Parenthood, leaving none there.

In California, the number of patients served by the program has fallen 40% under Trump's rules — and it will fall further once the physical separation requirement takes effect March 4, said Essential Access Health, which administers Title X in California.

The American Medical Association criticized the ruling as "government overreach and interference" that prohibits frank conversations between physicians and their patients.

"It is unconscionable that the government is telling physicians that they can treat this underserved population only if they promise not to discuss or make referrals for all treatment options," the AMA said in a statement.

Congress' spending power shrinks

Lawmakers have few but selves to blame, experts say

BY EMILY COCHRANE
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — When the Pentagon announced this month that it would divert billions more dollars in military funding to the construction of President Donald Trump's border wall, bipartisan outrage ricocheted across Capitol Hill.

Republicans and Democrats alike issued fiery statements in defense of both their congressional districts, some of which stand to lose valuable work making military equipment, and their constitutionally enshrined power of the purse.

But the howls of protest are unlikely to amount to much in a Congress where lawmakers — many of whom once prized their spending prerogatives almost above all else — acknowledge their power to steer federal dollars has been severely eroded.

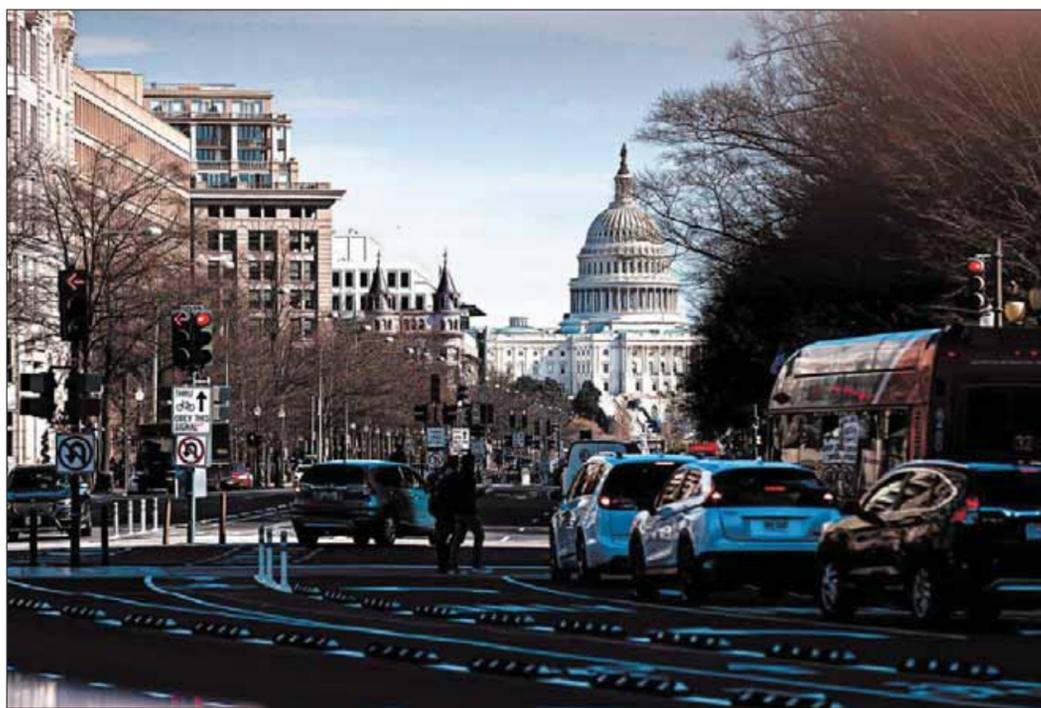
The dysfunction has taken hold in large part because of decisions that members of Congress themselves have made.

But it has become pronounced under Trump, who has moved aggressively to divert government money when it suits his agenda.

"Congress' appropriation power, which is pretty much the last unchallenged power that Congress has, has very significantly eroded," said Sean Kelly, a professor of political science at California State University Channel Islands.

The root of the problem predates Trump. For years, Congress has jammed through huge omnibus spending bills that set funding for an entire fiscal year in the final days of legislative sessions.

Lawmakers have also passed a patchwork of short-term spending bills to



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Trump's plan to divert more military funds to a wall is the latest example of the long-running erosion of Congress' power.

keep the government from shutting down, which has happened three times during the Trump administration. And while presidents have always had the power to transfer and reallocate funds, Trump has made far wider use of that authority to subvert the will of lawmakers.

The administration is expected to announce another diversion of funds to help pay for construction of a wall on the southern border, Trump's signature campaign promise, in the coming months. The president declared a national emergency last year to allow him to use money not appropriated for the wall to build it.

And while the Senate acquitted Trump this month of impeachment charges stemming from his decision to withhold military funding from Ukraine, the Government Accountability Office, a nonpartisan federal watchdog, found that Trump's actions vio-

lated the Impoundment Control Act, which limits a president's ability to refuse to spend money allocated by Congress.

Several lawmakers, including some who are still deeply involved in crafting the dozen must-pass spending bills each year, acknowledge that the annual fiscal process no longer works as it once did.

A large factor, several say, is the demise of earmarks, the power to steer money to lawmakers' pet projects in order to persuade them to take tough votes. Long scorned as a tool of corruption, Congress ultimately banned the practice after a series of scandals that culminated in the imprisonment of lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

"When earmarks were around, they gave members a reason to pay attention to appropriations — they always knew they had some skin in the game," said Kelly, who co-wrote a book about

earmarks and their benefit to democracy. "By being penny-wise, we've sort of been pound-foolish."

Some lawmakers in both parties have quietly begun discussing reviving earmarks in a bid to help grease the gears of the spending process. Rep. Nita M. Lowey, D-N.Y., chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee, embarked on a listening tour among her colleagues about re-branding earmarks as "community project funding" and implementing more guardrails to avoid abuse.

Trump has also suggested bringing the practice back in some form.

"Members of Congress have the best judgment about what's needed for their districts," Lowey said in an interview in which she described how the administration now wields far more discretion in doling out funds for projects. "Local projects and spending bills also give members a sense

of ownership of federal funding."

But the idea has been shelved for the time being. House Democratic leaders hope to pass all 12 spending bills by the end of June, and any effort to revive earmarks was seen as too complex and politically fraught to pursue in such a short time frame and in an election year.

"Clearly, there's a sentiment in the institution that we surrender too much power," said Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., a member of the Appropriations Committee, who supports the idea of bringing back the practice in some form. "How you get that power back without undercutting the current chief executive, and how you have that discussion in a way that it doesn't partisanize it and sends everybody to their corners, is really going to be very tricky."

Fiscal conservatives — particularly Republicans who ran for Congress as

budget hawks bent on lowering the debt and reducing government spending — are reluctant to undercut that message now by embracing earmarks.

Mick Mulvaney, the acting White House chief of staff who railed against spending during his years as a South Carolina congressman, acknowledged in a recent private question-and-answer session that Republicans are less interested in deficit reduction now that a member of their party is in the White House.

A Democratic aide, insisting on anonymity to describe internal discussions, said that party leaders planned to revisit the discussion of earmarks next year, given the near-unanimous support for it among their members in Congress.

In the meantime, the administration has taken advantage of the natural murkiness that comes with funding programs and policy — and encountered little resistance from lawmakers.

"Congress has been more and more deferential to the president when they're of the same party," said Joshua Huder, a senior fellow at Georgetown University's Government Affairs Institute. "But on the other hand, we haven't seen a president deviate from appropriations to such a degree."

While the Government Accountability Office found that Trump's decision to withhold \$391 million in security assistance for Ukraine violated the law, there is no action or penalty that can be taken as a result.

"These parchment barriers are only as effective so far as when people in power hold themselves to the law," said James Pfiffner, a professor at George Mason University who wrote a book about the impoundment act. "If the person with the most power says, 'I'm not going to play by the rules of the game,' the other people may have the authority, but not the power to enforce the law."



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A protester covers his face at a demonstration Monday in Barcelona, Spain, in support of Julian Assange, who is fighting extradition to the U.S. in a British court.

Extradition hearing hears divergent views of Assange

BY JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON — Truth-telling journalist or reckless criminal: A British judge was given two conflicting portraits of Julian Assange as the WikiLeaks founder's long-awaited extradition hearing began Monday in a London court.

A lawyer for the U.S. authorities, who want to try Assange on espionage charges, said the Australian computer expert was an "ordinary" criminal whose publication of hundreds of thousands of secret military documents a decade ago put many people at risk of torture and death.

"Reporting or journalism is not an excuse for criminal activities or a license to break ordinary criminal laws," said James Lewis, a British lawyer representing the U.S. government.

Assange's lawyer countered that the WikiLeaks publisher was being victimized by a "lawless" American government that wanted to make an example of him.

Attorney Edward Fitzgerald also said the "inhuman" conditions Assange was likely to face in an American prison would put him at high risk of suicide.

Dozens of Assange supporters protested outside the high-security Woolwich Crown Court, chanting and setting off a horn as District Judge Vanessa Baraitser began hearing the case, which is due to last several months.

Assange, 48, watched proceedings from the dock in the courtroom — he was brought there from Belmarsh Prison next door. He complained that he was having difficulty concentrating and called the noise from outside "not helpful."

Assange has been indicted in the U.S. on 18 charges over the publication of classified documents. Prosecutors say he conspired with U.S. Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning to crack a password, hack into a Pentagon computer and release secret diplomatic cables and military files on the wars in Iraq and Af-

ghanistan.

Assange argues he was acting as a journalist entitled to First Amendment protection and says the leaked documents exposed U.S. military wrongdoing.

But Lewis said Assange was guilty of "straightforward" criminal activity in trying to hack the computer. And he said WikiLeaks' activities created a "grave and imminent risk" to U.S. intelligence sources in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"By disseminating the materials in an unredacted form, he likely put people — human rights activists, journalists, advocates, religious leaders, dissidents and their families — at risk of serious harm, torture or even death," the lawyer said.

Assange's lawyers argued that the U.S. charges are a politically motivated abuse of power.

Fitzgerald said Assange was suffering as a result of the "declaration of war on leakers and journalists" by President Donald Trump.

"Julian Assange has been made an example of," Fitzgerald said.

Verdict

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team: "I'm innocent. I'm innocent. How could this happen in America?"

Judge James Burke ordered Weinstein taken to jail immediately. Court officers surrounded Weinstein, handcuffed him and led him out of the courtroom via a side door without the use of the walker he relied on for much of the trial.

The judge said he will ask that Weinstein, who had been free on bail since his arrest nearly two years ago, be held in the infirmary after his lawyers said he needs medical attention following unsuccessful back surgery.

Sentencing was set for March 11. The sexual assault charge carries up to 25 years in prison, while the third-degree rape count is punishable by up to four years.

The jury acquitted Weinstein of first-degree rape, which requires the use of force or the threat of it, and found him guilty of third-degree rape, which involves a lack of consent.

The verdict followed weeks of often harrowing and excruciatingly graphic testimony from a string of accusers who told of rapes, forced oral sex, groping, masturbation, lewd propositions and that's Hollywood excuses from Weinstein.

In addition to the three women he was charged with attacking, three more who said they were attacked by Weinstein testified as part of an effort by prosecutors to show a pattern of brutish behavior on his part.

The conviction was seen as a long-overdue reckoning for Weinstein after years of whispers about his behavior turned into a torrent of accusations in 2017 that destroyed his career and gave rise to #MeToo, the global movement to encourage women to come forward and hold powerful men accountable for their



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Harvey Weinstein's walker is rolled from the State Supreme Court in Manhattan after a jury found him guilty.

sexual misconduct.

"Weinstein with his manipulation, his resources, his attorneys, his publicists and his spies did everything he could to silence to survivors," Vance said after the verdict. He saluted the women who came forward, saying they "changed the course of history in the fight against sexual violence" and "pulled our justice system into the 21st century."

The Associated Press does not typically identify people who say they are victims of sex crimes unless they grant permission, as Haley and Sciorra did.

While Weinstein did not testify, his lawyers contended that any sexual contact was consensual and that his accusers went to bed with him to get ahead in Hollywood. The defense seized on the fact that the two women he was convicted of attacking had sex with him — and stayed in contact with him through warm and even flirty emails — well after he supposedly attacked them.

In the end, that argument didn't seem to gain any traction.

Instead, the jury had trouble with Sciorra's allegations. Four days into de-

liberations, the jurors sent out a note indicating they were deadlocked on the two predatory sexual assault counts but had reached a unanimous verdict on the others. The judge told them to keep on deliberating.

Weinstein now faces charges in Los Angeles.

In that case, authorities allege he raped one woman and sexually assaulted another on back-to-back nights during Oscars week in 2013.

The New York trial was the first criminal case to arise from a barrage of allegations against Weinstein from more than 90 women, including actresses Gwyneth Paltrow, Salma Hayek, Ashley Judd, Uma Thurman and Mira Sorvino. Most of those cases were too old to prosecute.

While prosecutors and other Weinstein foes were disappointed by his acquittal on the most serious charges, they exulted over the guilty verdicts.

"The aura of impunity for powerful men who rape people is over," Sorvino said, breaking down in tears on a conference call of Weinstein's former accusers.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

New Virginia sentencing law ends top court's DC sniper case

WASHINGTON — Lee Boyd Malvo, the Washington, D.C., area sniper, and Virginia agreed Monday to dismiss a pending Supreme Court case after the state changed its criminal sentencing law for juveniles.

Under the new law, signed by Gov. Ralph Northam earlier in the day, people serving life terms for crimes they committed before they turned 18 can be considered for parole after serv-

ing at least 20 years.

Malvo was 17 when he and John Allen Muhammad terrorized the Washington, D.C., region in 2002, killing 10 people and wounding three. Malvo was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole. Muhammad was executed in 2009.

Malvo also faces six life-without-parole terms in Maryland. Appeals of those cases have been on hold during the Supreme Court case.



MATIAS DELACROIX/AP

A boy is drenched with water Monday as he and other children splash each other to celebrate Carnival in the Curiepe, Venezuela. The holiday is also marked in many nations with parades featuring elaborate floats and throngs of street dancers.

Shaky truce appears to take hold in Israel-Gaza

JERUSALEM — A shaky cease-fire between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Islamic Jihad appeared to be taking hold early Tuesday, ending a two-day round of violence that had threatened to disrupt next week's Israeli elections.

A spokesman for Islamic Jihad in the Gaza Strip, said the cease-fire went into effect at 11:30 p.m. Monday, several hours after an earlier truce quickly unraveled. He said Egypt and U.N. mediators had negotiated the new deal.

During two days of fighting, Israeli aircraft pounded dozens of targets in the Gaza Strip while Islamic Jihad militants bombarded southern Israel with heavy rocket fire. Israel also expanded its retaliation to Syria, where some of the Iranian-backed group's leaders are based, killing two Islamic Jihad militants in an overnight airstrike.

In Libya: The U.N. mission in Libya said Monday that the country's warring sides had agreed to turn a shaky cease-fire into a formal deal, stirring modest hopes after weeks of sporadic violence that derailed negotiations.

As the latest round of U.N.-mediated talks between rival military leaders wrapped up in Geneva, both sides reached a draft deal "to facilitate the safe return of civilians to their areas," according to a U.N. statement.

The delegates negotiating on behalf of Libya's rival administrations must now send the draft for approval to their respective leaders who have the power to halt the fighting, a prospect that faces further obstacles. The representatives promised to reconvene next month.

Canadian police move to clear indigenous protest in Ontario

TORONTO — Canadian police moved Monday to clear an indigenous rail blockade in Ontario that has crippled freight and passenger rail traffic in most of eastern Canada for nearly three weeks.

Ontario Provincial Police arrested 10 protesters on Tyendinaga Mohawk territory near Belleville, Ontario, east of Toronto.

Police spokesman Bill Dickson said the protesters had pulled back

from the rail tracks and a second encampment set up nearby by demonstrators remained in place.

Groups of demonstrators have set up blockades in British Columbia, Ontario, Alberta and Quebec in solidarity with opponents of the Coastal GasLink pipeline project that crosses the traditional territory of the Wet'suwet'en First Nation in northwestern British Columbia.

Former U of Texas tennis coach gets 6 months in college scam

BOSTON — The former men's tennis coach at the University of Texas at Austin sprinted away from a scrum of reporters and his own lawyers Monday after he was sentenced to six months in prison for taking a \$100,000 bribe as part of a sweeping college admissions scam.

Michael Center collapsed into his chair and sobbed with his face in his hands after the judge declared he would spend

time behind bars for actions that undermined the public's faith in the college admissions process.

Center pleaded guilty in Boston's federal court last year to participating in the bribery scheme.

Authorities say the admissions consultant at the center of the scam, Rick Singer, paid Center to help an applicant get admitted as a tennis recruit, even though the student didn't play competitively.

Poll: Most Americans support Equal Rights Amendment

PHILADELPHIA — A new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research shows that roughly 3 in 4 Americans support the gender equality amendment, which is now back before Congress following Virginia's ratification of the measure in January. But nearly the same amount, 72%, incorrectly believe the Constitution now guarantees men and women equal rights under the law.

The ERA, which would stipulate that equal rights cannot be denied or curtailed on the basis of gender, is back in the headlines

because Virginia became the 38th state to ratify it — satisfying the requirement that three-quarters of states approve it following Congress' passage of the measure in 1972.

However, legal hurdles could yet keep the ERA from becoming the 28th amendment. Congress initially required the states to ratify it by 1977, a deadline they later extended to 1982. While the Democratic-controlled House will likely extend the deadline again, the Republican-controlled Senate may balk. Another legal obstacle: a move by five states in the 1970s to

rescind their initial ratification of the amendment.

The ERA also faces bitter opposition from conservative activists who see it as endangering their stances on abortion and transgender rights.

However, while the poll did find a significant partisan gap in views of the ERA's adoption, majorities across party lines are in support. Nearly 9 in 10 Democrats, compared with about 6 in 10 Republicans, say they are in favor.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,353 adults was conducted Jan. 16-21, with a margin of error of plus or minus

Activists with rifles stir fears at Neb. Capitol

LINCOLN, Neb. — Some Nebraska lawmakers expressed shock and outrage Monday that gun owners were allowed to bring loaded, semi-automatic rifles into the state Capitol to protest bills that would have imposed new restrictions on gun ownership.

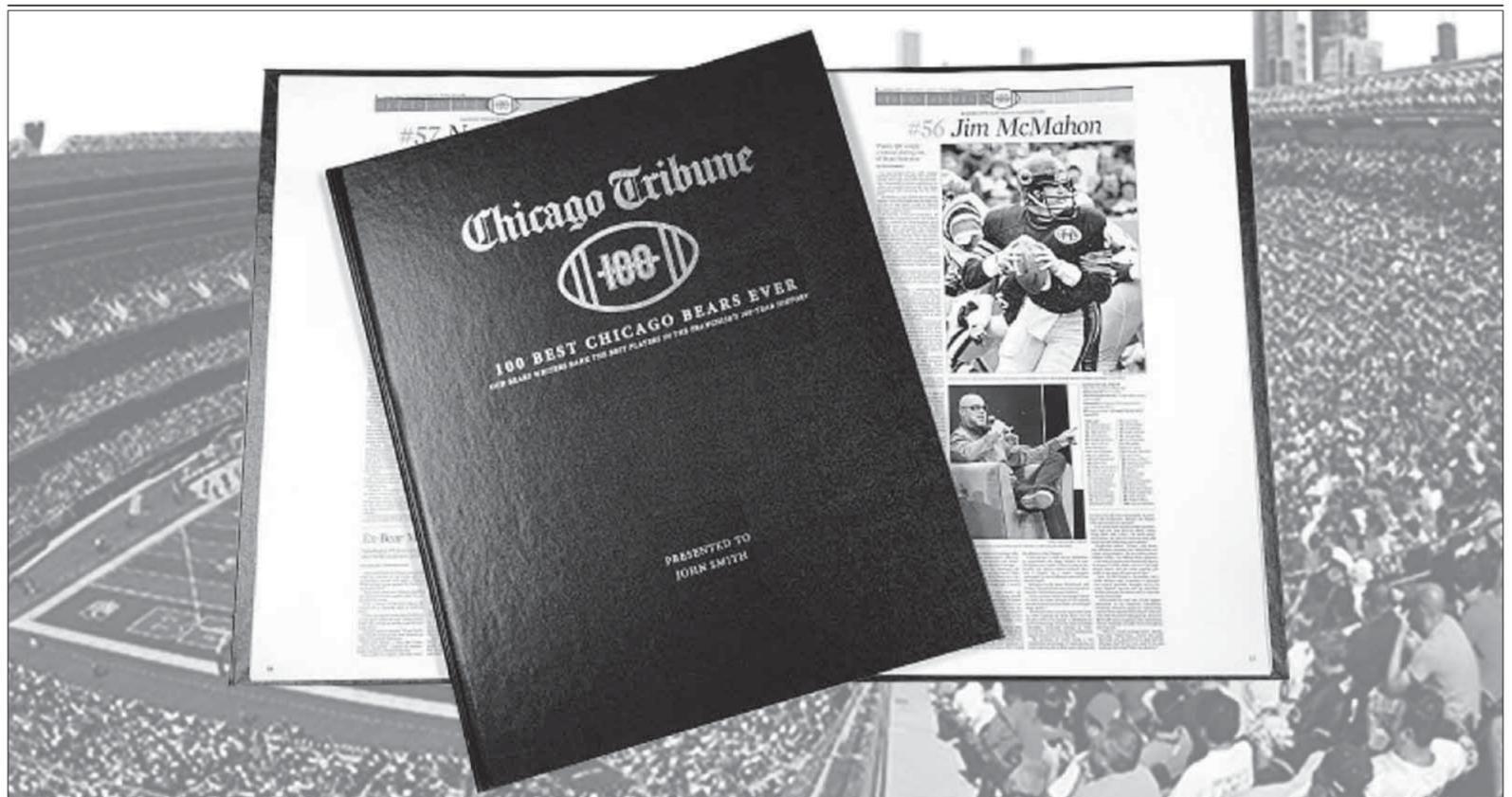
Some lawmakers said

they viewed the demonstration as an intimidation tactic during a contentious legislative hearing Friday afternoon that drew an estimated 400 protesters.

A few of those protesters displayed their guns in the hallways and in a public hearing room, even though the Nebraska Capitol bars

people from wielding political signs or props in the building and doesn't allow concealed firearms.

"I was intimidated. I was scared," said Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh, of Omaha, who sponsored a bill to prohibit people with domestic violence convictions from buying guns.



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EDITORIALS

COLLAR COUNTY ENDORSEMENTS

As the March 17 primary approaches, the Tribune Editorial Board offers endorsements for contested countywide races in Chicagoland's collar counties.

DuPage County



Grogan

Auditor: In the GOP primary, incumbent **Bob Grogan** is the clear choice. His stewardship since taking office in 2009 has led to more transparency in county government. One early initiative was to set up an audit hotline that gave citizens a means to report suspected fraud, waste or misuse of tax dollars. And he gave taxpayers a window into how their money is spent by putting the county checkbook online. His opponent is Downers Grove bank executive Jeffrey Mack.

White

The Democratic primary pits accounting manager Bruce Fogerty, of Wheaton, against **William "Bill" White**, a longtime lawyer with strong experience in government, including stints on the Downers Grove Village Board and the District 99 school board. White is endorsed.



Adams

Circuit Court clerk: Two Democrats are vying to face Republican incumbent Chris Kachiroubas in November. Moon Khan, of Lombard, is a former York Township trustee who waged an unsuccessful bid for DuPage County auditor in 2016. His opponent, **Candice Adams**, of Lisle, is a lawyer with a clearer plan than Khan's for modernizing the office. Adams is the better choice.



Holder
Youngberg

Recorder: Two Republicans are looking to succeed retiring incumbent Fred Bucholz, who was first elected to the post in 2004. Ron Almiron, of Wheaton, is a real estate attorney. We think the better choice is **Babette Holder Youngberg**, also of Wheaton. She's a real estate agent, a Milton Township GOP committeeperson and an independent thinker who would bring a fresh approach to county

government. Youngberg is endorsed.



Felice

Judge of the Circuit Court: This vacancy was created when the Illinois Courts Commission removed Patrick O'Shea from the bench last fall. Four GOP candidates are competing to succeed him: John Joseph Pcolinski Jr., Greg Abbott, Richard J. "Rick" Veenstra and **Richard D. Felice**. Our endorsement goes to Felice. On the Democratic side, we back **Azam Nizamuddin** over David Guy Stevens.



Nizamuddin

For the vacancy created by the retirement of Ron Sutter, two Democrats are running, **Jill Otte** and Alice Wilson. Otte is endorsed. In the GOP primary, Ann Celine Walsh is



Otte

unopposed.

Kane County



Pierog

County Board chairman: This post will be open with the retirement of Republican Chris Lauzen. We're impressed with Democrat **Corinne Pierog**, of Batavia, a former university professor and college administrator who served two terms on the St. Charles District 303 school board. She vows to work with colleagues across the aisle — a necessity on a board roughly split between Democrats and Republicans. She is endorsed over Greg Ellsbree, an Aurora resident with strong union backing. The winner faces David Rickert, of Elgin, who is unopposed on the Republican ballot.



Mosser

State's attorney: Republican Joseph McMahon is stepping down after a decade in the job. Two Democrats are vying to face Republican candidate Robert Spence, of Batavia, in the fall. Junaid Afeef, a former public defender and now a lawyer at the Illinois Department of Public Health, got an endorsement from U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi,

D-Schaumburg. Both Afeef, of Elgin, and his opponent, **Jamie Mosser**, of Campton Hills, tout the need for meaningful criminal justice reforms. Mosser, however, has the stronger resume. She has worked as a Kane County prosecutor, heading up the domestic violence unit and working in the felony and special prosecutions units. Mosser is endorsed.

Lake County



Pascucci

Judge of the Circuit Court: Four Democrats, Marnie Michelle Slavin, Rhonda Kind Bruno, **Danielle M. Pascucci** and Donald R. Tyer, are looking to replace Thomas Schippers, who died last year. Pascucci is endorsed. The winner faces Associate Judge Christopher Morozin, who is unopposed in the GOP primary.

McHenry County



Byrnes

Coroner: Three Republicans, **Angela Byrnes**, Michael Rein and Mark Justen, are vying for the opportunity to clean up an office that has been troubled with complaints of unprofessionalism.

Justen, of McHenry, is a funeral home owner whose campaign has shown scant energy. Rein is a Woodstock chiropractor and former County Board member who has the support of the county GOP. Byrnes is vice president of a large nonprofit hospice network and a longtime nurse with a wealth of training in medical forensics. The Crystal Lake resident has the right combination of forensics training, health care experience and management skills. She is endorsed.



Hansen

Judge of the Circuit Court: The race for this judgeship got ugly last fall when anonymous commenters on the McHenry County Blog called Republican candidate and former McHenry

County Clerk Mary Elizabeth McClellan a "whore." Then the local paper, the Northwest Herald, ran a poll asking readers if they thought it was defamatory to call a woman who has had a child out of wedlock a "whore." McClellan fought back, going to court to pursue the commenters' identities for possible

litigation. Tribune columnist Heidi Stevens summed up the controversy this way: "Entrust her with a judge seat or don't. But keep misogyny out of it." Well said. The other two Republicans in the race are former Algonquin Village President Donald R. Brewer and McHenry County Circuit Judge **Justin Hansen**, who was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to this 3rd subcircuit vacancy in February 2019 following the retirement of Michael Sullivan. Hansen, of Crystal Lake, is a former prosecutor who now handles cases in the court's Family Division. Our endorsement goes to Hansen. The winner faces Jeannie Ridings, who is unopposed in the Democratic primary.

Will County



Palmer

Chief executive: This seat is open with the retirement of longtime Democratic incumbent Lawrence M. "Larry" Walsh, a fixture in Will County with a record of promoting economic

growth and reining in taxes. In the Democratic primary, both candidates wield strong resumes. State Sen. Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant was elected to her 49th District seat in 2012 and won reelection in 2016. Before that, she served for six years as superintendent of the county's Regional Office of Education. Her opponent, **Nick Palmer**, has a strong sense for what the CEO job entails, having been Walsh's chief of staff for 15 years. Walsh and a hefty contingent of Will County Board members endorse Palmer. So do we. The winner advances to the general election this fall to face former Braidwood police chief Nick Ficarello, who is running unopposed in the GOP primary.



Summers

Coroner: Patrick O'Neil's tenure in this job stretches back to 1992. He's stepping down now, and two people who have worked with him are looking to take his place. **Laurie Summers** is a regis-

tered nurse and former Will County Board member from Crete whom O'Neil recently hired as deputy chief coroner. Sean Talbot is a Bolingbrook police sergeant and a part-time deputy coroner under O'Neil for 18 years. Both Summers and Talbot are ably qualified, but the nod goes to Summers, who has strong experience in county government — along with O'Neil's backing. The winner faces Republican James Piacentini, of Steger, in November.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

At the beginning of this new virus, the Chinese authorities should have told the world so that scientists could help stop the spread of the disease.

Instead, they punished the doctor who brought attention to the disease. ... Communism is a fragile edifice.

It is built on deceit and manipulation. As the civilization starts to fray, the leaders take more extreme action to control the populace and its view of itself. Dissent is extinguished. ...

Maybe now Millennials and those younger will wake up to the reality of totalitarian, communist regimes. Even supposedly advanced ones like China revert to type when under stress.

A people's paradise is created through force.

Through the regime's desire to save face, their hiding of information and punishing the truth-tellers may have inflicted a new, deadly virus on the world.

Will younger people wake up to the dangers posed by the tyranny needed to produce socialist/communist governments? Unlikely.

The only thing wrong with socialism, it seems, is that it hasn't been done right. Bernie Sanders will save them, they believe, and bring a world of fairness and equality. Like China, but better!

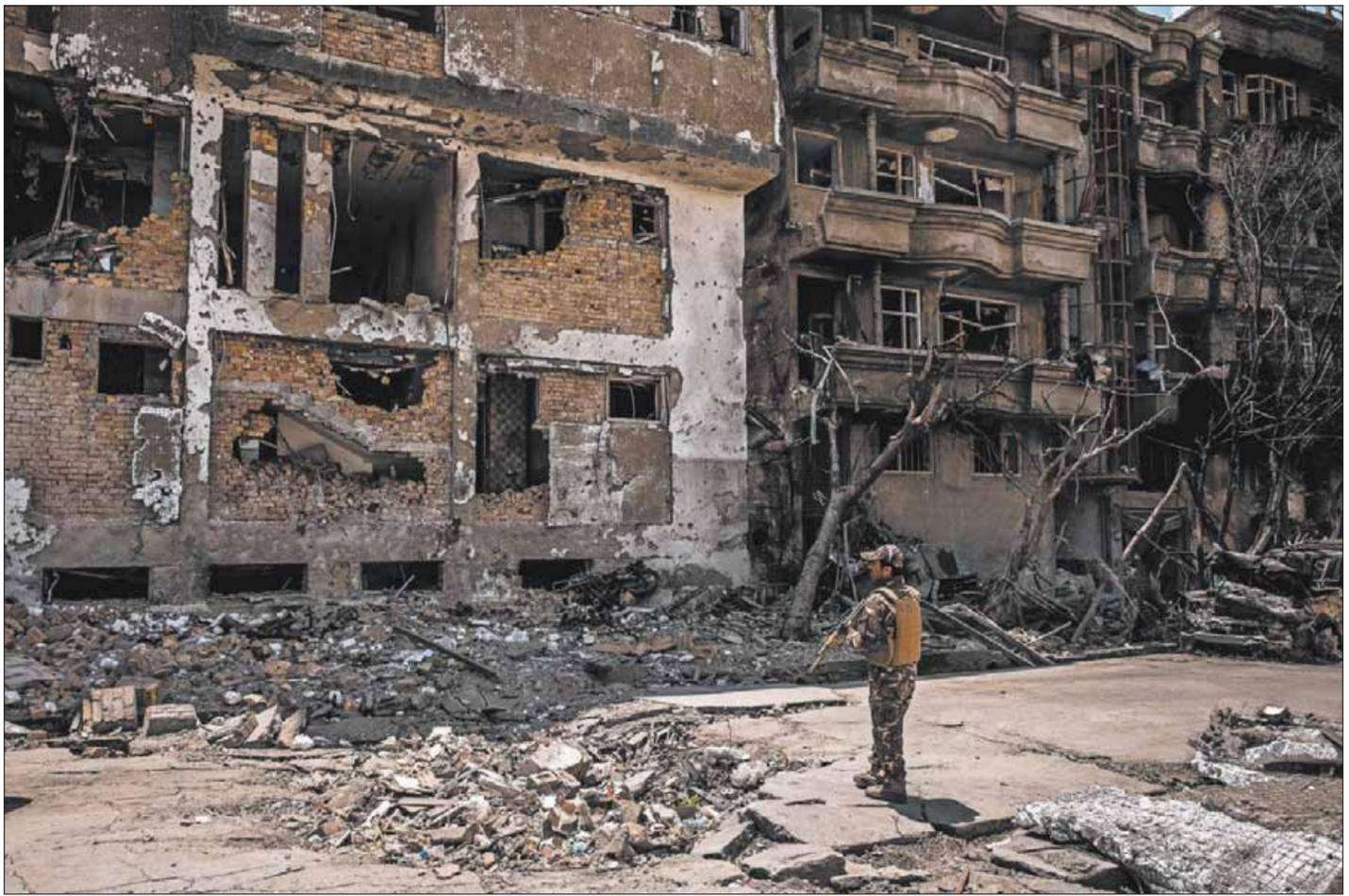
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An Afghan security official looks on July 29, 2019, at damage caused by a car bomb explosion a day earlier in Kabul, Afghanistan. The U.S. and the Taliban have agreed to a significant reduction in violence for seven days, the first step in a plan to withdraw American troops from Afghanistan and possibly end the long war there.

IN AFGHANISTAN, A PERILOUS PEACE PLAN: Taliban ‘poised to take it all.’

By **TRUDY RUBIN**

In 1999, I traveled to Afghanistan when the Taliban controlled the country.

Swathed in shawls, exiting my taxi only when sneaking into buildings, I visited secret girls' schools in private apartments, where 10-year-olds braved beatings to learn how to read. I interviewed former female university professors who, under the Taliban, could rarely leave their homes, and then only when shrouded beneath a tentlike burqa.

And I interviewed then-Taliban Deputy Health Minister Mohammed Abas Stanekzai, who is now one of the negotiators of a “peace deal” with the United States that will probably be signed Feb. 29, according to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

So, it is useful to recall what Stanekzai said at the time. He firmly defended excluding girls from schools and women from any Kabul hospital except the sole facility where the Taliban permitted female doctors to work. And women could seek treatment only if accompanied by a male relative, even though many war widows had none.

I can't help recalling Stanekzai's remarks as this “peace process” plays out. Much has changed in Afghanistan over the past 20 years, but there's little sign the Taliban have changed their core positions — on women or much

else. So don't be fooled by any upbeat administration rhetoric — U.S. talks with the Taliban are still in for a very bumpy ride.

The deal Pompeo cited depends on a precondition of the Taliban holding to a seven-day significant reduction in violence nationwide, beginning with this past weekend. That is meant to test whether Taliban leaders can control their fighters.

If the truce holds, intra-Afghan talks will supposedly begin between the Taliban and the elected Afghan government along with representatives of different civil society groups. Their goal: to devise a new political arrangement that would include the Taliban. (As if this isn't sufficiently daunting, the Afghan government is mired in a dispute over election results, which could delay the talks).

If the U.S. is satisfied with progress over the next four months, it will draw down its 14,000 military personnel according to an agreed timetable, starting this year. Supposedly a final withdrawal will depend on progress in the Afghan talks and proof the Taliban will keep any new terrorists down.

Yet is highly unlikely that the Taliban (or its fighters) will be willing to become one political party among many. They are demanding a restoration of their former Islamic Emirate, where religious law would replace the current Afghan constitution with its guarantees of basic human rights,

including for women. And they want all U.S. troops out soon, which would mean the Afghan army would collapse.

“The Taliban is poised to take it all,” says Marvin Weinbaum, head of the Afghanistan-Pakistan program at the Middle East Institute in Washington, D.C. “They know the U.S. is desperate to get out.” And they hope they can ride U.S. impatience to the victory they can't win in the field.

Toward that end, the Taliban are already trying to burnish their image and airbrush their history. The New York Times ran an op-ed last week by one of the Taliban's most bloodthirsty leaders, Sirajuddin Haqqani, in which he claims “we were forced to defend ourselves” and “the killing must stop,” wrote Haqqani, who is on the U.S. terrorist list. You'd think from his piece that he spoke for all Afghans.

You'd never know from this piece that this man's Haqqani network was responsible for some of the bloodiest suicide bomber attacks on Afghan civilians in Kabul.

You'd never know that much of Afghanistan is fearful of a Taliban return — as I heard over and over when visiting Afghan villages in the last decade — because they think the group and its fighters distort Islam. You'd never know that Afghan Hazaras — a Shiite ethnic group who make up 10% to 20% of the total population — are terrified, because the Taliban

slaughtered them under its rule.

And you'd never know that a new generation of educated Afghans, including female teachers, lawyers, judges, prosecutors and journalists — who consider America an ally — don't want to return to the days of burqas, male guardianship and limited religious education. Under such a regime, their choices would be flight, jail or worse.

No wonder, the New York Times correspondent in Kabul, Mujib Mashal tweeted that the Haqqani op-ed “omits the most fundamental fact: that Siraj is no Taliban peacemaker as he paints himself, that he's behind some of the most ruthless attacks of this war with many civilian lives lost.”

This U.S.-Taliban deal may present an opportunity, but only if the White House holds out for a negotiated solution, not just a photo op at Camp David. And if Trump isn't gulled by Taliban sweet talk.

Pulling the plug too soon will destroy all U.S. leverage and hand victory to the Taliban. In that case, this “peace” plan will only produce more tragedy for Afghans and more security threats to the U.S.

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Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, shown last month, was partially destroyed when a fire broke out beneath the roof on April 15, 2019.

Fire-ravaged Notre Dame Cathedral can be 'saved' another way. Digitally.

BY MICHAEL A. MCROBBIE

New reporting about last spring's devastating fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris — and, specifically, how the world-renowned structure is still at risk of collapse — offers yet another reminder of the fragility of humankind's greatest creations and the stark reality that centuries of culture and history can be wiped out in minutes.

Several years ago, in spring 2016, I was at the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy, one of the oldest and most renowned art museums in the world. I was there to announce the 3D digitization of the museum's entire collection of 1,250 pieces of irreplaceable classical Greek and Roman sculpture in a partnership with my university. The very morning of our big announcement, a section of the embankment along the nearby Arno River collapsed, swallowing dozens of cars in a lot very close to the museum.

For residents of that Renaissance city and students of history, the collapse was an eerie reminder of one of Italy's greatest modern disasters, the 1966 flood of the Arno, which killed over 100 people and damaged or destroyed millions of priceless works of art and books.

For those of us who were at the Uffizi — home to some of the most priceless masterworks of Botticelli, Caravaggio, da Vinci, Fra Angelico, Michelangelo, Raphael and Titian — the morning's disaster again underscored the importance and urgency of the mission our university and the museum were preparing to undertake.

Like the 2018 fire at the National Museum of Brazil, which resulted in a devastating and catastrophic loss of culture, history and science, the fire at Notre Damesignaled a need to redouble our efforts toward greater digital preservation of our most important cultural resources.

Of course, a digital copy of a painting,

print or sculpture can never replace the original. But it can ensure that all of this material is preserved "forever" and that it is made available to the broadest possible audience, including scholars, students and scientists near and far who might otherwise never be able to access it. In fact, as technology continues to improve it could even allow near perfect copies to be made from the extensive data obtained from digital preservation.

Universities and colleges are among the oldest human institutions. As the custodians and conveyors of knowledge for more than 25 centuries, institutions like mine are centrally positioned to help lead this preservation effort. Today, digitization and accessibility over the internet of vast amounts of material is essential throughout our academy. These materials include books and journals, which our institutions are most known for preserving, but also photos, paintings, prints, sculptures, sound recordings, cultural objects, video, film and scientific data.

Many universities in the Midwest have been hard at work for several years ensuring that today's knowledge and scholarship will be available to generations far into the future and developing partnerships that will advance their efforts. To this end, in 2007, Indiana University joined with a number of other Midwest institutions and Google to digitize millions of our book holdings as part of the Google Book Search Project.

A year later saw the arrival of the HathiTrust, a collaboration of the universities of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (now the Big Ten Academic Alliance) and the University of California system to establish a repository to archive and share their digitized collections. The HathiTrust now has over 100 partners, including a number of Chicago-area uni-

versities and 15 million fully digitized books in more than 400 languages, and it is one of the most important digital libraries in existence.

Furthermore, the HathiTrust Research Center, launched jointly in 2011 by Indiana University and the University of Illinois, along with the HathiTrust, is enabling scholars and researchers to fully utilize the contents of this digital library.

In 2013, Indiana University established a Media Digitization and Preservation Initiative, an ambitious project to digitize, preserve and make universally available by the university's 200th anniversary this year more than 300,000 of our most important time-based media objects.

The need to preserve artifacts that define our character, heritage and values is by no means a new phenomenon.

In a letter from 1791, Thomas Jefferson wrote about the importance of preservation.

He wrote: "... let us save what remains: not by vaults and locks which fence them from the public eye and use in consigning them to the waste of time, but by such a multiplication of copies, as shall place them beyond the reach of accident."

We must now learn to do this in the digital era. How can we be certain that today's knowledge and scholarship, increasingly "born digital," will be available to future generations? What if the technology melts down? Or the digital version becomes unreadable? These are questions well-suited to the ongoing preservation of knowledge work of universities.

Each disaster and loss remind us that we must act with a sense of urgency. In the race to preserve our most timeless and priceless resources, time is not a luxury we have.

Michael A. McRobbie is president of Indiana University.

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Still concerned about Chicago

About a year ago, this paper was kind enough to share my lamentations at leaving my hometown of Chicago ("Chicagoland residents leaving," Feb. 2, 2019). My family's new home in Minnesota is larger, but our taxes are lower, and our public services are substantially better — all in a place that measures nowhere on "low tax destinations" lists.

There's political controversy in any locality, but it's a tangible relief to no longer have a revolving cycle of headlines about public servants abusing their sacred duty and their neighbors for personal gain. Here, they deal with annual budget surpluses instead of insurmountable structural deficits, and the only politically divided legislature in the nation actually forces some semblance of compromise.

The numbers don't lie, and that plays out even within my own family. Of the 60 or so of us who gather each Christmas having either grown up in Chicagoland or lived there for a substantial amount of time, 70% now live out of state, and among those of us under 40 (including our spouses and children), that number is over 90%. Everyone's reasons for leaving are varied; unique job opportunities, going to college elsewhere and staying, military service, but the common thread is that they're all gone, and unlikely to return.

All the while, Chicago's destiny continues, as a city with a velvet rope around "playground neighborhoods" for the ultra-wealthy and the childless professional, the invisible rope literally made real with the ride-share tax map; the ultra-poor quarantined outside with no economic opportunity in their own backyard, and the middle class of all colors, unwilling or unable to pay the bouncer to get in, realizing the raw deal and fleeing in droves, with the few who remain clinging in the border wards.

My beloved home presses itself upon my mind still, like an unrequited love, and I'm no longer able to connect with strangers in a moment's conversation about a neighborhood, town, intersection, Catholic high school, corner tavern or disputed best slice of pizza. I'll never be able to shake this place, even if I wished.

I'm trying to raise my girls as good White Sox fans, as it's about as dogma to me as Mass on Sunday. But like those generations of Chicago baseball faithful who never lived to see a change in fortune, I fear I, too, may not see the day my sweet home rises from the mire.

— Doug Deering, Minnetonka, Minnesota

Electoral process gives us no real choice

I am conscious that I am setting myself up for an "OK, Boomer" moment, but it is a risk that I am willing to take. I have been convinced since the turn of this century that possibly the biggest issue we have in this country is a lack of leadership. My reading of John Kass' Friday column confirms my notion ("Bloomberg the wrong candidate at wrong time," Feb. 21).

I read his less-than-flattering column regarding Democratic presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg over my morning coffee. It makes a lot sense. It points out the several flaws that have painfully come to light after the Nevada "debate." I went back a half an hour later and reread the column. This time, I substituted Bloomberg with Donald Trump and Trump with Bloomberg. In virtually every case, the point of the column is the same.

At a minimum, this exercise demonstrates the problem that people like me have. We have been given choices that really aren't choices at all. What we see is the lesson that we Chicago Public Schools alumni were taught over 50 years ago. The main difference between Republicans and Democrats is that one group is in office, and the other is not. The only thing that makes this even more difficult for me is that I no longer recognize either party as the one I knew as a younger person.

What makes our Constitution and form of government work is that it assumes a thoughtful and involved electorate. Unless and until voting citizens demand better, we will continue to be asked to support ethically challenged nonleaders.

— Terry Ferrari, Dyer, Indiana

Democrats' advertisements comparing Trump to Chávez unfair, but they raise valid concerns

BY ANDRES OPPENHEIMER

A series of ads aimed at Latino voters launched by a Democratic super PAC is creating a stir by comparing President Donald Trump with dictators Fidel Castro, Hugo Chávez, Nicolás Maduro and Augusto Pinochet. It's an exaggeration, but it raises some valid issues.

The Spanish-language ads, launched by the Priorities USA super PAC, feature self-style videos by Venezuelan- and Cuban-born Floridians and circulate on Facebook, Twitter and Google.

The ads start with the message, "What is a caudillo? An authoritarian, a demagogue, a dictator." They show images of Chávez and Castro giving incendiary speeches, insulting and humiliating their political opponents, attacking the media and suggesting that they will stay in office beyond their constitutional terms.

They are followed up by recent videos in which Trump pretty much says the same things. One of them shows Trump saying at a rally last year, only half-jokingly, that, "Under the normal rules, I'll be out in 2024, so we may have to go to an extra term."

Equating Trump with Castro, Chávez or Pinochet is unfair. Trump does not wear a military uniform, has not shut down the opposition-controlled House of Representatives or silenced independent newspapers and television networks. And comedians — who are usually the first to go in dictatorial regimes — are thriving under Trump's rule.

But a recent story in Foreign Policy magazine, "Trump is failing his dictatorship test," cites several troubling signs of Trump's lack of respect for democracy. The article, by

Harvard professor Stephen M. Walt, argues that Trump is heading a silent, slow-motion transformation of the United States into an autocracy.

The following are among the symptoms.

1. Systematic efforts to intimidate the media. Trump has claimed since the beginning of his presidency that the mainstream media are the "enemies of the people" and has steadily stepped up his efforts to de-grade and intimidate the press. That's one of the first things that Castro, Chávez and Pinochet did upon taking office.

2. Attacking the opposition. Trump has made it a habit of constantly insulting and demonizing his political opponents. Last week, Trump told followers in Arizona that Democratic presidential hopeful Tom Steyer is an "idiot" and a "jerk." In his rallies, Trump often smiles approvingly when the crowds chant "Lock her up," referring to Hillary Clinton or House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, even though neither has been convicted of a crime.

Trump gives his political rivals nicknames ("mini-Mike," "Sleepy Joe," "Pocahontas," etc.), often making fun of their physical appearance. Trump also often portrays his domestic political rivals as unpatriotic and threats to national security. All of this is vintage Castro and Chávez.

3. Fearmongering. Trump started his 2016 presidential campaign claiming — falsely — that there is an invasion of illegal aliens and that most Mexican undocumented immigrants are "criminals" and "rapists."

In fact, illegal immigration has dropped substantially over the past 10 years, and crime rates among undocumented

immigrants are below those among Native Americans. But, like most dictators, Trump needs to create the illusion of a foreign threat to energize his base.

4. Politicizing the civil service and the armed forces. Trump recently fired top officials for testifying under oath that he used U.S. foreign military aid to extort Ukraine to investigate former Vice President Joe Biden. Demanding unconditional loyalty from public servants is standard practice by dictators.

5. Disrupting the justice system. Trump's public statements about ongoing judicial matters have become so pervasive that even his ultra-loyalist Attorney General Bill Barr told ABC News recently that Trump's tweets "make it impossible for me to do my job."

Walt's Foreign Policy article concludes that, "The key point to remember is that healthy democracies don't sicken and die overnight; they collapse gradually, from a thousand tiny cuts, each of which seems inconsequential at the time."

That's precisely what's happening in 21st century autocracies.

Contrary to what the Democratic super PAC's ads claim, there is little danger that Trump will become a Castro, a Chávez or a Pinochet. But no one can seriously rule out that, if reelected, Trump won't become a modern-day autocrat, like Russia's Vladimir Putin or Turkey's Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

That's the real danger.

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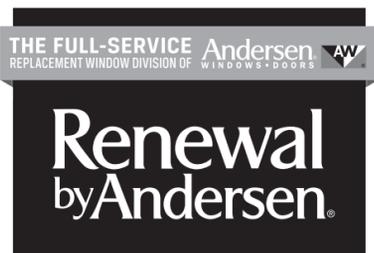
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Ford stock hits 52-week low

CEO Jim Hackett may feel the heat

BY PHOEBE WALL HOWARD
Detroit Free Press

A \$7.57 price tag is a bargain for just about anything these days.

Including Ford Motor Co. stock.

"Ford's stock is at its lowest point since the Great Recession," said John McElroy, host of "Autoline After Hours" and a longtime automotive analyst. "While this would normally put enormous pressure on CEO Jim Hackett, his recent reshuffling of the management ranks, pushing out Joe

Hinrichs and promoting Jim Farley to COO, has bought him time with the board of directors. Hackett is very lucky. The Ford board seems to have the patience of Job."

Industry observers took notice when the price sunk to a 52-week low Friday after stagnating for months, even as the Dow Jones Industrial Average has hit new highs. And on Monday it fell further, closing at \$7.57 a share.

T.R. Reid, Ford spokesman, said the company doesn't comment on stock price.

"Our underlying business is strong. We've got exciting series of new products we're introducing this year. And I think we're establishing ourselves as a leader in the emerging era of smart

vehicles — including new forms of propulsion and connectivity," he said. "We're optimistic. We're focused, and nobody's got higher expectations for Ford than we do."

Ford replaced CEO Mark Fields with Hackett in May 2017 after a dismal stock performance. And the value of Ford stock has continued to wither. Ford hovers around \$8 a share. Crosstown rival General Motors has a stock price near \$35.

Fields retired at age 56 from Ford after three years as CEO. On the Friday before the company released news of his departure on May 22, 2017, Ford stock closed at \$10.87. Its price had declined 36%

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Ford CEO Jim Hackett turns 65 on April 22 and has said he has no immediate plans to retire from his CEO role.

Spring break vs. coronavirus



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Women wearing protective face masks walk Monday near the closed Duomo cathedral in Milan. It closed following security measures taken in northern Italy against the novel coronavirus.

Here's what to know before you go

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

As the spring break travel season approaches, the continuing spread of coronavirus, including a cluster of cases that emerged in Italy over the weekend, has some travelers questioning whether it's safer to avoid destinations that previously raised few concerns.

The vast majority of the 79,331 cases of COVID-19 confirmed worldwide have been in China, where the virus was first reported. But the outbreak's reach is spreading, with cases reported in 29 countries, including dozens of new cases in Italy.

U.S. health officials only have warned against travel to mainland China, with lower-level travel advisories for a handful of other destinations in Asia — not popular spring break destinations like Mexico or the Caribbean.

Data from travel app Hopper suggests concerns about the virus aren't keeping travelers home. Searches for flights from the U.S. to international destinations only are down about 3% compared with the first week of January, and

most of the decline is driven by reduced demand for trips to China, said Hayley Berg, economist at Hopper.

A handful of travelers postponed spring trips to Japan, but few seemed nervous about destinations outside Asia until cases were reported in Italy, said Randy Lynch, CEO of Chicago-based private luxury travel firm Kipling & Clark.

"I think most people are in that semi-pause situation," he said. "They want to go, they're just waiting to see what happens."

Here's what to consider when planning a trip:

How should travelers decide which destinations to avoid?

The World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been providing regular updates on the status of cases, and both the CDC and U.S. State Department offer advice on travel to particular

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JourneyCare cuts 150 jobs, home services

Glenview-based nonprofit has patients in 13 Illinois counties

BY LISA SCHENCKER

A Glenview-based nonprofit that cares for people with serious illnesses is cutting about 150 jobs and eliminating its home health care services.

JourneyCare will continue to provide hospice and palliative care — which is care aimed at relieving pain and other symptoms — but it will stop providing in-home care April 30. Patients who receive home care from JourneyCare will be transitioned to other home health agencies before then, JourneyCare said in a news release.

JourneyCare works with patients across 13 northern Illinois counties, including Cook, Lake, DuPage, and Will counties. It has inpatient hospice centers in Arlington Heights, Barrington, Glenview and in the Illinois Medical District on the city's West Side.

"Ongoing integration challenges and overall issues facing the home health care industry in general, as well as limited patient enrollment in JourneyCare's home health program, prompted our decision to close the program," said JourneyCare President and CEO Kimberly Hobson, in the release.

"Our strength is in our hospice and palliative care services," she said. "We intend to grow these service lines and re-invest in our infrastructure, the communities we serve and, most importantly, in our clinical staff, patients and patient families."

The move will eliminate about 100 home health care positions. About 50 jobs from elsewhere within the organization also will be affected. Some of the affected workers may be offered other jobs within JourneyCare.

In general, home health care is a booming industry as the population ages and many people prefer to stay in their homes. Jobs for home health and personal care aides are expected to grow 36% between 2018 and 2028, compared with an average growth rate of 5% for all occupations, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

But home health agencies face a number of challenges, including low reimbursements from government-backed health insurance programs such as Medicaid and Medicare Advantage, as well as a new federal reimbursement model that's leading to less money for many agencies, said Tom Threlkeld, a spokesman for the National Association for Home Care and Hospice.

Home health care organizations also often have trouble attracting and retaining workers because of the difficulty of the job and its relatively low pay. Home health care agencies tend to have slim margins, Threlkeld said.

JourneyCare merged with Chicago-based Horizon Hospice & Palliative Care and Glenview-based Midwest Palliative & Hospice CareCenter in 2015 to form the largest provider of hospice and palliative care in Illinois.

Boeing: 70% of undelivered 737 Max jets have fuel tank debris

Associated Press

Debris has been found in the fuel tanks of 70% of grounded Boeing 737 Max jets that have been inspected by the company, Boeing has confirmed.

Inspectors found the debris in 35 out of about 50 jets that were inspected. They are among 400 built in the past year that Boeing hasn't been able to deliver to airline customers.

Chicago-based Boeing temporarily halted produc-

tion last month because the planes were grounded after crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia that killed 346 people.

Although debris hasn't been linked to those crashes, metal shavings, tools and other objects left in planes during assembly can raise the risk of electrical short-circuiting and fires. Last week, the company had said debris was found in "several" planes but it did not give a precise number.

The debris was discovered during maintenance on parked planes, and Boeing said it immediately made corrections in its production system to prevent a recurrence. Those steps include more inspections before fuel tanks are sealed.

"This is unacceptable and won't be tolerated on any Boeing aircraft when it's delivered to the customer," the company said in a statement Saturday.

Boeing previously said the issue does not change

the company's belief that the Federal Aviation Administration will certify the plane to fly again this summer.

A Boeing spokesman cautioned against applying the 70% to all 400 jets, saying there's no way to know how many have the same problem until they're all inspected.

An FAA spokesman said the agency knows that Boeing is inspecting undelivered Max planes and said the agency has increased

surveillance.

The number of planes with debris was reported Friday night by The Wall Street Journal.

Max jets were grounded around the world last March. Boeing is testing updated flight control software that will replace a system that has been implicated as a cause of the crashes. The system activated before the crashes based on faulty signals from sensors outside the planes. It pushed the noses of the

aircraft down, triggering spirals that pilots were unable to stop.

While investigators examining the Max accidents have not pointed to production problems at the assembly plant near Seattle, Boeing has faced concerns about debris left in other finished planes including the 787 Dreamliner, which is built in South Carolina.

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Virus outbreak sickens markets, infects outlook

Traders seek out healthier financial assets seen as safer

By DAVID MCHUGH
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — The widening coronavirus outbreak threatens to seriously disrupt the global economy, just as it was steadying itself against headwinds from the U.S.-China trade dispute.

Amid concerns that global output could decline for the first time since the global financial crisis a little more than a decade ago, stock markets sank Monday. In one sign of how sentiment has been negatively hit, gold spiked 1.8% to \$1,688 an ounce during trading, its highest level in seven years, as traders sought out financial assets some consider safer in times of stress.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones closed down more than a thousand points in Monday trading, while in Europe, the Pan-European Stoxx 600 slid 3.79% after an eruption of cases in Italy. Cases were also reported in new countries in the Middle East.

“Compounded with the already dramatic interruptions to global supply chains in China, traders fear that a rapid spread of

the disease to other major economies could be enough to temporarily tip global economic growth into contraction in the first half of the year,” said Matt Weller, global head of market research at GAIN Capital in London.

China, the epicenter of the outbreak, faces the most acute near-term difficulties as factories sit idle and people remain homebound.

But the ripple effects are being felt around the world, as China is a major importer of goods as well as a source of parts through intricate supply chains. Growth estimates for China are being cut.

Concerns are growing in the 19-country eurozone, whose three biggest economies — Germany, France and Italy — are stalling. Concerns over the knock-on effects on Germany, Europe’s export powerhouse, are acute. Germany’s main DAX stock market closed a whopping 4% lower Monday.

“Given the latest developments, one has inevitably to talk about downside risks for German exporters,” said Andreas Rees, chief German economist at UniCredit.

Rees cited figures showing car sales in China fell 92% in the first two weeks of February, and pointed out that of the 21 million cars sold in China last year, about 1 in 5 was made either in Germany or through German investment in China. Most Chinese auto showrooms are closed.

Italy’s FTSE MIB slumped 5.4% as Italian civil protection officials said at least 222 people had tested positive for the virus in the country and that six people had died.

Jack Allen-Reynolds, senior Europe economist at Capital Economics, said the virus “makes another recession in Italy more likely than not.”

Europeans had been hoping for a modest upturn this year after major economies staggered through a rough patch at the end of the year. Germany showed zero growth in the fourth quarter, while the No. 2 and No. 3 economies, France and Italy, shrank slightly. Two straight quarters of falling growth is one definition of a recession.

The global economy was just stabilizing after wobbles caused by the trade war between the U.S. and China.

OxyContin maker starts ad blitz for filing claims

By GEOFF MULVIHILL
Associated Press

OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma launched an ad campaign Monday to tell people harmed by their powerful prescription opioid where they can file claims against the company.

The \$23.8 million campaign is part of Purdue’s bankruptcy proceedings as it tries to resolve close to 3,000 lawsuits over its role in the opioid crisis.

Notifying people who may have claims against a company is a standard part of a bankruptcy case. But Purdue’s efforts — worked out with input from a committee of creditors and other interested parties and approved by a bankruptcy judge in White Plains, New York — are unusually expansive.

The Stamford, Connecticut-based company has proposed a settlement that could be worth more than \$10 billion over time, including the value of drugs it is producing and a contribution of at least \$3 billion in cash from members of the Sackler family, which owns the company.

About half the states oppose that deal, saying it doesn’t do enough to hold the company or family responsible in an opioid crisis that has been linked to more than 430,000 deaths in the U.S. over the last two decades.

Online ads starting Monday direct people to a website where claims can be made. Other versions are to appear later in magazines, newspapers, TV and radio, billboards, movie theaters and other places to let people know they have until the end of June to file claims.

Ads are intended to reach 95% of U.S. adults, with those people seeing or hearing the ads an average of six times.

Lawsuits against the company have been filed mostly by governmental entities. But individuals harmed by the company can also make claims through the bankruptcy process.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Report: Intuit near Credit Karma deal

NEW YORK — Intuit Inc. is reportedly close to a \$7 billion deal to acquire personal-finance portal Credit Karma Inc. and beef up its position in the consumer-finance market.

The Wall Street Journal, citing sources familiar with the talks, reported Sunday that a deal involving cash and stock could be announced soon.

Intuit makes TurboTax. Buying Credit Karma would be the biggest acquisition in the company’s 37-year history. The Journal said privately held Credit Karma was valued at \$4 billion in a private share sale two years ago. Credit Karma provides consumers with credit monitoring, free access to credit scores, data-breach alerts and tax-filing services.

Huawei debuts new folding phone

LONDON — China’s Huawei unveiled its latest folding smartphone Monday and its first such device to be available internationally, competing in a niche category with new models from Samsung and Motorola.

The company took the wraps off the new Mate Xs by video instead of a news launch, as the tech show in Spain where it had planned to hold the unveiling was canceled over the new coronavirus outbreak.

Like its predecessor, the Mate X, which only saw limited release in China last year, the display wraps around the phone’s outside when closed and unfolds to a tablet-size eight-inch screen. The company says there are improvements under the hood, including a redesigned four-layer screen and upgraded “falcon wing” hinge.



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In its lawsuit, the state of New Mexico claims Google violated a federal law, the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act.

Google sued over student data

NM says tech giant used educational products to spy on kids, families

By NATASHA SINGER
AND DAISUKE WAKABAYASHI
The New York Times

New Mexico’s attorney general has sued Google, saying the tech giant used its educational products to spy on the state’s children and families.

Google collected a trove of students’ personal information, including data on their physical locations, websites they visited, YouTube videos they watched and their voice recordings, Hector Balderas, New Mexico’s attorney general, said in a federal lawsuit filed this month.

Although the company provides school districts with an online dashboard to control student access to YouTube and dozens of other Google apps, some public school officials have said that it can be difficult to parse the tech giant’s differing data-mining practices.

Over the past eight years, Google has emerged as the predominant tech brand in American public schools.

Today, more than half of the nation’s public schools — and 90 million students

and teachers globally — use free Google Education apps like Gmail and Google Docs.

The complaint, filed in U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico, comes five months after Google agreed to pay a \$170 million fine to settle federal and state charges that it had illegally harvested the personal data of children on YouTube.

The new lawsuit claimed that Google violated a federal law, the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act, which requires companies to obtain a parent’s consent before collecting the name, contact information and other personal details from a child under 13.

The lawsuit also said Google deceived schools, parents, teachers and students by telling them that there were no privacy concerns with its education products when, in fact, the company had amassed a trove of potentially sensitive details.

Jose Castaneda, a Google spokesman, said the lawsuit’s claims were “factually wrong.”

“G Suite for Education allows schools to control account access and requires that schools obtain parental consent when necessary,” he said. “We do not use personal information from users in primary and secondary schools to target ads.”

For years, parents and privacy groups have complained that Google was using its

products to track millions of school children without adequately detailing its data-mining practices or obtaining explicit parental consent for the tracking. One issue of contention is that the company applies different privacy policies to different products.

Google has said that its “core” products for schools, including Gmail and Drive, comply with privacy regulations requiring companies to use student data only for school purposes. The company said those core education products do not collect student data for advertising purposes or show targeted ads.

When students log into their Chromebooks, Google turns on a feature that syncs its Chrome browser with other devices used by a student on that account, the lawsuit said. It effectively blends a student’s school and personal web activities into a single profile that can be viewed by Google, according to the lawsuit.

Students “begin engaging with Google technology through teachers and in school settings for homework, communication and other educational purposes,” Balderas said. Then the same children, he said, go on to use Google services from their phones or at home, “allowing Google to track them for noneducational purposes — and definitely without the consent of their parents.”

Supreme Court hears battle over pipeline

By DENISE LAVOIE
Associated Press

The Supreme Court on Monday appeared ready to remove an obstacle to construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, with a majority of justices expressing skepticism about a lower-court ruling that tossed out a key permit needed for the natural gas pipeline to cross under the Appalachian Trail.

Justices on the court grilled a lawyer for environmental groups who sued and won a 2018 ruling from the Richmond-based 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal throwing out a special-use permit for the 605-mile natural gas pipeline.

The 4th Circuit found the U.S. Forest Service did not have the authority to grant

a right of way to allow the pipeline to cross beneath the Appalachian Trail in the George Washington National Forest.

But conservative justices, who hold a 5-4 majority on the Supreme Court, expressed reservations about the ruling, with Chief Justice John Roberts at one point saying the lower court’s finding would “erect an impermeable barrier” to any pipeline from areas where natural gas is located to areas where it is needed.

“Absolutely incorrect,” attorney Michael Kellogg, representing the environmental groups, responded.

Kellogg said there are 35 pipelines that run under the Appalachian Trail, 19 of them on federal land with easements granted before the Appalachian Trail was designated as a national scenic trail under

the 1968 National Trails System Act. The remaining pipelines are on state and private land, he said.

But Justice Brett Kavanaugh told Kellogg that the environmental groups’ position has “significant consequences to it, enormous consequences.”

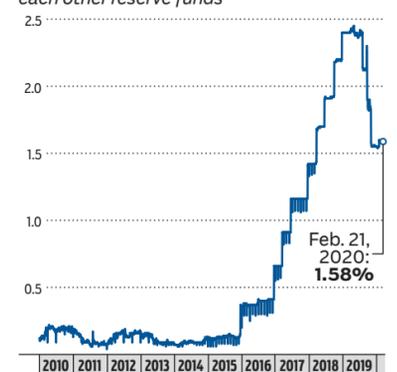
The 4th Circuit found that the 1920 Mineral Leasing Act allows rights of way for pipelines on federal land, except for land in the National Park System.

The court found that the trail is considered a unit of the National Park System, so the Forest Service doesn’t have the authority to approve a right of way.

Lawyers for the developers backed by the Trump administration, say the Forest Service has jurisdiction over land in the George Washington National Forest.

Effective federal funds rate

Daily interest rate at which banks lend each other reserve funds



SOURCE: Federal Reserve Bank of New York

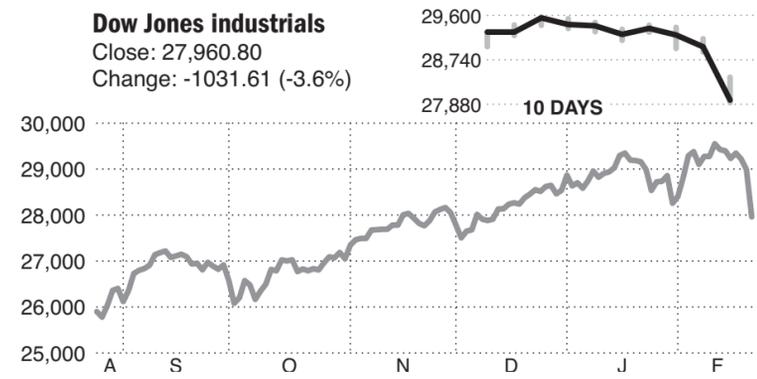
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Working Lunch newsletter: Get the latest business news headlines, delivered to your inbox midday weekdays. Go to chicagotribune.com/workinglunch

Who’s Who in Local Business: Have a promotion or hire you’d like to tell the world about? Go to placeand.chicagotribune.com/whos-who

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 28,402.93 Low: 27,912.44 Previous: 28,992.41



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-355.31 (-3.71%)	-111.86 (-3.35%)	-50.51 (-3.01%)
Close: 9,221.28	Close: 3,225.89	Close: 1,628.10
High: 9,322.88	High: 3,259.81	High: 1,676.65
Low: 9,166.01	Low: 3,214.65	Low: 1,620.14
Previous: 9,576.59	Previous: 3,337.75	Previous: 1,678.61

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-10 to 1.37%	+27.80 to \$1,672.40	-88 to 110.74/\$1	+0.013 to .9223/\$1	-1.95 to \$51.43

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-4.89	-5.24	-4.56	-2.02	+9.0	-5.5	+7.16	+22.06	+15.37

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	550.25	550.50	534	536.25	-14.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	376.25	376.25	370	372.25	-4.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	888	888.50	870.75	874.25	-16.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 20	30.32	30.37	29.34	29.49	-1.15
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 20	289.20	289.30	284.80	286.10	-3.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl	Apr 20	52.60	52.64	50.45	51.43	-1.95
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 20	1.884	1.884	1.824	1.827	-0.78
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 20	1.6331	1.6331	1.5753	1.6091	-0.415

Virus

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destinations. The CDC has recommended avoiding non-essential travel to mainland China and advised older adults and those with chronic medical conditions to consider postponing nonessential travel to Japan and South Korea. The agency issued lower-level travel notices for Hong Kong, Italy and Iran but doesn't currently recommend canceling or delaying trips there.

While there's reason to be cautious, travelers shouldn't feel the need to call off a trip today, said Emily Landon, medical director for infection control at the University of Chicago Medical Center. Concerns rise for destinations closer to the center of the outbreak. She advised travelers keep a close eye on updates from health and government officials and decide what level of risk they're comfortable with, taking into account personal factors like whether the traveler or a family member has health issues or works in an environment such as healthcare.

"Plan what you want, build in flexibility, and understand what your line is so if something crosses the line of what's acceptable, you can change," Landon said.

Is there a reason to worry about cruises?

Any time a lot of people are living in close proximity, it can be easier for illnesses to spread, but that doesn't mean people should avoid cruises, Landon said. She hopes the industry learns from the Diamond Princess in Japan, where a two-week quarantine failed to keep COVID-19 from spreading to hundreds of passengers earlier this month, and the MS Westerdam in Cambodia, which let passengers disembark only to have one later test positive for the virus.

Travelers who are concerned about the virus but want to take a cruise should ask how the ship will handle a sick passenger, "and if the plan doesn't make sense, don't get on," she said.

About 13% of travel agencies surveyed by Travel Leaders Network earlier this month reported large num-

bers of cruise cancellations, mostly in China and Asia.

"While we are getting inquiries, we are not seeing many cancellations outside of China and Asia," said John Lovell, president of leisure travel, supplier relations and networks at Travel Leaders Group.

"Cruise bookings in the Caribbean, Europe and Alaska are solid," he said. "People are not going to give up their vacations or stop traveling."

Should travelers wear masks?

Surgical masks are good at keeping someone who's sick from spreading an illness to others, but they aren't as good at protecting the wearer, Landon said.

An N95 respirator, which filters out smaller particles, is more effective, if it's used properly. Landon doesn't recommend them unless the traveler has been properly fit for the mask and knows how to keep it clean and avoid contamination.

Washing hands regularly, carrying hand sanitizer or sanitizing wipes and avoiding people who are coughing can reduce the risks of picking up an illness, whether COVID-19 or the common flu.

Will insurance cover canceled trips?

Trip cancellation policies cover losses associated with trips canceled for specific reasons, and fear of being exposed to an illness is rarely one of them.

Only a couple of policies at travel insurance website Squaremouth cover cancellations to areas where the CDC has issued a travel alert, said chief marketing officer Megan Moncrief.

Travelers can upgrade to policies that let them cancel a trip for any reason, but premiums can be 40% greater than those on a standard travel insurance package, and they often only cover about 75% of the traveler's losses. In most cases, the policy has to be purchased at the time of booking or shortly thereafter.

"Usually it's not a good investment...but there are some situations where it's the only thing they can buy for what they're concerned about," said John Cook, president and CEO of

QuoteWright Insurance.

Travel insurance packages often will reimburse people for quarantines, but only if the traveler is quarantined, Moncrief said. It doesn't apply if the person intended to travel to a destination where a quarantine has been imposed, though some travel delay policies may cover expenses, like alternate accommodations and meals, if travel restrictions interrupt a trip, she said.

Is there any other way to recover costs?

Contact the travel provider to ask about options for postponing a trip or to seek refunds. Local travel agents said some travel companies they work with in Asia are letting travelers postpone trips with no penalty.

Downers Grove-based Abercrombie & Kent is allowing customers who've scheduled luxury small group trips to China through April postpone or switch to an alternate trip at no fee, said spokeswoman Jean Fawcett.

Jon Davis, of Lincoln Park, said he was able to get a credit for a United Airlines flight to Japan, though he's hoping the airline will agree to a refund. Davis had planned to run the Tokyo Marathon on March 1 but canceled his trip after the race was called off for all but a select group of elite athletes due to concerns about COVID-19.

Felicia Edens' family was able to get a refund on a hotel room on Boracay, an island in the Philippines, after she and her husband canceled a trip they'd planned to take earlier this month. But Edens, who lives on Chicago's North Side, said her family wasn't able to recover the cost of their flight, since the insurance they purchased expired.

Edens and her husband initially planned to travel as scheduled. They didn't appreciate "the full gravity of the situation" and didn't want her mother, who paid for the trip, to lose money, she wrote in an email. But her mother, who departed early, advised them not to go.

"It seemed that there were so many precautionary measures being taken that she didn't want to put us at risk at all or have to deal with anxiety during the trip," she said.

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LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.

Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	84.63	-2.82	Envestnet Inc	N	77.50	-8.93
AbbVie Inc	N	93.14	-1.82	Equity Commonwith	N	32.90	-1.17
Alphatec Corp	N	120.54	-2.92	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	76.48	-0.80
Aptargroup Inc	N	109.21	-5.72	Equity Residential	N	48.79	-0.61
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.82	-1.41	Exelon Corp	O	48.39	-0.90
Baxter Inc	N	89.53	-3.53	First Indl RT	N	44.39	-1.48
Boeing Co	N	317.90	-12.48	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	69.34	-3.65
Brunswick Corp	N	60.63	-4.89	Gallagher AJ	N	106.21	-1.96
CDK Global Inc	O	49.38	-0.63	Grainger WW	N	296.04	-14.25
CDW Corp	O	129.54	-3.99	GrubHub Inc	N	54.57	-3.72
CF Industries	N	38.83	-0.65	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	103.29	-3.87
CME Group	O	209.30	+4.7	IAA Inc	N	48.41	-1.70
CNA Financial	N	46.64	-1.34	IDEX Corp	N	169.44	-4.14
Cabot Microelect	O	151.47	-6.92	Ingredion Inc	N	93.50	-6.94
Caterpillar Inc	N	132.17	-4.76	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	154.30	-11.55
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.23	-0.65	Kemper Corp	N	76.87	-1.73
Deere Co	N	171.86	+6.03	Kraft Heinz Co	O	26.63	-0.63
Discover Fin Svcs	N	73.15	-2.64	LKQ Corporation	O	32.33	-0.71
Dover Corp	N	114.95	-4.07	Littelfuse Inc	O	175.44	-7.17
				McDonalds Corp	N	213.52	-2.35
				Middleby Corp	O	109.37	-1.26
				Mondelz Int'l	O	57.74	-1.01
				Morningstar Inc	O	159.09	-2.47
				Motorola Solutions	N	181.80	-3.80
				Navistar Intl	N	29.25	-0.80
				NISource Inc	N	29.25	-0.80
				Nthn Trust Cp	O	96.53	-5.41
				Old Republic	N	22.72	-0.48
				Packaging Corp Am	N	98.94	-1.16
				Paycloity Hldg	O	136.53	-2.19
				RLI Corp	N	89.36	-2.92
				Stericycle Inc	O	65.43	+1.2
				TransUnion	N	97.06	-3.29
				US Foods Holding	N	38.87	-1.03
				Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	285.57	-13.83
				United Airlines Hldg	O	75.47	-2.54
				Ventas Inc	N	63.05	+6.65
				Walgreen Boots Alli	O	49.03	-2.42
				Zebra Tech	O	227.40	-10.99

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Ford Motor	7.57	-4.46
Bank of America	32.73	-1.63
Gen Electric	11.86	-0.67
Chesapeake Engy	44	-0.04
Vale SA	10.56	-1.29
Virgin Galactic Hldg	34.29	-2.97
Yamana Gold Inc	4.63	+2.0
Ambev S.A.	3.58	-1.1
Petrobras	13.08	-1.32
Kinross Gold	5.94	+3.5
Uber Technologies	38.31	-2.61
Pfizer Inc	34.67	-1.05
Nokia Corp	4.02	-1.14
AT&T Inc	38.05	-5.0
IAMGold Corp	3.64	+7.2
Exxon Mobil Corp	56.36	-2.77
Energy Transfer L.P.	11.55	-0.99
Sprint Corp	9.82	+3.4
Barrick Gold	22.03	+1.26
Morgan Stanley	49.68	-4.07
Transocean Ltd	3.79	-5.1
Teva Pharm	12.70	-0.61
Twitter Inc	35.89	-3.16
Aurora Cannabis Inc	1.55	-1.3

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	49.12	-4.16
Cocrystal Pharma Inc	1.33	+8.3
Microsoft Corp	170.89	-7.70
Apple Inc	298.18	-14.87
Gilead Sciences	72.90	+3.20
Cisco Syst	44.00	-2.30
Micron Tech	55.01	-1.98
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	7.04	-2.0
Intel Corp	61.76	-2.58
Peloton Interactive	26.50	+1.01
ToughBuilt Inc	.21	-0.3
Zynga Inc	7.02	-1.1
Plug Power Inc	5.27	-9.36
Facebook Inc	200.72	-9.46
Facogen Inc	2.09	+1.9
Comcast Corp A	44.60	-1.22
American Airlines Gp	25.45	-2.37
Nvidia Corporation	273.28	-20.79
genpex Inc	6.03	+7.0
eBay Inc	37.26	-0.94
FuelCell Energy	2.30	-2.2
CBS Corp B	26.93	-1.33
Group Inc	1.56	-0.09
Roku Inc	116.99	-2.39

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3031.23	-8.4/-3
Stoxx600	411.86	-16.2/-3.8
Nikkei	23386.74	/...
MSCI-EAFE	2002.86	-8/-0.7
Bovespa	113681.40	-904.8/-0.8
FTSE 100	7156.83	-247.1/-3.3
CAC-40	5791.87	-237.8/-3.9

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	38.05	-5.0
Alibaba Group Hldg	206.16	-11.88
Alphabet Inc C	1421.59	-63.52
Alphabet Inc A	1419.86	-63.60
Amazon.com Inc	2009.29	-86.68
Apple Inc	298.18	-14.87
Bank of America	32.73	-1.63
Berkshire Hath B	221.69	-7.64
Facebook Inc	200.72	-9.46
HSBC Holdings prA	26.63	-2.6
Intel Corp	61.76	-2.58
JPMorgan Chase	132.16	-3.65
Johnson & Johnson	145.91	-3.07
MasterCard Inc	324.67	-15.03
Microsoft Corp	170.89	-7.70
Procter & Gamble	123.30	-3.40
Taiwan Semicon	54.12	-2.36
Visa Inc	198.79	-10.02
WalMart Strs	116.32	-2.26

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.505	1.52
6-month disc	1.44	1.48
2-year	1.25	1.33
10-year	1.37	1.47
30-year	1.83	1.92

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1672.40	\$1644.60
Silver	\$18.868	\$18.521
Platinum	\$974.20	\$976.10

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.50

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...	
Argentina (Peso)	61.7742
Australia (Dollar)	1.5156
Brazil (Real)	4.3880
Britain (Pound)	.7721
Canada (Dollar)	1.3292
China (Yuan)	7.0293
Euro	.9223
India (Rupee)	72.082
Israel (Shekel)	3.4240
Japan (Yen)	110.74
Mexico (Peso)	19.0429
Poland (Zloty)	3.97
So. Korea (Won)	1219.24
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.44
Thailand (Baht)	31.68

Ford

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on Fields' watch, nearly three times worse than GM during the same period, according to MarketWatch.



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What are you solving for?

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OBITUARIES

KATHERINE JOHNSON 1918-2020

Mathematician broke barriers in NASA role

BY MARGALIT FOX
The New York Times

They asked Katherine Johnson for the moon, and she gave it to them.

Wielding little more than a pencil, a slide rule and one of the finest mathematical minds in the country, Johnson, whose death at 101 was announced Monday by NASA, calculated the precise trajectories that would let Apollo 11 land on the moon in 1969 and, after Neil Armstrong's history-making moonwalk, let it return to Earth.

A single error, she well knew, could have dire consequences for craft and crew. Her impeccable calculations had already helped plot the successful flight of Alan Shepard, who became the first American in space when his Mercury spacecraft went aloft in 1961.

The next year, she likewise helped make it possible for John Glenn, in the Mercury vessel Friendship 7, to become the first American to orbit the Earth.

Yet throughout Johnson's 33 years in NASA's Flight Research Division — the office from which the U.S. space program sprang — and for decades afterward, almost no one knew her name.

Johnson was one of several hundred rigorously educated, supremely capable yet largely unheralded women who, well before the modern feminist movement, worked as NASA mathematicians.

But it was not only her sex that kept her long marginalized and long unsung: Katherine Coleman Goble Johnson, a West Virginia native who began her scientific career in the age of Jim Crow, was also African American.

In old age, Johnson became the most celebrated of the small cadre of black women — perhaps three dozen — who at midcentury served as mathematicians for the space agency and its predecessor, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Their story was told in the 2016 Hollywood film "Hidden Figures," based on Margot Lee Shetterly's



JORDAN STRAUSS/AP 2017

Katherine Johnson was the inspiration for the nonfiction book "Hidden Figures."

nonfiction book of the same title, published that year. The movie starred Taraji P. Henson as Johnson, the film's central figure. It also starred Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monáe as her real-life colleagues Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson.

In January 2017 "Hidden Figures" received the Screen Actors Guild Award for outstanding performance by a cast in a motion picture.

The film was nominated for three Oscars, including best picture. Though it won none, the 98-year-old Johnson received a sustained standing ovation when she appeared onstage with the cast at the Academy Awards ceremony that February.

Of the black women at the center of the film, Johnson was the only one still living at the time of its release. By then, she had become the best-known member of her formerly unknown cohort.

In 2015, President Barack Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom, proclaiming, "Katherine G. Johnson refused to be limited by society's expectations of her gender and race while expanding the boundaries of humanity's reach."

In 2017, NASA dedicated a building in her honor, the Katherine G. Johnson Computational Research Facility, at its Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia.

That year, The Washington Post described her as "the most high-profile of the computers" — "computers" being the term originally used to designate Johnson and her colleagues, much as

"typewriters" was used in the 19th century to denote professional typists.

She "helped our nation enlarge the frontiers of space," NASA's administrator, Jim Bridenstine, said in a statement Monday, "even as she made huge strides that also opened doors for women and people of color in the universal human quest to explore space."

As Johnson herself was fond of saying, her tenure at Langley — from 1953 until her retirement in 1986 — was "a time when computers wore skirts."

For some years at mid-century, the black women who worked as "computers" were subjected to a double segregation: Consigned to separate office, dining and bathroom facilities, they were kept separate from the much larger group of white women who also worked as NASA mathematicians. The white women in turn were segregated from the agency's male mathematicians and engineers.

But over time, the work of Johnson and her colleagues — myriad calculations done mainly by hand, using slide rules, graph paper and clattering desktop calculating machines — won them a level of acceptance that for the most part transcended race.

"NASA was a very professional organization," Johnson told The Observer of Fayetteville, North Carolina, in 2010. "They didn't have time to be concerned about what color I was."

Nor, she said, did she. "I don't have a feeling of inferiority," Johnson said on at least one occasion. "Never had. I'm as good as anybody, but no better."

To the end of her life, Johnson deflected praise for her role in sending astronauts into space, keeping them on course and bringing them safely home.

"I was just doing my job," Shetterly heard her say repeatedly in the course of researching her book.

But what a job it was — done, no less, by a woman born at a time, Shetterly wrote, "when the odds were more likely that she would die before age 35 than even finish high school."

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ON FEBRUARY 25 ...

In 1570 Queen Elizabeth I of England was excommunicated by Pope Pius V.

In 1601 Britain's Earl of Essex was executed for treason.

In 1793 federal department heads met with President George Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record.

In 1836 inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1901 U.S. Steel was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

In 1913 Congress was given the authority to levy income taxes when the 16th Amendment went into effect.

In 1919 Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. troops reoccupied the Kasserine Pass.

In 1948 Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia.

In 1956 Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev harshly criticized the late Josef Stalin in a speech before a Communist Party congress in Moscow.

In 1964 Cassius Clay, who later changed his name to Muhammad Ali, became world heavyweight boxing champion by defeating Sonny Liston.

In 1973 the Stephen Sondheim musical "A Little Night Music" opened on Broadway.

In 1986 President Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

In 1988 the Chicago City Council passed an ordinance permitting limited night baseball at Wrigley Field.

In 1990 Nicaragua voted in an election that resulted in an upset victory for foes of the ruling Sandinistas.

In 1991 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, during the Persian Gulf War.

In 1993 President Bill Clinton ordered the Pentagon to mount an airdrop of relief supplies into Bosnia-Herzegovina, representing the first unilateral U.S. military involvement in Yugoslavia's civil war.

In 1998 Kim Dae Jung, once South Korea's leading dissident, was inaugurated as its president.

In 2000 a jury in Albany, New York, acquitted four white New York City police officers of all charges in the shooting death of unarmed African immigrant Amadou Diallo.

In 2001 the commander of the U.S. submarine that struck and sunk a Japanese trawler off Hawaii expressed his "most sincere regret" — but Cmdr. Scott Waddle stopped short of an apology.

In 2004 the Supreme Court ruled states do not have to underwrite the religious training of students planning careers in the ministry.

In 2005 municipal employee and church leader Dennis Rader was arrested for the BTK serial killings that terrorized Wichita, Kansas. (He later pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 10 life prison terms.)

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
Feb. 24	
Lotto	08 21 26 30 31 37 / 11
Lotto jackpot: \$3.25M	
Pick 3 midday	927 / 7
Pick 4 midday	2315 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto midday	07 28 32 40 43
Pick 3 evening	500 / 4
Pick 4 evening	7409 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto evening	16 19 26 36 40
Feb. 25 Mega Millions: \$55M	
Feb. 26 Powerball: \$70M	
WISCONSIN	
Feb. 24	
Pick 3	635
Pick 4	0092
Badger 5	07 11 15 17 28
SuperCash	13 15 17 18 22 35

INDIANA	
Feb. 24	
Daily 3 midday	370 / 3
Daily 4 midday	0444 / 3
Daily 3 evening	417 / 7
Daily 4 evening	6182 / 7
Cash 5	02 25 33 35 43
MICHIGAN	
Feb. 24	
Daily 3 midday	749
Daily 4 midday	0426
Daily 3 evening	837
Daily 4 evening	3735
Fantasy 5	01 10 17 19 27
Keno	01 02 04 06 07 13
	20 27 29 30 31 32 39 42
	45 49 57 60 71 75 79 80

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In Memoriam



Theresa M. Donnewald

Dearest Theresa,

On the first anniversary of your passing, please know that you are always in our hearts, today and forever. Words aren't adequate to say how much we miss you.

Your Loving Family,
Craig, Katie and Steven

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Baer, Nancy M.

Nancy M. Baer, 69, passed away February 24, 2020. Lifetime resident of Chicago, IL. Cherished daughter of the late John "Jack" and Mary "Mimi" Baer. Loving sister to the late James Baer, and Robert (Cheryl) Baer. Beloved aunt to Jill (Tony) Fiscelli, Christine (Dont'a) Norwood, Kevin (Christine) Baer. Great aunt to Alyssa, Mia, Aidan, Lily and Zoe. Cherished friend to many. Nancy was a parishioner of Queen of Angels her whole life, and devoted 38 years as an Athletic Director and Volleyball Coach. A visitation will be held at Drake and Son Funeral Home, 5303 N Western Ave, Wednesday 2/26 from 3-9pm. Memorial Mass will take place at Queen of Angels Parish, Thursday 2/27 at 11am.

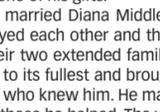
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Bielat, Cameron A.

Cameron A. Bielat, "Cam", a lifelong Glenview resident passed away in Tampa, Florida on February 17, 2020 after a sudden illness. He was 63 years old. Cam was the oldest of four children born to Myron D. and Florence T. Bielat (nee Perry). He graduated from Glenbrook South High School in 1975 where he played many competitive sports and excelled at ice hockey. He went on to the University of Illinois at Chicago where he continued his hockey career. During college Cam was drafted to play minor-league professional hockey for Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. After a couple of years, he returned home to finish his degree at De Paul University. Cam worked in the Automotive industry in sales, finance and ultimately in management before retiring and was a member of the General Motors Fleet and Commercial Dealer Council.

Throughout his life, Cam was grateful for the many mentors who guided him. At an early age, Cam began his lifelong work of mentoring youth. He joined the Big Brother program and coached Glenview Youth Hockey while still in his 20's. Cam loved all sports but his greatest passion was sailing. Thriving on competition, he completed 28 prestigious Chicago Yacht Club-Chicago to Mackinaw races earning him entry into the distinguished Island Goat Sailing Society. Cam was a member of Sheridan Shore Yacht Club in Wilmette where he served as Commodore and on the board of directors at the Sheridan Shore Sailing School, actively involved in nurturing a love of sailing in young people. Working with the NSSRA, and the Rice Child & Family Center, he helped bring the joy of sailing to disabled children. With his strong desire to mentor, Cam joined Jobs for Youth, a non-profit organization helping inner-city young adults, where he was not only an instructor but also on the board of directors. He was also a member of the OLPH Men's Club. To all of his activities, Cam brought a helping hand, a bright mind, an infectious laugh and a smiling face. He made friends in any situation and had too many to count. It was one of his gifts.

In 2001, Cam married Diana Middleton. They traveled and enjoyed each other and their life together along with their two extended families and friends. Cam lived life to its fullest and brought fun, joy and laughter to all who knew him. He made a difference in the lives of those he helped. The world is a better place for him having lived in it. Cam is survived by his loving wife Diana, who profoundly misses him; his sisters Karen Rojek (Craig), Kim Weidler (Kurt) and Jackie; Diana's siblings Susan Vlazny (Jim), Jean, Jim (Margaret), Bob (Chia Fen) and Tom (Ann), 13 nieces and nephews and 11 great nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, February 27, 2020 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Friday, February 28, 2020, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025. Entombment All Saints Cemetery & Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sheridan Shore Sailing School, 20 Harbor Dr. Wilmette, IL 60091 or St. Paulanne's Needy Family Fund, 1775 Grove St. Glenview, IL 60025. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.



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Blazej, Joanna

Joanna Blazej, 74, of Chicago, IL, passed away on February 22, 2020. She will be missed dearly. Visitation will be held at Malec & Sons Funeral Home, 6000 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60646 from 3 PM to 8 PM Wednesday, February 26. Mass of Christian Burial Thursday February 27, 10 AM at Saint Ladislaus Catholic Church, 3343 N. Long Ave. Chicago, IL 60641, Interment to follow at Maryhill Catholic Cemetery, Niles. For more information please call 773 774-4100 or visit www.malecand-sonsff.com.



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Bodmer, Arnold Rudolph

Arnold Rudolph Bodmer was born on May 23, 1929 in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. A prominent scientist, devoted husband, and loving father, Arnold passed away in his sleep on Tuesday February 11, 2020 in his home in Downers Grove, Illinois. He was ninety years old. Arnold's father, Ernst Bodmer, was the physician of

Anne Frank's family before they fled. Arnold's mother, Sylvia, was a well-known dancer who performed and was instrumental in the management of the Laban Company. His family emigrated from Germany to England in 1938, just before Kristallnacht. Arnold earned a PhD in Physics from the University of Manchester, where he later became a professor. In 1963 he moved to the U.S. to work as a physicist at The Argonne National Laboratory and as a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He was passionate about the University and instrumental in helping create and develop its physics program. Arnold formulated many innovations in nuclear physics and one of his publications about the behaviors of nuclei remains the most cited article by a physicist at UIC. In his pioneering work, he suggested the possibility of collapsed nuclei—a crucial part of the study of quark matter, known as the Strange Matter Hypothesis. His ideas continue to have significant relevance in theoretical physics and are used to explain behaviors of neutron stars. After retiring from UIC, he established a foundation that continues to award students grant money to help them with costs of traveling abroad. Arnold was married for 51 years to his wife Doris, who was also a refugee from Germany. Her family fled to Switzerland, and she later became a Swiss National Figure Skating Champion. Arnold was passionate about opera, art, history, and nature. He traveled extensively, working with physicists all over the world. He was also an animal lover, and until the day he died, Arnold fed his fifteen-year-old dog ice cream and beer. Arnold is survived by four children, ten grandchildren, five great grandchildren and his dog, Ricky. A memorial service will be held at Mays Lake in the DuPage Forest Preserve on Saturday, May 29th at 10 AM.

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Dolan, Daniel D.
Daniel D. Dolan, 89, of Aurora, IL and Fountain Hills, AZ passed away Thursday, February 20, 2020 in Fountain Hills, AZ. He was born February 18, 1931 in Aurora, IL. Dan was co-founder of Dolan & Murphy Real Estate since 1965. Funeral from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY will be Friday, February 28, 2020 at 9:15am to Our Lady of Good Counsel Church at 10:00am. Fr. Jerome Leake will officiate with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, February 27, 2020 from 1:00pm until 8:00pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., 630-631-5500. Please visit our website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may leave condolences for Dan's family.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dan's memory to the Daniel D. Dolan Family Endowment Fund, c/o Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, 37 S. River St., Aurora, IL 60506.

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Fadden, Bernard F.

Bernard F. Fadden, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran. Beloved husband of Marion Carol nee Leiser. Loving father of Mary Frances Doody, Daniel (Maureen) Fadden, Catherine McAvooy & Timothy Fadden. Cherished grandfather of Dan Fadden, Katie Fadden, Erin Doody, Siobhan McAvooy & Kieran McAvooy. Dear brother of the late Gerald (Virginia) Fadden, Edward Allen, Mary Dewan & Patricia Shannon. Proud uncle of many nieces & nephews. Funeral Thursday 8:45 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St in Oak Lawn to St. Gerald Church for Mass at 9:30 am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Farkasch, Barbara

Barbara Farkasch (nee Mandl) age 93, beloved wife of the late Josef. Loving mother of Joseph (Nancy) and Anthony (Lauren). Devoted grandmother of Jason (Heather), Jamie (Ryan) Gandurski, Christopher (Brianna) and David (Wendy). Great-grandmother of Aiden, Alex, Jake, Josh, Jonathan, Patrick, Jackson and Remington. Visitation Thursday 9am until time of Chapel Service 10:30am at **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen to St. Bernard Church, Mass 11am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Joliet Area Hospice appreciated. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Handler, Nancy

Nancy Handler, 68, beloved daughter of the late Samuel and Deborah Handler; cherished close friend of Nora Ramirez and family; dear friend of many residents at Misericordia Home in Chicago. Nancy's family would like to extend much gratitude to Misericordia Home for taking such good care of her for many years. Nancy had a beautiful smile. She will be greatly missed. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, February 26th at 10:00 am at Waldheim Cemetery, 1400 Des Plaines Avenue, Forest Park, IL - Section: Independent Order Brith Abraham at gate #53. For info: call **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** at 847-256-5700.

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Hutchens, Darrell J.

Darrell J. Hutchens age 87, Army Veteran of Korean War; beloved husband of Margaret nee Weldon, devoted father of Alice (Tony) Perkins, Debby (John) Mudloff; dear grandfather of Jeni (Phil) Vandenberg, Stephanie (Bob) Plant, Jessica (Jon) Nibert, Rachel Mudloff and late Anthony Perkins; dear great grandfather of Connor, Bobby, Ariana and Gary; fond brother of Billy (Jackie) Hutchens and Cara (Elaine) Hutchens. Dear uncle of many. Visitation Thursday 10:00 AM until the time of funeral service at 12 Noon. Interment Ridgewood Cemetery. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association appreciated. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com.

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Keating Jr., John Stuart 'Jack'

John Stuart Keating, Jr. ("Jack") of Ipswich, MA, passed away, Sunday February 23rd, 2020 at The Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers, MA at age 87 after a long battle with mesothelioma.

Jack was born on April 25, 1932 in Waterbury, CT. He spent his early years moving around the country as the son of a naval captain. At age 11 he left Key West, FL by train—alone!—for Brooks School in North Andover, MA. The youngest student ever to attend Brooks, he led the way for his brothers (and eventually daughter and nephew). Brooks remained an incredibly important part of his life until his death. From 1946-47 Jack and his family lived in Tsing Tao, China, an experience he carried with him throughout his life. Jack graduated from the ROTC program at Northwestern University in 1954, but forever remained a devoted Wildcat football fan, and was a "Life-Loyal Sig" (Sigma Chi fraternity). After Northwestern, he spent 1954-57 as a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the Navy on the U.S.S. Stickell (DD-888). He married Carolyn Frey of Chicago, IL in 1954 and they had two children, Karen and John. In 1970, he married Suzanne Banks of Portland, OR, and had three more children, Katie, Tim, and Shannon.

Though he was a highly accomplished entrepreneur and real estate developer serving as President of U.S. Land Company for 15 years, then broker and developer for numerous other commercial real estate ventures, Jack's #1 job was his family. There was no more devoted father or grandfather. He had a special brand of humor that charmed children, and always put his family's needs at the top of his list. Jack was predeceased by his wife Suzanne Banks Keating, his brother Timothy Edward Keating, and his sister Karen Mae Keating. He is survived by his children, Karen Keating Ansara (Essex, MA), John Stuart Keating III (Danvers, MA), Catherine Anne Keating (Brooklyn, NY), Timothy Edward Keating (Schaumburg, IL), Shannon LaRoché Keating (Portland, OR); his brother, Michael Burns Keating (Boston, MA); and his grandchildren, Michael Keating Ansara (Beverly, MA), Lucia Keating Ansara (Pennington, NJ), Alicia Mercedes Keating Ansara and Maria Carolina Keating Ansara (Essex, MA), John Francis Xavier Timoney and Louise Banks Timoney (Brooklyn, NY), and Henry Keating Grice (Portland, OR).

A graveside service will be held at Evergreen Cemetery in Barrington, IL on Saturday February 29, 2020 at 11:30 am. A memorial service will be held at Brooks School in North Andover, MA at a later date. Arrangements by the Campbell Funeral Home 525 Cabot St Beverly. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Brooks Fund for Financial Aid <https://www.brooksschool.org/giving>. Information, directions, condolences at www.campbellfuneral.com.

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Kocol, William George

The Honorable Judge William G Kocol passed away peacefully at 71 years of age with his beloved husband of 30 years, Timothy Gajewski, by his side on February 20, 2020, at their home in Los Angeles California.

With a law degree from University of Wisconsin, Bill was appointed a Federal Administrative Law judge in 1992. Within the National Relations Labor Board, he defended the legal rights of union labor and the protection of workers. With over 40 years of distinguished service to the federal government, he retired in 2013.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents William and Sophie and by his loving sisters and brothers; Mary Rogus (Julian), Irene Willard, Walter Kocol (Mary), and Stanley Kocol (Flora). Bill is survived by his sisters and brothers: Diane Limas (late Arnold), Sophie Bara Cander (Adolph), Lorraine Daniels (late James), Theresa Kipshull (Gunther), Charlotte Kocol, Billy Kocol, Eddie Kocol, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Information on the March 8 memorial in Chicago may be requested at WilliamGKocol@gmail.com. Donations in lieu of flowers should be directed to the Freedom from Religion Foundation of which Bill was a member and advocate, <https://ffrf.org/>

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Ladewig, Lowell L.

Age 79 Longtime trusted Attorney and CPA in the Southwest Suburbs. Beloved husband of 57 years to Beverly Ladewig (nee Lohse). Devoted father of Julie (Robert) Young, Scott (Vicki) Ladewig, Gayle (Patrick) Gorman and Brian (Michelle) Ladewig. Proud grandfather of Michael, Ryan, Matthew, Kelly, Molly, Brett, Tim, C.J., P.J., Kaitlyn, Emily and Allison. Loving brother of the late Richard (Ruth), the late Shirley (late Mario) and the late Glenn (Betsy). Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 p.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Lying in State Thursday 9:00 a.m. until time of service 10:00 a.m. at Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd 7800 McCarthy Rd, Palos Heights, IL. Interment First Lutheran Cemetery in Alsip. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Perrone, Rose Mary

Rose M. Perrone, nee Amoroso, age 91, passed away on February 23, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. Rose was the beloved wife of Joseph for 66 wonderful years; loving mother of Pauline Perrone and Rosanna (the late William) Babicz; dearest daughter of the late Pauline and Frank Amoroso; cherished grandmother of William (Christine), Christopher and Matthew Babicz, and Rose loved her grandpups Pepper, Sahara, Cody and Nikko very much. She was also a dear sister of the late Mary (the late Anthony) Gomez, the late Josephine (the late Peter) Perrone and a fond aunt of many. Visitation will be Thursday, February 27, 2020, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, at the funeral home, and will then proceed to St. Francis Borgia Church in Chicago for Mass at 10:00 a.m. The interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in River Grove. In lieu of flowers, donations to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org/donate would be appreciated. For more information www.cumberlandchapels.com or call (708)456-8300.



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Robinson, Fred A.

Fred A. Robinson, age 91. Loving husband of Ina Berkley Robinson and the late Sylvia Robinson. Devoted father of Diane (James) Albright and step father of Leslie (Dean) Klassman and Kent (Judith) Berkley. Proud grandfather of Daniel (Kristin), Ashley and step grandfather of Brooke (Jonathan), Ben (Becca) and step great grandfather of Willow. Dear brother of Phyllis (Perry) Gerber, and the late Marvin (Phyllis) Robinson. Cherished uncle of Debbie (Jay) Lipkin, Wendy (Alan) Price, Howard (Katie) Gerber and Kathy (Bill) Bufkin. Graveside service Wednesday 12 Noon at Millburn Cemetery, 18577 Millburn Road, Old Mill Creek, Illinois. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com.

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Romanelli, Rita Ann

Rita Ann Romanelli, nee Stolfa, of Hillside IL passed away on February 15, 2020 at the age of 82 after gracefully living with Alzheimer's disease. Beloved wife of the late Rocco (Rocky) Romanelli. Loving mother of Richard (Carey) Romanelli, Roger (Jennifer) Romanelli, Robert (Joanna) Romanelli and Renee (Joseph) Cieslukowski.

Devoted grandmother of Ryan, Emma, Caitlin, Ted and Matthew. Dear sister of the late Bob (the late Evelyn) Stolfa, the late Joan (Larry) Fortin, Dick (the late Betty) Stolfa, the late Marie Turek and Jim (the late Donna) Stolfa and sister-in-law to Linda, Fran and Joanne Romanelli as well as dear others who have passed. Cherished aunt, cousin, friend and neighbor. Rita lived with joy and contentment; she loved to care for others, hold dinner parties, play cards, do jigsaw puzzles and more. A celebration of her life will be Saturday, April 4 at St. Domitilla's Church 4940 Washington St. Hillside with 10am visitation, then 11am funeral mass. In lieu of sending flowers, consider a donation in her memory to your favorite charity. For information, email servicesforrita@gmail.com. "Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me."

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Ryza, Evelyn M.

MAPLETON- Evelyn M. Ryza, 70, of Mapleton, IL passed away on Friday, February 21, 2020 at UnityPoint Health Pekin.

She was born on May 20, 1949 in Chicago, IL, the daughter of Walter and Marie (Kozio) Golojuch.

She married Dennis Ryza on April 26, 1975 in Chicago, IL. He survives along with their daughter, Stephanie (Mark) Molitor of Mapleton; grandchildren, Raeann and Rylee; one sister, Gail (Leo) DeFranco; one brother, Paul Golojuch; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Evelyn graduated from Northeastern Illinois University. She was a teacher for Elgin Community College before retiring.

She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church. A Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m., Friday, February 28, 2020 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Bartonville, IL. Father David Heinz will officiate. Visitation will be from 4 p.m.-6:45 p.m., Thursday, February 27, 2020, with a prayer service at 6:45 p.m. at **Davison-Fulton Bartonville Chapel** in Bartonville. Additional visitation will be on Friday from 9-9:45 a.m. at the church. Inurnment will follow at Resurrection Mausoleum in Peoria.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alpha Park Public Library in Bartonville, to honor Evelyn's love of reading. Online condolences to Evelyn's family may be made at www.davison-fulton-bartonvillechapel.com

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Schaefer, Carole

Carole Schaefer, beloved wife of Dale Schaefer, cherished mother of Steve (Shalonn) Schaefer, Becca (Ryan) McIlwee and the late Scott Schaefer, loving grandmother of Evan, Garrett, McKayla, and Brady; devoted sister of Susan (the late Terry) Tesar and Carl (Melanie) Ostermeier. Visitation Wednesday, 3 to 8 P.M. at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien where a 10:00 A.M. Chapel Service will be held on Thursday. Interment Bronswood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to American Alzheimer's Association are appreciated. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com



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Turner, Rosalind Marie 'Roz'

Rosalind Marie Turner, aged 65 of Naperville, Illinois, passed away, peacefully after an extended illness on February, 19th 2020. Roz was a dedicated and proud wife, mother, sister, aunt, friend, daughter, and grandmother ("Nana"). She enjoyed cooking, eating, singing, traveling, taking care of and teaching others (especially her grandsons), and most of all spending time with her loved ones. Roz was preceded in death by her father James C. Tamborello and her nephew James G. Tamborello. Roz is survived by her loving husband Mike Turner, her daughter and son-in-law Ashley and Steve Kampf and their sons Caleb and Jaxson Kampf, and her son and daughter-in-law Nick Turner and Megan Schultz. She is also survived by her mother Rose Tamborello, her sister and brother-in-law Jeanine and Randy LaBelle, Her brother and sister-in-law Greg and Marilyn Tamborello, and her nieces and nephews and their partners, Trisha and Scott Brewer and their son Skylar Brewer, Drew Labelle and Sara Sneddon, Spencer and Jessie LaBelle, and Cara LaBelle. There will be a celebration of Roz's life at Community Christian Church (1635 Emerson Lane, Naperville, IL 60540) on Saturday March 7th, 2020. Visitation will be held from 2 - 3:30 p.m. followed by a service from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. In lieu of flowers please make a donation in her memory to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (www.pancreatic.org).

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Walsh, Thomas J. 'Tom'

Age 90 Beloved husband of Margaret "Mickey" Walsh (nee Sheridan). Loving father of Kathleen (James) Herbert, Patricia (John) Trahey, Thomas (Cheryl) Walsh, Margaret "Peggy" (Douglas) Paluch, Terrence (Christina) Walsh. Proud grandfather of James (Adriana), Michael (Shannon), Megan (Christopher), Bridget, Laura (Lane), Jack, Thomas (Gina), Amanda (Taylor), Alison, Douglas (Isaika), Daniel (Kelliann), Kevin (Marissa), Robert, Elizabeth (Kyle), Jane, Charles, Colin, and Mary Kate. Adoring great grandfather of Logan, Keagan, Kendall, Jackson, Fiona, Sean, Dylan, Declan, Gabriel, Joshua, Caroline, Addison, Brady, Thomas, and Emmett. Dear brother of Marie Schuering and the late Kathleen Evaldsor Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Friend to many. Retired Lieutenant for CPD, soloist for CPD and St. Thomas More, Choir member of St. Michael Church. Proud member of the Orland Park Law Enforcement Organization. Proudly served in the Navy Reserve prior to the Korean War and served in the Army during Korean War. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105 or St. Vincent DePaul www.stvincentdepaul.net/give. Visitation Wednesday 4-9 p.m. Funeral Thursday 10:00 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street Orland Park, IL to St. Michael Church Mass 10:45 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

Robert J.

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Yunker, Richard M.

Richard M. "Boom Boom" Yunker, age 80; beloved partner of Judith Kiehm, compassionate friend to countless people in all walks of life, and brother of two sisters. Richard was employed as a mailman, sixth-grade teacher, encyclopedia salesman, shipping clerk, actor, poet, and singer. As a photojournalist, he contributed

photo essays to the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun Times' Sunday magazines, Chicago Magazine, and the Chicago Reader. His books include On Site, Our Chicago, Yankin' and Liftin' Their Whole Lives, Chicago People and Skinfolk: Gamblers on the Green. His photography was showcased in Street Signs Chicago, Studs Terkel's book Chicago, and in the Foo Fighters' documentary, Sonic Highways. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rock Steady Boxing, Windy City Ltd., 1106 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660, 312-465-3921. A memorial service will be held Friday, 11am in the Hennig Chapel of Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 N. Ravenswood Avenue, Chicago where entombment will follow. Arrangements entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 773-625-8621



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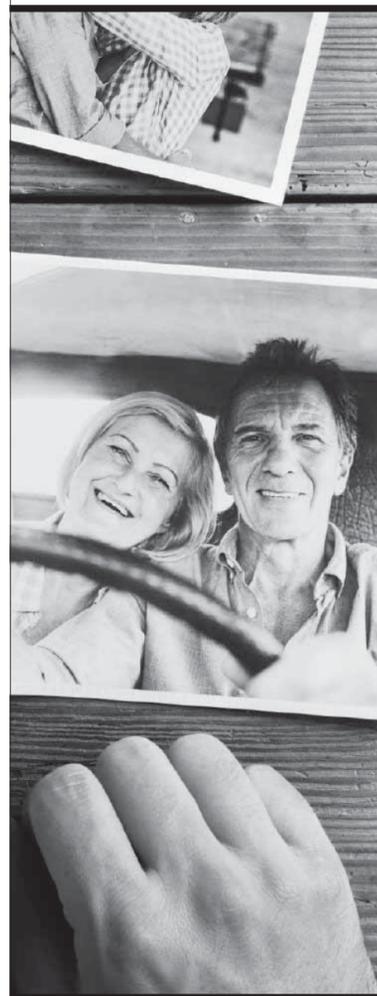
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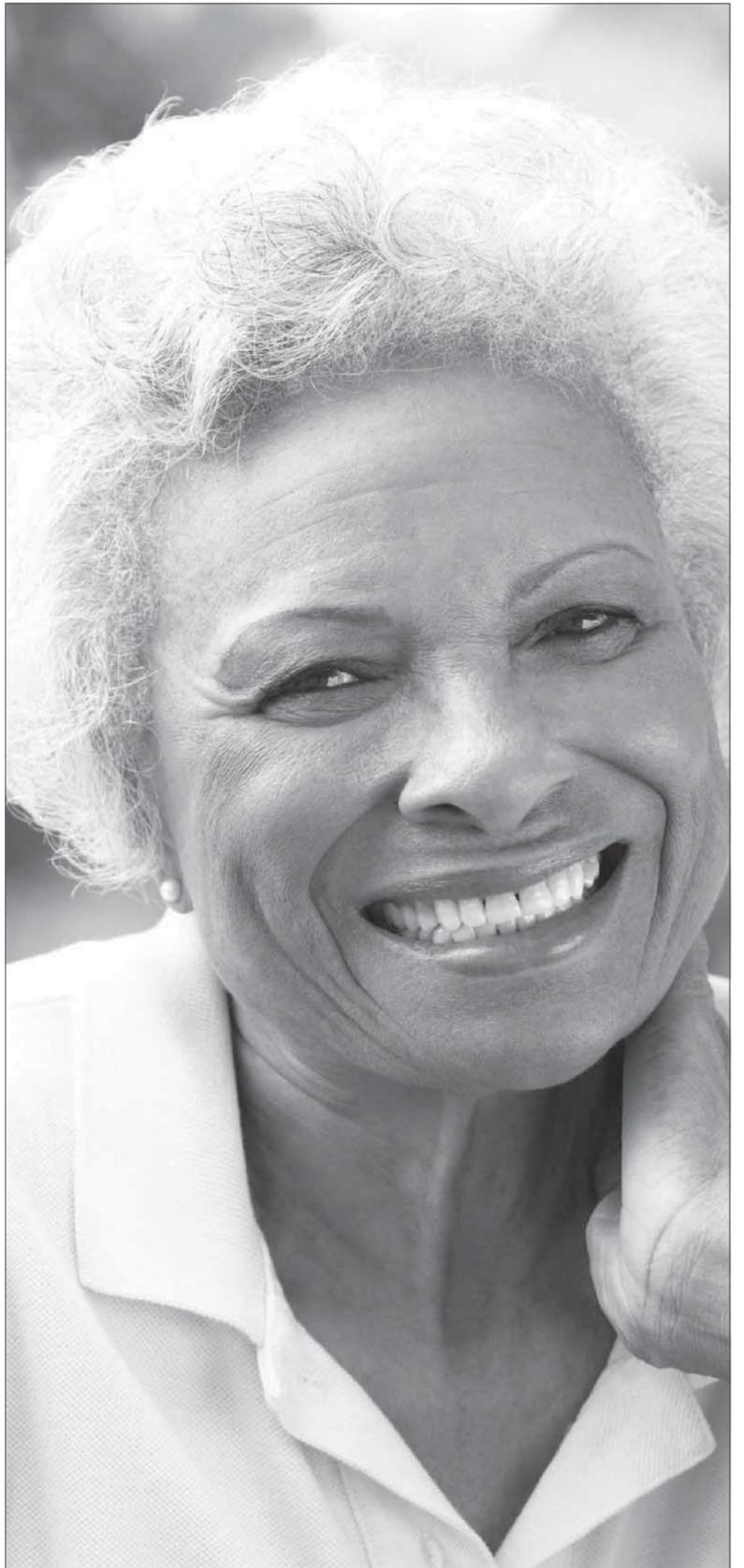


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Daviana Ross

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Sheronda Ross (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01204**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **David Gatlin (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 23, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that, in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrius Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/17/2020, at 10:30 AM** in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM 6, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FIDUCIARY OF THE ESTATE 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 10, 2020 6612951

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To: Frank Taylor, Lateaqa Taylor, Occupant of 11350 S. Stewart, City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, if Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties in Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000138 FILED: January 13, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 21, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0009581 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2010-2014) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3150 S. Stewart Avenue in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-21-123-030-0000 Vol. 467 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 BILL COX, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 19, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcbglobal.net 2/25, 26, 27/2020 6610588

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Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office, 300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 5001, Chicago, Illinois 60606, not later than February 28, 2020. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file at the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portions of the application on file will be made available upon request.

1/29, 2/10, 2/24/2020 6586342

FORECLOSURES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANKUNITED N.A. Plaintiff, -v- APRIL SPEGON, JASON SPEGON Defendants 2019 CH 05205 52 N. GLENWOOD AVENUE GLENWOOD, IL 60425 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 6, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 10, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Lot 4 in Block 4 in Merrill K. Sweet's Subdivision of a part of Land described as follows: beginning at the Northeast Corner of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Township 35 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, Thence running West on the North line of said 1/4 Section, 767 feet; thence South 758 feet; thence South 45 degrees 28 minutes East 480 feet; thence South 35 degrees 23 minutes East, 291.7 feet; thence South 38 degrees 21 minutes East, 400 feet to the East Line of said 1/4 Section, thence North on said East line 1648 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 52 N. GLENWOOD AVENUE, GLENWOOD, IL 60425 Property Index No. 32-04-404-019-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$94,492.49. Sale terms: 25% down at the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to the Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale of the subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the lender or the seller. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will be sold "as is" and the plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the above property shall also be responsible for a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES Plaintiff Attorneys, 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 239-3432. Please refer to file number 19L00129-1. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606 4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140 Chicago, IL, 60602 312-239-3432 Email: rsmilaw@msmlaw.com Attorney File No. 19L00129-1 Attorney Code. 46689 Case Number: 2019 CH 05205 TJSC#: 39-7430 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attorney and may collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
2/20, 2/25, 3/3/2020 6608338

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To: Vasile Pernes Raul Miguel Maciuc Occupants of Balmoral Courts Condominium V c/o Matthew J. Goldberg (Registered Agent) 240011 W Balmoral A County Clerk of COOK COUNTY, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above named persons; described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000552 FILED: February 13, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of COOK Date Premises Sold December 8, 2017 Certificate No. F56472 Sold for General Taxes of: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (as included) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installation No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2411 W. Balmoral Ave., Unit 26, Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-12-226-023-1013, Volume 332 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 31, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 31, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on August 26, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 31, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of COOK COUNTY, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 RASHIDA KHARKHARWALA Purchaser or Assignee Dated February 20, 2020
2/25, 26, 27/2020 6611426

TAKE NOTICES

To: Goldmine Investments LLC; Mark Kachlic and Marlowe Djuric Kachlic; City of Chicago, City of Chicago Dept. of Water, and William Pekarik. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000508. FILED: February 6, 2020. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook, State of Illinois. Certificate No. 7/15/2019 Certificate No. 195-0001800 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2008-2017. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 3509 Hollywood Ave., Brookfield, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 15-35-304-005-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/25/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/25/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 7/1/2020 at 9:30 a.m. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/25/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Stephanie Bosko, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: February 14, 2020.
2/25, 26, 27/2020 6608282

To: Lavon Tims; Occupant of 402 N. Avers; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Internal Revenue Service; United States Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice; United States Attorney; The Springfield Avers Hardin Condominium Association; c/o Veronica L. Hall; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, if Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000142 FILED: January 13, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-001004 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2010-2014) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 402 N. Avers Avenue in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-11-128-045-1002 Vol. 552 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 AMALIA D. HARRIS, purchaser assignee Dated: February 19, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcbglobal.net 2/25, 26, 27/2020 6610642

To: Carl Minkus; Christine Minkus; Judgment Creditors; And Decree Creditors, if Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties in Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000163 FILED: January 15, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: May 9, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0009742 Sold for General Taxes of: 2016 and prior years 2004-2009 Installment: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3703 S. State St., Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-34-313-002-0000 Vol. 526 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 AMALIA D. HARRIS, purchaser assignee Dated: February 18, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcbglobal.net 2/25, 26, 27/2020 6608564

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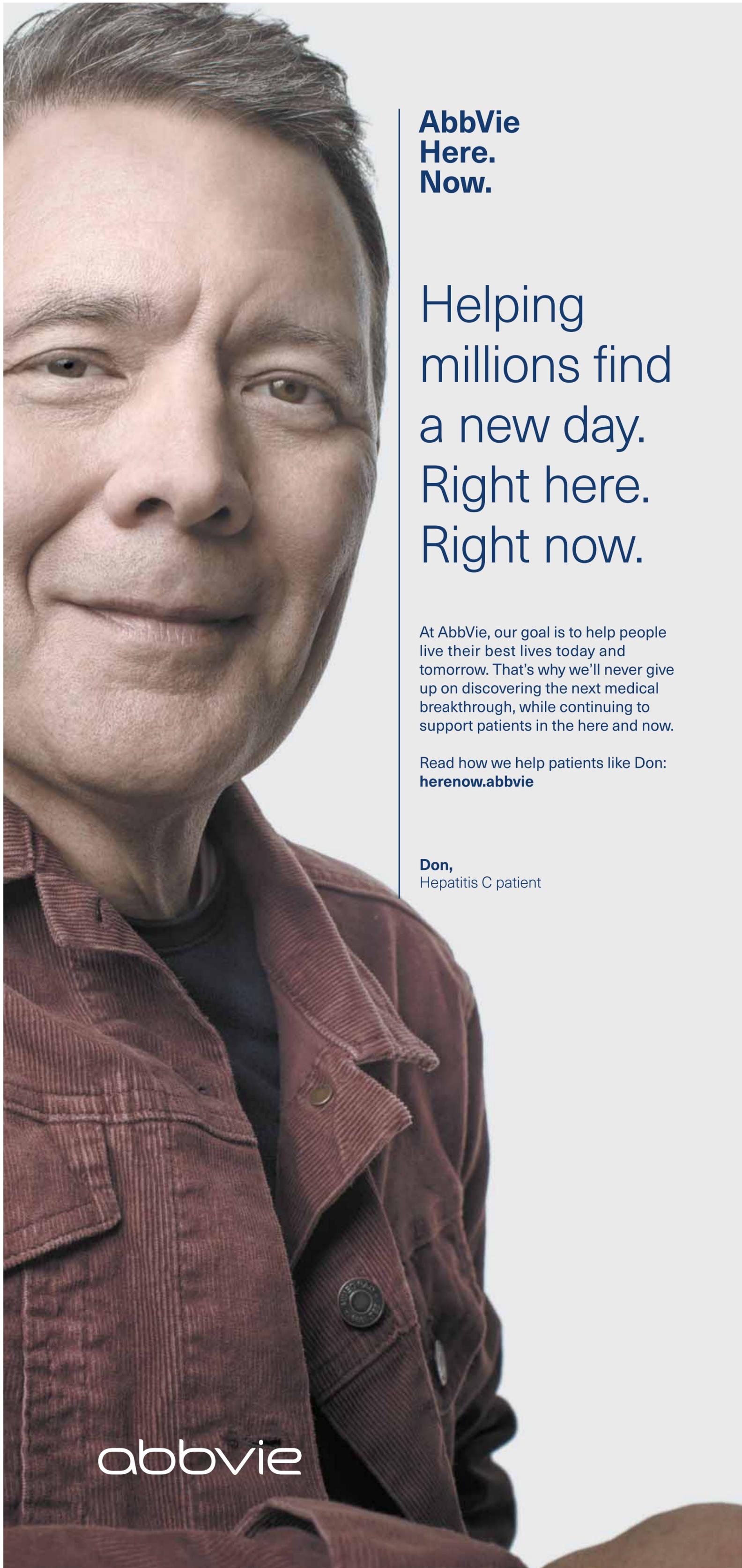
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BLACKHAWKS

Moves expected to pay off later

Bowman: Hawks better positioned with Lehner, Gustafsson traded away

By PHIL THOMPSON

ST. LOUIS — With a couple of major moves in the final hours before Monday's trade deadline, the Blackhawks set a new course for not only the remainder of the season, but also their long-term future.

Here are the realities.

■ Forget the playoffs, no matter what the Hawks say; they're eight points out with 20 games to go.

■ Goaltender Robin Lehner and defenseman Erik Gustafsson — traded to the Golden Knights and Flames, respectively — were going to be free agents this summer, and neither was going to re-sign for cheap, especially Lehner.

■ And as general manager Stan Bowman acknowledged, the market for goaltenders — or at least the goaltenders he was shopping — didn't offer the big haul of high draft picks and elite prospects many fans expected it to.

Bowman couldn't turn the Hawks into an instant contender, even for next season, so he had to take the long view.

Asked whether the Hawks are better off after the trades than before, Bowman said: "Well, it depends if you're looking at the short term or the long term.

"Long term, we're in a better position. We have some additional assets now. We've got a young defenseman coming our way who we've had a chance to watch quite a bit from (the University of) Denver, Slava Demin. When people get to know him, they're going to realize why we're excited to add him to our group."

Demin, 19, came in the swap

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Goaltender Robin Lehner, left, was traded to the Golden Knights on Monday while defenseman Erik Gustafsson (56) was sent to the Flames.

"They've become their own entity at our games."

—Joe McKeown, NU women's basketball coach



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Above: Anfernee James, left, and Northwestern football players A.J. Hampton, Greg Newsome, Isaiah Bowser and Ramaud Chiaokhiao-Bowman cheer on the Northwestern women's basketball team. **Below:** Earnest Brown IV, right, hugs Sydney Wood.

Plenty of roar from Wildcats

NU's 24-3 women's hoops team has 'superfans' — a group of football players

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Northwestern guard Veronica Burton went in for a layup and had it blocked.

Nebraska's Nicea Eliely celebrated by screaming as if trying to scare a visitor to a haunted house.

Big mistake.

Minutes later Nebraska's Kate Cain blocked a shot and yapped, "Get that weak (crap) outta here."

Bigger mistake.

Cain got a technical foul for taunting — and that wasn't the worst of it.

She poked the bear. Or in this case, unleashed the Wildcats.

"Get her outta here, ref!" one screamed.



Nearly a dozen Northwestern football players flocked to Welsh-Ryan Arena on Feb. 16 to support the women's basketball team, now up to No. 14 in the AP poll. And by support, we don't mean golf claps.

Led by defensive backs Greg Newsome and A.J. Hampton, they showed their love for the 24-3 Wildcats by cheering great plays — and feasting on officials and opposing players.

"They've become their own entity at our games," NU coach Joe McKeown said. "People want to come and hang out with them."

Not those in stripes. Or opposing colors.

Every time Eliely touched the ball the rest of the game, the self-proclaimed "superfans"

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PAUL SULLIVAN
In the Wake of the News

Sox have plenty to show off in spring

Too bad the fans back home don't get to see more of it

GLENDALE, Ariz. — On a perfect spring afternoon in the Valley of the Sun, the White Sox made their Camelback Ranch debut Monday with a lineup filled with not-ready-for-prime-time players.

That's not unusual for the start of spring training, when the big stars come out every other day and players wearing high numbers see a lot of action before being shipped out to minor-league camp.

But it was unfortunate timing for Sox fans tuning in to the first of only six spring training telecasts on NBC Sports Chicago, the competitor to Marquee Sports Network's all-Cubs-all-the-time offerings.

Most were probably hoping to see Luis Robert, the latest Sox phenom, and familiar faces Tim Anderson, Yoan Moncada, Jose Abreu and Eloy Jimenez, all of whom played in Sunday's Cactus League opener and were off Monday.

So they had to settle for new designated hitter Edwin Encarnacion, second-baseman-in-waiting Nick Madrigal and 2019 first-round pick Andrew Vaughn, the next big thing, who doubled in the seventh.

They also got another look at Nicky Delmonico, who went 3-for-3 in the Sox's 2-2 tie with the Dodgers before 5,365 at the Ranch.

Does manager Rick Renteria take into account the fact Sox fans back home are getting a rare glimpse of the team when

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JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Sox center fielder Luis Robert runs to the dugout against the Reds on Sunday at Goodyear Ballpark in Goodyear, Ariz.

MORE BASEBALL INSIDE

■ White Sox broadcaster Jason Benetti offers thoughts on the team's rebuild and his Twitter feud with Steve Stone. **Page 2**

■ Cubs starting pitcher Yu Darvish says it would be an honor to pitch opener. **Page 3**

■ Astros hear plenty of boos on road against Tigers. **Page 4**

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PAUL SULLIVAN

Talking shop with Benetti

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Jason Benetti returned to the White Sox booth Monday afternoon for the first of a half-dozen spring training telecasts on NBC Sports Chicago.

The 36-year-old Benetti, who has been doing college football and basketball games for ESPN since 2011, is entering his fifth year on Sox play-by-play and second since Ken “Hawk” Harrelson’s retirement.

Benetti sat down at Camelback Ranch before Monday’s game against the Dodgers to discuss his thoughts on the Sox rebuild and his other broadcasting gigs.

Any butterflies before your first White Sox call of 2020?

As Elton John said, “Butterflies are free to fly. Fly away.” I was just talking to one of the Sox hitters and he said, “Yeah, I’m always just a little bit nervous before the game.” I try to not be like that. I try to enjoy it for what it is (rather) than think of something that can go wrong. So many performers say, “You’ve got to have those butterflies.” So maybe I’m doing it wrong, but I don’t think that’s the case. I like to enjoy the day instead of worry.

Is it difficult calling so many sports?

I get ahead as much as I can. I’ve got a couple basketball games this week, so I’ve got most of it built already. Then I’ll dive in specifically on the team for that game when the notes come out the day before. So I try to do as much in advance as possible, and in my spare time during the offseason, I’m doing Sox stuff. I love doing all sports. I love learning from coaches and watching practices and seeing the leadership. There’s a lot of life lessons in that, too, and I grew up loving to do games. That’s where my heart is.

Would you like to do more White Sox spring training games — or is six enough?

I love doing Sox games whenever they’re on the schedule. I don’t like getting in other people’s lanes with their job. It’s not my call, but if I was assigned 210 Sox games, I’d be happy to do 210 Sox games.

After calling the White Sox during the tough part of the rebuild, are you more excited about 2020?

I was in Goodyear (for the Sox spring training opener) and said it’s different to watch even the first game, knowing the goal is to be highly competitive. When you come to spring training and you know the



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Jason Benetti with his partner Steve Stone in the broadcast booth in 2016.

goal is development, I was looking for things the scouts are looking for, those signs of growth, that sort of potential. Then when you’re in a competitive mode, potentially challenging for a division title with reasonable belief, you watch the games differently. I came to spring training with a list of stuff I was interested in: How is Eloy Jimenez going to play in left? What will the injured pitchers look like? How is Dylan Cease’s first outing going to be? Those are the things you start looking for when you’re not in a development mode. After spending so much time in the minors beforehand, where the standings truly don’t matter, it’s like a flip has switched for me in how I watch this team.

Will Bill Walton be joining you in the booth this summer?

Bill has a standing invitation to come to Grateful Dead Night at our ballpark (Aug. 26 this year). It’s on our radar, and as it gets closer, we’re going to work on it. But we may have other tricks up our sleeves too. I enjoyed the heck out of having assorted guests in the booth who loved baseball and/or life and/or the Sox last year. I’d like to continue that. We were working Colorado vs. Arizona State (basketball) in January. A long time ago my mom had gotten me a couple Grateful Dead/Jerry Garcia ties. They’re psychedelic and what-not, so I don’t get much occasion to wear

them, but this was the bull’s-eye, so I wore the tie and it’s got the J. Garcia (logo) on the bottom. I told him, “Bill, I wore this tie on your behalf. It’s a Jerry Garcia.” He said, “How do you know it’s a Jerry Garcia tie?” I said, “It’s got his name on it.” He said, “Let me see.” Then he grabbed my tie, licked it on camera. Licked it again and said to the camera, “Yeah, that’s a Jerry.” I’m like, “So you can taste ties now?” On the next telecast, (ESPN analyst) Dan Dakich heard about it and he also licked my tie, so it was a week of tie-licking.

How is your Twitter beef with partner Steve Stone going?

It’s quite an entertaining thing to open your Twitter and have all these mentions. You’re like, where did that come from? Oh, it came from directly next to me in the booth? I actually love that he’s embraced Twitter because it fits his personality really, really well. He’s very clever, and he also likes to throw a jab in. He’s not really a troll, or maybe he’s an intelligent troll. Some of the references he makes, and some of the wording, you can tell he’s a well-read person who is using a medium that doesn’t always demand good punctuation. He loves baseball so much.

Who is winning your contest with Stone to have the most followers?

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JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox’s Tim Anderson, Yoan Moncada and Jose Abreu before Sunday’s game.

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he’s making out the lineup?

“I take into account that I think our fans are really appreciative of the things we’ve been doing as an organization over the winter,” he replied. “I think that they want to see some of the people we have within our organization on television, absolutely. We take everything into account.

“I know we have a lot of our younger guys in there today. I want them to see these guys. I think it’s important, and as we continue to play, they’ll be able to see some of the other guys as well. The lineup (Tuesday) will be significantly different, but it’s important to see the young men that are coming through the system. Hopefully they’ll give them a good show and they’re able to feel good about it.”

Of course, neither of the Sox’s split-squad games Tuesday against the Giants and Indians will be televised on NBC Sports Chicago, which instead will carry a sports betting show and a NASCAR show during that time. The next televised Sox game isn’t until March 13 against the Cubs, by which point we might get to see new catcher Yasmani Grandal, who is out with a left calf injury, and perhaps ace Lucas Giolito, who is nursing a chest strain.

I don’t know why a network partially owned by the Sox doesn’t carry more spring training games, especially if it’s a choice between the Sox and NASCAR. If there was any spring they should want to show off the product before the season begins, this would be the one. The Sox spent the winter making move after move to improve the team, and it would be nice to give fans an opportunity to see what they can do, not to mention hear Jason Benetti and Steve Stone perfect their vaudeville act.

Benetti noted Monday that Delmonico’s new hairstyle was “verging on mullet.”

which prompted a heated debate about which Sox announcer would look better with a mullet. In the sixth inning, the telecast featured an in-game interview with Phoenix Suns player Frank Kaminsky, a native of Chicago’s western suburbs who admitted he likes to “spew hate” against the Cubs.

“I hate the Cubs, I love the White Sox,” Kaminsky said. “They’re both equal.”

This is the kind of spring training banter Sox fans need as they await the next snowstorm.

Oh, well. At least Sox fans can take comfort in the knowledge many Cubs fans can’t see their team right now either, thanks to the business operations department’s inability to secure deals with Comcast Xfinity or a streaming service to carry Marquee until the regular season.

Misery loves company.

Whether or not you can watch the Sox much this spring, at least you know they’ll be ready for opening day — or so we think.

Grandal and Giolito already were going to miss the first week of Cactus League games, and that seems likely to get pushed back now. Renteria wasn’t worried because it was only Feb. 24, though presumably they would need to get some games under the belt before the March 26 opener against the Royals.

“I think these guys do want to get some at-bats,” Renteria said. “But the important thing right now is for us to make sure that (Grandal’s) calf is healthy. ... He should be, as far as we’re concerned, ready for the season.”

And Giolito?

“In terms of being behind, we are conservatively where we are taking him,” Renteria said. “He’s doing fine. ... All indications for us is he’s doing very, very well.”

So how many Cactus League outings would Giolito need to get ready?

“Well, we can still do a lot of work on the back fields,” Renteria said, skirting the question.

Stay tuned, as they say on TV.

WHITE SOX

Colome treating every inning like it’s the 9th

Sox closer finished tied for 4th in AL in saves last season

By LAMOND POPE

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Alex Colome is accustomed to entering the game in the ninth inning.

Exhibition games could present a different test for the White Sox closer.

“Here, you can pitch in the first, the fifth and even in the ninth,” Colome said Friday through an interpreter. “It’s a sporadic situation. You have to keep your mindset. In my case, just work on my command and my fastball and try to simulate like I’m pitching in the ninth inning.”

Colome was very effective in ninth-inning situations in 2019, his first season with the Sox.

The right-hander finished tied for fourth in the American League with 30 saves in 33 chances.

He became the first Sox reliever with at least 30 saves since David Robertson had 37 in 2016.

“Everybody talks about that anybody can do it,” Sox manager Rick Renteria said Monday of pitching the ninth inning. “Not anybody can do it. You have to have the right mindset to be able to control your emotion and stay in the moment. And he’s able to trust the stuff that he has.”

Colome’s 90.9% save percentage was second in the AL and ranked fifth in Sox history. It was their highest mark since Bobby Jenks’ 91.1% conversion rate in 2006.

Colome converted his first 16 save chances, breaking the franchise record Dustin Hermanson set in 2005 by converting his first 15.

Overall, Colome went 4-5 with a 2.80 ERA in 61 innings, and he was even better in his 33 save chances, allowing seven earned runs in 33²/₃ innings (a 1.87 ERA).

And he was right at home at Guaranteed Rate Field, converting 17 of 18 chances.

“I just tried to do my best every day,” Colome said. “My command and control, worked on my fastball and my cutter. I stayed healthy, that was the most important.”

It was a smooth transition back to the closer role for Colome, who was an All-Star with the Rays in 2016, when he had 37 saves.



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Alex Colome pitches during White Sox spring training on Wednesday at Camelback Ranch in Glendale, Ariz.

He followed that up with a career-high 47 the next season.

The Mariners used him primarily as a setup man after trading for him in May 2018, and he finished the season with 30 holds. The Sox acquired Colome in November 2018, sending catcher Omar Narvaez to the Mariners.

“Ball gets on top of you and it may not seem the velocity is up, but he has that little cut,” Renteria said. “He’s able to command the zone and do what he does.”

Colome and the Sox avoided arbitration by agreeing to a one-year, \$10.5 million deal that was announced Jan. 10.

Colome and setup men Aaron Bummer and Evan Marshall were stable forces at the back end of the bullpen. The Sox added veteran reliever Steve Cishek on a one-year deal in the offseason.

“Last year we did a good job,” Colome said. “And this year with more experience, with more confidence and with some reinforcements, we’re going to be much better. But we need to be focused and do our job.”

That starts in the spring, regardless of which inning Colome enters the game.

“The adrenaline is different (in exhibition games) because you get that when you’re actually in games that matter in the season,” Colome said. “But I try to keep my focus. I try to pitch every single inning like it is a save situation in the ninth inning.”

WHITE SOX

3 TAKEAWAYS

Collins controls what he can

BY LAMOND POPE

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Catcher Yermín Mercedes homered in the seventh and singled in the ninth for the White Sox in a 2-2 nine-inning tie with the Dodgers on Monday at Camelback Ranch.

Matt Skole's one-out RBI double in the ninth tied the game. Pinch runner Laz Rivera was thrown out attempting to score the go-ahead run from first.

Most of the locked-in starters didn't play, with the exception of designated hitter Edwin Encarnación, who struck out in his two at-bats.

Here are three takeaways from Monday.

1. Zack Collins is focused on controlling what he can control.

After getting a taste of the big leagues in 2019, catcher Zack Collins, the No. 10 pick in the 2016 draft, is aiming for another shot this season. His approach has been to control "what I can control."

"I can't really control that I have two All-Stars (Yasmani Grandal and James McCann) in front of me right now," Collins said before Monday's game. "Obviously (the goal this spring is) getting better every day and learning from those guys."

Collins got the start behind the plate Monday and went 0-for-2. He struck out in the second and popped out to third in the fourth.

Collins spent most of 2019 at Triple-A Charlotte but had two stints with the Sox, hitting .186 with three doubles, three home runs and 12 RBIs. He went 2-for-26 with a homer and three RBIs in nine games in June and July. He fared better in September, hitting .233 with three doubles, two homers and nine RBIs in 18 games.

"I took away (from September) that I know that I can play in the big leagues now," Collins said. "It was no mistake that I had a good September. And I felt good. I felt like when I got sent back down the first time, I made some adjustments and got myself prepared for the big leagues."

Collins, the No. 10 prospect in the organization according to MLB.com, is working on the minor details of catching.

"Certain little things back there to be a little bit quicker and receive a little bit better, which is the basics that we work on every year and try to get better every day," Collins said. "Hitting, same thing. No major adjustments. Just working every day."

2. Yasmani Grandal is on the road to recovery.

Catcher Yasmani Grandal continues to recover from a mild left calf strain. Sox manager Rick Renteria said Grandal is "doing very well."

"We're still trying to be conservative because you don't want that to be re-injured," Renteria said. "I don't want to give you a date (on Grandal possibly playing this spring), but it's still at least a week to 10 days away."

Grandal has been active catching bullpen sessions and batting practice, and Renteria said he has gotten in extra hitting work.

As far as the importance of getting some at-bats in Cactus League games, Renteria said: "I think these guys do want to get some at-bats. The most important thing right now for us is to make sure that the calf is healthy."

3. Adjustments are paying off early for catcher Seby Zavala.

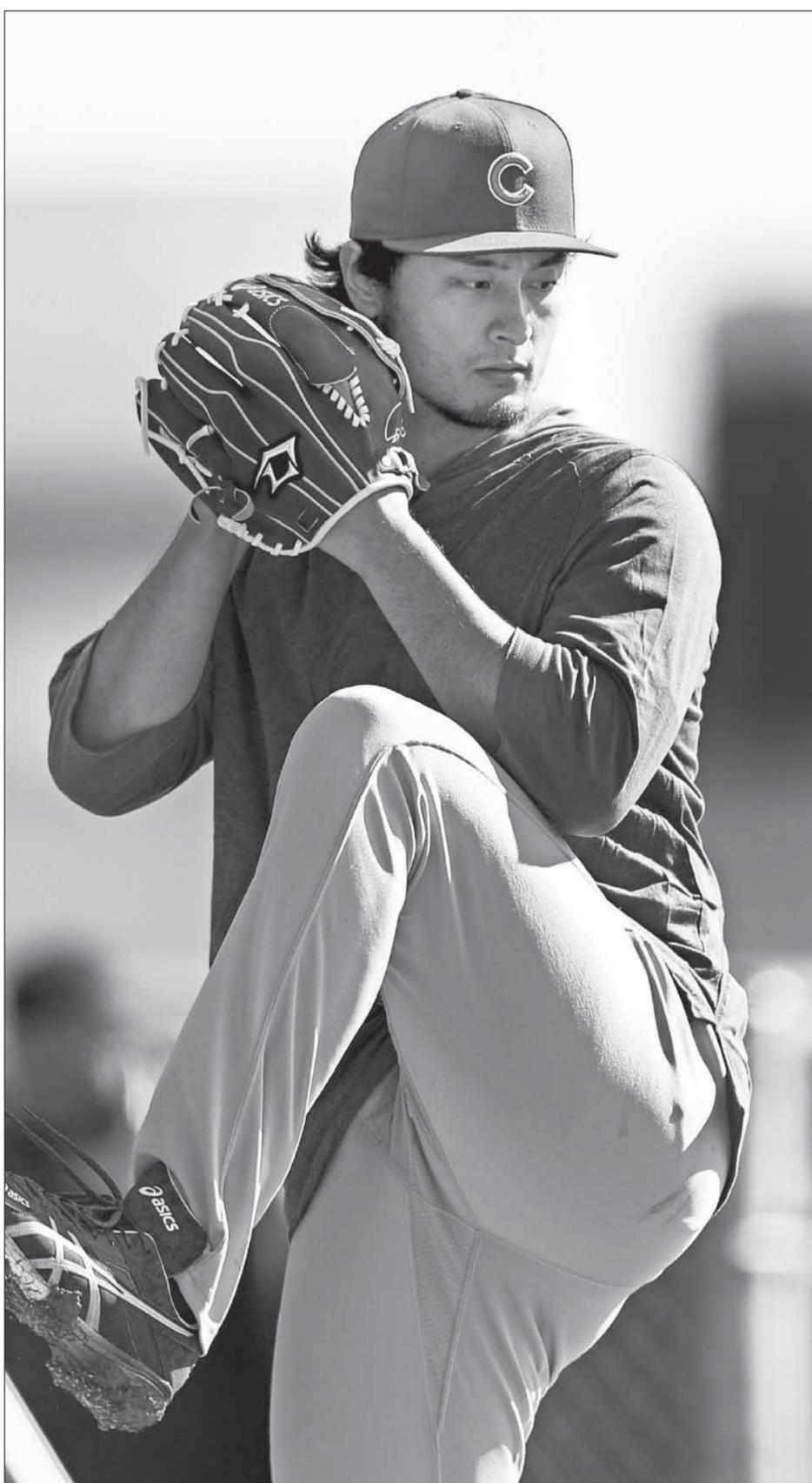
Like Zack Collins, Seby Zavala spent a short time as a backup catcher for the Sox in 2019.

Zavala supplied the power in Sunday's 7-2 win against the Reds with a solo home run in the seventh at Goodyear Ballpark. Zavala went 1-for-2 with two RBIs.

"It made me feel good about the work I put in this off-season," Zavala said Monday.

Zavala was 1-for-12 with nine strikeouts in five games with the Sox last year. He hit .222 with 20 home runs and 45 RBIs in 82 games at Charlotte.

CUBS



GREGORY BULL/AP

Cubs pitcher Yu Darvish throws during a spring training baseball workout Wednesday, Feb. 12, in Mesa, Ariz.

Opening Darvish

Cubs veteran starter says pitching opener would be 'an honor'

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — Yu Darvish coyly avoided the topic of potentially starting the Cubs' March 26 opener against the Brewers.

"I can't talk about it," Darvish said with a smile Monday, though he did mention he made one opening-day start with the Rangers in 2017.

"I like that opportunity. It's an honor, but I'm not sure I'm pitching Game 1. But if I have the ball, I look forward to pitching."

To prepare Darvish for the season, the Cubs lined up left-handed hitters Jason Heyward, Kyle Schwarber and Jared Young for Darvish's first live batting-practice session Monday.

Darvish's performance against left-handed hitters was one of his few deficiencies during an otherwise remarkable bounce-back season in 2019.

"It's good for me," Darvish said. "I'm working on my fastball away and backdoor slider (against left-handed hitters). So it was good practice for me."

Darvish won't make his make his exhibition debut until Saturday against the Brewers, so he welcomed the live BP session.

"I like this progression," he said.

The Cubs need Darvish to continue the success he achieved during the second half of 2019, when he curbed his wildness and posted a 2.76 ERA with 118 strikeouts in 81²/₃ innings.

"It means a lot for the team," Darvish said. "If I can keep pitching like that — no walks and I'm able to go deep in innings — that helps the team, for sure. I still want to do the same job at the same kind of level."

Closer Craig Kimbrel joined the Cubs in June, shortly before Darvish embarked on his transformation.

"We've seen it over the course of his career," said Kimbrel, who



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—Yu Darvish, Cubs starting pitcher

marveled over Darvish's array of pitches.

"Very dominant spurts and very dominant seasons in his career. When he put it all together, his direction (to home plate) and the way he commanded the strike zone is what I saw.

"I didn't see a guy out there struggling to try to find one or two pitches. He was making it hard on the hitter to try to figure out what he was throwing. That was because he was confident in everything he was throwing, and he was throwing it where he wanted to."

Darvish has no explanation for why he reduced his walks from 49 in 97 innings in the first half to only seven in the second half.

"But now I feel I have a lot of confidence," he said. "Last year I had good command but struggled with my fastball away to lefties. This spring I can throw it right

there."

Darvish wasn't exactly terrible last season against left-handed hitters, who batted .243 with 19 home runs in 342 at-bats against him, compared with right-handers' .181 average with 14 homers in 315 at-bats.

But he and the Cubs are focused on becoming even less predictable and more durable.

"He's got such nasty off-speed pitches," Kimbrel said. "When they're sitting on those (pitches), his fastball plays much better. We saw that toward the end of last year.

"A guy throwing 200 successful innings will be great for any team. I know that's what he expects to do, and we expect to win a lot of games because of that."

Asked if he had figured out he's lined up to start the opener, Darvish playfully dodged the question.

"I'm not good at math," he said.

3 TAKEAWAYS

Kimbrel hoping for a big change

BY MARK GONZALES

PEORIA, Ariz. — Here are three takeaways from Cubs spring training Monday.

1. Craig Kimbrel hasn't given up on throwing a change-up.

Seven-time All-Star closer Craig Kimbrel has relied exclusively on a fastball and curve throughout his 10-year career, but he continues to tinker with a change-up that could help him tremendously against hitters sitting on a particular pitch.

"My change-up has definitely been a spring training pitch over the years to work on, getting out front and not cutting the ball off and staying behind it," Kimbrel said after throwing batting practice on a practice field in Mesa.

"I need to get more consistent with it to be more confident to throw it this year. Maybe I'll have a chance to do it if I can harness it. But at the same time, I don't want to shy away from working on my breaking ball."

Kimbrel said he has been working on his change-up for 12 seasons, but last season he threw fastballs 67% of the time and curves 33%, according to "The Bill James Handbook."

"That should tell you something right there," Kimbrel said.

2. Albert Almora Jr. isn't getting carried away with a fast start.

Outfielder Albert Almora Jr., who made some subtle changes in his swing in the winter, went 3-for-3 with a two-run homer and four RBIs against the Mariners at Peoria Sports Complex. He's 4-for-4 this spring.

"I may have had two good games, but I'm far from where I want to be," Almora said. "I can speak for all the hitters. This is Day 2 of a 200-day marathon, so I just want to stay healthy and have a great mindset the whole time."

Almora said he doesn't think about his swing during at-bats but pores over video after batting practice and games.

"Little details are what I'm really focusing on," Almora said. "If you talk to any hitter, your swing is never going to be perfect all the time. I just want my mind to be all right going into the at-bat and trusting what I worked on before the game."

3. Brandon Morrow could resume pitching soon.

A few days after straining a muscle near his right collarbone, reliever Brandon Morrow believes he might be able to resume playing catch Tuesday.

Morrow said he felt fine after throwing Monday to a pitchback and thought he could resume his program by the end of the week.

Meanwhile, manager David Ross missed his third consecutive game because of flu-like symptoms, although he did watch the batting-practice sessions of Yu Darvish and Craig Kimbrel after a team doctor evaluated him.

Pitcher Jose Quintana did not report to the Cubs complex because of flu-like symptoms that prevented him from throwing batting practice Sunday.



JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY

Cubs closer Craig Kimbrel says he's continuing to tinker with a change-up.

SPORTS

BASEBALL

Astros hear lots of boos on the road

Associated Press

Jose Altuve insisted he tuned out the hecklers. He couldn't avoid a pitch that grazed him.

"He was hit in the foot. That ain't nothing, you know what I mean?" Astros manager Dusty Baker said Monday after an 11-1 win over the Tigers at half-empty Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland, Fla. "It wasn't intentional."

Altuve was loudly booed when he was introduced for his spring training debut, cheered when he struck out and called a cheater by several fans. Quite a difference from past years, when the diminutive All-Star second baseman was among the most popular players in the majors.

But that was before Altuve and his Astros teammates were implicated in the sign-stealing scandal.

"We just heard a lot of noise, and that's it," Altuve said.

Altuve and fellow starters Alex Bregman, Carlos Correa and Yuli Gurriel all played for the first time in the exhibition season. After the Astros opened the Grapefruit League in the stadium it shares with the World Series champion Nationals, this was the first time the Astros were away from their complex — providing a taste of the reaction they might receive on the road this year.

"We were focused on playing baseball," Altuve said.

The reception during the visit to Tigertown USA was fairly tame compared to what it figures to be during the regular season.

Early arrivals in the crowd of 4,891 were discouraged by ushers from gathering near the Astros dugout unless they had box seats along the third base line.

Hecklers aired their voices after batting practice, booing during introduction of lineups and each time Altuve, Bregman, Correa and Gurriel stepped up to the plate. Altuve got some cheers, too, when he was charged with an error for dropping a throw by Bregman from third base on a force play.

The quartet was treated to one more round of boos when they left the game and made the long walk up the first base line to the visiting clubhouse.

Altuve showed no signs of being upset when he was grazed with a pitch by Tigers reliever Nick Ramirez after the batter before him, Myles Straw, homered in the fifth inning. The 2017 AL MVP was replaced by a pinch runner.

Cheating attempts part of sports?

Attempts at cheating are a part of sports, Major League Baseball said in urging a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit by fantasy contestants.

Five men sued MLB, MLB Advanced Media, the Astros and the Red Sox in federal court in New York, claiming fraud, violation of consumer-protection laws, negligence, unjust enrichment and deceptive trade practices by teams that violated MLB's rules against the use of electronics to steal catchers' signs. The five said they participated in DraftKings fantasy baseball contests.

"Rules violations — large and small, intentional and unintentional, technical and game-changing — are a never-ending source of sports television, talk radio, web and elevator commentary by sports pundits and fans alike," MLB said Friday in papers submitted to U.S. District Judge Jed Rakoff. "And fans' general awareness of the potential for infractions is underscored in this case by the fact that clubs were publicly disciplined for electronic sign-stealing violations during the 2017 regular season."

In its papers, MLB cited a 2010 opinion by Judge Robert Cowen for a 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel that upheld the dismissal of a suit by a Jets season ticket-holder against the NFL, Patriots coach Bill Belichick and the Patriots over the Spygate scandal.

Extra innings: Gerrit Cole struck out two and walked one over a hitless inning in his spring debut for the Yankees against the Pirates in Tampa, Fla. Cole signed a nine-year, \$324 million contract as a free agent after going 20-5 with a 2.50 ERA and 326 strikeouts last season for the Astros. ... Rangers rookie LHP Brock Burke will miss the upcoming season because of a torn labrum. Burke, 23, made his big league debut with the Rangers in August when he threw six scoreless innings against the Angels. He went 0-2 with a 7.43 ERA in six starts after allowing at least six runs in each of his last three appearances.



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

The Astros' Jose Altuve heads to first after getting hit on the foot by a pitch.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Robin Lehner had 16 wins in 33 games, including 31 starts, for the Blackhawks this season.

Blackhawks

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with the Golden Knights for Lehner along with goaltender Malcolm Subban — the 26-year-old younger brother of former Norris Trophy-winning Devils defenseman P.K. Subban — and a second-round draft pick.

The Hawks also will get the earlier of the Flames' two third-round picks for Gustafsson.

The Hawks traded away their 2020 second-rounder for Andrew Shaw, but after Monday's deals, they have four picks in the first three rounds.

"It was important for us in particular to get in the second round, and we were able to get another third-round pick," Bowman said. "Having four picks in the top three rounds is very important. That's where you're going to get the majority of your NHL players."

Lehner, who signed a one-year, \$5 million contract with the Hawks in July, thanked Chicago on Twitter.

"What a great city," he tweeted. "Fans were unbelievable and I'm not going to forget the short time there. I believe in this team and still do."

Bowman declined to comment on how close the Hawks came to an extension with Lehner, 28. The cap-challenged Hawks would have needed to shed several million in salary to be able to re-sign Lehner, who could command up to \$8 million per year as an unrestricted free agent, according to some projections.

As far as finding a market for Lehner, Bowman intimated that most teams were looking for long-term options at goalie, while many of the top playoff contenders "have comfort with their goaltending."

"When you start to dive a little deeper into team needs and how they want to spend their assets, you realize it's a different situation than a forward or a defenseman," Bowman said.

So he opted to get what he could for Lehner, who had a 3.01 goals-against average and .918 save percentage in 33 games (31 starts) while splitting starting duties with Corey Crawford.

While re-signing Lehner would have been a challenge, the fact the Hawks negotiated with him on a long-term deal showed it could have gone either way. Gustafsson was a different situation.

It seemed a foregone conclusion for weeks that the Hawks would trade away the 27-year-old, whose age and reasonable salary — plus the hot market that emerged for defensemen — made him an attractive target. He was scratched the last two games to avoid exposing him to injury.

The offensive-minded Gustafsson's numbers have dipped this season — six goals and 20 assists in 59 games after totaling 17 goals and 43 assists last season — and the Hawks are grooming other young defensemen such as Adam Boqvist.

Bowman said because of Lehner's and Gustafsson's impending free-agent status, "the goal was to get asset value return from them." After the trade deadline, he said, "their value drops dramatically."

Subban has played in 65 games with 60

starts over the last five seasons for the Bruins and Golden Knights. He looks to be a work in progress with a 3.18 GAA and .890 save percentage this season and ranks 58th with a minus-10.44 goals saved above average (comparing his performance with what a league-average goalie would allow), according to hockey-reference.com.

Subban has an \$850,000 cap hit this season and can become a restricted free agent this summer.

"He's still a young goalie and he's trying to establish himself, not only as a backup but probably pushing to be a starter," said Bowman, who said the goalie situation will have to settle itself over the summer.

Lehner's departure means Crawford inherits the lion's share of starts for the remaining 20 games. Crawford, 35, has a cap hit of \$6 million and might have to accept a less lucrative deal in free agency this summer, whether he stays in Chicago or plays for another team.

The Hawks also have goalies Collin Delia, Kevin Lankinen and Matt Tomkins in the system.

"In terms of Lankinen and Delia, they've both had tremendous seasons," Bowman said. "Kevin was an All-Star in the American (Hockey) League. Collin started slower, but he's been outstanding the last couple of months, back to his level certainly from last year. They're two really confident goalies who are pushing to be NHL-caliber."

Demin, from Cypress, Calif., was a fourth-round pick by the Golden Knights in 2018. Currently a sophomore at Denver, he came up through the Ducks junior hockey system and also played for the Wenatchee Wild and USA Hockey national team development program.

He was ranked 40th among North American skaters in the 2018 draft prospect rankings, and Bob Lowes, the Golden Knights assistant director of player personnel, told the Los Angeles Times in 2018 that Demin is "a high-end skater" who can "get some separation."

"We like his all-around game," Bowman said. "We've had the ability to watch him quite a bit at Denver."

The Hawks also traded forward prospect Nathan Noel, 22, to the Flyers for defenseman T.J. Brennan, who will report to Rockford. Brennan, 30, had a goal and seven assists in 28 games for the AHL's Lehigh Valley Phantoms.

Brennan previously played for the Ice-Hogs in 2014-15, when he had nine goals and 27 assists in 54 games. He was a 2007 second-round pick by the Sabres.

Noel, a Hawks fourth-round pick in 2016, had six goals and 11 assists with the ECHL's Indy Fuel and made eight appearances with Rockford this season.

In the end, the Hawks had a decision to make: try to work some salary-cap magic in hopes of cobbling together a Stanley Cup contender or plan for the future. Bowman chose the latter, which didn't require a complete teardown of the roster.

He didn't get the compensation some observers felt he could've, but he was satisfied.

"There's no question we're positioned better down the road," he said. "When you trade players away, it hurts you in the present. That's the hard part of this business, but that's the way this business works."

FIRE

Gimenez, other new players may miss opener

BY JEREMY MIKULA

With the season opener less than a week away, the Chicago Fire on Monday rounded out the majority of their roster by signing midfielder Gaston Gimenez as their third and final designated player.

When the Fire will be able to use Gimenez or any of their other recent international signings — young designated player Ignacio Aliseda, defender Boris Sekulic and attacking midfielder Luka Stojanovic — remains to be seen.

Gimenez, 28, was signed from Club Atletico Velez Sarsfield in Argentina and is under contract through 2021 with a club option for 2022.

"We are thrilled to acquire a player with the quality of Gaston Gimenez," Fire coach Raphael Wicky said in a statement. "Gaston has a great left foot and is very gifted in the technical and physical aspects of the game. In addition, his humility and desire to always give his best for the team will fit in very well with the culture that we are establishing."

Terms of the deal were not announced, but Gimenez won't join the Fire until

completion of a physical and receipt of his International Transfer Certificate and P1 visa.

The same applies to Aliseda, Sekulic and Stojanovic, none of whom were able to join the Fire before the end of the preseason schedule Saturday.

That could lead to a selection headache for Wicky's first match if none is available for Sunday's opener on the road against the Seattle Sounders, the defending Major League Soccer champions.

Gimenez, who has played more than 225 matches in his native Argentina, plays a position of need for the Fire as a holding midfielder, while Aliseda brings a combination of pace and trickery to the attack. Sekulic is a much-needed right back for the Fire, who have deployed midfielder Brandt Bronico out of position for the bulk of their exhibitions.

Some of the Fire's other new acquisitions should be available Sunday. Designated player Robert Beric has been with the team the majority of the preseason, and midfielder Alvaro Medran, who was signed under previous management after last season, has been with the team since October.

NBA

Memorial pays tribute to Bryant

Family, NBA legends honor late Lakers great, daughter

BY GREG BEACHAM

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant's wife remembered him as a devoted father and husband who arrived early for school pickups and wrote heartfelt cards and letters.

Rob Pelinka, Bryant's longtime agent and closest friend, recalled getting a text from the NBA superstar moments before he was killed last month in a helicopter crash. The message asked for help in securing an internship for another friend's daughter.

Michael Jordan called Bryant "a little brother" and said when he died, "a piece of me died."

Bryant's athletic achievements were only part of the reason that 20,000 Lakers fans gathered Monday for a public memorial service at Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles. The event offered another chance to honor Bryant, his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, and the other seven victims of the crash with tears, memories and laughs.

Los Angeles already knew that Bryant was much more than a basketball player. His friends and family told the world.

"I couldn't see him as a celebrity, nor just an incredible player," Vanessa Bryant said. "He was my sweet husband and the beautiful father of my children. He was mine. He was my everything."

The ceremony included musical numbers by Beyonce, Alicia Keys and Christina Aguilera. The event concluded with a screening of "Dear Basketball," Bryant's Academy Award-winning short film about his retirement from the Lakers in 2016.

Fans, many wearing Bryant's jersey or team colors, filled the seats at the downtown arena where Bryant played for the final 17 seasons of a two-decade NBA career spent entirely with Los Angeles' most popular sports franchise.

The mourners included Lakers legends Jerry West, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Magic Johnson. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver joined Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal, Pau Gasol, Phil Jackson and dozens of current NBA players. Celebrities such as Kanye West, Kim Kardashian, Jennifer Lopez and Alex Rodriguez also attended.

After Jimmy Kimmel welcomed the crowd, Vanessa Bryant provided a poignant window into the family's life with Gianna and her three sisters — Natalia, Bianka and Capri.

"God knew they couldn't be on this Earth without each other," said Vanessa Bryant, who had been with Kobe since 1999. "He had to bring them home to have them together. Babe, you take care of our Gigi. And I got Nati, Bibi and Coco. We're still the best team."

Vanessa Bryant was followed on the podium by basketball stars Diana Taurasi and Sabrina Ionescu and University of Connecticut women's coach Geno Auriemma. Kobe Bryant was a passionate advocate for women's basketball, and Gigi Bryant was a promising young player who aspired to play at UConn.

Jordan, whose career was wrapping up as Bryant's was starting in the late 1990s, praised Bryant as "one of my dear friends. He was like a little brother. ... As I got to know him, I wanted to be the best big brother that I could be."

O'Neal and Bryant joined the Lakers together in 1996 and won three consecutive championships during eight tumultuous seasons. Although their relationship was often rocky in public, O'Neal said the two were always friendly in private, even comparing their dynamic to John Lennon and Paul McCartney.

Calling Bryant "a loyal friend and a true Renaissance man," O'Neal said the pair "pushed each other to play some of the greatest basketball of all time."

■ Vanessa Bryant sued the owner and operator of the helicopter.

The wrongful death lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court said the pilot was careless and negligent by flying in cloudy conditions Jan. 26 and should have aborted the flight that killed all nine people aboard.

The lawsuit names Island Express Helicopters Inc., operator of the service, and Island Express Holding Corp., owner of the craft. It also targets pilot Ara Zobayan's representative or successor, listed only as "Doe 1" until a name can be determined.



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Vanessa Bryant speaks about her late husband, Kobe, and daughter Gigi.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	42	15	.737	—
Boston	39	17	.696	2½
Philadelphia	36	22	.621	6½
Brooklyn	26	30	.464	15½
New York	17	40	.298	25
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	36	21	.632	—
Orlando	25	32	.439	11
Washington	20	36	.357	15½
Charlotte	19	37	.339	16½
Atlanta	17	42	.288	20
CENTRAL				
x-Milwaukee	49	8	.860	—
Indiana	33	24	.579	16
Chicago	20	38	.345	29½
Detroit	19	40	.322	31
Cleveland	16	41	.281	33

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	37	20	.649	—
Dallas	35	23	.603	2½
Memphis	28	29	.491	9
New Orleans	25	32	.439	12
San Antonio	24	32	.429	12½
NORTHWEST				
Denver	39	18	.684	—
Utah	36	21	.632	3
Oklahoma City	35	22	.614	4
Portland	26	32	.448	13½
Minnesota	16	40	.286	22
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	43	12	.782	—
L.A. Clippers	38	19	.667	6
Sacramento	23	33	.411	20½
Phoenix	24	34	.414	20½
Golden State	12	45	.211	32

x-clinched playoff spot
MONDAY'S RESULTS
 Philadelphia 129, Atlanta 112
 Orlando 115, Brooklyn 113
 Milwaukee 137, Washington 134 (OT)
 Cleveland 125, Miami 119 (OT)
 Houston 123, New York 112
 Dallas 139, Minnesota 123
 Phoenix 131, Utah 111
 L.A. Clippers 124, Memphis 97
TUESDAY'S GAMES
 Charlotte at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Detroit at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Boston at Portland, 10 p.m.
 New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, 10 p.m.
 Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

BUCKS 137, WIZARDS 134 (OT)

MILWAUKEE: G.Antetokounmpo 8-12 6-8 2, Middleton 15-28 8-8 40, R.Lopez 4-5 0-0 11, Bledsoe 7-11 5-6 23, Matthews 3-6 1-3 10, Brown 0-1 0-0 0, Connaughton 1-2 0-0 3, Ilyasova 1-2 0-0 2, M.Williams 0-2 0-0 0, DiVincenzo 4-5 2-2 12, Hill 6-12 0-0 14. Totals 49-86 22-27 137.
WASHINGTON: Bonga 0-2 0-0 0, Hachimura 4-12 3-4 12, Mahinmi 4-6 2-5 10, Beal 19-33 9-10 55, Smith 5-11 1-1 13, Wagner 1-3 6-8 8, Brown Jr. 2-9 0-4 0, Napier 10-17 4-5 27, Robinson 2-5 0-0 5. Totals 47-98 25-33 134.
Milwaukee 30 27 38 28 14 —137
Washington 25 22 35 41 11 —134
3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 17-37 (Bledsoe 4-6, R.Lopez 3-4, Matthews 3-5, DiVincenzo 2-3, Hill 2-6, Middleton 2-8, Connaughton 1-2, M.Williams 0-2), Washington 15-35 (Beal 8-13, Napier 3-7, Smith 2-3, Hachimura 1-2, Robinson 1-2, Mahinmi 0-2, Brown Jr. 0-5). **Fouled Out—**Milwaukee 1 (G.Antetokounmpo), Washington 1 (Wagner). **Rebounds—**Milwaukee 45 (G.Antetokounmpo 14), Washington 41 (Wagner 10). **Assists—**Milwaukee 26 (Bledsoe 10), Washington 27 (Napier, Smith 7). **Fouls—**Milwaukee 28, Washington 27. **A—**16,580

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

SCORING	FG	FT	PTS	PPG
Harden, Hou	536	552	1867	35.2
Antetokounmpo, Mil	554	319	1502	30.0
Young, Atl	481	412	1558	30.0
Beal, Was	483	330	1419	29.6
Lillard, Por	507	368	1594	29.5
Doncic, Dal	428	315	1304	29.0
Leonard, LAC	408	263	1172	27.3
Westbrook, Hou	497	238	1278	27.2
Davis, LAL	446	339	1285	26.8
Booker, Phx	480	357	1424	26.4
LaVine, Chi	29	27	66	194
James, LAL	507	207	1335	25.2
Ingram, NO	411	257	1202	24.5
Mitchell, Utah	494	211	1331	24.2

through Sunday

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	6	66	194 195
Ottawa	21	30	12	54	167 216
Detroit	15	45	4	34	130 240
METRO.					
Washington	38	18	6	82	218 190
Pittsburgh	37	18	6	80	201 168
Philadelphia	35	20	7	77	206 183
N.Y. Islanders	35	20	6	76	176 164
Columbus	31	19	7	76	166 166
Carolina	35	22	4	74	201 172
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
Winnipeg	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					
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

MONDAY'S RESULT

Columbus 4, Ottawa 3 (OT)

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Calgary at Boston, 6 p.m.
 Dallas at Carolina, 6 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 6 p.m.
 San Jose at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
 Toronto at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
 Vancouver at Montreal, 6 p.m.
 Winnipeg at Washington, 6 p.m.
 New Jersey at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
 Columbus at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 Ottawa at Nashville, 7 p.m.
 Florida at Arizona, 8 p.m.
 Edmonton at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

BLUE JACKETS 4, SENATORS 3 (OT)

Ottawa	1	1	1	0-3
Columbus	1	1	1	1-4

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Columbus, Foligno 8 (Nyquist, Dubois), 4:10, 2, Ottawa, Brown 12 (Tierney, Jaros), 10:48.
SECOND PERIOD: 3, Ottawa, Brown 13 (Anisimov, Reilly), 9:55 (pp.), 4, Columbus, Foligno 9 (Gavrikov, Jenner), 12:32.
Penalties: Foligno, CBJ (Interference), 9:46; Ottawa bench, served by Tkachuk (Too Many Men on the Ice), 19:46.
THIRD PERIOD: 5, Ottawa, White 6 (Peca, Hawryluk), 9:16, 6, Columbus, Matteau 2 (Stenlund, Harrington), 9:45.
OVERTIME: 7, Columbus, Bemstrom 7 (Jenner, Werenski), 4:35.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Ottawa 11-13-8-1—33, Columbus 15-17-5-45.
POWER PLAYS: Ottawa 1 of 1; Columbus 0 of 1.
GOALIES: Ottawa, Hogberg 3-7-8 (45 shots-41 saves). Columbus, Korpisalo 18-10-4 (15-14), Columbus, Merzlikins 12-9-8 (18-16), A: 17,518 (18,500), T: 2,411.
Referees: Eric Furlatt, Pierre Lambert.
Linesmen: Brian Mach, Jesse Marquis.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. Kansas (25-3) beat Oklahoma State 83-58. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
2. Baylor (24-2) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas St. Tuesday.
3. Gonzaga (27-2) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego, Thursday.
4. Dayton (25-2) did not play. Next: at George Mason, Tuesday.
5. San Diego State (26-1) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado State, Tuesday.
6. Florida State (24-4) beat No. 11 Louisville 82-67. Next: at Clemson, Sat.
7. Duke (23-4) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Tuesday.
8. Kentucky (22-5) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Tuesday.
9. Maryland (22-5) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Wednesday.
10. Creighton (22-6) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Sunday.
11. Louisville (23-6) lost to No. 6 Florida St. 82-67. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Sun.
12. Villanova (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Wednesday.
13. Seton Hall (20-7) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Saturday.
14. Oregon (21-7) did not play. Next: at Oregon State, Thursday.
15. Auburn (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi, Tuesday.
16. Penn State (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Wednesday.
17. BYU (23-7) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Saturday.
18. Iowa (19-8) did not play. Next: at No. 24 Michigan State, Tuesday.
19. Michigan (18-9) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Thursday.
20. West Virginia (19-9) lost to Texas 67-57. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Saturday.
21. Colorado (21-7) did not play. Next: at California, Thursday.
22. Texas Tech (18-9) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Tuesday.
23. Ohio State (18-9) did not play. Next: at Nebraska, Thursday.
24. Michigan State (18-9) did not play. Next: vs. No.18 Iowa, Tuesday.
25. Houston (21-7) did not play. Next vs. Cincinnati, Sunday.

MONDAY'S SCORES

EAST			
Morgan St.	90,	Delaware St.	80
SOUTH			
Bethune-Cookman	78,	Norfolk St.	55
Florida A&M	62,	SC State	56
NC A&T	83,	Md.-Eastern Shore	62
NC Central	80,	Howard	65
Southern U.	64,	Alabama A&M	37
MIDWEST			
Illinois	71,	Nebraska	59
MEN'S AP TOP 25			
RK.	SCHOOL	W-L	PTS LW
1.	Kansas (62)	24-3	1,598 3
2.	Baylor (2)	24-2	1,532 1
3.	Gonzaga	27-2	1,442 2
4.	Dayton	25-2	1,413 5
5.	San Diego State	26-1	1,287 4
6.	Florida State	23-4	1,247 8
7.	Duke	23-4	1,186 6
8.	Kentucky	22-5	1,130 10
9.	Maryland	22-5	1,124 9
10.	Creighton	22-6	986 15
11.	Louisville	23-5	966 11
12.	Villanova	21-6	928 12
13.	Seton Hall	20-7	842 16
14.	Oregon	21-7	653 14
15.	Auburn	23-4	643 13
16.	Penn State	20-7	618 9
17.	BYU	23-7	598 23
18.	Iowa	19-8	489 20
19.	Michigan	18-9	329 -
20.	West Virginia	19-8	313 17
21.	Colorado	21-7	291 18
22.	Texas Tech	18-9	226 -
23.	Ohio State	18-9	210 25
24.	Michigan State	18-9	160 -
25.	Houston	21-7	102 22

Others: Arizona St.95, Illinois 82, Arizona 71, Butler 51, Virginia 50, Marquette 41, Stephen F Austin 29, LSU 24, ETSU 13, Utah St. 9, Florida 8, Wisconsin 7, New Mexico St. 2, N Iowa 2, Liberty 2, UCLA 1.

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. South Carolina (17-2) did not play. Next: at Florida, Thursday.
2. Baylor (26-1) beat West Virginia 64-39. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
3. Oregon (26-2) beat No. 4 Stanford 74-66. Next: vs. Washington St., Friday.
4. Stanford (24-4) lost to No. 3 Oregon 74-66. Next: at No. 13 Arizona, Friday.
5. Louisville (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Thursday.
6. UConn (23-3) did not play. Next: at Cincinnati, Wednesday.
7. Maryland (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Tuesday.
8. NC State (23-4) lost to Duke 70-65. Next: vs. Syracuse, Thursday.
9. UCLA (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Friday.
10. Mississippi State (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Thursday.
11. Gonzaga (27-2) did not play. Next: at Portland, Saturday.
12. Texas A&M (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Thursday.
13. Arizona (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Stanford, Friday.
14. Northwestern (24-3) did not play. Next: at Ohio St., Tuesday.
15. Kentucky (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Thursday.
16. DePaul (25-4) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Sunday.
17. Oregon State (20-8) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Friday.
18. Iowa (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Thursday.
19. Florida State (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Thursday.
20. South Dakota (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Dakota, Saturday.
21. Missouri State (23-3) did not play. Next: at Illinois State, Thursday.
22. Indiana (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Thursday.
23. Princeton (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. Penn., Tuesday.
24. Arizona State (19-9) did not play. Next: vs. California, Friday.
25. TCU (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Wednesday.

MONDAY'S SCORES

EAST

Baylor 64, W. Virginia 39
 Canisius 78, Niagara 56
 Marist 75, Fairfield 45
 Stetson 68, NJIT 49

SOUTH

Alabama A&M 59, S. U. 57
 Alabama St. 95, Alcorn St. 70
 Bethune-Cookman 68, Norfolk St. 62
 Duke 70, NC St. 65
 Florida A&M 57, SC St. 45
 Jacksonville 76, Lipscomb 53
 Liberty 76, N. Florida 54
 Morgan St. 61, Delaware St. 41
 NC A&T 72, Md.-E. Shore 57
 NC Cent. 89, Howard 71
 N. Alabama 71, Kennesaw St. 54
 Prairie View 89, MVSU 72

SOUTHWEST

Texas S. 77, Ark.-Pine Bluff 46

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25

RK.	SCHOOL	W-L	Pts LW
1.	South Carolina (27)	27-1	747 1
2.	Baylor (2)	25-1	713 2
3.	Oregon (1)	25-2	700 3
4.	Stanford	24-3	635 4
5.	Louisville	25-3	624 5
6.	UConn	23-3	605 6
7.	Maryland	23-4	587 7
8.	NC State	23-3	523 10
9.	UCLA	23-4	493 8
10.	Mississippi State	23-5	447 9
11.	Gonzaga	27-2	415 13
12.	Texas A&M	22-5	387 16
13.	Arizona	22-5	379 11
14.	Northwestern	24-3	347 18
15.	Kentucky	20-7	336 14
16.	DePaul	25-4	324 12
17.	Oregon State	20-8	272 15
18.	Iowa	22-5	260 19
19.	Florida State	21-6	198 17
20.	South Dakota	26-2	192 20
21.	Missouri State	23-3	165 23
22.	Indiana	21-7	127 24

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TUESDAY, FEB. 25

NORMAL HIGH: 39°

NORMAL LOW: 23°

RECORD HIGH: 72° (2000)

RECORD LOW: -9° (1900)

Winter storm to bring snow, wind across area

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 36 | **LOW** 30

■ **Winter storm watch: Tuesday afternoon/evening to 6 PM Wed.**

■ Cloudy. Occasional rain, snow may be ongoing to start the day. Temps hover in the low-mid 30s early.

■ NE winds to 20-30 mph.

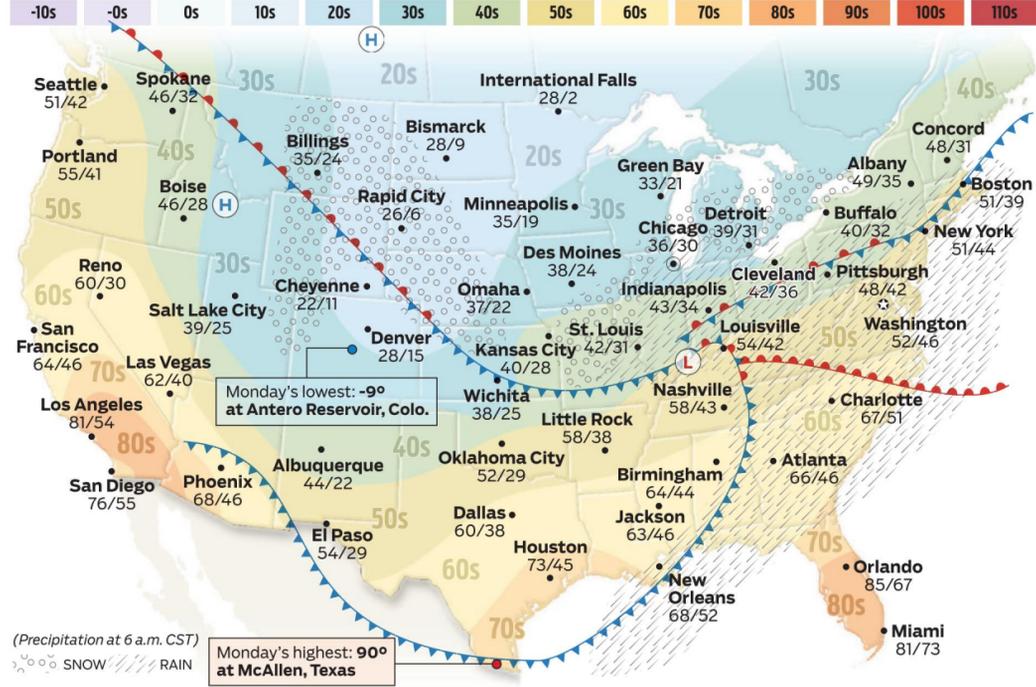
■ Precip to steadier wet snow from NW to SE as temps gradually slip to the low 30s by evening.

■ Accumulations of about 2 inches N and W to slush SE by evening.

■ Snow, moderate to heavy. Several inches overnight. Blowing snow in open areas as temps drop below freezing.

■ Wed. morning commute may be problematic.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Increasing northeast winds Monday afternoon began to build waves on Lake Michigan, and conditions are forecast to worsen by Tuesday as a winter storm approaches. In response, the National Weather Service has posted lakeshore flood warnings for the Illinois and Indiana shores where waves of 12 feet or more are likely to inundate low-lying areas. In addition to the wind, accumulating snow is expected.

Satellite imagery late Monday showed a disturbance over southern Missouri, spreading rain across much the Midwest. Upstream, a second disturbance over southeast Wyoming was producing heavy snow across the Black Hills. This second system is forecast to impact the area Tuesday night and Wednesday, bringing the potential for heavy snowfall to parts of the metro area.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

HIGH 30 | **LOW** 16

Accumulating snow through midday. Totals in excess of 6 inches likely city and south. Snow diminishes to flurries in the afternoon, followed by gradual clearing. Blustery, colder. NE winds 20-30 mph turn NW.

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

HIGH 24 | **LOW** 8

Rather blustery and quite cold. Passing cloud patches may yield a few flurries. High temps slowly climb to the low-mid 20s. Clearing, cold overnight. NW-W winds 15-25 mph and gusty, diminish at night.

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

HIGH 23 | **LOW** 9

Partly to mostly sunny skies belie another wintry day. Morning temps in the single digits reach highs in the low-mid 20s. NW winds 10-20 mph. Generally clear and cold overnight.

SATURDAY, FEB. 29

HIGH 28 | **LOW** 14

Bright, but cold for the last day of climatological winter, though temps undergo a modest recovery. Highs reach the upper 20s. NW winds 10-20 mph become SW as high pressure passes.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

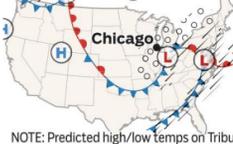
HIGH 37 | **LOW** 32

Temps begin a more robust climb as winds become S and increase to 20-30 mph. Sunshine dominates the day though mid-high level clouds increase late, and at night. Windy, not as cold overnight.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

HIGH 43 | **LOW** 33

Warming trend continues despite thickening clouds. Rain, or showers possible. Daytime readings reach the low-mid 40s. SW winds 10-15 mph shift N at night.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Has Chicago ever recorded significant snow accumulation after the first 80-degree day of the year? Thanks.
John Houck, Lake in the Hills

Dear John,
It certainly has. Just last year the mercury reached 80 degrees on April 22, which was followed by 2.5 inches of snow, five days later, on April 27. Long-time Chicago residents are well aware that an unseasonably warm spring day does not signal the end of winter snowfall. Since 1884, there have been 10 years that recorded March 80s and six of those years produced additional snowfall. In 1910, the city received nearly 7 inches of snow following an 81 on March 27, and in 1974, almost 5 inches of snow fell following the city's earliest 80 on March 3. Only three years, 1895, 1981 and 2017, remained snow free, and in 1945, just a trace of snow was logged.

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Storm to brush area; heaviest snows to fall across NW Indiana

JET STREAM WINDS CAN PLAY A ROLE IN SNOW DEVELOPMENT/INTENSITY

SNOWFALL develops and is enhanced

POCKET OF STRONG JET STREAM WINDS

Moist air is "drawn aloft"

Ground level SNOW

DISTURBANCE EXPECTED TO LAY DOWN A SWATH OF SNOW ACROSS MIDWEST, GREAT LAKES

Area of >60% probability of 4+ inches of snow in the 24 hours ending at 6 PM Wednesday

>60% CHANCE OF 4+ INCHES OF SNOW

Developing low pressure 6PM TUES

Midnight WED

6PM WED

COUNTIES ON ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN LINE IN FOR A DUSTING

Estimated Tuesday night/Wednesday snow accumulations

7" 3" 5"+ 3"

Potential for the region's heaviest SNOWS

"STORM SURGE" effect on lake levels Prolonged "NNE" flow piles water along the shoreline

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

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MIDWEST CITIES

TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	rs	45	33	ss	36	25
Carbondale	rs	39	29	sn	31	17
Champaign	rs	40	29	ss	31	17
Decatur	rs	35	25	ss	32	18
Moline	rs	35	25	ss	32	18
Peoria	rs	35	25	ss	32	18
Quincy	rs	35	25	ss	32	18
Rockford	rs	35	25	ss	32	18
Springfield	rs	35	25	ss	32	18
Stirling	rs	37	26	ss	31	17
Indiana	rs	46	34	sn	37	22
Bloomington	rs	49	37	sn	39	25
Evansville	rs	39	32	sn	34	21
Fort Wayne	rs	43	34	sn	36	20
Indianapolis	rs	40	31	sn	33	17
Lafayette	rs	38	28	sn	31	21
South Bend	rs	38	28	sn	31	21
Wisconsin	rs	33	21	ss	26	10
Green Bay	rs	35	29	ss	31	18
Kenosha	rs	35	29	ss	31	18
La Crosse	rs	35	29	ss	31	18
Madison	rs	32	21	ss	26	12
Milwaukee	rs	36	27	ss	29	16
Wausau	rs	32	15	cl	23	6
Michigan	rs	39	31	sn	33	20
Detroit	rs	41	28	sn	30	14
Grand Rapids	rs	39	31	sn	33	20
Marquette	rs	29	19	ss	22	13
St. Ste. Marie	rs	34	14	ss	27	9
Traverse City	rs	34	22	ss	27	19
Iowa	rs	36	24	pc	30	17
Ames	rs	36	24	pc	30	17
Cedar Rapids	rs	36	24	pc	30	17
Des Moines	rs	38	24	pc	33	18
Dubuque	rs	35	24	ss	30	15
El Paso	rs	54	29	su	42	28

OTHER U.S. CITIES

TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	rs	49	35	sh	45	40
Albuquerque	pc	44	22	su	45	27
Amarillo	pc	43	20	su	45	27
Anchorage	cl	23	17	cl	29	17
Asheville	pc	67	40	sh	56	26
Aspen	cl	19	-1	pc	30	17
Atlanta	sh	66	46	pc	58	31
Atlantic City	sh	48	42	sh	49	42
Austin	pc	65	41	su	55	33
Baltimore	sh	50	46	sh	53	38
Billings	su	35	24	cl	44	30
Birmingham	cl	64	44	sh	50	31
Bismarck	sh	28	9	pc	28	16
Boise	pc	46	28	pc	51	28
Boston	cl	51	39	sh	45	40
Brownsville	sh	81	54	pc	66	42
Buffalo	sh	40	32	rs	39	25
Burlington	sh	40	28	ss	36	24
Charlottesville	sh	67	51	pc	66	35
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Chattanooga	pc	63	44	sh	52	30
Cheyenne	ss	22	11	pc	39	26
Cincinnati	sh	48	38	rs	43	23
Cleveland	sh	42	36	rs	40	25
Colorado Springs	pc	27	10	pc	41	25
Columbia MO	rs	37	29	sh	34	20
Columbia SC	rs	70	56	sh	68	38
Columbus	sh	45	38	rs	44	24
Concord	sh	48	38	sh	42	28
Corpus Christi	pc	19	9	pc	61	40
Dallas	pc	60	38	pc	49	32
Daytona Bch.	rs	79	63	rs	75	46
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Duluth	cl	31	16	cl	23	6
El Paso	pc	54	29	su	42	28

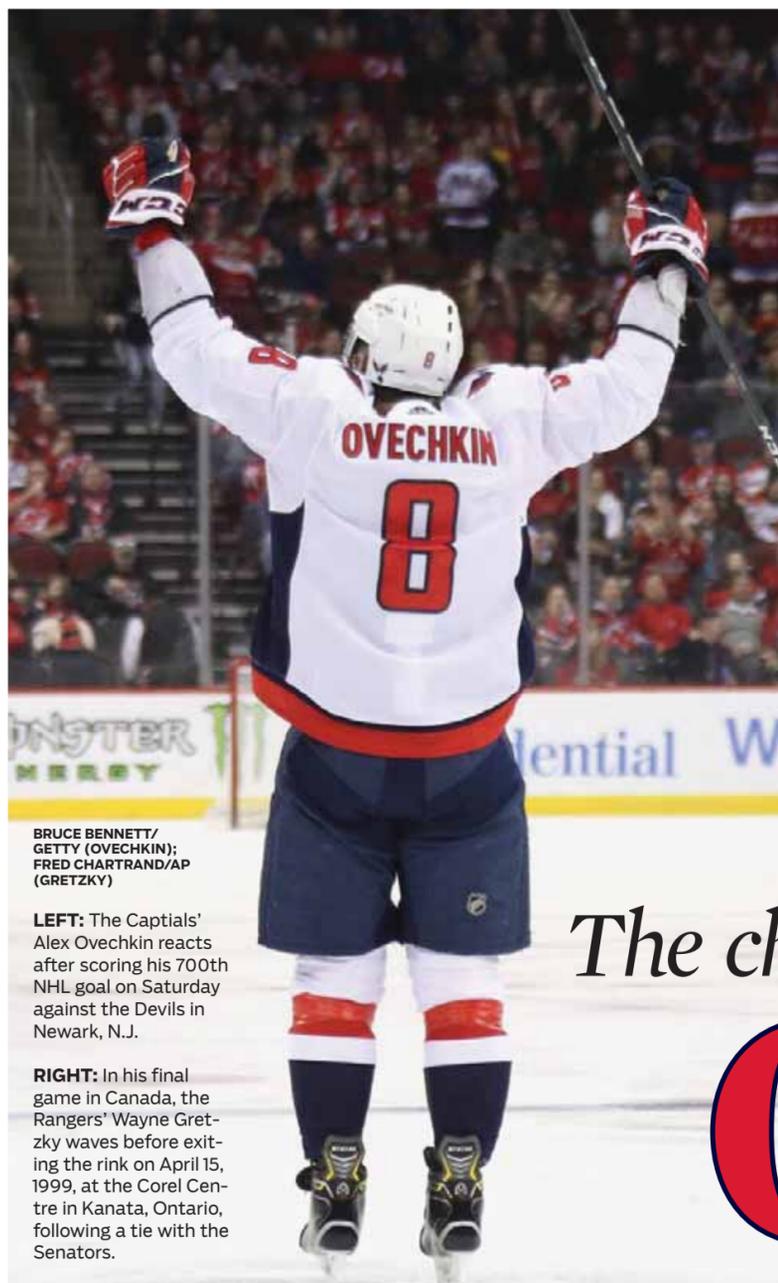
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Fairbanks	su	0	-20	su	3	-16
Fargo	sh	23	0	pc	17	4
Flagstaff	pc	35	17	su	47	20
Fort Myers	pc	83	70	ts	81	57
Fort Smith	cl	55	34	pc	42	25
Fresno	sh	73	47	sh	78	46
Grand Junction	pc	38	15	pc	43	21
Great Falls	rn	49	44	sh	47	29
Harrisburg	rn	49	44	sh	52	36
Hartford	sh	54	37	sh	50	40
Helena	pc	32	22	cl	46	31
Honolulu	su	81	69	pc	81	68
Houston	pc	73	45	pc	56	36
Int'l Falls	sh	28	2	cl	18	-5
Jackson	pc	63	46	cl	49	31
Jacksonville	ts	74	64	sh	74	44
Juneau	rs	36	34	su	40	37
Kansas City	rs	40	28	pc	36	22
Las Vegas	su	62	40	su	63	42
Lexington	sh	53	43	sh	45	24
Lincoln	pc	36	22	pc	37	21
Little Rock	pc	58	38	pc	43	27
Los Angeles	su	81	54	su	80	55
Louisville	sh	54	42	sh	43	25
Louisville	ts	71	51	cl	64	35
Memphis	cl	56	39	sh	42	28
Miami	pc	81	73	ts	83	62
Minneapolis	su	35	19	cl	25	11
Mobile	sh	69	52	pc	62	38
Montgomery	sh	67	48	sh	59	35
Nashville	sh	58	45	sh	48	28
New Orleans	pc	68	52	pc	59	41
New York	rs	51	44	sh	48	44
Norfolk	rn	64	48	sh	44	28
Norfolk	rn	64	48	sh	44	28
Oklahoma City	pc	52	29	pc	45	28
Omaha	pc	37	22	pc	35	21
Orlando	ts	85	67	ts	77	49

WORLD CITIES

TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Palm Beach	pc	84	73	ts	85	61
Palm Springs	su	79	51	su	75	51
Philadelphia	sh	52	44	sh	52	41
Phoenix	su	68	46	su	69	44
Pittsburgh	sh	48	42	rn	52	25
Portland, ME	sh	36	34	cl	40	29
Portland, OR	pc	55	41	pc	58	35
Providence	cl	54	37	sh	48	39
Raleigh	sh	66	54	sh	69	37
Rapid City	ss	26	6	pc	37	22
Reno	pc	60	30	sh	68	54
Richmond	sh	61	46	sh	63	38
Rochester	rs	39	32	rs	40	27
Sacramento	pc	76	43	su	75	43
Salem, Ore.	pc	55	40	pc	58	34
Salt Lake City	su	39	25	pc	47	30
San Antonio	su	71	41	su	57	30
San Diego	su	76	55	pc	76	54
San Francisco	su	64	46	su	66	46

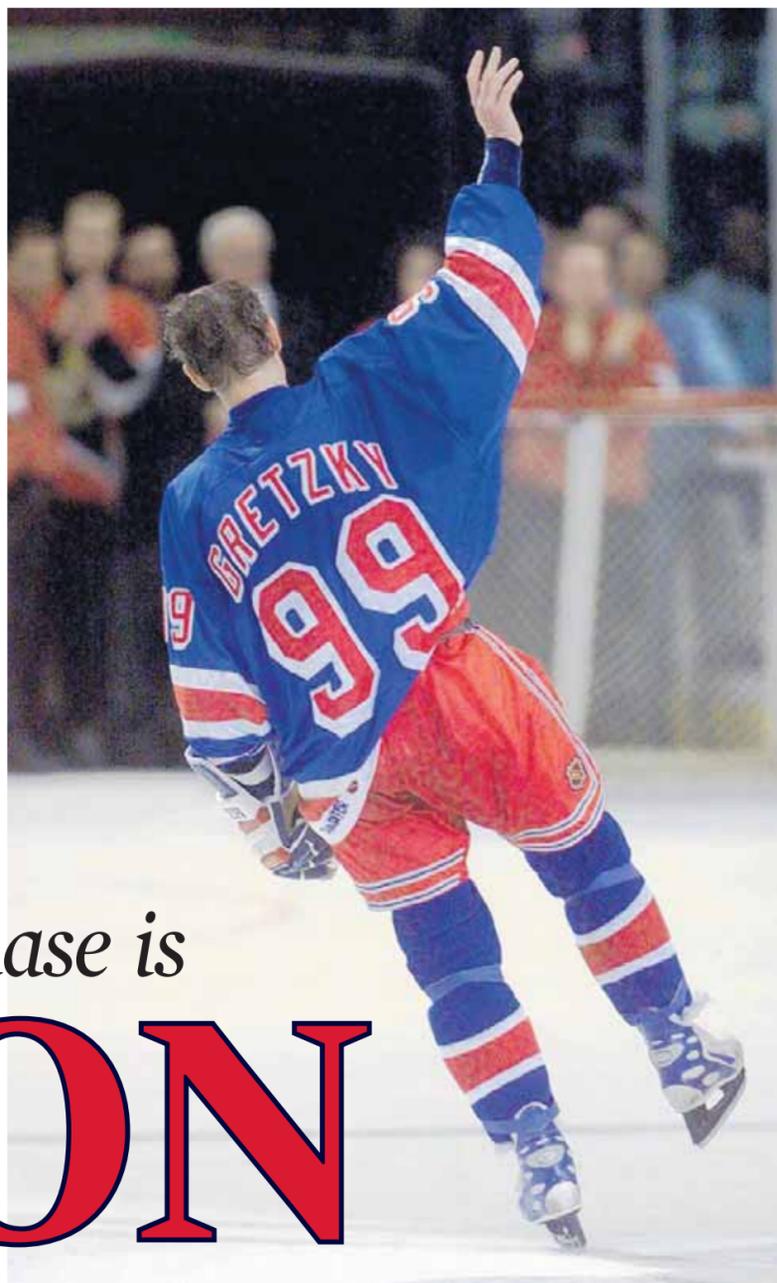
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BRUCE BENNETT/
GETTY (OVECHKIN);
FRED CHARTRAND/AP
(GRETZKY)

LEFT: The Capitals' Alex Ovechkin reacts after scoring his 700th NHL goal on Saturday against the Devils in Newark, N.J.

RIGHT: In his final game in Canada, the Rangers' Wayne Gretzky waves before exiting the rink on April 15, 1999, at the Corel Centre in Kanata, Ontario, following a tie with the Senators.



The chase is

ON

With 700 career goals, 'Alex The Gr8' is a real threat to the all-time record held by 'The Great One'

BY STEPHEN WHYNO | Associated Press

Alex Ovechkin is making the seemingly impossible appear to be not so far-fetched after all.

Wayne Gretzky's 894 career goals has, for decades, loomed as one of hockey's most untouchable records. The "Great One" set the bar so high it appeared out of reach for even the NHL's best scorers.

Ovechkin, on Saturday, became the second-fastest and second-youngest player to reach 700 goals behind only Gretzky. Because he's only 34 and shows no signs of slowing down, belief is growing that Ovechkin can challenge Gretzky's mark.

"Alex is going to score another probably 150 goals, maybe more, before he retires," Hall of Famer and fellow 700 goal-scorer Phil Esposito said. "He's got a chance to catch Wayne. There's no doubt about that."

Gretzky scored his 894 goals in 1,487 games over a 20-year career with the Oilers, Kings, Blues and Rangers. A vast majority of his goals came during the sport's highest-scoring era, and Gretzky reached 40 in a season for the last time at age 30.

Ovechkin is in the midst of his fifth 40-goal season since turning 30. Last season, he became the oldest to win the goal-scoring title since Esposito in 1974-75, and he's on pace for 57 this year.

"I think he'll score 50 until he's 50 years old it seems like," Avalanche forward Nathan MacKinnon said. "I never thought (catching Gretzky) would happen. I hope he can get close."

Ovechkin is under contract through next season and would likely need to play four more seasons to take a legitimate shot at the milestone. Longtime running mate Nicklas Backstrom just signed on for five more years, so it's not impossible to think Ovechkin stays around long term.

Asked what Ovechkin needs to do to approach Gretzky's record, Esposito said: "Stay with the Washington Capitals. Stay with a good team." They'd sure like that.

"He loves to score and continues to bring that to rink every day," Capitals general manager Brian MacLellan said. "I think he's energized by seeing where he can finish in the top 10, and it's kind of fun to watch an older guy keep it going like he has."

Gretzky recently told NHL.com he's rooting for Ovechkin to break his record, with staying healthy and playing on a good team the two necessary ingredients. Ovechkin has been one of the most durable players in hockey during his career, and the Capitals could extend their run of contending for several more years.

"The guy's missed 17 games in 15 years due to injury — that's freaking incredible," former player and executive-turned NHL Network analyst Brian Lawton said. "They have a quality team that has staying power. He's going to get three or four more years of being on an elite team."

Backstrom, center Evgeny Kuznetsov and defenseman John Carlson are all signed long term after winning the Stanley Cup with Ovechkin in 2018. Wrapping up his playing days back home in Russia could be alluring to Ovechkin, so it's unclear how many more years he wants to remain in the NHL.



PATRICK SMITH/GETTY (SCOREBOARD)/AP (GRETZKY)

TOP: The scoreboard at Capital One Arena in Washington, D.C., congratulates Alex Ovechkin on Sunday for reaching 700 career goals the previous day. **BOTTOM:** Wayne Gretzky playing for the Oilers in January 1984. He still holds single-season records for goals (92) and points (212) set in the 1981-82 season.

"It just depends on how long he wants to play," said Jets goaltender Connor Hellebuyck, who allowed Ovechkin's 600th goal. "You know he's going to put up

anywhere from 40 to 50 goals a year, and he's going to be dangerous no matter what his age is or what his team's like. You know he's got a phenomenal team around him,

and you know he's just going to continue to beat goalies."

Ovechkin wasn't always scoring at this pace. At the low point of his career, he scored 32 goals in 2010-11 and 38 in 2011-12 before Washington bowed out in the second round of the playoffs.

An elite NHL goal-scorer's prime usually ends in his mid-20s, and doubt crept in that the same would happen to Ovechkin. Not so fast.

"I think everyone halfway through his career would've said, no, he's going to tail off at some point," Flames captain Mark Giordano said. "But he hasn't stopped, so he has a chance."

Two-time NHL leading scorer Connor McDavid grew up watching Ovechkin play plenty against his idol, Sidney Crosby of the Penguins, and has been impressed with the consistency of the goals piling up.

"He just seems ageless and just keeps on scoring goals," McDavid said. "I don't see any reason he can't keep doing that."

The desire is still there. Veteran coach Todd McLellan enjoys watching Ovechkin's excitement for scoring goals — except against his own team — and because of that is hoping he cracks 894.

"It's great for our game to see him," McLellan said. "As long as that excitement stays there, he's still going to have the skill and the shot. He's going to have a great team around him. I think he can do it."

Lawton has run the numbers and can't imagine Ovechkin not breaking Gretzky's record. He's conservatively predicting a 55-goal season, which would mean Ovechkin at his career rate needs to play roughly 300 more games to get close.

"Alex is in a completely different position (than Gretzky)," Lawton said. "Back then, players, we didn't know and understand as much about nutrition and training as we do today. ... Overall, looking in the future, I just don't see there's any way how he doesn't break it."

The Bruins' David Pastrnak, who is currently neck-and-neck with Ovechkin and the Maple Leafs' Auston Matthews in the goal-scoring race and might one day be the NHL's next 700-goal scorer, "can't really see" Gretzky's record being broken. Pastrnak thinks Ovechkin will join Gretzky and Gordie Howe by surpassing 800, though Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy wonders about the goals beyond that.

"I think health-wise will determine that," Cassidy said. "If he can stay healthy to at least 38, 39, 40, I don't see why he won't at least push up against it."

Ovechkin is already in elite company in the 700 club with Gretzky, Howe, Jaromir Jagr, Brett Hull, Marcel Dionne, Esposito and Mike Gartner. He recently climbed past Mario Lemieux, Steve Yzerman and Mark Messier on the all-time list. Next on the list are Gartner with 708 goals and Esposito with 717.

Yzerman closed a video message for Yzerman to Ovechkin by saying, "If you ever do break Wayne Gretzky's all time record for the most goals in the league, after watching your Stanley Cup celebrations, I want to be invited to your party."

Perhaps Ovechkin would party like it's 2018, and it would possibly be an accomplishment that's never matched again.

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Going over ground rules



PAT SULLIVAN/AP

AJ Hinch, left, and general manager Jeff Luhnow shake hands after Hinch was introduced as the Astros new manager in 2014. Both were fired in January.

Managers, GMs reassess conduct of their teams in wake of Astros' scandal

BY JAMES WAGNER
The New York Times

NORTH PORT, Fla. — As the Twins prepare for this season, Rocco Baldelli, their field manager, and Derek Falvey, their president of baseball operations, have talked with their team about the usual preseason topics, such as expectations and workplace culture.

This year, though, they plan to specifically address one more issue before opening day, on March 26: what the rules of their sport allow and what constitutes cheating during a game.

The reason for doing so is, of course, one of the biggest scandals in sports history: the Astros' illicit sign-stealing, which has tainted their 2017 World Series title. The fallout has cost four people their jobs: General manager Jeff Luhnow and manager A.J. Hinch of the Astros; manager Carlos Beltran of the Mets, who was an Astros player in 2017; and manager Alex Cora of the Red Sox, the Astros' bench coach in 2017.

Perhaps the most controversial aspect of Commissioner Rob Manfred's ruling last month on the scheme was his granting immunity from punishment to Astros players in exchange for their cooperation with Major League Baseball's investigation. That decision has not been popular across the sport — especially among other players, many of whom have made a rare break from union solidarity with harsh comments about their Astros counterparts.

But the guideline for whom to punish was established in a 2017 memorandum about illegal electronic sign-stealing that Manfred sent to teams. It stated that club management, and not players, would be held accountable for any such cheating. As a result, Luhnow and Hinch were suspended for a year by MLB, then quickly fired by the Astros. But Manfred did not discipline Beltran, who later agreed to part ways with the Mets.

Immunity has also been granted to players in the current sign-stealing investigation of Cora's Red Sox, who won the 2018 World Series.

So as rival general managers and managers have watched the fallout from the Astros scandal, they have wrestled with their own roles in policing their teams' conduct and with how to prevent this sort of thing from happening again — as well as how to keep themselves from suffering the same fate as Hinch and Luhnow.

"It's tough," the Twins' Falvey said. "When you have so many people in the organization, people may do some things you're unaware of. Ultimately, I believe, as the leader of the organization, it's my responsibility to create the right environment. Whether you like it or not, when you sign up for this job, it's part of what you sign up for."

Each club's management controls a baseball operations department that can include at least a few hundred employees.



CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY

The Astros won the only World Series title in franchise history after beating the Dodgers in seven games in 2017.

They are spread throughout the United States — at the facilities for spring training, for the regular season of the 30 major league teams and for minor league clubs — plus overseas, such as in the Dominican Republic, where each franchise has a complex.

"Can you really be on top of every little thing?" said Tigers general manager Al Avila.

"It's very hard," he continued. "But that's where people you hire you have to have a certain amount of trust, honesty and understanding of what is expected. And as the general manager, you better have your hand in" everything.

Keeping tabs on cheating has only become more difficult in recent years. New ways to skirt the rules emerged in 2014, when MLB expanded its use of replay review, establishing rooms near each team's dugout with live video feeds to help coaching staffs decide whether to challenge a play. Players were also allowed to visit these rooms during games to consult video of their pitching or hitting. (Any use of technology to decode or relay opponents' signs during a game is prohibited.)

Although concern had been building, the first big public sign that technology was being abused came in 2017, when the Yankees accused the Red Sox of relaying signs from video replay personnel to the dugout via an Apple Watch.

After investigating and fining the Red Sox, MLB admitted that it had become increasingly difficult to monitor the inappropriate use of electronics. The league has since taken steps beyond its 2017 memorandum to curb sign-stealing, including placing an official in the replay room starting with the 2018 postseason and requiring general managers to sign a document stating that their teams were not knowingly cheating.

More changes may be on the way for the 2020 season: MLB and the players' union are negotiating new rules regarding sign-

stealing, including severe limits on access to the replay review room during games.

"We have made it clear to MLB that no issue is off the table, including player discipline," the union's executive director, Tony Clark, said in a recent statement.

One reason that Astros players escaped official punishment was that they had not been notified of MLB's policies in 2017, though some have admitted they believed what they were doing was wrong.

"Luhnow did not forward the memorandum and did not confirm that the players and field staff were in compliance with MLB rules and the memoranda," Manfred wrote in his report on the Astros, which was released last month.

Players said there was some ambiguity in the rules: Do they apply if, for example, a hitter tells his teammates about a catcher's signs he happened to see while legally examining video during a game? Some players also said they weren't explicitly told of the regulations.

"We have meetings about every new rule and everything in spring training," said infielder D.J. LeMahieu, who spent seven years with the Rockies before signing with the Yankees before the 2019 season. "Every possible thing we have a meeting about, and I've never had a meeting about the video room. So I guess there's a lot of gray area."

Among the changes under discussion for this season by MLB and the players' union is a requirement that each team certify that its players had been presented with the regulations.

Avila said he likes to be a regular presence in the clubhouse to keep tabs on everything going on with his team. "At the end of the day, you are the person responsible," he said.

Just being around, though, does not guarantee that managers or general managers see any rule-breaking, let alone stop it. According to Manfred's report and subsequent news media reports, Luhnow failed

to police his own team, while Hinch knew of the cheating schemes but never explicitly told his players to stop it.

"You try to make yourself as aware as possible," Falvey said. "In the cases that have transpired to date, as best I could tell, maybe there were some signs."

Among managers, there is a careful balancing act between being meddlesome and respecting the clubhouse as the players' sanctuary.

"It's important that they police it among themselves, but it is also important that I understand, implement and hold them accountable to policies," said Mike Shildt of the Cardinals, the 2019 National League manager of the year. He added that he had several casual conversations with his players and staff about rules and conduct since the Astros scandal but expected to hold a formal talk before the season began.

Manager Aaron Boone of the Yankees said recently that he did not feel the need to remind his players or staff about the rules because they already understood them. "Hopefully," he said, "our culture is something that handles those kinds of things."

Brian Cashman, the longtime Yankees general manager, said he had often told his employees to operate as if there were no secrets. "If anything is going on that isn't above board, it's going to come out," he said. "That's obviously why the Houston Astros are going through what they're going through."

Brodie Van Wagenen, the Mets' general manager, said his first message to his staff in spring training was a reminder to remain competitive — but within the rules. And if not, he vowed to take immediate action. To Avila, that message isn't necessary.

"After all this, if it ain't clear already, there's something wrong with you, as a person," he said. "Every single person in baseball is aware. And quite frankly, as a group, general managers have resolved to put a stop to it."

IN PERFORMANCE
 'Stick Fly' ★★★

Affluence observed on Martha's Vineyard

Drama thrusts outsider into world of wealthy African Americans

By **CHRIS JONES**

Since at least the middle of the 20th century, wealthy African Americans have vacationed in Oak Bluffs, a historic town on Martha's Vineyard synonymous with the summer homes of the likes of Henry Louis Gates Jr., Spike Lee and Barack and Michelle Obama.

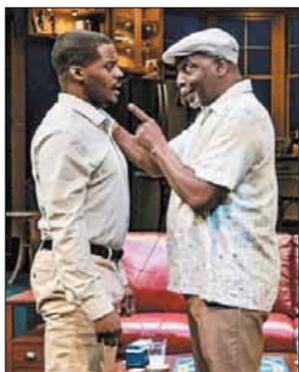
Martha's Vineyard — an idyllic island off the coast of Massachusetts — is the mid-summer setting for Lydia Diamond's "Stick Fly," a closely observed and clearly personal drama about what it's like for an outsider to be thrust into the familial world of African-American affluence, as well as an exploration of the responsibility of that intellectual community to the other side of Oak Bluffs and the Vineyard as a whole — the full-time residents who spend their time caring for those euphemistically named "summer cottages" and the elite denizens thereof.

Although she spent time in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Diamond has very close ties to Chicago and "Stick Fly" has been produced often in Chicago theaters. I've reviewed it several times previously, including productions at the Windy City Playhouse in 2015, and a very early and memorable staging in 2006 from the Congo Square Theatre Company in Chicago, a company then in residence on Chicago's Near West Side.

Back then, I thought the play had big commercial potential and, indeed, the play subsequently was staged on Broadway in 2011.

The world has, of course, spun forward a good deal from then and I confess more interest in what Diamond, long a whopping talent, is doing now, rather than what was on her mind nearly two decades ago, back when she had to conform more to the expectations of the theater at that time. I noticed a few minor adjustments to the script (I think), but the new production at Writers Theatre still treats the play as if it were a contemporary work; I'm not convinced these characters would say all of these things now, at least not entirely in the language they

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MICHAEL BROSILOW

DiMonte Henning and David Alan Anderson in "Stick Fly."



In "The Nation City," Rahm Emanuel perhaps invents a new genre for mayoral tomes.

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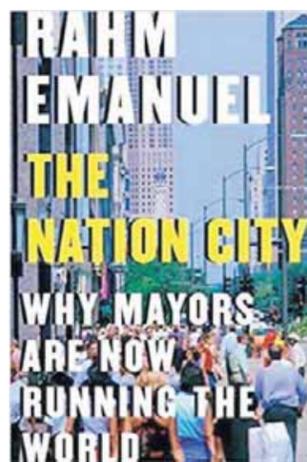
BOOK REVIEW

Emanuel: In politics, mayors matter most

Book makes no small claims, but persuasively argues the importance of the top city official

By **BILL SAVAGE**

Most Chicago political books fall into a few genres, all with borders as sharply drawn as the gerrymandered ward boundaries our aldermen produce after every census and its accompanying lawsuits. Former outsiders who become insiders write exposés of the Machine (Milton Rakove's "We Don't Want Nobody Nobody Sent," or R.J. Nelson's "Dirty Waters: Confessions of Chicago's Last Harbor Boss"). Journalists write biographies of politicians, most often about Mayor Richard J. Daley: Mike Royko's "Boss" or Adam Cohen and Elizabeth Taylor's "American Pharaoh" come first to mind, but dozens of other



'The Nation City'

By Rahm Emanuel, Knopf, 235 pages, \$26.95

lesser-known books have been written to glorify, vilify or even objectively analyze a man still known around here as "The Mayor" (pronounced, by Chicagoans of a certain age, "Da Mare").

But books *by*, rather than *about*, former Chicago mayors are so rare that no genre applies.

So Rahm Emanuel's "The Nation City: Why Mayors Are Now Running the World" can only be compared to Jane Byrne's "My Chicago." In her book, Chicago's first woman mayor wrote an apology of sorts, exploring her personal life, her connections with the first Mayor Daley, and analyzing her administration's successes and failures.

In "The Nation City," Emanuel perhaps invents a new genre for mayoral tomes. He combines the look backward at what happened and what might have been (which can, and will, be picked apart endlessly, starting below) with a forward-looking manifesto that extends

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Houston hologram sounds great, but show is creepy

By **MIKAEL WOOD**
 Los Angeles Times

In a darkened warehouse in North Hollywood, Whitney Houston stood before a small audience, dressed in a fringed orange body suit, and told off an unfaithful lover in her lithe but growly 1999 R&B jam "It's Not Right but It's Okay."

The voice was recognizably that of one of pop music's greatest singers; the costume's fringe swayed in a lifelike manner as the body beneath it moved across a stage. But just when you were thinking about letting yourself buy into the idea that Houston,

who died in 2012, was somehow performing in front of you, she uttered a few words that disrupted the illusion.

For the next part of her act, the superstar entertainer said, she wanted to sing a few songs "from the movies that I did" — not "the movies that I've done," as a living (and still-ambitious) artist would surely have put it. The curious phrasing, with its eerie suggestion of a look back from beyond the grave, suddenly reminded you that who you were watching — what you were watching — was a hologram painstakingly designed years after Houston's shocking death at age 48.

The concert on a recent afternoon was a preview of a splashy touring production set to launch Tuesday in Sheffield, England. Called "An Evening With Whitney," the show — developed by Los Angeles-based Base Hologram in cooperation with the late singer's estate — has the Whitney hologram performing many of Houston's signature hits, including "How Will I Know" and "I Will Always Love You," with live accompaniment from a band and several dancers.

It follows Base productions built around holograms of Buddy

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ERIC JAMISON/AP

Whitney Houston performs at the 2004 World Music Awards in Las Vegas. Eight years after her death, a holographic Houston will embark on a European tour starting Feb. 25, with U.S. dates expected to follow.

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Grammy winner Pharrell, left, and his father, Pharaoh Williams, at the South Beach Wine & Food Festival.

Pharrell cooking up a scene in Miami

MIAMI — Grammy Award-winning singer Pharrell Williams may have been fired from three different McDonald's as a teen, but that didn't stop him from opening what has become one of the hottest restaurants in Miami.

The singer hosted a soul food brunch Saturday with his dad, Pharaoh Williams, a self-taught chef known for his sweet and spicy Nono Sauce, as part of the South Beach Wine & Food Festival. Growing up, family meals were the heart of the Williams home.

"Cooking is a reflection of your parents, the energy, the love," Pharrell said. "Food is a connector and it's a meeting place."

Back home, Pharrell's father was always in the kitchen and so were his grandmothers. Favorite dishes included his dad's chicken and pork and fried catfish with a special sauce that Pharrell says was more savory than spicy.

"His seasoning was what was always so distinctive with my dad's cooking, and both my grandmothers cooked like that," he said.

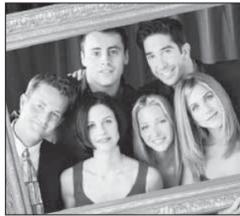
At Saturday's sold-out brunch at the upscale Swan, they served platters of cornmeal-crust catfish with chow chow, juicy BBQ chicken and ribs, cheddar grits and French toast with candied oranges and amaretto whipped cream.

Fellow Grammy winner DJ Khaled, and former "Breaking Bad" co-stars Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul were among the guests savoring the food.

But Pharrell is clear about his role in the restaurant business — he happily stays out of the kitchen.

"I didn't cook then. I don't cook now," he said, laughing, then added: "I love food!"

— Associated Press



NBC

They'll be there for you:

WarnerMedia announced that the entire original "Friends" cast will reunite for an unscripted special that will be available on HBO Max when the new streaming service debuts in May. A reunion has been long-sought by fans of the NBC series, which ended its 236-episode run in 2004. HBO Max will also carry every episode of the sitcom that made Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Matthew Perry, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc and David Schwimmer into household names and won six Emmy Awards. The stars posted Instagram posts of an old publicity photo of all them with the caption, "It's happening."

The animal factor: TV personality and producer Simon Cowell, along with Hachette Children's Group, have announced plans for a new series of books written by Cowell and his 6-year-old son, to be developed on the online platform Tongal. Titled "Wishfits," the series will follow a number of hybrid animals created by the man behind the "Got Talent" and "X Factor" franchises and his son. "To be able to write a series of books with my son Eric has been magical," Cowell said. "Every evening, the two of us would think of the most unlikely animal we would like to have as a pet."

Feb. 25 birthdays: Actor Tom Courtenay is 83. CBS newsman Bob Schieffer is 83. Actress Tea Leoni is 54. Actress Lesley Boone is 52. Actor Sean Astin is 49. Singer Daniel Powter is 49. Comedian Chelsea Handler is 45. Actress Rashida Jones is 44. Actor Justin Berfield is 34. Actress Jameela Jamil is 34.



ASK AMY

BY AMY DICKINSON

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Parents using grandkids as leverage

Dear Amy: Our daughter and son-in-law got mad at us for not giving them some of their inheritance, and now they refuse to acknowledge gifts that we send to the grandkids.

We have sent Christmas and birthday gifts, and they have always, in the past, acknowledged our gifts with a thank-you text.

Now we don't know whether the parents have given our grandchildren the gifts we have sent.

They haven't spoken to us or answered texts in over four months.

Should we continue to send gifts to our grandchildren? They live 300 miles away. The kids are 10 and 12. The adults are in their 40s and have master's degrees. They make good money and live in a \$600,000 home.

— *Generous Grandparents*

Dear Grandparents: If these parents are deliberately punishing you in this way, then they are entitled offspring — and not very good parents.

No one should weaponize the relationship with children to serve an agenda. The parents should not withhold a relationship between you and the kids, and you should not slink back in fear because they haven't texted you.

I suggest that you call your daughter. If she doesn't answer, leave a neutral message: "Hi, just checking in..." If you do speak with her, break the ice with some small talk: How is she doing? Are things OK? Is everybody healthy? How are the kids? Are they nearby? Do they want to say hi?

The message is you consider the inheritance issue closed and are moving on. You gave them an answer they didn't like, and they seem to want to sulk about it. If your daughter does bring it up, then talk things through calmly — without giving in.

They could have fancy degrees and an expensive house, and still be up to their ears in debt. But, it is not your duty to bail them out.

As a parent, your daughter must recognize that surely there are times when her children ask for or expect things she can't or won't provide. Good parents occasionally say no, and you are saying no.

And yes — to answer your direct question, you should continue to send modest gifts and cards to the kids to mark these special days in their lives.

Dear Amy: I met a really charming guy. He is so lovely.

He has five kids with two women (three with one, and two with the other). Doing the math, two of the kids are around six months apart, which means he will have had both women pregnant at the same time.

He says that I am different and that his exes are just crazy.

His most recent ex says that even his family hid the other woman (with two kids and a baby on the way) while she was pregnant. Ex No. 2 felt deceived by him and his whole family. She said that he would invent fights with her and then he would then storm out. Turns out he was going to his ex. My boyfriend says she is

crazy, that all of this is in her head, and he hates her.

I feel so sorry for him for what he has been through. So far, he has treated me like a princess and his family loves me.

Everyone has a past, right? Should I date him?
— *Conflicted*

Dear Conflicted: Knowing what you know about this guy and how he deceives and leaves the women in his life, you can't say you haven't been warned. Here is the famous definition of insanity: "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result."

My own advice to you is to double up on your birth control and insist that he use a condom (to protect yourself from STDs). You should also prepare to be cheated on and then labeled "crazy" down the line.

Dear Amy: I was shocked at your heartless reply to "Frustrated Mom," who wanted her mother to babysit for her one day a week.

Family members should take care of each other!
— *Upset*

Dear Upset: Absolutely. And this particular grandmother was working as a real estate agent and also helping with other grandchildren. One way for "Frustrated Mom" to take care of her family (which includes her mother) would be to respect the older woman's limitations.

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Emanuel

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far beyond Chicago, Cook County or Illinois. Emanuel brags about what he considers his successes and downplays (or ignores) his shortcomings. More importantly, he makes an argument about the future of politics in America and the rest of the "developed" world, which may prove to be true: Mayors matter more than presidents or prime ministers. He writes:

"Mayors run the places that are now the hubs of innovations and ideas, the places that drive the economic, intellectual, and cultural energy of the world. They acknowledge and actively address climate change. They deal with immigration and infrastructure and don't just constantly kick these issues down the road, hoping someone else will figure them out. They grapple with the challenges of education, disparities in wealth, health, housing, terrorism and crime. Cities are globally integrated and diverse. Cities are embracing reality and creating solutions that reflect where matters are headed. Cities are all the things national governments are not. They are the present. They are also the future."

If Daniel Burnham's famed dictum about urban planning were adapted to this book, it would be "Make no little claims." Emanuel's approach has its flaws, but he makes a compelling argument that in our current political situation, local politics and the mayors who run cities large and small do indeed matter more than ever before.

To open with the flaws: The book lacks certain formal apparatus typical of serious writing: there's no index, only a brief "Selected Bibliography," and no sources cited for quotations from other writers. Emanuel also directly quotes other mayors and politicians with whom he spoke; his readers must be generous and assume he took careful notes at the time.



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A view of Chicago on Sept. 4, 2018, hours after Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced he would not seek a third term.

This objection applies only if this book purports to be a work of urban scholarship, which it does not: It's a political polemic, with its bold claim about the local mattering more than the national.

The book begins with, and occasionally returns to, Emanuel's immigrant family history, depicting the colorful character of his maternal grandfather, Herman Smulevitz, aka "the Big Bangah," and his self-made immigrant emphasis on the value of education in America, one which Emanuel claims to wholly embrace.

Such biographical gestures can run into trouble when depicting later policy decisions. Emanuel's chapter on his education reform "accomplishments" is a masterpiece of both self-justification and rhetorical use of the passive voice. He recounts battles with Springfield over funding (especially for prekindergarten programs), and with the teachers union over the length of the school day and year, and with local opposition over plans to close schools. He crows over his triumphs.

But then he writes, "Closing one school, let

alone forty-nine, is never a popular thing to do, and I took some serious flak for it. But in this case we had to. Yes, it potentially stressed the rest of the school system. But these concerns were overridden by the fact that these schools were consistently failing, and the students who attended them were trapped in that failure, with no prospect for improvement." With this, he goes further than can be truly justified, and one wonders what the Big Bangah would think about the people in the sort of economically marginalized neighborhoods he inhabited losing their schools.

Whole books could be (and have been) written arguing the opposite (see Eve L. Ewing's "Ghosts in the Schoolyard" for a thorough refutation of the idea that these schools were "failing" in some objective way, and that the students in them were "trapped" rather than at home in vital spaces).

Perhaps it's just unrealistic to expect any politician to truly depict, much less grapple with, the arguments of defeated opponents or disappointed constituents.

Even for politically savvy Chicago readers, familiar with Emanuel's record and fully opinionated about it one way or another, later sections of the book make a compelling, albeit primarily anecdotal, argument for Emanuel's larger point: "Something was broken in our federal government. It was dysfunctional, and only getting worse with each ensuing year. Because of packed courts, gerrymandering and the influence of special interests, it was also no longer a progressive entity, no longer the deliverer of programs and policies that actually helped the people who needed it. ... (C)ities were the last places where progressive politics existed."

In the main body of the book, Emanuel recounts tales about other mayors, in the United States and around the world, who have taken the lead when their national governments have descended into dysfunctional irrelevance. In the U.S., most of these mayors are Democrats, but Emanuel includes several Republicans facing the same challenges and coming up with similar solutions. Many of these names are familiar, and, ironically,

two are former mayors running to become the irrelevant president: Pete Buttigieg of South Bend, Indiana, and Michael Bloomberg of New York City.

Even acknowledging the probability that Emanuel has cherry-picked his examples, stories of progressive successes in South Bend, Dayton, Oklahoma City, Los Angeles, London, Paris and other cities over the last two decades suggest his larger point has merit: Mayors, because they have to respond in real time to on-the-ground issues rather than promoting an ideological agenda not shared by at least half of the country, must deliver the goods, with or without (mostly without) the Feds. As he puts it (with clunky alliteration typical of his prose) "The opportunities in our cities are facilitated now by our mayors, who run by the only governments left in the world that are immediate, intimate, and impactful."

Another flaw of the book is a missed opportunity, to see beyond city borders below the federal level. To brag, as he does, about luring corporate headquarters from Chicago

suburbs to the city itself ignores the fact that the entire metropolitan region is an economic, transportation, and natural ecosystem in which politicians need to work in synch. From Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Gary, Indiana, we live in a vast metroplex that crosses three state borders and includes a dozen counties and hundreds of municipalities. When these governments compete against one another (for corporate headquarters, or new factories, or what federal funding can be pried out of Capitol Hill), it's a race to the bottom where they replicate the problems of the federal government that Emanuel otherwise persuasively engages with. A middle focus, above the city but below the feds, would have been welcome.

While Emanuel's prose won't win any awards for suppleness or grace, he displays occasional flashes of a self-deprecating sense of humor, one not frequently seen since his good-natured response to Dan Sinker's 2011 campaign season @MayorEmanuel twitter parody (and subsequent book, "The [Expletive] Epic Twitter Quest of @MayorEmanuel"). After two Chicago tourists greet Emanuel while walking along the Seine with Mayor Anne Hidalgo of Paris, he writes that "Hidalgo laughed and joked that I had planted the duo to impress her. I told her that if I'd wanted to impress her, I would have lined up a few dozen people to come say hello. And trust me, that is not beyond me."

Readers may or may not be impressed with everything Emanuel lines up in this book, but it should not be beyond us to see the solid argument he makes about the crucial unifying and energizing role of cities, and their mayors, in an era of national political divisiveness and paralysis.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Godfather of heavy metal isn't going quietly

Ozzy is anything but ordinary in guest-filled album

By A.D. AMOROSI
Variety

Whether as co-founder of Black Sabbath or as a solo artist, Ozzy Osbourne spent his life and art (at least, the nonreality television part) conjuring death, summoning its spirits and welcoming its hold on heaven or hell. You know the drill: His albums were filled with graveyards, devils and bloodlust. At times Ozzy was ferocious, even if the hair metal scene of the '80s made his dread seem garish, and his evil had a comic-book edge as time went on.

The point is, since his first album with Sabbath in 1970, Osbourne has worked death, darkness and demon seeds like a painter would oils. So to see the godfather of heavy metal, at 71, who has had to cancel a tour in the wake of a Parkinson's diagnosis, staring down the chute of the Great Beyond with something that feels like it could be intended as a "goodbye" album is fascinating, even when it isn't dynamic.

In "Ordinary Man," Osbourne's first new solo in nearly 10 years, you get what comes off as an almost Bowie-"Blackstar"-like farewell to friends and fans — albeit with its elegiac tones cranked up to 11, and its lyrics mixing the morose with the blackly humorous. And the dumb. You don't get an Ozzy Osbourne solo album without some goofiness in the lyric department.

More hard rock than rough metal, and more lavishly produced (by Andrew Watt, of Cardi B's "Invasion of Privacy," and Post Malone's "Beerbongs & Bentleys" fame) than Ozzy's sludge-glam sound of his past, "Ordinary Man" is like driving a clown car



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Since the 1970s, Ozzy Osbourne has worked death, darkness and demon seeds like a painter would oils.

through a wake. It's great, fast fun even when it's sad.

Watt, who co-wrote the tracks and played guitar here, as well as produced, brought in a core group of ragers — Guns N' Roses bassist Duff McKagan, and Red Hot Chili Peppers drummer Chad Smith — along with guests such as Malone, Elton John, Charlie Puth and Slash. With most of its tracks recorded in one or two takes (according to Osbourne during a SiriusXM live listening session in Hollywood on Feb. 13), "Ordinary Man" juts out at the listener. Opening with an airy heavenly choir's wails (a sample that floats throughout the song a la the Art of Noise), "Straight to Hell" wastes no time before its narrator

screeches "All right now" as he did back on the Sabbath classic "Sweet Leaf." There's (thankfully) not a lot of Sabbath touchstones here; the gloom gods ended their run several years ago. The only memories being summoned here are pure solo Ozzy, with its riffing guitar sounds curt and cutting.

"Flying higher than a kite tonight/ You took the hit, and now you feel all right," chatters a high-pitched Ozzy with an annoying, spooky cackle behind him and Slash's nimble-fingered solo in the foreground. "Straight to Hell" is a great introductory track, period, filled with more energy and vocal energy hooks than you'd expect from Osbourne so

late in the game.

The same is true of "Scary Little Green Men." Yes, it's got a stupid title and stupider lyrics. But there's drama in its gauzy guitar intro. It's got catchy hook after hook after hook. Ozzy puts in his gutsiest, clearest performance and offers up the album's most memorable bridge with his glowering "How long, how long." And by the time the tune reaches its crescendo of riffing guitars and pounding pianos, "Scary Little Green Men" sounds more like vintage Stooges than an Ozzy outing.

"Goodbye" and "Ordinary Man" are the two most mournful tracks on the album. The first features Osbourne singing "I'm sorry, I'm so sorry, I

gave my life a try" in his most hurt and affecting lower register before an insistently sawing set of cellos and violins. It's a slow and sneering tune that picks up riff energy after the chorus, leaving Ozzy to hammily utter "it's ovahh, it's ovahh/ I'll take my final bow" in a void. Watt has a real way with Hammer Horror drama here.

"Ordinary Man," Osbourne's meditation on fame with singing-playing duet partner Elton John, isn't as handsome or theatrical as "Goodbye." With its "Candle in the Wind"-y opening and corny strings, having both singers rant windily about not wanting to be plain (!) seems like more of a gripe about lousy room service than it does

dying off as a flaming ember. Plus, the melody itself is often reminiscent of Duran Duran's "Ordinary World" ... not a bad thing, even if Simon LeBon and Nick Rhodes wrote it first.

Several tracks on "Ordinary Man" let the Blizzard of Oz down. The chiming, alt-rockish "Today is the End" doesn't end soon enough. Though there's plenty of squealing guitar menace and ascending Valkyrian mountain uplift to his Gothic "All My Life" ballad, its melody goes nowhere. "Under the Graveyard" paints itself as a misery epic, starting with Osbourne in moan mode, singing, "Today I woke up, and I hate myself." But, along with its forgettable melody, Ozzy has found himself in the middle of some self-help therapy metal, by crying that he doesn't want to be his own enemy anymore. In the direst straits of Ozzy's life, at least he wants to live it in a positive, stress-free mode.

Luckily, Osbourne, Watt & Co. tie things together in a neat, energetic bow toward album's end. Along with the aforementioned "Scary Green Men," and "Holy for Tonight" — a strong song and a somber throwback to '70s glam balladry with its high background vocals — there's "It's a Raid." Saving the hardest for last here, Post Malone repays the favor of "Take What You Want" (a "Hollywood's Bleeding" track featuring Ozzy and Travis Scott that also appears on "Ordinary Man" as a bonus cut) and aids Osbourne in a power-drilling, neo-hardcore, metal growlfest with both men at their snottiest. When Ozzy gets in the last word with a haughty, angry "F— you, all," you get the sense that the Blizzard of Oz is not crawling into hell quietly.

With a really good — even at times great — album, Ozzy Osbourne shows off, at the very least, that he'll never be ordinary.

MUSIC REVIEW

'Map of the Soul: 7' charts a path forward for K-pop

By AUGUST BROWN
Los Angeles Times

If there's a digital-age equivalent to camping outside a record store waiting for a new album to drop, it's what BTS fans did overnight: hovering over Spotify or Apple Music, pouring some very strong coffee and waiting for 1 a.m. PST to arrive, so they could finally stream "Map of the Soul: 7" when it landed.

The new album from the biggest K-pop group in the world is a global record biz event like no other, a comprehensive 20-song collection that looks forward, backward and all around the K-pop landscape that RM, Suga, J-Hope, Jin, Jimin, Jungkook and V helped create. It booked more than 4 million presales, easily eclipsing the year-end tally of its predecessor, "Map of the Soul: Persona" (and that's not even counting the streams to come).

There's never been a more surefire Billboard chart-topper in recent pop. To quote their countryman, "Parasite" director Bong Joon Ho, it makes any other event in music seem quaintly "local."

But fortunately, the album is also a fantastic summary of BTS' accomplishments so far, and charts a path forward in a tumultuous but exciting new era for K-pop. It's an album about being in a band, about the relationships that form and get tested in the crucible of insane fame, all set to some of the most genre-invigorating music of their career. If you were hitting "refresh" in the blue glow of your phone all night, BTS has richly rewarded your patience.

Dedicated BTS Army troops will immediately notice that the front quar-



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The new album from BTS is a global record biz event.

ter of this gargantuan album is previously released material from "Persona," the 2019 EP that pivoted the band from their smash hit "Love Yourself" trilogy into this new period.

"Boy With Luv," "Make It Right," "Dionysus" and "Jamais Vu" will be plenty familiar at this point. Maybe there's someone out there hearing them for the first time on this album, but they're likely placed here as context, almost like a map of the territory or a family tree at the beginning of a sprawling novel.

Because what comes next is the darkest, strangest and yet most relevant and ambitious music BTS has made yet. It's partly a hat tip back to their roots as a hip-hop act, Bangtan Boys, but attuned to today's misty, hard-kicking sonics and bolstered by everything they've learned in the intervening years as pop stars.

"UGH!" seethes with paranoia and showcases the best technical rapping of BTS' career — it's closer to drill music than anything casual audiences might associate with K-pop. On "Respect," RM and Suga try their hand at the way yelps of Young Thug and emerge with one of the strongest trap tracks of their lives.

"Black Swan" is foggy and arty and catchy as hell: If "7" has a statement of purpose, it's probably this

cut. It shows the biggest band in the world as attentive students of trippy modern hip-hop, but aware of the meticulousness and skill they bring to it as well.

I'm one of those who needs director Bong's "one-inch barrier" of subtitles to understand what's going on here, but after a few hours with the album and some fevered Google Translate sessions, it's clear the band is trying to do one of the hardest tricks in pop: the road album.

It's a cliché for a band to mine meaning out of the daily trials of being famous and adrift, but that's been BTS' whole mission from the start. Their phenomenal ascent as artists mirrored the K-pop genre's rise in America, and their fans' path into adulthood with all its promise and vague sense of closing doors. "24, feels like I became a grown-up faster than everyone else," Jungkook sings on "My Time." "But is it too fast? There are traces of losses / Don't know what to do, am I living this right?"

As the album drops its landing gear, "We Are Bulletproof: The Eternal" leaves fans feeling the arc of the journey, a piano ballad that insists the BTS Army really is in this together, that the band is figuring out this life thing right along with you. It would be a logical ending point, but then they throw on an old-school big-beat club number "Outro: Ego" and a remix, with a Sia collaboration, of "ON" for good measure.

If you had hit play at exactly 1 a.m. PST, you'd be getting close to 3 a.m. at this point. The sun's up in a couple of hours, but whatever you just went through with "7," rest assured that many millions did it with you.

MUSIC REVIEWS

Tame Impala delivers on beautiful 'The Slow Rush'

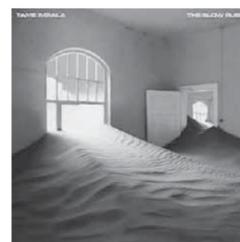
Time can be a comfort or curse. It can heal, but it can also compress, building up a pressure that begs for release.

"The Slow Rush" seems to be just that — a discharge of the creative pressure that was mounting after years of fans questioning, "What will Tame Impala do next?"

The success of the psychedelic rock band's 2015 "Currents" allowed them to become one of the defining rock groups of the last decade. And with this album, they've delivered once again.

"The Slow Rush" can be viewed as an analysis of time, wrapped up in a wall of electronics, synthesizers and funk influence that cushion even the most brazen of questions. Beliefs, grudges, insecurities — how do they transform? How does one press on past the comforts of being lost in yesterday?

The album is not only tied by themes of time, but also an overarching feel that singer, writer and producer Kevin Parker is trying to prove something. Whether he's trying to convince someone else or



'The Slow Rush'

Tame Impala
(Interscope Records)

himself is not always clear.

"Tell everyone I'll be all right," he sings on "On Track." "Because strictly speaking, I'm still on track."

In "Breathe Deeper" this defensive tone is taken once again — "If you think I couldn't hold my own, believe me, I can." These lines are moderated by an upbeat psych-synth sound that masks the melancholy. But song after song the sense of insecurity reappears in the lines sung by Parker.

One of the most brilliant songs on the album is "Posthumous Forgiveness." Parker fully confronts the complexity of coping with

his father's death, cycling through blame, anger, despair and longing over the course of the 6-minute track.

The song is effectively split in two with the first part processing his rage as minor chords on synth are played underneath — "To save all of you, you told us both to trust/ But now I know you only saved yourself"

The song builds, like mounting indignation, only to release. A certain somberness is traded for a more hopeful feel as he recounts moments he wishes he could share with his father — "Wanna tell you about my life/ Wanna play you all my songs."

The attention to detail on "Posthumous Forgiveness" is mirrored throughout "The Slow Rush." Parker's meticulous tendencies pay off, allowing him to create a thoughtful masterpiece.

"One more year," Parker sings on the opening track. And 12 songs, representative of 12 months, later he concludes: "Whatever I've done/ I did it for love."

— Ragan Clark, Associated Press

It's no surprise that for Wild Rabbit Salad, the ingredients are a bit quirky.

"Trouble in Town" includes a cheating song with a cello solo, a happy-hour lament, a tale of haberdashery, two Townes Van Zandt covers and a reference to him elsewhere.

It's as good as it sounds. Houston-based Bucky Goldberg and Marietta Roebuck, a duo professionally and personally, bring to their fourth album a relaxed, charming vibe. Pitch and tempo aren't always steady, but their approach fits the subject matter.



'Trouble in Town'

Wild Rabbit Salad
(REGI Music)

Both have striking voices. Goldberg recalls Howe Gelb's dry drawl on

the wonderful opener "Drop Top Cadillac," a tale of loneliness and lessons learned, and he makes like Bruce Springsteen on the title cut. The classically trained Roebuck sings beautifully on Van Zandt's ballad "Cumseh Valley" and rocks out on trading verses with Goldberg on breakup tune "Four Days Sober."

The couple also sing about a devastating flood, a mining accident, the hobo life and crossing over to the other side. It's a set unlikely to duplicate anything already on any musical menu.

— Steven Wine, AP

Chicago Tribune

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Gordon Ramsay

“Gordon Ramsay’s 24 Hours to Hell and Back” (7 p.m., FOX): Season 3 wraps with the double episode “Bear’s Den Pizza/South Boulevard,” that first sends host Gordon Ramsay and his team to the titular college pizza hangout in Conway, Ark., which is about to go under due to violent outbursts from one owner who drinks heavily, while the other owner isn’t available to be on site to shield the terrified staff.

“CBS News Democratic Primary Debate” (7 p.m., CBS): From the Gaillard Center in Charleston, S.C., CBS News and the Congressional Black Caucus Institute co-host the 10th Democratic presidential primary debate, which also will be streamed live on CBSN, the 24/7 streaming service of CBS News. Reflecting the huge role social media is playing in this volatile political process, Twitter also is a debate partner. Moderators and participating candidates will be announced at a later date.

“The Flash” (7 p.m., CW): The new episode “Grodd Friend Me” finds Barry (Grant Gustin) still feeling overwhelmed by the consequences of the recent Crisis, so he tries an experiment that goes badly awry, thrusting him into the direct path of Gorilla Grodd (voice of David Sobolov). Understandably, Barry is shocked when Grodd asks for his help, although things get even worse for both of them when Solovar (voice of Keith David), yet another villain, enters the picture. Meanwhile, Iris and Eva (Candice Patton, guest star Efrat Dor) try to escape the Mirrorverse.

“My Big Fat Fabulous Life” (7 p.m., 11 p.m., TLC): Whitney trains for the state championships with a new weightlifting coach in the new episode “Super Heavy-weight Ladies.” Meanwhile, Whitney desperately wants to tell Chase she loves him, but holds back out of the crippling fear that he won’t respond in kind. Elsewhere, Babs and Glenn host a formal dinner to meet Chase.

“black-ish” (8:30 p.m., ABC): Jack (Miles Brown) joins the robotics club, but overprotective dad Dre (Anthony Anderson) may lead to further disappointment for his son after his recent pain at getting cut from the basketball team in the new episode “You Don’t Know Jack.” Elsewhere, Ruby (Jenifer Lewis) puts some special “embellishments” on a story for Diane’s (Marsai Martin) school project. Joel McHale guest stars as himself; Tracee Ellis Ross also stars.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Sam Morril.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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WJYS 62	Israel	Paid Prog.	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Dr. T Felder	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
Univ 66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno (N)		Rubí (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	The First 48 ©		First 48: Tracking (N)		First 48: Tracking (N)		First 48 *
	AMC	The Book of Eli (R,’10) **	Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman. ©			(9:35) Elysium (’13) ***		***
	ANIM	Treehouse Masters: Branched Out (N)		Treehouse Masters ©		Treehouse Masters ©		Treehouse *
	BBCA	Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG,’10) **				Percy Jackson: Sea *		
	BET	BET Star Cinema				Daddy’s Little Girls (PG-13,’07) ***		***
	BIGTEN	Women’s College Basketball: Purdue at Maryland. (N)				BIG Show	BIG Show	The Journey
	BRAVO	Vanderpump Rules (N)		Vanderpump Rules (N)		Watch (N)		Vanderpump Rules ©
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Debate *
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) *
	DISC	Moonshiners (N)		Moonshiners (N) ©		Guardians-Glades (N)		Moonshine *
	DISN	Zombies 2 (NR,’20) Meg Donnelly. ©		Fam Jam		Sydney-Max	Bunk’d ©	Gabby *
	E!	★ Botched ©	Botched ©		Botched ©			Botched ©
	ESPN	★ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	★ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				Basketball
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Chopped: “Meat Fight.”		Chopped (N) ©		Chopped ©		Chopped *
	FREE	★ (5) Speed	21 Jump Street (R,’12) ***	Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum. © (SAP)		Treehouse Masters ©		700 Club *
	FX	How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG,’14) ***				How to Train Your Dragon 2 (’14) ***		***
	HALL	Marrying Mr. Darcy (NR,’18) Cindy Busby. ©				Love on the Menu (NR,’19) ©		©
	HGTV	Love It or List It ©		Unsellable	Unsellable	One/Kind (N) One/Kind (N)		Love-List *
	HIST	Drilling Down (N)		Curse-Island (N)		Project Blue Book (N)		Oak Island *
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Predators (R,’10) **	Adrien Brody, Topher Grace. ©			Predator (R,’87) ***		***
	LIFE	I Am Elizabeth Smart (NR,’17) Alana Boden. ©				Abducted: The Mary Stauffer Story *		
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Siesta Key (N) ©		Teen Mom: Young (N)		Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous. Ridiculous. *	
NATGEO	Life Below Zero: Port (N)		Life Below Zero: Port (N)		W. Tuna	(9:33) Life Below Zero *		
NBCSCH	NBA Basketball: Oklahoma City Thunder at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live)		NBA Basketball: Oklahoma City Thunder at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live)		Postgame		Bulls (N)	
NICK	★ Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2		Friends ©		Friends ©		Friends *	
OVATION	★ (6) The Natural (PG,’84) **	Robert Redford.			Fools Rush In (PG-13,’97) **		© *	
OWN	The Haves, Nots		The Haves, Nots (N)		Cherish the Day (N)		The Haves *	
OXY	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D.: “8:30 PM.”		Chicago *	
PARMT	★ (6:30) Grown Ups (PG-13,’10) *	Adam Sandler. ©			Ink Master (N) ©		Grwn Ups *	
SYFY	Zombieland (R,’09) ***	Woody Harrelson. ©			Twister (PG-13,’96) ***		Helen Hunt. *	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Miracle	Conan (N)	
TCM	The Divorcee (NR,’30) **				Night Must Fall (NR,’37) ***	Robert Montgomery. *		
TLC	Fat Fabulous (N)		(8:01) I Am Jazz (N)		(9:01) Sister Wives		Fabulous *	
TLN	Way-Master	Studio 5	Dream Motel	GEN Voices	Life Today	Insights	700 Club *	
TNT	★ NBA Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)		The Biggest Loser (N)		NBA Basketball (N Subject to Blackout) *			
TOON	Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures: “Gold Rush Hauntings.” (N) ©				Portals to Hell (N) ©		Ghost *	
TVL	Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	
USA	★ Harry Potter-Chamber		The Biggest Loser (N)		Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU *	
VH1	Wild ‘n Out (N)	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	
WE	Law & Order: “By Perjury.”		Law & Order: “Pledge.”		Law & Order: “Lucky Stiff.”		Law *	
WGN America	★ (6) 2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13,’03) **		2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13,’03) **		Paul Walker. ©		© *	
PREMIUM	HBO	(7:05) Shaft (R,’19) **	Samuel L. Jackson. ©		REAL Sports Gumbel (N)		Outsider *	
	HBO2	The Outsider: “Foxhead.”	McMillon\$ ©		The New Pope ©		Sports *	
	MAX	The Hills Have Eyes (R,’06) **	Aaron Stanford.		(8:50) Turistas (R,’06) **		©	
	SHO	(5:55) Real Steel (’11) **	Homeland: “False Friends.”		Rambo (R,’08) **	Sylvester Stallone. ©		
	STARZ	★ (6:14) The Vow (’12) **		Outlander ©		(8:56) Venom (PG-13,’18) **		*
STZNC	★ (4:50) King Kong ***		Lethal Weapon 2 (R,’89) ***		Mel Gibson. ©		Hulk ***	

‘Stick Fly’

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use.

Still, director Ron OJ Parson’s typically lively and robust production certainly is the most elegant staging the play has received. Linda Buchanan’s setting has created the kind of summer home we might all aspire to own. Not only do you gape at the boutique African American art on the walls, but Buchanan has added a vista of the bluffs outside and, a couple of times, even a little sailboat traversing the back of the stage.

The highlights of this production are two rich and moving performances from Jennifer Latimore, playing Taylor, a young woman who finds herself dating arty Kent (Eric Gerard), a scion of the great black intellectual Joe LeVay (David Alan Anderson), and from Ayanna Bria Bakari, who plays Cheryl, the daughter of the family’s longtime maid and, depending on your point of view, a recipient of patronage or benign contempt.

I think at least a third of Diamond herself resides in the lines



The cast of “Stick Fly” at Writers Theatre.

she has given Kimber (Kayla Raelle Holder), the white girlfriend of Joe’s other, more transactional son, Flip (DiMonte Henning), but there’s no question that, viewed together, this trio of young outsider women are where the heart of the play resides.

Diamond really nails what it’s like to find yourself, through love, part (but not part) of a far more affluent family than the one in which you grew up yourself and

Holder catches the right blend of awkward intimacy, a character who cannot decide whether to be delighted at her good fortune or best advised to hop a fast ferry to the mainland.

“Stick Fly” (a reference to Taylor being an entomologist) is also interested in class division and gender stereotyping within the African American community and it’s also very adept at capturing one of those relationships

common to many wealthy folk: an intimate, playful but fundamentally unequal kind of friendship with someone in their domestic employment. It’s an awkward mix as you might well know, and Diamond is not afraid to make her audience cringe.

Diamond doesn’t discount the kindness of the LeVays, but she still makes her point about the family trait of myopia.

Secrets constantly unravel in

“Stick Fly”

When: Through March 15

Where: Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe

Running time: 2 hours, 25 minutes

Tickets: \$35-\$80 at 847-242-6000 or www.writerstheatre.org

“Stick Fly,” very much a piece of domestic realism indebted to revelations of plot. At the performance I saw last weekend, I thought Anderson to be overly passive and not at all easy to read. It’s true that men confronted with his situation often retreat into themselves, but the crises that Diamond puts her characters through here require, I think, a fuller trajectory in the theater.

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Hologram

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Holly, Roy Orbison and legendary opera singer Maria Callas; before those, other companies in the same field brought a Tupac Shakur hologram to the Coachella festival in 2012 and a moonwalking Michael Jackson hologram to the Billboard Music Awards in 2014.

But if solid ticket sales for Base’s earlier shows reflect a surprising demand for this type of entertainment, “An Evening With Whitney” feels like an untested proposition, thanks in part to Houston’s A-list status. (She’s by far the biggest name yet to receive the full-concert hologram treatment.) More important, Houston — unlike stars who’ve been dead for decades — is well within living memory as a performer; countless music videos and television appearances, all easily available on YouTube, only bolster our familiarity with her presence and style.

Which means the stakes are higher for the Whitney hologram — one reason, no doubt, that Base hired well-respected director and

choreographer Fatima Robinson, who worked with Houston while she was alive, to oversee “An Evening With Whitney.” After the preview this month, Robinson said she spent 12 weeks coaching a body double (whose movements were filmed to form the basis of the hologram) in an attempt to “capture the essence” of Houston; the singer’s family members, she added, were “hardcore” in their feedback regarding “the things Whitney would do or wouldn’t do” onstage. “Oh, Whitney didn’t raise her hand past this certain point,” Robinson recalled hearing with a laugh.

To source Houston’s vocals, the show’s musical director, Keith Harris, described combing through old recordings of live gigs, excerpts of which he blended with studio outtakes to create new performances. And Base brought on Timothy Snell, who like Robinson had experience working with the real Houston, to design the hologram’s virtual outfits.

The result, at least in what producers were careful to call a dress rehearsal, is intermittently convincing. The hologram gets some of Houston’s physical cues

right, and the lip-syncing — if that’s the right word for it — looks pretty real; detailed visual touches like that rippling fringe aid in the suspension of your disbelief. It certainly helps too that the live band cooks, nowhere more so than in a deeply funky rendition of “I Wanna Dance With Somebody (Who Loves Me),” as perfect a pop song as exists. To sit in a theater and hear that tune played at a very high volume, even with Base’s vaguely creepy tricknology, is a treat all its own.

Yet the between-song banter is awkward at best, and you never quite shake your awareness that the hologram, which relies on projectors, is clearly hemmed into a space at the center of the stage. As Robinson pointed out, Houston wasn’t known as a dancer. But she did more than plant herself behind a microphone.

With its over-the-top premise and its under-two-hours run time, “An Evening With Whitney” would probably play well in Las Vegas, where indeed there’s word that the show may land this year. Yet Base Chief Executive Marty Tudor says he’s aiming to tour the production in the United States following European dates

scheduled through April — indication of a hunger for prestige that this show seems somewhat under-equipped to satisfy.

For the singer’s sister-in-law Pat Houston — who controls the Whitney estate along with Primary Wave, a New York marketing agency that specializes in monetizing the catalogs of aging and deceased artists — the hologram tour is just one of the ways she’s hoping to bring fresh attention to Whitney’s music. Last year, RCA Records released a single that had Norwegian producer Kygo building a new track around a previously unused recording of Houston singing Steve Winwood’s mid-’80s pop-soul hit “Higher Love”; on Spotify and YouTube, it’s racked up more than 300 million streams.

There’s also talk of a jukebox musical and a big-screen biopic that Clive Davis, who signed Houston to his Arista label, recently told The Times he’s begun putting together with an eye on celebrating her musical “genius” as opposed to digging into the complications of her drug abuse and her romantic life. Last month, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame announced that Houston would

be inducted in a ceremony set to take place in May.

“It’s been eight years since her passing, and it’s been very difficult trying to proceed with projects,” Pat Houston told reporters after the preview. But now, she added, is the time for a “fresh perspective” on the singer’s legacy. Her comments felt like her attempt to get out in front of any criticism of the hologram, which is ripe for it, even though Houston tried to present the idea of the hologram as Whitney’s own.

She spoke of the singer’s final tour of Europe, during which her show included an “unplugged”-style segment with Whitney and just a few musicians — a setup she hoped to duplicate in the U.S., Pat Houston said, and one not unlike that in the relatively intimate “Evening.”

“So that’s the connection,” Pat said. “This isn’t something that we’re just putting together. This is something that she wanted to do.” She said she got emotional watching the preview because it came “so, so close” — never mind the unsettling digital phantom — to what the singer had envisioned.

“The only thing missing,” she added, “is her, physically.”

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 25): Your career takes off this year. Together, you can move mountains, with disciplined coordination. Group efforts triumph this winter, before love life and career challenges motivate you to prioritize romance and fun. Home changes next summer inspire a professional breakthrough.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. You're growing stronger. You can see the truth more easily. Your words inspire others to take action. Secrets get revealed; share the news and invite participation.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. File and organize. Consider dreams, visions and practical plans. Schedule and budget your upcoming moves. It's emotion versus reason.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Share what you're learning with your community. Friends get farther together. Share dreams and confidences. Actions taken now can have long-lasting impact.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. A long-desired professional plum job lies ripe for the plucking. The work you do now pays long-term dividends. Take action for a status boost.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Expand your boundaries. Long-distance connections open new possibilities. Build and grow on strong foundations and planning.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Manage financial matters for a collaborative venture. Contribute and invest in growth. Keep long-term goals in mind. Heed valuable advice.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Together you're a powerful force for good. Someone has your back. Provide similar support. You can contribute what your partner lacks.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. The excellent work you've been doing reflects you well. Maintain physical action. Practice exercise and fitness routines. Grow strength and endurance with regular motion.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Love gives you wings. Beauty lights up a special connection. Find unexpected loveliness, synchronicity or serendipity in simple moments. Dance together with someone sweet.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Family comes first. Discuss the latest with your partner. Compromise and work out the plan. Coordinate and motivate powerful action. Pull together.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Study the thickening plot. The latest twist could confuse. Edit and clarify. List the current options and benefits. Truth is stranger than fiction.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Your ideas are attracting attention. New business flowers. Tap another revenue source. Review budgets carefully to guide your decisions.

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Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, East deals

North		East	
♠ J 5 4	♥ Q	♠ Q 9 8 7 6 3	♥ A 7 2
♦ A J 10 9 7	♣ J 9 6 2	♦ 3	♣ K 10 8
West		South	
♠ 2	♥ 10 8 6 5 3	♠ A K 10	♥ K J 9 4
♦ K Q 8 2	♣ Q 4 3	♦ 6 5 4	♣ A 7 5

We have written before about the beer card — the seven of diamonds. Some young players enhance their enjoyment of a bridge session by agreeing that they will buy a beer for partner if he is able to take the thirteenth trick, in a non-diamond contract, with the seven of diamonds. In a pair game, where every trick is important, this game-within-a-game can lead to some unusual decisions.

The bidding:
 East South West North
 2♠ 2NT Pass 3NT
 All pass
Opening lead: Two of ♠

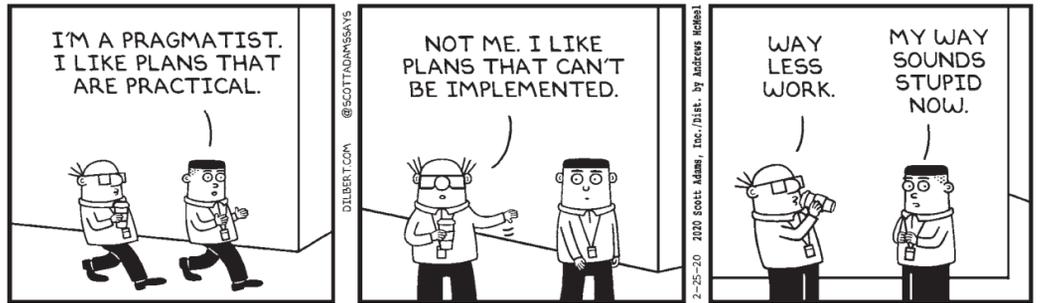
The opening spade lead went to the jack, queen, and ace. South led a diamond to dummy's jack, winning the trick, and correctly led the 10 of diamonds from dummy. This revealed the diamond position around the table as West won with his queen. West led a heart to dummy's queen and East's ace, and East shifted to a low club. Decision time!

It should be routine for declarer to rise with his ace. Should the 10 of hearts be falling, South has the rest of the tricks and can easily arrange for the seven of diamonds to be the last trick. If the 10 of hearts is not falling, however, then the seven of diamonds would be the twelfth trick — no beer.

With the seven of diamonds smiling at him from the dummy, South reasoned with his thirst — that it was against the odds for the 10 of hearts to fall. He ducked the club to West's queen and won the club continuation. South cashed the king and jack of hearts, relieved that the 10 didn't fall, and then cashed his two high spades. A diamond to the nine was followed by the ace of diamonds and the precious seven for last. Cheers!

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Baby Blues



Zits



Mr. Boffo



Frazz



Classic Peanuts



Pickles



Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



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For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



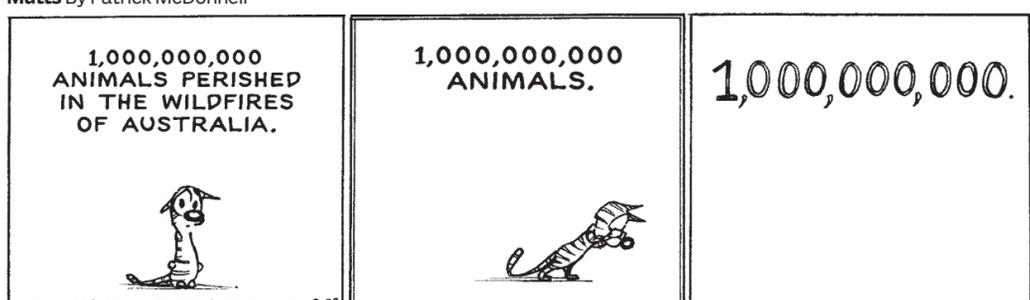
Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

Known for its free-range bison herds, Antelope Island is situated in what American lake?
 A) Lake Champlain
 B) Great Salt Lake
 C) Iliamna Lake
 D) Lake Ontario
 Monday's answer: It's a climb of 377 steps from the main lobby to the crown of the Statue of Liberty.
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Jumble Crossword

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

CLUE ACROSS

- Conclude
- Corruption
- gun
- Looked happy

ANSWER

CEEDUD
 FGRTA
 AARDR
 DEMILS

CLUE DOWN

- College
- Plan, sketch, drawing
- Fortress
- Gave a dirty look

ANSWER

ELGERE
 AIDAMGR
 ILATCDE
 LADEGR

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.

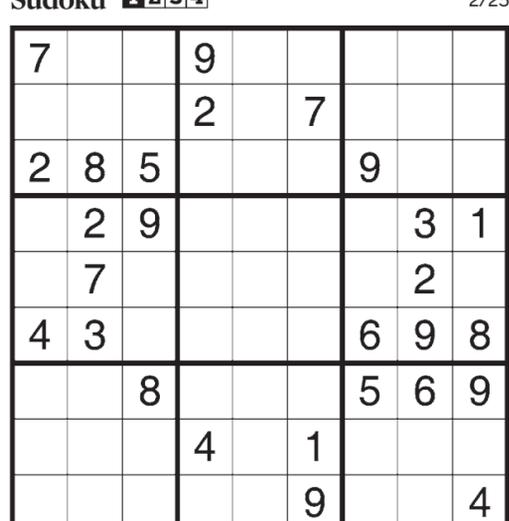
2-25-20 **CLUE:** Ponce de Leon wrote that this was "more powerful than the wind."

BONUS ○○○○ ○○○○○○

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 ANSWERS: 1-Dodge 5-A-Craft 6-A-Kader 7-A-Roller 7-A-Smiled 10-Degree 20-Diagram 30-Created 40-Calendar 40-Girl Stream
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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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4	3	5	7	8	1	9	2	6
7	6	8	9	2	5	4	3	1
9	1	2	4	3	6	5	7	8
3	8	6	2	7	9	1	5	4
1	2	7	6	5	4	8	9	3
5	4	9	3	1	8	2	6	7
2	5	4	8	6	7	3	1	9
6	9	1	5	4	3	7	8	2
8	7	3	1	9	2	6	4	5

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Monday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

UPNTI ○

FOTYL ○○

LARSIO ○○

DEGAAN ○○

So, what did you think of my idea? He's so negative. And smug. I'll pass. I've already thought of a better idea.

THE PESSIMIST HAD SUCH A NEGATIVE ATTITUDE, THAT EVERYONE CONSIDERED HIM TO BE A ---

Answer here

“○○○” - ○○○ - ○○○○

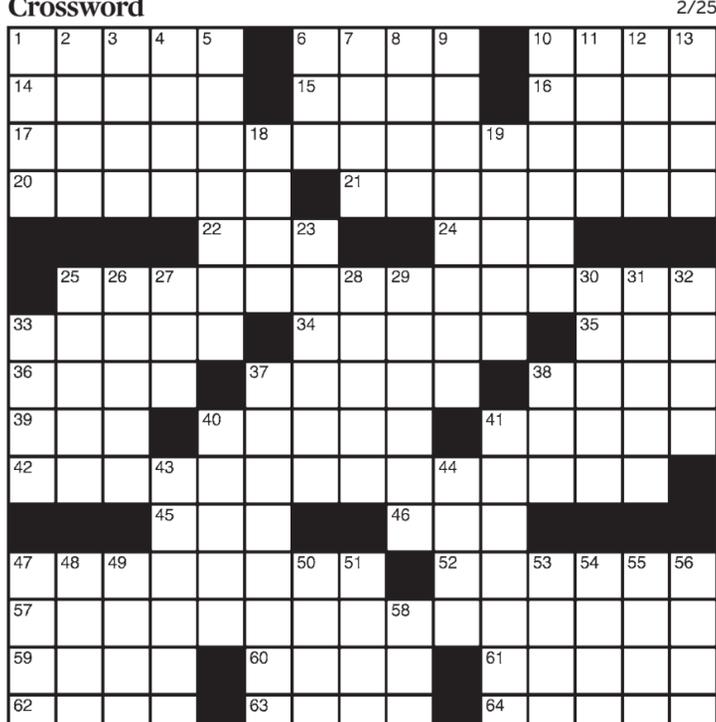
Monday's answers

Jumbles: SHAME CRUSH SLUDGE PIMPLE
 Answer: When his writer suddenly quit, the politician was — SPEECHLESS

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Crossword

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Across

- Rene of "Ransom" (1996)
- Not as expensive
- A bit loopy
- 14 Part of "the works" on a burger
- Old man, in German
- Needle case
- 1950 Gloria Swanson film
- Peanut butter choice
- Like wax fruit
- Note from one who's shy?
- Laser pointer chaser
- 1979 Jim Henson film
- Get out of bed
- Jazz instruments
- Peruvian singer Sumac
- Squirrel's hoard
- Credited in an endnote
- Place to tie up a boat
- 24-hr. cash source
- Equestrian

Down

- "That's ___!": "Piece of cake!"
- 1988 Demi Moore film
- News initials
- ___ bunt: productive MLB out
- Looks at closely
- "John Wick" star Keanu
- 2002 Woody Allen film ... or what each of the last words of 17-, 25- and 42-Across can be
- "Garfield" dog
- Baseball family name
- Dalai Lama's land
- Have a craving for
- Appraise
- Clairvoyants

Monday's solution

T	E	E	D	W	O	K	S	P	R	A	T	T
A	N	T	E	I	C	E	T	O	P	R	A	H
P	L	A	N	O	G	O	L	I	M	B	O	
A	D	L	I	B	R	A	J	A	E	O	N	
M	O	N	I	A	C	T	U	R	E	D	O	G
M	O	I	S	T	E	N	T	C	M			
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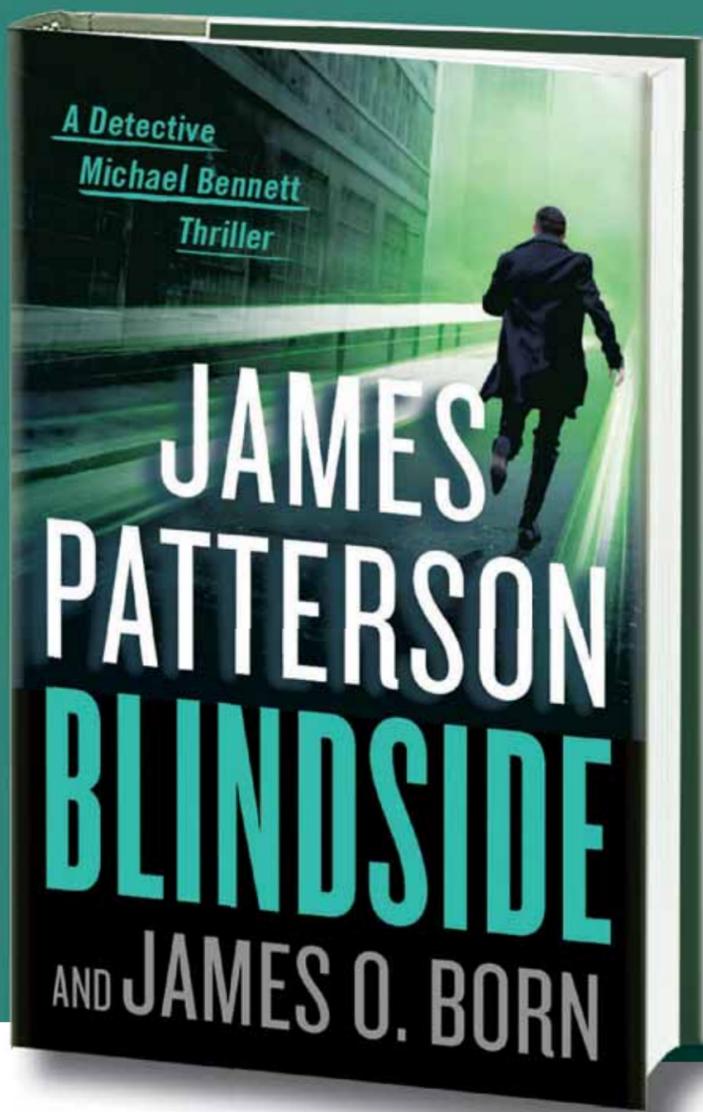
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