



Pritzker team eyes 'financial ditch'

Governor to deliver first spending plan to lawmakers Feb. 20, cites \$3.2B deficit

BY RICK PEARSON AND DAN PETRELLA
Chicago Tribune

Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration on Friday set the stage for a low-expectations budget plan later this month, attacking former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner for driving Illinois "into a financial ditch" that will take years to pull out of.

"Rebuilding a strong financial foundation for Illinois will take more than one year, or even one gubernatorial term," said a report from Deputy Gov. Dan Hynes, a former state comptroller. "The current administration is committed to working diligently and across party lines to put our state on a path to fiscal stability."

As Pritzker prepares to

deliver his first spending plan to lawmakers Feb. 20, his administration said it is facing a \$3.2 billion hole for the budget year that begins July 1. That deficit is more than \$400 million deeper than the Rauner administration estimated before leaving office.

Word of the larger deficit and the stark tone of the document that details it — dubbed "Digging Out: The Rauner Wreckage Report" — provided a dramatic contrast to Pritzker's populist campaign promises of

spending more money on education and a host of social services.

How Pritzker plans to address the budget hole in the near term remains unclear. In a tweet, the governor said he is "committed to beginning the road to recovery" but offered no specifics. Hynes emphasized in an interview that it will require fiscal "discipline." But the report portends some budget cutting with no quick source of substantial

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker answers questions at the Illinois state Capitol in Springfield on Thursday.

"We need to put these guns down. ... We need to stop doing this."

— Melvin Freeman, grandfather of 1-year-old Dejon Irving, who was wounded in a shooting



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A bullet-riddled Kia SUV is towed from outside Little Company of Mary Hospital in Chicago on Thursday.

Mom, not baby, may have been targeted

Police: Shooting that injured boy in SUV 'not random'

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY AND ROSEMARY SOBOL
Chicago Tribune

Chicago police believe the gunman who shot a 1-year-old boy in the head Thursday night might have been aiming for his mother as they sat in an SUV on the South Side.

"We believe the mother was the potential target," police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said Friday. "This was not random."

Police sources said detectives are not sure of the motive but that the boy's mother has been shot in the past. The boy's father is serving time in a federal prison downstate for identity theft and is due to be released in two months. The father of the boy's older brother, who also



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Dejon Irving was taken to Comer Children's Hospital, police said. A relative said the child was on life support.

was in the SUV, was killed in a previous shooting. Details were not available.

No one was in custody, but churches and community groups have offered

\$13,500 in reward money.

The boy's grandmother had been dropping someone off at a home in the 9900 block of South Throop Street around 5:30 p.m. Thursday when a dark sedan pulled up and as many as eight shots were fired, Guglielmi said.

The grandmother checked inside the car and saw that the 1-year-old, identified as Dejon Irving, had been shot. She drove to Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park, and the boy was transferred from there to Comer Children's Hospital in "very critical" condition, police said.

"He's on life support and it doesn't look good," the boy's grandfather, Melvin Freeman, told reporters outside the hospital. "He was just a baby."

Dejon's older brother and another boy also were in the back seat and De-

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Daley skips one debate, joins another

Rivals slam choice to attend mayoral endorsement

BY JOHN BYRNE AND DAN PETRELLA
Chicago Tribune

Mayoral candidate Bill Daley joined a mild-mannered televised debate Friday morning after avoiding what likely would have been a more hostile reception at a similar event he skipped the night before to attend an endorsement.

While Daley faced a polite reception on the Friday panel, that didn't stop the hits from elsewhere in the mayoral field. State Comptroller Susana Mendoza held a City Hall news conference to rip Daley for skipping Thursday's event, comparing him to both a single-celled microorganism and a cartoon character with rage issues.

"He doesn't want people to see how thin of a skin he actually has. I mean, I've seen thicker skin on an

amoeba," Mendoza said.

"He's shown that when he's asked one simple question, he loses his cool. He's kind of like that character on 'Inside Out.' What's his name? Anger?"

"He sees one bad story printed about him in the paper and he wilts like a little flower," Mendoza added, riffing off a similar comment she made during the debate Daley ducked.

Daley's campaign responded by tweeting out the famous picture of him as Barack Obama's chief of staff, standing in the White House Situation Room with the president, then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and others gathered to monitor the mission during which Osama bin Laden was killed. "Here's a photo of Bill 'wilting' under pressure," the campaign said in a statement accompanying the photo.

Daley and four other candidates — public policy consultant Amara Enyia,

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Dems press AG over Russia probe

Whitaker says he has not interfered in Mueller's work

BY DEVLIN BARRETT AND MATT ZAPOTOSKY
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Matthew Whitaker, in his first and likely last appearance before Congress as acting attorney general, sparred for hours Friday with Democrats who sternly warned him not to impede special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential campaign.

Whitaker, who took command of the Justice Department in November and is likely to leave the job next week with the expected confirmation of William Barr to serve as attorney general, told members of the House Judiciary Committee that he had not influenced Mueller's probe in any way, and had not spoken to President Donald Trump about the investigation since his appointment.

In exchanges with Democrats who questioned his credentials, judgment and integrity, Whitaker appeared to aggravate lawmakers when he refused to disagree with the president's characterization of Mueller's probe



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Despite many questions, acting AG Matthew Whitaker said he wouldn't discuss private conversations with the president.

as a "witch hunt."

"It would be inappropriate for me to talk about an ongoing investigation," Whitaker said several times when asked if he thought Mueller's work matched that description.

Senior law enforcement officials have denied Mueller's probe is a witch hunt, and Democrats responded aggressively after Whitaker's refusal to do the same.

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., called the special counsel's work an important national security investigation, saying "the fact that people suggest otherwise comes dangerously close to providing aid and comfort to the enemy."

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Feds scrutinize Bezos' claims against Enquirer

Federal prosecutors are taking a look at accusations made by Amazon's chief executive officer Jeff Bezos to determine whether the National Enquirer's parent company violated the terms of a non-prosecution agreement struck over a hush money payment meant to help Donald Trump's chances in the 2016 election, according to sources. **Nation & World**, Page 6



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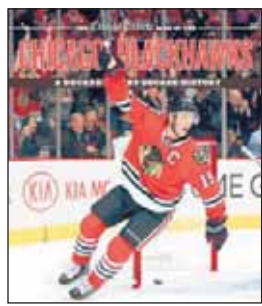
Caterpillar expanding in Chicago

Caterpillar is growing its digital team and has opened a new Chicago office to accommodate the expansion. The company is working to embed technology deeper into its operations and earth-moving equipment.

Also: Chicago and Illinois renew effort for Amazon offices after problems in New York. **Business**, Page 9

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Friday's event includes La Shawn Ford, left, Garry McCarthy, Lori Lightfoot, Fox 32's Mike Flannery, Amara Enyia, Bill Daley.

Daley joins second TV debate

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state Rep. La Shawn Ford, former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot and former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy — took part in the hourlong debate at the WFLD-Ch. 32 studios that touched on issues of crime, the city's public schools and Chicago's finances.

He was supposed to be one of five candidates in the Fox 32 debate Thursday night but backed out about two hours beforehand, saying he wanted instead to attend an event where he accepted the endorsement of plumbers union Local 130. Daley bailed the same day the Tribune published a story about a 1970s scandal in which, according to testimony and court records, his licensing test to sell insurance was tampered with so he would pass.

That revelation opened him up to sharp criticism from Thursday participants who said he was running a Rose Garden campaign, avoiding community forums and other events. On Thursday night, Daley asked the station to instead let him join the Friday group, which was added after some candidates complained that the station planned to allow only a group of perceived front-

runners to take part.

Fox 32 political editor Mike Flannery, who moderated both panels, asked the candidates Friday whether Daley should have attended the night before. Faced with the option of saying Daley, who leads the 14-person mayoral field with \$5.5 million in campaign funds, should have participated in a debate that didn't include them, the Friday group mostly gave him a pass.

“The point is he's here today to share his views, and I think that's what matters,” Enyia said.

The former U.S. commerce secretary's absence became a dominant theme at Thursday's debate, hosted by the Lincoln Forum and WFLD-Ch. 32. The Daley development took some of the heat off of Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who found herself facing a series of political attacks for the second straight night, this time for her support from major public employee unions and her previous backing of ousted former Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios.

Flannery on Thursday held up a front page of the Tribune with the story detailing the insurance exam scandal and asked the candidates to weigh in on Daley's absence.

City Hall veteran Gery Chico noted that it was Daley who had issued a public letter in December to local broadcast stations calling for a series of televised debates, which stated, “The people of Chicago deserve to hear how mayoral candidates will address the issues.”

“This is the same person who put out a press release, calling for a number of televised forums, and he misses the first one,” said Chico, who served in a number of appointed positions under Daley's brother, former Mayor Richard M. Daley. “I don't know how in the world you can hold yourself up for this office and avoid this to go to an endorsement.”

Former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas was called on to replace Daley on Thursday night. Businessman Willie Wilson and Preckwinkle did not address Daley's absence, but Vallas did.

“I always had a vision to replace a Daley,” Vallas joked as the large crowd gathered at the Union League Club in the Loop erupted in laughter. “I'm not surprised he ducked out, and I agree with Susana, when he gets the tough questions, he wilts.”

At the Friday debate, Daley brushed off the criti-

cism. “Aw, thank you very much, Mike, I appreciate it,” Daley said when Flannery mentioned that he was missed Thursday.

Told that some of the candidates said that by backing out Thursday he showed he lacked the courage to be mayor of Chicago, Daley hewed to his position that he had a conflict in his schedule that prevented him from taking part then.

“I appreciate their advice,” he said. “I also appreciate the fact that you invited me today. I had an endorsement by Local 130 of the plumbers union. I was really honored that they scheduled it then, and I went to that. And I had other events after that.”

And afterward, Daley told reporters he didn't have an easier time Friday than he would have in the Thursday panel.

“No, I know all these candidates on both panels,” he said. “Obviously, they're quite engaged. I've been with them before. Nothing surprised me last night. Nothing surprised me today.”

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Former U.S. Rep. Gutierrez hospitalized

BY LISA DONOVAN
Chicago Tribune

Former U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez was hospitalized this week for “extremely high blood pressure and hypertension,” spouse Soraida Gutierrez said in an emailed statement.

“He is under the excellent medical care of doctors who are monitoring the situation closely,” she wrote.

He was admitted to a Chicago hospital on Wednesday night. On Friday, a spokesperson said there were no updates.

Gutierrez, 65, a Humboldt Park resident who represented the 4th District, just left office last month, having served almost 26 years in office. When he was elected in 1992, he became Illinois' first Hispanic congressman. He decided against running

again in the 2018 election, endorsing Jesus “Chuy” Garcia who handily won.

Gutierrez, a former alderman who was part of the late Mayor Harold Washington's Rainbow Coalition, made his mark as an immigration reform advocate with a high national profile on the issue. Born in Chicago and of Puerto Rican descent, he was a vocal critic of the Trump administration's response to

the heavy damage inflicted there by Hurricane Maria in 2017. The congressman visited the island to deliver food and supplies for Chicagoans.

Gutierrez was among a half-dozen Democrats who introduced articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump in November 2017.

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Man killed in bar shooting was convicted of abduction

Served time after 2006 kidnapping; woman fell from Chicago high-rise

BY JEREMY GORNER
Chicago Tribune

One of the two men killed in a mass shooting last weekend outside a Grand Crossing neighborhood bar had served prison time for his part in a high-profile case that resulted in a mentally ill California woman falling from the seventh floor of a South Side public housing high-rise.

Marvin Powell, 36, was among seven people shot early Sunday morning after a fight inside Reynold's Lounge in the city's Grand Crossing neighborhood spilled outdoors.

More than a decade ago, he was locked up for kidnapping in a case that left a stain on the Chicago Police Department, highlighting how its officers needed better training in dealing with people struggling with mental health issues.

In May 2006, Christina Eilman, 21, was arrested at Midway Airport while experiencing a bipolar breakdown. She was held by

Chicago police overnight and then released the next day without assistance several miles away in a high-crime neighborhood.

The former student at the University of California at Los Angeles was abducted and sexually assaulted before plummeting from a seventh-floor window in the last remaining high-rise of the Robert Taylor Homes. She survived but suffered a severe and permanent brain injury, a shattered pelvis and numerous other broken bones and injuries.

Powell was accused of holding Eilman against her will and attacking her before she fell. He initially faced criminal charges including kidnapping and sexual assault. He was convicted on charges related to Eilman's abduction and given a 12-year prison sentence — a term that was shortened by parole and credit he received for serving more than four years in the Cook County Jail while the case made its way through the courts.

A lawsuit against the city of Chicago filed on Eilman's behalf dragged in the courts for six years. The 2012 settlement to Eilman for \$22.5 million may be the largest single-victim police lawsuit settlement in the city's history.

Efforts to reach her family through her attorney were not immediately successful on Tuesday. But Eilman's family has told the Tribune she will never be able to live independently, and will require costly treatment and therapy for the rest of her life.

Eilman's bipolar condition was worsening when she came to Chicago on May 5, 2006. She was seen ranting, screaming and appeared to be out of her mind when she tried to catch a return flight from Midway to Burbank, Calif., a day or two later.

She was arrested and taken to the Chicago Lawn District police station near Midway. Officers were alarmed by her behavior, according to court records



Powell

and depositions in the lawsuit.

A female sergeant called her father, Rick Paine, who told the officer Eilman had been treated for bipolar disorder the year before. A watch command-er ordered that Eilman be taken to a hospital for a psychiatric evaluation, per department protocols, one of the arresting officers testified. But they never took her because they said they did not have a car, court records show.

Eilman was instead transferred to the Wentworth District station, several miles to the east, and held in its lockup overnight. Eilman's mother, Kathy Paine, began nearly hourly calls to that station. She said she was repeatedly told to call back later, until finally an officer told her that Eilman had already been released from custody.

Police freed Eilman by escorting her to the back door of the station. She then wandered a few blocks east to a takeout restaurant, where men began to gather



NANCY STONE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2007

Christina Eilman, right, with her mother, survived a fall from the seventh story of a building at the Robert Taylor Homes.

and talk to her.

She appeared to be disoriented and behaving erratically, according to witnesses. A short time later, she walked a few blocks to the high-rise at the Robert Taylor Homes, eventually going with a group of people to a vacant apartment on the seventh floor.

One resident said she repeatedly warned Eilman that she was not safe there. Several men asked Eilman to perform oral sex, but she refused, at one point saying she would jump out the window if touched, witnesses said.

Powell, a reputed gang member who already had felony convictions for drug and weapon offenses, eventually demanded the others leave the apartment but prevented Eilman from going with them, saying, "I'm gonna show this bitch who

the real killa is," according to witnesses.

Powell and six other people were shot outside Reynold's Lounge at about 2 a.m. Sunday when at least one occupant from a silver four-door Ford car opened fire. Powell, who was struck in the neck and chest, and a 39-year-old man shot in the back and chest, were taken to the University of Chicago Medical Center, where they were both pronounced dead. Five other people who were shot survived their wounds. No arrests have been made as of Tuesday evening.

Powell's family also could not be reached for comment.

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Judge in cop killing trial lifts gag order

Court documents unsealed but they remain hidden

BY TONY BRISCOE
Chicago Tribune

The Cook County judge poised to oversee the murder trial of a man accused of fatally shooting Chicago police Officer Michael Bailey in 2010 on Friday overturned an earlier decision to conceal court documents from the public and news outlets.

But in a twist, despite the ruling, the files Judge Stanley Sacks unsealed in the case against Antwon Carter, 31, weren't released Friday because they weren't sent to the court clerk's office at the Leighton Criminal Court Building before Sacks' staff left for the day.

Sacks unsealed the court documents and lifted the gag order on attorneys in the case against Carter, who prosecutors say shot Bailey during an attempted carjacking in the Park Manor neighborhood on the city's South Side. Bailey, 62, was washing his new Buick, an early retirement gift to himself a few weeks ahead of leaving the department, after his shift as an overnight bodyguard for then-Mayor Richard M. Daley.

"I've been doing this a long time, but I never claimed infallibility," Sacks said. "... I think the order by me was incorrect at the time. It was not an effort to protect the rights of Antwon Carter. And the public has the right to know what's going on."

Three jailhouse witnesses have said Carter told them he killed a cop, including Carter's former cellmate who gave the most extensive details about the purported confession, but later recanted. Under a new state law intended to add more scrutiny to controversial use of jailhouse informants, who have been known to lie to get more leniency in their own cases, judges now assess the reliability of these informants ahead of trial.

Sacks had been set to determine the credulity of



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Chicago police Officer Michael Bailey was slain in 2010.

the jailhouse informants in Carter's case, but because his rulings in the case have been under seal, it's unclear how he has ruled — and won't be known until the files in the case are made public.

Sacks had sealed the court documents because he said media coverage of the case could prejudice potential jurors. He also placed a gag order on the attorneys to ensure they didn't speak with reporters.

Attorneys representing the Chicago Tribune filed a motion for access to the judicial records and to lift the gag order. The motion said there was no basis for the documents to be suppressed, and that if the practice was continued, it "threatens to have a corrosive effect on trust in the judicial system."

A contrite Judge Sacks said Friday the order was a misstep. He unsealed the pretrial motions and rulings, and nixed the gag order. Sacks cautioned journalists to "use sound judgement" while covering the approaching murder trial, which now is scheduled to begin May 13.

Sacks directed members of the public who wanted to review the newly public documents to the court's clerk's office. But a Tribune reporter who requested the file was told it had remained with Sacks and couldn't be retrieved because his staff had left for the day.

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Ten children died in a fire on Aug. 26 at an apartment building in the 2200 block of South Sacramento Avenue.

Probe: Open flame started deadly fire

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Fire Department determined Friday that the fire at a Little Village home that killed 10 children last year was "incendiary," meaning started by an open flame, but the investigation did not conclude if it was an accident or if the blaze was intentionally set.

Larry Langford, spokesman for the Fire Department, said the investigation found that the fire was started by some sort of open flame in the apartment's enclosed rear porch. However, the investigation did not determine the source of the open flame, Langford said. The investigation, which included assistance from state and federal in-

vestigators, did determine that the fire was not caused by an electrical issue, Langford said.

"It was something done by a human, but, again, that does not mean arson," Langford said.

The fire started early Aug. 26 in a building in the 2200 block of South Sacramento Avenue where nine first cousins and a close family friend were having a sleepover.

The children who died were identified as Amayah Almaraz, 3 months; Alanni Ayala, 3; Gialanni Ayala, 5; Ariel Garcia, 5; Giovanni Ayala, 10; Xavier Contreras, 11; Nathan Hernandez, 13; Adrian Hernandez, 14; Cesar Contreras, 14; and Victor Mendoza, 16.

There were no survivors of the fire. Neighbors told

officials that the enclosed porch had been used as a gathering spot where people sometimes smoked and at other times people used it to set off fireworks, Langford said.

Fire officials had been waiting for engineers from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to review evidence to see if the fire could have been started by an electrical problem, Langford said. But their analysis found that the fire was not caused by something electrical.

"Which puts us back to where we were," Langford said.

The Fire Department now has closed its investigation into the fire, but it will be turned over to police to make a determination on a

possible motive, Langford said.

Chicago police said the investigation into the fire remained open and no determination on if it was an arson had been made as of Friday.

The property has been the subject of scrutiny since the fatal fire broke out. The city filed more than 40 code violations against the owner, Merced Gutierrez.

On Thursday, attorneys for the city and Gutierrez agreed that the rear structure where the children had been sleeping would be demolished before July 18, which is when they will return to Cook County Circuit Court, according to the agreed order.

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Palatine freshman charged with murder

BY GEORGE HOUDE
Chicago Tribune

A 16-year-old Palatine High School student has been charged with murder after Cook County authorities said he was behind the wheel during a gang-related drive-by shooting.

Andre Naydenov was charged as an adult with first-degree murder with a firearm in the Feb. 1 shooting that killed Jose L. Castaneda Jr. as he and a friend were walking outside the Silver Lakes Apartments complex near Route 53 and Dundee Road.

Naydenov's bond was set at \$750,000 Thursday. Be-

cause of his age, Judge Marc Martin ordered Naydenov held in county's juvenile detention facility.

The charge carries a potential minimum sentence of 45 years in prison if Naydenov is convicted. In setting a relatively low bond for a murder case, Martin said he considered Naydenov's age and noted that he is not accused of firing the weapon that killed Castaneda, who was 20.

Authorities said the alleged gunman is in custody on a separate case but has not been questioned. Charges may be forthcoming, authorities said.

Cook County Assistant

State's Attorney Jennifer Gates said Naydenov and a passenger encountered Castaneda and his friend at a gas station and followed them in a silver BMW.

Gates said the alleged accomplice told Naydenov that Castaneda and his friend were rival gang members and they would have to "stomp" them.

After telling Naydenov to stop the car, the gunman opened the front passenger door and fired several shots from a 9 mm handgun, striking Castaneda in the back, Gates said.

The two fled in the BMW, but Naydenov was arrested this week after being ques-

tioned by police about another incident, authorities said. During that interrogation, Naydenov said he knew his passenger had the handgun that day, Gates said. Naydenov's attorney, Assistant Public Defender Caroline Glennon, told Martin that her client was a freshman at Palatine High School and asked for house arrest. She said he was not a flight risk and that his father died of cancer last year, leaving the family in financial straits.

Naydenov's next court date is Feb. 28.

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Pritzker team looks for way out of 'ditch'

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new money on the horizon, all while the state has obligations to raise spending on pensions, schools and state worker wages.

Throughout his campaign, Pritzker repeated his plan to shift from a flat state income tax to a federal-style graduated system in which higher earners would pay higher rates. But that requires an amendment to the Illinois Constitution, which would take almost two years to get on the ballot for voter approval.

His other ideas for generating new revenue — legalizing and taxing recreational marijuana and sports betting — also would take time to implement and wouldn't raise the substantial sums that an income tax change could.

"We've begun to identify revenue sources that can be implemented immediately," Hynes said, declining to elaborate.

A separate report released Friday from Pritzker's transition team raised the prospect of expanding the state sales tax to some services — a concept long discussed and disregarded. It even raised the prospect of a statewide tax on plastic

bags such as the one imposed in Chicago.

At one point in the campaign, Pritzker discussed raising the state's overall flat income tax rate but adding tax credits on lower incomes to create a de facto graduated tax pending the constitutional amendment, but he backed away from the idea after facing criticism.

It's not uncommon for new governors to blame the state's financial woes on their predecessors, often saying they discovered things were worse when they got on the job.

When Rauner took office in 2015, he blamed previous administrations over decades for failing to develop "a credible financial plan" to deal with the state's money troubles. But in the Pritzker report, Rauner is blasted for waging "ideological warfare" with the Democratic legislature over his union-weakening agenda that left the state with a historic budget impasse.

"The Rauner years will have ripple effects for a generation to come on those who suffered direct harm, including taxpayers," the Pritzker report said, citing increased debt and a growing pile of unpaid bills to



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Pritzker favors moving from a flat state income tax to a federal-style graduated system.

those providing state services — particularly social service agencies.

The Rauner administration estimated the deficit for next budget year at nearly \$2.8 billion. But the Pritzker administration said "widespread cost pressures" in higher education, social services and other areas will make the hole even deeper. That includes an additional \$275 million needed for human services, \$70 million more for higher education and \$170 million for state employee health insurance — an expense Rauner tried unsuccessfully to cut by reducing benefits in contract talks with union workers.

Also complicating the budget picture is a \$500 million bill for pay increases owed to those workers.

Rauner tried to block the raises during contract negotiations with the union representing the largest share of state workers, but Pritzker has said he will comply with a court order to pay them.

He also faces pension obligations of \$9.2 billion next year, which will consume about a quarter of the state's general revenue, and a backlog of unpaid bills nearing \$8 billion.

The new governor has made his first legislative priority raising the state-wide minimum wage to \$15 per hour, a move that would fulfill a campaign promise but also has financial consequences for the state running into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

"The human and financial costs that have accrued

over the last four years — to say nothing of the missed opportunity to stabilize Illinois' finances during a period of relatively strong economic growth — will require a tremendous amount of effort to remedy going forward," the report said.

In addition to the financial hole cited in the report, the state faces monumental costs to rebuild and improve its infrastructure. Pritzker and Republicans have voiced support for a massive public works bill, but no one has identified how to pay for it. The state has not had a public works plan since 2009, and a separate transition report offered goals but no specific sources of revenue.

While Pritzker has pinned his long-term finan-

cial vision for the state on a graduated income tax, prospects for voter ratification in 2020 of a constitutional amendment are questionable. The issue would likely be one of the most expensive ballot battles in the state during the upcoming election cycle, pitting business interests against Democratic allies in organized labor.

Already, a pro-business political committee headed by Greg Baise, the former president and CEO of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, announced the formation of a group called Ideas Illinois to combat the graduated-rate tax. Pritzker has dubbed the new tax system as a "fair tax," while Baise is calling it a "jobs tax."

"Reckless spending and a massive jobs tax are not the way to fix Illinois' broken economy," said Baise, who is chairing Ideas Illinois. "Ideas Illinois will provide the people of our state with an independent voice that is committed to tax reform policies, building a stronger business climate and finding real long-term economic solutions."

The group is an offshoot of a political committee founded by Baise and businessman Ron Gidwitz called the Coalition for Jobs, Growth and Prosperity. Gidwitz left the committee after being named President Donald Trump's ambassador to Belgium.

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Al Gore backs Bill Daley for Chicago mayor

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Bill Daley brought in the star power of former Vice President Al Gore on Friday to publicly endorse him in his attempt to become the third member of his family to be elected Chicago's mayor.

Daley said he's connecting with Chicago voters not only by telling more of his personal story but by having a nationally recognized friend such as the former vice president vouch for him.

"I think I'm being honest with people. I think I'm laying out who I am," Daley said at a news conference with Gore. "Even though my name may have been around a long time, most people don't know me. ... Having someone like Al Gore stand next to me and say to the people of Chicago, 'I think this guy could be a good mayor and help lead this city,' I think adds to the (equation)."

Gore and Daley stood side by side in a high-rise tower at 300 N. LaSalle St. that's been noted for being extremely energy-efficient. Gore flew in from Europe so he could talk about Daley's reputation.

Daley was the chairman of Gore's 2000 presidential campaign, which ended in defeat, but Gore did not speak about that. Instead he talked about Daley as a leader and his past job as U.S. commerce secretary and chief of staff to former President Barack Obama.

"I just want everybody here ... to know how strongly I feel about Bill Daley," Gore said. "In all his public service, I've seen Bill's commitment to excellence, his commitment to lifting up those who most need champions, who are designing and implementing public policy that makes life better for the majority. Bill has a proven track record of achieving results for the people he is serving. I'm proud to endorse him."

The endorsement event also gave Daley a forum to present his plan to address climate change and help the city reach 100 percent carbon neutrality by 2050.

But the appearance also came as Daley faced heavy criticism, particularly from his opponents Susana Mendoza and Toni Preckwinkle, for skipping a televised debate

Thursday night. Daley said he decided to skip the event because he wanted to get an endorsement from the plumbers union Local 130, which he did.

But he bailed on the event the same day the Tribune published a story about a 1970s scandal in which, according to testimony and court records, his licensing test to sell insurance was tampered with so he would pass.

Daley has raised more than \$5 million and is ahead of the field of 14 candidates in building a war chest. He's been endorsed by influential U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush of Chicago but also has received support from nationally recognized friends such as former Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean.

Gore said he voluntarily stepped in to support Daley because they are close friends, they worked together in Washington and he saw firsthand how Daley operates.

Gore is a prominent voice on climate change. He drew national attention with the release of his 2006 film "An Inconvenient Truth," a documentary that focused on global warming as a threat to humanity. That film was followed by a sequel in 2017.

"Climate crisis is an urgent threat and, indeed, cities are on the front lines of both impacts and the solutions," Gore said. "Bill Daley is the right person to ensure that Chicago leads by tackling this issue head-on. I've relied on him myself during important moments in my career and I'm extremely grateful for all that he's done. ... I want others to know that they can rely on him as mayor of Chicago."

While Daley's plan presented a broad overview, it did not detail how the city would pay for things such as a new fleet of electric cars or just how he would regulate ride-sharing.

On Friday he pointed to extreme weather events like the polar vortex and the summer of 1995, when hundreds of residents died as a result of the severe heat, as part of the reason he has a climate change agenda. "The consequences of inaction are severe," he said. "It truly is about our future."

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House Judiciary Committee member Rep. Val Butler Demings quizzes acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker.

Whitaker faces probing questions

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Jeffries then urged Whitaker not to try to steer the case in his remaining days on the job.

"Keep your hands off the Mueller investigation," Jeffries said.

From the hearing's opening minutes, Whitaker was pressed by Democrats to explain his role in overseeing Mueller's investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential campaign.

He made clear at the outset that he would not talk about his conversations with Trump — which led quickly to a contentious exchange with the committee's chairman, Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y.

"There has been no change in the overall management of the special counsel investigation," Whitaker said in his prepared remarks. "I have and will continue to manage this investigation in a manner that is consistent with the governing regulations."

Nadler repeatedly pressed Whitaker to explain what he has been told about the special counsel investigation, and what he has told others.

"I have not talked to the president of the United States about the special counsel's investigation," Whitaker said, adding that he also hasn't talked to White House officials about the inquiry.

Whitaker would not say how often he has been briefed on the investigation. As Nadler kept insisting Whitaker say whether he had approved investigative steps taken by Mueller, the acting attorney general tried to dodge the question.

"Mr. Chairman, I see that your five minutes is up," Whitaker said, prompting laughter in the hearing room, as the witness tried to turn the tables on his inquisitor. In congressional hearings, committee chairmen control the time for questions, not other lawmakers or the witnesses. Eventually, Whitaker re-

lented and answered Nadler's question.

"We have followed the special counsel's regulations to a 'T.' There has been no event, no decision, that has required me to take any action, and I have not interfered in any way with the special counsel's investigation," Whitaker said.

The committee's top Republican, Rep. Douglas Collins of Georgia said the hearing "was nothing more than character assassination," and accused Democrats of political grandstanding.

"This hearing is pointless!" he said.

Whitaker sparred almost continuously with Democrats on the panel over the special counsel investigation involving the president, while Republicans mostly asked him about administration policy.

Under intense questioning about his interactions with Trump, Whitaker denied a media report that the president once berated him after Trump's former law-

yer Michael Cohen pleaded guilty and implicated the president.

"No, he did not," Whitaker answered after several attempts to dodge the question. He also said no one speaking on behalf of the president had berated him either.

But under aggressive questioning from Rep. Val Demings, D-Fla., Whitaker notably declined to say whether he had ever talked with Trump about the Cohen case or the federal prosecutors in Manhattan who handled it.

"I am not going to discuss my private conversations with the president of the United States. No matter what the question is," Whitaker said.

Whitaker sought to clarify that when he said last month that Mueller's probe was "close to being completed," he was not necessarily speaking for Mueller, who was "going to finish his investigation when he wants to finish his investigation."

Police: Gunman may have aimed for mother

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jon's mother was in the front passenger seat, but none of them was injured, family said. The boys are 4 and 5 years old.

The passenger side of the SUV had at least eight bullet holes, marked with stickers

by evidence technicians.

Freeman said his grandson "made your day. He was walking, he was a fun baby?"

"We need to put these guns down," he continued. "The summer is coming, we need to put them down. Our babies are dying. We need to stop doing this. Could we

please put these guns down and let these babies live? Let these babies live?"

Anyone with information can call detectives at 312-747-8271 or St. Sabina Church, which is coordinating the reward money, at 773-483-4300.

Police said tips also can

be sent to www.cpdtp.com.

"Let's help this baby, let's bring these perpetrators in," community activist Andrew Holmes said outside the hospital Friday afternoon.

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Feds inquire into alleged extortion

Sources: Bezos' blog post puts tabloid's legal deal under review

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — The National Enquirer's alleged attempts to blackmail Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos with intimate photos could get the tabloid's parent company and top editors in deep legal trouble and reopen them to prosecution for paying hush money to a Playboy model who claimed to have had an affair with Donald Trump.

Federal prosecutors are looking at whether the Enquirer's feud with Bezos violated a cooperation and non-prosecution agreement that recently spared the tabloid from charges in the hush-money case, two people familiar with the matter said Friday.

The clash between the world's richest man and America's most aggressive supermarket tabloid spilled into public view late Thursday when Bezos accused it of threatening to print photos of Bezos and the woman with whom he was having an extramarital affair.

Bezos said the Enquirer demanded that he stop investigating how the publication recently obtained private messages he and girlfriend Lauren Sanchez, a former TV anchor who is also married, had exchanged.

Enquirer owner American Media Inc. said Friday that its board of directors ordered an investigation and will take "whatever

appropriate action is necessary." Earlier in the day, the company said it "acted lawfully" while reporting the story and engaged in "good-faith negotiations" with Bezos.

In recent months, the tabloid acknowledged secretly assisting Trump's White House campaign by paying \$150,000 to Playboy model Karen McDougal for the rights to her story about an alleged affair with Trump. The company then suppressed the story until after the 2016 election.

Trump's longtime personal attorney and fixer Michael Cohen pleaded guilty last year to charges that included helping to broker that transaction.

Federal prosecutors considered the payment an illegal corporate contribution. In September, AMI reached an agreement with federal authorities that spared it from prosecution for campaign finance violations. It promised in the agreement not to break any laws. The deal also required the continuing cooperation of top AMI executives, including CEO David Pecker and Enquirer editor Dylan Howard.

Now, federal prosecutors in New York are looking at whether AMI violated those terms, the people familiar with the matter said. A violation of the agreement could lead to criminal charges over the McDougal payments. And the resulting court proceedings could lay bare details of the gossip sheet's cozy relationship



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with the president.

The Enquirer and top executives could also be subject to state and federal extortion and coercion charges and prosecution under New York City's revenge porn law, passed last year, which bans even the threat of sharing intimate photographs, legal experts said.

Bezos' allegations, detailed in a blog post, also highlight a tabloid practice known as "catch-and-kill,"

in which the gossip sheets use the threat of damaging stories as leverage or to curry favor with a celebrity.

The blog post included emails from an AMI attorney saying the tabloid wouldn't post the intimate photos if the Bezos camp publicly stated that it has no evidence to suggest the Enquirer's coverage of Bezos was politically motivated.

The Enquirer has "weaponized journalism and made it into this bartering,

brokering thing where it's like, 'If I can blackmail you with the threat — I'll expose this unless you've got something better,'" Goldberg said.

It is a federal crime to threaten to injure someone's reputation in exchange for money or a "thing of value," though federal courts haven't made it clear whether a public statement, like the one demanded by AMI, could be considered something of

value.

Former New York federal prosecutor Jennifer Rodgers said prosecutors are probably weighing the pros and cons of keeping the cooperation agreement in place.

The agreement secures Pecker's testimony in any future cases stemming from the hush-money payments, and winning a criminal case over the Bezos matter would be far from clear-cut, Rodgers said.

The Bezos camp has suggested the Enquirer's coverage of his affair was driven by dirty politics. Trump has criticized Bezos on Twitter over his ownership of The Washington Post and of Amazon.

Bezos' extramarital affair became public when the Enquirer published a Jan. 9 story about his relationship with Sanchez. Bezos then hired private investigators to find out how the tabloid got texts and photos the two exchanged.

Bezos' personal investigators, led by his security consultant Gavin de Becker, have been focusing on Sanchez's brother, according to a person familiar with the matter.

De Becker and his team suspect Michael Sanchez, a talent manager who touts his support of Trump and is an acquaintance of Trump allies Roger Stone and Carter Page, may have provided the information to the Enquirer, the person said. The person spoke on condition of anonymity.

Sanchez, who is also his sister's manager, said in a tweet that de Becker "spreads fake, unhinged conservative conspiracy theories."

NEWS BRIEFING

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Fire at Brazilian soccer academy kills 10, injures 3

RIO DE JANEIRO — Fire tore through the sleeping quarters of an academy for one of Brazil's most popular professional soccer clubs Friday, killing 10 people and injuring three, most likely teenage players, authorities said.

Firefighters were called just after 5 a.m. local time to the sprawling Ninho de Urubu training grounds of the Flamengo soccer club in Rio de Janeiro.

The cause of the fire

was not known.

Those killed were not immediately identified by the club but they were athletes, a health official said.

Two of the injured youths were hospitalized in stable condition and one was in critical condition. The ages of the injured were 14, 15 and 16, according to a fire official.

Several people who appeared to be relatives entered the complex without speaking to reporters.

Stone says he should be free to speak in Russia probe case

WASHINGTON — A federal judge shouldn't bar longtime Donald Trump confidant Roger Stone from making public statements about his criminal case in the Russia investigation, his attorneys said Friday.

Defense lawyers say in a court filing that any limits on Stone's public comments would infringe on his right to free speech.

They made the argument as U.S. District Judge

Amy Berman Jackson is considering a gag order preventing both sides in the case from making public statements that could prejudice potential jurors.

Jackson raised the issue last week as she told Stone not to treat his criminal case like a "book tour," referring to post-indictment talk show appearances Stone made in which he attacked the investigation as politically motivated.

Iran's top leader defends chants of 'Death to America' by crowds

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is defending "Death to America" chants that are standard fare at anti-U.S. rallies across Iran but says the chanting is aimed at America's leaders and not its people.

Khamenei's website on Friday quoted him as saying the chant means "death to U.S. leaders, death to (President Donald) Trump and John

Bolton and (Mike) Pompeo."

He says the Iranian people "will not stop saying 'Death to America' as long as the U.S. acts malicious" toward Iran.

Khamenei was referring to Trump's State of the Union address this week in which the American president, among other things, said: "We will not avert our eyes from a regime that chants 'Death to America.'"



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Dragon dancers perform their routine at a park in Beijing on Friday, the fourth day of the Lunar New Year celebration. China is marking the arrival of the Year of the Pig with a week's worth of festivities.

White House won't send report to Congress on slain journalist

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration was set to ignore a Friday deadline for giving the Senate a full accounting of the role of Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, in the brutal slaying of U.S.-based Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi four months ago.

The administration, which has consistently sought to shield Saudi rulers from blame, had until midnight Friday to answer senators' questions about whether Prince Mohammed ordered the killing, as U.S. intelligence agencies

have concluded, and what additional sanctions should be placed on the government in Riyadh.

The deadline was set by Democratic and Republican senators, who wrote the president on Oct. 10 — slightly more than a week after Khashoggi's disappearance — calling for an investigation.

Senators said Trump was obliged by law to answer within 120 days. Administration officials contended, however, that the law was not binding and that the president could ignore the senators' demands.

A top Saudi official, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Adel Al-Jubeir, on Friday insisted the crown prince had no role in Khashoggi's slaying, saying the trial of the suspects and the ongoing investigation would show it was a "rogue operation" with no official backing.

The New York Times reported Thursday that U.S. intelligence agencies intercepted a 2017 conversation in which Mohamed told a top aide that he would use "a bullet" on Khashoggi, a regime critic, if he did not return home to Saudi Arabia.

France presses Italy in historic EU dispute

PARIS — France's pro-EU government and Italy's populist leaders sparred anew Friday amid the neighbors' biggest diplomatic spat since World War II.

French officials said Friday that this week's recall of French Ambassador Christian Masset was

prompted by months of "unfounded attacks" from Italian government members Luigi Di Maio and Matteo Salvini, who have criticized French President Emmanuel Macron's economic and migration policies.

But the main trigger for the crisis appeared to be Di

Maio's meeting in a Paris suburb this week with members of the yellow vests — a French anti-government movement seeking seats in the European Parliament — without informing French leaders, who considered it an unwarranted intrusion into the nation's internal affairs.

Steep fall in enforcement by EPA seen since 2016

WASHINGTON — Civil and criminal crackdowns on polluters dropped sharply in the second year of the Trump administration, according to 2018 enforcement figures released Friday by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Trump administration EPA says the agency is taking a new tack with polluters, giving states more of a role in regulation and enforcement and stressing education and voluntary compliance with offenders as well as fines and criminal prosecution.

The EPA has been one of the most active agencies overall in carrying out the deregulatory goals of President Donald Trump.

Declines include civil investigations carried out by the agency, which fell to 22 last year, down from 40 in 2017 and 125 in 2016, the last year of the Obama administration.

Health exam: President Donald Trump is "in very good health" and expected to remain healthy for "the duration of his Presidency, and beyond," the president's doctor said Friday after a physical exam by 11 specialists. The White House did not release more details and did not say whether any would be released.

Summit location: President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un will hold their second summit in the Vietnamese capital of Hanoi on Feb. 27-28, the president said Friday night. The president had previously announced Vietnam as the summit location, but the city hadn't been identified.

Deal to avert shutdown appears close

But it's far from certain if Trump will sign the pact

BY JENNIFER HABERKORN
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A small bipartisan group of lawmakers plans to work through the weekend to craft a government spending deal in hopes of averting another partial shutdown by Feb. 15 — but it's far from certain President Donald Trump will sign the deal.

The group of Republicans and Democrats from both the House and Senate hopes to sign off on an agreement — expected to provide money for “physical barriers” along the border but not a wall as Trump has envisioned — by Monday.

That would give the full Congress time to pass the legislation by the Feb. 15 deadline.

“I’m cautiously optimistic, but we’ll find out over the weekend,” said Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas, one of the members of the committee tasked with putting together a deal. “It’s getting closer.”

Some of the negotiators, including Cuellar, are heading to Camp David at the



Rep. Henry Cuellar shows a border map at a meeting last month. He's “cautiously optimistic,” a deal will be reached.

White House's invitation this weekend to continue the talks. Republican and Democratic lawmakers responsible for putting together an agreement were trading offers as recently as Thursday night.

Both Republican and Democratic members of the group say they're close to an agreement. And across Capitol Hill, lawmakers expressed deep skepticism about going through another government shutdown.

“In this situation, there is

no appetite on either side of the aisle, and I think in either chamber for another partial government shutdown,” Rep. Chuck Fleischmann, R-Tenn., another committee member, said Friday morning on “Fox & Friends.”

Lawmakers on Friday refused to release many details of the plan coming together, cautioning that negotiators are working well together and they don't want to spoil the good faith. The deal is all but certain to

include physical barriers, funding for additional border security measures and new language to address people seeking asylum.

“The president, Republicans, want some form of physical barriers. It's just, what do we get in exchange for that?” said Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-Calif., another one of the committee members. “How do we protect our borders and yet do it in a way that respects our values as Americans; that we treat people humanely,

particularly asylum seekers, people who are coming here?”

If the group is able to reach a deal, it would need to be approved by Congress and signed by the president.

Besides opposition from some conservatives pushing for more wall money, some liberals may not accept the final product. Some Democrats in the House have cautioned that they won't approve more funding for Customs and Border Protection and the Immigra-

tion and Customs Enforcement agency.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., a progressive with perhaps the highest profile among freshmen in the House, voted against a measure to reopen the government last month because it funded ICE.

Any compromise would almost certainly fund those agencies. Ocasio-Cortez's opposition to funding ICE in the earlier deal could prompt some progressives to think twice before throwing in their support.

In some ways, the political battle to come may be based on semantics over the definition of “wall.” A Republican's wall may be seen as fencing by a Democrat.

Cuellar, whose district is along the border, is pushing for “levee walls.”

“You have dirt mounds. You put cement on one side, a low fence on top,” he said, “and voila you've got a barrier. People can call it border security. Some of us will call it flood control and it's a win-win.”

Lawmakers say the White House has been involved in the committee talks and suggest they expect Trump will sign on to a deal if it is approved by Congress.



Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax, who has denied both accusations against him, reads a document on the Senate floor Friday.

Va. gov. declines to resign over racist photo

Refusal comes as Lt. Gov. hit with 2nd assault claim

BY ALAN SUDERMAN
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Virginia's state government seemed to come unglued Friday as an embattled Gov. Ralph Northam made it clear he won't resign and the man in line to succeed him was hit with another sexual assault accusation and bargained with demands that he step down too.

Top Democrats, including a number of presidential hopefuls and most of Virginia's congressional delegation, turned against Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax, who would become Virginia's second black governor if Northam quit.

The twin developments came at the end of an extraordinary week that saw all three of Virginia's top elected officials — all Democrats — embroiled in potentially career-ending scandals fraught with questions of race, sex and power.

Northam, who is a year into his four-year term, announced his intention to stay during an afternoon Cabinet meeting according to a senior official was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

In so doing, Northam defied practically the entire Democratic Party, which rose up against him after a racist photo on his 1984 medical school yearbook surfaced and he acknowledged wearing blackface in the 1980s.

Later in the day, the governor issued a statement to government employees, saying, “You have placed your trust in me to lead Virginia forward — and I

plan to do that.”

In a sign that he intended to return to business as usual, he also announced more than a dozen appointments to state boards.

Meanwhile, a woman came forward with a statement accusing Fairfax of attacking her when they were students at Duke University in North Carolina in 2000. The Associated Press is not reporting the details because the allegation has not been corroborated.

Fairfax denied the new allegation, as he did the first one, leveled earlier this week by California college professor Vanessa Tyson, who said Fairfax forced her to perform oral sex on him at a Boston hotel in 2004.

“It is obvious that a vicious and coordinated smear campaign is being orchestrated against me,” Fairfax said.

Duke campus police have no criminal reports naming Fairfax, university spokesman Michael Schoenfeld said.

Durham police spokesman Wil Glenn also said he couldn't find a report in the department's system on the 2000 allegation.

Many Democrats who had withheld judgment after the first accusation against Fairfax, saying the matter needed to be investigated, immediately turned against him.

Del. Patrick Hope tweeted Friday that he would introduce articles of impeachment for Fairfax on Monday “if he has not resigned before then.”

Top Democrats running for president in 2020 called for Fairfax's resignation, including Sens. Cory Booker of New Jersey, Kirsten Gillibrand of New York and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts.



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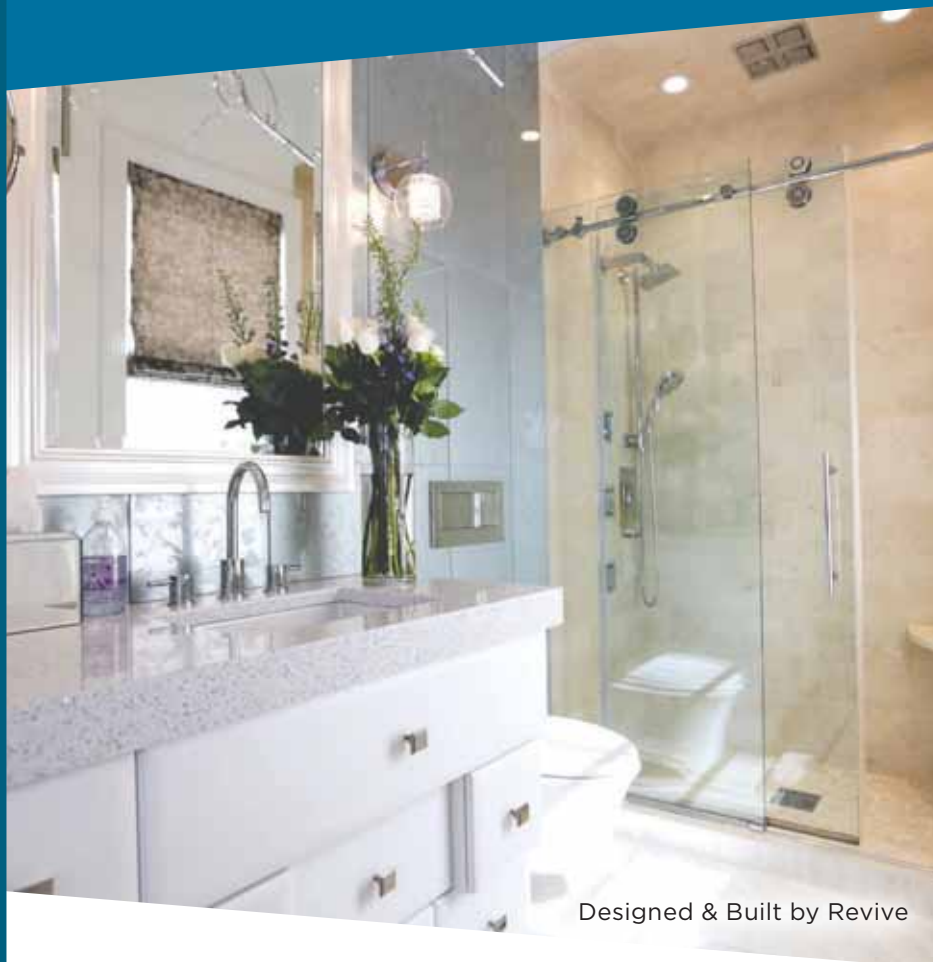
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Cat to expand in Chicago

Frim hopes to lure tech talent for digital team

By **ALLY MAROTTI**
Chicago Tribune

Caterpillar is growing its digital team as the company works to embed technology deeper into its operations and earth-moving equipment, and it opened a new Chicago office to accommodate the expansion.

The Deerfield-based company moved its downtown digital team into the office in the West Loop Gate neighborhood in September, almost two years after opening its first downtown office in the city's de facto tech hub, the Merchandise Mart.

That first office, which fit about 45 employees and opened as an innovation-focused space, was meant to attract tech talent. The tactic worked and now, as Caterpillar focuses more on tech, it's critical to keep attracting that talent, said Ogi Redzic, vice president of Caterpillar's roughly 600-person Cat Digital division.

"The things we're building right now are foundational for the future of Caterpillar," Redzic said. "Customer expectations are changing, ... He is expecting the same tools he



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Caterpillar is growing its digital team in a new Chicago office.

(uses) for his daily life to be as good and better in the equipment that he gets."

Roughly 90 employees work out of the new office, the majority of whom are digital team members. Redzic declined to share hiring plans, but said the office provides room to grow.

The heavy equipment-maker isn't alone in its quest to use a downtown outpost to lure highly sought-after data scientists and other tech workers. Companies in industries from fast food to insurance have opened offices in the heart of the city, where tech employees want to work. The hip office spaces have proved worth the extra cost for suburban companies,

who often end up competing for talent with behemoths like Facebook or Google.

Companies that aren't traditionally thought of as being part of the tech industry can face an extra challenge winning over potential recruits that might not be aware of their digital work.

"Before I joined, I really did not know the scope and breadth of Cat's products," said Redzic, who has a background in connected vehicles and other digital services. "I was quite surprised actually myself, thinking, 'I'm joining a company that does excavation and mining' to learn about all the other things Cat is doing globally."

The types of digital talent on Redzic's team is vast, from software developers and data analysts to telecommunication experts and computer engineers.

They work on Caterpillar's e-commerce operations, through which customers buy parts for their machines. They develop apps for internal and external use. Last month, the company rolled out an app that lets equipment owners monitor their machines' maintenance schedules and operation times.

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Schneider Logistics tops list of layoffs

Chicago Tribune staff

Illinois employers notified the state of more than 1,200 layoffs last month, according to the most recent monthly report by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Schneider Logistics Transport and Distribution, which operates a warehouse for Walmart in Elwood, reported one of the larger layoffs. The freight company said it would lay off 589 employees in late March.

Erin Elliott, a spokesperson for Schneider, said in a statement that Walmart will take over operation of the warehouse and run it internally by April 6. Walmart is also taking over the operation of two California warehouses that Schneider had been running.

Walmart hopes to retain as many of the Schneider employees as possible at the Elwood warehouse, Elliott said.

Other employers warning of layoffs were:

■ **PharMEDium Healthcare Corp.** warned that it will lay off 41 employees at its Lake Forest location due to a restructuring.

■ **WideOpenWest Illinois**, a telecommunications carrier, warned that it will lay off 56 employees at its Warrenville location.

■ **Tavern at the Park**, a restaurant on Randolph Street in Chicago, will lay off 80 employees when it closes next month.

Other closings that are prompting layoffs include:

■ **Gildan**, an apparel manufacturer, warned that it will lay off 60 employees in Chicago next month.

■ **FedEx** said it will lay off 83 workers in Effingham next month.

■ **Innovel Solutions**, a freight transportation company, warned that it will lay off 105 employees in Manteno next month.

■ **Harman International Industries**, a manufacturer of audio and video equipment, said it will lay off 59 employees in Vernon Hills next month.

Chicago, state still after Amazon HQ2

By **ALLY MAROTTI**
Chicago Tribune

Chicago and Illinois officials reached out to Amazon on Friday in a renewed effort to win a 25,000-job campus that would serve as part of the tech behemoth's second headquarters.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker called Amazon and made "a full-throated pitch" Friday morning, according to a source from his administration. A City Hall source con-

firmed the city reached out as well.

The move followed a report from The Washington Post, which Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos owns, that opposition from local politicians has caused Amazon to reconsider its plan to bring the campus to New York City.

Amazon has not yet leased or purchased office space for the campus in New York City, and final approval of state incentives is not expected until 2020, the

Post reported.

The e-commerce giant announced in November that it would split its second headquarters between New York's Long Island City and Northern Virginia. The announcement ended a yearlong, high-stakes competition to win thousands of high-paying tech jobs, in which Chicago was among 20 finalists.

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Work begins on Southeast Side industrial development

Associated Press

Work has begun on a southeast-side Chicago industrial development that officials say will be home to 1,300 jobs.

NorthPoint Development broke ground Thursday on the \$164 million project. It will cover 196 acres.

The plan is to begin with an industrial building of 360,000 square feet. Eventually there will be six structures of up to 600,000

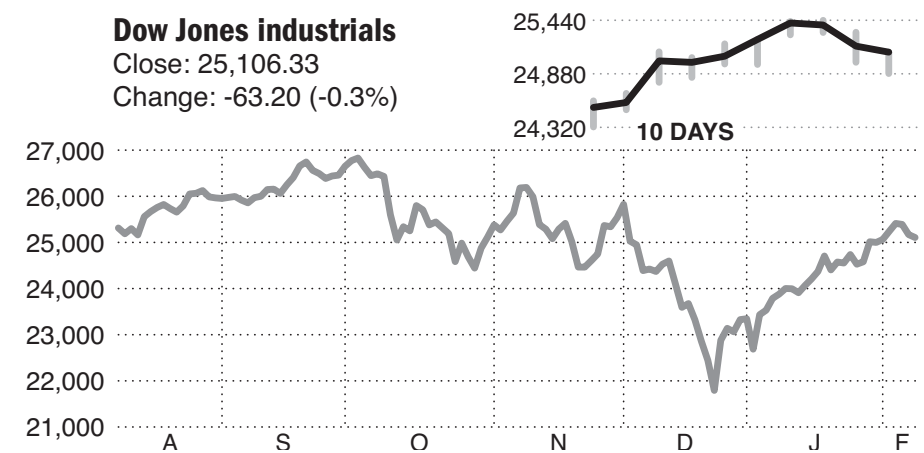
square feet. There will be room for up to 10 manufacturing, assembly and distribution-type tenants.

The land is adjacent to NorthPoint's supplier park of nearly 3 million square feet that serves Ford Motor Co.'s nearby Torrence Avenue assembly plant. The development will receive up to \$52 million in tax increment financing assistance.

The site was originally home to Republic Steel beginning in 1901.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,106.39 Low: 24,883.04 Previous: 25,169.53



Nasdaq
Close: 7,298.20
High: 7,299.44
Low: 7,225.14
Previous: 7,288.35

S&P 500
Close: 2,707.88
High: 2,708.07
Low: 2,681.83
Previous: 2,706.05

Russell 2000
Close: 1,506.39
High: 1,506.60
Low: 1,495.12
Previous: 1,505.63

10-yr T-note
-0.02 to 2.63%

Gold futures
+4.30 to \$1,313.70

Yen
-0.07 to 109.77/\$

Euro
+0.0021 to .8831/\$

Crude Oil
+0.08 to \$52.72

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
+0.17	+0.47	+0.05	+4.63	+4.69	+4.30	+3.78	+6.16	+3.37

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	514.75	522.25	513.50	517.25	+4
		May 19	518.25	524	517	519.50	+2.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	376.50	381.75	374	374.25	-2.25
		May 19	384.25	389.25	381.75	382.25	-2
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	913	918	908	914.50	+1.25
		May 19	927	932	922.25	928.75	+1.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 19	30.84	30.95	30.46	30.87	+0.06
		May 19	31.16	31.26	30.78	31.19	+0.07
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	305.70	308.20	305.20	306.10	+0.60
		May 19	309.50	312.10	309.00	310.10	+0.60
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 19	52.59	52.99	52.08	52.72	+0.08
		Apr 19	52.96	53.35	52.44	53.09	+0.09
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 19	2.573	2.616	2.558	2.583	+0.032
		Apr 19	2.590	2.634	2.573	2.604	+0.032
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 19	1.4248	1.4525	1.4051	1.4464	+0.0206
		Apr 19	1.6046	1.6300	1.5892	1.6248	+0.0164

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

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

Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	73.33	+59	Equity Lifestyle Prop	N	110.46	+1.04	Mondelez Intl	O	46.90	+4.0
AbbVie Inc	N	79.67	+50	Equity Residential	N	73.44	-10	Morningstar Inc	O	125.83	+1.11
Allstate Corp	N	92.46	+13	Exelon Corp	N	47.72	-41	Motorola Solutions	N	135.37	+16.75
Aptargroup Inc	N	101.39	-56	First Indl RT	N	33.46	-05	NISource Inc	N	26.58	+1.7
Arch Dan Mid	N	41.76	+36	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	44.75	...	Nthn Trust Cp	O	89.64	-19
Baxter Intl	N	71.50	+39	Gallagher AJ	N	78.83	+84	Old Republic	N	20.52	-06
Boeing Co	N	404.91	-26	Grainger WW	N	300.43	-127	Packaging Corp Am	N	95.15	+31
Brunswick Corp	N	49.10	-22	GrubHub Inc	N	86.08	+381	Paylocity Hldg	O	82.65	+15.3
CBOE Global Markets	N	94.65	-35	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	102.61	+49	Stericycle Inc	O	44.98	+71
CDK Global Inc	O	55.37	+1.56	IDEX Corp	N	140.02	+2.17	Teleph Data	N	35.03	+12
CDW Corp	O	90.31	-77	ITW	N	135.72	+70	TransUnion	N	61.94	+34
CF Industries	N	41.86	+55	Ingredion Inc	N	91.85	-39	Tribune Media Co A	N	46.10	+02
CME Group	O	178.20	+97	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	144.39	-52	US Foods Holding	N	34.66	-65
CNA Financial	N	46.53	-07	Kemper Corp	N	75.43	-57	USG Corp	N	43.16	-01
Caterpillar Inc	N	128.60	-18	Kraft Heinz Co	O	47.46	+23	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	296.06	+2.42
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	22.19	-03	LKQ Corporation	O	26.23	-02	United Contl Hldgs	O	88.17	+31
Deere Co	N	162.75	+95	Littelfuse Inc	O	178.84	-05	Ventas Inc	N	64.27	-18
Discover Fin Svcs	N	68.01	-91	MB Financial	O	43.78	-55	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	70.12	-1.08
Dover Corp	N	86.82	-10	McDonalds Corp	N	174.75	-53	Wintrust Financial	O	71.52	-1.78
Equity Commonwlth	N	32.59	...	Middleby Corp	O	120.28	-1.27	Zebra Tech	O	176.40	-39

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	9.81	-25
Ambev S.A.	4.80	-2.2
Vale SA	11.39	+2.2
Snap Inc A	9.10	+5.3
Chesapck Enegy	2.39	-0.8
Bank of America	28.29	+0.5
EnCana Corp	6.11	-1.9
Coty Inc	9.33	+2.27
Twitter Inc	30.01	-7.9
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	11.83	+9.3
Ford Motor	8.39	+0.8
Nokia Corp	6.16	+2.0
Itau Unibanco Hldg	9.94	+1.8
Pfizer Inc	42.23	+5.3
AT&T Inc	29.55	+1.0
Freeport McMoran	11.61	-2.5
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.89	-0.1
Sthwstn Energy	3.80	+0.8
Wells Fargo & Co	47.65	-4.3
Denbury Res	1.71	-1.4
Aurora Cannabis Inc	7.59	-1.8
Keycorp	16.97	-1.0
Sprint Corp	5.90	...
Eli Lilly	119.60	+2.10

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	167.36	+4.0
Alphabet Inc C	1095.06	-3.65
Alphabet Inc A	1102.38	-3.53
Amazon.com Inc	1588.22	26.15
Apple Inc	170.41	+2.0
Bank of America	28.29	+0.5
Berkshire Hath B	200.92	-81
Exxon Mobil Corp	73.98	+1.2
Facebook Inc	167.33	+9.5
JPMorgan Chase	101.36	-1.02
Johnson & Johnson	132.40	+3.5
Microsoft Corp	105.67	+4.0
Pfizer Inc	42.23	+5.3
Procter & Gamble	97.71	+5.7
Royal Dutch Shell B	64.58	+0.3
Royal Dutch Shell A	62.90	+0.6
Unitedhealth Group	261.90	-7.10
Visa Inc	140.38	+2.1
WalMart Strs	95.58	-1.15

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	30.15	+0.3	+6.3
American Funds AMRCnBAlA m	26.07	-0.1	+4.5
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	45.63	-0.9	-2.5
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	58.70	+0.5	+2
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	56.30	-1.0	+3.6
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	46.55	+0.3	+6.3
American Funds IncAmrcA m	21.55	+0.1	+2.2
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	35.89	+0.4	+1.2
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	40.64	-1.0	+2.9
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	43.71	-0.1	+6.6
DFA EMktCorEqL	20.51	-0.6	-8.6
DFA IntlCorEqL	12.41	-0.9	-9.8
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.49	+0.1	+2.3
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	39.29	-2.7	-10.7
Dodge & Cox Stk	186.44	-4.2	+3.5
DoubleLine TIRetBdl	10.45	+0.1	+3.5
Fidelity 500IdxInsv	94.28	+1.0	+7.0
Fidelity Contrafund X	11.94	-0.9	+7.5
Fidelity International x	11.95	-0.9	+7.6
Fidelity TlMktIdxInsvPrrm	76.93	+0.8	+6.9
Fidelity USBdIdxInsvPrrm	11.38	+0.2	+3.2
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.25	...	+3.6
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.50	+0.1	+3.4
PIMCO IncInstl	11.94	...	+2.7
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.04	+0.1	+2.8
Schwab SP500Idx	41.46	+0.4	+7.0
T. Rowe Price BCGR	106.47	+0.7	+12.2
T. Rowe Price GrStk	63.30	+0.8	+10.1
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	250.51	+2.5	+7.0
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.18	+0.4	+11.2
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	70.78	+0.9	+5.6
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EDITORIALS

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

\$15 minimum will harm downstate

Our leaders in Springfield are debating a change in the law that would likely have devastating consequences for all of downstate Illinois for years to come — the possible enactment of a statewide \$15 minimum wage. While responsible businesses want to increase the earning opportunities for their employees, any changes to the minimum wage need to recognize the vast cost-of-living differences across the state, the economic reality that Illinois competes with many other states for jobs and the wide-ranging effect of such a change. A Chicago one-bedroom apartment is roughly three times the cost of one in Carbondale.

Southern Illinois employers need not look far for more favorable business climates. Missouri, Indiana and Kentucky continue to outpace Illinois job growth. This change will impact the local bakery, gift shop, school districts and municipal governments. Employers must pass on dramatically higher costs, resulting in higher prices to consumers or fewer choices when businesses move or close.

Illinois lost 45,000 residents last year. Such a sweeping change in the minimum wage would do nothing to reverse this trend. Our governor and legislators must consider a reasonable and fair approach, such as a regional system with different rates for Chicago vs. downstate and a multi-year phase-in that allows employers to adjust.

— *Don Welge*,
 President, Gilster-Mary Lee Corp., Chester, Ill.

\$15 wage will hurt libraries, too

The minimum wage increase that the state Senate passed and is now before the House is detrimental to libraries across Illinois. I'm sure legislators have not thought about the effect on libraries, especially small and medium-size libraries. My library is already in a tax-cap county, so there will be no way to gain additional income to support doubling my staff wages without cutting hours, services and purchases. How can lawmakers demand that we gut our budget to pay minimum wage without giving us some way of receiving money that will cover those additional expenses? When the state mandates increasing wages like that, it also increases payroll taxes, pension deductions and possible cost of benefits for the library affected. I hope legislators reconsider or at least build in a clause for smaller nonprofit entities. Libraries do not pay taxes, so the tax credit does nothing to help us out.

— *Susan McKinney*, St. Joseph, Ill.

... and the satirist's view

Finally, we have the brains, hearts and party in Springfield that can make history. It'll be the first time in economic history when an increase in the minimum wage increases wealth, reduces unemployment and spawns new small businesses. More struggling young people will find easier access to entry-level jobs. And, while they're on a roll, more history will be made with another increase in state income taxes. One has to know that the tax revenues will only increase and increase. That money will be well spent in such a fashion that more high-income earners will move here to Illinois so they can reap the rewards. It'll be fun to watch the likes of Thomas Sowell and Walter E. Williams rewriting all those chapters on the ill effects. Little do they know, Illinois will show them.

Ignorance really is bliss.
 — *Tim Kelly*, Naperville

Pritzker's plans will sink us

Gov. J.B. Pritzker, what am I missing? We will attract new business growth by raising the minimum wage to \$15, smoking pot and raising taxes on everyone earning a paycheck today? Tax the rich more — those who own the businesses we are trying to grow? How is that neighborhood slot machine deal working out for everyone? The bills continue to pile up unpaid. What's changed for the better to stop the people from leaving? How do we pay bills? How do we fund pensions? Without taking on structural reforms including an amendment to our constitution, it is hopeless, and you know it. The (inauguration) speech you gave is boilerplate politician.

— *Greg Yates*, Tinley Park

Workers deserve higher wages

Every time someone proposes raising the minimum wage, we hear the business-friendly voices shrieking, "Businesses will close," "They won't expand," "It will destabilize the economy."

Let's step back and realize what our current situation is. First, the average wage for workers, adjusted for inflation, hasn't increased since the 1980s while basically all the growth of our economy has been pocketed by the rich. Second, a large percentage of workers live paycheck to paycheck. Third, there are companies that pay so little that their employees rely on welfare — which comes out of our pockets; we are essentially subsidizing the corporations.

Now, the voices screamed when Seattle proposed a \$15 minimum wage, but surprisingly, with the increase, more people got hired, and the businesses expanded. A low minimum wage actually allows businesses to avoid paying the wage that our economy requires to function properly.

— *Lee Knohl*, Evanston

Let the market decide wages

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's recent endorsement of a raise in the minimum wage is unnecessary and a cave-in to the unions who helped make him governor. While the federal minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour, ask anyone with a Help Wanted sign in the front window what they are really going to expect to pay new hires, if they can find them, and the answer won't be \$7.25. Chicago has increased the minimum wage, and it has affected most of the businesses outside of Chicago as well. As the owner of Buona Beef points out, in order to make a profit, he has to raise prices 3 to 5 percent to cover the extra labor cost in his Chicago stores. This fact is true for all businesses. Let the market decide what wages should be.

— *Howard Kirschner*, Morton Grove

When will a Cubs response match the force of those bigoted emails?

The apology that follows a gut punch to the public needs to be appropriately gutsy too. Stiff and sanitized won't do. Neither will "I'm sorry you were offended," nor any variation on "Mistakes were made." People have to hear it all the way in the cheap seats.

Yet the bobbled apology happens again and again.

Joe Ricketts, billionaire patriarch of the family that owns the Chicago Cubs, drew fire this week after Splinter News published a trove of emails in which he engaged in Islamophobic conspiracy theories and other bonkers, bigoted exchanges.

While Ricketts and the Cubs

responded quickly, they didn't blow anyone away with the passion of their regret. We wondered whether a public relations consultant and a dozen lawyers had signed off.

"I strongly believe that bigoted ideas are wrong," Ricketts said.

"Let me be clear: The language and views expressed in those emails have no place in our society," said Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts' chilly statement.

They didn't even match the heat of the MLB, which offered that the emails were "extremely offensive and completely at odds with the principles of Major League Baseball."

The younger Rickettses' posture leaned on the notion that their father's offenses are a separate matter from their work. They pointed out that he isn't involved in running the Cubs.

Joe Ricketts built his fortune in Nebraska and now lives in Wyoming. There's nothing to suggest that Tom, Pete, Laura and Todd Ricketts approve of their father's online behav-



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Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts, above, distanced himself and his siblings from their dad's actions, saying Joe Ricketts isn't involved in running the team.

ior or that those attitudes have infected the baseball organization.

But Joe Ricketts' money funded the purchase of the team, and the cleanup attempt didn't suffice. Offended fans called for more convincing action.

Some noted that the New York Mets hosted their first Muslim American Night last season. One fan expressed a wish to eat a halal Chicago hot dog at a Cubs game.

Amends take time. Improvements in communication or culture may not be immediately visible. A person can't resign from the title of "patriarch." That's why those early responses in a fraught moment matter so much.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, no fan of Joe Ricketts, pronounced that the "ignorance and intolerance he has espoused are not welcome in Chicago" and added that Ricketts "should consider himself lucky he has never met my mother. She would teach him a lesson."

And not, we imagine, a lesson applicable only in Illinois.

In Virginia, roiled by scandals at the top levels of state government, Attorney General Mark Herring followed an admission that he had worn black-face in college with a statement saying he was "deeply, deeply sorry" and including the words "ignorance," "glib," "callous" "inexcusable" "insensitivity" and "horrific."

Exhausting the thesaurus isn't enough. But it's a start. Strong words begin to reassure communities and restore trust. They indicate that the offenders understand the harm they've caused and now seek to do better. We're braced for more revelations from yearbooks, texts and who knows where else. Plenty of people in the public eye routinely need to find healing words.

As for the Cubs, they should fashion a stadium-size gesture of apology. It will take no less to express that all fans are welcome and that hate has no place at Wrigley Field.

Hey, Amazon: Chicago's still here

A few months ago Amazon picked three cities in which to make corporate investments that would involve the creation of a total of 55,000 jobs. Chicago didn't make the list. But could the Second City get a second look?

On Friday, The Washington Post reported that Amazon executives were reconsidering their decision to hand 25,000 of those jobs to New York City because of opposition by some city and state officials. "The question is whether it's worth it if the politicians in New York don't want the project, especially with how people in Virginia and Nashville have been so welcoming," according to a Post source familiar with the company's plans. It's worth noting that the Post is owned by Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, which is only to say that the newspaper has extra incentive to accurately report on the company's thinking.

We don't know why Amazon didn't select Chicago,

but the city is a global business center for many reasons, so our suspicions centered on political dysfunction at the state level. Amazon desires a stable, business-friendly environment, but Illinois offers high taxes, red tape and a \$133 billion unfunded state pension liability.

But wait! We're not here to tell Mr. Bezos to visit Indianapolis. Gov. J.B. Pritzker took office this month. Mayor Rahm Emanuel aggressively sought Amazon's attention, and we hope the next mayor will show equal commitment to make Chicago attractive to employers and big investments, such as Ford Motor Co.'s announcement Thursday that it will pour \$1 billion more into its Chicago-area manufacturing operations.

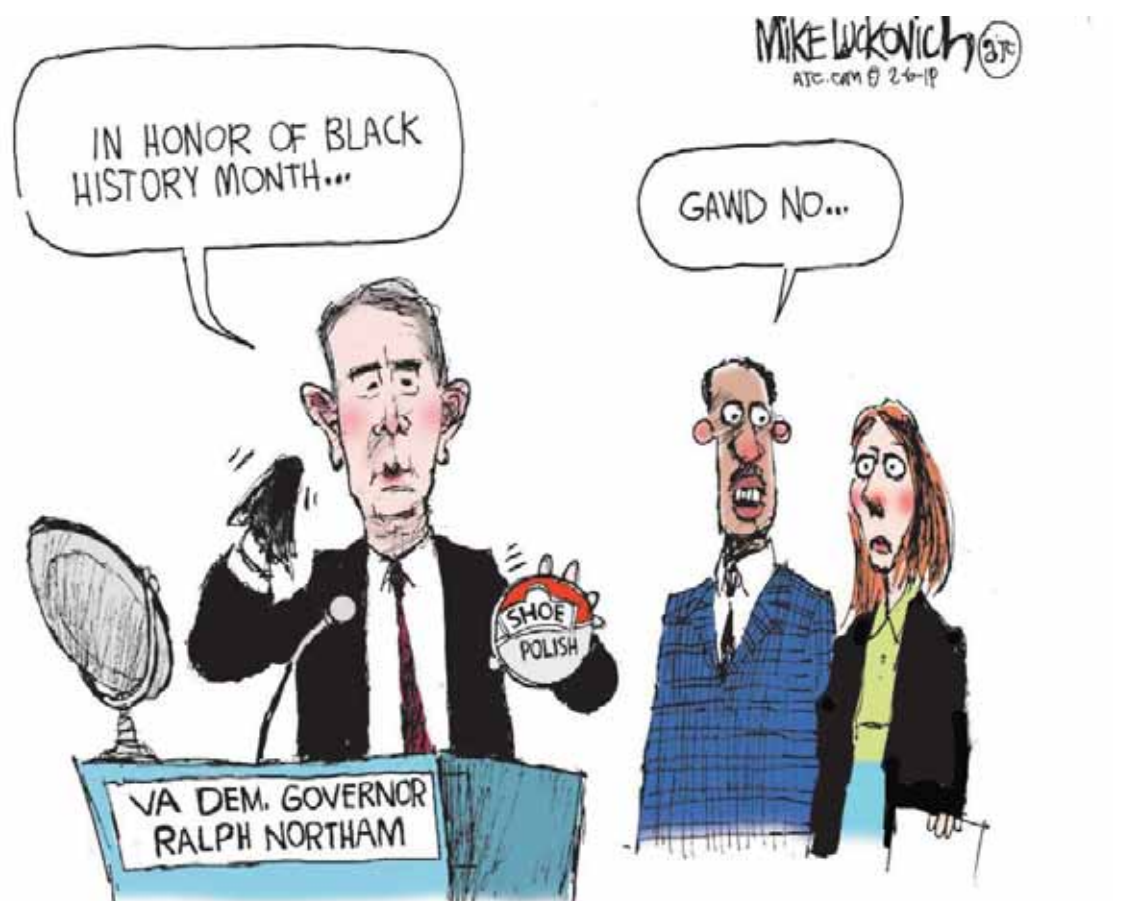
The future of Illinois depends on job growth; too many employers

and workers are leaving the state or bypassing it for friendlier economic climes. Imagine what the addition of 25,000 high-paying jobs, including many software engineer positions, would mean to Chicago. There are open, developable sites throughout the city that would accommodate Amazon. Chicago has a growing digital workforce and pipelines of tech grads from numerous universities.

We hope Pritzker and Emanuel see Amazon's wavering as an opportunity to dust off the marketing plan and recommit this state and city to become more hospitable to employers.

If the duo already have gotten on the phone to Mr. Bezos and company to re-pitch Chicago, then great. Maybe Amazon would be interested. Certainly many other companies might like it here — if they thought they were welcome.

As the Feb. 26 Chicago election approaches, you'll find the mayoral and aldermanic candidates' answers to our surveys, and our endorsements, at chicagotribune.com/candidates. To find more information about the mayoral candidates, go to chicagotribune.com/mayorsrace.



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Who is Taraji P. Henson?

Star of 'Empire' and 'What Men Want' on her career hits, setbacks

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
 Chicago Tribune

Taraji P. Henson has reached critical media mass this week. The star of "Hidden Figures," "Empire" and the new comedy "What Men Want" lives primarily in Chicago with her fiancée, former NFL cornerback Kelvin Hayden. Her face is on screens everywhere. Earlier in the week Henson, 48, began a multi-couch sprint through one talk-show appearance after another, offering love and support for her "Empire" co-star Jussie Smollett. By Friday, the reported attack and hate crime committed against Smollett on Jan. 29 in Chicago, subject to an ongoing Chicago police investigation, had apparently become off-limits with Henson and her team.

She'd rather focus on other matters. "What Men Want" gives Henson her long-awaited headline role in a screen comedy. It's about an Atlanta sports agent who acquires the power to hear men's innermost thoughts. The premise reworks the 2000 Mel Gibson vehicle "What Women Want."

Her next film opens April 5: Co-starring Sam Rockwell, "The Best of Enemies" gives Henson another juicy role, this time as civil rights activist Ann Atwater. Meantime, the fifth season of "Empire" finishes shooting at Cinespace Chicago Film Studios at the end of March.

We talked last month, an eternity before the Jussie Smollett news cycle. Henson's frank about

various obstacles and career frustrations en route to this moment of critical mass, about roles dangled and then not offered (thanks, Harvey Weinstein) and Oscars not yet won (hers, for example). And about LA, where she raised her son, Marcell, now 24, and where she maintains a residence.

"People go to LA to take; no one really goes to give," she says. "No one goes to LA to fall in love ... people go there chasing the lime-light, or a lifestyle. Here, in Chicago, the people are real. They live on the earth, you know? I have a better social life here. I actually go out here."

Henson on Jussie Smollett:

Her "Empire" co-star plays the son of Henson's formidable matriarch, Cookie Lyon. "I wish what happened to my baby was just one big bad joke," Henson told SiriusXM radio's Bevy Smith, regarding the Jan. 29 attack. "But it wasn't and we all feel his pain right now." In recent days, Henson has declined comment on the incident involving Smollett, and on an earlier incident reported by Smollett of a threatening letter containing a white substance (determined later to be acetaminophen, or Tylenol) sent to Fox's Chicago production studios Jan. 22.

According to Chicago film representatives working the "What Men Want" account, Henson's team declined to update her Tribune interview "due to the investigation, and for security purposes."

Never believe a junket journalist: "When I was on Lifetime," Henson told me, "I was on this show called 'The Division' (from 2002 to 2004). I had just done



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Taraji P. Henson primarily lives in Chicago with fiancée Kelvin Hayden.

John Singleton's 'Baby Boy' and I had all these journalists telling me, 'Oh, my God, you're going to be a big star, do you know what John Singleton does for actors' careers?' But for whatever reason I had the wisdom not to fall for that. I was smart enough to know that things would be different after doing 'Baby Boy' for myself compared to Tyrese Gibson. Because he was a man. And what happened? Tyrese went on to book two franchise films, 'Fast and Furious' and 'Transformers.' And where was I? The Lifetime network. And I was the veteran actor."

Then came ... "Hustle & Flow," followed by the criminally under-

valued and mismarketed "Talk to Me" starring Don Cheadle. Henson was a gas as Vernell Watson, deejay Petey Greene's cohort.

"I booked that before I booked 'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button.' I knew I had 'Talk to Me' when I got a call from my agent to meet David Fincher for 'Benjamin Button.' But I had a garage sale going on the same day, a Saturday. It was the garage sale of the century, and I wasn't gonna go meet Fincher. My agent was like, 'Just close the damn garage door and meet the man!'"

They met, he was encouraging and Henson went back to her garage sale. No call from Fincher Monday. Or Tuesday. Fincher, it turned out, spent the time

convincing the studio she was the one to play Queenie, protector of the Brad Pitt character. Henson received an Academy Award nomination for her performance. And then, she says, "auditioning was a thing of the past."

Why Naomi Watts ended up in the Bill Murray comedy "St. Vincent" instead of Taraji P. Henson:

The director, Ted Melfi, was a fan of mine. "He story-boarded (the project) with me in that role," she says. But Harvey Weinstein wanted Naomi Watts. "He just didn't get me," she says. "And he felt she was better box office."

As of last month: Henson hadn't seen "Green Book." "But from the giddyup, Don Shirley's family didn't want it made ... if I ever stepped into a project, and got wind that the family didn't want it made, I'm backing off! You're going against the dead person's family's wishes? That's bad karma."

All in the family: "Five years ago I didn't even know Chicago had a big studio here. I was used to shooting in Atlanta, for example, but here? No. Now, there's this big boom. And they tell me 'Empire' had a lot to do with that."

Season 1, she says, was really "an experiment: 'Let's see if it works.' Then we got the ratings. And then we went through a little funky phase where the writing kinda ... well, anyway, I was an advocate for getting it back to the family. That's what brought the people to the show in the first place. People understand the adversities families go through. And finally, this fifth season, we got back there. And that's why the numbers are up."

"What Men Want" is currently in theaters.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'On Clover Road' ★★★

Thriller finds mom in strange motel

BY KERRY REID
 Chicago Tribune

The grungy motel in the middle of nowhere is as much a trope for American psychological thrillers as the gloomy country manse in English murder mysteries. From "Psycho" to "Bug," it's where people seeking escape and anonymity come face to face with their own darkest impulses and nightmares. Often, they end up confronting the hardest truth of all — wherever you go, there you are.

In Steven Dietz's "On Clover Road," now in a taut and tense local premiere with American Blues Theater under Halena Kays' direction, an abandoned motel room is the crucible in which an anguished mother seeks reunion with her teenage daughter. The girl left home four years earlier at age 13 and has apparently ended up in a cult called The Farm. As the play opens, Kate Hunter (Gwendolyn Whiteside) is getting a barrage of instructions from Stine (Philip Earl Johnson), the de-programmer she's hired to save her daughter, Jessie.

But it's soon clear that Stine knows how to sink his hooks into the tenderest portions of Kate's own psyche. He all but taunts her with his knowledge of her past history with alcoholism and the fact that Jessie has a trust fund set up by Kate's mother — implying that her desire to get Jessie back comes from an instinct more mercenary than maternal. When he brings in a girl (Grace Smith) he claims to be Jessie, the first of many twists unfolds.

Some of these are predictable, if you've spent



MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

Philip Earl Johnson and Gwendolyn Whiteside in "On Clover Road" by American Blues Theater at Stage 773.

When: Through March 16

Where: Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.

Running time: 1:30

Tickets: \$19-\$39 at 773-654-3103 or www.americanbluestheater.com

any time watching films in the thriller genre. It also strains credulity that Kate wouldn't have done a better job of vetting Stine before giving him most of her savings. Or, for that matter, joining him in a room that, in Lizzie Bracken's pungent set design, looks like a place where the very mold on the walls seems to harbor malevolent intent.

But Dietz has a firm handle on how to unwind the plot developments without losing sight of the deeper strains of sorrow driving Kate's actions. At its heart, the play is about the fear every parent has of losing a child — if not physically to a cult, at least emotionally as kids grow up and away from their parents' influence. "Being the mother of a teenage girl is like going through the hardest break-up of your life," Kate tells Stine early on. And as Whiteside's increasingly anguished performance makes clear, coming to grips with one's failings as a parent is one of the most horrifying things imaginable.

True, there is a whiff of Bad Single Mom Syndrome threaded through the play, with a dash of pop psychology about how memories shape our future choices. But in Kate, we see that becoming a parent doesn't automatically bestow wisdom, even if it unleashes a surprisingly fierce (and sometimes ugly) kind of love.

Johnson fills out the role of the mysterious stranger with gritty weariness — a counterweight to the oily machinations of Jon Hudson Odum as Harris McClain, the cult leader we meet in the final scene.

The tensile quality of Kays' staging is well served by Alexander Ridgers' sickly lighting design, filtered through the boarded-up windows of Bracken's set and creating a sense of purgatorial gloom. Dietz's play ultimately feels more like a well-done homage to a familiar narrative form than a wholly original point of view. But Kays' production provides an absorbing, stylish and sometimes insightful snapshot of how easy it is for charlatans to ensnare those who fall by the wayside as they seek freedom and self-knowledge.

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ALBERT FINNEY 1936-2019

Veteran film, stage actor was 5-time Oscar nominee

BY GREGORY KATZ
 Associated Press

LONDON — British actor Albert Finney, the Academy Award-nominated star of films from "Tom Jones" to "Skyfall," has died at the age of 82.

Finney's family said Friday that he "passed away peacefully after a short illness with those closest to him by his side."

Finney was a rare star who managed to avoid the Hollywood limelight for more than five decades after bursting to international fame in 1963 in the title role of "Tom Jones." The film gained him the first of five Oscar nominations. Others followed for "Murder on the Orient Express," "The Dresser," "Under the Volcano" and "Erin Brockovich."

In later years, he brought authority to action movies, including the James Bond thriller "Skyfall" and two of the Bourne films.

Displaying the versatility of a virtuoso, Finney portrayed Winston Churchill, Pope John Paul II, a Southern American lawyer, an Irish gangster and an 18th-century rogue, among dozens of other roles over the years.

In one of his final roles, as the gruff Scotsman Kincaid in "Skyfall," he shared significant screen time with Daniel Craig as Bond and Judi Dench as M, turning the film's final scenes into a master class of character acting.

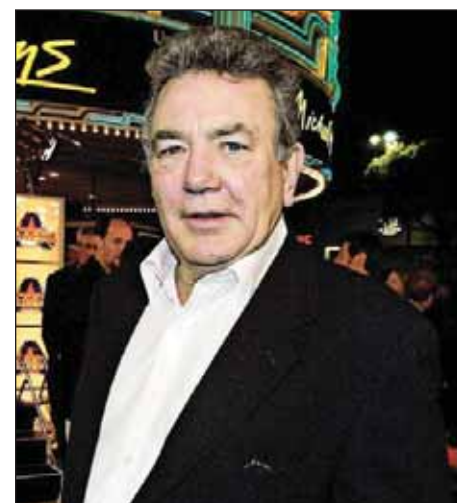
The son of a bookmaker, Finney was born May 9, 1936, and grew up in northern England on the outskirts of Manchester. He took to the stage at an early age, doing a number of school plays and — despite his lack of connections and his working-class roots — earning a place at London's prestigious Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts.

He credited the headmaster of his local school, Eric Simms, for recommending that he attend the renowned drama school. "He's the reason I am an actor," Finney said in 2012.

Stardom came to Finney in "Tom Jones," in which he won over audiences worldwide with his good-natured, funny and sensual portrayal of an 18th-century English rogue.

That was the role that introduced Finney to American audiences, and the film won a best picture Oscar. Finney also earned his first best actor nomination for his efforts, and the smash hit turned him into a Hollywood leading man.

Instead of cashing in by taking lucrative film roles after "Tom Jones," Finney took a long sabbatical, traveling slowly through the United States, Mexico and the Pacific



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Albert Finney broke through to American audiences in the 1963 film "Tom Jones."

islands, then returned to the London stage to act in Shakespeare productions and other plays. He won wide acclaim and many awards before returning to film in 1967 to co-star with Audrey Hepburn in "Two for the Road."

This was to be a familiar pattern, with Finney alternating between film work and stage productions in London and New York.

Finney tackled Charles Dickens in "Scrooge" in 1970, then played Agatha Christie's super-sleuth Hercule Poirot in "Murder on the Orient Express" — earning his second best actor nomination — and even played a werewolf hunter in the cult film "Wolfen" in 1981.

He played in a series of smaller, independent films for a number of years before returning to prominence in 2000 as a Southern lawyer in the film "Erin Brockovich," which starred Julia Roberts. The film helped introduce Finney to a new generation of moviegoers, and the chemistry between the aging lawyer and his young, aggressive assistant earned him yet another Oscar nomination, this time for best supporting actor.

His work also helped propel Roberts to her first best actress Oscar. Still, Finney declined to attend the Academy Awards ceremony — possibly damaging his chances at future wins by snubbing Hollywood's elite.

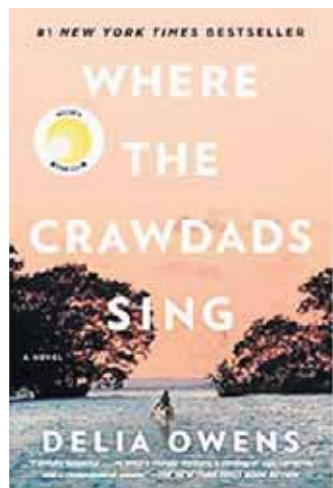
He went on to star in director Tim Burton's "Big Fish" and portrayed Britain's wartime leader, Winston Churchill, in "The Gathering Storm."

Finney also tried his hand at directing and producing and played a vital role in sustaining British theater.

NATIONAL BEST-SELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. **"Where the Crawdads Sing"** by Delia Owens (Putnam, \$27) *Last Week: 1*



2. **"Liar Liar: A Harriet Blue Novel"** by James Patterson and Candice Fox (Little, Brown, \$28) *Last week: 2*

3. **"The Reckoning: A Novel"** by John Grisham (Doubleday, \$29.95) *Last week: 5*

4. **"Crucible: A Sigma Force Novel"** by James Rollins (Morrow, \$28.99) *Last week: 3*

5. **"Turning Point: A Novel"** by Danielle Steel (Delacorte, \$28.99) *Last week: 4*

6. **"Fire & Blood: 300 Years Before A Game of Thrones, Dragons Ruled Westeros (A Song of Ice and Fire: A Targaryen History)"** by George R. R. Martin (Bantam, \$35) *Last week: 7*

7. **"Every Breath"** by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central, \$28) *Last week: 8*

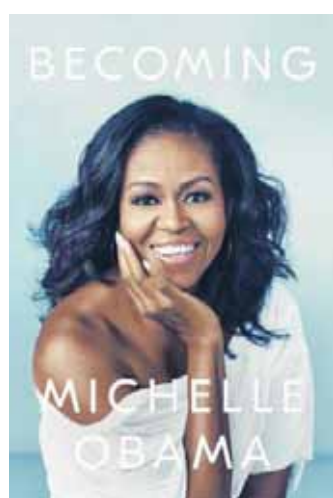
8. **"Long Road to Mercy: An Atlee Pine Thriller"** by David Baldacci (Grand Central, \$29) *Last week: 9*

9. **"An Anonymous Girl: A Novel"** by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen (St. Martin's, \$27.99) *Last week: 10*

10. **"Past Tense: A Jack Reacher Novel"** by Lee Child (Delacorte, \$28.99) *Last week: —*

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. **"Becoming"** by Michelle Obama (Crown, \$32.50) *Last week: 1*



2. **"From the Ground Up: A Journey to Reimagine the Promise of America"** by Howard Schultz (Random House, \$28) *Last week: —*

3. **"Girl, Wash Your Face: Stop Believing the Lies About Who You Are So You Can Become Who You Were Meant to Be"** by Rachel Hollis (Nelson, \$22.99) *Last week: 2*

4. **"Educated: A Memoir"** by Tara Westover (Random House, \$28) *Last week: 4*

5. **"Team of Vipers: My 500 Extraordinary Days in the Trump White House"** by Cliff Sims (Dunne, \$29.99) *Last week: —*

6. **"It's Not Supposed to Be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments Leave You Shattered"** by Lysa TerKeurst (Nelson, \$24.99) *Last week: 3*

7. **"Let Me Finish: Trump, the Kushners, Bannon, New Jersey, and the Power of In-Your-Face Politics"** by Chris Christie (Hachette, \$28) *Last week: —*

8. **"Brave Love: Making Space for You to Be You"** by Lisa Leonard (Zondervan, \$22.99) *Last week: —*

9. **"The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington"** by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch (Flatiron, \$29.99) *Last week: 5*

10. **"Medical Medium Liver Rescue: Answers to Eczema, Psoriasis, Diabetes, Strep, Acne, Gout, Bloating, Gallstones, Adrenal Stress, Fatigue, Fatty Liver, Weight Issues, SIBO & Autoimmune Disease"** by Anthony William (Hay House, \$34.99) *Last week: —*

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ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Forgiveness fades, friendship falters

Dear Amy: A dear friend of many years got angry with me and treated me very poorly. She apologized, I accepted and we moved on. I don't want to lose the friendship, however, I am on edge around her because I am afraid of doing something else that might set her off.

I don't know how to handle this. I am even fearful of trying to discuss this with her. Do you have any suggestions?
— *Embarrassed in NY*

Dear Embarrassed: You don't seem to have fully believed or accepted your friend's apology. You have not successfully moved on.

Forgiveness is a heavy lift. So is friendship. If your friend's reaction was out of the blue and out of character, you should try to imagine what might be going on in her life that might trigger this sort of reaction.

If you are so fearful of her reaction that you won't even risk broaching the topic with her, then your friendship is not back on track. If you want your friendship to be restored and functional, you need to be brave enough to bring up this incident.

Try: "I want you to know that I'm still struggling with some emotional fallout from our upsetting disagreement. Can we talk about this some more? I really want to get back on track."

She may say, "Hey, I've apologized already. You need to get over it." This is the knee-jerk reaction of someone who is at fault and wants to throttle past their wrongdoing. And that's when you should try to be brave and vulnerable enough to say, "Well, I'm

still struggling."

Dear Amy: I'm in a bind. A year ago, my wife died. At the time, I told only our close friends. It was hard enough telling them, much less anyone else. It's still difficult for me to talk about.

Now I'm getting announcements about life events from the friends that I didn't tell, about their new grandchildren, or of their daughters or sons getting married.

I don't know what to tell them. I want to congratulate them, but I also feel that they deserve to be told about my wife. It doesn't seem right to reply to their wonderful news with my tragic news. I don't know what to do. Can you help?
— *Wondering Widower*

Dear Wondering: Yes, you should start to tell people about your wife's death. If you can't bring yourself to do this, I wonder if you can appoint a surrogate to handle this. If you have an intimate friend who you think might be good at this, I think anyone who knows you and loves you would be happy to take on this task in order to help you through it.

Otherwise, write out a little script for yourself. Work on it until it sounds the way you want it to sound. Maybe this will get you started: "Congratulations on your new grandchild. This is great news, and I know this will mark a new and joyful chapter for you. I'm sorry I haven't been in touch recently, but unfortunately I have sad news to share..."

I'm very sorry you are going through this. Keep in mind that sharing this

news gives people the opportunity to express their sympathy, memories and love for you and your late wife. Receiving this outpouring might be hard for you in the moment, but I do believe you will feel better in the long run.

Dear Amy: I loved your response to "Clean," the woman whose mother-in-law would come to her house and clean like a maniac. You suspected that her mother-in-law might have OCD.

I have lived with OCD (with a co-diagnosis of social anxiety), and it's best to just let us soothe ourselves for a few moments and we'll be back to normal again.

This MIL needs to find ways to prepare herself and plan before social gatherings so that she can enjoy time with family and friends. No matter what we go through, we have to be mindful to maintain those strong relationships with the people who love us.
— *Happy OCD Mom*

Dear Happy: I presented OCD as an idea, not a definitive diagnosis (I can't diagnose anyone) — mainly because this person's cleaning seemed to be somewhat ritualized and obsessive. I was also hoping that the daughter-in-law could see this as a soothing ritual, versus a verdict on the cleanliness of her house.

Thank you for sharing your insight.

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WATCH THIS: SATURDAY



Fred Rogers

“Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” (7 p.m., 1 a.m., HBO): Also premiering tonight on many PBS affiliates (check local listings), Morgan Neville’s 2018 documentary — one of the most acclaimed theatrical releases of that year — takes an intimate look at America’s favorite neighbor, Fred Rogers, a soft-spoken minister, puppeteer, writer and producer. His beloved children’s TV show “Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood,” in which the avuncular host spoke directly to his juvenile audience about life issues in a simple, direct fashion, was beamed into American homes each weekday for more than 30 years.

“The Story of Us” (7 p.m., Hallmark): Small-town Oregon bookstore owner Jamie Vaughn (Maggie Lawson, “Psych”) is devastated when she learns that her beloved shop is one of several struggling local businesses that are threatened with a forced buyout by a powerful developer, who plans to make the commercial district more modern and upscale. Her mood brightens when her old flame, architect Sawyer O’Dell (Sam Page, “Mad Men”), unexpectedly returns to town, only to discover he’s actually part of the deal that threatens her store. Jacob Richter also stars in this 2019 romance.

“Victoria Gotti: My Father’s Daughter” (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): Victoria Gotti is the executive producer, co-writer and narrator of this 2019 docudrama, which purports to give viewers a sense of what it’s like to grow up as the daughter of mob boss John Gotti. Actress Chelsea Frei stars as Victoria, who is portrayed as a sensitive young woman who grew up constantly worrying about the safety of her father (Maurice Benard). More drama ensues in the form of her younger brother’s death and a turbulent romance with a man Victoria would marry over her father’s objections.

“Planet Earth: Dynasties” (8 p.m., 11:25 p.m., BBCA; 8 p.m., IFC; SUN): The new episode “Painted Wolf” revolves around Tait, matriarch of one of the last great families in an endangered species. She has managed to maintain peace within her large pack, which lives on the banks of the Zambezi River in Zimbabwe. Now Tait is growing old, however, and her power is waning just as one of her daughters, Blacktip, needs more space for her own growing clan. With human development crowding one side of her current turf, Blacktip may have to steal her mother’s lands.

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	PBS 11	Won’t You Be My Neighbor? (PG-13,18) *** The life and legacy of Fred Rogers, aka Mr. Rogers.					Father Brown: “The Chedworth Cyclone.” ©	Victoria-Master ♦	
	The U 26.1	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	
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	H&I 26.4	Hunter: “Informant.”	Hunter: “Blood Lines.”		Hunter: “Shoot to Kill.”		Hill Street ♦		
Bounce 26.5	♦ (6) Passenger 57 (’92) **	A Man Apart (R,03) * Vin Diesel, Larenz Tate.				Assault ♦			
FOX 32	9-1-1: “Merry Ex-Mas.” © HD	The Passage: “Whose Blood Is That?” ©		Fox 32 News		Flannery	Fired Up	Hell’s Kitchen ♦	
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Univ 66	♦ (6:55) Fútbol Mexicano	Primera División (N) (Live)		Fútbol Mexicano (N)		Noticias ♦			
CABLE	AE	(7:06) Live PD: Rewind		Live PD: “Live PD -- 02.09.19.” (N) © ♦					
	AMC	♦ Walk:Dead	(7:38) The Walking Dead	(8:38) The Walking Dead ©		Walk:Dead ♦			
	ANIM	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees (N)	Pit Bulls and Parolees		Pit Bulls ♦			
	BBCA	Planet Earth: Frozen	Planet Earth: Dynasties (N) ©		Planet Earth: Frozen				
	BET	♦ (6:40) Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (’08) **		The Wash (R,01) * Dr. Dre. ♦					
	BIGTEN	♦ Hockey (N)	College Basketball: Nebraska at Purdue. (N) (Live) ©	Postgame		BIG Show			
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	CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)	The Eighties ©		The Nineties ©		The 2000s ♦		
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	DISC	Naked and Afraid ©			Ed Stafford: First (Series Premiere) (N)		Afraid ♦		
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	IFC	♦ Sherlock Holmes-Game	Planet Earth: Dynasties (N) ©		(9:26) The Sandlot ** ♦				
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	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word		11th Hour ♦		
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	NBCSCH	Fight Sports	Bulls Postgame (N)		Bulls (N)				
	NICK	Henry Danger: “A New Hero.” ©	Henry		The Office	The Office	Friends ♦		
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PARMT	♦ Dumb	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (PG-13,04) ***		Dumb & Dumber *** ♦					
SYFY	♦ (5:34) Blade: Trinity **	47 Ronin (PG-13,13) ** Keanu Reeves, Hiroyuki Sanada. ©							
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 9): Pull together to triumph this year. Nurture and tend seeds for the future. Household surprises can be expected. Summer vitality provokes a quieter rest period. Peaceful introspection this winter leads you to adapt to a physical challenge. Put your heart into a collaborative effort.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. A structural problem could interrupt a personal project. A friend may get through where you can't. Draw upon hidden resources.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 6. Balance emotion and reason. Keep a low profile. Peaceful privacy encourages productivity. Sort, file and put things away. Make plans and preparations for what's ahead.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Participate in groups and on committees. Share what you're learning with friends. Routines could get interrupted. Avoid risky business, and stick to practical objectives.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Professional responsibilities have your attention. Don't stir up jealousies. Get supplies locally. Measure thrice, and cut once. Get the job done, and clean later.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Spontaneous escapades could provide unexpected delights. Follow an educated hunch. Outdoor diversions enchant. It's OK to get dirty.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Chaos and disorganization could disrupt your finances. Take advantage of an unexpected opportunity for profit. Don't rush blindly into anything.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. A partner feels compelled to advise you. Keep your sense of humor. Old assumptions get challenged. Avoid confrontations, especially with authorities.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Keep practicing to strengthen foundational support. Hold yourself to high standards. Stifle rebellious tendencies for now. Nurture health with good food, exercise and rest.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Someone nearby sure looks good. Things may not go as planned. Unexpected complications could arise. You can solve a puzzle. You're especially inventive and creative.

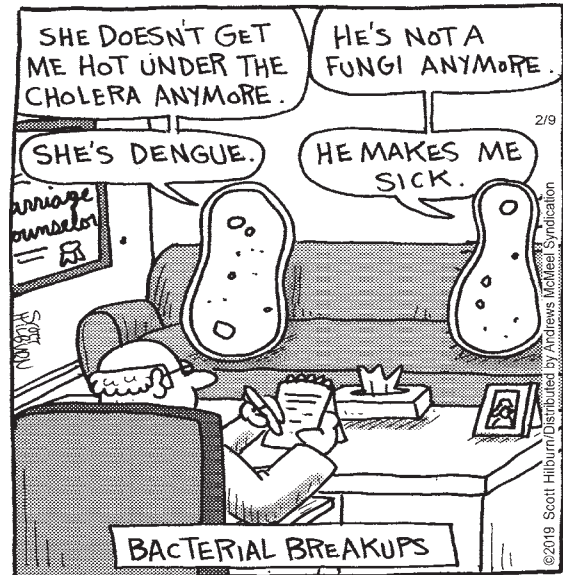
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Family comes first. Enjoy domestic comforts with your inner circle. Tempers could spark; keep things simple. Listen to your intuition.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Summarize what you're learning into simple language. Keep your cool, and maintain your advantage. Use your creative skills. Share your new tricks.

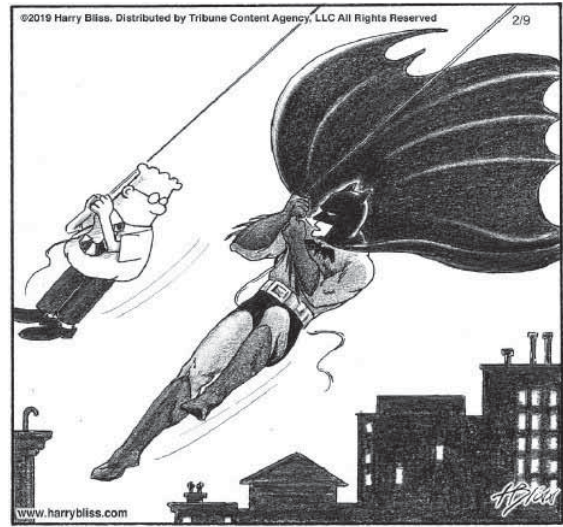
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Your work is in demand. Accept another income opportunity. Every little bit counts. Share what you're up to.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, East deals

- North**
- ♠ A 10 8 7 5
- ♥ Void
- ♦ A 7 2
- ♣ K J 10 4 3
- West**
- ♠ K 9 6 4 2
- ♥ 8 4 3
- ♦ K J 8
- ♣ A 2
- East**
- ♠ Q J 3
- ♥ K Q 5
- ♦ 6
- ♣ Q 9 8 7 6 5
- South**
- ♠ Void
- ♥ A J 10 9 7 6 2
- ♦ Q 10 9 5 4 3
- ♣ Void

Today's deal is reportedly from a club game in Denmark some years ago. How would you bid the South hand? We don't know either, so we won't quibble with South's choices.

South ruffed the opening club lead, then led the ace of hearts followed by the jack of hearts. East won with his queen and shifted to the queen of spades.

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	All pass	

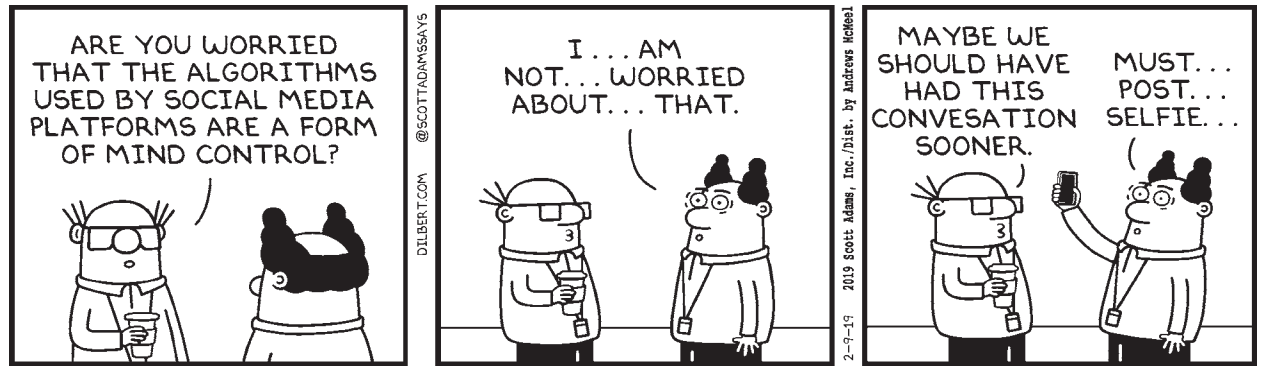
Opening lead: Ace of ♣

diamond suit. The standard play is to cash the ace and then lead another. As we can see, that would not work on this deal. South reasoned that East, who had shown up with the queen-jack of spades and the king-queen of hearts, probably had the queen of clubs as well. It would be most unusual for West to have led the ace of clubs from a holding of ace-queen. That would give East 10 high-card points, so there was no way he could also have the king of diamonds or he would have opened the bidding.

Accordingly, South ruffed the jack of spades in hand, leaving him with only one trump, and led the queen of diamonds. That did it, as it held West to just one diamond trick and South had his contract. Well played!

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



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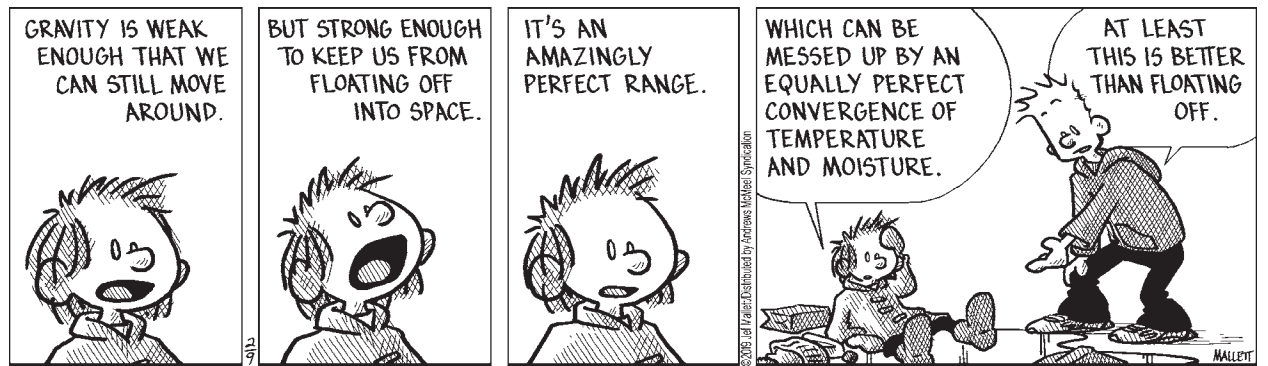
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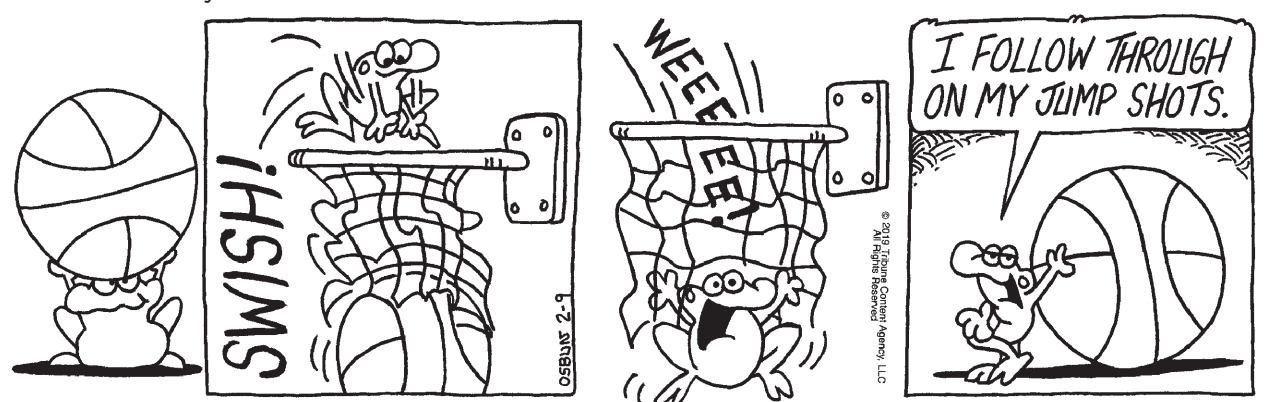
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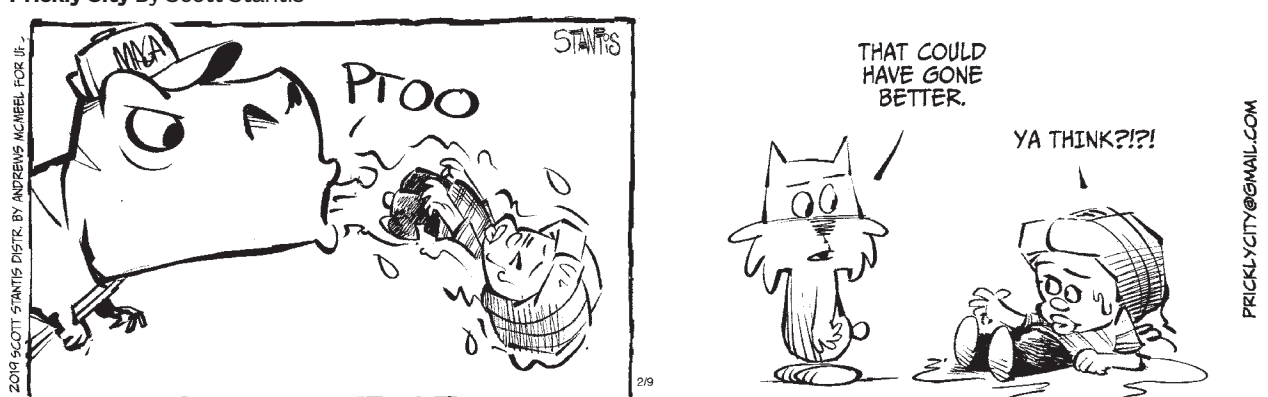
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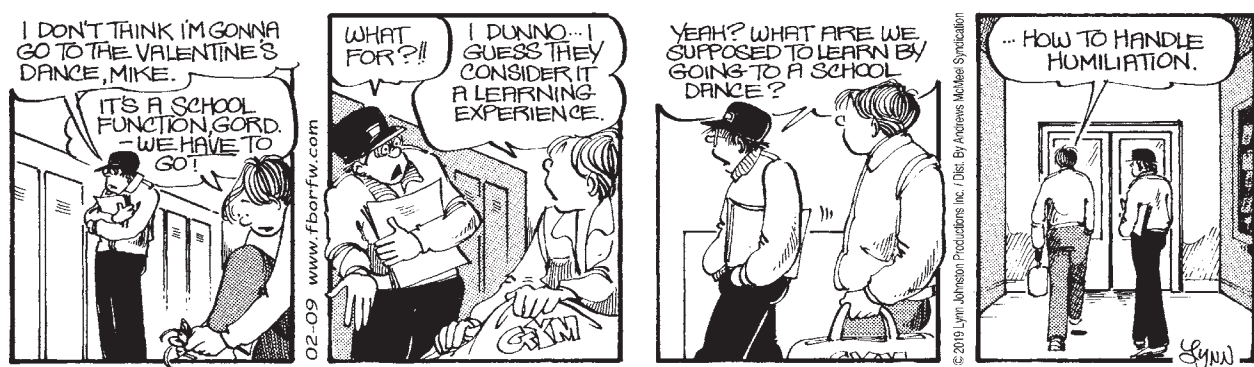
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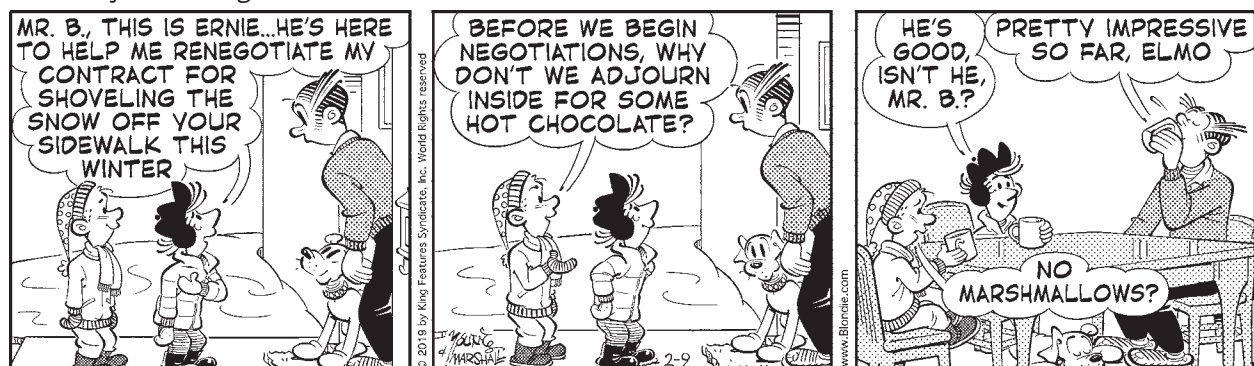
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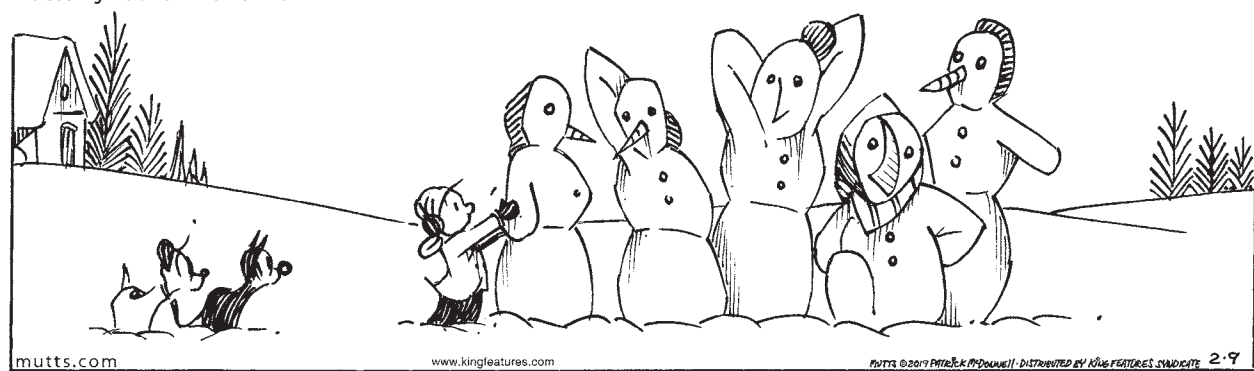
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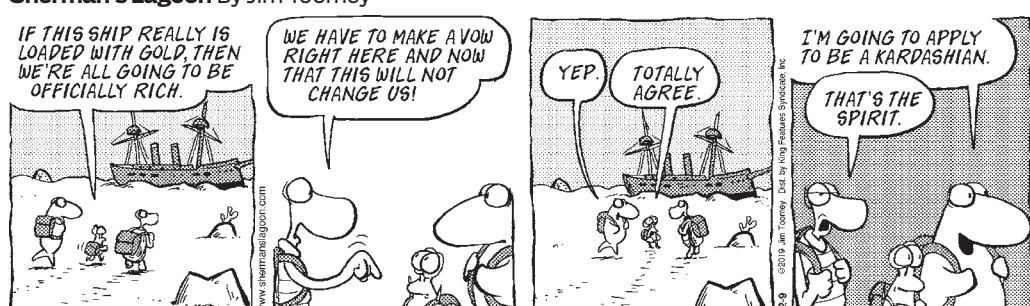
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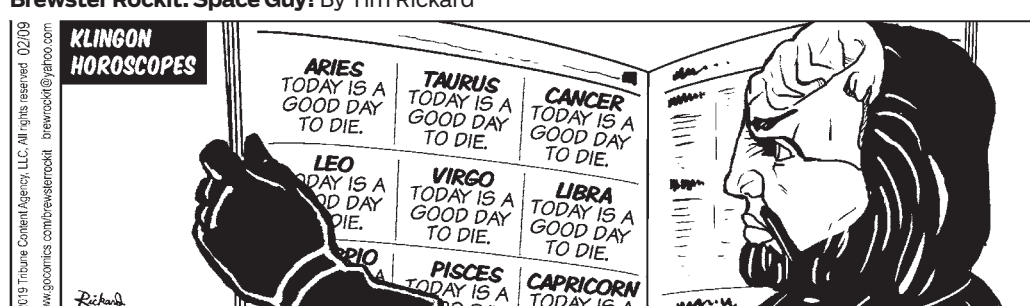
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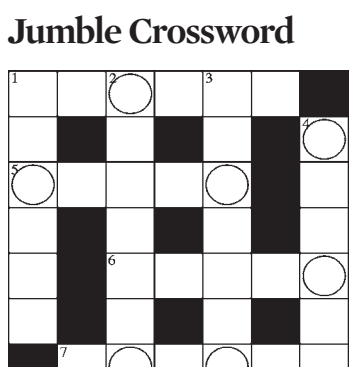
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

What was the name of the world's first nuclear submarine?
 A) USS Arizona
 B) HMS Bounty
 C) USS Nautilus
 D) SS Poseidon
 Friday's answer: Princeton University awarded Abraham Lincoln an honorary Doctor of Laws in 1864.

Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
 1. Hook's partner
 5. Red
 6. Mighty
 7. "Murder on the ___ Express"

CLUE DOWN
 1. Despise
 2. Visionary
 3. Fire up
 4. Most-recent

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.

TRIPLE BONUS
 The circled letters can be unscrambled to form three different BONUS answers.

CLUE: Notified
 CLUE: Modified
 CLUE: Akin

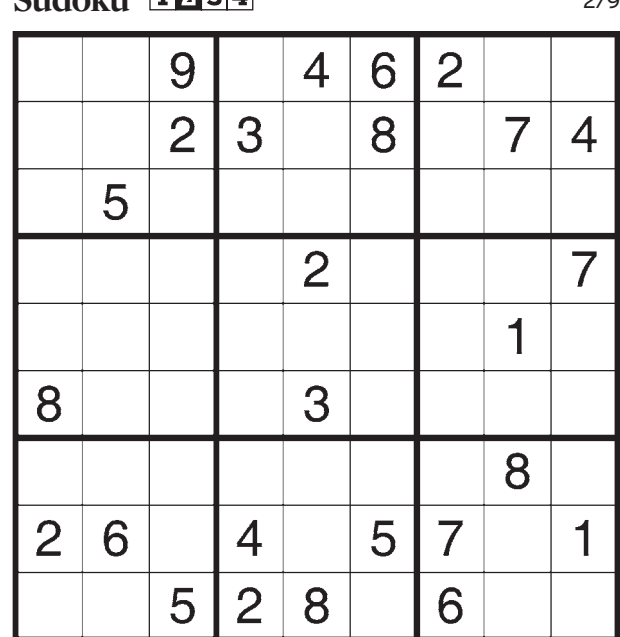
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 ANSWERS: 1-Ladder 2P-Dreamer 3P-Enthusio 4P-Laces 5P-Fire 6P-Red 7A-Murder

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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6	3	8	1	5	2	7	9	4
5	1	9	7	4	3	8	6	2
7	2	4	6	8	9	3	1	5
1	9	5	2	7	8	6	4	3
8	6	7	4	3	1	2	5	9
2	4	3	9	6	5	1	7	8
9	7	1	3	2	4	5	8	6
4	8	2	5	1	6	9	3	7
3	5	6	8	9	7	4	2	1

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Friday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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 GAHYSG
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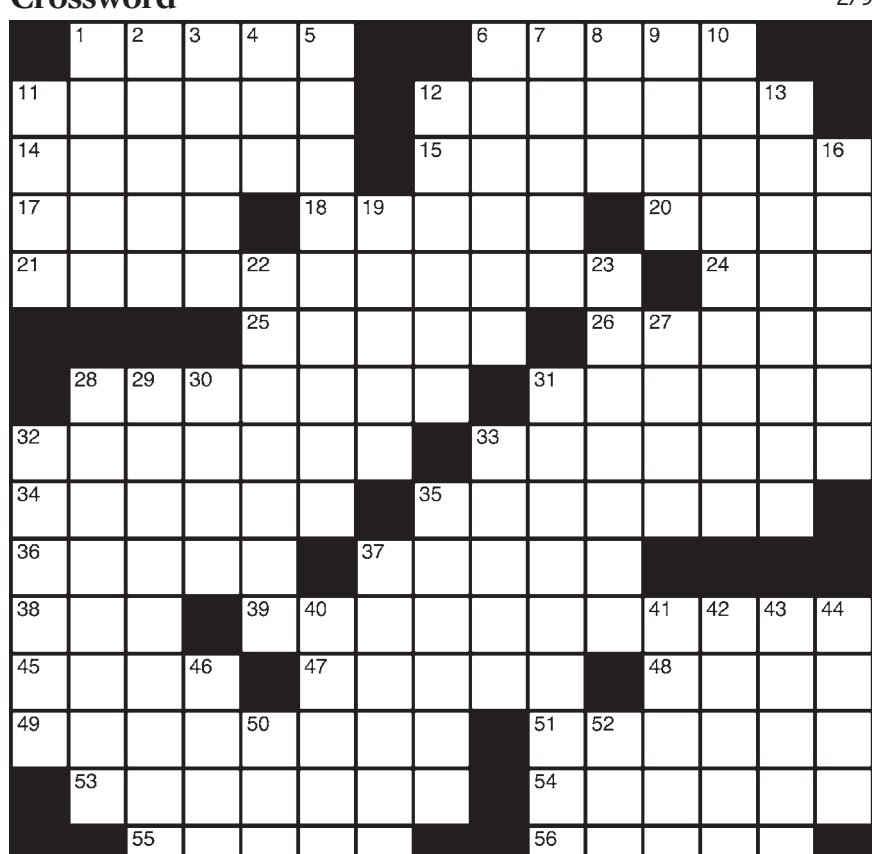
Answer here

Friday's answers
 Jumbles: INEPT CABIN THORAX HOAGIE
 Answer: After inflatable tires were introduced, it didn't take long for them to — GAIN TRACTION

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Crossword

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Across
 1 In honor of
 6 Site with a Pill Identification Tool
 11 Tried hard
 12 More substantial
 14 Sea of Azov peninsula
 15 When many photos are taken
 17 Some therapeutic applications
 18 Didn't get in the way of
 20 Brand with an orange-and-yellow bull's-eye trademark
 21 Conversation on the go
 24 X or Z preceeder
 25 Stella Artois product
 26 Waiters stand in them
 28 Product of sugar and heat
 31 Real go-getter
 32 Retrieved at an airport carousel

Down
 33 Pet holdable in one hand
 34 Critical sounds
 35 Took turns
 36 Energized
 37 Cleanser compound
 38 Saint, in Brazil
 39 What you'd better have if you miss work
 45 Highest Italian peak south of the Alps
 47 Like yummy desserts, sooner or later
 48 Fit to serve
 49 Separate
 51 Metaphors, e.g.
 53 Homicide official
 54 Event associated with a blue moon
 55 Concrete-reinforcing rod
 56 Kind of question

Friday's solution

13 Cashed in
 16 Stretching muscle
 19 Trimmed, in a way
 22 Bay Area city
 23 Female R&B group with the '80s hit "I Miss You"
 27 MIT part: Abbr.
 28 Of concern to the Weather Channel
 29 Twelve-step helper
 30 Start the day
 31 Requirement for statistical analysis
 32 Tried to catch
 33 Massive group
 35 Fan
 37 Flat-topped straw hat
 40 Davis with a recurring role on "Grey's Anatomy"
 41 Denver's ___ Field
 42 Remove from the bulletin board
 43 Take care of
 44 Unchallenging
 46 A football field is about 32% larger than one
 50 Not take well
 52 Female name that's a body part backwards

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The Bulls' Kris Dunn, who had 14 points and nine assists, drives to the basket during the second half against the Nets on Friday night.

BULLS 125, NETS 106

New chapter

Versatile Porter has golden opportunity to become significant part of Bulls future

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — Coming to a new team creates new roles and different responsibilities.

Thus, Otto Porter Jr. sat at his locker Friday before making his Bulls debut in a 125-106 victory over the Nets and answered questions about a variety of topics.

No matter the question, Porter, who scored 18 points, offered a ready answer.

"I'm willing to take on the challenge," he said over and over.

Moving from a veteran team in the Wizards to a young, rebuilding team, is Porter — at 25 but in his sixth season — willing to lead? Moving away from All-Star guards John Wall and Bradley Beal, is he willing to be more aggressive offensively if need be? Can he improve the Bulls defensively?

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WGN-9

Yes, yes and yes.

"I hope to bring my talent, my versatility, a little bit of a veteran knowledge and my attitude for winning to this team," Porter said. "I definitely want to bring more than just 3-point shooting. I want to bring my overall game. Defensively, I pride myself on being able to guard multiple positions. Just bring that here."

The Bulls brought a lot to the Barclays Center in winning for just the third time in 19 games. They sank 14 3-pointers and set a season high in points, running their streak of hitting 100 or more to 17 games. It's the eighth-longest streak in franchise history

Turn to Bulls, Page 3



New Bull Otto Porter Jr., left, and Nets forward Rondae Hollis-Jefferson chase a loose ball during the first half Friday night.

BLACKHAWKS

Strome, DeBrincat are acing chemistry

Ex-juniors teammates feeding off each other to help Hawks' surge

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

The puck arrived on Dylan Strome's stick in such a way that he had to turn from the play, seeming to end any hope of finding an open teammate.

Instead, Strome kept his body rotating and sent a backhand pass across the slot that found Alex DeBrincat for a one-timer and a vital goal in the Blackhawks' 4-3 overtime win over the Canucks on Thursday.

Eyes in the back of his head? Nah.

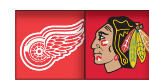
"It's chemistry," Strome explained. "He's usually over there."

Despite each being only 21, Strome and DeBrincat already have a long history together. They were teammates for three years with the Ontario Hockey League's Erie Otters, where they established themselves as major NHL prospects.

Strome was drafted by the Coyotes, DeBrincat by the Hawks, and their careers diverged until November, when the Hawks acquired Strome in the trade that sent Nick Schmaltz to the Coyotes.

The duo have played 31 games together since the deal, but de-

Turn to Blackhawks, Page 2

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Retiring skier Lindsey Vonn will now focus her attention on Predators defenseman P.K. Subban.

SKIING

From skier to full-time hockey fan

Retiring Vonn plans to follow Subban, Preds

By ANDREW DAMPE,
TERESA M. WALKER
Associated Press

ARE, SWEDEN — Of all the people flying in to attend Lindsey Vonn's final race — her dad and two siblings, U.S. Ski Team top brass and even Swedish great Ingemar Stenmark — one very significant other will be missing.

P.K. Subban, Vonn's boyfriend and a defenseman for the NHL's Nashville Predators, has a game to play in Tennessee on Sunday hours after Vonn bids skiing farewell in the downhill at the world championships in Sweden.

"I would've liked to be there for that and celebrate with her," Subban told the Associated Press. "I've got to do the best I can to support her from afar."

Earlier this season, when Vonn was out recovering from another in a long line of knee injuries, Subban kept Vonn's spirits up when she couldn't even bear to watch a ski race.

"It's a great thing that I have such an upbeat boyfriend," Vonn said. "He runs around in a pajama suit making me laugh and that takes my mind off of things."

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BLACKHAWKS



JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY

Alex DeBrincat, center, celebrates his second-period goal Thursday night with his Blackhawks teammates, including Dylan Strome (17).

Kahun still has a shot at setting NHL mark

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

Every time Dominik Kahun takes the ice, he's risking his chance to make NHL history.

The 23-year-old rookie has played in each of the Blackhawks' 55 games and has not committed a penalty. If that continues, Kahun would become the first player to play in every game of an 82-game season without any penalty minutes.

In 1973-74, the Sabres' Craig Ramsay didn't commit any penalties, but the NHL schedule was 78 games then. The Islanders' Butch Goring played 78 games without a penalty in 1980-81 but missed two games of the 80-game schedule.

The NHL went to an 82-game schedule in 1995-96.

Kahun rarely went to the penalty box during four seasons in Germany's top league. In 157 regular-season games with EHC Red Bull Munich, Kahun had 16 penalty minutes, including just two last season.

"I just try to skate as much as possible so I don't need to hook somebody or trip somebody," Kahun explained. "Sometimes if it happens, it's just because there's no other way."

Kahun has company in his bid to set the record. The Avalanche's Sam Girard is the only other player who has played in all of his team's games this season without committing a penalty.

"It's impressive he hasn't taken any penalties," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said of Kahun. "When you're a rookie, a lot of times they'll let a veteran get away with something, but then you do it and you're in the box."

Kahun is on the verge of setting the Hawks record for most games to start a season without a penalty. He trails only Gerry Melnyk, who went 62 games in 1961-62 before committing his first one.

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Strome, DeBrincat meshing

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spite playing on a line together in most of those games, one had the primary assist on the other's goals only twice each before Thursday.

That changed against the Canucks with Strome's no-look assist as well as another primary assist on DeBrincat's first goal of the game.

"We've had a couple of close ones where we didn't really click on it but it felt good," Strome said. "We felt good before the game, and for whatever reason it just worked out today."

Aside from Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews, nobody has been more important to the Hawks' season-altering six-game winning streak than Strome and

DeBrincat. Each has 11 points in the six victories, one behind Toews and three behind Kane.

Strome has kept a positive attitude even when he was part of 13 consecutive losses this season. The Coyotes were on a five-game losing streak immediately before he was traded, and upon his arrival in Chicago, the Hawks immediately began an eight-

game losing streak.

It has been a trying season, but the tide is turning.

"I'm having fun again playing hockey," Strome said. "The whole team is now."

"Six in a row and we're feeling good, we're confident. I don't think it was our best game (Thursday), but at the end of the day we got two points and we move forward."

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BULLS



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

Bulls forward Lauri Markkanen, right, goes up for a shot as the Nets' Jarrett Allen defends during the second half Friday night.

Porter's opportunity

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and longest since 23 consecutive bridging the 1990-91 and 1991-92 seasons.

Lauri Markkanen posted his fifth double-double in six games, finishing with 31 points and 18 rebounds. It's the first time in the second-year forward's career he has posted three straight 30-point games.

Zach LaVine scored 26 points on an efficient 17 shots. Kris Dunn flirted with a double-double, finishing with 14 points and nine assists.

And Porter sank his first five shots, including his first three 3-pointers. The career 39.9 percent 3-point shooter made 4 of 5 from that range and added four rebounds.

"They have a lot of guys that are out, so they're looking for me to come in and contribute right away," Porter said, warming more to his role than his pronoun usage. "Be one of the guys that keeps the group together. It's going to be an important role and I'm willing to embrace it."

That role is a clearly defined one, courtesy of coach Jim Boylen. Porter's Thursday afternoon physical ended too late for him to fly here with the team, so he hopped a commercial flight with a team staffer and met with Boylen to watch film upon arrival.

"What I talked to him about is running the floor, understanding our multihandler system that we're developing," Boylen said.

"If he has it, he can bring it. If he doesn't have it, we need him to run the floor. And then I talked to him about defending and rebounding. I need him to be aggressive offensively and not shy away from taking shots."

Playing alongside Wall and Beal, Porter did that enough that Wizards coach Scott Brooks even joked with Washington media to remind Porter to shoot more. Porter took nine shots in his 34 minutes Friday.

Porter said he had "no idea" about the Dec. 9 incident that created national headlines when two or three players floated the idea of boycotting Boylen's practice following a back-to-back set of games that included a franchise-record 56-point loss to the Celtics in which Boylen used two

five-man substitutions.

The forward did admit feeling "kind of sad" for leaving his adopted hometown of Washington. Porter, a St. Louis native, not only spent five-plus seasons with the Wizards but two seasons at Georgetown.

"But to leave and start fresh is a positive opportunity for me," Porter said.

Boylen cited Porter's positional size at 6-foot-8. He expressed excitement over Porter's ability to slide to power forward in smaller lineups. He mentioned Porter's playoff experience.

"We like who he is now," Boylen said. "And we're hoping that there's upside there."

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BULLS NOTES

Lopez won't 'rock boat' by seeking buyout (yet)

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — Other than making fun of his twin brother and terrorizing NBA mascots, Robin Lopez doesn't like to create a fuss.

"I never want to rock the boat too much," Lopez said. "My main goal when I'm on a team is to make everybody else's job easier, to help everybody else out. That's my No. 1 priority."

And so, as of Friday, Lopez said he hadn't talked to his agent regarding a potential buyout from the Bulls to join a contender.

"I'm not worried about that," Lopez said. "While I'm here, I'm going to contribute how I can. I'm going to relish the opportunity. I enjoy playing with these guys. I enjoy being on the floor with them. Any chance I get to play, I'm looking forward to it."

Players have to be waived by March 1 in order to be playoff eligible. Could Lopez's stance change?

"Who knows, man?" he said.

Even if it did, there's no guarantee the Bulls would comply. Speaking at the Advocate Center on Thursday, executive vice president John Paxson reiterated the franchise's dislike of the practice. He did say, out of respect to Lopez's professionalism, that the Bulls would at least have dialogue if Lopez and his agent approach him.

On point: Paxson on Thursday also acknowledged the inconsistent play of Kris Dunn, who is eligible for an extension this summer but isn't even guaranteed to be the starting point guard next season.

"The point guard position is a critical position. It's a tough one to play," Paxson said. "You have to be a leader. You have to be a distributor. You have to be a scorer. It will be interesting to see now as we've added another legitimate wing in Otto (Porter Jr.) how Kris handles that role with scorers. And we're excited about that."

"We've said all along that this process is about learning who fits, who doesn't. We still like Kris a lot. I mean, he's had some ups and downs this year in terms of his consistency. And that's always a challenge for players. He's been competitive. He can still defend. And he's playing hard. So we're going to keep evaluating him."

Pat on the back: Paxson on Thursday not only reiterated the franchise's planned commitment to Boylen to coach next season but praised specific accomplishments. They centered on teaching in practice and holding players accountable.

Asked about that Friday, Boylen said he's thankful and appreciative for them.

"What I've said all along is ownership and management has been great," Boylen said. "They've asked me to teach and coach and try to build this thing the right way. I talk to them about those buckets we're trying to fill every day. It's always nice to get public appreciation for what you're trying to do."



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

Robin Lopez, defending Friday against the Nets' Jarrett Allen, will hold off on seeking a buyout.

NBA

Sixers pay tribute to Moses Malone

The 76ers are paying tribute to the late Moses Malone, a three-time NBA MVP and one of basketball's most ferocious rebounders, with a sculpture and a jersey retirement ceremony.

The Sixers unveiled the sculpture Friday morning at their

practice facility in New Jersey.

The team then retired Malone's No. 2 jersey in a halftime ceremony Friday night. The banner had the names of all Malone's teammates stitched into it.

Malone was a 13-time All-Star, Hall of Fame inductee and a

member of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA history. In 1983, he helped the 76ers roll through the playoffs and sweep the Lakers — the last time they won a championship.

He returned to the 76ers for the 1993-1994 season.

He died in 2015.

■ The Pistons and G Wayne Ellington were close to an agreement on a contract, according to reports. The Suns waived Ellington, 31, after acquiring him in a trade with the Heat. He will be a free agent once he clears waivers this weekend. *News services*

COLLEGE BASKETBALL NOTES

No. 2 Blue Devils riding strong 2nd halves

By JOEDY MCCREARY
Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — No. 2 Duke is the best second-half team in the country.

Good thing, the Blue Devils have been getting off to sluggish starts.

That said, no team in Division I outscores its opponents by more in second halves than the Blue Devils. They average 11.6 points more than opponents after halftime. And

they're trending up — that margin jumped to 17 points during their last three games.

"We're really good at making adjustments in-game," co-captain Javin DeLaurier said. "I think that's a testament, especially for the freshmen, (of) being mature really early (in their careers). When coach tells us something or we're not playing our best, we do a really good job of picking it up."

Duke and No. 4 Gonzaga — at

11.5 points — are the only teams in the nation whose average second-half margin is in double figures. The Blue Devils have trailed at halftime in five games, but only once — in a 89-87 loss to those Bulldogs in the Maui Invitational final in November — has that deficit been larger than two points.

So clearly, Duke (20-2, 8-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) is finishing games strong, and now the Blue Devils hope to finish the regular

season that way.

Their rematch with No. 3 Virginia (20-1, 8-1) on Saturday night — the Blues Devils won the first game 72-70 on Jan. 19 in Durham, N.C. — starts a challenging stretch run that includes two meetings with top-10 rival North Carolina plus four other road games against current Top 25 teams.

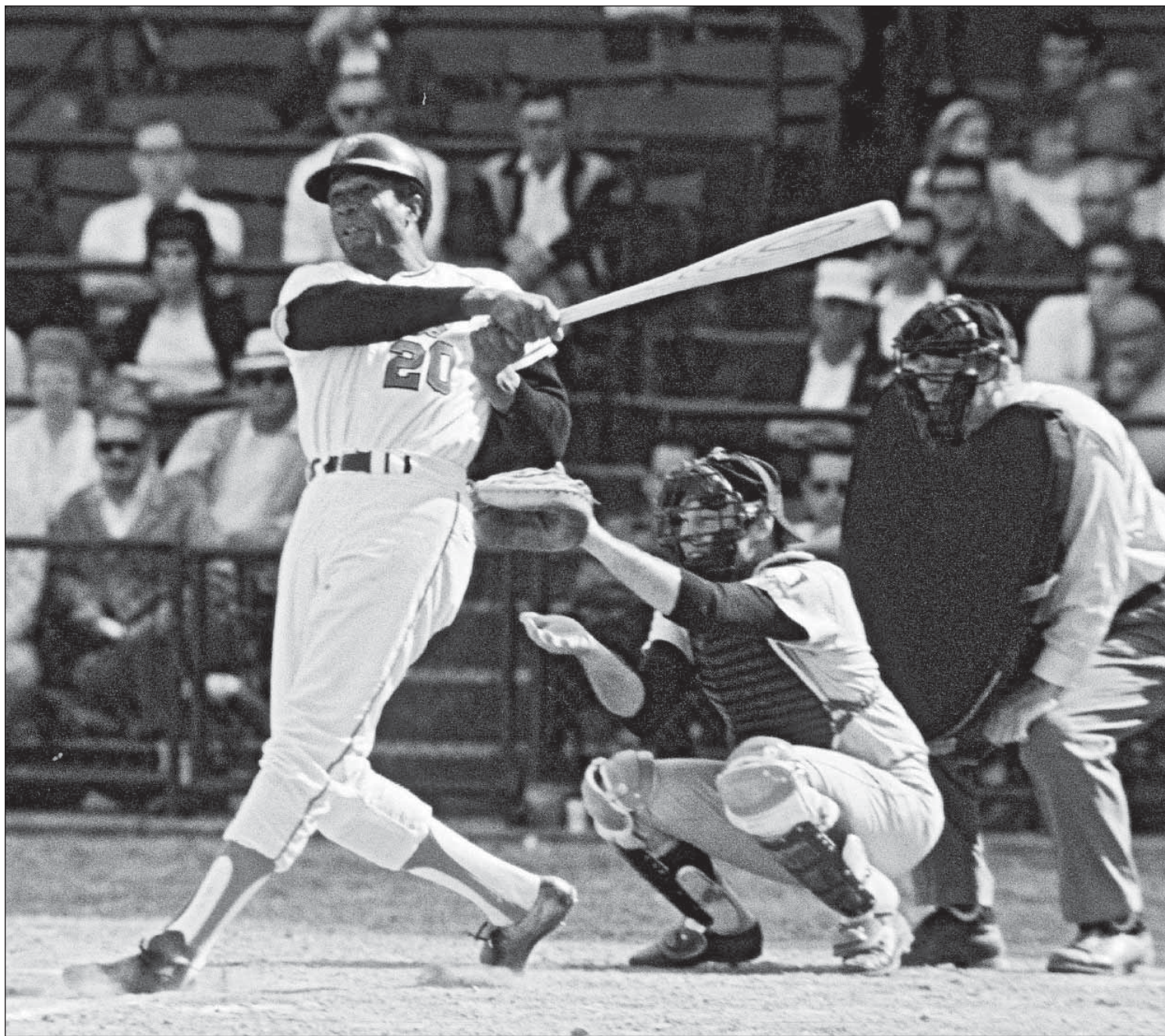
"It's another big-time game for us," DeLaurier said.

Part of the challenge for this

freshman-dominated Duke team has been treating every opponent on the schedule like it's one of those, big-time games from the opening tipoff.

During their last four games, the Blue Devils have trailed at halftime twice, with both coming at home against teams near the bottom of the ACC standings — Georgia Tech and Boston College. They rebounded to win both by double figures.

BASEBALL



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Hall of Famer Frank Robinson averaged 30 homers and 90 RBIs and batted over .300 four times during his six seasons with the Orioles.

COMMENTARY

Entering a new era

During the 1960s, Frank Robinson helped redefine the image of black athletes

BY KEVIN B. BLACKSTONE
The Washington Post

A few seasons after Jackie Robinson retired, Frank Robinson did something Jackie only dreamed of, something he swore never to do, something that ate at him for as long as he was on the diamond.

Frank Robinson fought back. Against a white player. A star white player too, the Braves' Eddie Mathews.

Robinson lost the fight but won the war.

"I had a homer and a double, drove in one run, scored another and made a catch that robbed Mathews of an extra-base hit," Robinson explained after his eye was blackened. "We won the second game 4-0."

Jackie Robinson was revered for the abuse he took. Frank Robinson, if you read the memories that poured out Thursday upon the news of his death at 83, was respected for what he didn't take.

The Mathews incident reverberated not unlike when Larry Doby became the first black player to retaliate against a white player by punching out Yankees pitcher Art Ditmar in 1957. William Jackson in the black-owned Cleveland Call and Post wrote: "They say that Abe Lincoln freed the slaves about 93 years ago and delivered the Emancipation Proclamation. But it wasn't until Doby threw that left hook to the chin of Ditmar that the Negro baseball player was completely emancipated."

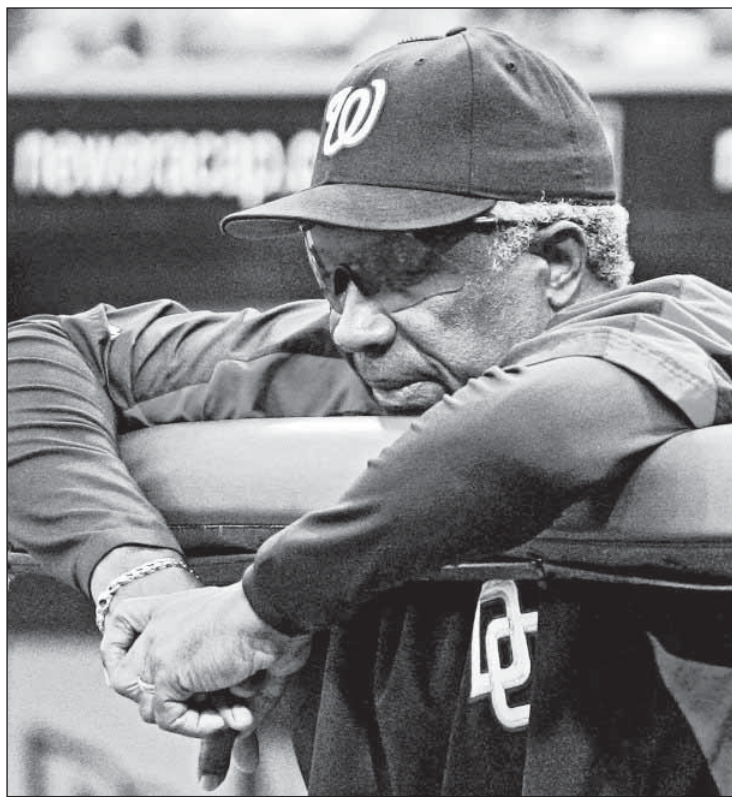
Frank Robinson was an emancipated black athlete. He played not just fiercely, as was recounted Thursday, but fearlessly. It was so evident to those who played with and against him that they dreaded him.

In Jackie Robinson's rookie season, 1947, he was spiked purposely by Enos Slaughter, the southerner who rumor held considered striking that year rather than play against the majors' first black player since the 1880s.

Ten years later, in his second season, Frank Robinson did the spiking. He sidelined Milwaukee shortstop Johnny Logan, a white player, for six weeks.

Frank Robinson was remembered immediately for the Hall of Fame baseball player he became over 21 seasons, most notably the first 10 years he spent in Cincinnati and the next six in Baltimore. He was American League Rookie of the Year, the first to be named MVP in both leagues, a Triple Crown winner, the first black manager, "a Grade A Negro" player, as the Sporting News characterized him upon being traded to the Orioles.

But the descriptors of Frank Robinson as a man made him



GENE J. PUSKAR/ASSOCIATED PRESS

After becoming the majors' first black manager in 1975, Frank Robinson went on to lead four franchises and log 16 seasons.

important rather than merely historic. He was in the vanguard of the liberated black American athlete of the second half of the 20th century. He was in the tip of the spear in their remasculation.

Frank Robinson became reflective of a burgeoning confrontational black America that was leaving what was a more conciliatory freedom movement behind. To be sure, Frank Robinson walked around strapped. He was arrested for brandishing his pistol in 1961 after a confrontation with white customers and a white short-order cook in a late-night Cincinnati eatery.

Frank Robinson, who debuted April 17, 1956, in left field at Cincinnati's Crosley Field, wasn't like the black athletes this country championed for most of the first half of the last century. He didn't subjugate himself to perform and act in the non-confrontational manner that was expected of and acceded to by many black Americans in post-Reconstruction, pre-Civil Rights-era America. He wasn't like the three most celebrated black athletes in America from World War I through the Korean War — boxer Joe Louis, track and field athlete Jesse Owens and his baseball predecessor Jackie Robinson — who were depicted synecdochally by a white America in pursuit of racial peace and unity as long as it was separate.

Frank Robinson didn't fit the collective narrative in white America's desire to excoriate its apartheid social arrangement by promoting black athletes it allowed to perform within it as

courageous. A 1963 Sports Illustrated profile was titled "The Moody Tiger of the Reds: Unloved by opponents, shy among friends, Frank Robinson has combined his vast talents and fierce will to become a superstar and one of baseball's most feared men."

Frank Robinson was like his high school basketball teammate Bill Russell. He was part of the birth in the 1960s of black athletes such as Muhammad Ali, Jim Brown and Lew Alcindor, all of whom began to confront their condition as athletic labor and join the civil rights movement, traditional and radical.

Robinson hadn't planned to be that guy. When he was traded to the Orioles in 1966, the Baltimore NAACP asked him to join. It was reported that he declined unless the organization promised he wouldn't have to make public appearances while he was a player. But house hunting for Robinson and his family, which included a son and daughter, changed his mind.

As recounted in a Society for American Baseball Research article, Robinson and his wife, Barbara, thought they'd found a house until the university professor who was subletting it met Barbara.

"He must have thought I was Mrs. Brooks Robinson," Frank Robinson's wife quipped. They wound up in a rental home "grimy and infested with bugs, its floors covered with dog (mess)."

The experience inspired Frank Robinson to change his mind about being active with the city's NAACP.

So it made sense Thursday that Frank Robinson's family requested that contributions in his memory be made to the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tenn., or the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington.

Race was never lost on Robinson. He experienced the same slights and taunts of other black ballplayers then in small southern minor-league towns as well as some big-league parks once he graduated to the majors. While with the Orioles in 1968, he wrote his autobiography, "My Life in Baseball," and noted of major-league owners and executives when wondering whether black players could ever become managers: "It's the same old story. The owners are just afraid. They are a step behind the public."

Seven years later, or 28 years after baseball allowed Jackie Robinson to integrate its base paths, the Indians made Frank Robinson the first black manager in the game. They gave him a one-year contract.

One of Robinson's pitchers was Gaylord Perry, a white Southerner and 21-game winner for the Indians the previous season. Perry, who was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1991, didn't like Robinson's attention to conditioning and complained to the media, "I'm nobody's slave." Then a white catcher, John Ellis, publicly feuded with the first black skipper, author John Rosengren noted in his History Channel Magazine piece on Robinson's first season as manager. Cleveland fans responded by threatening Robinson's life.

Robinson was unbowed. Rosengren noted that when Robinson suspected his skin color resulted in umpires treating his team less fairly, he didn't bite his lip.

"Certain umpires are getting back at me through my club," Robinson complained aloud. "Every close call goes against us, and I think they are taking out on the club the way they feel about me."

In 2008, the Hall of Fame did something it said it never does: It edited Jackie Robinson's plaque to reflect the history he made re-integrating the major leagues. It should do the same for Frank Robinson.

His most indelible contribution can't be summed up in statistics, unless they are numbers that somehow take the measure of a man.

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BASEBALL NOTES

Cubs could play in London next year

Associated Press

Major League Baseball is considering one of two matchups for its 2020 series in London: Cubs versus Cardinals or Mets versus Nationals.

Two people familiar with the discussions told the Associated Press of the potential matchups. They spoke on condition of anonymity Friday because no announcements had been authorized. An announcement is expected after opening day.

MLB's first games in Britain are scheduled for this summer, when the World Series champion Red Sox play the Yankees at London's Olympic Stadium on June 29-30. The venue was built for the 2012 Olympics and reconfigured for the Premier League club West Ham United.

Baseball's collective bargaining agreement calls for a 2020 opener in Asia, April games in Mexico, May games in Puerto Rico or the Dominican Republic and June games in Britain.

No universal DH — for now: Don't look for a National League designated hitter this season or for new antitanking rules in the June amateur draft.

MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred said Friday that management is focused on pace-of-game changes for 2019, and bolder ideas proposed by the players association are too complex to be put in place for this season.

Speaking Friday after an owners meeting in Orlando, Fla., Manfred felt encouraged the union responded to management's proposal for a pitch clock and a three-batter minimum for a relief pitcher unless an inning ends.

"Some of these items need to be part of broader discussions that certainly will continue after opening day, and I hope we can focus on some of the issues that need to get resolved quickly in the interim," Manfred said.

Baseball is in its third year of a five-year labor deal, one in which the free-agent market has slowed considerably — even with premier players available such as Bryce Harper and Manny Machado. Management would discuss larger changes as part of a deal for a new collective bargaining agreement extending beyond December 2021.

Management presented its latest proposal Jan. 14, one that included a requirement that pitchers face at least three batters or finish an inning. Players responded Feb. 1 with a broader plan, renewing their push for the DH in all games, an earlier trade deadline aimed at discouraging teams with losing records from trading stars, increasing service time for top young stars called up early in the season and rewarding and penalizing teams in the draft based on their records.

Lindor injured: The Indians might start the season without their best player. All-Star shortstop Francisco Lindor will miss spring training — and maybe the start of the season — with a strained right calf.

One of baseball's top all-around players, Lindor recently was injured while working out in Orlando. Team physician Mark Shickendanz confirmed a moderate sprain.

The Indians anticipate Lindor, 25, missing up to nine weeks, which would place his return sometime in early April. They open the season against the Twins on March 28 in Minnesota.

A three-time All-Star, Lindor batted .277 last season with 38 homers, 92 RBIs and tied for the league lead with 129 runs.



Giants confirm Harper meeting: Harper and the Giants met in the free-agent slugger's hometown of Las Vegas this week, and new Giants baseball operations chief Farhan Zaidi said the sides had mutual interest.

Zaidi would not say whether the Giants extended an offer to the star outfielder. A fan posted that he had spotted Giants CEO Larry Baer in the Bellagio on Monday night.

"It's kind of hard to deny when your CEO gets made in the casino," Zaidi said with a chuckle Friday. "There's obviously mutual interest on both sides, so we thought it made sense to get together. We had a good conversation over a few hours and he's obviously got a lot of suitors and a lot of interest. He's going to have some decisions to make."

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7:30 p.m.	Thunder at Rockets		ABC-7				
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11 a.m.	Wisconsin at Michigan		FOX-32				
11 a.m.	Oklahoma State at Kansas		ESPN				
11 a.m.	Virginia Tech at Clemson		ESPN2				
11 a.m.	Temple at Tulsa		ESPNU				
11 a.m.	Providence at St. John's		CBSSN				
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1 p.m.	Minnesota at Michigan State		ESPN				
1 p.m.	Auburn at LSU		ESPN2				
1 p.m.	TCU at Iowa State		ESPNU				
1 p.m.	Boston College at Syracuse		WCUI-26.2				
1 p.m.	VCU at St. Bonaventure		CBSSN				
1:30 p.m.	Villanova at Marquette		FOX-32				
3 p.m.	Rutgers at Illinois		BTN, WSCR-AM 670				
3 p.m.	Florida at Tennessee		ESPN				
3 p.m.	Louisville at Florida State		ESPN2				
3 p.m.	Texas Tech at Oklahoma		ESPNU				
3 p.m.	Dayton at Rhode Island		CBSSN				
4 p.m.	Utah at UCLA		FOX-32				
5 p.m.	Duke at Virginia		ESPN				
5 p.m.	Kansas State at Baylor		ESPN2				
5 p.m.	Northern Iowa at Drake		NBCSCH				
5 p.m.	New Mexico at Nevada		CBSSN				
7 p.m.	DePaul at Xavier		FS1, WIND-AM 560				
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7 p.m.	Texas at West Virginia		ESPN2				
7 p.m.	Creighton at Seton Hall		CBSSN				
7:30 p.m.	Nebraska at Purdue		BTN				
9 p.m.	Washington at Arizona State		ESPN				
9 p.m.	Saint Mary's at Gonzaga		ESPN2				
9 p.m.	Colorado at USC		ESPNU				

BOXING

9 p.m. Gervonta Davis vs. Abner Mares Showtime

GOLF

Noon	Pebble Beach Pro-Am		Golf Channel
2 p.m.	Pebble Beach Pro-Am		CBS-2
2 p.m.	Oasis Championship		Golf Channel
7 p.m.	ISPS Handa Vix Open		Golf Channel

NHL

6 p.m. Penguins at Lightning NHL Network

AHL

1 p.m. Wolves at Admirals WPWR-50

COLLEGE HOCKEY

5 p.m. Minnesota at Penn State BTN

FIGURE SKATING

10:30 p.m. Four Continents Championships NBCSN

BUNDESLIGA SOCCER

8:20 a.m. Borussia Dortmund vs. Hoffenheim FS2

11:20 a.m. Bayern Munich vs. Schalke FS2

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

6:25 a.m. Fulham vs. Manchester United NBCSN

8:55 a.m. Liverpool vs. Bournemouth NBCSN

9 a.m. Huddersfield Town vs. Arsenal CNBC

11:25 a.m. Brighton & Hove Albion vs. Burnley NBCSN

LIGA MX SOCCER

5 p.m. Monterrey vs. Lobos BUAP FS2

TENNIS

6 a.m. Fed Cup, Montpellier ATP Tennis Channel

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4 a.m. Fed Cup, Montpellier ATP Tennis Channel (Sun.)

5 a.m. Fed Cup, Cordoba ATP Tennis Channel (Sun.)

TRACK AND FIELD

3:30 p.m. Millrose Games NBC-5

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW THE AP MEN'S TOP 25 FARED

Friday
 1. Tennessee (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Saturday.
 2. Duke (20-2) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Virginia, Saturday.
 3. Virginia (20-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Duke, Saturday.
 4. Gonzaga (22-2) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Mary's, Saturday.
 5. Kentucky (19-3) did not play. Next: at Mississippi State, Saturday.
 6. Nevada (22-1) did not play. Next: vs. New Mexico, Saturday.
 7. Michigan (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Wisconsin, Saturday.
 8. North Carolina (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Saturday.
 9. Michigan State (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.
 10. Marquette (14-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Villanova, Saturday.
 11. Virginia Tech (18-4) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Saturday.
 12. Houston (22-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 Cincinnati, Sunday.
 13. Kansas (17-6) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.
 14. Villanova (19-4) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Marquette, Saturday.
 15. Purdue (16-6) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Saturday.
 16. Louisville (17-6) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Florida State, Saturday.
 17. Iowa State (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
 18. Texas Tech (18-5) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday.
 19. Wisconsin (17-6) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Michigan, Saturday.
 20. Iowa (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Sunday.
 21. LSU (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Saturday.
 22. Florida State (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Saturday.
 23. Buffalo (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. Central Michigan, Saturday.
 24. Maryland (16-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Purdue, Tuesday.
 25. Cincinnati (20-3) did not play. Next: at No. 12 Houston, Sunday.

HOW THE AP WOMEN'S TOP 25 FARED

Friday
 1. Baylor (20-1) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
 2. Louisville (22-1) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Sunday.
 3. Oregon (21-1) at California. Next: at No. 11 Stanford, Sunday.
 4. Notre Dame (21-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Florida State, Sunday.
 5. UConn (20-2) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Saturday.
 6. Mississippi State (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee, Sunday.
 7. Oregon State (19-3) at No. 11 Stanford. Next: at California, Sunday.
 8. Marquette (20-3) beat Georgetown 59-52. Next: vs. Villanova, Sunday.
 9. N.C. State (21-2) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Rutgers, Sunday.
 10. Maryland (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Wake Forest, Sunday.
 11. Stanford (19-3) vs. No. 7 Oregon State. Next: vs. No. 3 Oregon, Sunday.
 12. South Carolina (17-5) did not play. Next: at No. 5 UConn, Monday.
 13. Gonzaga (21-2) did not play. Next: at Portland, Saturday.
 14. Texas (18-5) did not play. Next: at Kansas, Saturday.
 15. Syracuse (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Sunday.
 16. Iowa (18-5) did not play. Next: at Ohio State, Sunday.
 17. Utah (18-5) vs. Southern Cal. Next: vs. UCLA, Sunday.
 18. Texas A&M (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Thursday.
 19. Kentucky (19-5) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Monday.
 20. Arizona State (16-6) did not play. Next: at Washington, Saturday.
 21. Rutgers (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Maryland, Sunday.
 22. Iowa State (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Saturday.
 23. Michigan State (16-6) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Monday.
 24. Florida State (20-3) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Notre Dame, Sunday.
 25. Miami (20-5) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Sunday.

FRIDAY'S SCORES

DEPAUL 93, Villanova 70
IUPUI 64, Youngstown St. 44
ILLINOIS 82, Evansville 59
MARQUETTE 59, Georgetown 52
MISSOURI 51, St. Louis 58
N. IOWA 71, Loyola of Chicago 65
ST. JOHN'S 51, Creighton 45
EAST
 Columbia 75, Harvard 65
 Dartmouth 63, Cornell 56
 James Madison 58, Northeastern 51
 Penn 83, Brown 43
 Providence 62, Seton Hall 75
 Towson 68, Hofstra 55
 Yale 96, Princeton 86
SOUTH
 Coll. of Charleston 79, William & Mary 77
 UNC-Wilmington 76, Elon 51

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
MLB: promoted Jim Smol to senior vice president of international; Charlie Hill to vice president of international strategic development; Rodrigo Fernandez managing director of Latin America; and Sami Kawakami managing director of Japan.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Milwaukee: Agreed to terms with RHP Josh Tomlin on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Atlanta: Waived G Jabari Bird and Shelvin Mack.
Milwaukee: Acquired F Nikola Mirotic from New Orleans. Sent Forward Thon Maker to Detroit and C Jason Smith to four future second-round draft picks to New Orleans. Detroit sent F Stanley Johnson to New Orleans to complete the three-team trade.

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Bears: Promoted Deshaun Townsend secondary coach, Sean Desai to safeties coach and Bill Shuey defensive pass analyst/assistant linebackers coach.
Miami: Re-signed L.S. John Denney. Named Jim Caldwell assistant head coach and quarterbacks coach. Chad O'Shea offensive coordinator, Patrick Graham defensive coordinator.

Minnesota: Named Marwan Maalouf special teams coordinator and Rick Denney offensive line coach. Promoted assistant quarterbacks coach Drew Petzing to wide receivers coach.

Washington: Named Tim Rattay quarterbacks coach.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

NHL: Fined Philadelphia F James Van Riemsdyk \$5,000 for high-sticking Los Angeles D Alec Martinez during a Feb. 7 game.
Los Angeles: Assigned F Matt Luff to Ontario (AHL).
Nashville: Traded C Emil Pettersson to Washington. Recalled D Christian Djoos from Hershey (AHL).
New Jersey: Assigned D Egor Yakovlev to Binghamton (AHL).
Washington: Recalled D Christian Djoos from Hershey (AHL).
Riesing: Assigned D Rieggan Djoos from Hershey (AHL).
Siegen: Assigned D Rieggan Djoos from Hershey (AHL).

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

Philadelphia: Announced the transfer of M. Marco Fabian from Eintracht Frankfurt (German Bundesliga).
Vancouver: Acquired D

COLLEGE

Kansas: Announced G Lagerald Vick will take a leave of absence from the basketball program.

LATEST LINE

NBA
pregame.com
 off Washington
 at Indiana 6½
 off Cleveland
 at New York 2½
 Charlotte 2½
 at Memphis off
 at Boston 11½
 at Houston 1½
 at Milwaukee off

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SATURDAY
 at Tulsa Pk
 at Kansas 12
 at Michigan 12
 at Clemson 2½
 at N. Carolina 16
 at St. John's 7
 at Cleveland 13
 at Georgetown 2
 at IUPUI 5½
 Mississippi 2½
 at UMass 2½
 Kentucky 4
 at LSU 1½
 Colorado St. 4½
 at Miami (Ohio) 5½
 at Iowa St. 9½
 at Towson 3

James Madison
 Va Common. 2½
 at St. Bon. 2½
 at Michigan St. 14
 NC State 3
 at Pittsburgh Duesigne 19
 at North Texas 1
 at Marquette 1½
 at Texas-Arl. 4½
 at Troy off
 at Cleveland St. 3
 at S. Carolina 1½
 at Buffalo 16
 at Hofstra 11½
 at Fairfield 2½
 at UTSA 6½
 Charleston 4½
 at Drexel 1½
 San Diego 1½
 at Tennessee 11
 at Illinois 6½
 at Northeastern 17
 at Rhode Island 2
 Texas Tech 1
 at Oklahoma 3
 at UCLA 4
 at Texas St. 6
 at So. Miss 3
 Fresno St. 1
 at UNL 14
 Oregon St. 14
 at Nevada 20½
 at Drake 6
 at North Texas 1½
 at Bowling Gr. Pk 10
 Green Bay 1
 at Brown off
 at Kansas 3½
 at Missouri 3
 at Richmond 7
 at Virginia 2½
 Duke 2½
 at Harvard off
 at Dartmouth off
 at Wright St. 11½
 at N. Kentucky 11½
 Oklahoma 8
 at Delaware 4
 at Arizona 13
 at Bradley 2
 at S. Illinois 7½
 Cal St.-Fullerton 5½
 at Xavier 4½
 at UAB 10½
 at Wichita St. 14
 Marshall 1½
 at Seton Hall 3
 at Purdue 3
 Alabama 2
 at UTEP Pk
 Long Beach St. 12
 Utah St. 4
 at San Diego St. 5
 Loyola Marymt 8½
 at UC Irvine 7½
 at Arizona St. 5
 at US 5
 at Gonzaga 16½
 at Santa Barb. 8
 at San Fran. 13½

NHL

SATURDAY
 at Philadelphia off Anaheim off
 at Boston -230 Los Angeles +210
 at New Jersey off Minnesota off
 at NY Isl -139 Colorado +129
 at Buffalo off Vancouver off
 at Ottawa off Winnipeg off
 at St. Louis -105 Nashville -105
 Dallas -129 at Arizona +119
 San Jose -149 at Edmonton +139
 at Washington -164 Florida +154
 at Tampa Bay off Pittsburgh off
 Toronto -121 at Montreal +111
 Calgary -149 at Vancouver +149
 at Las Vegas -160 Columbus +150

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	W	T	L	GF	GA	PTS
Man City	20	2	4	68	20	62
Liverpool	19	5	1	56	15	62
Tottenham	19	0	6	51	24	57
Chelsea	15	5	4	45	23	50
Man United	14	6	5	49	35	48
Arsenal	14	5	6	51	36	47
Wolverhampton	11	5	9	33	32	38
Watford	9	7	9	33	34	34
Everton	9	6	11	26	38	33
Bournemouth	10	3	12	37	44	33
Leicester	9	5	11	30	31	32
West Ham	9	5	11	31	38	32
Brighton	7	6	12	27	36	27
Crystal Palace	7	5	13	26	32	26
Newcastle	6	13	21	33	24	24
Southampton	5	9	11	27	42	24
Burnley	6	6	13	26	46	24
Cardiff	6	4	15	22	46	22
Fulham	5	16	25	17	55	17
Huddersfield	2	5	18	13	46	11

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Fulham vs. United, 6:30 a.m.
 Southampton vs. Cardiff, 9 a.m.
 Watford vs. Everton, 9 a.m.
 Liverpool vs. Bournemouth, 9 a.m.
 Huddersfield vs. Arsenal, 9 a.m.
 Crystal Palace vs. West Ham, 9 a.m.
 Brighton vs. Burnley, 10:30 a.m.
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
 Tottenham vs. Leicester, 7:30 a.m.
 Man City vs. Chelsea, 10 a.m.
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
 Wolverhampton vs. Newcastle, 2 p.m.

AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OL	SOL	PT	GF	GA
G. Rapids	27	15	3	4	61	144	139
Iowa	25	16	3	4	57	159	138
WOLVES	25	15	5	1	56	163	136
Milwaukee	22	18	8	1	53	130	133
Rockford	22	19	3	5	52	115	135
Texas	23	18	3	2	51	153	142
San Antonio	23	21	2	0	48	122	130
Manitoba	21	3	2	4	51	116	144

2pts for a win, 1 point for an OT/shootout loss.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

WESTERN CONFERENCE
 19-16-543 - 9
 Fort Wayne 18-16-529 - 9
 Grand Rapids 16-18-471 - 2½
 Canton 12-22-353 - 6½
 Wisconsin 8-25-242 - 10

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Windy City 119, Fort Wayne 98
Lakeland 106, Erie 103
Westchester 112, Canton 96
Memphis 118, North Carolina 89
Sioux Falls 135, Agua Caliente 120
Oklahoma City at Austin, late
Santa Cruz at Salt Lake City, late
Grand Valley at South Bay, late

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
 Binghamton at Cleveland, 2
 Texas at Manitoba, 2
 Utica at Bridgeport, 2
 Hartford at Lehigh Valley, 2:05
 Syracuse at Providence, 2:05
 Buffalo at Toronto, 3

NBA G LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
WINDY CITY	19	16	.543	-
Fort Wayne	18	16	.529	½
Grand Rapids	16	18	.471	2½
Canton	12	22	.353	6½
Wisconsin	8	25	.242	10

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

NASCAR

New day has dawned for Johnson, Knaus

BY JENNA FRYER | Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Chad Knaus got his first big break at Hendrick Motorsports when he was picked to build a team from scratch around a rookie driver who had yet to prove he belonged at NASCAR's top level.

The driver was Jimmie Johnson.

Once Johnson was paired with Knaus as crew chief, the duo took off and won a record-tying seven championships as the No. 48 team blossomed into one of the best in NASCAR history. Despite a 17-year friendship and all their success, the strain of underperforming last year was the final push toward their split.

Their chance to race for a record eighth Cup title together is gone and each has a new role. Johnson will at last be the leader of the No. 48, a job he never had sole possession of under Knaus.

Knaus, the winningest crew chief in the garage, is essentially starting over. He goes to the Daytona 500 as crew chief for second-year driver William Byron, tasked with rebuilding the famed No. 24 team Jeff Gordon led to four titles.

Johnson won 83 races in Knaus-built Chevrolts and a pair of Daytona 500s, but as the Hendrick organization struggled last year, the No. 48 team failed to win a race for the first time since it launched in 2002.

Team owner Rick Hendrick, deciding the relationship had grown stale, seized the opportunity to make a change. He returned Knaus to his roots with the No. 24 team and gave him Byron, a wide-eyed, fresh-faced 21-year-old driver in need of a seasoned crew chief.

"William is very structured and very committed and a lot like a sponge," Hendrick said. "He's probably as smart as anyone I've met in the sport, very quiet, very focused and very much wants to learn. Chad is a real technician with the car, very outspoken, and William has asked for that

UP NEXT

Advance Auto Parts Clash
Exhibition race
2 p.m. Sunday, FS1

Daytona 500
Season opener
1:30 p.m. Feb. 17,
FOX-32

and asked for some commitment and structure."

The change comes at a pivotal time for Knaus. He was a bachelor for most of his time with Johnson but is now married and last year welcomed his first child, son Kipling. Having a wife and child has mellowed Knaus while giving him interests away from the race car.

Knaus is only five years older than Johnson and the two grew up in the Cup Series together. With Byron, it's a totally different dynamic.

"William is 21, I'm 47, (so) we aren't going to be best friends," Knaus said. "It's not going to be the relationship Jimmie and I have."

Hendrick recently saw Knaus in the parking lot with a hauler showing his crew race-weekend procedures.

"It looked a lot like 2001 to me," Hendrick said.

Knaus said he is rooting for Johnson and new crew chief Kevin Meendering, and the quest for an eighth title won't become a rivalry.

"Obviously I would have loved to have done that with Jimmie," Knaus said. "That is going to be painful in one respect, but I will be proud as heck of the guy."

"Everybody is like, 'Man, are you going to get the first win? Or is Jimmie going to get the first win?' Who cares as long as we are both having a good time and we are being successful?"

"I'm not worried who gets the next one. I'm worried about remembering what it is we accomplished, what we did for 18 years. I think that is the most important element in this whole dynamic."

SOCCER

10 die in Brazil as fire guts Flamengo's youth academy

BY PETER PRENGAMAN
AND MARCELO SILVA DE SOUSA
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — A fire early Friday swept through the sleeping quarters of an academy for Brazil's popular professional soccer club Flamengo, killing 10 people and injuring three, most likely teenage players, authorities said.

Firefighters were called just after 5 a.m. to the sprawling Ninho de Urubu training grounds in Rio de Janeiro's western region. Overhead images captured by an Associated Press drone showed a smoky, charred area of the complex.

"We are distraught," Flamengo President Rodolfo Landim said outside the complex, where fans and friends gathered, some in prayer. "This is the worst tragedy to happen to the club in its 123 years."

The cause of the fire was not known, but Claudio Castro, vice governor of the state of Rio de Janeiro, said authorities were looking at the possibility of a short circuit in an air conditioning unit. It is currently summer in Brazil.

Sebastian Rodriguez, the uncle of one of

the players who died, 15-year-old Samuel Thomas Rosa, said his nephew never complained about the conditions.

"He never told me anything bad about the training center," Rodriguez said. "He liked the environment and his teammates."

Many of the world's best players and top officials expressed condolences.

"It's a sad day for Brazilian soccer," tweeted Pele, the country's most famous player.

Chapecoense, a team in southern Brazil that lost 22 players in a plane crash in 2016, said on Twitter: "We are extremely sad and shaken by the news of the fire."

Flamengo is perhaps the most famous club in the country, with an estimated 40 million fans nationwide. Supporters are so attached to their academy team that players have a motto for them: "Flamengo makes legends at home."

Among the most famous players to come through the club are Ronaldinho and Zico, former stars on Brazil's national team; top goal-scorer Adriano, who rose to fame at Inter Milan; and current Real Madrid star Vinicius Jr., who not long ago was living in the building destroyed by the fire.

Skier Vonn will follow Subban

Vonn, from Page 1

"He's just always positive and happy and maybe a little too energetic at times. But it definitely helped me mentally to be in Nashville and be around him and not focus so much on skiing but just getting healthy and working as hard as I can."

After divorcing from retired skier Thomas Vonn, Vonn dated Tiger Woods and then NFL coach Kenan Smith.

She and Subban went public with their relationship in June when they walked the red carpet together at the CMT Music Awards in Nashville. Then on July 4, Subban tweeted a photo of him and Vonn wearing the same U.S. flag-themed women's bathing suit, asking "who wore it better?"

One of the biggest personalities in hockey, Subban hosted a TV special after the NHL's All-Star Skills competition last month that featured him telling jokes in an opening monologue, talking with some guests and some taped segments.

He also started a digital series called "The P.K. Project" to give viewers a look at his personal life. On the first episode, he had Vonn on a video call while visiting his family — revealing that he's not the only one in the relationship who goes by initials, with his mom referring to "that lovely L.V."

Subban "has no idea about ski racing," said Vonn, the women's record holder with 82 World Cup wins, trailing only the overall record of 86 that Stenmark holds.

"I've tried to watch some video with him and he has absolutely no clue," Vonn said. "He's like, 'I'll be honest, I don't care about skiing. I just care about you.' And that's kind of cute, but it's kind of annoying at the same time."

"But I don't know much about hockey; all I know is forecheck. I don't even know what that means, really."

While it might seem strange that Vonn, who grew up in the hockey hotbed of Minnesota, knows so little about her

boyfriend's sport, she says it's a result of the Minnesota North Stars' move to Dallas in 1993.

"I grew up pretty much my whole childhood not having a hockey team," Vonn, 34, said. "So just because I'm from Minnesota doesn't mean I should know hockey."

So which team does Vonn, who was living in Colorado when she started dating Subban, support? The Colorado Avalanche or Subban's Predators?

"That's the hard part," she said. "When I moved to Colorado, I watched the Avalanche win the Stanley Cup and I've been to a lot of Avalanche games. But I can't really say anything other than Nashville."

Can Subban ski?

"I think he can snowboard, but that's it," Vonn said, adding that she has no plans to take him out on the slopes and endanger his career. "He's got a job to do. I'm not taking any risks on that one."

Does Vonn skate?

"Oh, yeah, I'm from Minnesota," she said.

One other thing that Vonn and Subban have in common is Olympic gold medals. Vonn won the downhill at the 2010 Vancouver Games and Subban, who is from Toronto, was on Canada's team that won the hockey tournament at the 2014 Sochi Games.

And they both compete in the cold.

"I wear my jacket in the stadium," Vonn said. "He could have played tennis or an indoor sport that was actually warm. That would have been helpful."

The day after Vonn retires, she will fly to Nashville to see Subban and begin her new life as a professional hockey fan.

"I'll be there every time now — it will be fun," she said. "Everything looks great for them: Try to get the division title and go for the Stanley Cup. So I'll be there cheering them on."

Walker reported from Nashville, Tenn.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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Death Notices

Blumenthal, Blanche

Blanche Blumenthal, nee Rosen, born January 14, 1921 to Dr. Jacob and Helen Rosen, wife of the late Dr. Irving Blumenthal; loving mother of Marlene (the late Joseph) Mann, Ingrid (the late Jay) Brown and Dr. Lewis (Ellin Goodman); dear Cita of Jennifer Mann, Jamie Bender (David Terry), Jason (Sara Palcon) Mann, Sonny (Jennifer Harms) Mann, Bradley Blumenthal, David (Mara Putnins) Blumenthal, Marc Blumenthal, Emily (Tristain) Barrett, Leslie (Brian) Lavin and Michael (Joanne Flannery) Alpert; wonderful great grandmother of Trevor, Everett, Margot, Olivia, June, Joshua, Samantha and Riley Mann, Matthew and Miranda Terry, Brooklyn and Beckesley Alpert, Asher and Tatum Lavin and Avery Barrett; dearest sister of the late Lila (the late Warren) Treadwell, the late Sheldon (Norma Dunn) Rosen and Miami Kenig; aunt of many and dear friend of Patsy Kasper. A proud graduate of Northwestern University, life member of Hadassah, including long time president of West Suburban Chapter, Docent at Spertus College, the Field Museum and Lyric Opera, past president of West Suburban Temple Sisterhood, supporter of Israel Bonds, JUF and Technion. Blanche and Irving were the 1995 honorees for the State of Israel Bonds for the Western Suburbs. She was the March of Dimes past chairman for Oak Park. Blanche was lucky to have loving care for many years from her dear Jean Wilson and Kay Pearson. Chapel service Sunday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. No flowers please. Donations appreciated for the Dr. Irving and Mrs. Blanche Blumenthal Scholarship Fund at American Technion Society, 111 W. Washington, Suite 1220, Chicago, IL 60602. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Comella, Lucille Katherine

Comella, Lucille Katherine, nee Gade, born June 27, 1936, passed peacefully from this life on February 3, 2019. She will be missed mightily. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Lucille's name to the American Stroke Association or Ebenezer Lutheran Church Capital Campaign. Visitation Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 10-11 AM at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1650 W. Foster Ave., Chicago 60640. A Funeral Service will follow at 11 AM at Ebenezer. Interment will be held at Saint Lucas Cemetery. Info 773-561-6874 or www.drakeandson-funeralhome.com

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Flewellen, Jimmie L.

Jimmie Lee Flewellen, Sr born August 4, 1926 in Columbus, Georgia to the late Edward and Nancy Flewellen. He passed on January 31, 2019 after succumbing to Chicago's severely cold weather. He leaves to mourn in passing his only son Jimmie L. Flewellen, Jr, two nieces Aletha Luckey and Lenora Cole and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Gregory, Robert F.

Robert F. Gregory, age 72, of Bolingbrook, US Air Force Vietnam Veteran. Beloved father of Keith (Julie) Gregory. Loving brother of Richard (Stephanie) and Randall (Mary) Gregory. Fond friend of many. Rob was a graduate of Lyons Township in 1964. He served in the Air Force from January, 1966 to January, 1970 and in Vietnam from September, 1967 to September, 1968. Rob was an avid motor racing fan, gardener, golfer, and traveler. Visitation 4 to 8pm Sunday, February 10, 2019, where Air Force Military Honors will be performed at 5pm, at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. For information: 708-352-6500 or hfunerals.com

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Issleib, Annalies

Annalies Issleib, 95, beloved wife of Leland; loving parent Julius (Elizabeth) Werner; and sister of Rosemarie Werner. Longtime employee of Hartford Fire Insurance; founding member of the Young Swiss Society; member of Edgewater Presbyterian Church. Memorial service Sunday, 1:15PM at Edgewater Presbyterian Church, 1020 W Bryn Mawr, Chicago. For additional information call **Barr Funeral Home** (773) 743-4034 or leave a condolence at BarrFuneralHome.com.

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Loeb, Herbert

Herbert Loeb, 91, beloved husband of Joan nee Leshin; loving father of Karen (Bob) Westbrook, Paul (Jodi) Loeb and Beth Loeb; cherished Papa of Justin (Hannah) Loeb, Jillian (Chad) Teven, Ryan Loeb, Olivia Tan, Tyler Westbrook and Brett Westbrook; great grandfather of Alaia Teven; brother of the late Irene Loeb; dear brother-in-law of Penny (Phil) Arnold; fond uncle of Elyn Saul and Edward (Mindy) Leshin; and a good friend to many. A memorial service will be held Sunday, February 10, 1:30 PM at North Shore Congregation Israel, 1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, chicagosfoodbank.org, The Evans Scholars Foundation, wgaes.org, Experimental Station, experimentalstation.org or a charity of your choice. Info: **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 847-256-5700.

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Naegel, Dorothy

Dorothy C. Naegel, 93, wife of the late William E. Naegel, passed away on December 29, 2018. She was born on April 8, 1925, in Hollywood, IL, to Arthur and Harriet Ames Carlson. She married William Naegel on March 15, 1969. Together they developed a very successful CPA firm. They loved their family and friends, their church, travelling, fishing, and golfing. Dorothy was devoted to the Brookfield Zoo and was a docent there for 32 years.

Dorothy is survived by her sister, Harriet Kweton, her sister-in-law, Winifred Carlson, her nieces, Mariel Bradley, Linda (Dan) Tumbleson, Amy (Don) Fox, and her nephews, Phillip (Susan) Kweton, Scott (Laurel) Naegel, John (Debbie) Naegel, and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

A service will be held on February 11, 2019, at 10:30, at Grace Lutheran Church, Western Springs, IL. Interment will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Brookfield Zoo, 3300 South Golf Road, Brookfield, IL 60513 or www.CZS.org/Brookfield-zoo/donate.

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Prohaska, Elaine C.

Elaine Prohaska passed away peacefully at the age of 99 at CreekView Health Center in Pleasanton, CA on January 14, 2019. Elaine was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Prohaska, and her daughter, Susan Stull. Elaine is survived by her son-in-law, John W. Houghton, Jr.; nephew, David Wilks of Elgin, IL; grandsons, Peter Stull and Michael Stull; two great granddaughters, Gracelyn Stull and Jovanna Stull and two great grandsons, George Stull and Seth Stull.



Elaine Prohaska was born in Chicago, Illinois to Antoinette and Woldemar Wilks, both immigrants from Latvia. Elaine's parents instilled in her the joy of road trips to see America when in 1930 they drove from Chicago to Los Angeles. Elaine graduated in home economics from the University of Illinois.

She fell in love with and married Jerry Prohaska in 1944 and honeymooned in Southern California where Jerry was stationed. Jerry graduated from Northwestern University School of Dentistry and later enlisted as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 6th Marine Division (World War II). He served as a medic in the Battle of Okinawa and was later stationed in Japan.

After the war, Jerry re-opened his dental practice and Elaine managed Jerry's dental office for a time in Elgin, IL. Jerry and Elaine had a life-long love of travel and great cars. Imagine the condition of the roads when they took their first road trip deep into Mexico in 1946. Later they would pack their young daughter, Sue, into their car and off they'd go to see America.

In the end, Elaine visited all 50 states and many countries. They loved Japan and made many trips there bringing back small souvenirs like a jade tree that Elaine kept with her at Stoneridge Creek. Elaine thoroughly enjoyed learning about people from many cultures.

When they retired, they moved to Aptos, California to be close to their daughter, Sue, and their two grandsons. After her husband passed, she moved to Villa San Ramone. Then she was one of the first people to move into Stoneridge Creek in 2013. She often spoke fondly of her newly found dining companions and friends in the Chicago Club.

Elaine loved playing golf and watching tennis. She was keen on keeping fit and in her 80's hired a personal trainer! Elaine was always the avid sports fan. At the age of 99, she would often call John, her son-in-law, to tell him when a great tennis match was on TV.

Elaine had a love for numbers, finance and keeping detailed records. With her women friends in Aptos, she formed an investments club called "24 Carrots". They often outdid the professionals! Among her possessions were their tax returns from 1945 (and every year until her death). Elaine loved to read the Wall Street Journal and she would often cut out articles from the WSJ for John to enjoy.

She was a loving spirit and will be missed by her family and friends.

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Richter, Jean Leadaman

Jean L. Richter, of Lombard, age 94, died on January 31, 2019. Loving wife of the late David W. Richter; beloved mother of Pamela (Jeffrey) Erickson, James, and Barbara (Garry) Prange; proud grandmother of Davin (fiancée Amy) and Jon-Anders Erickson, Katherine (Louis) Terronez and Matthew Richter, Michelle and Grant Roque; and dear great-grandmother of Vivi Terronez. Born in Oak Park IL, Jean spent her life surrounded by family and friends. As a staunch "DOOPER", she instilled her strong sense of tradition and work ethic in her children. As a long-time executive assistant, Jean loved to keep others organized and up to the minute with everything from daily horoscopes to recent obituaries. She will be dearly missed. Interment will be private. Memorials to Susan G Komen or the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

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Scuris, John Peter

Peter John Scuris, 84, of Lafayette, IN, formerly of Chicago, passed away on February 6, 2019. Visit www.fisherfuneralchapel.com

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UTLEY, COLIN DAVID WILLIAM BAIN

COLIN DAVID WILLIAM BAIN UTLEY, age 36, of Schaumburg, IL, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on February 6, 2019. Colin was born on October 21, 1982 to W. David Utley and Patricia E. Bain-Utley. He was a graduate of Conant High School and Harper College. He is survived by his parents, his brother, Shawn (Candace) Utley, and his nieces and nephews, Cassidie, Cattibrie, Charlie and Coren.

Colin lived in Schaumburg for 35 years and was a friend to many in the Schaumburg area. He was always there when someone needed help. An excellent craftsman and builder, he also enjoyed sports including downhill skiing, biking, hiking and volleyball. He traveled extensively throughout the USA including a memorable road trip with his brother and nieces to the west and Disneyland.

A short service will be conducted later at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine, IL. Donations can be made to the charity of your choice in his name.

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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 **Atiyanna Williams**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shakon Buck (Mother)**
 JUVENILE NO.: **18JA00575**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Aaron Williams (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 21, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/01/2019**, at **11:30 AM** in CALENDAR **1 COURTROOM A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS **February 9, 2019**

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Jason L Smith**

A MINOR **NO. 2018JD01946**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Kalicia Lee (Mother)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **December 3, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kristal Royce Rivers** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **02/22/2019** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **56 COURTROOM 10**,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT **February 9, 2019**

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: **G. Morris, E. Washington**
 ATTORNEY FOR: **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**
 ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton
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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Joseph Rivera AKA Joseph Seth Lee Rivera**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Elizabeth Rivera (Mother)**
 JUVENILE NO.: **11JA00938**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Elizabeth Rivera (Mother) Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 1, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/01/2019**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **12 COURTROOM L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS **February 9, 2019**

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Lavion London**

A MINOR **NO. 2019JD00113**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Donte London (Father)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **January 21, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kristal Royce Rivers** in the Cook County 5th Municipal Courthouse located at 10220 South 76th Avenue, Bridgeview, Illinois on **02/22/2019** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **75 COURTROOM 030**,

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT **February 9, 2019**

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: **M. Walsh, L. Carlson, E. Sheehan**
 ATTORNEY FOR: **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**
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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK

In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2019:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2019 assessment of Real Property located in the following township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County.

RIVER FOREST

Identified also as Area(s) 15, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.

The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at such sitting is March 8, 2019.

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

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 9th day of February, 2019.

FRITZ KAEGI
 ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY

LEGAL NOTICES

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

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Application Filing Period: January 25, 2019 through February 22, 2019. **Examination Date:** March 16, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Electrical Operator I practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Attends, operates, and cleans electrical control equipment at a sewage treatment plant, in a pumping station, or a lock, during an assigned rotating shift. **Pay:** \$46.86 per hour

Electrical Operator II (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: January 25, 2019 through February 22, 2019. **Examination Date:** March 16, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Electrical Operator II practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Has charge of, attends to, operates and cleans electrical control equipment at a sewage treatment plant or pumping station. May supervise lower level Electrical Operators. **Pay:** \$49.20 per hour

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Application Filing Period: February 1, 2019 through March 1, 2019. **Examination Date:** March 23, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of legal assistant practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision of attorneys and/or a Senior Legal Assistant, performs entry-level paralegal work in support of District activities. **Pay:** \$67,032.16 per year

Senior Legal Assistant (Promotional)

Application Filing Period: February 1, 2019 through March 1, 2019. **Examination Date:** March 23, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of senior legal assistant practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision of attorneys, performs more advanced paralegal work in support of District activities. **Pay:** \$79,107.08 per year

Stores Specialist (Original)

Application Filing Period: January 25, 2019 through February 22, 2019. **Examination Date:** March 23, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of stores specialist practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, conducts physical inventories of a wide variety of stocked items and performs related procedures involving the identification, cataloging and general inventory management of materials and equipment. **Pay:** \$59,237.62 per year

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Steve Spurrier, the College Hall of Fame coach and player, gives instructions to players during practice for the Orlando Apollos of the new Alliance of American Football on Tuesday.

Back in business

Steve Spurrier is returning to the sideline at 73

BY MARTIN FENNELLY | Tampa Bay Times

ORLANDO, Fla. — Jerri Spurrier, still an exercise fiend, still a team mom, had completed another lap around the football field at Camping World Stadium. She stopped to watch her forever boyfriend out there, her husband of 52 years, chattering away as he showed the proper technique for a two-step drop.

"He's just so happy," Jerri Spurrier said. "Can't you just see it?"

Later, the Head Ball Coach sauntered over.

"How are things in Tampa Bay? Got a new coach there," Spurrier said.

Some young guy named Ariens, just 66.

Stephen Orr Spurrier, 73, is back where he belongs, feeling frisky again, as if it was Florida-Florida State week, only he coaches the fledgling Orlando Apollos of the just as fledgling Alliance of American Football (AAF). Orlando makes its debut Saturday night when it hosts the Atlanta Legends at Spectrum Stadium, UCF's Bounce House. The irrepressible Spur Dog has a hop in his step, even on a bad knee and coming off back surgery just three months ago.

"Got players, got a chance to build a good team," Spurrier said. "It's what I love doing. It's what I'm used to doing, coming up with plays."

No, it won't be like 1990, when Spurrier the Heisman winner was 45 and returned to his alma mater and changed Florida and SEC football with the Fun 'n' Gun. And it won't be 1983, his first head coaching job, when Spurrier and the short-lived Tampa Bay Bandits wowed the equally short-lived USFL. Bandit Ball. Wide open and loads of fun.

But this just as certainly isn't October 2015, when Spurrier, having given South Carolina much of its football history, stepped away in the middle of his 11th season there, a losing one, tired, wrung out. It wasn't his finest hour.

"It was my fault. No, it wasn't the way to go out," he said.

"His heart wasn't in it," Jerri said. "It was awful. You could feel it."

Now look. Spurrier doesn't need money, though Orlando is reportedly pay-

ing him \$500,000 for this season, his kind of ball season, no recruiting, no drafts, no nothing.

"Five months," Spurrier said. "It's perfect for me."

Will we see the Steve Spurrier who yells at refs and, well, everyone else with the Apollos?

He and his wife and his staff and his players are temporarily encamped at a hotel in downtown Orlando. In the middle of the night, Jerri will look over and see her husband drawing up plays, enough for 10 offenses. He's happy again. He is still an ambassador at Florida, making speeches and appearances, guest lecturing in a sport management class on leadership, which he dubbed "Winners and Losers."

But this winner got that itch and had to scratch it. And we're better for it.

"This is a new lease on life for him," said Tim Ruskell, Orlando's general manager and a former longtime Bucs personnel director and NFL GM. Ruskell was a student at USF in 1976 when he caught on with the Bucs as a flunky. One of his jobs was warming up the starting quarterback: Spurrier.

"That's how our friendship began," said Ruskell, who later was a Bandits scouting director. "Steve is very loyal."

You can see it with Spurrier's staff, people he goes back with, not to mention his son, Scott, who is Orlando's tight ends coach. It's still all about the HBC.

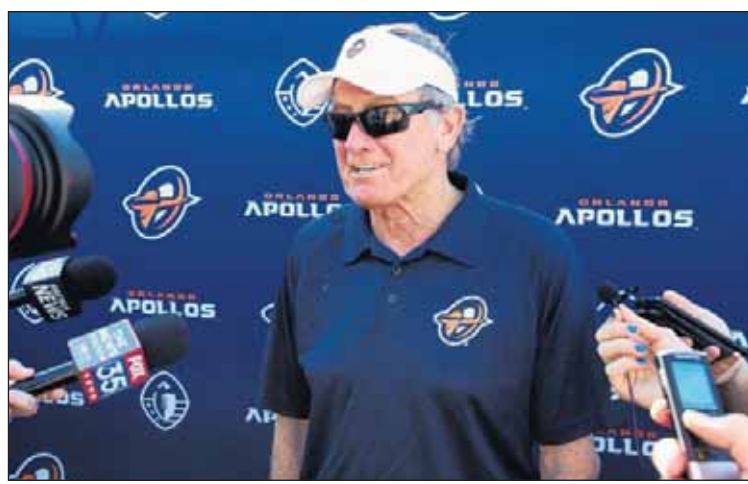
"The Dog is back," Ruskell said. "He's re-energized for sure. The passion deal. Not letting other people do the plays. He's on it."

"He's always coming up to us when we're eating, saying he has a new ball play," said former Florida quarterback Austin Appleby, now on Orlando's roster. He played for Jim McElwain as a Gator. Lucky him. Appleby, who has worked out for NFL teams, says working for Spurrier, however long it lasts, borders on bucket list.

"He coaches differently than anyone I ever played for," Appleby said. "Most head coaches, they're CEOs. You see them at team meeting and that's about it. But he's the offensive coordinator. He's calling the plays. He's doing the game plan. He's the quarterbacks coach. He's telling us where



Spurrier on his return to coaching: "It's what I love doing. It's what I'm used to doing ..."



Spurrier's plan: "Scoring points and playing an exciting brand of ball ..."

to throw it. And if it's not going to the right place, he's the one who rips you. He's relentless."

Spurrier and Jerri, who have 14 grandchildren, could be at their beach condo, or off seeing the world.

"That's so boring," Jerri said. "We don't want to do that. This is the life, the anticipation of the games, watching kids grow. We missed this. I did, he did. I knew it when I saw him starting to scream at the quarterbacks. I went up to one of them and I told him, 'Now you know who he is.'"

Will Steve Spurrier's time in the Alliance of American Football be reminiscent of Bandit Ball?

It's easy to conjure thoughts of Bandit Ball, Part II. New league, new team. Spurrier loves Bandit Ball to this day. It was his working lab No money, great memories. He and Jerri loved Tampa.

The days weren't long enough. It looked like it would never end, but it did, partly done in by a New Jersey franchise owner who lobbied the 12-team spring league to go head-to-head with the NFL, all the while trying back-door leverage to secure an NFL franchise for himself. It helped torpedo the USFL. He was dubbed a "con man" by Bandits owner John Bassett. Long after the USFL dissolved, the con man managed to find work: 45th President of the United States.

"We didn't know Trump was going to screw it up," Jerri said.

Oh, that first game in 1983, people in the stands at Tampa Stadium. Spurrier's team came out in a no-huddle offense. Early Dog.

"Tampa Bay Bandits vs. Boston Breakers," Spurrier said. "We won 21-17. In the fourth quarter, we had

a fourth and (inches) at midfield and we went for it, we ran up the middle. The other team was off-sides. Then we took a knee then to win the game. Somebody asked me, 'Wasn't the dangerous?' I told him that's not dangerous. But that was considered risky back then."

The Bandits never won a championship.

"Nah, we pooped out. We had some injuries. Our second year was our best year. We went 14-4. John Reaves threw for over 4,000 (yards). Gary Anderson and Greg Boone, we had two 1,000-yard rushers. That was the first offense to do that - 4,000-yard passer and two 1,000-yard rushers."

Now what? Has the game passed Spurrier by? On the contrary. The UF ambassador would saunter down to the football offices to watch video cut-ups from Gators practices and games.

"Sometimes even those NFL teams don't look too good on offense," Spurrier said. "Even in the Super Bowl they struggled. Hopefully we can score some points. People still like to see that. So, we'll throw it around. Scoring points and playing an exciting brand of ball is what will really help."

The new nickname? "Apollo Ball, I guess," Spurrier chirped.

"To have an opportunity like this in life at our age, it just doesn't happen," Jerri said. "Just watch him out there, in the middle of everything again. It's never boring."

"When is Steve ever going to be boring?"

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

At 5-11, Marquette's Markus Howard is at the front of a new wave of short but elite players in college basketball. Howard entered Friday's games fifth in the nation in scoring (24.6 ppg).

LITTLE GUYS

are taking over college hoops, and *Markus Howard* is leading the way

BY CHUCK CULPEPPER
The Washington Post

MILWAUKEE — From a charismatic 19-year-old who scores bushels of points for Marquette, here comes a reassurance: Our national culture might have progressed in its estimation of people under 6 feet tall pursuing the art of basketball.

For one thing, add up the heights of the top 10 scorers in college basketball during the last 35 seasons: In only six seasons has that sum come in under 750 inches (that's 6-feet-2½ on average), yet four of those seasons have come in the last five years, with the three seasons of lowest aggregate height in the last four. For another, here's what Markus Howard, 10th-ranked Marquette's 5-11 swish-maker, reports about his early years:

"I can't really recall anybody putting me down for my size or anything," he said. "Even if they did, I didn't really care. From a young age, I was just always really, really, really aggressive, just in terms of how I approached the game, how I played it, my intensity I played with. That was always something that I prided myself on, and it never really dawned on me that I would ever be too small to play the game. Now, for me, some things come harder than others, just because of my size, but that doesn't really affect me. I try to find ways to just work it out, find ways to adjust.

"Yeah, you know, if a problem's being presented in front of me, I'm going to do whatever I can to solve that. So, whether that's a certain type of defense that's put in front of me, I'm going to try to figure out a way to break that down."

More than somewhat like Stephen Curry, who clearly has influenced this era of shot-makers with lean bodies that function well in the forests, Howard can punish you

if you leave even a millisecond of opening along the 3-point arc. He epitomizes a basketball culture that has gone outside. Says his 24-year-old brother Desmond, who trains Markus in basketball: "If you're looking at height, you're wrong."

As of Friday morning, the 5-11 Markus Howard stood fifth in the nation in scoring at 24.6 points per game. He had loosed 45 points upon nationally ranked Kansas State, 45 upon nationally ranked Buffalo (with the spectator treat of 40 in one half), a Big East-record 53 on Creighton. He had established himself as a spectacle and joined a throng of top-ranked scorers who lack outside height: 5-9 Chris Clemons of Campbell at No. 1 (29.0 points per game), 6-1 Antoine Davis of Detroit at No. 2 (27.1), 6-2 Justin Wright-Foreman of Hofstra at No. 3 (25.1), 6-foot Jermaine Marrow of Hampton at No. 6 (24.6) and 6-1 Carsen Edwards of Purdue at No. 7 (24.5).

Together, they are emblems of a game that has grown more beautiful by tilting toward the smaller man.

"No, I think it's definitely fading away," Markus Howard said of height prejudice. "It's something that you just look at, guys who just score the ball really well are primarily guards. And I feel like that's just kind of the shift of the game now, kind of being catered more toward the shooters. And, you know, the people who create. I think people who are at my height are really aggressive, and they have that confidence. It shows when you have leading scorers who are under 6 feet and stuff like that."

Said Marquette coach Steve Wojciechowski, the Duke point guard of 20-ish years ago, "You know, kids have gotten so good with the ball, and off the dribble, where you can take advantage of a very talented guard and their ability to get where they need to get to put the ball in the basket or to make, you know, advantageous plays

for their team."

Asked how he might guard Howard, he said: "Well, you could be a lot more physical when I played. So I'd foul out probably in about ninety seconds in today's day and age. But, you know, Markus has such a knack for creating separation and obviously that step-back shot is one of his primary ways of doing that. I think it's something that he learned, because he wasn't the biggest guy, he wasn't going to shoot over people, so when you're being guarded closely, you have to figure out ways of creating space, and that step-back is a great way for him to do it, for sure."

Said Porter Moser, the coach at Loyola Chicago, that 2018 Final Four qualifier: "The 3-point line's such a weapon. ... With the changes three, four years ago about no hand-checking, guards are able to freely get to the rim, they're able to move more freely. The flow of offensive numbers has gone up. I think that benefits guards more than post. I still think they allow more physicality in the post than they do on the perimeter. That's helping guards ... You're also seeing more teams play four out, one in. Like, we play four guards, one big. You don't have this traditional, two bigs, you know."

Said Desmond Howard, in rather a definition of basketball itself, "If you have freedom, then you're playing to your personality."

For Markus Howard, it's all about the solving. He has had to solve since his earliest memory, which is of himself at 3 straining unsuccessfully (at first) to join his two older brothers on their backyard half-court in New Jersey, before the family moved to Arizona. He has a brother Jordan, the middle of the three sons, who finished third in NCAA scoring last season as a 5-11 guard at Central Arkansas and now plays in the NBA G League. He has parents he reveres for their relentless work, most of it

as a husband-wife team on his father's personal-training business. He has his adoration of training methods hatched by his father, Chuck, a former college football player at Indiana.

"We call it 'rock hill,'" Markus Howard said. "When we moved to Arizona, we had a landfill that was near our house. It was like a big hill, and there's nothing but rocks on it, and so now they actually made that landfill into a community park. And so this community park has a slope, or a hill, it's probably about 40 feet going up, and it's made up of all rocks, so it's literally 40 feet, a slope of rocks. You can walk on it, but it's, like, rigid, so it's hard to walk on it."

"So like what we do to work out, we'll do rock hill, so we'll run up the hill. So we'll start on the ground where it's flat, and you run up this slope, on rocks, so it's harder to run than a straight path. So that's kind of our workout that we'll do. We'll do like a mile, me and my brothers, then we'll do, like, 20 hills."

On nights such as last Tuesday in Milwaukee, the challenges of basketball reality will bob to the surface and howl. There will come a team such as St. John's, of which Coach Chris Mullin said, "We've got some length." A game such as St. John's' 70-69 win over Marquette (19-4) will showcase some of the inconveniences a 5-11 player can face, as when Howard blew past the defense only to have the 6-9 Sedee Keita trail him and reject from behind his layup attempt. Yet with Howard, there's the ironclad sense he will see his 7-for-32 showing in two games against the Red Storm's lengthy defense as merely opportunity, to forge solutions.

"We get lost in the 53 and the 45," Desmond Howard said, "and the reality of it is he's a young man," a young man in a sport never more welcoming to young men both smallish and excellent.

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SUPERCAR LOOK: AUDI E-TRON GT



Your first pure electric car — a low-slung Audi sportster — why not?

By Jim Resnick, New York Daily News

The fact that many pure EVs recently announced have taken an SUV form is neither surprising nor very creative. The SUV dominates the marketplace of course, but the shape and architecture of an SUV is limiting as a blank canvas for designers to stretch the bounds of what a pure electric car can look like. Lots of room for machinery, but not so much room for inspiration.

In that regard, Audi takes the bull by the horns with their newest, the E-tron GT concept, what Audi terms a “four-door supersports GT.” Debuting this week at the Los Angeles Auto Show, the E-tron GT concept will follow the E-tron SUV electric to market and will begin production by late 2020.

Accent on design

Engineered jointly with sister brand Porsche’s upcoming Taycan (“Mission E” in its concept form), the E-tron GT concept wears its own clothing, though the bones beneath remind the viewer of the Taycan.

The E-tron GT takes a rakish, somewhat exotic look with a sloping fastback form. In fact, the roof’s peak height is over the driver and front passenger and descends slowly but smoothly to the rear trunk. Unlike some other pure electrics, Audi has not shortened the front end with no combustion engine to house. There will be an actual front trunk under the hood, as well.

Although it may remind the keen eye of the recently redesigned A7, the E-tron GT has far greater visual muscle, especially at the rear with prominent fender bulges, much wider tires, a 2-inch lower overall height, and far sportier presence.

We spoke with Audi’s head of design, Mark Lichte, as Audi officially presented the car in Los Angeles.

“It’s a big challenge to do a low-slung electric vehicle,” Lichte says. “The E-tron GT is even lower than a combustion [engine] car, so to us, this is a big premium. We fought for each millimeter in lowering the height.”

Indeed, the main takeaway is its very low stance. It’s as low as a conventional sports car like the now-departed Audi R8. The only way to make that possible in an electric car, where fairly large batteries must exist (and usually be placed fully under the floor), is through shaping and finessing the batteries to the lowest height possible.

Making that an even more complex calculus, floor height dictates roof height because the cabin must give adequate height for passengers. “This was a real moment of teamwork between us designers and the engineers,” says Lichte.

Inside, room for four adults

Because Audi is putting the E-tron GT concept in the sports car camp — even with four doors and room for adults in the rear — it places a huge importance on the interior. We spoke privately with Enzo Rothfuss, Senior Director of Interior Design.

“This is an Audi R8 for four people,” says Rothfuss. “So, even though this interior is in the normal Audi design family, it has its own character, which is very important as a GT car.”

Because of the below-floor battery, the challenge posed to exterior design also challenged interior design. “We obviously have the very slim battery at floor level, but this car also allows us to design a very slim dashboard and a high center console to give the front passengers that special GT feeling,” notes Rothfuss.

Alternatives inside, too

As interesting as the very sporty interior, Audi has chosen to use alternative materials, too. You’ll find no leather anywhere. Sustainable materials sit throughout the interior with no animal-based products. Synthetic leather adorns the seats and other surfaces.

“Everyone expects leather, but we created a material using recycled fibers from fishing nets and other sources because we think this customer expects something different.” As a 4-seater, cargo room is important, too; the rear trunk has 15.9 cu.-ft. of cargo space while an additional front trunk offers 3.5 cu.-ft.

Performance taking charge

The E-tron GT concept’s powertrain totals 590 horsepower and hits all four wheels with quattro all-wheel drive. The drive system itself uses a front motor and a rear motor that are electronically linked.

They combine to catapult the E-tron GT to 60 mph in less than 3.5 seconds, to 125 mph in just about 12 seconds, and on to a regulated top speed of 149 mph, according to Audi. The car can also deliver maximum acceleration several times in a row, with its greater-than-normal cooling capacity.

Audi claims the range will be greater than 248 miles from a fully charged lithium-ion 90-kWh battery, which can be charged via a normal cable or wirelessly by an induction pad with an integral coil placed on a garage floor.

Charged via wire, it takes about 20 minutes to reach 80% of maximum battery capacity, offering a resulting range of just under 200 miles, Audi says.

Audi Sport, the performance division of the company that also engineers the S and RS performance Audis, will actually build each E-tron GT starting in late 2020 as another option to the \$75,795 SUV-based E-tron. There’s no indication on the E-tron GT’s pricing.



Lincoln celebrates Continental’s 80th birthday with 60s-style suicide doors

Exiting the rear seats of any vehicle can be awkward, especially when your wardrobe prevents you from using your legs as separate limbs. To prevent paparazzi faux pas, and to celebrate a special anniversary, Lincoln debuts a limited production version of its flagship sedan, the 2019 Continental 80th Anniversary Coach Door Edition.

Harkening back to the glamorous, Upper East Side style of Lincolns in the 1960s, the rear door hinges are moved from the center B-pillar of the car to below the rear C-pillar, so that the doors open coach style, to 90 degrees. Culturally, this design is commonly referred to as suicide-style, as it recalls the morbid past of bank robbers who would use the doors as a shield from gunfire.

If you’ve always dreamed of owning a vehicle with a rear-hinged door, the Continental will be a relative bargain compared with certain Rolls Royce four-doors, which are currently the only other cars with the feature. Historically associated with glamorous vehicles, this design has also

been used on vehicles such as the Saturn Ion Quad Coupe, the Mazda RX-8, and extended-cab pickup trucks.

The 2019 Lincoln Continental Coach Door Edition also gets a 6-inch wheelbase stretch, making rear passengers even more comfortable than they already were. This allows Lincoln to claim that this new version of the Continental offers best-in-class rear legroom. Features such as a pass-through center console with a charging pad, a tablet holder, and a folding tray table are exclusive to this trim.

Additionally, you get all the privileges of Lincoln’s Black Label designation, which means top-of-the-line materials, as well as annual vehicle detailing, carwashes whenever you want, and a concierge service.

In 2019, Lincoln will produce only 80 versions of the 80th Anniversary Coach Door Edition. The company says it will make a few more in 2020 as well. Prices have yet to be announced, but you can bet it will be less than a Roller.

— Liz Kim, New York Daily News

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- 5 Sudden military raid
- 10 Fail to include
- 14 Word with Morse or zip
- 15 State one's views
- 16 Churchill Downs event
- 17 ___-minded; receptive to new ideas
- 18 Became friends again
- 20 Actress Leoni
- 21 Certain
- 22 Pays attention to
- 23 Camel's smaller cousin
- 25 ___ Jose, CA
- 26 Planetary visitors
- 28 Tattletale
- 31 Misplaces
- 32 Egypt's ___ Dam
- 34 Word attached to meal or cake
- 36 Cookware
- 37 Leftover bit
- 38 Factual
- 39 ___ lift; T-bar, e.g.
- 40 Flag-maker Ross
- 41 Harbor towns
- 42 Weight revealers

DOWN

- 1 Aberdeen native
- 2 Easy stride
- 3 Starry-eyed
- 4 Animal enclosure
- 5 Public discussion places
- 6 "Carmen" or "Otello"
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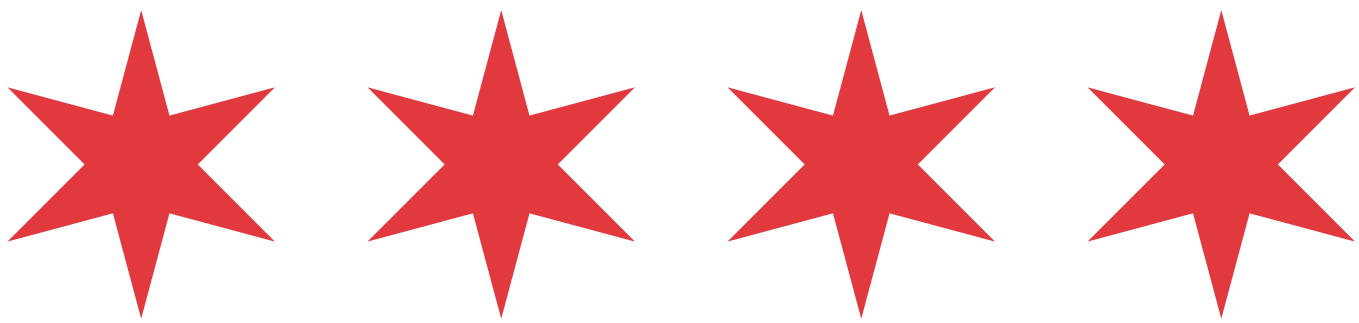
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