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Barr says report neither accuses nor clears Trump of obstructing justice

BY DEVLIN BARRETT AND MATT ZAPOTOSKY
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Special counsel Robert Mueller did not find that Donald Trump's campaign or any of his associates conspired with Russia in its efforts to interfere in the 2016 election, according to a summary of findings sent to lawmakers Sunday.

"The Special Counsel's investigation did not find that the Trump campaign or anyone associated with it conspired or coordinated with Russia in its efforts to influence the 2016 U.S. presidential election," the four-page summary by Attorney General William P. Barr said.

On whether the president might have sought to obstruct the high-profile investigation, Mueller's team did not offer a definitive answer.

"The Special Counsel ... did not draw a conclusion — one way or the other — as to whether the examined conduct constituted obstruction," Barr's letter said.

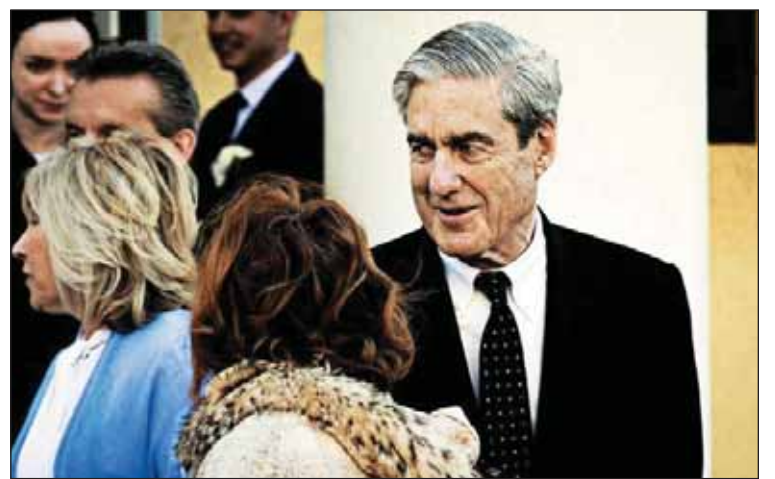
"The Special Counsel states that 'while this report does not

conclude that the President committed a crime, it also does not exonerate him,'" the letter said.

Trump responded on Twitter, writing "No Collusion, No Obstruction, Complete and Total EXONERATION. KEEP AMERICA GREAT!"

"It's a shame that our country had to go through this. To be honest, it's a shame that your president has had to go through this for — before I even got elected, it began. And it began illegally. And hopefully, somebody is going to look at the other side. This was an illegal takedown that failed," Trump, just before boarding Air Force One in Palm Beach,

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Robert Mueller departs St. John's Episcopal Church, across from the White House, after attending services on Sunday in Washington.



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Chicago police officers walk outside the Cook County medical examiner's office Sunday before Officer John P. Rivera's body is transported.

Sources: Suspect in killing was once a CPD applicant

Off-duty officer slain, friend wounded as they sat with others in car

BY JEREMY GORNER, WILLIAM LEE AND ELYSSA CHERNEY
Chicago Tribune

The gunman who authorities believe shot and killed an off-duty Chicago police officer and wounded his friend once applied to be a Chicago cop before he was arrested at the police academy a few years ago in connection

with a home invasion, sources said.

Chicago police officials said as many as three people had been held for questioning since the shooting at 3:30 a.m. Saturday. Officials on Sunday afternoon confirmed that one of those people is believed to be the shooter responsible for the homicide of off-duty Officer John P. Rivera and the shooting of his friend, who was in critical condition at Northwestern Memorial Hospital but who officials have said is expected to survive.

"Investigators have been

working around the clock to follow evidence and review dozens of independent camera feeds," police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said Sunday morning. "We continue to identify persons of interest based on the investigation and we are speaking to those individuals." Guglielmi would not comment on any information about the suspected gunman, including whether he was in custody.

The suspect, 24, was arrested July 3, 2017, after breaking into his ex-girlfriend's apartment in the Woodlawn neighborhood on

the South Side and pointing a gun at her head, police and court records show. In that case, the victim, who was in her early 20s, told police the suspect came into her home through a side window and threatened to kill her before leaving.

Before fleeing, the suspect told the victim he was going to the Chicago police academy in the West Loop. She alerted officers that he was going to be there to take a polygraph test as part of the application process to be-

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Departing mayor acts on 'no friend' mantra

But donations from Emanuel didn't pay off for all the recipients

BY JOHN BYRNE
Chicago Tribune

On his way out the door, Mayor Rahm Emanuel has tried to take care of the aldermen who were loyal to him, cutting hundreds of thousands of dollars of checks to various campaigns in an effort to help incumbents get re-elected as part of his "no friend gets left on the field" political mantra.

Emanuel sees it as a way to reward those who joined him in taking difficult votes, such as for large tax hikes, that could draw voters' ire. But in an election year when proximity to the outgoing mayor comes with political peril, it's not clear whether the benefits

of his largesse countered the drawbacks of being associated with him.

Of the 11 sitting aldermen forced into April 2 runoffs, eight received at least \$20,000 from the mayor. So did two of the three incumbents who lost outright in the first round — North Side Ald. Joe Moore and Northwest Side Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno.

The day after Chicago's February city election, Emanuel was adamant that the contests hadn't been a referendum on him.

To prove his point, the mayor rattled off a list of aldermen around the city whom he had appeared with in the days before voters went to the polls. If he were politically radioactive, Emanuel reasoned, the aldermen wouldn't have wanted to be seen with him.

"And I don't mean to do this,



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Ald. Walter Burnett, 27th, chats with Mayor Rahm Emanuel recently. Burnett was among pols whose campaigns got a check from Emanuel.

but if it was about me, you wouldn't see, I'm here with Pat Dowell today. But on Sunday I was with Walter Burnett, Carrie Austin, Michelle Harris, Howard Brookins, Greg Mitchell, Susan Garza. All within 48 to 72 hours before the election," he said. "And if an alderman thought any other way, they wouldn't have done that, but they did. And not only

did it, asked to do it."

Not all of the aldermen Emanuel mentioned were on what Moore termed the mayor's "Christmas in October" list — politicians who received one of Emanuel's \$20,000 checks. And it's tough to generalize about City Council results. Ward races can

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Chasing April votes among bungalows

Mayoral finalists find mostly white areas can be tricky terrain

BY BILL RUTHHART, GREGORY PRATT AND JUAN PEREZ JR.
Chicago Tribune

Earlier this month, Lori Lightfoot stood outside a historic Chicago fire station with the city's two most conservative aldermen, Nick Sposato and Anthony Napolitano, as she accepted the backing of the city's firefighters union.

The endorsement for the April 2 runoff helped the progressive African-American candidate expand her political base after winning a 14-candidate race in February with just 17 percent of the vote. Now, in a one-on-one runoff with Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Lightfoot had new allies who could provide immediate inroads to the vote-rich, predominantly white wards on the edge of the city that are home to thousands of city employees, many of whom didn't vote for her the first time around.

Chicago's population is roughly one-third white, one-third black and one-third Hispanic, but the city's 17 majority-white wards accounted for 44 percent of the vote in the Feb. 26 election. Toss in two other majority-Hispanic wards that also are home to predominantly white neighborhoods with a high number of public employees — one of them the base of powerful Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan — and that's 19 wards that represent roughly half of the city's vote.

To help build their ground games in those areas, Preckwinkle and Lightfoot have competed for key endorsements from aldermen and unions that have established organizations that can help them gain credibility with voters in those neighborhoods. With new support, however, can come some political exposure.

Hours after Lightfoot stood with Sposato and Napolitano and thanked the firefighters for being a "part of the important fabric of uplifting the quality of life in every neighborhood," Preckwinkle made it an issue in a televised debate.

"It's interesting to note she

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Latest moves underpin Cubs' sense of urgency

President Theo Epstein reinforced the team's sense of urgency on Sunday. The Cubs designated reliever Brian Duensing for assignment and optioned 2015 first-round pick Ian Happ to Triple-A Iowa over the weekend. **Chicago Sports**



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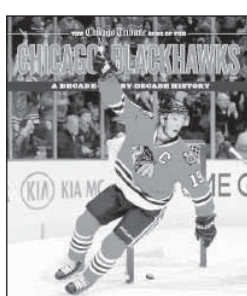
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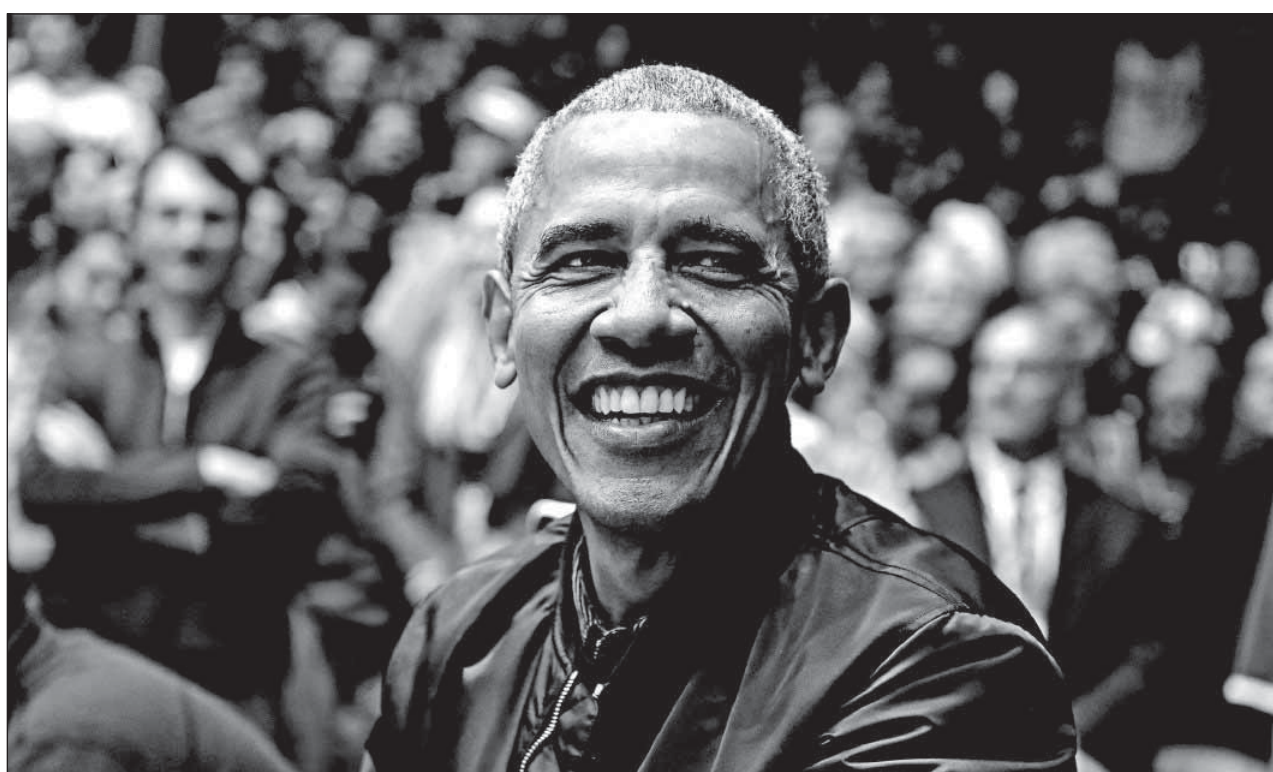
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People in Chicago respect former President Barack Obama but are finally accepting that he isn't a Chicagoan anymore.

Lack of Obama endorsement for mayor doesn't surprise or matter



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Chance the Rapper has endorsed Toni Preckwinkle. Gloria Steinem is supporting Lori Lightfoot.

That's nice, but who cares?

The person some Chicagoans would most like to hear from — the man who rose from the city's South Side to become the first African-American president — has decided to sit this mayoral runoff out.

Barack Obama's people have informed us that we shouldn't hold our breath for an endorsement from him or former first lady Michelle Obama in this high-profile race. That's a bummer, but it's really not surprising.

Obama has a lot at stake in this election. The new mayor will take over the responsibility of seeing the Obama Presidential Center through a series of legal challenges, public animosity and bureaucratic red tape before the first brick can be laid.

At stake is his \$500 million legacy, a sprawling museum campus in Jackson Park that may or may not be able to deliver on its promise to bring an economic revolution to the South Side.

Over the next four years, Obama is going to need a lot of help from City Hall, so he'd better not burn any bridges. He's smart to stay out of this election and allow the chips to fall where they may.

But that likely isn't the only reason Obama is staying on the sidelines, which brings us back to "Who cares?"

Sure, many of us are curious as to whom Obama would support. But is anyone really going to walk into a polling booth asking themselves, "Whom would Obama choose?" before filling out their ballot?

I doubt it. Obama has been around long enough to know that, too.

Presidents, both current and former, have to be very careful how they invest their influence capital. They can't be as loose with their political endorsements as, say, a rapper who

spends much of his time on the road or a feminist activist who doesn't even live here.

Except when they're from preachers or unions, endorsements don't tend to mean very much in Chicago unless they come with a check attached.

Obviously, former Vice President Al Gore's endorsement of mayoral candidate Bill Daley didn't even generate enough votes last month to get him into the top two slots needed for the runoff.

Going out on a limb for too many losers can put a president's reputation at risk. Consider, for example, the endorsement credibility Donald Trump has lost in just over two years.

Remember when Republican Judge Roy Moore lost his U.S. Senate bid to a Democrat in the deep red state of Alabama, despite Trump's support? How embarrassing was that for a sitting president who bucked his party's advice and campaigned for an alleged child molester?

Once a president leaves office, his endorsements become less important over time. They might matter to some people for about four years at the longest — if he's lucky enough to remain relevant.

Obama already has suffered a few losses. While it was a safe bet to endorse Democrat J.B. Pritzker over Republican Bruce Rauner for Illinois governor last year, he took a chance on two long shots, Stacey Abrams in Georgia and Andrew Gillum in Florida. Even so, the effort still seemed noble.

The Chicago election, of course, isn't nearly as high-profile as those, but a loss is a loss. And for Obama, a loss in Chicago could have humiliating national ramifications. How would it look if the person he threw his support behind to succeed his former chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, lost?

I'm going to go out on a limb myself and guess that if Obama had endorsed anyone, it would have been Preckwinkle. They have a long history, and he owes her.

Preckwinkle first stuck her neck out for Obama back in 2000, when she supported his attempt to unseat longtime U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush, which

failed. But as in any political friendship, the two have had their ups and downs.

I'm sure Preckwinkle would have loved adding the Obamas' names to the list of supporters on her website, along with former White House adviser Valerie Jarrett and Tina Tchen, Michelle Obama's former chief of staff.

But let's be honest. In the waning days of this race, Preckwinkle's campaign just doesn't seem to have the momentum of Lightfoot's. That doesn't mean she might not be able to pull off a victory next week, but what would Obama gain by taking such a chance?

Politicians don't operate that way. They are careful, sometimes to a fault.

When it comes to the Obama center, both Preckwinkle and Lightfoot have expressed support for a community benefits agreement that would guarantee certain protections to the neighborhoods surrounding the project. Obama and his foundation oppose it.

During a recent televised forum, Preckwinkle added a caveat. Such a legal agreement, she said, should come from the city, not Obama.

Obama's firm stance against a community benefits agreement hasn't won him a lot of support on the South Side recently. Nor has his determination to build the center in a public park. In fact, both positions have cost him some standing.

The takeaway from all this is that Chicago, which once loved Obama unconditionally, is no longer gung-ho over everything he says. That doesn't mean people don't still respect him. It means they are finally accepting that he isn't a Chicagoan anymore.

He's a national politician, a former president no less, who has few familial ties to this city other than a mother-in-law and an empty house in Kenwood, which allows him to cast his one vote here.

An Obama endorsement would be solely political. And many Chicagoans likely would take it with the same grain of salt as Chance the Rapper's and Gloria Steinem's.

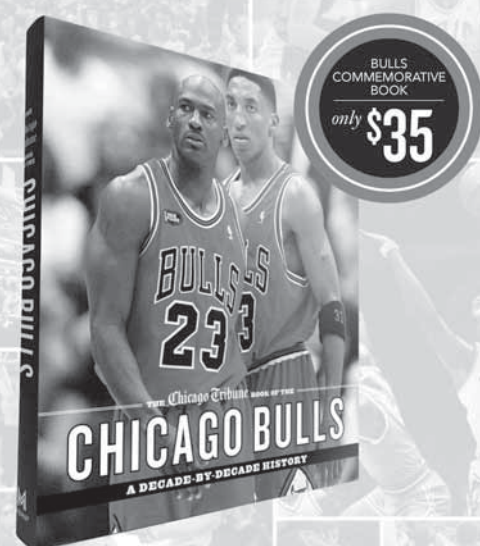
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Experts: If you see mental illness on 'L,' try to be kind



MARY WISNIEWSKI
Getting Around

If you have ridden the "L" for more than a month, you have probably had an encounter like this: A man is talking to himself, maybe moaning, maybe yelling at invisible enemies. He may look like he has been sleeping rough.

The situation may make you anxious, worried or angry. And it may be a situation occurring more often.

The number of people showing obvious signs of mental illness in public places has likely increased in recent years, due to lack of adequate funding for treatment, the opioid epidemic and the impact of violent trauma like shootings, which can exacerbate mental health issues, said Alexa James, executive director of the Chicago chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

The move in the 1960s and '70s to take people living with severe mental illnesses out of institutions without a comprehensive plan to treat them also has led to more people on the streets, or in jail.

Lack of affordable housing drives people to seek shelter on the streets and public transit, and some are mentally ill, said Nicole Richardson, vice president of clinical operations at Thresholds, a social service agency that aids the mentally ill.

There are about 80,000 homeless individuals in Chicago, ac-

ording to the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless.

On the CTA, people who shelter on transit usually ride the Red and Blue lines, which run 24 hours. Thresholds' workers go out every night to talk with people at certain points along those lines, and connect them with social service organizations and shelters.

On board the trains, experts advise riders to not argue with people having some kind of emotional crisis, not to yell "shut up."

"The best thing is to let them be," said Richardson, who added that this might mean changing cars. "You could escalate the situation by trying to argue with them or getting them to stop — you don't know what's inside their heads."

Just because someone is talking to herself does not mean she needs help, James said. But if a person is screaming or crying or threatening to cause self-harm, it may be appropriate to offer assistance, just as you would for someone having a heart attack, James said.

There are a number of ways to get help.

One way is to call a social service agency or 311, which can connect you with the city's department of Family and Support Services, Richardson said.

CTA spokeswoman Catherine Hosinski says riders should always be respectful of other riders but put their own safety first and call 911 if they feel threatened.

More than 3,000 Chicago police officers, or about a quarter of the force, have received 40 hours of training to learn to interact with people in a mental health crisis, said police spokesman



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A man with a shopping cart of possessions sleeps on an empty CTA "L" car in the Loop in January.

Anthony Guglielmi. The training is voluntary for all officers and mandatory for the rank of sergeant and above, he said.

Riders also can ask for assistance from CTA employees, Hosinski said. You can use the call button on a rail car, located under a blue-tinted light, or exit at the next stop and ask CTA personnel for help.

On the bus, you can alert the bus driver. Each bus has a silent alarm if needed, which puts the operator in direct contact with the CTA control center, Hosinski said.

CTA employees are trained on how to defuse difficult situations, though they do not get specific training about mental illness, Hosinski said. If there is a problem, CTA employees must notify the agency's control center, which will provide further instruction and get help from first responders.

If you feel unsafe and if someone is acting in a way that seems

unpredictable, do not engage, James said.

Sometimes you see people who go out of their way to help. I've seen an off-duty police officer step into an argument between an uptight rider and a mentally ill man on a crowded train — and calm them both down.

Years ago on the Blue Line, I heard a man threaten to push a young woman onto the tracks, then offer her popcorn and try to talk with her about the death of his mother. I didn't know what to do — this was before everyone had cellphones — so I moved close to the woman to prevent anything from happening.

But another passenger nearby did something different. When we boarded the train car, she sat beside him and briskly removed a liquor bottle from his hand with the remark, "You don't need that." Then she talked quietly with him about his mother for the rest of the ride.

Not everyone is up to watching

every sparrow. But if you encounter someone having some kind of crisis on the train, at least be kind, and don't make things worse.

"Be open to being an ally to someone who's having a terrible day," said James.

Transportation song quiz

■ Last week's train song refers to m-m-m-my generation. The song is "5:15" by The Who. "Out of my brain on the train." Roger Elmzen of Lake Zurich was first with the right answer.

■ This song has a scene in a train station but starts in a shadowy room. It has been covered by such diverse artists as Iron Butterfly and Joel Grey. What is it, and who did it first? The first person with the right answer gets a Tribune bookmark, and glory.

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Tough winter doing damage

Pothole complaints up. Here's what to do if your car needs repairs.

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

Some streets around the Chicago area this spring look like they have been through a war — pocked with craters.

Pothole complaints are up almost 22 percent for December through February of this year, compared with the same period for last winter, according to the Chicago Department of Transportation. There were 16,569 complaints this winter season, compared with 13,605 in 2017-2018.

This is not surprising, since this winter was particularly harsh and had extreme freeze-thaw cycles that encouraged the growth of potholes. The most extreme swing was between late January and early February, when the temperature in Chicago went from an arctic minus 23 degrees Fahrenheit to a springlike 51 degrees in just a few days. The swing helped contribute to bridge beams cracking on Lake Shore Drive.

When residents complain to



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Drivers try to avoid potholes along North Humboldt Boulevard in Logan Square last month.

311 about a pothole at a particular address, city workers go there and usually find many more, say CDOT officials. The total number of potholes filled in streets and alleys around Chicago December through February was 157,976, compared with 146,825 last year, CDOT said.

The city assigned additional crews in March to fill potholes: 38 crews daily up from an average of

30. The city also plans to resurface 315 miles of streets in 2019, up from 310 miles paved last year. Newly paved roads are less likely to develop potholes, according to the city.

Some major roads slated for resurfacing this year are Sheridan Road from Devon to Touhy avenues; Foster Avenue from East River Road to Harlem Avenue; Kedzie Avenue from Jackson to

Ogden avenues; Austin Boulevard from Lake Street to North Avenue; 31st Street from Lawndale to Western avenues; Lafayette Avenue from Marquette Road to 79th Street; and 119th Street from Ashland Avenue to Halsted Street.

If a pothole damages your car, you may be able to get compensation from the city for some or all of the costs. Instructions on how

to file a claim are on the city clerk's website at www.chicity-clerk.com/community-affairs/claims. For auto damage, you need to complete a claim form, submit two written estimates for the cost of repairing damages or a copy of the paid receipt for repairs, and get a police report.

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Lightfoot floats tax on high-end law, accounting firms

BY BILL RUTHHART
Chicago Tribune

Chicago mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot on Sunday floated the idea of taxing large law and accounting firms to help shore up City Hall finances.

The next mayor will have to close a projected \$252 million deficit and make \$276 million in new public pension payments in a 2020 budget that will have to be introduced in October. Lightfoot often talks of the need to find "progressive revenue" to help

address the city's financial troubles but has stopped short of specifics.

But on WGN-AM 720's "Sunday Spin," Lightfoot volunteered the concept of taxing major firms, such as Mayer Brown, an international law firm where she was a partner before launching her bid for mayor.

"One of the things I propose is a tax on high-end law firms, accounting firms, akin to like the VAT tax, a value-added tax in Europe — not on the little guys or the solo practitioners or small

CPA firms, but a firm like mine, which is a large international law firm," Lightfoot said. "Putting a small fee on the invoices they send their clients will barely be noticed, but yet could generate hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue. So those are the kind of things we need to think about."

A value-added tax is typically levied on products at various points of sale where value has been increased, from raw materials up to a final product. Such taxes typically are passed on to consumers.

Lightfoot did not give an estimate for how much money such a tax could generate or how soon she might pursue one.

The former federal prosecutor discussed the possible tax after the Chicago Tribune published a story that laid out how Lightfoot and opponent Toni Preckwinkle have given few details about how they would address the city's financial problems. On Sunday, Lightfoot said she emphasizes so-called progressive revenue because the city's property tax increases and various fees and fines,

including red light and speed camera tickets, have fallen disproportionately on the city's minority, low-income and middle-class residents.

"What that means is we don't balance the budget on the backs of the people who are least able to handle it," Lightfoot said. "So when we talk about progressive, it means making sure people pay their fair share, but in proportion to what their income is."

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Sources: Suspect was once a CPD applicant

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come a police officer, according to records.

Officers called ahead to the academy, and the suspect was arrested on home invasion and weapon charges. Records show he later pleaded guilty in Cook County court to a felony charge of attempted burglary and was sentenced to probation.

The additional details about the alleged gunman came to light about 36 hours after the Saturday morning shooting. An autopsy performed Sunday confirmed that Rivera died of multiple gunshots, and his death was classified a homicide by the Cook County medical examiner's office.

At the time of the attack, four people were sitting in a parked car in the 700 block of North Clark Street in the River North neighborhood when they were fired upon. The group had gone to Stout Barrel House & Pizza, 642 N. Clark St., before the shooting, officials said.

Both of the men who were shot were 23. Another off-duty Chicago police officer and a female civilian also were in the car, but they were not injured, police said.

Authorities have yet to say what they believe was the motive behind the attack, but during the preliminary investigation they said they had no reason to believe the two groups had interacted before the shooting.

Police were looking into whether Rivera and the other victim were shot in a case of mistaken identity, said a source familiar with the case. Investigators were looking into whether the shooter was involved in an altercation with another group earlier in the night by the McDonald's at Ohio and Clark streets about a block away from the shooting and later mistook Rivera and the other victim as being part of that group.

Guglielmi, who previously called the shooting a "devastating incident," said it appeared that the offenders pointed out the sedan Rivera and his friends were in, walked up and opened fire at close range. He added that video obtained during the investigation did not indicate carjacking as a motive.

Rivera would have been on the job for two years in May. The other officer in the car has about the same amount of time on the job, police said, but works in another police district.

Superintendent Eddie Johnson said at a news conference that Rivera was a "hard worker who loved going out on patrol and solving problems" and was "very excited" and "very eager" to serve the citizens of Chicago.

Rivera lived in the Hegewisch neighborhood, a popular enclave for police officers and firefighters on the city's Southeast Side.

Rivera moved to the area when he was about 6 years old, according to neighbors, and recently moved to a home where his grandmother once lived, about two blocks from the home where he grew up.

On Sunday afternoon, the streets were awash in blue, a sign of support for Rivera's grieving family. Blue ribbon was wrapped around trees and porch railings. Signs that said "Hegewisch backs the blue" stood prominently in front lawns. And flags honoring



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Mourners gather Sunday outside the medical examiner's office, where an autopsy was performed on Chicago police Officer John P. Rivera, 23.

Man has history of violence-related arrests

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The man who Chicago police believe fatally shot off-duty Officer John P. Rivera and wounded his friend over the weekend has a history of domestic violence arrests that dates to at least 2017 — the same time period when he was trying to apply to become a Chicago cop, according to police and court records reviewed by the Tribune.

The newspaper is not naming the 24-year-old suspect because he has not been charged in the early Saturday morning shooting. Anthony Guglielmi, a police spokesman, declined Sunday to comment on the man or his background.

But documents show that late on the evening of March 16, 2017, the suspect turned himself in to police at the South Chicago District station, police say, hours after he choked and hit a victim in the head with his hand at his residence in the 7800 block of South Kingston Avenue in the South Shore neighborhood. It's unclear in the reports how the female victim, who was in her early 20s, and the suspect knew one another, but police at the time saw bruising on her face and neck.

Police alleged the suspect left a Glock 19 handgun — with 15 live rounds — unattended on a bed pointing at an infant, who was lying near the firearm, the reports show. Officers also seized an AR-15 rifle capable of firing 5.56 mm bullets. In the reports, the suspect is listed as owning both guns and as having a valid firearm owner's identification card. After turning himself in, he was charged with domestic battery and child endangerment.

Two months later, an emergency order of protection against the suspect was filed, and the judge in the domestic battery case issued an arrest warrant the same month. That June, the suspect was picked up on the warrant and referred to electronic monitoring.

On July 3, 2017, around 3 a.m., the suspect broke into his ex-girlfriend's residence in the Woodlawn neighborhood through a rear side window, pointed a gun at her head and threatened to kill her, police alleged in reports.

The victim said she remained quiet until the suspect left the home around 7:30 a.m. The victim told officers the suspect told her he was going to the Chicago police academy, at 1300 W. Jackson Blvd., to take a polygraph test, which is part of the application process,

reports show. Officers at the academy detained the suspect, who then tried to escape, reports also say.

Police found the suspect's Ford Mustang, and in plain view in a passenger's seat, a Glock 17 handgun, reports show. Police also found a small amount of marijuana in the driver's armrest, reports show. In that incident, police arrested the man on charges of home invasion, unlawful use of a weapon, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, resisting arrest and violating an order of protection.

Last August the suspect pleaded guilty to two cases on two consecutive days. On Aug. 29 he pleaded guilty to domestic battery in the March 2017 case. The next day he pleaded guilty to an amended attempted residential burglary charge in the July 2017 case, with the remaining charges dropped, court records show.

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law enforcement officers flapped in the wind outside several houses.

Police cars were stationed outside both Hegewisch homes connected to Rivera on Sunday afternoon. Officers in front of his parents' home said the family did not want to speak with the media.

Neighbor Debbie Kubisz, 51, said she remembered seeing Rivera play on the block as little boy. Many of the girls who lived nearby, including her daughter, had a crush on him, she recalled.

"He was a funny kid," said Kubisz, a school security guard. "He liked to make people smile."

Rivera also forged a special relationship with another neighbor, retired Chicago police Sgt.

John Sanchez, who said he used to share stories about his career with Rivera when he was a high school student.

A curious teenager, Rivera would seek out Sanchez, catching him in his garage or stopping by while he mowed the lawn, to ask questions about his job. Sanchez said Rivera listened intently and that they would talk for up to an hour sometimes.

"He wanted to hear all the stories — foot chases, car chases, fights" Sanchez said. "He liked to hear it. ... He was amazed with what was going on."

Sanchez recalled that Rivera took the written exam to get into the police academy at 18, the youngest age allowed. He then

had to wait to be called up for further testing when he turned 21, which included a physical and psychological evaluation.

After Rivera passed all the tests, Sanchez said, he came by the house with a wide grin. When he shared the good news, Rivera said, "I did it! I made it! I'm in!" according to Sanchez.

Most recently, Rivera worked as a patrol officer in the Gresham District on the city's South Side. Rivera worked his last shift Friday night. He had finished his shift about 9 or 10 p.m. after working on a murder investigation, authorities said. He handled the paperwork on the homicide.

Rivera also had spent part of his shift helping console the

family of the victim who was slain in his district, Johnson said.

After work, Rivera went out in River North.

"They were all friends going out to have a good time," Johnson said of the group.

Johnson, who said Rivera was "gunned down senselessly," said the young officer had his "whole life and career" in front of him.

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Mayor acts on 'no friend' mantra

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turn on hyperlocal issues such as fights over particular building projects or a few high-profile crimes.

But Moreno, who lost to Daniel La Spata in the 1st Ward, said he definitely suffered from what residents in Logan Square, Wicker Park, East Ukrainian Village and other parts of the ward saw as his too-close relationship with the mayor.

"Talking to people, knocking on doors, they were constantly saying, 'Why aren't you hammering (Emanuel) more?'" Moreno said. "Now, I was the candidate, it wasn't the mayor's fault I lost. But it's clear people in the ward wanted me to take more shots at him. I tried to balance that to get things done for the ward in a pragmatic way while disagreeing with him when it was appropriate. That didn't work for my career as an alderman."

In a couple of cases, aldermen who got donations from the mayor or didn't keep them. Ald. Roderick Sawyer, 6th, who's now in a runoff with accountant Deborah Foster-Bonner, held an event a few days after Emanuel surprised him with the \$20,000 check to give the money away to community groups operating in the Chatham area. Sawyer noted then that financial support from Emanuel might not be helpful because of his unpopularity in parts of the city. "It's a political challenge,

obviously," he said. "I'm a person that's a student of politics, and I understand the optics."

Still, Emanuel's deep pockets and legendary fundraising prowess allow him to try to help his allies. Aldermen who've been part of the City Council majority that almost always voted in favor of the mayor's agenda may feel that if they're going to take the political heat for doing so, they may as well reap the financial benefits to help them get their message out to voters via mailers and yard signs.

Aldermen backed by Emanuel also had some notable successes. With the \$20,000 donation from Emanuel in hand, Ald. Tom Tunney, 44th, fended off an attempt by the Cubs-owning Ricketts family to oust him from the seat that represents Wrigley Field.

On election night, the mayor appeared at a Tunney campaign party and said the incumbent's win sent a message about how working hard for constituents can triumph over the influence of a powerful business interest: "I think when you have somebody come in and say they're going to try to bigfoot the voice of the constituents, it's very important to see results like this."

Since Emanuel announced in early September that he wouldn't seek another term, his campaign fund, Chicago for Rahm Emanuel, has made at least \$620,000 in campaign contributions to 28 sitting aldermen, according to state campaign finance records. Eight-

teen of them won new terms outright in February.

Every one of that group of 28 got \$20,000 each at an October breakfast at a restaurant near City Hall, where the mayor surprised attendees with the checks.

A handful of others later got an additional \$10,000. Among those were North Side Ald. James Capleman, 46th. He has been trying to execute the political balancing act of holding hearings on plans for Emanuel's controversial West Side police academy, which eventually passed, and North Side Lincoln Yards mixed-use development in the City Council Zoning Committee he chairs, while fending off a progressive challenge from scientist Marianne Lalonde.

North Side Ald. Patrick O'Connor, Emanuel's City Council floor leader and the chairman of the council's Finance Committee since embattled Ald. Edward Burke resigned from the post in January after being charged with attempted extortion, got the initial \$20,000 from the mayor. And earlier this month, Chicago for Rahm Emanuel kicked in another \$25,000 toward O'Connor's reelection fight against AT&T manager Andre Vasquez.

In addition, close Emanuel confidante Michael Sacks and his wife, Cari Sacks, each contributed \$5,800 to O'Connor's campaign. That's on top of \$5,600 they each gave him in January. In all, the couple have donated at least



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Vasquez said he's hoping to capitalize on Emanuel fatigue in the 40th Ward, which includes parts of Ravenswood, Budlong Woods and Andersonville, among other neighborhoods.

"Emanuel's given (O'Connor) so much money. People know that," Vasquez said. "They also know when Emanuel and his allies pass these tax increases, they're bearing the brunt of it around here. And they see an opportunity to take out Emanuel's Finance Committee chairman."

O'Connor has been hammering Vasquez for homophobic and misogynistic comments Vasquez made in his time as a battle rapper, and in various online forums. The

fundraising lets him inform 40th Ward voters about Vasquez, O'Connor said. Vasquez has apologized for things he has said while rapping and online, saying he has evolved in his views and his behavior.

"Mr. Vasquez focuses on the fundraising because he doesn't want to talk about the facets of his background that the fundraising we do allows us to bring to the attention of people in the neighborhoods," O'Connor said. "I'm talking about disgusting stuff in his online activities, and people deserve to know about this."

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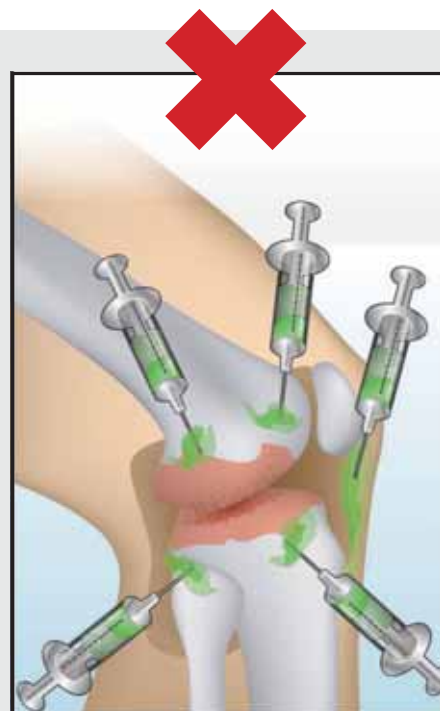
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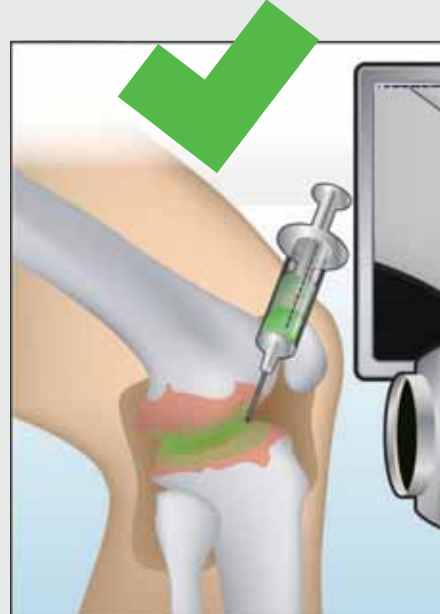
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Chasing mayoral votes in bungalow belt

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accepted the endorsement today of Ald. Sposato and Ald. Napolitano, both of whom are Trump supporters and both of whom voted against giving legal aid to immigrants in the city of Chicago," Preckwinkle said of Lightfoot.

"There was no endorsement today," Lightfoot responded, asserting that the union's backing did not equate to support from the two aldermen, who attended the event and held campaign signs bearing her name. "Nick Sposato and Napolitano showed up when I was endorsed by the firefighters union. They apparently are both members of that."

Sposato responded with a broadside for Preckwinkle, noting that just days earlier she had called him and "spent two minutes and 18 seconds asking for my endorsement." Preckwinkle denied seeking Sposato's personal support but said she wanted his help in getting union backing — the same distinction Lightfoot tried to make.

Such is the balancing act the two candidates navigate as both look to grow their appeal in predominantly white neighborhoods, ranging from liberal residents along the lakefront to wealthy downtown dwellers and more conservative constituents who reside in the Far Northwest and Southwest side bungalow belts.

Of the city's 17 predominantly white wards, Lightfoot won seven in the first-round election, mostly along the North Side lakefront. Preckwinkle won none but finished second in many of the more liberal neighborhoods. Of the other 10 wards, Bill Daley carried eight and Beverly attorney Jerry Joyce prevailed in two. Joyce also won a pair of Southwest Side wards that are predominantly Latino but still home to a high number of public workers, including Madigan's 13th Ward.

With both candidates relying on relatively paltry campaign funds, collecting endorsements has been viewed as key to picking up votes in areas that backed Daley and Joyce.

Daley, the brother and son of two former mayors who finished third in the February election, has not endorsed in the runoff. However, his brother, Cook County Commissioner John Daley, and nephew, 11th Ward Ald. Patrick Daley Thompson, endorsed Preckwinkle on Thursday, boosting her candidacy in the family's ancestral Bridgeport neighborhood on the South Side and among those who supported the city's longest-serving mayor, Richard M. Daley.

"As a former alderman, she understands the issues the aldermen face, and their communities are facing," Thompson said of Preckwinkle. "She's also been a strong supporter of me from when I first ran for office."

Joyce officially backed Lightfoot before the South Side Irish Parade this month, guiding her around a Beverly bar packed with plenty of cops and firefighters. Joyce introduced Lightfoot to a voting bloc still learning about her background as a former federal prosecutor and onetime police oversight official.

"You've asked me the past couple weeks, 'What do you know about Lori Lightfoot?' My answer was always the same: A kind person who's going to provide transparent and open government to the city of Chicago," Joyce told a crowded room of green-clad patrons. "She is the person that will lead our city forward, and I am so proud to be with her today."

Lightfoot picks up support

As Lightfoot and Preckwinkle both scour the city for support, one of the top reservoirs of votes can be found in the 19th Ward.

Rooted in the bungalows of Beverly and home to thousands of cops, firefighters and teachers, the 19th Ward by far had more voters hit the polls in February than any other ward in the city — 21,375 of them, or a 57 percent turnout. The alderman there, Matt O'Shea, has endorsed Lightfoot, pointing to the belief of many city employees in his ward that she'll do more to protect their pensions than Preckwinkle, who at one time proposed changes to pension benefits at the county.

O'Shea said that when he met with Lightfoot, they discussed rebuilding community relationships with law enforcement and what can be done to show support for first responders, particularly with mental health issues.

"I feel I can speak for the men and women of the Chicago Fire Department and Chicago Police Department when I say that's what they want to hear," O'Shea said. "They want to know they're being supported."

And as Emanuel sought to strike an out-of-court deal with the Trump administration on police reforms, Lightfoot sharply criticized the mayor and called for a federal consent decree to place oversight of the reforms with a judge — a move that many officers and the Fraternal Order of Police vigorously opposed. Emanuel and former Attorney General Lisa Madigan eventually settled on a consent decree after Madigan sued the city to force one.

Almost any other candidate in the first-round field of 14 would have been more appealing to police officers than Lightfoot — with the exception of Preckwinkle. Many officers and the FOP have railed against the County Board president for reducing the county jail population and for their view her ally, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, as not pushing for tough enough sentences for criminals.

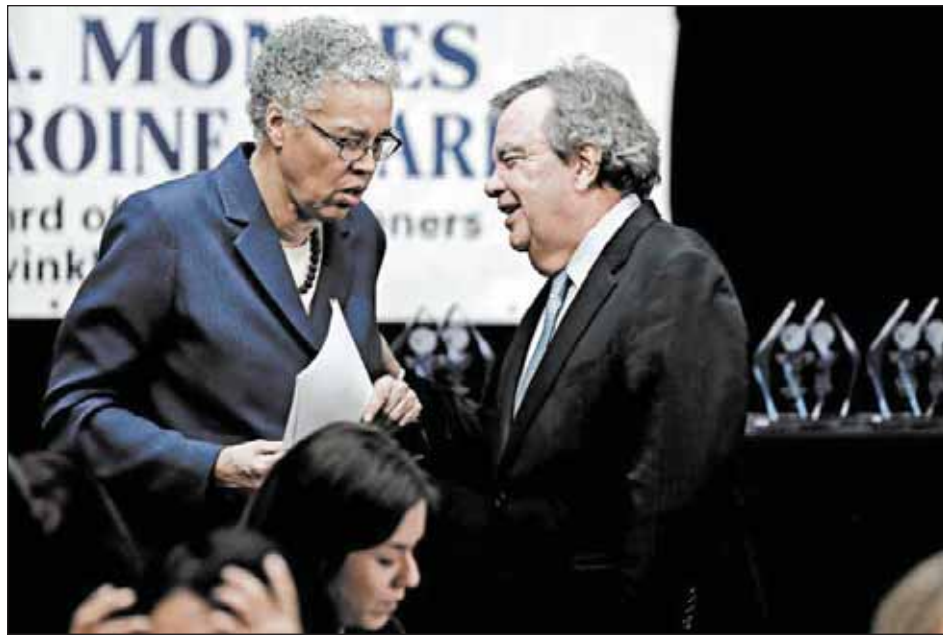
Asked how officers can back Lightfoot when they have opposed so many of her positions, O'Shea said most believe Lightfoot has treated them fairly in her various posts, including as a federal prosecutor and top oversight official in the Police Department under then-Mayor Richard M. Daley.

"She had a job to do to identify and address where there were problems, and



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In the first-round election, Lori Lightfoot, left, won 7 of the city's 17 mainly white wards. Toni Preckwinkle won none but finished 2nd in many of the more liberal neighborhoods.



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Preckwinkle, president of the Cook County Board, chats with County Commissioner John Daley, brother and son of two Chicago mayors. He has endorsed her in the April 2 election.



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Lightfoot gets the endorsement of Chicago Firefighters Union Local 2 this month. Her background as a former federal prosecutor and police oversight official is under scrutiny.

she did that," O'Shea said of the task force's conclusions about racism in the department. "But the people I've talked to have described her as being very fair."

James "Skinny" Sheahan, brother of former Cook County Sheriff Mike Sheahan and a longtime Southwest Side civic leader, said many cops view Preckwinkle as "anti-police."

"They have certain values, but I think Lightfoot connects with them better," Sheahan said. "That's the main thing."

Joe Waddell, a retired sheriff's official, said Lightfoot comes across more personable, is "very intelligent" and has a law enforcement background.

O'Shea backed Lightfoot just in time for this month's South Side Irish Parade, a massive gathering where tens of thousands of South Siders watch festivities snake down 12 blocks of Western Avenue for hours on end. Lightfoot received an enthusiastic reception as she marched with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 134. Many onlookers shouted her name and campaign slogan: "Bring in the Light!"

Beforehand, Lightfoot joined Joyce at Franconello, a Beverly restaurant with a tribute to slain Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer and fallen Officers Eduardo Marmolejo and Conrad Gary posted at its entrance. Joyce walked Lightfoot through the bar, which was packed with hundreds of campaign workers, friends and family.

"I'm John Conroy," one man said as he approached Lightfoot. "I'm a Chicago policeman. You've got my vote and many others."

"I'll be good by you guys," she replied.

As she addressed the room, Lightfoot said, "I want to make sure all of our kids, all of our families, are able to thrive and that we're moving forward together because we listened to each other, we tap into the great spirit that's evident everywhere today on the South Side, and it's my pleasure to accept the endorsement of my friend Jerry Joyce."

The member of an influential South Side family, Joyce handily won the 19th Ward with 7,555 votes — more than four times Daley, who finished second. Lightfoot finished fourth while Preckwinkle finished fifth. Joyce also won the 13th and 23rd wards on the Southwest Side, areas that have become predominantly Latino but still have heavy populations of public workers. Lightfoot finished seventh in those wards, one spot ahead of Preckwinkle.

Joyce also won the Far Northwest Side's 41st Ward, home to O'Hare International Airport, the Edison Park and Norwood Park neighborhoods and Ald. Napolitano, a former firefighter. Lightfoot finished sixth there and Preckwinkle seventh.

Daley won two neighboring Northwest Side wards, the 38th and 45th, where Lightfoot finished fourth and second respectively. Sposato represents the 38th Ward while firefighter Jim Gardiner just won election for the first time in the 45th Ward.

"The 41st Ward's a mayor-making ward," Napolitano said of his home turf, which had the third-largest vote total in the February election. "Now you couple that with the 38th Ward and the 45th Ward, we have an alliance of firefighter brothers and sisters. This could be pretty incredible."

On the day the firefighters endorsed Lightfoot, Sposato predicted the union's support, as well as his and Napolitano's, would be "huge" for Lightfoot.

"I think they should have juice," Sposato said. "People respect us and love us."

Cop controversy

Lightfoot consolidating the support of the city's roughly 13,000 police officers, all of whom live in the city, would have been almost unthinkable before the first-round election.

As Emanuel's appointed president of the Chicago Police Board, Lightfoot was in charge of the panel that makes final decisions on disciplining and firing officers. Amid the fallout of the 2014 Laquan McDonald police shooting, Emanuel asked her to co-chair a police reform task force that issued a report that concluded the police department was racist, among many other shortcomings.

"I don't think either are that pro-police," Waddell said. "But I would think that Lori would probably be more inclined to listen than Toni and make more of a better decision."

Preckwinkle's campaign has sought to make an issue of the officers solidifying behind Lightfoot as it appeals to black voters on the South and West sides. At a Bronzeville campaign rally Saturday, Democratic U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush declared, "This election is really about what type of police force we're going to have in the city of Chicago."

Despite Lightfoot's push for a consent decree, Rush argued that she wouldn't

enforce it as strongly as Preckwinkle. He said Lightfoot would go along with the federal judge, which he equated to a do-nothing high school hall monitor.

"The mayor is the one who is going to shine the light on the consent decree," Rush said to cheers at a packed Harold Washington Cultural Center. "You can have a mayor with a standard consent decree or you can have a mayor with a high-standard consent decree."

Multiple times, Rush incorrectly alleged that the FOP had backed Lightfoot. He also accused Lightfoot of attending a fundraiser in O'Shea's ward the previous night, which she denied. He also accused Lightfoot of "drinking wine and eating cheese" at a "victory" fundraiser in O'Shea's ward the previous night.

Preckwinkle makes a push

While Lightfoot marched in the South Side Irish Parade this month, Preckwinkle walked in the Northwest Side Irish Parade. Preckwinkle won scattered cheers and some high-fives, but also was greeted by some boos and a noticeable amount of silence from onlookers who watched her pass, then muttered to themselves or their fellow bystanders after she moved on.

Susan Travers wasn't quiet. She cheered on the mayoral hopeful, prompting Preckwinkle to rush over for a handshake and a few words of encouragement.

"I think she has more experience to take over that kind of challenging position," Travers said. "That's it in a nutshell."

Others offered more pointed criticism, including a city Streets and Sanitation Department worker who described his section's icy reception of Preckwinkle as "boo city!"

Preckwinkle marched in the parade with longtime Democratic U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, who has served as a top surrogate. Schakowsky's district holds a slice of Chicago's far Northwest Side, surrounding suburbs and a chunk of the North Side lakefront.

In the seven predominantly white North Side wards that Lightfoot won — 32, 40, 44, 46, 47, 48 and 49 — Preckwinkle finished second in all but two. Her hope is to consolidate support from voters in those wards who backed the other 12 candidates in the first round. In addition, Daley won five Far North, Near North and downtown wards, with Lightfoot finishing second and Preckwinkle third in all of them.

Schakowsky said she believes Preckwinkle's politics can carry support in North Side communities, but she wasn't as sure about the more conservative neighborhoods.

"Northwest Side, I don't know where they're going," the congresswoman said. "They didn't vote for either one of these candidates. The Southwest Side voted for Joyce, and the Northwest Side voted for Daley, so it's unclear to me."

Schakowsky was clear on the political messaging, though — telling public workers their retirements and health care are secure with Preckwinkle. The candidate conveyed as much when asked how she's reaching out to the city's Northwest and Southwest side voters.

"Our pensions are in better shape than the city's or the state's," Preckwinkle said of the county retirement funds. "It's because we were willing to take the difficult action of raising revenue so that we could meet our pension obligations."

Preckwinkle said she has support from Carol Ronen, a Democratic committeeman and former North Side state senator, 38th Ward Democratic committeeman and state Rep. Robert Martwick and Northwest Side state Rep. Jaime Andrade. When he's talking about Preckwinkle's credentials in neighborhoods crowded with city workers, Andrade said he drills down on one topic: the city budget.

"For me, Toni Preckwinkle has the experience to handle the budget, and on day one, it's going to be a monster for the next mayor," Andrade said, alluding to a city budget with a projected \$252 million deficit and a looming \$1 billion pension crisis.

"The city has lots of issues, but everything else can fall into line after you get the budget settled and moving in the right direction."

Preckwinkle also has the support of members of a Chicago political family that still carries a lot of sway in the city's predominantly white working-class neighborhoods — the Daleys. While Bill Daley and former Mayor Richard M. Daley haven't backed anyone in the race, Cook County Commissioner John Daley and 11th Ward Ald. Patrick Daley Thompson are behind Preckwinkle.

Bill Daley, of course, won the 11th Ward in February, with Lightfoot finishing second, Joyce third and Preckwinkle fourth. The Cook County Board president is hoping the Daleys can deliver Bridgeport to her on April 2.

Thompson said he emphasizes how Preckwinkle and his uncle, John Daley, have not raised property taxes at the county level, despite steep financial challenges. He also brought up a drawback Preckwinkle faces on the campaign trail — her passage of a countywide pop tax that she later repealed under public pressure.

"They heard from the voters, and Commissioner Daley was one of the folks that led the effort to hear the voters and go back and say, 'We gotta repeal this,'" Thompson said, crediting his uncle. "She couldn't make a move to try to veto that. She didn't. She listened to the voters and said, 'I hear you.'"

"I don't think that gets told," Thompson continued. "Everybody thinks about the pop tax and property taxes that she held the line on missed taxes."

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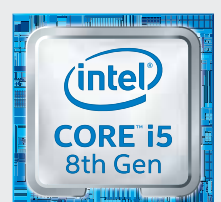
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Cruise ship drama scary then 'VERY' real

Passengers recount danger, unease and rescue off Norway

By KATIE METTLER
The Washington Post

Through the large picture windows lining the Viking Sky, passengers on Saturday afternoon watched the gray waves churn and the horizon teeter as their massive ship, carrying 1,373 people, became overwhelmed by the sea.

Outside, a storm in the rough, frigid waters off Norway's western coast had surrounded the Britain-bound cruise ship with 26-foot waves and 43-mph wind gusts.

Inside, the ship's engines had failed — setting the vessel adrift in Hustadvika Bay and toward the rocky shoreline. Plants, a piano and lounge furniture slid across the floor with each tilt of the ship. Ceiling panels fell to the ground, and icy water crashed through broken windows.

"It was frightening at first," passenger Alexus Sheppard, who posted videos online from inside the ship, told the Associated Press. "And when the general alarm sounded, it became VERY real."

The crew threw down an anchor and issued a may-day call. Then the wait began.

For 24 hours, those aboard — a mix of American, British, Canadian, New Zealand and Australian citizens — endured violent conditions as rescue teams worked to evacuate passengers one by one. Smaller rescue boats weren't a safe option because of the dangerously high swells, so Norwegian au-



SVEIN OVE EKORNESVAG/AP

The Viking Sky arrives Sunday in Molde, Norway. The ship's engines failed in fierce conditions, leading to more than 475 people being airlifted off the vessel and 20 hospitalized. More than 900 remained on board.

"That was the breaker. I said to myself, 'This is it.'"

— Rodney Horgen of Minnesota, passenger aboard the Viking Sky after seeing a wall of water break through large picture windows

thorities airlifted individual passengers from the ship.

Reuters reported that police chief Hans Vik, who heads the Joint Rescue Coordination Center of Southern Norway, told TV2 that the ship drifted within 330 feet of shore before the crew was able to restart one engine.

"If they had run aground we would have faced a

major disaster," Vik said.

Passenger Rodney Horgen, a Minnesota resident, told the AP that he was a weathered fisherman and had never experienced anything like the conditions aboard the Viking Sky.

Horgen said a 6-foot wall of water broke through a door and windows and swept fellow passengers, including his wife, Judie

Lemieux, 30 feet across the floor.

"That was the breaker. I said to myself, 'This is it,'" Horgen told the AP. "I grabbed my wife, but I couldn't hold on. And she was thrown across the room. And then she got thrown back again by the wave coming back."

Coming to terms with the force and temperature of the water — and what it would do to a person tossed overboard — was "very, very frightening," Horgen said.

Passenger Janet Jacob told Norwegian public broadcaster NRK that she was among the first groups

of passengers to be evacuated by helicopter. The strong winds were "like a tornado," she said, and she prayed "for the safety of all aboard."

"I was afraid," she said. "I've never experienced anything so scary."

John Curry, an American passenger who was eating lunch when the ship began to shake, told NRK that the incident was "chaos" and that he'd "rather not think about" the helicopter ride from ship to shore.

Viking Cruises chairman Torstein Hagen told TV2 that the passengers had had "a bit of a shocking experience."

"Most of our passengers are senior citizens ... imagine what it's like to hang there on that wire," Hagen said. "It must be a terrible experience, but they seem to have handled it very well."

The Norwegian Red Cross told Reuters that even those who weren't physically harmed have been "traumatized by the experience" and required care on shore.

Viking Cruises told Reuters in a statement that guests were staying in local hotels and that the company was arranging flights for them to return to their home countries.

Panicked friends and family members of passengers took to social media, seeking information about their loved ones. Some passengers, including Sheppard, documented the entire rescue mission, sharing photos, videos and observations via social media.

Sheppard shared photos of people sleeping on the floor and using life vests as pillows.

By late Sunday morning in Norway, three of the ship's four engines were working and the ship, carrying 436 guests and 458 crew members, was on its way to land, Viking Ocean Cruises said in a statement. In all, 479 passengers had been airlifted, and 20 people suffered injuries and were being treated at hospitals in Norway.

As the ship headed toward Molde in calmer seas, Sheppard tweeted a video of dozens of passengers shuffling around in those same bright-orange life vests.

"People are SO bored," she said, "they're repacking the life jackets."

Suspect in reputed gangster's death faces legal, Mafia justice

By TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As Anthony Comello sits in jail on murder charges, he may have more than legal problems to worry about — namely, whether the Mafia is going to get its hands on him.

The man he is accused of killing was the reputed boss of New York's Gambino crime family, Francesco "Franky Boy" Cali, and for that, Comello is almost certainly marked for death by the underworld. And it makes no difference that the slaying may have been unconnected to mob business and stemmed instead from a romantic dispute.

"Somebody's going to try to get him," predicted Selwyn Raab, author of "Five Families: The Rise, Decline, and Resurgence of America's Most Powerful Mafia Empires." "It is part of the Mafia code."

Comello, 24, has been behind bars in New Jersey since his arrest there March 16 on charges he gunned

down Cali outside the mobster's Staten Island home. He is expected to be brought to New York City for a court appearance Monday under tighter-than-usual security measures that underscore the mob's bloody track record for vengeance.

"We asked for protective custody and he's been given that," said Comello's attorney, Robert Gottlieb. "The reason is obvious."

New York City jail officials would not comment specifically on Comello. But inmates in danger of reprisals are typically housed separately and watched more closely.

"We review each case on an individual basis and take all necessary precautions," Correction Department spokesman Jason Kersten said.

Authorities say Comello lured Cali out of his house on the evening of March 13 by smashing his truck into Cali's parked car. After speaking calmly for a few moments, Comello allegedly drew a 9 mm handgun

and pumped several bullets into Cali's body in a scene captured by security cameras at the home.

Unlike previous Gambino bosses, including the swaggering "Dapper Don" John Gotti, Cali, 53, was a deliberately low-profile gangster in an era of relative serenity for the city's crime families.

That Comello could get close to Cali so easily "shows that things are pretty quiet these days," said Howard Abadinsky, a criminal justice professor at St. John's University. "He wasn't afraid to walk out of his house."

Comello's background is more obscure, but there has been no allegation he is connected to the mob. The motive for the shooting remains under investigation. News reports have said Comello told investigators that Cali had warned him to stay away from a female relative of Cali's he was interested in romantically.

And then there was Comello's bizarre behavior during his initial court ap-



SETH WENIG/AP

Anthony Comello, who was arrested March 16, appears at his extradition hearing this month in Toms River, N.J. He is scheduled for a New York court appearance Monday.

pearance. He smiled inappropriately at times and flashed a hand scrawled with such slogans as "MAGA Forever," a reference to President Donald Trump's Make America Great Again motto. Weeks ago, he tried to make a citizen's arrest of New York's mayor, Bill de Blasio, police said.

"I don't need to clear my name," he told the Daily News in a brief and cryptic jailhouse interview.

History suggests that even if the slaying involved an ordinary civilian who didn't have a beef specific to the mob, the Cali killing put

a big target on Comello's back.

Exhibit A: John Favara, a neighbor of Gotti's who accidentally struck and killed Gotti's 12-year-old son with his car in 1980 while the boy was riding a minibike. Five months later, Favara disappeared and was never seen again. Prosecutors later said Gotti ordered Favara killed. An informant reported that the body was dissolved in a barrel of acid.

Then there's the case of James "Whitey" Bulger, the ruthless Boston crime boss and government informant who was beaten to death at

a West Virginia prison last year. Among the inmates suspected in the attack: a former Mafia hit man who was said to hate "rats."

The way Comello allegedly killed Cali — gunned down right outside the home where he lived with his family — would have violated the strict rules of respect set down by the Sicilian faction now in charge of the Gambino family, Raab said.

"For them, it's the ultimate insult," he said. "It can't be excused just because he's a screwball. He'll be a marked man the rest of his life."

Second Parkland student dies in 'apparent suicide,' police say

By KAYLA EPSTEIN
The Washington Post

A student from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School died in an "apparent suicide" on Saturday night, Coral Springs, Fla., police said, just a week after a 19-year-old survivor of the 2018 mass shooting at the school took her own life.

The student's name and age were not released, and Officer Tyler Reik told The Washington Post that the death is under investigation. Reik could not confirm

the student's gender or age and did not provide the cause of death.

A week ago, the Parkland, Fla., school was shaken by the death of Sydney Aiello, who took her own life. She struggled with survivor's guilt and had recently been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, her mother told CBS Miami.

Aiello was a senior at Stoneman Douglas last year when a gunman killed 17 students and school staff. One of her friends, Meadow Pollack, was killed in the

shooting.

News of the student's death comes on the anniversary of the March for Our Lives, the massive student-led demonstration against gun violence that was held in Washington and several other U.S. cities.

On Sunday, David Hogg, one of the student activists who rose to prominence after the Parkland shooting, called for officials to do more.

The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Parent Teacher Association

tweeted a flier with contact information for individuals who could help with trauma counseling on Sunday. "The recent Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy has profoundly impacted our community," the flier said. "If you have been affected (...) please know that free help is available."

To reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, call 1-800-273-TALK (8255). A crisis counselor can also be reached by messaging 741741.



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Two students who survived the shooting at a Parkland, Fla., high school have committed suicide a week apart.



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The White House opposes Democrats' efforts for more disaster relief aid to Puerto Rico.

Disaster aid bill faces tricky path as it heads to Senate

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A battle over funding for Puerto Rico is complicating the path forward for a long-delayed disaster aid bill that's a top political priority for some of President Donald Trump's Republican allies as it heads to the Senate floor this week.

At stake is \$13.5 billion emergency relief legislation to help southern farmers, rebuild hurricane-damaged military bases, repair water systems, and assist victims of last year's California wildfires, among other purposes.

The measure has wide backing from Democrats and Republicans and is perhaps most ardently backed by Trump loyalists such as David Perdue, R-Ga., and Thom Tillis, R-N.C., who face potentially difficult re-election fights next year.

The White House, however, isn't pleased with the bill and is particularly opposed to efforts by Democrats to make hurricane relief to Puerto Rico more generous. Senate Republicans are supporting food aid to the devastated island

and are working with top Democrats like Patrick Leahy of Vermont to try to speed passage of the measure by adding additional help for Puerto Rico.

The House passed a companion \$14.2 billion version of the legislation in January, but it got tangled up in the politics of the partial government shutdown and Trump's demands for a southern border wall.

The measure is especially sought by lawmakers from southern states like Florida, Georgia and North Carolina, which were hit by hurricanes Michael and Florence last year. There's money to respond to an earthquake in Alaska, California wildfires and floods in South Carolina, and for the ongoing recovery effort in Puerto Rico, which was devastated by back-to-back hurricanes in 2017.

And now there's widespread flooding in the Midwest.

In an official position paper in January, the White House said the House bill was far too generous, objecting to almost \$6 billion worth of the measure. But it stopped short of an outright veto threat, and GOP aides say

Trump has since told Perdue that he'd sign the Senate version of the bill, which mirrors the House plan in most respects.

For many lawmakers, passage is already overdue. Puerto Rico has already cut nutrition benefits by roughly 25 percent amid the funding crunch and Georgia lawmakers warn that their farmers need help in the run-up to planting season.

Trump's commitment to aid to storm-ravaged Puerto Rico is in question, however.

Last fall, Trump tweeted falsely that the government of Puerto Rico was using disaster aid funding to pay off its debt, and earlier this year Trump reportedly contemplated trying to shift some of Puerto Rico's disaster aid to address disaster in the mainland U.S.

Allies of Puerto Rico say Trump treats the U.S. territory worse than states that have endured far less devastating hurricane disasters.

"These folks are living under the American flag," said Rep. Jose Serrano, D-N.Y. "They should not be treated any differently than any other American citizen."

FDA takes up age-old debate about breast implant safety

BY MATTHEW PERRONE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. health officials are taking another look at the safety of breast implants, the latest review in a decadeslong debate.

At a two-day meeting that starts Monday, a panel of experts for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will hear from researchers, plastic surgeons and implant makers, as well as from women who believe their ailments were caused by the implants.

The panel will consider next steps, but the FDA isn't proposing any new restrictions or warnings. The agency's long-standing position is that implants are essentially safe as long as women understand they can have complications, including scarring, pain, swelling and implant rupture.

The FDA and other regulators worldwide have been grappling with how to manage a recently confirmed link to a rare cancer and the thousands of unconfirmed complaints of other health problems.

In documents released before the meeting, FDA regulators said it is "impossible" for them to determine how frequently the a form of lymphoma occurs because the U.S. does not track the total number of implants on the market. Estimates of the frequency of the disease range from 1 in 3,000 women to 1 in 30,000.

Most confirmed cases of breast implant-associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma have involved a particular style of implants with a textured surface, designed to reduce scar tissue and slippage. But the FDA said it has also received reports of the disease in smooth implants — which account for most of the U.S. market — raising questions about whether the cancer is a risk with



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The FDA says it's "impossible" to determine how frequently a form of cancer occurs from breast implants.

both types.

The disease is not breast cancer, but one that attacks the immune system and usually forms in the scar tissue surrounding implants. It grows slowly and can usually be successfully treated by surgically removing the implants.

Thousands of women have also blamed their implants for a host of ailments, including rheumatoid arthritis, chronic fatigue and muscle pain. In the documents, the FDA reiterated its position that "there is not sufficient evidence" linking them to breast implants. The agency also sidestepped requests from patients to add a boxed warning — the agency's most serious type — to breast implants and to require manufacturers to give women a checklist of potential harms and complications before surgery.

"I'm a little discouraged," said Jamee Cook, one of more than 20 patients set to speak at the meeting. "But I guess I'm hoping that what we have to say will prompt discussion on those action points."

A former paramedic, Cook said she had an array of health problems after getting implants in 1998, including exhaustion, migraines and an immune system disorder. She said her symptoms either resolved or improved after

the implants were removed in 2015.

Breast augmentation is the most popular form of cosmetic surgery in the U.S., with roughly 300,000 women undergoing the procedure each year. An additional 100,000 women receive implants for breast reconstruction after cancer surgery. Most women choose silicone gel-filled implants, which are considered more natural looking than saline implants.

Implants first went on sale in the mid-1960s. But they attracted little attention until the late 1980s, when a wave of lawsuits alleged serious harms and diseases linked to the devices. The FDA banned the silicone gel type in 1992 because of fears they might cause breast cancer, lupus and other disorders. But when studies seemed to rule out most of the disease concern, regulators returned the implants to the market in 2006 with the requirement that manufacturers track recipients to see how they fare long term.

Implant makers Allergan and Mentor — which is now part of Johnson & Johnson — enrolled nearly 100,000 women in a 10-year study. But more than half of the women dropped out within three years, leaving insufficient data to draw firm safety conclusions.

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Mueller

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Fla., to return to Washington.

The highly anticipated summary of Mueller's investigation was sent to Congress on Sunday.

Mueller's central mission has been to determine if Russian efforts to interfere in the 2016 election were aided or assisted in any way by Americans, including people close to Trump.

In all, Russian citizens interacted with at least 14 Trump associates during the campaign and presidential transition, according to public records and interviews.

Since his appointment in May 2017 as special counsel, Mueller has also wrestled with the question of whether the president attempted to obstruct justice once the FBI began investigating those close to him. Current and former White House officials who were questioned by Mueller's investigators were repeatedly asked about how the president spoke of the investigation behind closed doors, and whether he sought to replace senior Justice Department officials to stymie the probe, according to people familiar with the interviews.

The special counsel's work led to criminal charges against 34 people, including six former Trump associates and advisers.

On Saturday, officials said that one of those cases — that of Trump's former deputy campaign chairman Rick Gates — will be transferred from the special counsel's office to federal prosecutors in Washington. Gates pleaded guilty last year to conspiracy and lying to the FBI, and he continues to cooperate with prosecutors while awaiting sentencing.

A senior Justice Department official said the special counsel has not recommended any further indictments — a revelation that buoyed Trump's supporters, even as additional

Trump-related investigations continue in other parts of the Justice Department, in Congress and in New York state.

Democrats on Sunday immediately seized on Mueller's refusal to exonerate Trump on the question of obstruction of justice, with the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee pledging to pick up where investigators left off and call Barr to testify.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., whose panel has jurisdiction over impeachment, took to Twitter to highlight Mueller's finding that "while this report does not conclude that the president committed a crime, it also does not exonerate him."

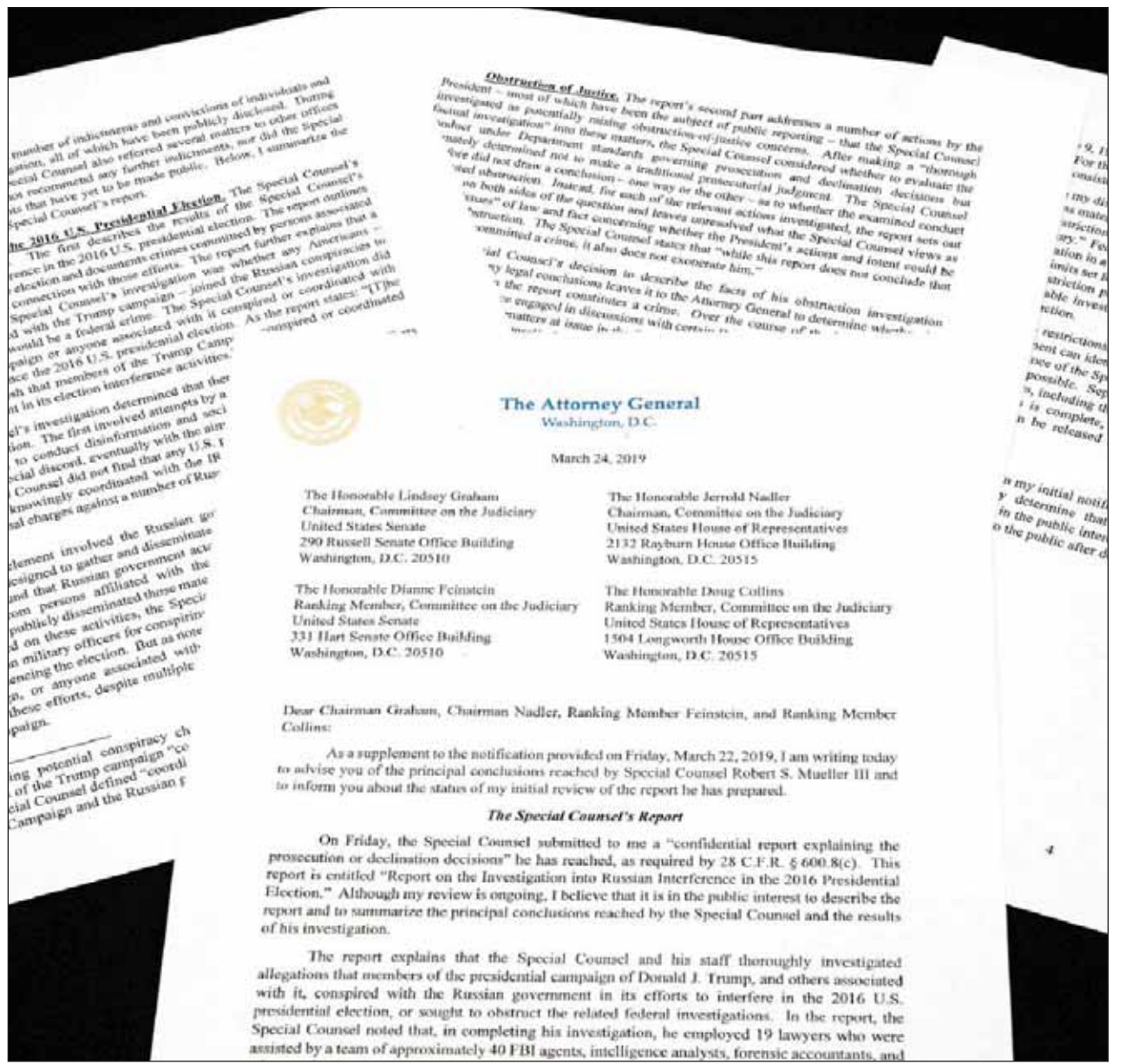
Nadler said the statement suggests that Justice Department officials are "putting matters squarely in Congress' court" to continue to investigate.

"In light of the very concerning discrepancies and final decision making at the Justice Department following the Special Counsel report, where Mueller did not exonerate the President, we will be calling Attorney General Barr in to testify before @HouseJudiciary in the near future," Nadler said in a tweet.

In a joint statement, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said Barr's letter "raises as many questions as it answers" and highlighted the fact that Barr was Trump's choice to head the Justice Department.

"The fact that Special Counsel Mueller's report does not exonerate the president on a charge as serious as obstruction of justice demonstrates how urgent it is that the full report and underlying documentation be made public without any further delay," they said. "Given Mr. Barr's public record of bias against the Special Counsel's inquiry, he is not a neutral observer and is not in a position to make objective determinations about the report."

Lawmakers awaiting the findings appeared on the



A copy of a letter from Attorney General William Barr summarizing special counsel Robert Mueller's findings.

Sunday morning news shows, with some declaring they'd already reached their own conclusions.

On ABC News' "This Week," House Intelligence Committee Chairman Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., reiterated that there was "significant evidence of collusion" between the Trump campaign and Russia.

Republicans accused Democrats of trying to revive a dead investigation in order to hobble the president.

The ranking Republican on the House Oversight Committee, Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio, said on "This Week" that Democrats had asserted that Mueller was

"right next to Jesus and can walk on water."

Rep. Doug Collins of Georgia, the senior Republican on the Judiciary Committee, pledged to fight any efforts to use Mueller's files as a springboard for impeachment.

"It is not the Department of Justice's job to give Chairman Nadler and the House Judiciary, or any committee in the House or in the Senate for that matter, what they want to do to go off on a purely partisan investigation that could lead to impeachment," said Collins.

Associated Press contributed.

Experts differ on jail time for parents in college scheme

BY ALANNA DURKIN RICHER
Associated Press

BOSTON — Could Aunt Becky be headed to prison? It could go either way, experts say.

Some of the wealthy parents accused of paying bribes to get their kids into top universities may get short stints behind bars, if convicted, to send a message that the privileged are not above the law, some lawyers say.

But others predict that most, if not all, will end up with probation and a fine, particularly if they quickly agree to accept responsibility and cooperate, which observers anticipate many will do.

"If the parents are well represented, it is reasonable to expect that possibly none will go to jail," said former federal prosecutor Jacob Frenkel.

The parents ensnared in what prosecutors have called the biggest college admissions scam ever prosecuted by the U.S. Justice Department include Hollywood stars Lori Loughlin, who played Aunt Becky on the sitcom "Full House," and Felicity Huffman of "Desperate Housewives." Other parents are prominent figures in law, finance, fashion, the food and beverage industry, and other fields.

The parents are charged with conspiracy to commit mail fraud and honest services mail fraud, a count that carries up to 20 years in prison, although defendants, especially first-time offenders, typically get far less than that.

Attorneys for at least some of the parents are likely already negotiating deals with prosecutors, experts say. And authorities have lots of leverage to push parents to plead guilty by promising to bring more charges, such as tax evasion or money laundering, if they don't.

Frenkel, now a defense attorney at Dickinson



Actresses Lori Loughlin, left, and Felicity Huffman are among dozens of parents charged in the bribery scandal.

Wright in Washington, said he suspects many parents could wind up pleading guilty to a tax charge, for deducting the bribes from their income taxes, and get probation.

Most parents could get merely a fine and community service, agreed Jeffrey Cramer, who was an assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago.

But those who went to great lengths to participate in the scam or enlisted their children to help them carry it out may spend a few months behind bars, because judges may not see a financial penalty as sufficient punishment, he said.

"If you told (the parents) at the beginning of this that in addition to the bribe, you'd have to pay a \$200,000 penalty and have to work at the Beverly Hills food bank, they'd probably take that deal," said Cramer, now managing director of Berkeley Research Group consulting firm.

The parents are accused of paying admissions consultant Rick Singer to rig standardized test scores and bribe college coaches and other insiders to get their children into selective schools. Coaches at schools including Yale University and the University of Southern California are also charged with accepting bribes.

Singer secretly recorded his conversations with the parents after agreeing to work with investigators in

the hopes of getting a lesser sentence. He pleaded guilty last week to racketeering conspiracy and other charges.

If any parents decide to fight the charges, they could argue they believed the services they were paying for were legitimate and didn't realize what Singer was doing, lawyers say. They could also try to paint Singer as a liar who is trying to take them down in order to save himself, experts say.

But the mountain of evidence against them, which includes recorded phone calls, emails, bank records and flight records, will be difficult to overcome, attorneys say.



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2 men missing after garbage truck enters swollen S.D. river

MITCHELL, S.D. — Authorities in South Dakota are searching for two men missing after a garbage truck went into a flooded river.

Searchers returned Sunday to the James River about 15 miles north of Mitchell.

KELO-TV reports the men have been missing since Thursday. Sanborn County Sheriff Tom Fridley says authorities believe the truck went off state Highway 37 into the river.

Authorities have not released the men's names. State and local agencies are involved in the search.

Recent flooding in the Midwest is blamed in three confirmed deaths. In addition, two men in Nebraska have been missing for more than a week.

In central Minnesota, crews rescued dozens of people stranded inside a restaurant in Waite Park after flash flooding Saturday night on the Sauk River.

Calif. firm recalls avocados over possible listeria contamination

ESCONDIDO, Calif. — A Southern California company is voluntarily recalling whole avocados over possible listeria contamination.

Henry Avocado, a grower and distributor based near San Diego, said Saturday that the recall covers conventional and organic avocados grown and packed in California. The company says they were sold in bulk across California, Arizona, Flor-

ida, Wisconsin, North Carolina and New Hampshire.

There have been no reports of any illnesses.

The company says it issued the voluntary recall after a routine inspection of its packing plant revealed samples that tested positive for listeria.

The company says avocados imported from Mexico and distributed by Henry are not being recalled and are safe.

Officials relocate wolves to Isle Royale National Park in Mich.

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — A U.S.-Canadian team has successfully relocated seven gray wolves to Isle Royale National Park in Michigan.

One of two private organizations helping to fund the effort reported Sunday on its Facebook page that the relocation involved six wolves from a second Lake Superior Island in Canadian territory and one from the Ontario mainland.

The National Parks of Lake Superior Foundation said Sunday that the animals were captured, vet checked and transported over the past couple days.

The half-dozen from Michipicoten Island were in danger of starvation after gobbling up a caribou herd.

The National Park Service is winding up the first phase of a multiyear effort to rebuild wolf numbers at Isle Royale.



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In New York: Demonstrators protest in New York's Times Square on Sunday against growing Islamophobia, white supremacy and anti-immigrant bigotry following the attacks at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand.

German family uncovers Nazi past, vows to donate \$11.3M

BERLIN — One of Germany's richest families, whose company owns a controlling interest in Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Panera Bread, Pret a Manger and other well-known businesses, plans to donate \$11.3 million to charity after learning about their ancestors' enthusiastic support of Adolf Hitler and use of forced laborers under the Nazis, according to a report Sunday.

In a four-page report, the Bild newspaper reported that documents uncovered in Germany, France and the U.S. reveal that Albert Reimann Sr. and Albert

Reimann Jr. used Russian civilians and French POWs as forced laborers.

Family spokesman Peter Harf, who is one of two managing partners of the Reimann's JAB Holding Co., said recent internal research confirmed Bild's findings.

"It is all correct," he told the newspaper. "Reimann senior and Reimann junior were guilty; they belonged in jail."

The father and son, who died in 1954 and 1984, did not talk about the Nazi era and the family had thought that all of the company's connections to the Nazis

had been revealed in a 1978 report, Harf said.

But after reading documents kept by the family, the younger generation began to ask questions and commissioned a University of Munich historian in 2014 to examine the Reimann history more thoroughly, Harf said.

The expert presented his preliminary findings to the Reimann children and grandchildren, as well as Harf, several weeks ago, he said.

"We were all ashamed and turned as white as the wall," he said. "There is nothing to gloss over."

Death toll from massacre in Mali rises to 134

BAMAKO, Mali — The death toll from a massacre in a central Malian village rose to 134 dead, the U.N. said, as new video emerged Sunday showing victims strewn on the ground amid the burning remains of their homes.

An ethnic Dogon militia already blamed for scores

of attacks in central Mali over the past year attacked an ethnic Peuhl village just before dawn on Saturday.

Among the victims in Ogossogou were pregnant women, small children and the elderly, according to a Peuhl group known as Tabital Pulaaku.

Graphic video obtained

by The Associated Press shows the aftermath of Saturday's attack, with many victims burned inside their homes.

In the capital of Bamako, visiting U.N. Security Council President Francois Delattre, condemned the killings as an "unspeakable attack" late Saturday.

Thai party backed by military takes election lead

BANGKOK — A military-backed party has taken the lead in Thailand's first election since a 2014 coup, preliminary results showed Sunday, suggesting junta leader and Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha could stay in power.

With 92 percent of votes counted, the Palang Pracharat party was first with 7.5 million votes, according to the country's Election Commission. Its vote total falls short of the numbers required for an outright majority in parliament. Pheu Thai, which was the governing party ousted by the coup, was next with 7 million votes.

The country likely faces several weeks of haggling among political parties before a potentially unstable coalition government is formed. Thais voted for a 500-member parliament, which along with a 250-member junta-appointed Senate will decide the next prime minister.

In Indiana: A man who pleaded guilty to the 1988 beating death of a pregnant mother in South Bend has died in jail. The St. Joseph County prosecutor's office says 78-year-old George Kearney was found unresponsive Saturday night in the county jail's medical unit. He was pronounced dead early Sunday. Authorities say Kearney had been terminally ill and signed an order with jail medical staff to take no lifesaving measures if he stopped breathing. His guilty plea in the slaying of 28-year-old Miriam Rice came earlier this month. Kearney was in prison for an unrelated crime when he confessed and said his co-defendant, 56-year-old Barbara Brewster, was also responsible. Both were charged last year.

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With no crimes alleged, Mueller and Barr hand Trump to Congress

“As the report states: ‘(T)he investigation did not establish that members of the Trump Campaign conspired or coordinated with the Russian government in its election interference activities.’”

— U.S. Attorney General William Barr, informing Congress of special counsel Robert Mueller’s findings, March 24, 2019

And now, flummoxed Democrats in the U.S. House must decide: Will they try to impeach President Donald Trump for alleged high crimes and misdemeanors — knowing that a Republican Senate wouldn’t convict him? Or do they conclude that centrist voters have had enough of investigations and instead double down on their determination to beat Trump on Nov. 3, 2020?

The Democrats had hoped special counsel Robert Mueller would identify illicit Trump ties to Russia, plus presidential obstruction of justice. But after 675 days of investigation, more than 2,800 subpoenas, nearly 500 executed search warrants and some 500 witness interviews,

Mueller’s team of lawyers and FBI agents “did not establish that members of the Trump Campaign conspired or coordinated with the Russian government.”

Did Trump fall short of his constitutional obligations in another way, by trying to obstruct the government investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 election? In his four-page letter to Congress, Attorney General William Barr said Mueller’s report “does not exonerate” the president and instead “sets out evidence on both sides of the question.” By leaving that question for others to ponder, Mueller sidestepped political landmines.

Yes, political. Because with no pending legal action, it’s all political for now. That’s one big takeaway from Barr’s summary of the Mueller report, which Barr says he intends to disclose. Ambiguity on the obstruction question gives Democrats room to attack, and perhaps debate impeachment.

But after 22 months of investigation, resulting in numerous

criminal charges and several convictions, Mueller’s verdict will make that a tough sell to probe-weary Americans who aren’t zealous foes or defenders of Trump. Plenty of politicians (mostly Democrats) and other critics could swear they sensed nefarious deeds committed in Trump Tower and elsewhere to connect his campaign to the Kremlin.

It’s hard to overstate how much of their street cred many pols, pundits and pop culture celebrities invested in the narrative of Mueller as detective and savior. In his serial book “Hate Inc.,” Rolling Stone’s Matt Taibbi recalls “Saturday Night Live” cast members singing “All I Want for Christmas is You” to Mueller, featuring the rhyme line, “Mueller please come through, because the only option is a coup.”

Trump, meanwhile, did all he could to discredit Mueller, dismissing the investigation as a witch hunt. The president’s antics primarily discredited an American justice credo that all of

us should be held accountable for our actions. Even presidents.

In our view the obstruction allegations always seemed shaky. Richard Nixon schemed in secret to escape the Watergate scandal; Trump took brazen, public actions suggesting he wanted to thwart the Russia investigation. Most egregiously, Trump fired James Comey, who had been in charge of the probe — and then said in a TV interview that Russia was on his mind when he did so.

Yet presidents can hire and fire their command staff, FBI directors included. Barr, in Sunday’s letter, said he and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein concluded there isn’t sufficient evidence to establish that Trump’s defiance met the legal definition of obstruction. Democrats will profoundly disagree. Their presidential candidates will say much about Trump’s actions, judgment and capacity to lead. They won’t be wrong to criticize him.

Trump took office as an untested, undisciplined leader with an ego entirely too large to justify, given his deficiencies.

He’s had accomplishments as president but has made innumerable unforced errors. Much of the trouble brought on him by the Mueller investigation traces to his sloppy 2016 campaign and poor hiring instincts.

There’s more trouble to come for Trump. Michael Cohen, his personal lawyer, is headed to prison. More investigations of Trump’s business and other dealings swirl: Democrats can hope federal prosecutors in the Southern District of New York will take down Trump.

We anticipate reading Mueller’s report, not just Barr’s summary. For now, though, Trump is surviving the scandal that has dogged his presidency: A special counsel investigated whether a president of the United States connived with a foreign adversary to corrupt a national election. That allegation, we’re now told, didn’t prove out.

That should come as a relief to all Americans. Those still enraged — by Trump’s volatile conduct or by the relentless attacks on him — then will rejoin their fierce political tribes.

City-to-city routes could engineer a better future for Amtrak

Amtrak is making new travel plans that may dismay old-school train buffs but go a long way toward straightening out the railroad’s finances. Quick trips between cities would increase, while some cross-country roams might fade into the distance.

While long, scenic rambles along the rails, dining cars included, evoke romance, the hard truth is that those long routes lose money. A lot of it. Think \$543 million in 2018 on routes including the California Zephyr to San Francisco, Empire Builder to Seattle and Southwest Chief to Los Angeles, all of which start in Chicago.

Amtrak, led by former Delta Air Lines CEO Richard Anderson, sees city-to-city hops as more realistic ground for trains to compete with planes. In the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, home of the flagship Acela Express, Amtrak connects Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and runs in the black. In the South and West, Amtrak hasn’t kept up with the opportunity to serve growing populations.

Thousands of Amtrak passengers travel through Chicago’s Beaux-Arts Union Station every day. The city stands to lose a little something if its hub status for cross-country routes is lost or diminished. It might gain, though, in better-timed, more frequent jogs to such destinations as De-



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Chicago may lose a little if its hub status for Amtrak routes is reduced but gain with better-timed, more frequent jogs to certain cities.

troit or Cleveland. For the Midwest, Amtrak’s current schedule, built partly around long-distance routes, means some potentially popular destinations now see

trains pull up in the middle of the night. There are just three trains a week from Chicago to Cincinnati, for example, and they arrive after 3 in the morning, as part of the

longer Cardinal to D.C. trip. A switch in strategies by Amtrak faces complications, not surprising for a quasi-governmental bureaucracy. Congress is

full of representatives from states that would fight losing beloved routes, including those in rural areas with fewer travel options. There would be issues around how much money states will be asked to kick in to get shorter routes moving. Freight trains will still demand their share of time on the tracks, many of which they own. That may present obstacles to the scheduling of more frequent, brief jaunts.

The point is that Amtrak is a perennial money loser and would better serve the public by seeking out more popular, lucrative destinations. Longer runs that appeal to hobbyists and retirees might occasionally still run, if those riders are willing to pay a premium to relieve taxpayers of the cost of maintaining those elegant dining cars. But Amtrak shouldn’t be forced to shunt resources to outmoded routes.

There’s plenty of incentive to make rail travel more inviting and useful. The miseries of flying seem to compound endlessly. Train journeys are more climate-friendly, with a lower carbon footprint than either flying or driving. Shorter routes have proved useful, popular and profitable in parts of the country. They may provide a way for Amtrak to ride into the future without hundreds of millions of dollars flying out the windows along the way.

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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

For the past 3 1/2 decades, a glaring paradox has infected the quest for the American presidency. In an age when citizens on both left and right have soured on politics and treated incumbents with thinly veiled contempt, sitting presidents have rarely been booted out of office before their eight years were up. They have survived, despite the raging animus toward incumbents. The only president since 1984 to have failed to win a second term has been George H.W. Bush in 1992.

Why? One significant reason is that opposition parties have generally nominated bad candidates to challenge presidents running for second terms. Of course, incumbents have built-in advantages, including their claims to a growing economy, their use of the bully pulpit to pulverize their opponents, and their skill at blaming Congress for stymieing the people’s will. But it’s also true that opposition parties have nominated a string of enfeebled candidates who have greased the path to re-election for incumbent presidents. ...

The failed challengers remind us that an electorate deeply hostile to Washington politicians will likely look askance at any Democrat whose legislative and political achievements define their quest for the American presidency. ... Sadly, nominating the most qualified person to be president may squander a chance — perhaps the biggest since 1992 — to oust an incumbent president.

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Gov. Pritzker's pro-family thrust, ironically, could worsen inequality

BY BRUCE FULLER

Imagine an America that prizes the vitality of newborns and joys of parenting more than our nagging penchant for work. This remarkable shift now gains steam in a dozen states, where governors seek to create or lengthen paid leave for parents after a newborn arrives.

This includes Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who promises to “embrace more robust policies supporting paid parental leave and affordable child care.” He delivered a long-awaited pay raise this past week to 14,000 caregivers and preschool teachers.

But parental leave initiatives threaten to worsen wide disparities in children's health and early learning, along the chasms of race and class. This inequity reveals the hazards facing well-meaning Democrats, as they promise unbridled entitlements.

It's a lesson learned by Pritzker's fellow rookie governor in California, Gavin Newsom, who's urging six months of paid leave for young couples, an idea that wins huge voter support and strikes a shared human chord.

Still, California's program — similar to paid leave efforts proposed in Illinois — operates like Robin Hood in

reverse. Savvy and well-educated parents more often draw this entitlement, not lower-income families, thereby retaining higher wages that make longer leave affordable, our new analysis shows.

Nationwide, nearly one-third of all managers and finance moguls already enjoy paid leave as parents, compared with just 1 in 14 service workers nationwide, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports.

Powerful lobbies also shelter the income of well-heeled parents who would otherwise be taxed to support paid leave in California. Levies on those earning, say, \$240,000 yearly enjoy just half the tax rate that's shouldered by workers making \$44,000. Well-paid fathers make up the fastest-growing beneficiaries of parental leave.

These affluent families then enjoy nearly three times the weekly benefit that low-income parents receive. The more one pays into the family leave pot, the more one takes out. It's just like Social Security but absent any equalization of benefit levels by the state.

Illinois can learn from the regressive structuring of paid leave in other states. Yet state Rep. Mary Flowers, D-Chicago, is pitching a bill that

would force companies to pay the cost of parental leave, if the businesses employ more than 50 workers. Studies show how this gives an advantage to parents working for larger firms, most paying higher wages.

The rising debate over family leave punctuates the Democrats' broader dilemma: Does the party stoke economic populism, then socialize the cost of everything, from rookie parenting to ample public pensions? Or, will voters and equity advocates side with moderates, who prefer lifting poor families into the middle class, deepening their stake in mainstream society?

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, for one, avoids the entitlement trap. She's proposing free preschool for families earning less than about \$50,000 a year. And no household would pay more than 7 percent of its income for child care. This focuses public investment on young children who benefit most, those raised in blue-collar families.

Pro-entitlement Democrats, including New York Mayor Bill DeBlasio, seem less serious about closing disparities among children. He blankets his city with free preschool for all 4-year-olds, no matter how poor or rich their parents, claiming “the fact that it's universal, I believe, lifts all boats.” But

if pre-K elevates all children, even those in affluent neighborhoods, how will this shrink gaps in children's early learning?

Studies show that when parents can afford to take paid leave, steadier breastfeeding follows (bolstering the infant's immunities), along with rising vaccination rates and fewer hospital visits — all robust predictors of early growth. But as policy leaders heap benefits on affluent families, paid leave simply widens the gulf between children of privilege and those raised in poverty.

Models of fair entitlements do thrive. Take Pell grants, providing aid to college students whose parents are least able to pay. Government avoids squandering scarce dollars on well-off parents who can afford high tuition.

Unchecked entitlements appeal to middle-class voters, squeezed by slow-rising earnings and often a diminished sense of opportunity. But unless constructed with care, it's affluent families who exploit unbounded benefits. That only widens inequality, rather than pulling us together.

Bruce Fuller, professor of education and public policy at the University of California, Berkeley, is author of “Organizing Locally.”

Trump isn't the biggest threat to the Constitution. Democrats are.

BY MARC A. THIESSEN

Who is the biggest threat to our constitutional order? It is not President Donald Trump.

Ever since Trump took office, Democrats have been telling us he is an authoritarian who threatens our system of government. Well, today it is Democrats who are declaring war on the Constitution. Leading Democrats are promising that, if elected in 2020, they will abolish the Electoral College and might also pack the Supreme Court with liberal justices — allowing them to marginalize Americans who do not support their increasingly radical agenda and impose it on an unwilling nation.

The purpose of the Electoral College is to protect us from what James Madison called the “tyranny of the majority.” Each state gets to cast electoral votes equal to the combined number of its U.S. representatives (determined by population) and its senators (two regardless of population). The goal was to make sure even the smallest states have a say in electing the president and prevent those with large, big-city populations from dictating to the less populous rural ones.

No wonder Democrats don't like it. Today, they have become the party of big-city elites, while their support is declining in less populous states of Middle America. Just look at a county-by-county map of the 2016 election



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An aide opens Electoral College ballot boxes during a joint session of Congress to tally ballots for the president and vice president of the United States on Jan. 6, 2017.

results — you can actually drive from coast to coast without driving through a single county that voted for Hillary Clinton. Clinton lost in 2016 because millions of once-reliable Democratic working-class voters in the American heartland switched their allegiance to Trump.

Thanks to the Electoral College, Democrats have no choice but to try to win at least some of those voters back if they want to win the presidency. But if we got rid of the Electoral College, Democrats could write off voters in “flyover” country and focus on turning out large numbers of their supporters in big cities and populous liberal states such as New

York and California. Unburdened by the need to moderate their platform to appeal to centrist voters, they would be free to pursue full socialism without constraint. If voters in Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania oppose spending tens of trillions on a Green New Deal and a government takeover of the health care, energy and transportation sectors of the economy, tough luck.

The Electoral College protects us from this kind of unconstrained radicalism, by forcing the political parties to broaden their appeal — which is precisely why more and more Democrats want to get rid of it. Fortunately, the

framers of the Constitution required super-majorities for amendments — another wise protection against the tyranny of the majority.

But Democrats would have no such obstacles in dealing with another impediment to their radical agenda: the Supreme Court. Thanks to Trump's Electoral College victory, Republicans have been able to confirm two Supreme Court justices and secure a conservative majority. Democrats have no one but themselves to blame for their judicial predicament. They were the ones who announced that they would not confirm a Supreme Court justice during George W. Bush's final year in office, setting the precedent for Republicans to block President Barack Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland. And they were the ones who eliminated the filibuster for federal circuit court judges — setting the precedent for Republicans to eliminate the filibuster for Supreme Court justices.

Democrats have miscalculated at every turn, and now their solution is to break precedent yet again — by packing the Supreme Court. There have been nine justices on the Supreme Court for the past 150 years. No matter, Democratic candidates including Beto O'Rourke; South Bend, Ind. Mayor Pete Buttigieg; and Sens. Elizabeth Warren (Mass.), Kamala D. Harris (Calif.) and Kirsten Gillibrand (N.Y.) have all

said that, as president, they would consider adding justices to the Supreme Court to secure a left-wing majority. The last president who tried this, Franklin D. Roosevelt, was stopped only because members of his own party rebelled. The Senate Judiciary Committee, then controlled by the Democrats, correctly declared his plan “an invasion of judicial power such as has never before been attempted in this country.”

It seems unlikely a Democratic president would face such a rebellion today. But unless Democrats win not only the presidency but also a 60-vote Senate majority, they would have to eliminate another minority protection — the legislative filibuster — to pass a court-packing bill. I suspect they would not hesitate to do so.

Taken together, the Democrats are proposing what amounts to a systemic assault on the foundations of our federal system. Democrats are freely pursuing a tyranny of the majority. We'll see how it plays in Middle America. But if they do, then spare us the overwrought complaints about Trump. You can't defend the Constitution while trying to tear it up at the same time.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Capitalism is not evil,
but it appears endangered.
Here's how
to save it.

By **BERNARD C. BAILEY**
AND **EDWARD B. RUST JR.**

When did capitalism become a dirty word?

At the trendy South by Southwest festival in Austin, Texas, earlier this month, some of the Democratic presidential candidates in attendance waffled over the question of whether they support capitalism. And across the political aisle, retaliatory tariffs and other anti-trade measures fly in the face of traditional free-market approaches. Meanwhile, a recent survey conducted by the Harris Poll showed a growing number of young people favor socialism over capitalism.

In recent weeks, journalists and political pundits have offered colorful but limited solutions for how to rebuild confidence in capitalism. In the hopes of laying out a practical path toward restoring trust, the business-led Committee for Economic Development, or CED, has published the book "Sustaining Capitalism: Bipartisan Solutions to Restore Trust & Prosperity," which offers a series of policy measures.

Since World War II, capitalism has created unprecedented, worldwide prosperity and opportunity. Yet many Americans fail to believe this or vehemently disagree, finding the idea offensive. On both ends of the political spectrum, public trust in capitalism is at a historic low. This lack of trust is fed by economic disenfranchisement and income inequality, and manifests itself in philosophical shifts and wide swings in public policymaking.

Both ends of the political spectrum are tearing at capitalism and its benefits. On the political right, anti-trade and protectionist policies have rebuffed traditional free-market approaches. On the political left, there is growing support for significant intrusion into market-led capitalism that threatens to move our nation closer to socialism.

Polarized politics and partisan strife compound the lack of trust through the

creation of bad economic policy. Well-meaning efforts like the health care reform led by Democrats and the tax reform led by Republicans were out of balance. This contributed to unaffordable costs on one side and unsustainable deficits on the other.

Policies like these eventually become targets for further destabilizing change when the political pendulum inevitably swings the other way.

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No wonder there is an entrenched sense of fear and distrust. Capitalism in America is distorted and failing to deliver the advances in our nation's standard of living that it made in the past.

Regaining trust will take tremendous effort and demand unflinching honesty. We can start by recognizing capitalism must be made better and more reliably improved through longer-term, bipartisan solutions.

The benefits of capitalism may be too often forgotten, but they are proven and impressive. There are no better ambassadors to preach these benefits than business leaders. They can leverage their positions of leadership and trust within our society to give capitalism the marketing boost it so desperately needs.

A recent survey revealed people have

more trust in their employers than in government officials. More than three-quarters of respondents to Edelman's 2019 Trust Barometer survey said CEOs — not government leaders — should take the lead on many economic and societal changes.

The bipartisan policies outlined in CED's "Sustaining Capitalism" provide a road map for improving capitalism by calling for improving education, infrastructure and the nation's overall fiscal health. "Sustaining Capitalism" also calls for greater vigilance against crony capitalism — a corruption that both business and government leaders must reject if they want their pro-capitalism preaching to be believed. CEOs can build on this road map, identify our capitalistic system as in need of ongoing maintenance and improvement, and assert that what is good for America is ultimately good for the economy and business.

There are concerns that big business's narrow focus on shareholders and away from a broader concern for the public good has contributed to the diminishing views of capitalism. Business leaders have the opportunity, and the responsibility, to demonstrate concern for the nation's interests. They can become champions of the public interest through market-based solutions proven to provide significant benefits to society. They can also encourage both the American people and their representatives in government to support bipartisan solutions such as those endorsed by the CED.

Business leaders who believe a more market-based approach to economics is important to humankind, and should be stabilized and saved, must work together with political leaders to earn back the people's trust in capitalism.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Preserve our green space

Maybe the change in weather will help remind people again why it is a treasure for Chicago to have created and maintained open, clear and free public parks along the lakeshore and not permitted invasive construction of humongous 235-foot-tall towers in their place.

The departing mayor, who never saw a lakefront public park he didn't want to contaminate with celebrity construction, may never understand that the city's motto — "Urbs in horto" ("City in a garden") — is a celebration of those public parks and that his idea to dump the Obama Presidential Center into historic Jackson Park, and *only in Jackson Park*, for no better reason than Obama is a celebrity, is loopy and destructive. Especially when there are so many other better and available locations that need the investment and development of new neighborhood construction.

Much has been written about the need and benefits of public parks in congested urban centers. Now something really important has been established in a study done by a university in Denmark:

"Researchers were ... able to show a correlation between one kid's proximity to green space during childhood and that same person's mental health problems like mood disorders, depression, and stress-related disorders as an adult," according to a report about the study by the business magazine Fast Company. "... The more green space a person was exposed to up until the age of 10, the lower his or her risk for most of the 16 mental disorders the researchers examined."

Aren't growing children living on the South Side as deserving of living in close proximity to existing green space as children on the North Side?

— *Herb Caplan, President, Protect Our Parks, Chicago*

Don't cite religion in anti-vax stance

Those who oppose vaccinations on religious grounds aren't basing their "beliefs" on Scripture. Where does it state in the Old or New Testament that "Thou shalt not vaccinate your children because it will harm them"? Surely there is no mention of the application on modern medical technology in these texts.

What is abhorrent is the role that certain members of the clergy play in fostering unsubstantiated and erroneous information to their congregations. Who are they that they would undermine sound guidelines to protect not only children, but also the community at large?

This harmful fabrication has to stop. The current epidemic caused by the measles virus is a serious one. Measles leads to at least one of three outcomes: a very sick child, the potential of lifelong disabilities or death. What parent wants to take such risks? I, for one, will not get a feeling of warped pleasure when a nonvaccinated child becomes ill, or worse.

— *Sam Solomon, Deerfield*

Let's rethink sentencing

The prison sentence imposed on Jason Van Dyke for the murder of Laquan McDonald has stirred understandable outrage with its perceived leniency when contrasted with the frequent use of longer prison sentences for less harmful crimes. It reveals a gross lack of proportionality and a graphic reminder of the inequalities exacerbated by our criminal justice apparatus.

But it also invites us to examine how we can make criminal sentencing more responsible and just. Those of us committed to rolling back mass incarceration need to make the case for fewer and shorter prison sentences that better serve the requirements of justice.

In that spirit, what if we used this sentence as an outer limit, reserved for extreme violence? It could serve as a precedent invoked by every defense attorney to counter every proposed prison sentence that exceeds this new standard, with proportionality in mind.

No longer should we witness sentences of years in prison for burglaries, robberies and other felonies. Instead, those prison sentences would become much shorter, and overall we would make much less use of incarceration in favor of probation supervision, fines, restitution, community service and community accountability, and alternatives to prosecution.

While we have focused on how much time Jason Van Dyke should spend in prison, what about healing for the survivors of Laquan McDonald and engaged accountability by the offender? Vengeance will not deliver either. It distracts from the greater challenge to make amends (to the extent possible), to enhance public safety and to seek reconciliation.

Experience shows that we can achieve all of this by thinking through what justice requires and acting accordingly.

— *Douglas Thomson, Evanston*

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Will Trump win in 2020?

Whether we use blunt forecasting models or tell complex voter stories, this one's a stumper

By **MEGAN MCARDLE**

We in the political commentariat tend to like complex and nuanced campaign narratives. We pore over the details of the policy prescriptions, hunt for subtle trends in national sentiment and analyze how this remark or that alliance will affect a candidate's chances with America's amazing variety of demographic constituencies.

The opposite approach is taken by a group of academics and consultants focused on politics: They prefer blunt, brute-force models that forecast elections using only a handful of factors. Nate Silver, whose models for FiveThirtyEight rely heavily on polls, is the most famous of this group, but some of the forecasters work on a level even more removed from day-to-day detail and political personalities, looking at questions such as whether there's an incumbent in the race, or a recession in the offing.

The fact that some of these models perform pretty well has not discouraged the commentariat from pursuing its hobby. And now, with President Donald Trump, we who tell stories about the electorate may have an opportunity to beat the abstract indicators.

As it stands, many narrow-factor models predict Trump winning in a landslide. He is an incumbent, and voters seem to generally prefer the devil they know to the one they don't. He is also presiding over a strong economy, and voters seem to be particularly reluctant to toss out the devil-in-residence during good economic times.

You can protest that presidents don't

make the economy grow, and you'd be right. Presidents can play ham-fisted havoc with the economy, but they have a negligible ability to deliver upside surprises. Yet it's obvious that voters think they can, which means that any incumbent whose first term happens to coincide with a boom goes into a re-election campaign as heavily favored to win.

That axiom has only one caveat: Donald Trump. His approval ratings are far from where we'd expect them to be, given the strength of the economy. Only one president has ever been in this ballpark at this point in his first term and gone on to re-election. And that was Ronald Reagan, at a time when the United States was just beginning to pull out of a brutal recession. Reagan had enjoyed an average 57 percent approval rating his first year in office, and after a rough couple of years post-recession, his approval ratings began rising back toward what we might think of as their natural point, peaking at 60 percent in 1986. Trump, by contrast, entered office with a 45 percent approval rating, according to Gallup, a high point he has matched only once. It is currently bouncing between the high 30s and the low 40s.

It seems possible that the models predicting Trump's re-election, however well they've worked in the past, may contain a hidden assumption: a normal sort of president who will not repel swing voters with intemperate vulgarities or disappoint the base by not really pursuing a policy agenda. Which means narrative may beat predictive numbers in the next election.

But as we begin to construct those narratives, we should remember that

journalists are apt to undervalue the strong economy because the economy for the news business isn't good. Journalism's business model faces an existential threat, and the pervasive sense of economic gloom in the industry can color the reporting on what is in truth a generally healthy economy.

For the rest of the country, unemployment is low, and workers who gave up and exited the labor force between 2010 and 2014 are clearly being drawn back in by the lure of open jobs and briskly increasing hourly earnings. Gross domestic product growth is strong, inflation is quiescent and the stock market is near its all-time peak. Those things could change, of course, but until they do, we shouldn't let our own troubles — or our tendency to assume that every single thing Trump says is a lie — blind us to the truth of economic growth under his administration.

Nor should we let our dour outlook tempt us to give those blunt, brute-force models shorter shrift than they deserve. It is highly possible that the 2020 campaign will see those simple models bested by grand narratives and complex stories. But if we let our own circumstances dominate those narratives, we're likely to wind up surprised on Election Day, having succumbed — as we did three years ago — to blunt-force trauma.

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



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Jill on Money

Ready to buy your first home? Read this first

The spring home-buying season has arrived and, with wages up, mortgage rates down and inventory slowly increasing, many first-time buyers are ready to enter the market.

Before you get sucked into the vortex of never-ending open houses (say goodbye to your weekends!), you need to guard against the emotional pull that real estate creates, especially for those who have never gone through the process before.

Falling hard for that dream house can lead anyone to pay up, but according to a NerdWallet survey, first time buyers are more susceptible: 56 percent of first-time buyers offered more than the asking price, more than the 35 percent of other homebuyers who did so. Maybe paying up led to the other glaring finding: 34 percent of first-time home buyers felt financially insecure after their purchase, versus 17 percent of buyers who had done it before.

I wonder how many of these first-time buyers focused on the numbers before they started the process. I fear that some happily take however much money a lender will provide, and then back into the house price that they can afford. Just because a lender will fork over the dough, does not mean you should take it.

As housing expert Ilyce Glink wisely notes, "There's a difference between what lenders tell you is affordable and what will feel affordable to you."

When you run your numbers, you will consider mortgage principal and interest, homeowners insurance and taxes. But don't stop there; add a line item for up-keep and maintenance.

Depending on the age of the house and its condition, factor in 1 to 3 percent of the purchase price annually and then see how the numbers look.

While loads of lenders will tell you that you can buy a home with "just 3 percent down," I prefer the conservative approach of a 20 percent down payment, which allows you to qualify for a conventional loan with the best rates. It will also prevent you from paying private mortgage insurance, which can vary from 0.3-1.5 percent of the original loan amount, depending on your credit score and the size of your down payment.

That said it is hard to accumulate 20 percent down, especially in pricey markets. If you are going to put down less, understand the rules for your particular mortgage and be clear that you need to monitor the value of your home and alert the lender if you have reached 80 percent equity so that you can get rid of that extra private mortgage insurance payment.

Before you start the mortgage application process, pull your credit report at AnnualCreditReport.com and correct any mistakes that you find. This is an important step in getting preapproved (which is much better than prequalified) for a mortgage. If the report looks good, it's time to shop around, which according to the NerdWallet survey is another minefield for first-timers.

Half of buyers applied to just one lender, which cost them about \$430 in interest in the first year for a fixed-rate \$260,000 mortgage.

Before you take the final plunge, consider whether buying a home might preclude you from addressing other important financial issues in your life, such as paying down student loans or saving for retirement. And no, it is not OK to deplete your emergency reserves to make the purchase.

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DREAMSTIME

GOING KONDO

Tidying method also can apply to careers, offices

BY KEVIN DAUM
Inc.

It's time for spring cleaning. Don't worry, this won't hurt too much.

As Japanese tidying expert and Netflix star Marie Kondo has taught so many of us, cleaning and purging can be a cathartic experience that makes way for new and better things — and, yes, it can even spark joy.

Every year, I go through a business spring cleaning in which I review my files, clients and more to find where I can and should cut, and where I'm

missing golden opportunities. It helps me reset my priorities, focus on those more important items, and feel more at peace in my workspace.

It also reinvigorates my passion for the work while also making me more efficient.

With all the attention the KonMari method is bringing to decluttering, it seems like the perfect time to take the idea and run with it for business as well.

Here are Kondo's six principles of tidying, applied to business.

Commit to tidying up

The first step is making the decision to clean up your stuff. It will take effort, but it will be worth it. Psych yourself up for the job, and write down reminders of why you're doing it. Keep the list easily accessible so you can return to it when you're feeling frustrated.

Imagine your ideal business

What do you really want to do? I'm not suggesting you quit your job or totally abandon a functional strategy (unless that's what it takes for success and happiness). I am suggesting you



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envision how your job could and should be.

Should you get to work earlier in the morning? Should you always set aside 30 minutes a day for a particular task? Can you become more focused by taking a nap every afternoon? Identify what you'd like your day to be like to maximize efficiency and increase satisfaction.

Discard

Get rid of the stuff you know is clutter. All those free pens you got at that conference? Give them to your local school. Random pieces of scrap paper that are all over your desk? Recycle them. The books from grad school you never look at? Donate them to the library.

Remember that tax and audit documents only have to be retained for a certain number of years. Clear your space and feel freer.

Tidy by category

Now that your clutter is gone, you can get start organizing what's left. The key to the KonMari Method is that you tackle by category. That means tackling your entire client list in one swing, or considering all your client files at once.

It's the best way to see what you've got and what you really need. You can even consider your office wardrobe to be a category, even though you keep it at home.

Follow the right order

The proper KonMari order is clothes, books, papers, household items and sentimental items. That doesn't translate perfectly to business, but I've made some connections.

I suggest: marketing, books, papers, office items and people, each broken down into appropriate sub-categories. So for example, office item subcategories could include office supplies, furniture and cabinets. People subcategories could include employees, clients and contractors. Kondo suggests saving the hardest for last, which is why you should tackle everything else before you try to deal with people.

Ask if it sparks joy

When it comes to things like books and office supplies, the joy test is a fantastic strategy. If you reference that business book all the time and it reminds you of that great class in grad school, hang on to it. But if it's a book explaining a marketing strategy that you don't really agree with or use, dump it.

There's simply not enough value to warrant the space it takes up.

Here's where it gets more difficult: people. Is there an employee who simply is not a culture fit, no matter the effort you make to get him aligned? It's time to say goodbye. Is there a client who takes all your time but constitutes a tiny fraction of your revenue? Consider moving on from the relationship. This is a difficult process, but it opens you up to new and better employees and clients.

When deciding what to discard, remember that the endgame is not to toss or donate as much as possible, but to make sure that the things you keep make you happy.

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Medication warning

Prescription drug changes could increase costs to consumers

BY KIMBERLY LANKFORD
Kiplinger

If your insurance plan covers prescription drugs, you may be in for sticker shock the next time you go to the pharmacy. Express Scripts and CVS Caremark, two large pharmacy benefit managers that provide drug coverage for many health plans, dropped about 90 drugs from their



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preferred formularies (the list of drugs they cover) in 2019.

These changes can affect people who have coverage through their employer, as well as people who buy an individual policy.

Specifics vary, but many insurers adopt the pharmacy benefit managers' preferred formularies for their own coverage. (The drug lists can be different for Medicare Part D. The Trump administration has

proposed new rules for Medicare plans that would require PBMs that receive rebates from drug companies to pass on the savings to consumers.)

If several medications are deemed effective at treating a specific disease, the pharmacy benefit manager typically negotiates with drug manufacturers and chooses the option that costs the least. That could cause a drug you're using to be dropped from its formulary.

If your medication is dropped, ask your doctor if you can switch to an alternative. For example, Pradaxa, a blood thinner that was dropped from Express Scripts' formulary, costs about \$500 for a 30-day supply without insurance. But you may be able to switch to warfarin, a generic version of a different blood thinner, which may be covered by your insurance with a small co-pay.

Some drugs may be difficult to substitute if you're in the middle of treatment, says Dan Johnson, of ScriptSave WellRX, which

provides price comparisons and a discount card. In that case, your best option may be to work with your doctor to file an appeal with the plan, explaining why you can't use another drug.

One strategy that can save you money if your insurer stops covering your prescription is to pay cash and use a coupon or discount card. Check GoodRx.com for coupons and cash prices at different pharmacies.

Or get help with out-of-pocket costs from the pharmaceutical company's patient-assistance program or a charitable patient assistance foundation. (Some programs have income limitations to qualify.) Go to www.incomefoundation.org or www.needymeds.org to look up programs for your drugs.

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Protect yourself from fraud

Top 10 financial scams in U.S.



BY ELLIOT RAPHAELSON
The Savings Game

We often read about financial scams targeting the elderly because they are perceived to be easy victims, but it's not just seniors who are vulnerable, of course.

The Senate Committee on Aging has identified the top scams that targeted the elderly and other age groups in 2018. If you believe you have been a target of any scam, report the information to the Senate Committee on Aging at its website, www.aging.senate.gov. You also can call the committee's fraud hotline at 1-855-303-9470.

Be wary of these scams and ensure your parents and grandparents are well-informed about these attempts to steal their money.

- **IRS impersonations:** A scammer claims that you owe back taxes and penalties and threatens arrest or home foreclosure unless the person pays immediately. The IRS would never contact you by phone or email. You can be sure that if you are contacted in this way, it is not the IRS and you are being scammed. Do not give any information.
- **Robocalls and unsolicited phone calls:** People are being inundated with

robocalls by scammers to make it seem that the call originates in the consumer's state or local area code. You can call your local phone company to determine if you can block these calls.

■ **Sweepstakes scams:** A fraudster calls to tell you you have won a contest and if you pay an up-front-fee, you will receive a prize. If you are asked to pay an up-front fee, it is a scam and you have not won anything.

■ **Computer tech support scams:** The scammer claims to work for a well-known tech company. He or she says your computer has been infected with a virus and he or she needs to get remote access to your computer. There may be a hefty charge for the service.

Never grant a caller remote access to your computer. Once in, the hacker can install malware that can search for banking information and more. If you think you have a virus, find an expert to check your computer out. Hang up immediately if someone calls and claims your computer has a virus and never click on popups that insist your computer has been compromised. Offer no information.

■ **Elder financial abuse:** These scammers can be a family member, caregiver, financial planner or other familiar person. Or they may approach you by mail, Internet or phone. Before you accept financial advice you are not comfortable with, use other independent sources with financial expertise.

■ **Emergency scams:** A scammer pretends to be the victim's grandchild (or other relative or friend) and claims he or she needs money for an emergency.

■ **Romance scams:** A fraudster initiates a relationship via online dating

sites, and asks for money to pay for a trip to visit the victim or to cover medical expenses. Never give money to someone you don't know well.

■ **Social Security impersonation:** A fraudster makes contact by phone or email claiming to represent the SSA and asks consumers for personal information such as Social Security numbers, date of birth and/or bank account information. SSA will not contact you this way.

■ **Impending lawsuit scams:** A stranger calls claiming to work for a local, state or federal law enforcement agency and tells the victim there is a warrant out for his or her arrest, and the person must pay a fine. Never give money just because someone says you owe it.

■ **Identity theft:** A scammer makes unauthorized credit card purchases, steals money from bank accounts and/or accesses a victim's Medicare or other health-care accounts. Make sure you protect personal information related to all your financial accounts.

Avoid using public WiFi for banking and other sensitive matters and use two-factor authentication on your financial accounts, if it's available. Check your accounts weekly online, and if you notice any unusual activity, call your financial institution. If you suspect fraud, place an alert through Experian, TransUnion or Equifax. Also, be sure to check your credit report; you can do so for free once a year with one of the major credit reporting agencies.

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If you want your investment dollars to not only make money but to possibly make the world a better place as well, there are some new ways to make that happen.

More than \$1 out of every \$4 under professional management in the United States — at least \$8 trillion — is invested according to strategies that incorporate environmental, social and corporate governance criteria, according to Morningstar.

Numerous academic studies have shown there is no additional risk when investing using ESG screens — that is, those that consider environmental, social and corporate governance factors. Nor is there a measurable impact, either positive or negative, on investment returns — except for the unquantifiable benefit of believing your investment dollars are helping make the world a better place.

The easiest way for American investors to participate in this trend is through exchange traded funds that specialize in various forms of socially responsible investing. Those funds may include stocks, bonds, cause-specific securities or a mixture of these. As well, there are traditional managed mutual funds that have adopted ESG criteria. Morningstar even has an investment tool to evaluate funds based on sustainability criteria.

The cost of investing using ESG principles is no more than a standard mutual fund or ETF. Vanguard, which has four ETFs concentrating on socially responsible investment screening, is launching its first actively managed fund in this space, the Global ESG Select Stock Fund, this spring.

Newday Investing is taking aim at the ESG market using a different investment approach. It has created an app that allows people to customize their investing goals based on interest in several impact portfolios, including ocean health, global impact, fresh water, animal welfare, gender equality and climate action.

Using their app, you create access a risk-profiled account where you can start investing for as little as \$5 a month to build an investment account or a traditional or Roth IRA. You can choose one or more causes to be included in your investment portfolio. Each cause has a separately managed portfolio. And the portfolio managers vote the proxies to support shareholder resolutions in favor of good causes.

But the Newday app goes beyond just investments. The social side of Newday Investing is to actually support the issue itself. When you invest, 5 percent of the minimal account fees will go to support nongovernmental organizations working to help that specific cause.

Newday aims to build a community around these causes, posting the latest research and news so that participants will become informed and involved, as well as invested, says Doug Heske, CEO of Newday Financial. Looking ahead, Newday envisions a savings and checking account platform through an FDIC bank.

On a practical basis, the user-friendly app makes it easy to open an account and customize your choices. You can download the Newday Impact Investing app or follow the link at NewdayImpact.com. Then you can browse information about the various causes.

You'll be guided through a short risk analysis, to determine the mix of equities and bonds in your portfolio. You'll be asked a few questions about your job status, stage in life, age — and your goals. Those goals range from simply making an impact to saving for retirement, college or a home. The ultimate portfolio ranges from conservative to aggressive.

From there, it's simple to open your account and link your bank account, to set up regular contributions. The portfolios are priced once daily, and there is complete liquidity; you can take your money out by moving it back to your bank account.

Doing good has never been so easy, or potentially profitable. And that's The Savage Truth.

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

How secure is a credit freeze?

It's not foolproof, so check reports regularly

BY KIMBERLY LANKFORD
Kiplinger

Q: My wife and I both froze our credit reports to prevent identity theft. With the freeze in place, is it safe to stop checking our credit reports periodically?

A: A credit freeze is not a foolproof mechanism to protect against ID theft, and it's still a good idea to check your credit reports regularly. You can get a free copy of your report from each of the three credit bureaus every 12 months at www.annualcreditreport.com. (The freeze doesn't affect your ability to check your report.)

A freeze prevents new creditors from accessing your credit report, making it more difficult for ID thieves to take out new credit in your name.



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But "a freeze does not prevent someone from using an existing account to make fraudulent charges, which is far more common," says Rod Griffin, director of public education for credit bureau Experian. When you check your report, "you may also find evidence of fraud, such as variation in your name spelling, Social Security number or other identification," he says.

Report any suspicious information or errors to the credit bureau. Go to Experian.com, Equifax.com and TransUnion.com to place a temporary fraud alert for suspicious activity or to dispute information on a report.

Q. Do you have any advice to help me choose which type of Medicare supplement plan to buy?

A: Medicare supplement policies (Medigap plans), which pay out-of-pocket costs not covered by Medicare, come in 10 letter designations (A through D; F; G; and K through N). All plans with the same letter have the same coverage, but prices can vary by company.

Plan F has been the most popular. It covers the Medicare Part A hospital deductible and co-payments, the Part B deductible, and some emergency care outside the United States.

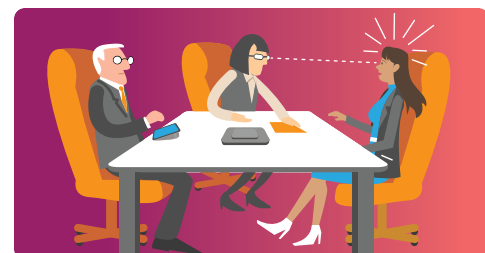
Plan F will be discontinued for new Medicare enrollees in 2020 (but people who already have Plan F can keep it). Plan G provides the same coverage except for the \$185 Part B deductible. If you don't expect having many doctors' visits, consider Plan N, which usually has lower premiums in return for some cost sharing.

Most state insurance departments describe the types of medigap policies and list the premiums for plans in their area. Find your state's insurance department at www.naic.org/map.

Kimberly Lankford is a contributing editor to Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine. Send your questions and comments to moneypower@kiplinger.com.

How to fake confidence

Whether you're at a job interview or presenting at a meeting, if you're feeling nervous, try the following techniques to create the illusion of confidence.



Make eye contact

Make one-on-one eye contact with each participant in the room and you likely will hold their attention and appear poised.



Sit and stand tall

If you sit and stand up straight, you will look confident. You'll also appear to be ready to speak, respond and contribute confidently to the discussion.



Be still

If you have lots of busy gestures, you'll likely project confusion, nervousness or lack of preparedness. Also avoid touching yourself and grooming gestures such as fixing your hair.



Slow your pace

We tend to rush when we're nervous, and rushing makes our audience aware that we are not comfortable.



Articulate your words

We've all heard speakers who devalue what they say by slurring their words. You'll sound more confident if you put commitment and energy behind your words.

SOURCE: Fast Company

SUCCESS

How leaders can avoid commitment issues

By **BRUCE ECKFELDT**
Inc.

Many of the business leaders and executives I coach want to be more productive and have a greater effect on their business and their industry. But as their company grows, their workload grows and they often find themselves feeling overwhelmed and, at times, ineffective.

One of the lessons that leaders in high-growth companies must learn is that to be more productive they need to commit to fewer things. By committing only to a few things, you allow yourself to really focus and dig in. This allows you to understand problems better, develop more create solutions and guide implementation with more care.

Additionally, by staying out of other issues, other people feel compelled to commit more fully and with more focus than you could.

To get this right, leaders need to be clear about where to focus and what to hand off. When I work with executives, we zero in on these six techniques to determine areas in which they can have the greatest impact.

1. Clarify your priorities

Before you can make decisions on where to focus your energy, you need to have a clear and limited set of priorities. These priorities surface with clear role descriptions and a clear set of strategic objectives.

Every member of a company should know the 8 to 10 key metrics for their role and a handful of strategic goals. If something you're working on is not tied to one of these metrics, you're



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better off letting someone else take it on.

2. Know your limits

If you don't know your effective capacity and how much you've already committed to, then you'll never be able to manage your time effectively. One of the first exercises I go through with executives is to have them develop an ideal week and then create a calendar.

The process of creating a defensive calendar will show you how to best organize your work, how much time you need to

devote to management and how much time you have for projects. Once you've committed to this capacity, you either need to say no to new work or renegotiate previous commitments to free up space.

3. Pause before committing

I see leaders commit to things in the heat of a meeting or exciting discussion with a colleague, boss or investor. One effective strategy in these situations is to develop the habit of pausing for a moment before responding to a

request.

Rather than jumping right to a commitment, ask for a few hours or even minutes to look at your schedule and get back to him or her. This pause can give enough time to really consider you workload and priorities.

4. Learn to say no

Great leaders are masters of saying no, and they do it a lot. In fact, they are so good at it, they actually make the person making the request feel good about being turned down.

The trick they use is to

invoke the higher purpose that both people have and show that saying yes to a new request would mean jeopardizing the bigger priority both people have. A great resource for this is William Ury's book "The Power of the Positive No."

5. Learn to delegate

As a senior leader, you need to be hyper focused on key areas of the business. But that doesn't mean everything else can just be pushed off or ignored. The best way to handle this is to master the art of dele-

gation.

A good delegator does more than just hand off projects. He or she chooses the right people based on skills and desire, and he or she focuses on getting real commitment to the work. Good leaders also make sure that their people have the training and resources they need and they set up checkpoints to ensure things are staying on track.

Remember, just because you've delegated something, doesn't mean you're not still accountable for the results.

6. Renegotiate as needed

Sometimes news things come up that you need to do, but that doesn't mean you need to overload yourself. Instead, you need to re-prioritize and renegotiate your previous commitments.

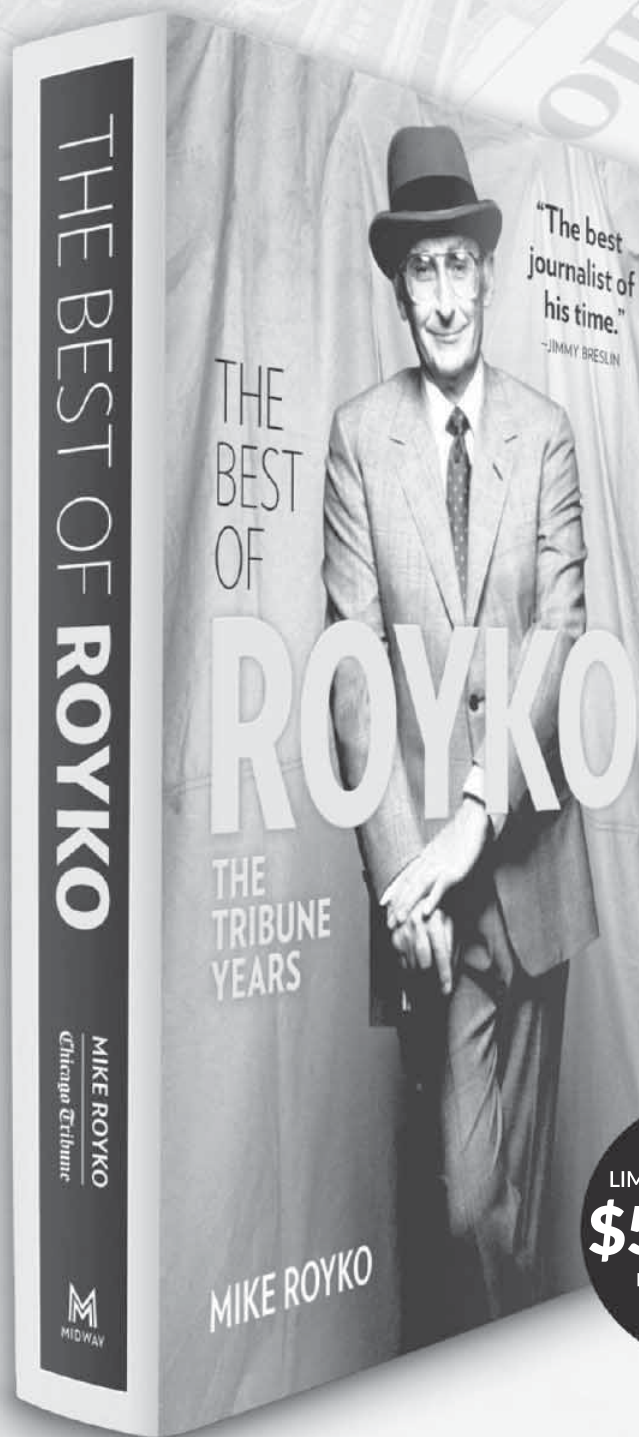
If you go to people early and explain that you need to change your delivery date, push something off together, or delegate it to someone else, you give them a chance to change their commitments. Ultimately, you'll be more respected in your organization if you go to people early than if you leave them in the lurch.

Early in a company's life and especially with small teams, everything is dynamic and things happen in a very fluid nature. Commitments and priorities are easy to manage and communicate. But as you move up in management and your business grows, becoming more focused on few things will be key to your success, and the success of the business.

Bruce Eckfeldt is the founder of Eckfeldt & Associates and the host of two business podcasts.

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OBITUARIES

CHARLES McCARRY 1930-2019

CIA officer became acclaimed spy novelist

By **MATT SCHUDEL**
The Washington Post



COURTESY OF CALEB MCCARRY
Charles McCarry's masterpiece, "The Tears of Autumn," came out in 1974.

Charles McCarry spent almost 10 years in the CIA as an undercover officer, operating alone as he roamed throughout Africa, Europe and Asia in the 1950s and '60s. He never carried a gun. He didn't kill anyone.

He was in the agency when the Berlin Wall went up in 1961. He was in and out of Vietnam. He was at an airport in Congo in 1963 when a Belgian priest told him about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He always went by an assumed name and never lived in the same countries in which he worked.

After he resigned from the CIA to become a writer, Mr. McCarry used many of those elements in the novel that many consider his masterpiece, "The Tears of Autumn." But when he turned in his manuscript, it was initially rejected by his publisher.

"Where's the car chase? Where's the torture scene? Where's the sex? Where's the good Russian?" the publisher demanded, as McCarry recalled in a 1988 essay for The Washington Post. "Do you call this a thriller?"

The publisher gave him a best-selling novel to study. A month later, McCarry submitted his manuscript again — without so much as changing a comma. This time, it was accepted. "I can only write what I know," he noted.

Since it came out in 1974, "The Tears of Autumn" has sold millions of copies and has been hailed as a classic of espionage fiction. In his 13 novels, McCarry created dense, fast-moving plots of international intrigue populated by complex, troubled characters seeking to find order and purpose in their lives.

"There is simply no other way to say it," Otto Penzler, an expert on crime and espionage fiction, wrote in the New York Sun in 2004. "Just the straightforward, inarguable truth: Charles McCarry is the greatest espionage writer that America has ever produced."

McCarry, whose novels about spycraft and politics were deeply admired if not always well-known, died Feb. 26 at a hospital in Fairfax County, Va.

He was 88.

He had complications from a cerebral hemorrhage sustained in a fall, said a son, Caleb McCarry.

No blockbuster movies have been based on McCarry's books, his photograph seldom appeared on his dust jackets, and he didn't go on book tours or appear on television. "They only want to ask me about my life in the CIA," he told The Post in 1988, "and I can't talk about that."

Yet his novels were written with such a deft, knowing touch that he often invited favorable comparisons to another spy-turned-author. "McCarry is the American le Carre," Penzler wrote, "equaling him stylistically but surpassing his English counterpart in terms of intellectual depth and moral clarity."

In his 1979 novel "The Better Angels," he wrote of a network of "computers talking to one another," and he described suicide bombers and hijacked airliners used as weapons, years before those practices were adopted by terrorists.

In 1998's "Lucky Bastard," he portrayed a president — who believes himself to be an illegitimate son of JFK — who wins office with the help of Russian money and intelligence officials. "The American people in their mystical wisdom," McCarry wrote, "had lifted up this sociopath, this liar, this rapist, this hollow man beloved by lunatics and traitors, and made him the most powerful human being in the world."

McCarry's 1995 political thriller "Shelley's Heart" featured a disputed Senate confirmation, a presidential election manipulated by electronic fraud and an impeachment battle. In his review, Washington Post

book critic Jonathan Yardley wondered if it might be the best novel ever written about official Washington.

"I've read all the other contenders," Yardley wrote, "and nothing comes close to 'Shelley's Heart,' which in every important respect simply rolls the competition into the ground."

McCarry's best-known character was an old-school spy with a poetic heart named Paul Christopher, who appeared in no fewer than eight novels. In many ways, he was McCarry's alter ego — a "singleton" spy who traveled on his own, seeking to advance U.S. influence.

"Evil was permanent and it was everywhere," McCarry wrote in "The Better Angels," describing the milieu that he and Christopher occupied. "What mattered was that it should be channeled, tricked into working for your own side. That was what an intelligence service was for."

Albert Charles McCarry Jr. was born June 14, 1930, in Pittsfield, Mass. He grew up on his family's farm in nearby Plainfield, milking cows and attending a two-room schoolhouse. By 14, he determined he wanted to be a writer, but lacking money for college, he entered the Army after finishing high school.

He wrote and produced a base newspaper in Germany. Later, an Army friend recommended him for a job as a speechwriter for President Dwight D. Eisenhower's labor secretary, James P. Mitchell. In 1958, McCarry joined the CIA after Mitchell suggested him to CIA Director Allen Dulles.

At 5-foot-10 and wearing heavy-framed glasses, the unarmed McCarry didn't match the James Bond image of a spy, but he was in clandestine service overseas for nine years.

"I traveled a lot, in and out of countries, in and out of identities," he told The Boston Globe in 1995. "The telephone would ring at midnight, and then I would fly out to the Congo."

His work involved "covert political action" — and a lot of sitting around in hotel lobbies.

"People are dying to tell you their secrets," he said to the Los Angeles Times in 2008. "If you just let people fill the silence they will tell you the most extraordinary things."

weight boxing's first five-time world champion as he defeated Carmen Basilio in Chicago.

In 1964 Britain set aside an acre of land at Runnymede, where the Magna Carta was signed in 1215, as a memorial for the late U.S. President John F. Kennedy.

In 1965 Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 marchers to the state Capitol in Montgomery, Ala., to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks.

In 1975 King Faisal of Saudi Arabia was shot to death by a nephew with a history of mental illness. (The nephew was beheaded the following June.)

In 1976 the United States vetoed a U.N. Security Council resolution deploring Israeli policies in Jerusalem and occupied areas on the West Bank of the Jordan River.

In 1987 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled employers may sometimes favor women and members of minority groups over men and whites in hiring and promoting in order to achieve better balance in the work force.

In 1988 Robert Chambers pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter in the death of 18-year-old Jennifer Levin in New York's "preppie murder" case.

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Blakley, M.D., Palmer Jean
Palmer Jane Blakley, M.D. passed away March 23, 2019, at Metro South Medical Center, from complications of COPD following knee replacement surgery. She was 68 years old. Palmer is survived by the love of her life, Gholamali Afshang M.D., with whom she was able to enjoy 25 wonderful years. She is also survived by her loving brother, Richard Ewen Blakley and her devoted sister Allison Blakley (Kenneth) Davis. Palmer was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Harriet Blakley. Born and raised on the far South Side of Chicago, Palmer was a 1967 graduate of James H. Bowen High School. She subsequently matriculated at the University of Chicago, A.B. 1971; the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, B.S.N. 1973; and the Feingold School of Medicine at Northwestern University, M.D. 1990. Palmer spent more than 12 years as a Critical and Intensive Care Nurse in Chicago and San Francisco before deciding to become a doctor. When she completed her application for medical school in the mid 1980's, Palmer was asked to explain any failing or incomplete grades received as an undergraduate. Palmer explained a semester in which all of her grades were incompletes with a single sentence: "In the spring of 1970, the U.S. invaded Cambodia". Despite a late start, Palmer worked as a radiologist for more than 20 years. Palmer began to prepare in earnest for her medical career at the age of 9, when she was producer, director, and star (as both nurse and doctor) of "Life in a Hospital," a recurring docudrama staged in the Blakley family garage. She loved dogs, especially dachshunds. The last twenty years of her life she took great joy and pride from her miniature dachshunds: Cyrus and Lex, both of whom lived long, happy lives. Both dogs predeceased her. Visitation Wednesday, March 27, 2019 from 10:00 am until time of services 12 noon at the **Brady-Gill Funeral Home**, 16600 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park. Interment Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery, Willow Springs. Shiva Thursday night 7-9pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be to the Almost Home Dachshund Rescue Society or to the Foundation for the Care of Indigent Animals. For information please contact **Brady-Gill Funeral Home**. (708) 614-9900 or www.bradygill.com

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Brown, Eileen M.
Eileen M. Brown (nee Cole), age 57. Devoted wife of Thomas. Loving mother of Jessica and Elizabeth. Beloved daughter of Rita Cole and the late Norman. Dear sister of William, Robert, John (Judith), Patricia (Charles) Acosta, Joan (David) Giles, Diane, and Michael (Katie). Loving niece of John (Patricia) Seniw and Sue Klaus. Cherished aunt of many nieces and nephews. Eileen graduated with a B.A. in Business Studies from Governors State University and attended Lewis University; she assisted with Victor J. Andrew High School Arts and Craft Shows to support the V.J.A. Music Department and was an enthusiastic Chicago Cubs Fan. Visitation Tuesday, March 26, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the **McKenzie Funeral Home**, 15618 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Forest, where the Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Interment Assumption Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Eileen's name may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. www.panca.org For information: 708-687-2990

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Clifford Sr., John W.
John W. Clifford Sr., age 65, beloved father of Sean and Thomas Clifford. Dear brother of Walter and Paul Clifford and the late Christy Doyle and Madeline Clifford, loving nephew of the late Rev. Paul Clifford S.J., son of the late Jack and Charlotte, John was a partner at Jack F. Clifford & Associates, Ltd, Law Firm in Chicago. John received his J.D. from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, and practiced law for four decades. John was a lover of literature, especially Shakespeare and Joyce. Memorial visitation, Tuesday, March 26, from 4 to 8 pm at the John E. Maloney Funeral Home, 1359 W. Devon Ave, Chicago, a funeral Mass will be celebrated, Wednesday, March 27 at 10:00am at St. Ignatius Church, 6559 N. Glenwood Avenue, Chicago, interment private. In lieu of flowers, the family request contributions in John's name to Misericordia Home, 6300 N. Ridge, Chicago, IL 60660. Funeral info: 773-764-1617

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Crohn, Gerald P.
Gerald P. Crohn, 91, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home, 3/24/2019; beloved husband of the late Phyllis nee Klemperer for 44 years; loving father of Sandra (Gene), Lori (Mark) and Sherry (Gerald); cherished grandfather of Danielle, Melissa, Geoffrey, Ashley, Jordan, Joshua, Jaci and Austin; devoted son of the late David and Ethel Crohn; dear brother of the late Mel Crohn. Chapel service, Tuesday, 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be to the Alzheimer's Association or the charity of your choice. For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Falbo, Nicholas J.
Nicholas J. Falbo, age 96, WWII Air Force veteran passed away on Thursday, March 21, 2019. Beloved husband of 66 years to Mary (nee Miceli); loving uncle to many, many nieces and nephews; fond brother in law to Carmella Ammond. Visitation Wednesday, March 27th 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church 4100 W. 107th St. Oak Lawn. Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 10:30 a.m. at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Please omit flowers. For more information 773-783-7700.

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Jacobs, Estyr F.
Estyr F. Jacobs, nee Friedlander, age 100; formerly of South Holland and recently of Deerfield; beloved wife of the late Irving; loving mother of the late Simone Jacobson; mother in law of Michael Jacobson; proud grandmother of Tivon (Azusa), Shira, and Natan Jacobson; great grandmother of Jin Simon Jacobson; dear sister of the late Herbert Friedlander. Service and interment Tuesday 12noon at Oak Woods Cemetery, 1035 E 67th Street, Chicago, IL 60637. Contributions may be made to Hadassah, www.hadassah.org. Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621

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Kane Hyde, Melissa G.
We are sad to let everyone know that Melissa died on Friday, March 22, 2019, surrounded by family and friends. Beloved wife of Tim Hyde; proud and devoted mother of Isabelle and Abigail Hyde; loving daughter of Larry and the late Maxine "Macky" Kane; dear sister of Susan and Greg (Elizabeth). A memorial service will be held Tuesday, 2:30pm in the sanctuary of Temple Shalom of Chicago, 3480 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, followed by shiva in the Bette Port Hall, both Tuesday after the service and Wednesday after 5pm. Contributions may be made to Human Rights Watch, www.hrw.org. Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621

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Korona, Genevieve 'Jean'
Age 90 of Harwood Heights IL. Beloved wife of the late Leonard J Korona, sister of the late Emily Kadzielawski passed away peacefully with her family surrounding her on March 20, 2019. Genevieve is survived by her devoted children Nina McNeill (Mac), Leonard Korona (Linda), and Frank Korona; her 4 loving grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Genevieve will be laid to rest at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles IL in a private ceremony. Donations can be made in her honor to American Heart Association at www.heart.org

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Kozlowski, Linda F.
Linda F. Kozlowski; beloved wife of the late Jerry; loving mother of Robert (Kelly); cherished grandmother of 2; also survived by many loving family members. Visitation Tuesday 3-9 P.M. at Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien where a Funeral Service will be held Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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ON MARCH 25 ...

In 752 Pope Stephen II died, only two days after his election.

In 1634 Maryland was founded by English colonists sent by the second Lord Baltimore.

In 1821 Greek patriots began an uprising against the domination of the Ottoman Empire — an uprising that led to establishment of an independent kingdom.

In 1865, during the Civil War, Confederate forces captured Fort Stedman in Virginia.

In 1894 Jacob Coxey began leading an "army" of unemployed from Massillon, Ohio, to Washington to demand help from the federal

government.

In 1911, in a tragedy that galvanized the U.S. labor movement, 146 immigrant workers died in a fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Co. in New York.

In 1931 African-American journalist Ida B. Wells-Barnett died in Chicago; she was 68.

In 1947 a coal mine explosion in Centralia, Ill., claimed 111 lives.

In 1954 RCA announced it had begun producing color television sets at its plant in Bloomington, Ind. (The sets, with 12 1/2-inch picture tubes, cost \$1,000 each.)

In 1958 Sugar Ray Robinson became middle-

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Ramón Vasquez 1938-2017



Ramón could usually be found smiling behind the counter of the neighborhood restaurant he co-owned for over 20 years. He loved cracking jokes to customers, and was widely known and loved by people in his neighborhood. His wit will be greatly missed at his weekly poker night with his four brothers. Ramón passed peacefully in his home over the weekend, surrounded by his wife, Tonya, their two children, Katarina and Victoria, and his four brothers. An animal-lover, Ramón leaves behind his two cats, Fiona and Ray, and her dog, Sammy. Ramón loved to read and travel. He was a member of the Chicago Shakespeare Theater and the Chicago Shakespeare Ensemble.

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Mattenson, Nissah

Nissah Mattenson nee Mesch, 82, beloved wife of the late Merle for 62 years, loving mother of Eric (Pearl) Mattenson, Robin (David) Small, Abra (Murray) Alscher, Evan Mattenson and Aliza Mattenson (Claran Kinsella); adored Bobe of Avi, Akiva, Aeron (Arielle), Elan, Ariel (Rachel), Elie, Ean, Daniella, Lianna, Noa, Orly, Kaelen and Eva; dear sister of Dr. Barry (the late Caryl) Mesch. She was dedicated to the Jewish community through significant leadership roles in Hadassah, North Suburban Synagogue Beth El and as one of the founders of Solomon Schechter Day School. Service, Monday 12:30 PM at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, 1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hadassah. For information or to leave condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home** (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Nootbaar, Myrtle

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Rugen, Wayne Donald

Wayne Donald Rugen age 86 of Arlington Heights. Beloved husband of Norma (nee Ellison) Rugen for 63 years. Loving father of Pamela (Albert) Zayia and the late Debbie Rugen. Devoted grandfather of Jennifer (Jacob) Chadderdon, AJ (Danielle) Zayia. Wayne owned HP Rugen & Company and they were known for creating the Hackney Burger. Visitation Saturday, March 30th at 9 am until the Life Celebration Service at 11:00 am at Kolssak Funeral Home, 189 S. Milwaukee Ave. (2 Blocks South of Dundee Road) Interment Randhill Park Cemetery, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers donations to Alzheimer's Research at www.alz.org will be greatly appreciated. To leave a condolence or for additional information please visit www.funerals.pro or 847.537.6600.

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Sallas, Matthew M.

Matthew M. Sallas, age 23. Passed away March 22, 2019. Loving father of Sofia. Significant other of Samantha Laskie. Dear son of Mary Beth and the late August Sallas. Dear brother of Mark (Erin), Tara (Brad) Cozzie, Jill (Brian) Sallas and Anthony (Sherry). Uncle, Nephew and Cousin to many. Memorial visitation Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. With a service at 7 p.m. at Lack Funeral Home 9236 S. Robert Rd. (8000 w.) in Hickory Hills. Interment private.

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Weiss, Sr., James

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Eileen Alvarez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Eileen Alvarez (Mother) AKA Aileen Alvarez

JUVENILE NO.: 14AJ00495

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 26, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/12/2019**, at **10:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **17 COURTROOM K**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

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
March 25, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kai A Livingston

A MINOR
NO. 2018JD50020

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Inetra Livingston (Grandmother) (Guardian)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **October 18, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, 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 **04/05/2019** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **75 COURTROOM 030**,

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
March 25, 2019

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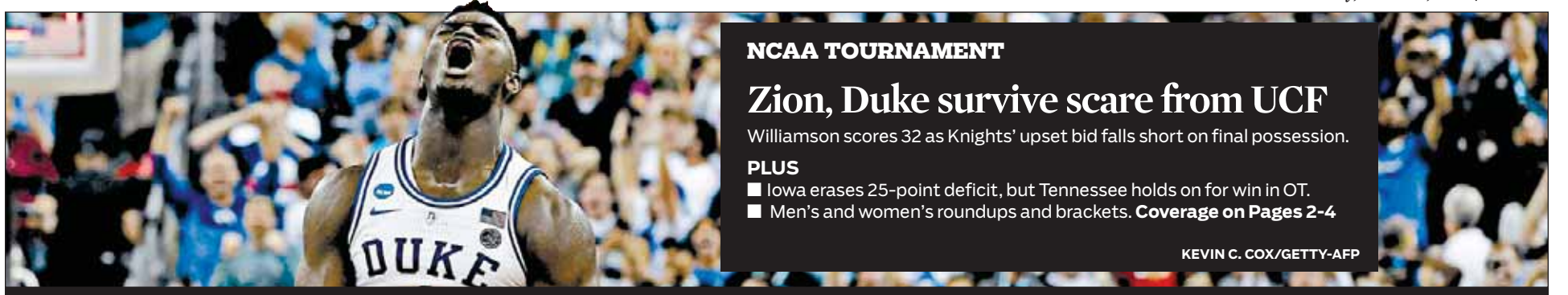
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NCAA TOURNAMENT

Zion, Duke survive scare from UCF

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CUBS

'October really starts in March'

Cubs president Theo Epstein



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Epstein reinforces sense of urgency with latest moves

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — If anyone doubted the Cubs' sense of urgency this spring, President Theo Epstein reinforced it Sunday.

The team's decision to designate left-handed reliever Brian Duensing for assignment Sunday and likely eat the \$3.5 million on his contract comes one day after the Cubs optioned 2015 first-round pick Ian Happ to Triple-A Iowa for more seasoning despite him hitting 39 home runs over the last two seasons.

"October really starts in March," Epstein said of the win-now mode. "In this case, every game really counts, and we like the way it feels when we go out and show what we can do and play good baseball. And we don't like the way it feels when we play short of our expectations."

"Everyone is all in on putting our best foot forward to win in every possible way, and the players proved that with their hard work this offseason. There's been a little bit more intensity to their work this spring. Our players

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Former first-round pick Ian Happ, left, was demoted to Triple-A Iowa on Saturday while left-handed reliever Brian Duensing was designated for assignment Sunday.



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Cubs at Rangers
3:05 p.m. Thursday, WGN-9

PC HOME OPENER
Pirates at Cubs
1:20 p.m. April 8, ABC-7



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Sox infielder Tim Anderson, 25, believes the chemistry within the team is becoming fuel to make a run this season.

WHITE SOX

Anderson feeling positive vibe for '19

White Sox infielder has visions of having breakthrough season

BY DAN WIEDERER
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The feeling is natural. Inevitable perhaps. On the bridge from spring training to the regular season, players all across baseball feel that optimism, the sense that the year ahead will be better than ever. Thus it's no surprise that White Sox shortstop Tim Anderson sees opening day in Kansas City nearing and acknowledges the adrenaline surge.

"I'm excited," Anderson says. "I feel like I'm continuing to grow and I believe in the direction everything's headed."

After spending the last seven weeks at the Sox's spring facility at Camelback Ranch, Anderson is convinced 2019 can be a special season on the South Side. He knows his own grind through February and March is paying dividends. And he's a big-time believer in the enthusiastic vibe that has been pulsing through the clubhouse.

Now, as the White Sox rebuild steers into a new phase, Anderson understands his confidence stems from two key components. First and foremost, he's feeling far more comfortable — both in the field and at the plate. "The game is slowing down a lot for me," he says.

"And I'm still learning what I can do to tighten up all aspects of my game."

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SEASON OPENER
White Sox at Royals
3:15 p.m. Thursday, NBCSCH

HOME OPENER
Mariners at White Sox
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BLACKHAWKS 2, AVALANCHE 1 (OT)

There's still some life left here

Keith's winner keeps Hawks within 5 points of final playoff spot

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

If you're missing a kitchen sink, might want to check the United Center ice.

The Blackhawks threw everything they could at the Avalanche on Sunday night, from starting Corey Crawford in net in back-to-back games to loading up Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews and Alex DeBrincat on the same line to coming out with an urgency that

wasn't always there during a crushing three-game losing streak.

The result? The Hawks will live to see another day.

Duncan Keith raced from end to end to score in overtime, allowing the Hawks to beat the Avalanche 2-1 and stay within five points of the final Western Conference wild-card spot.

Keith shoved the puck into the net before crashing into Avalanche goalie Philipp Grubauer, who stopped 40 shots in the loss. The Hawks outshot the Avs 42-20.

"I don't score too many overtime goals, but I think (Nathan MacKinnon) was coming in and I

was just trying to not get embarrassed there because he's a pretty good player," Keith said. "He kind of fell and I had the jump on him and I was thinking maybe try to pull it to my backhand. But I saw that I wasn't going to have enough room, so I just tried to slam it at the net as hard as I could."

The Hawks tried their best to win in regulation and deny the Avalanche a goal in the first two periods, outshooting them 15-3 and scoring the third period's only goal.

With as much desperation as the Hawks showed, the Avalanche's playoff chances are far

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ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Players jump onto Blackhawks goaltender Corey Crawford (50) after Duncan Keith scored the game winning goal in overtime Sunday night.

TOP OF THE SECOND

Tournament winners and losers

By PHIL ROSENTHAL, TIM BANNON
Chicago Tribune

There is perhaps no better stretch of five days in college sports than the first 100 games of the men's and women's basketball tournaments.

So many winners. So many losers. Let's take an accounting.

Winner: CBS' Zion Cam.

You could almost hear the network execs breathe a sigh of relief as Zion Williamson and top-seeded Duke escaped with a 77-76 victory over UCF on Sunday. The network knows fans — especially in NBA lottery markets such as Chicago — want to see the prospective No. 1 pro pick in action. “Because of Zion, we have added a camera dedicated to him the whole time he is on the floor,” CBS producer Mark Wolff told the News and Observer of Raleigh, N.C. Wolff said the network is out “to record everything he does.” This is believed to be unprecedented but of course raises the obvious question of why viewers can't access an all-Zion stream. It would be a big hit.

Losers: UCF.

Losing to Duke, even if only by a point, didn't feel any better than those football playoff snubs, did it? It's a shame. Tacko Fall was fun to watch.

Winner: Big Ten.

Eight Big Ten teams made the tournament, the most of any conference. Then seven teams — all but Wisconsin — quickly answered any doubters by winning first-round games. At least three conference teams (as of early Sunday night) had advanced to the Sweet 16.

Losers: Big Ten.

Michigan State and Minnesota had to face each other in the second round, something the tournament used to avoid until the Elite Eight. But now such early conference matchups are difficult to prevent with mega-conferences sending so many teams to the NAAs. “Playing another Big Ten team in the second game?” Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said Thursday. “(I) question that. But that's the way it is. I think we'll be ready to play.”

Losers and winners: Tom Izzo.



ANDY LYONS/GETTY-AFF

Michigan State and the Big Ten flexed some muscle on the opening weekend of the NCAA Tournament.

The MSU coach was criticized in some circles for berating freshman Aaron Henry in a first-round game on Thursday. On Saturday the coach led the Spartans past Minnesota for the team's first trip to the Sweet 16 since 2015.

Losers: “Rocky Top.”

Anybody ever pay attention to the lyrics of this song? Long associated with the Sweet 16-bound Tennessee Volunteers (albeit not their official fight song), it's apparently about an isolated, barren place without telephones that's recalled fondly as home to a woman who's “half bear, other half cat” and moonshiners who apparently offered a couple of revenue agents.

Winner: Admiral Schofield.

Not only does the 6-foot-6 Tennessee senior have the best name in the tournament, he's building quite a reputation to go along with it, helping lead the Vols to the South Region semifinals. He's also proof there is more than one Zion relevant to this tournament. Schofield, who was born in London, played his high school ball at Zion-Benton High School.

Winner: Colgate.

No, not the college team that gave No. 2 Tennessee team a battle in Friday's first round before losing. The toothpaste, which got tons of free publicity.

Winner: Charles Barkley.

Is there anything more entertaining than watching Charles Barkley watching his Auburn Tigers in the NCAA Tournament? And now we get at least one more dose as they play again Friday against Kenny Smith's North Carolina Tar Heels.

Winner: Max Hazzard.

Before the 6-foot redshirt junior guard led UC Irvine to a first-round victory over Kansas State, the Anteaters' biggest postseason victory was a 1986 opening-round NIT defeat of Reggie Miller and UCLA at Pauley Pavilion. The Bruins' coach at the time? The late Walt Hazzard, Max's grandfather.

Losers: DePaul.

The sixth-seeded women's team was upset in first round by No. 11 Missouri State, extinguishing its chance to play in the Sweet 16 this weekend on its home court at Wintrust Arena.

Losers: “60 Minutes.”

Samuel L. Jackson is the highest-grossing actor in Hollywood history, and more than worthy of a profile by Steve Kroft. But the timing — showcasing Jackson when a credit card company is paying CBS big bucks to run an onslaught of ads with him in it during the tournament — makes one wonder: Lesley Stahl better not be sitting down with the Geico gecko next week.

Winner: Ja Morant.

Anyone who didn't know much about the Murray State sophomore guard does now, after his performance Thursday. Morant recorded the eighth triple-double in NCAA Tournament history, as he led the Racers past Marquette. Despite his 28 points in Murray State's second-round game, Florida State proved Morant's breaker.

Losers: The Bradley brand.


The Braves should have tried to ban Michigan State's Cassius Winston.

Winners: TruTV's true fans.

After Sunday, no more nettle some college basketball. Back to “Impractical Jokers” marathons, the way it ought to be.

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Lamonte Turner, left, and Jordan Bowden celebrate after Tennessee escaped Sunday.

TENNESSEE 83, IOWA 77 (OT)

Volunteers survive after 25-point lead disappears

By JOE KAY | Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Admiral Schofield ran around the court in sheer joy, waving a March Madness towel after Tennessee made it back to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2016.

The rest of the Volunteers? Just trying to breathe normally again.

Tennessee avoided one of the biggest meltdowns in NCAA Tournament history Sunday, letting a 25-point lead slip away before SEC player of the year Grant Williams asserted himself in overtime for an 83-77 victory over Iowa.

None of the Volunteers (31-5) saw that coming, not after they'd raced ahead 44-19 in a sizzling first half they dominated every which way.

The biggest NCAA Tournament comeback? BYU's 25-point rally past Iona in the First Four in 2012.

“The way we started the game, that's the team we win (with),” said Schofield, who had 17 of his 19 points in the opening half. “The way we finished the game, we can't have that.”

Tenth-seeded Iowa (23-12) nearly pulled off another historic comeback, sending it to overtime tied at 71 — the first overtime game in this year's tournament. The last time the teams played also was in the NCAA Tournament, with Tennessee rallying from a 12-point deficit to a 78-65 overtime victory in the First Four at Dayton.

The Vols' best player made sure they wouldn't be on the wrong end of the big

comeback this time.

“Grant Williams hit some big shots,” Iowa forward Luka Garza said. “He's a big-time player. And we defended him well.”

Williams had a pair of free throws, two jumpers, and a strip in overtime that helped the Vols pull it out and match their school record for wins in a season. He finished with 19 points and seven rebounds.

“I feel like a fifth grader who just ate Skittles,” Williams said, summing up the finish.

Jordan Bohannon scored 18 for Iowa, which never led but managed to tie it twice after falling so far behind.

“They were No. 1 for a very long time this year for a reason,” Iowa coach Fran McCaffrey said. “It's not often that you get down 25, come back and tie it. So very pleased with the effort and concentration and execution of our guys to a man.”

Last year, the Volunteers lost to Loyola in the second round. They followed it with a record season — ranked No. 1 for four weeks, a school-record 19-game winning streak, a full season in the top 10 — and had just enough in overtime Sunday to keep it going.

Fourth-year coach Rick Barnes got doused with water in the locker room afterward.

“My suit got soaked,” Barnes said. “I got soaked. And when my hair gets wet, it don't look too good.”

Tennessee heads to Louisville, Ky., to play third-seeded Purdue on Thursday.

DUKE 77, UCF 76

Williamson, Blue Devils survive Knights' flurry

By PETER IACOBELLI | Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Zion Williamson took on 7-foot-6 Tacko Fall at the end and won. So did top-seeded Duke — barely — when two last-ditch shots by Central Florida rolled off the rim.

Williamson had 32 points and helped rally the Blue Devils in the final minute for a 77-76 victory Sunday to reach the Sweet 16.

Aubrey Dawkins finished with 32 points for the Knights, but his tip-in try just missed in the final seconds.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski “talks a lot about the basketball gods,” a happy Williamson said. “They had our backs today.”

Williamson was key to the comeback. He made a layup over Fall with 14.4 seconds left to draw Duke within a point as Fall fouled out on the play. Williamson missed the free throw, but RJ Barrett scored on a putback to put the Blue Devils (31-5) ahead.

Barrett said he had watched plenty of NCAA Tournament games where players missed foul shots and an offensive rebound could have made the difference.

“I was going to do whatever I can to get this rebound,” he said.

Ninth-seeded UCF (24-9) had a final chance. Two of them, actually, from in close.

B.J. Taylor missed a short jumper, and Dawkins failed on his tip attempt with less than two seconds left, the ball spinning off the rim. Duke got the rebound, ran out the clock and moved on to the Sweet 16 for 27th time and fourth time in the last five years.

“It was up there forever, I felt like, in slow motion,” Dawkins said.

Dawkins cringed at the miss. His father, Johnny, is the UCF coach and was a former Duke star and longtime assistant under Krzyzewski. The two coaches shared a long embrace at midcourt after it was over.

“It's tough,” the elder Dawkins said. “I love that man. Without him, I wouldn't be where I am today.”

Barrett finished with 16 points. It looked as if Dawkins might take down his dad's alma mater in the NAAs.

His last basket broke a 70-all tie, and when Fall dunked Taylor's miss — the play was reviewed for a possible shot-clock violation — the Knights were ahead 74-70.

UCF missed a huge chance to go up six when it couldn't connect on an alley-oop dunk attempt with 1:49 left — Dayon Griffin's lob went off Dawkins' hands as he soared toward the rim — and Cam Reddish came back with a 3-pointer for Duke. Taylor it made 76-73 with two foul shots with 45 seconds to go.



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UCF center Tacko Fall, right, defends against Duke's Zion Williamson in Sunday's second-round NCAA Tournament game in Columbia, S.C.

Williamson then missed a 3, but Duke grabbed the rebound and got the ball back to their high-flying freshman. Williams caught a pass left of the key and dribbled straight into Fall's 7-6, 310-pound frame.

Fall had stuffed Williamson three previous times, and Duke's young star was less effective underneath than he'd been his last four games. But Williamson got this shot to drop, shouting as he fell hard to the ground.

“I just tried to stay big and make a play,” Fall said. “Obviously, I was in foul trouble, so I was being careful. But I just tried to make a play and make him miss and it didn't go my way.”

When Duke dribbled away with the final rebound, Williamson and his teammates jumped in celebration and relief. They were moving on.

Duke will face fourth-seeded Virginia Tech in Washington, D.C., on Friday night for a spot in the Elite Eight.

MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT



Luke Maye of North Carolina goes up for a shot against Washington's Noah Dickerson on Sunday at Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio.

ROUNDUP

EAST
Virginia Tech 67, Liberty 58: Virginia Tech advanced to the Sweet Sixteen for the first time in 52 years by beating 12th-seeded Liberty. Kerry Blackshear had 19 points and nine rebounds for the Hokies, whose only other trip this far in the tournament was in 1967 when they lost to the Dayton in the regional final.

Ahmed Hill added 14 points and Justin Robinson scored 13 to help the Hokies beat an in-state rival and advance to a matchup with top-seeded Duke.

SOUTH
Virginia 63, Oklahoma 51: Virginia finally breezed through an NCAA Tournament game. Mamadi Diakite scored 14 points and had nine rebounds as the No. 1 seeded Cavaliers led for all but three minutes against Oklahoma.

The game was a marked improvement for Virginia, which last season became the first overall No. 1 seed to lose to a No. 16. The Cavaliers didn't have it any easier in this year's NCAA opener and trailed by as many as 14 to No. 16 Gardner-Webb before rallying for the first-round victory.

Virginia cranked up its trademark stifling defense against Oklahoma, and the Sooners hit just four of their last 18 shots in

the first half to fall behind 31-22. After a Kihel Clark rebound and putback on the first possession of the second half, Virginia's lead never dipped below 10 again.

MIDWEST
North Carolina 81, Washington 59: Luke Maye and Nassir Little each scored 20 points, and top-seeded North Carolina breezed into the Sweet 16.

The Tar Heels (29-6) never trailed and moved on to face fifth-seeded Auburn on Friday in a Midwest Region semifinal.

Last year, one season removed from a national championship, North Carolina was eliminated in the second round by Texas A&M. The Tar Heels were not going to let it happen again.

"We talked about it all summer," said Maye, who had 14 rebounds and his 15th double-double. "I feel like it's a testament to how hard we worked. ... I think it's been great to see how many guys have grown this season and really stepped up."

The Tar Heels committed 10 turnovers in the first half and led by eight points at the break. But they bolted out in the second half, put together a 13-0 run over 5 minutes and pulled away.

Houston 74, Ohio State 59: Houston's fans chanted "Sweet 16" in the final minute. The celebration was overdue —

35 years since the Cougars have made such a trip.

Corey Davis scored 21 points to help Houston defeat Ohio State. It was the Cougars' 33rd win of the season — breaking the record set by the 1983-84 team for most wins in a season. That squad was the last to reach the Sweet 16 and advanced to the national final.

There was a brief skirmish right after the end of the first half. Ohio State's Keyshawn Woods and Houston's DeJon Jarreau were issued technical fouls after the teams jawed at midcourt.

WEST
Texas Tech 78, Buffalo 58: Texas Tech dominated on defense once again and, boosted by Jarrett Culver's 16 points and 10 rebounds, shut down Buffalo to reach the Sweet 16 for the second straight year.

The third-seeded Red Raiders broke away with a 27-3 burst that spanned both halves. Sixth-seeded Buffalo had won 13 in a row and was averaging over 85 points per game, fifth best in the nation. But the Bulls were shooting under 30 percent until a late flurry.

It was a repeat performance for the Red Raiders. In the first round Friday, they stifled potent Northern Kentucky, which had been scoring 79 points per game, in a 72-57 victory.

NOTES

All sides feel the heartbreak

Associated Press

The coach's son was having the game of his life in the biggest game of his dad's life. Down by one, UCF's Aubrey Dawkins pushed a miss back up with his right hand with 2.5 seconds left. The ball bounced once, twice and then rolled off the rim.

Overall No. 1 seed Duke survived to reach the Sweet 16. Dawkins, the son of UCF coach Johnny Dawkins, who shot hoops with his dad on the Blue Devils home court when Johnny was a Duke assistant, hung his head as his teammates hit the floor.

"Heartbreak. That's the only way to sum it up," Aubrey Dawkins quietly recalled 20 minutes later to reporters.

Nothing left to do but console his teammates, sprawled across the floor after the 77-76 loss where UCF led 76-73 with 14 seconds left when Duke's Zion Williamson drove right at UCF's 7-foot-6 Tacko Fall. Williamson hit the layup while drawing the big man's fifth and final foul. R.J. Barrett put back Williamson's miss on the free throw for the winning basket.

B.J. Taylor drove on UCF's last chance, but the short jumper came off the glass just a little too hard. Dawkins swooped in and ...

"It was up there forever, I felt like, in slow motion. Once I saw it go past the midpoint and roll out, it was, at that point, nothing left to do," he said.

Dawkins was the only reason UCF had a chance at the end. He scored 32 points — matching Williamson — on 12 of 18 shooting, including 5 of 7 on 3-pointers. He also had four assists and two offensive rebounds, including the putback he rolled off the rim.

"Aubrey was the best player on the court today. He was magnificent," said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, who told reporters he was close to tears, heartbroken for the opposing coach who helped build Duke into a powerhouse in the mid-1980s and the boy he watched grow up in shooting sessions after practice with his dad in Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Layups: Athletic director Greg Byrne announced that Alabama and Avery Johnson "made the decision to mutually part ways" after Johnson's fourth season coaching the Crimson Tide. The former NBA point guard and head coach led the Tide to a 75-62 record in four seasons. ... Ron Hunter is leaving Georgia State to become Tulane's coach. Less than 48 hours after the Panthers were eliminated in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, Hunter announced he's taking over a Tulane program that fired Mike Dunleavy after the Green Wave failed to win a game in the AAC. ... California fired coach Wyking Jones after winning just eight games in each of his first two seasons.

WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT



ROUNDUP

Notre Dame out to continue dominance vs. Michigan State

Associated Press

When top seed Notre Dame meets No. 9 seed Michigan State in the second round of the NCAA Chicago Region on Monday night, their familiarity with each other could breed some contempt.

In recent years, coach Muffet McGraw and her third-ranked Irish have won six straight against the Spartans. And that doesn't include a preseason scrimmage in October behind closed doors at the Breslin Center, Michigan State's home 160 miles northeast of South Bend, Ind.

"We're still making a lot of the same mistakes," McGraw joked about that spirited workout.

Michigan State coach Suzy Merchant said: "We've seen them up close and personal this year and the past. And it seems we can never get away from Jessica Shepard."

Shepard, a 6-foot-4 power forward who had 22 points and 13 rebounds Saturday for the Irish against Bethune-Cookman, transferred from MSU's Big Ten rival Nebraska and played a big role in

Notre Dame's national championship drive last season.

The Irish (31-3) have won 10 straight games, averaging 95.6 points with a margin of victory of 30 points thanks to a starting five all averaging in double digits. The Spartans (21-11) own wins over No. 2 seeds Oregon, Iowa and Maryland.

Texas A&M 78, Marquette 76: Chennedy Carter scored 30 points, Shambria Washington hit the go-ahead 3-pointer late and the No. 4-seeded Aggies beat the Golden Eagles (27-8) in College Station, Texas.

Texas A&M (26-7) moves on to the Sweet 16 for the second straight year where it will meet the winner of Monday's game between Michigan State-Notre Dame in Chicago on Saturday.

ALBANY REGION Louisville 71, Michigan 50: Asia Durr scored 24 points, including 12 in the first quarter to lead the fourth-seeded Cardinals (31-3) past the visiting fifth-seeded Wolverines (22-12). Durr finished 9 of

23 from the field and 5 of 14 from long range. Akienreh Johnson had 12 points to lead Michigan.

UConn 84, Buffalo 72: Napheesa Collier scored 27 points and grabbed 16 rebounds as the No. 2-seeded Huskies (33-2) held off 10th-seeded Buffalo in Storrs, Conn., to move into the Sweet 16 for a 26th consecutive season. Cierra Dillard, the nation's second leading scorer, had 29 points to lead Buffalo (24-10).

GREENSBORO REGION Iowa 68, Missouri 52: Megan Gustafson scored 24 points with 19 rebounds, Makenzie Meyer added 18 points and the No. 2-seeded Hawkeyes (28-6) blew past the seventh-seeded Tigers (24-11) in Iowa City to advance to their second Sweet 16 in five years.

South Carolina 72, Florida State 64: Mikiah Herbert Harrigan scored 20 points, Alexis Jennings added 16 and the fourth-seeded Gamecocks (23-9) beat the fifth-seeded Gators (24-9) in Charlotte, N.C.



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Texas A&M's Shambria Washington, center, is hugged by Chennedy Carter, right, after hitting the go-ahead 3-pointer against Marquette.

PORTLAND REGION Mississippi State 85, Clemson 61: Teaira McCowan had 30 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks to lead the top-seeded Bulldogs (32-2) in Starkville, Miss.

Oregon 91, Indiana 68: Sabrina Ionescu had 29 points, 12 assists

and 10 rebounds for her 18th career triple-double for the host and second-seeded Ducks (31-4).

Arizona State 57, Miami 55: Robbi Ryan's free throws with five seconds left off a Hurricanes turnover put Arizona State (22-10) ahead to stay in Coral Gables, Fla.

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BULLS & BLACKHAWKS

Felicio tuning out critics

Much-maligned Bull feels like he's playing better despite heat from fans

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

Late Saturday night, after the Bulls' blowout loss to the Jazz, Cristiano Felicio left the locker room and stopped to shake hands and thank two security guards in the hallway.

Whether the gesture was the much-maligned center simply being thoughtful and nice or him being appreciative to be where he is is unknown.

What is known is this: In an interview shortly after his act of kindness, Felicio admitted that he used to occasionally let some Twitter trolls and outside noise bother him. And then he realized: He's one of roughly 450 players in the NBA and they're not.

"In the beginning, I was more frustrated and I was more into saying something back," Felicio said. "And then a couple people who really care about me told me to leave it alone. They reminded me that (critics) don't know my life. They don't know what I go through on a daily basis. They don't know everything I've done to get to this point. They have the right to cheer for us or against us. I focus on those who are going through what we're going through every day."

"Everybody who knows me since I was 13 knows what I have been through to get to this point and all the work that I have put in. So many people helped me. And I was never a guy to complain. I was just a guy to go out there and work and do the best I can with everything I got. I've tried to make the most out of any opportunity."

Lately, that has produced some positivity after a season filled with inconsistent play and playing time.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bulls forward Cristiano Felicio is playing only 11 minutes per game this season with no starts.

Felicio has scored in double figures in three straight games for the first time since the end of last season.

Don't tell Felicio, 26, that these games mean nothing.

"I do feel like I'm playing better," Felicio said. "And I definitely know I belong in the NBA with the way I'm playing and the way I work. I know I can help a lot of teams in the NBA. I know I can do a lot on the court. I'm stepping up my offensive game and that gives me confidence to keep playing and get through everything."

Felicio's rise to riches is well-documented. Growing up in Brazil, he played the national sport of soccer until a coach asked him to play goalie because of his height and Felicio drifted toward basketball. He played professionally in Brazil — not exactly a hoops hotbed — from 2013 to 2015 and signed a non-guaranteed deal to attend Bulls summer league in 2015.

Then-coach Fred Hoiberg once admitted he had to ask assistant general manager Brian Hagen who

the athletic big man who kept sprinting the floor was during a summer league practice that year. Nobody knew.

Felicio strung together 97 games of athletic potential the following two seasons, flashing footwork that allowed him to guard multiple positions and an ability to sprint the floor to finish alley-oops. That led management to hand Felicio a four-year, \$32 million deal in 2017 free agency.

When Felicio arrived at training camp out of shape the next season and his tendency to bobble passes grew more acute, the backlash began. Felicio basically became a punch line.

To make matters worse, Felicio's minutes dropped. After averaging a career-high 17.8 minutes last season with 16 starts, Felicio is playing 11 minutes this season with no starts.

"Everybody has low moments. Everybody wants to play," Felicio said. "But everybody has to understand the moment you're in and where the team is. It was hard because I thought I was going to play more. But things happen. Jabari (Parker) and Bobby (Portis) were playing better than I was. I understand the coach has to make the best decisions for the team. And the best decision was to play them."

Felicio said he talked often with veteran center Robin Lopez, who kept his spirits up. So did strength and conditioning coach Matt Johnson, a close ally.

"I wish I was playing from the beginning of the season, but that didn't happen," Felicio said. "So I'm just trying to make the most out of every opportunity I'm getting. I'd go to practice early and do a ton of extra stuff when I wasn't playing so when the coach called my name, I'm ready."

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Brad Keselowski celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series race at Martinsville Speedway.

NASCAR

It's all Keselowski at Martinsville

Penske driver's 446 laps led are most in NASCAR since '92

Associated Press

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Brad Keselowski gave Team Penske and the new Ford Mustang its third Cup victory through the first six races of the season by routing the field Sunday at Martinsville Speedway.

Keselowski led 446 of the 500 laps around the shortest track on the NASCAR schedule and was challenged just a few times by Chase Elliott, the only driver to pass Keselowski on the track.

Although Elliott led 49 laps, a late caution sent the field to pit road, and Keselowski beat Elliott back to the track. Elliott could never get close enough to challenge Keselowski again.

"The car was really good," Keselowski said. "Just a great day for the team. Just one of those days you dream of as a driver, where you've got a great car."

The 446 laps led is the most for a driver since Kyle Petty led 484 to win at Rockingham in 1992. It was the most laps Keselowski had ever led in a single race, passing the 312 at Texas Motor Speedway in 2015.

He credited the offseason work by Ford, which rolled out a new Cup car at the start of the season, and the Team Penske pit stops that got him off pit road first every time he came in for service.

"Ford worked really hard in the offseason to build these cars and make them real strong, and so far, so good," Keselowski said. "It's

just a great day for our team, awesome execution on pit road. Those guys work really hard."

Ford has three wins this season, all from Team Penske. Toyota won the other three races.

Martinsville, a paper-clip-shaped track at 0.526 miles, typically forces drivers to gouge each other out of the way. The tight confines of the tiny Virginia track raise aggravation levels and usually lead to bumping, banging and busted-up cars.

But NASCAR's new rules package, in its first stop at a short track, seemed to hamper drivers' ability to close on the leader and limited passing opportunities.

The one time Keselowski was passed by Elliott, he studied Elliott's lines and took notes for when he was back out front.

"He was certainly faster on that short run, and when he passed me I learned just enough," Keselowski said. "The pit crew got me back in front of him on the next-to-last pit stop, and I (applied) the lessons."

Elliott finished second in a Chevrolet from Hendrick Motorsports — the first top-five finish for a Hendrick driver this season.

Kyle Busch was third in a Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing. Penske driver Ryan Blaney finished fourth, while Gibbs driver and five-time Martinsville winner Denny Hamlin was fifth.

Stewart-Haas Racing drivers Kevin Harvick and Clint Bowyer were sixth and seventh, Gibbs driver Martin Truex Jr. took eighth and SHR drivers Aric Almirola and Daniel Suarez completed the top 10.



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Blackhawks center Jonathan Toews looks up after falling on the ice against the Avalanche on Sunday night.

Still some life left

Blackhawks, from Page 1

more realistic after their 4-2 victory over the Blackhawks in Denver on Saturday gave them the lead for the final wild-card spot.

"This is huge," Keith said. "It was pretty much a must-win game, especially after losing the last one against these guys. I thought we had a really good game tonight as a team. Obviously, nothing's perfect, but finding a way to get those two points and taking it one game at a time we'll enjoy it but move on knowing we've got our work cut out for us."

For the second straight day, the Hawks did themselves in by committing two quick penalties to give the Avalanche a long five-on-three power play during a tie game. And for the second straight game, the Ava-

lanche converted.

Thirty-one seconds after Marcus Kruger was called for holding, Toews was sent to the box for hooking Tyson Barrie.

The Hawks almost had the five-on-three killed off, but with 16 seconds remaining, Alexander Kerfoot unleashed a slap shot that Crawford never saw to make it 1-0.

Crawford has started plenty of back-to-back games during his career, including earlier this season, but this was the first time he has done it since returning from a concussion last month.

The Avalanche didn't have many chances in the first period, but on their best one Crawford made a beautiful glove save after giving up a rebound to stop Northbrook native J.T. Compher from scoring his fourth

goal in five games this season against the Hawks.

The Hawks offense has struggled mightily since scoring four goals in the first period against the Maple Leafs last week. They had only seven goals in their previous 10 periods entering Sunday's game, and stretched that to 12 periods after a scoreless first and second.

Artem Anisimov broke through for the Hawks early in the third, deflecting in a Brent Seabrook shot from the point to score his first power-play goal of the season with one second left on the man advantage to make it 1-1.

"We have a big belief in our group," Anisimov said. "And we just need to get it done."

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GOLF

Casey escapes with 2nd straight Valspar

Associated Press

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Paul Casey became the first back-to-back winner in the 19 years of the Valspar Championship, and it was every bit as tough as he expected.

Not because of Dustin Johnson.

Because of Innisbrook.

Casey held his nerve down the tough closing stretch on the Copperhead course for a 1-over 72, blasting out of a fairway bunker safely to 20 feet for a two-putt par and a one-shot victory Sunday over Jason Kokrak and Louis Oosthuizen.

It was the first time since this event joined the PGA Tour schedule in 2000 that the winner was over par in the final round. The course was so dry and fast that no one shot better than 68, and the average score of 72.143 was the second-toughest final round his year behind rainy, windy Riviera.

"Today wasn't easy," Casey said. "Last year's win was so big. It felt like my first victory as a pro. I'm getting older, but I feel like I'm getting better."

In one of the bunkers that resemble a miniature version of Oakmont's church pews, Casey faced a key shot into the wind to an elevated 18th green. It came out perfectly to the right of

the flag, and his birdie attempt grazed the left edge of the cup and left him with one of the easiest shots he had all day.

Casey finished at 8-under 276 and moved to No. 11 in the world.

It was the third straight week for a European-born winner on the PGA Tour, the first time that has happened since 2010 when Justin Rose (Memorial), Lee Westwood (St. Jude Classic) and Graeme McDowell (U.S. Open) won in successive weeks.

Nothing came easily for Johnson, who started one shot behind and failed to make a birdie putt for the first time in 31 tournaments. The last occasion was the HSBC Champions in 2017, when he lost a six-shot lead. This time, even with no birdies and two bogeys until late in the round, he was still in the mix.

That ended on the par-5 14th, when Johnson was just short of the green. But he ran his chip 5 feet by the hole and missed.

Johnson closed with a 74 and tied for sixth.

"I didn't feel like I played bad," he said. "But just yeah, tough day. Tough conditions and wasn't spot on."

Oosthuizen shot 69 and Kokrak 71.

Said Kokrak: "Played good golf all week, just not the way I wanted to finish."

SCOREBOARD

ODDS

NBA		MONDAY	
Philadelphia	2½	at Orlando	
Oklahoma City	5½	at Memphis	
at Utah	15	Phoenix	
at Portland	6	Brooklyn	
NHL		MONDAY	
at Toronto	-200	Florida	+180
Buffalo	-115	at New Jersey	+105
Pittsburgh	-195	at NY Rangers	+180
at Tampa Bay	-150	Boston	+140
at Minnesota	off	Nashville	off
at Winnipeg	-155	Dallas	+145
at St. Louis	off	Las Vegas	+270
at Calgary	-300	Los Angeles	+270
at San Jose	-360	Detroit	+330

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NIT		MONDAY	
at Colorado	14	Norfolk State	
CBI		MONDAY	
at W. Virginia	9	Coast. Carol.	
at South Florida	2	Utah Valley	
at DePaul	15	Longwood	
at Loy. Marym't	4	Brown	
COLLEGEINSIDER		MONDAY	
at Tex RegV	off	Texas So.	
at So. Utah	off	CS Bakersfld	
NCAA TOURNAMENT		THURSDAY	
Tennessee	1	Purdue	
Michigan	2	Texas Tech	
Virginia	7	Oregon	
Gonzaga	7	Florida St	
NCAA TOURNAMENT		FRIDAY	
Duke	7½	Va. Tech	
Kentucky	2½	Houston	
Michigan St	6	LSU	
North Carolina	5½	Auburn	

GOLF

PGA VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP

4th of 4 rds; Innisbrook (Copperhead); Palm Harbor, Fla., 7,340 yards, par 71	
276 (-8)	\$1,206,000
Paul Casey	70-66-68-72
277 (-7)	\$589,600
Justin Kokrak	69-71-66-71
Louis Oosthuizen	70-72-66-69
278 (-6)	\$294,800
Sungjae Im	70-67-71-70
Bubba Watson	69-71-70-68
279 (-5)	\$224,450
Ryan Armour	70-72-68-69
Dustin Johnson	69-69-67-74
Jon Rahm	71-68-72-68
280 (-4)	\$174,200
Austin Cook	69-67-72-72
Luke Donald	67-70-70-73
Denny McCarthy	68-74-69-69
Scott Stallings	68-68-70-73
281 (-3)	\$121,940
Lucas Glover	72-67-72-70
Bill Haas	72-70-69-71
Mackenzie Hughes	70-72-68-71
Matt Jones	73-68-68-72
Curtis Luck	70-68-70-73
282 (-2)	\$84,420
Jim Furyk	69-71-68-74
Charley Hoffman	69-74-69-70
Sung Kang	71-71-72-68
Rory Sabbatini	70-69-73-73
Brian Stuard	68-72-69-73
Vaughn Taylor	74-69-71-68
283 (-1)	\$54,270
Zach Johnson	69-73-71-70
Lujan Etulain	71-72-70-70
Kevin Kisner	67-75-72-69
Russell Knox	67-76-72-69
Henrik Stenson	70-73-69-71
Nick Taylor	70-73-69-71
284 (even)	\$39,817
Joel Dahmen	66-72-76-70
Anirban Lahiri	70-71-75-68
Sam Burns	69-74-71-74
Rafa Cabrera Bello	71-71-71-71
Billy Hurler III	74-69-71-71
Brandt Snedeker	70-70-73-71
Shawn Stefani	68-71-73-72
285 (+1)	\$30,150
Wyndham Clark	71-70-72-72
Dylan Frittelli	72-71-67-75
Satoshi Kodaira	70-71-72-72
Joaquin Niemann	69-73-70-73
Nick Watney	71-72-69-73
286 (+2)	\$24,120
Jonas Blixt	74-69-72-71
Russell Henley	69-72-71-74
C.T. Pan	71-70-71-74
Danny Willett	69-71-74-72
287 (+3)	\$17,655
Brian Gay	73-69-69-76
Kramer Hickok	71-68-73-75
Kelly Kraft	69-72-75-71
Andrew Landry	72-71-76-68
Hank Lebioda	69-73-74-71
Graeme McDowell	71-72-70-74
Sam Saunders	71-69-73-74
Sepp Straka	66-76-69-76
288 (+4)	\$15,209
Ryan Blaum	73-67-76-72
Roberto Diaz	69-72-74-73
Harris English	75-68-67-78
Sergio Garcia	71-72-72-73
Danny Lee	72-71-73-72
Trey Mullinax	71-72-77-68

LPGA FOUNDERS CUP

4th of 4 rds; Wildfire GC at JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa; 6,666 yds, par 72	
266 (-22)	\$225,000
Jin Young Ko	65-72-64-65
267 (-21)	\$92,317
Jessica Korda	69-67-67-64
Nelly Korda	68-67-66-66
Carla Ciganda	66-69-63-69
Yu Liu	68-64-65-70
269 (-19)	\$45,776
Shanshan Feng	70-69-64-66
Charlotte Thomas	65-71-67-66
270 (-18)	\$34,701
Brooke M. Henderson	67-68-69-66
Lydia Ko	67-67-67-69
271 (-17)	\$27,810
Cristie Kerr	69-67-68-67
Sei Young Kim	69-67-67-68
Hyo Joo Kim	69-68-64-70
272 (-16)	\$24,216
Min Jung Hur	68-66-69-69
273 (-15)	\$20,894
Pearneuan Lee	70-65-72-66
Jongneung Phatlum	66-70-67-67
Amy Yang	66-66-69-72
Sung Hyun Park	66-66-69-72
274 (+1)	\$16,122
So Ohi	69-72-69-64
Emma Talley	73-69-66-66
Caroline Masson	71-69-67-67
Ariya Jutanontorn	70-70-67-67
Hee Young Park	71-67-69-67
Sarah Schmelzel	67-70-68-69
Linnea Strom	69-65-70-71
Bronte Law	69-69-65-71
275 (-13)	\$13,586
Nanna Koerstz Madsen	65-69-72-69
276 (-12)	\$11,623
Brittany Lincicome	74-65-70-67
Annie Park	71-68-69-68
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	70-69-69-68
Haru Nomura	70-71-66-69
Na Yeon Choi	65-71-69-71
Azahara Munoz	70-71-63-72
Angel Yin	67-67-66-76

4th of 4 rds; Le Triomphe G&CC; Brossard, La., 7,067 yards; par 71; x-won on 3rd playoff hole	
265 (-19)	\$99,000
x-Vince Covello	63-67-67-68
265 (19)	\$59,400
Justin Lower	68-63-64-70
266 (-18)	\$28,600
Fabian Gomez	68-65-71-62
Steve Marino	68-67-66-65
Xinjun Zhang	66-64-68-68
267 (-17)	\$18,425
Erik Barnes	68-67-66-66
Scott Harrington	66-66-69-66
Michael Johnson	71-64-64-68

MAYBANK CHAMPIONSHIP	
4th of 4 rds; Saujana Golf & CC; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; 7,135 yards, par 72; x-won on 1st playoff hole	
273 (-15)	\$27,415
x-Scott Hendr	69-70-67-67
273 (-15)	\$27,415
Nacho Elvira	65-72-66-67
275 (-13)	\$27,415
Jazz Janewattananond	66-72-68-69
276 (-12)	\$27,415
Johannes Veerman	72-69-69-66
277 (-11)	\$27,415
Olivier Fisher	70-70-68-69
Maximilian Kieffer	71-67-68-71
278 (-10)	\$27,415
Ernie Els	68-70-69-71
Darren Fichardt	76-65-71-66
Benjamin Herbert	69-73-65-71
Jordan Smith	74-68-71-65
Andy Sullivan	72-70-67-69
Fabrizio Zanotti	72-72-66-68

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S POSTSEASON NIT	
SUNDAY'S SECOND ROUND	Wichita St. 63, Clemson 55
	Texas 78, Xavier 76 (OT)
	N.C. State 78, Harvard 77
	TCU 88, Nebraska 72
MONDAY'S SECOND ROUND	Norfolk St. (22-13) at Colorado (22-12), 7 p.m.
CBI	
MONDAY'S QUARTERFINALS	Coastal Carolina (16-16) at West Virginia (15-20), 6 p.m.
	Utah Valley (24-9) at South Florida (20-13), 6 p.m.
	Longwood (16-17) at DePaul (16-15), 7 p.m.
	Brown (20-11) at Loyola Marymount (21-11), 9 p.m.

COLLEGEINSIDER TOURNAMENT	
SUNDAY'S SECOND ROUND	Presbyterian 77, Robert Morris 70
MONDAY'S SECOND ROUND	Texas Southern (22-13) vs. Texas Rio Grande Valley (20-16), 7 CS Baker. (17-15) vs. S. Utah (17-16), 7:30
TUESDAY'S SECOND ROUND	Chas So. (18-15) vs. Hampton (17-17), 6 FIU (20-13) vs. Green Bay (18-16), 7

WOMEN'S NIT	
SUNDAY'S SECOND ROUND	Virginia Tech 82, VCU 72
	Ohio 59, Middle Tennessee 57
	Northwestern 54, Toledo 47
	West Virginia 64, Villanova 57
	Cincinnati 72, Minnesota 65
	Georgetown 70, Harvard 65
	W. Kentucky 68, Morehead State 65
	Arkansas 100, UAB 52
	Providence 64, Pennsylvania 54
	Wyoming 78, South Alabama 71
	Idaho 88, Denver 66
	Arizona 64, Pacific 48
	James Madison 71, South Florida 54
	Pepperdine 65, St. Mary's (Calif.) 61

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL	
MONDAY'S QUARTERFINALS	Marshall at Appalachian State, 5:30 p.m.
	Tennessee Tech vs. Campbell, 6 p.m.
	North Alabama at Southern Mississippi, 6 p.m.
TUESDAY'S QUARTERFINALS	Utah State at North Texas, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP/WTA MIAMI OPEN	
Sunday at Hard Rock Stadium; Miami Gardens, Fla.; outdoors-hard	
MEN'S THIRD ROUND SINGLES	#1 Novak Djokovic d. Federico Delbonis, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1
	#7 John Isner d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, 7-5, 7-6 (6)
	#19 Kyle Edmund d. #12 Milos Raonic, 6-4, 6-4
	#22 Roberto Bautista Agut d. #15 Fabio Fognini, 6-4, 6-4
	#17 Nikoloz Basilashvili d. Robin Haase, 7-6 (3), 6-3
	Felix Auger-Aliassime d. Hubert Hurkacz, 7-6 (5), 6-4
	#11 Borna Coric d. Jeremy Chardy, 6-7 (2), 6-2, 6-3
	#27 Nick Kyrgios d. D. Lajovic, 6-3, 6-1

WOMEN'S THIRD ROUND SINGLES	
	#2 Simona Halep d. Polona Hercog, 5-7, 7-6 (1), 6-2
	Tatjana Maria d. #4 Sloane Stephens, 6-3, 6-2
	#5 Karolina Pliskova d. Alize Cornet, 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-4
	Bianca Andreescu d. #8 Angelique Kerber, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1
	Yulia Putintseva d. #11 Anastasija Sevastova, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3
	#18 Qiang Wang d. #10 Serena Williams, walkover
	Venus Williams d. #14 D. Kasatkina, 6-3, 6-1
	Marketa Vondrousova d. #16 Elise Mertens, 6-4, 7-6 (1)
	Wang Yafan d. #25 D. Collins, 7-5, 6-1
	#21 Anett Kontaveit d. Ajla Tomljanovic, 7-6 (3), 2-6, 7-6 (4)

AUTO RACING

NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP STP 500					
Sunday at Martinsville (Va) Speedway; lap length: 0.526 miles					
FP	SP	DRIVER	M	LAP	PT
1	3	Brad Keselowski	F	500	60
2	7	Chase Elliott	C	500	51
3	13	Kyle Busch	F	500	36
4	17	Ryan Blaney	F	500	48
5	5	Denny Hamlin	F	500	47
6	4	Kevin Harvick	F	500	35
7	10	Clint Bowyer	F	500	38
8	8	Martin Truex Jr.	F	500	38
9	2	Aric Almirola	F	500	41
10	9	Daniel Suarez	F	500	29
11	29	Austin Dillon	C	500	27
12	19	Kurt Busch	C	500	25
13	22	Ty Dillon	C	500	24
14	16	Alex Bowman	C	500	23
15	14	Alex Menard	F	500	22
16	15	Ryan Preece	C	500	21
17	26	Bubba Wallace	C	500	20
18	6	Kyle Larson	C	500	19
19	1	Joey Logano	F	500	23
20	21	Matt DiBenedetto	F	500	17
21	12	Chris Buescher	C	499	16
22	34	William Byron	C	499	15
23	20	Ryan Newman	F	499	14
24	11	Jimmie Johnson	C	498	13
25	24	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	F	498	12
26	25	David Ragan	F	496	11
27	28	Daniel Hemric	C	496	10
28	27	Landon Cassill	C	494	9
29	31	Matt Tift	F	494	8
30	18	Erik Jones	T	491	7
31	23	Michael McDowell	F	491	6
32	35	DJ Kennington	C	489	0
33	32	Corey LaJoie	F	489	4
34	30	Ross Chastain	C	365-e	0
35	36	Job Burton	C	163-b	0
36	33	Cody Ware	C	55-b	1

M-make; B-brakes, e-engine; C-Chevrolet; F-Ford; H-Honda; T-Toyota
 Winner's average speed: 78.158 mph.
 Time: 3:21:54. Margin: .594 seconds.
 Caution Flags: 7 for 56 laps.

Lead Changes: 4 among 3 drivers.
 Lap Leaders: J. Logano 1-5; B. Keselowski 6-324; C. Elliott 325-373; B. Keselowski 374-500.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): Brad Keselowski 2 times for 446 laps; Chase Elliott 1 time for 49 laps; Joey Logano 1 time for 5 laps.

MONSTER ENERGY CUP POINTS			
Kyle Busch	273	A. Almirola	215
D. Hamlin	252	M. Truex Jr.	207
K. Harvick	248	Ry. Blaney	203
J. Logano	245	Ch. Elliott	186
Keselowski	236	Kurt Busch	185

INDYCAR CLASSIC TEXAS

At Circuit of the Americas Austin, Texas lap: 3.41 miles; all chassis Dallara FP SP DRIVER		M	LAP	
1.	4	Colton Herta	D-H	60
2.	7	Josef Newgard	D-C	60
3.	3	Ryan Hunter-Reay	D-H	60
4.	6			

WHITE SOX

Anderson on verge of jump

White Sox, from Page 1

On top of that, the 25-year-old infielder believes the chemistry within the team is becoming fuel.

"Guys want to win a championship," he says. "You can see it. And you can just feel that energy. This spring has been good like that."

'I had to make a statement'

Anderson knows his words last month were emphatic, perhaps even surprising from a self-proclaimed quiet leader. But he couldn't help himself. "Manny Watch" — the seemingly nonstop sideshow that tracked the Sox's aggressive but ultimately unsuccessful pursuit of Manny Machado — had become annoying to Anderson.

The idea of Machado landing in Chicago and swiping his job at shortstop was irritating enough. But add the continual barrage of questions Anderson had to field and the whole saga was like a gnat humming in and out of his ear for weeks.

"It was just one of those things, man," Anderson says now. "I got tired of answering certain questions. It got old answering questions about my job that don't concern me. Whatever he was signing for, whatever he was doing, that doesn't concern me. I'm here to do one job and that's play shortstop and be the best teammate I can be. So at that point, I felt like I shouldn't have had to answer questions for him or about him.

"He's not my teammate. He was just another free agent. So at that point, I was annoyed by it. And I felt like I had to make a statement about it and let it out."

So on the day Machado picked the Padres and the White Sox front office picked itself up off the mat to explain away its disappointment, Anderson answered emphatically when asked if he was glad the soap opera had ended.

"(Expletive) yeah!" he said.

Then he added this: "Nobody's decision determines what we've got going on in this locker room. We have a great group of guys here. We're going to do something special. The White Sox are moving in the right direction. ... We know who's on the boat with us and which way we want to sail."

And for those who want the clubhouse leader for "Best White Sox T-shirt slogan" of 2019, Anderson dropped this exclamation point. "Either ride with us," he said, "or



SUE OGRICKI/AP

After hitting 20 home runs last season, White Sox shortstop Tim Anderson said he feels more comfortable in the batter's box than ever.

WHITE SOX RECAP

Adam Engel hit a solo home run Sunday, his third of the spring, and Eloy Jimenez and Leury Garcia added RBI singles as the White Sox beat the Indians 7-3 in Glendale, Ariz. Sean Nolin pitched three scoreless innings of relief, striking out four.

get run over."

A month later, Anderson reiterates those sentiments.

"All I was trying to convey is that we know who is here in a White Sox uniform and we know who stands with us heading forward. So really, if you're not with us, so what? We're going to keep rolling regardless."

Comfort zone

White Sox second baseman Yolmer Sanchez appreciates Anderson's fire. Sanchez understands Anderson's demeanor is far different from his own. While Sanchez is zesty and always fully caffeinated, Anderson is more reserved and businesslike. But Sanchez also knows they share a comparable passion and he has

grown to admire the way Anderson approaches his craft.

"Tim is a really good teammate and a really good friend," Sanchez says. "And you feel the energy he brings to the game and lends to us. He's a really good shortstop. And you see it when he makes a play, when he hits the ball, the way he runs, he can do everything. And that brings a lot to our team."

Adds Sox manager Rick Renteria: "He's a competitor. He is really desirous of pushing to become the best he can be out there."

That's part of the reason there's such a strong belief among the Sox that Anderson will take a significant step forward this season. Last year's 20 home run-26 stolen base achievement offered a snapshot into his potential. Anderson also has become more fluid and reliable at shortstop.

Plus, as he begins his fourth season in the majors, Anderson says he feels more at ease in the batter's box than he ever has.

"I feel like I'm getting good pitches to hit," he says. "And I feel like I've been more patient, not being so aggressive. I'm more mature. I've had more reps. And I'm not feeling now like I can hit every pitch but more so picking one out."

For Renteria, Anderson's spring progress at the plate goes beyond his stat lines.

"He sure is hitting the ball hard," Renteria says. "His at-bats and his approach have been a lot better. I think experience is playing a role in his development now. He's recognizing pitches a little bit better. He's laying off breaking balls in the dirt a little more. And I think that will continue to be a part of his growth."

Anderson also is willing to take on a bigger leadership role, understanding he can be a tone-setter with the focus he puts into his work and the effort he displays on the field. If, as expected, his production spikes again this season, Anderson has few reservations about steering that White Sox boat no matter what's in the way.

"Everybody in this locker room is bringing a lot of energy, a lot of positivity, a lot of fun," Anderson said. "There's a whole lot happening in here that's going to help us. I'm excited about it."

His smile is genuine and again adds the unspoken punctuation. Either ride with us or get run over.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Cabin wall piece
 - 4 Rattled
 - 9 Any minute now
 - 13 "Have a ___ day!"
 - 14 U.S. state
 - 15 "Can't Buy Me ___"; Beatles song
 - 16 All at ___; suddenly
 - 17 Grinds to bits
 - 19 Actress Leoni
 - 20 Dangerous
 - 21 Chris with a racket
 - 22 Twenty
 - 24 Brewed drink
 - 25 Codeine or morphine
 - 27 Trunk tires
 - 30 Actor Jeremy
 - 31 Stupid
 - 33 ___ tree; cornered
 - 35 Dryer residue
 - 36 Paths
 - 37 Sign of an old surgery
 - 38 Caspian or Black
 - 39 Worked with hay
 - 40 Charisma
 - 41 Like a scumbag
 - 43 Seals gaps in woodwork
 - 44 Bawl
 - 45 Weather forecast
 - 46 TV's "___ World Turns"
 - 49 Air freshener
 - 51 Greek letter
 - 54 Tracking dog
 - 56 Falling ___; meteor
 - 57 Overdue
 - 58 Sweet person
 - 59 Enormous
 - 60 Make ___ at; flirt with
 - 61 Suspicious
 - 62 Feminine ending
- DOWN**
- 1 Out of ___; misbehaving
 - 2 Occurring now and then
 - 3 Word of mild surprise
 - 4 Baseball official
 - 5 TV remote button
 - 6 Kimono fabric
 - 7 Covetousness
 - 8 Shirt, for short
 - 9 Dieter's piece of pie
 - 10 Seep out
 - 11 ___ the moon; elated
 - 12 Cardinal's home
 - 13 Last but ___ least
 - 18 Pass on, as a message
 - 20 Decays
 - 23 Isn't able to
 - 24 Ridiculous

Solutions

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- 25 Lubricates
- 26 Uses a crowbar
- 27 Drove too fast
- 28 Fast-growing evergreen
- 29 ___ plugs; car starters
- 31 Tyne or Tim
- 32 Half and half
- 34 Up in ___; angry
- 36 Slothful
- 37 Have nothing to do with
- 39 Exposed
- 40 Walking stick
- 42 Repeats
- 43 Like a soft teddy bear
- 45 Not as nuts
- 46 Suffix for chew or agree
- 47 Murder
- 48 Carry
- 49 ___ with the "Wind"
- 50 Winter Olympics sport
- 52 Droops
- 53 Galway's nation: abbr.
- 55 Actor Linden
- 56 That woman

BEARS

Pace voted Executive of the Year by his peers

By COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

General manager Ryan Pace rebuilt the Bears in 2018 with a new coach, new star and new receiving corps, and it paid off with a 12-4 regular-season record and the team's first NFC North title since 2010.

Pace was recognized for those efforts Sunday when he was named the Sporting News NFL Executive of the Year, an award voted on by all 32 NFL team executives.

Pace is the third Bears executive to win the award since it was first given to George Halas in 1956. Michael McCaskey won it in 1985.

Pace started his year by naming Matt Nagy the 16th coach in franchise history. As a first-time head coach after eight seasons as an assistant and offensive coordinator under Andy Reid, Nagy went on to become the Associated Press and PFWA Coach of the Year. In the same month he hired Nagy, Pace helped convince defensive coordinator Vic Fangio to stay on board to guide what was a top-10 defense in 2017.

However, Pace's most stunning move came nearly nine months later, when he traded four draft picks to acquire Raiders outside linebacker Khalil Mack and then signed Mack to a six-year, \$141 million extension. Mack immediately became the Bears' best player, and he totaled 47 tackles, 12½ sacks, 18 quarterback hits, six forced fumbles and an interception over 14 games in his third first-team All-Pro season.

Mack's presence, along with the off-season addition of first-round pick and starting inside linebacker Roquan Smith



Pace

and the signings of cornerbacks Kyle Fuller and Prince Amukamara, helped push the defense to become one of the best in the NFL in several categories in 2018.

Before Mack, Pace's biggest offseason moves were signing a trio of free-agent targets for quarterback Mitch Trubisky — wide receivers Allen Robinson and Taylor Gabriel and tight end Trey Burton. He also traded up to draft wide receiver Anthony Miller in the second round and signed backup quarterback Chase Daniel to help mentor Trubisky in Nagy's new offense. Second-round pick James Daniels also played a major role on offense, starting 10 games at left guard.

Not all of Pace's moves turned out well, however.

Earlier this month, the Bears cut kicker Cody Parkey, whom Pace had signed to a three-year contract with \$9 million guaranteed last March.

Finding Parkey's replacement is a high priority on Pace's 2019 offseason checklist, which is considerably shorter than last year's. He already has signed safety Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, wide receiver Cordarrelle Patterson, slot cornerback Buster Skrine and running back Mike Davis.

Pace will meet with the media this week at the NFL's annual meeting in Phoenix.

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NFL

Patriots' Gronkowski retires on top

Associated Press

BOSTON — Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski says he is retiring from the NFL after nine seasons.

Gronkowski announced his decision via a post on Instagram Sunday, saying that a few months shy of his 30th birthday "it's time to move forward and move forward with a big smile."

"It all started at 20 years old on stage at the NFL draft when my dream came true, and now here I am about to turn 30 in a few months with a decision I feel is the biggest of my life so far," Gronkowski wrote in his post. "I will be retiring from the game of football today."

The tight end, who turns 30 in May,

leaves as a three-time Super Bowl champion who has established himself as one of the most dominant players at his position.

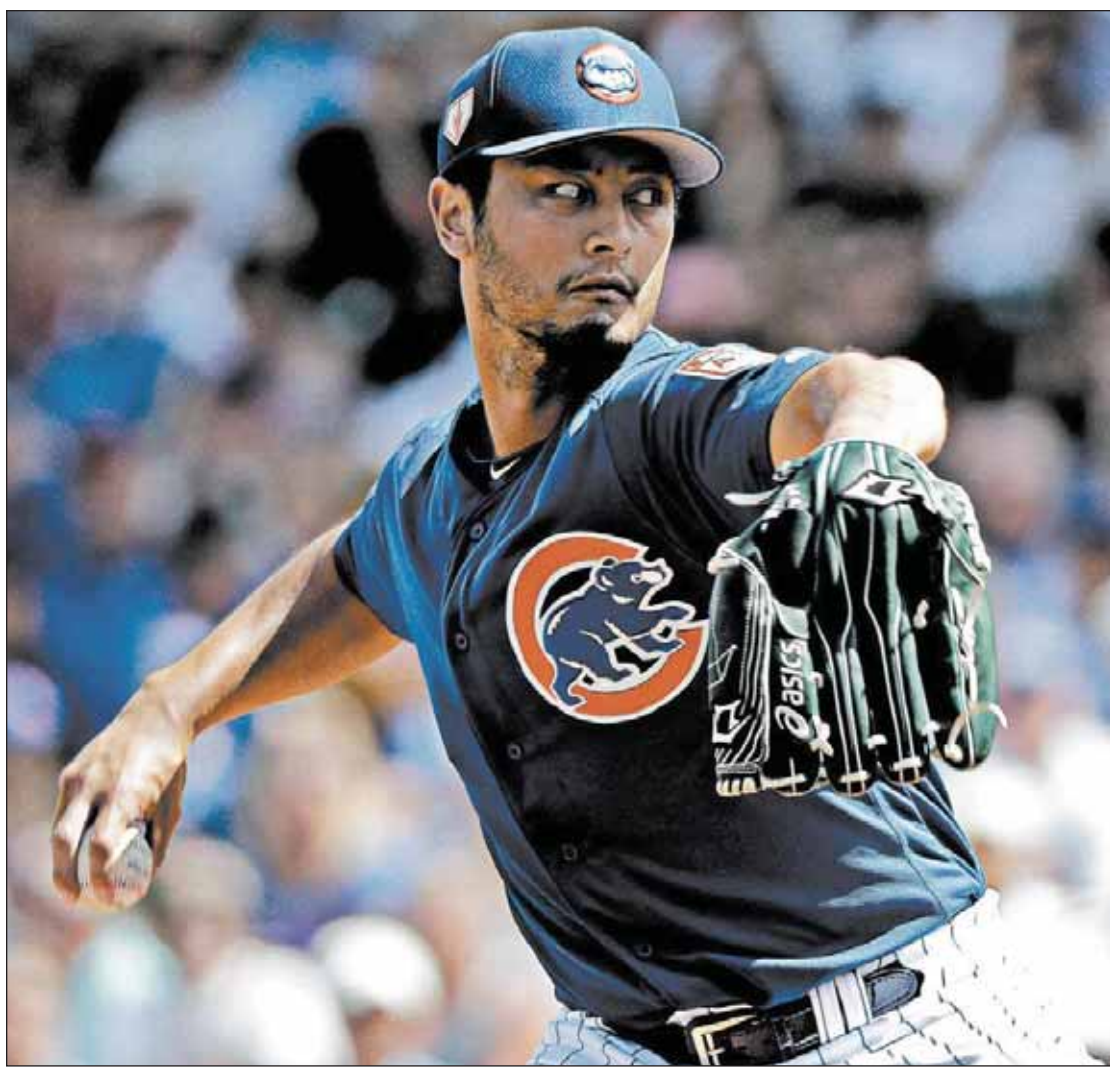
But he has been dogged in recent seasons by back, knee, ankle and arm injuries that have limited his ability to stay on the field.

It led him to hint at retirement following the Patriots' Super Bowl loss to the Eagles to end the 2017 season and again last month after the Patriots' Super Bowl win over the Rams.

On Instagram, Gronkowski thanked the Patriots organization and its fans for their support during his nine NFL seasons.

"Thank you for everyone accepting who I am and the dedication I have put into my work to be the best player I could be," Gronkowski wrote.

BASEBALL



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

The Cubs' Yu Darvish was coy about when he'll make his first start of the season.

CUBS TAKEAWAYS

Up in the air

Darvish's 1st start to be determined after bullpen session

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Here are three takeaways from Cubs spring training Sunday:

Yu Darvish coy about when he'll face Rangers

After throwing 71 pitches Sunday in a minor-league game against the Rockies, Darvish will test the blister on his right ring finger without a bandage in a bullpen session Thursday to determine whether he'll make his first start Saturday night against the Rangers.

Or Sunday.

"I'm sneaky," Darvish said after looking at the Cubs schedule on his smartphone and saying he would make his first start three days after his bullpen session.

Darvish pitched Sunday with a bandage on the advice of the medical staff and struggled with his command when his hand started to sweat.

That was reflected in his first inning when he threw only six of 13 pitches for strikes, with his first pitch hit over the center-field fence for a home run. But his slider and cut fastball got sharper as his outing progressed. He allowed four hits, struck out eight and walked none in 4 2/3 innings.

President Theo Epstein watched Darvish's outing and high-fived him afterward.

"I'm happy because I'm still healthy, but this is not a goal,"

CUBS RECAP

Minor-league infielder Phillip Evans hit his first home run, doubled and singled twice, driving in six runs and scoring twice as the Cubs walloped the Padres 24-6 in Peoria, Ariz. David Bote had a double and three singles, raising his average to .439.

Darvish said. "My goal for the whole season is to stay healthy, and that's the first step of my goal."

As of now, Darvish is lined up to pitch Saturday. But if he needs more time for his finger to heal, Cole Hamels could start in his place. Hamels will face the Red Sox on Monday night and would receive his normal four days' rest if he pitches Saturday.

"I'm ready," Darvish said.

No last-minute additions imminent

The Cubs have until 10 a.m. Thursday to submit their 25-man roster, and Epstein said "it's probably more likely" the roster will be made up of players currently in spring training camp.

Epstein said the Cubs will continue to evaluate players placed on waivers and potential trades but said there's nothing new in that area.

Manager Joe Maddon would like another left-hander to complement Mike Montgomery in the bullpen, and the current candidates are Kyle Ryan and Randy Rosario. Ryan has a 3.09 ERA in eight appearances, and Epstein and Maddon like Ryan's ability to induce soft contact and ground balls.

Rosario has a 7.56 ERA in eight

games, but Epstein said he has pitched better lately against better competition.

The potential odd man out is right-hander Allen Webster, who has been pitching "the best of nearly anyone in camp," Epstein said.

Webster has a 1.50 ERA in nine appearances, but the Cubs have a need for a lefty against the Rangers. Webster is a non-roster invitee, so the Cubs could send him to the minors to start the season without risking losing him.

"We haven't made that decision yet," Epstein said. "But the fact it's a strategic advantage to have more than one left-hander in the bullpen works against him. He's done everything he possibly can do. I look forward to him impacting this team, hopefully for a long time to come."

Mark Zagunis looking to stick around

Zagunis, an outfielder, is one of 12 position players left in camp, so he stands a reasonable chance to make the opening-day roster unless there's a late move.

Zagunis, 26, a third-round pick in the 2014 draft, is batting .357 with four home runs this spring after battling shoulder and wrist injuries last season at Iowa.

"Not just nagging things but significant injuries over the course of the year that zapped his power," Epstein said.

Zagunis, known for his plate discipline, has shown the ability to hit to all fields and could be used against left-handed relievers if he makes the team.

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Feeling sense of urgency

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want it. They're ready to go. I wouldn't characterize that at all as responding to a mandate. That's something we all feel and has bubbled up from the players as much as it was articulated by words from people who push papers for a living."

Epstein, who in December described 2019 a year of "reckoning" after the Cubs' raw in the 2018 National League wild-card game, reinforced his faith in the likely opening-day roster as well as his trust in the bullpen depth at Triple-A Iowa.

But the renewed sense of urgency meant the Cubs couldn't afford to carry a struggling Happ or Duensing as they did during the second half of 2018 when they failed to hold a five-game lead with 26 games left in the National League Central.

"The regular consistent playing time just wasn't going to be there for (Happ) at the start of the season, so we made this call," Epstein said. "It wasn't based on spring training numbers (7-for-52 with 14 strikeouts). It's just an overall evaluation of where he is in the process of making the adjustment we're confident he's ultimately going to make."

Epstein wouldn't divulge details of the instructions laid out for Happ to cut down on his strikeouts, but he stressed the organization hasn't given up on him.

"Everyday at-bats will be the key to him unlocking some of those adjustments while keeping the strength that made him a first-round pick with an (.800 OPS) at 24," Epstein said.

The Cubs have 10 days to trade, waive or release Duensing, who had a 7.65 ERA in 48 appearances in 2018 and allowed eight runs on seven hits in three innings over his last four spring appearances.

There is a strong chance Duensing could clear waivers and accept an assignment to Iowa and retain his contract instead of opting for free agency and forfeiting his salary.

"We felt (Duensing) wasn't in a position right now to help us, and I think he's capable of it if he gets locked in mechanically," Epstein said.

Last season the Cubs used 23 relievers — not including five position players in blowout losses — because of injuries and ineffectiveness.

Epstein vowed the top eight relievers who will start the season at Iowa "will be the best group we've had there since I've

been here."

Among the top 16 relievers who will start the season with the Cubs and for Iowa, "I'm really confident there are at least eight pitchers in that group who are going to have good years, big-league years," Epstein said.

"So I think it's important for us to continue to sort of make the right calls in season."

Epstein delicately assessed the status of shortstop Addison Russell, who will stay in extended spring training in Arizona when the Cubs leave for Texas after their exhibition finale Tuesday against the Red Sox.

Russell is following guidelines set under terms of baseball's domestic-violence policy. Russell remains under suspension as he completes the final 28 games of his 40-game suspension.

If Russell continues to meet the criteria, he could begin a seven-game minor-league assignment in late April and be eligible to return May 1.

"His process of continuing to grow and be the best partner and citizen and father he can be is an ongoing process, a long-term process," Epstein said.

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PADRES

Machado impresses teammates with IQ

Padres pleased with prized acquisition so far during spring training

BY CARRIE MUSKAT
Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — Padres catcher Austin Hedges expected to see Manny Machado make acrobatic plays at third base and hit clutch home runs. What Hedges has learned this spring about his new teammate is just how smart he is.

"Everybody knows he can do that," Hedges said of Machado's Gold Glove-caliber defense at third base. "I think people notice the things that are God-given, but they don't get to see what we get to see and that's the work that he puts in and the way he studies the game, which is taking a very talented player and turning him into arguably the greatest player in this game right now."

This is Machado's first spring with the Padres after signing a 10-year, \$300 million contract in February. He batted .297 with 37 homers and 107 RBIs last season.

"I played against him for years and his talent speaks for itself," Padres second baseman Ian Kinsler said. "You understand what he's capable of on the field, that he can impact the game in many different ways offensively, defensively, and he's a smart baserunner."

Machado, 26, also brings energy. When Fernando Tatis Jr. sprinted from first base to score in the sixth inning Friday night, Machado jumped out of the dugout to celebrate.

"He's been a great teammate," Padres manager Andy Green said. "I have every anticipation that he will be through all the years to come."

Machado's impact could be more important behind the scenes.

"The biggest impression he's made on me is not what he does

physically," Hedges said. "It's not been the great plays he's made at third, the great at-bats he's had, but it's the way he sees the game in slow motion. I've tried to go out of my way to have little conversations with him, whether it's during games, before games, after games, just any time. It's, 'Hey, what was your thought process through this play, in this at-bat?'"

"You don't do what he's done consistently for that many years without really having a high baseball IQ. I've tried to let him walk me through some of his thought process and what gives him an advantage, which is his brain. He's really, really smart. I don't think people understand how smart he is."

First baseman Eric Hosmer has talked baseball with Machado in the dugout as well. It has been an education.

"That's what makes him really valuable, especially as a teammate," Hosmer said. "You're picking his brain, you're hearing what he says, you're hearing the approach that he has. It's opened a lot of guys' eyes."

On Friday, Machado deftly handled a grounder by the Rockies' Mark Reynolds, picking it up with his bare hand and throwing Reynolds out.

"There are going to be some plays on the left side of the infield that a lot of us never thought could be done," Hosmer said. "It's impressive to watch. Everything is extremely smooth."

The Manny Machado era officially begins Thursday at Petco Park against the Giants.

"You've always appreciated the way he plays against you, but it's different when you're with guys every day, you see them practice, you see them prepare, you see the way they go about it," Hosmer said. "It's kind of a misconception — everyone thinks he's naturally good and goes out there and makes it look easy. Getting to see all the work that goes in behind the scenes drives up that appreciation level you have as a player."



RALPH FRESO/GETTY-APP

Padres newcomer Manny Machado has impressed his teammates with his work ethic and baseball IQ.

SPRING TRAINING NOTES

Bruised knee sends Ramirez off on cart

Associated Press

Indians third baseman Jose Ramirez bruised his left knee when he fouled a ball off himself Sunday, and his status for opening day is uncertain.

X-rays on the two-time All-Star were negative. The team said Ramirez will remain in Arizona, and that it will be determined later whether he can play Thursday when the AL Central champions open at Minnesota.

The Indians already had a depleted infield when Ramirez was carted from the field against the White Sox in Cleveland's final exhibition. He wasn't able to put any pressure on his leg as manager Terry Francona and a trainer helped him onto the cart.

Star shortstop Francisco Lindor is starting the season on the injured list and second baseman Jason Kipnis is expected to miss opening day — both players are recovering after staining their right calf.

Trout 'Angel for life': Mike Trout smiled into the postcard-perfect Orange County sunlight and said exactly what every Angels fan has spent years hoping to hear.

"I know there was a lot of talk about going back East, but I enjoy every minute being here," Trout said. "This is my home. I love it. It never crossed my mind that I wasn't going to be an Angel for life."

The crowd around the main entrance to Angel Stadium burst into raucous cheers, and so did Trout's dozens of teammates and coaches in the audience below the

podium.

The \$426.5 million, 12-year contract for the two-time AL MVP is an extraordinary reward for a singular homegrown talent who never wanted to leave. After returning from spring training with their franchise cornerstone firmly in place, the Angels paused on the final weekend before the regular season to celebrate Trout being home to stay.

"I want to bring a championship back to Anaheim. Let's go, baby!" Trout said.

Trout got the biggest contract in North American sports history last week, securing his future with the Angels instead of waiting to entertain offers from the Phillies, Yankees or any other likely suitor when he reached free agency in two years. The native of southern New Jersey had been linked to Philadelphia for years.

"He was born an Angel, and he was raised an Angel, and he represents this organization better than anybody," Angels general manager Billy Eppler said. "He'll be the first player to go into the Hall of Fame like that for the Angels."

Extra innings: Tigers RHP Jordan Zimmermann is going to make his second consecutive opening-day start. The Tigers announced the decision Sunday at Toronto. The 32-year-old Zimmermann was 7-8 with a 4.52 ERA over 25 starts last season and had core muscle repair surgery in October. ... The Indians signed INF Brad Miller to a major-league contract.

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FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

Mikaela Shiffrin, 24, poses with fans at Macy's on Thursday in New York. She spent time in New York to celebrate an unprecedented 17 World Cup wins and her third straight overall title.

Mikaela in Manhattan

Shiffrin scripts marvelous season: 17 World Cup wins, 3rd overall title in a row

By MELISSA MURPHY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mikaela Shiffrin generally whizzes past mountain gates at 80 mph. She had a much harder time maneuvering through the crowd at Macy's.

The 24-year-old skier arrived in Manhattan to celebrate the end of a record-setting season, which included an unprecedented 17 World Cup wins and her third straight overall title. Lindsey Vonn won four overall titles before she retired this season at the age of 34.

Shiffrin returned from the Pyrenees mountains — after a brief visit to Barcelona with her French boyfriend and skier Mathieu Faivre — for a meet and greet with fans at the watch counter at Macy's on Thursday for sponsor Longines.

"It was a little bit, where am I going?" she said with a laugh about the flagship store.

Shiffrin had no such problems on the slopes this season.

She is the first skier — male or female — to win World Cup discipline titles in slalom, giant slalom and super-G, plus the overall title in one season. She broke the women's record and tied the men's record for most slalom wins with 40. She is the youngest skier to reach 50 World Cup wins and now has 60.

Not bad for an American skier who at age 6 told her parents she wanted to be the best in the world.

She crouched in the snow cradling the giant slalom crystal globe after clinching that title for the first time on March 17, four days after her birthday.

"I'm most proud of the GS globe," Shiffrin said. "This year, I had some breakthrough moments with giant slalom. Winning the final race was one of the more emotional moments."

She made the media rounds in New York and taught Jimmy Fallon the shuffle dance during an appearance on "The Tonight Show." She will get a two-week break and spend time with her 97-year-old grandmother and settle into a new house in Colorado.

Shiffrin competes mostly in Europe during the ski season and enjoys relative anonymity back in the U.S. But that may change with the retirement of Vonn and given Shiffrin's record wins, prize money and endorsements. She is featured in a TV commercial for Barilla with tennis star Roger Federer. Fallon called Shiffrin "the most dominant skier on the planet."

Here are more things to know about Shiffrin, whose parents



GABRIELE FACCIOTTI/AP

Mikaela Shiffrin of the United States holds the women's World Cup overall trophy at the alpine ski World Cup finals in Soldeu, Andorra, on March 17.

were both ski racers:

Team effort: Shiffrin knows her level of success takes a village of support, including her family, coaches, trainers and conditioning experts.

"When it comes down to race day, we don't leave it to chance and we don't leave it to luck," she said. "We only have three days in between races, it's my only block of training. They're figuring out the logistics, do we fly here, drive there, where do we go, what's the best conditions? Do we need to send somebody ahead of time to

inject the slopes so the snow is hard enough when I arrive? They are on top of that all the time."

Three years ago, she enlisted coach Mike Day, who she said has had a "calming effect" compared with some "very intense coaches in the past." He's "even-keeled" and helps "block out the noise."

Breakthroughs: An early season victory in December in the super-G — her first in that discipline — at Lake Louise in Canada was key to launching her successful season, Shiffrin said. She'd had no super-G training since ski

camp in Chile three months earlier. A slalom and giant slalom technical racer, her goal was to "just enjoy it" and "lay down a really good run." She called it "the most fun I'd had in a race for a long time."

That win set the tone for a remarkable season.

"I thought, if I could keep this high standards, but no expectations' kind of mindset for the rest of the season, then I think it's going to be really good. That was a huge piece of it."

It translated into improved skiing, confidence and giant slalom

turns "faster than anyone else can do." Weather and course conditions are constant variables.

"The races I won this year, maybe I had to fight for it or maybe I just skied a lot better and I earned it. That's a special kind of feeling. My GS is definitely on a different level."

Mother lode: Her mother, Eileen, is a coach, video analyst, hill inspector, travel companion and all-around guiding force. They thought about tapering Eileen's travel schedule before the season, but the successes kept her on the road.

"She's family, that unconditional love," Shiffrin said. "She's only there for me. It's not like her salary rides on my success. Her happiness rides on my happiness. I'm happiest when I'm able to ski my best."

Eileen was her study partner when Mikaela was home-schooled the last two years of high school, which allowed her to travel on the World Cup circuit during the winter at age 16 after attending Burke Mountain Academy in Vermont.

"My mom is the most driven person I've ever known, but she's driven about the things she cares about. So I think people often look at her and they just assume that she has pushed me. Yeah, she pushes me in the sense that she keeps me on track. My parents were always helping me be a better skier."

Low risk: Shiffrin has had a relatively injury-free career, in part because her team is selective about scheduling races so she gets enough rest and training while avoiding high-risk situations. That also makes her one of the "best prepared on the circuit."

"With every minor injury I've had, I've learned a lot from it," she said.

While injury can be "part of the sport," Shiffrin said it doesn't need to keep her "out of the sport for a majority of my career."

Up next: She asked her team not to rest on her laurels and to "stay on top, keep working. There's always this driving force, don't stop now, don't get complacent."

At this rate, Shiffrin could approach the record of 86 World Cup wins held by Swedish great Ingemar Stenmark. Vonn finished with 82 wins.

"Skiing has given me so much joy and so many incredible experiences in life," she said. "I owe it to the sport itself to be the best that I can and push it to a new limit."

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Pacers try middle ground between titles, tanking

BY BEN GOLLIVER
Washington Post

To find the NBA's countercultural capital, one must eschew both coasts and venture deep into the heartland. There, the Indiana Pacers stand, proudly rejecting the boom-or-bust philosophy employed by so many of the league's high-profile teams.

Winning titles has always required superstars, but the battle for top talent has never been fiercer or more consuming. The Los Angeles Lakers spent multiple years clearing the way to entice LeBron James, then sacrificed this season in a vain pursuit of Anthony Davis. The New York Knicks dumped rising star Kristaps Porzingis to set the table for Kevin Durant or Kyrie Irving, or both. The Los Angeles Clippers have expanded their front office and painstakingly tracked top targets, like Kawhi Leonard.

The small-market Pacers, by contrast, have prioritized respectability. Rather than futilely take part in the rat race for A-listers, owner Herb Simon has given his front office simple instructions: win as many games as possible, every year.

That mandate, simple as it might be, encourages two types of restraint. First, Indiana has no interest in mortgaging its future by sacrificing young players and draft picks as a short-term stimulus. The Philadelphia 76ers might part with three quality rotation players and two first-round picks to rent Jimmy Butler and Tobias Harris for a title push, but not the Pacers.

Second, and perhaps more importantly, Indiana has ruled out racing to the bottom to collect draft lottery ping-pong balls. The Knicks, Cleveland Cavaliers and Phoenix Suns might stomach atrocious seasons for a ticket to the Zion Williamson sweepstakes, but not the Pacers. Not even after they lost all-star guard Victor Oladipo to a season-ending quadriceps tear in January.

"I hate the word tank," Pacers President Kevin Pritchard said. "You'll never see a Pacers team look to the future and not try to win as many games as we can. When Victor went out, we weren't going to try to do anything different. We've been so competitive, and the players have been so unselfish. I couldn't picture myself walking into the locker room and telling them I was breaking it up. A successful season for us doesn't have to do with absolute wins or losses. If we are maintaining a positive culture and a culture of development, we'll have a chance at sustained success."

Indiana's moderate philosophy has been, well, moderately successful. The Pacers (44-29 entering Saturday) haven't won a playoff series since 2014, but have clinched their fourth straight winning season and will soon nab their fourth straight playoff appearance despite acquiescing to Paul George's 2017 trade demand. Their roster lacks a household star to support Oladipo, but young big men Myles Turner and Domantas Sabonis have established themselves as major difference-makers. Their season received a jolt with Oladipo's injury, but they kept their heads above water by targeting Wesley Matthews on the buyout market and doubling down on a defense-first approach under Coach Nate McMillan.

During their shared time with the Portland Trail Blazers, Pritchard and McMillan experienced an endless series of highs and lows. The Blazers dreamed about winning titles with a big three of Brandon Roy, LaMarcus Aldridge and Greg Oden, but career-altering injuries intervened. Pritchard and McMillan were both fired before Portland advanced in the playoffs. After reconnecting in Indiana, Pritchard and McMillan have ignored hype and mood swings in favor of steadiness. "We play hard and play together," McMillan said, when asked to explain the Pacers' impressive staying power.

That's a trickier proposition than it seems. Just ask the Boston Celtics, whose effort level has fluctuated all season. Or the Chicago Bulls, who established a "leadership committee" to share their grievances with Coach Jim



MICHELLE PEMBERTON/AP

Indiana Pacers forward Bojan Bogdanovic (44) dunks against the Denver Nuggets during an NBA basketball game Sunday in Indianapolis.

Boylan. Or the Lakers, who imploded after a month of fierce trade rumors and free-agency speculation.

Although the Pacers have numerous key players headed to free agency, including starters Thaddeus Young, Bojan Bogdanovic, Darren Collison and Matthews, they have yet to devolve into self-interested play. The unified front can be partially explained by a focus on proactive communication in response to the recent leaguewide rise in player movement. "It's a natural tendency for players to look at their own careers," Pritchard said. "The best thing you can do is to be willing to talk about their situation at any point of their contract. With these short contracts, you've got to be prepared to make it a conversation every year."

With a reasoned organizational philosophy, a no-nonsense coach and clearly-defined roles, the Pacers have been free to blossom at their own pace. Turner, the league center and will receive defensive player of the year votes. Sabonis, a highly-skilled and efficient finisher, is a leading sixth man of the year candidate. Young, a versatile forward, has stepped up as team

captain and delivered strong two-way play. Despite a four-game losing streak before a win Saturday, Indiana owns the NBA's third-ranked defense and McMillan has received some coach of the year buzz.

When it comes to this summer, James Dolan might hint at a summer splash for the Knicks, Magic Johnson might promise a second Lakers star and Doc Rivers might lay out the Clippers' free-agency pitch in detail. But the Pacers, true to form, are more concerned with taking their best shot in the playoffs and keeping their options open.

"If you pigeonhole yourself into thinking this or that in March, you're probably not managing things right," Pritchard said, noting that his predecessor, Larry Bird, stressed the importance of preparedness and flexibility. "Sometimes that can lead to making a bunch of trades and changing the team up, or sometimes it means being comfortable enough to keep the continuity. I can make the case for either side."

Whichever path Pritchard chooses in July, this much is certain: There might not be a superteam on Indiana's horizon, but there won't be a "Process" either.



BEN MARGOT/AP

The Pacers' Thaddeus Young, who has stepped up as team captain and delivered strong two-way play, shoots against Warriors forward Draymond Green (23) during the first half Thursday in Oakland, Calif.



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Monica Paprocki poses for a photo as Arthenya VI, an Elizabethan priestess from a French tabletop war game, after being judged for the Crown Championships of Cosplay on Saturday.

BUILDING A BETTER COSPLAYER

Chicago accountant gives it her all for C2E2 championship

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI
 Chicago Tribune

The spring comic-con season is here, which means, for the next few months, mostly weekends, if you're anywhere in the proximity of a large convention center in the Chicago area, there is a fair chance you will spot them, often traveling in packs: They are cosplayers, men, women, children, dressed in clever, sometimes movie-ready costumes, going comic convention to anime convention to horror convention, moving with a Method-like intensity, as symbiotic with their characters as they may dare. They are the best thing about these gatherings of pop-culture tribes, their raw expressions of homemade creativity arguably more inspired than many of the

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movies, games, comic books and TV series they devour. And all of which culminated locally on Saturday night, with the C2E2 Crown Championships of Cosplay, steadily becoming the signature event of C2E2, the now 10-year-old Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo at McCormick Place. So we asked one of the best Chicago cosplayers, Monica Paprocki, a 34-year old accountant, to let us watch the three-to-four hour process of getting into her character. Though she began cosplaying only four years ago, she's been in the C2E2 championships each of those years. She's been a Street Fighter character, DC villain Killer Frost, and Galactus, a Marvel eater of worlds. And she's never won.

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Paprocki applies makeup for her costume — an hourlong process.



She dons a \$40 lace-front wig after braiding her long hair into two curls, which she arranges into a halo; this provides an anchor for her wig.

IN PERFORMANCE

A salute to Renee Fleming; Julien Labro's prowess

BY HOWARD REICH
 Chicago Tribune

It was billed as a tribute to soprano Renee Fleming's 25 years at Lyric Opera of Chicago, but, really, it was a celebration of the art of singing — with Fleming as its focal point.

The "Renee Fleming 25th Anniversary Concert" at Lyric Opera House on Saturday evening reflected the star's love of singers by spotlighting her established colleagues and emerging talents. And it expressed her cross-genre appeal by pushing beyond opera into musical theater and jazz, stylistic realms in which Fleming also has excelled.

Lyric Opera president Anthony Freud opened the night praising Fleming's work onstage and off, the latter via her contributions as Lyric's creative consultant. In referring to Fleming as "a leader, creator and innovator," Freud did not exaggerate.



KRISTAN LIEB/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Renee Fleming celebrates her 25 years at Lyric Opera on Saturday.

For from the first time Fleming took the Lyric stage — on Oct. 9, 1993 (yes, a few months more than 25 years ago) — she has

beguiled Chicago audiences in many ways, starting with the luminosity of her instrument. At the same time, she has helped

transform the opera company by curating new work, championing musicals and nurturing Lyric Unlimited's off-campus productions. Perhaps most important, Fleming has been "instrumental in working with Chicago Public Schools to restore the arts as a core curriculum subject, in the belief that every child in every school should benefit from arts education," Freud told the crowd.

The concert began with conductor Patrick Summers leading the Lyric Opera Orchestra in the Overture to Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro," a buoyant, life-affirming work that could raise the curtain on virtually any classical evening. Fleming then took the stage in a stunning Carolina Herrera gown that deserved a round of applause all by itself.

When Fleming sang "Porgi amor" from "Figaro," she reminded listeners why she still commands attention around the world. The radiance and purity of

her tone, the way she shaped legato phrases, and her impeccable control of line and nuance were Fleming hallmarks still very much intact.

At the end of the concert's first half, she ventured into music from Dvorak's "Rusalka": "Měsicku na nebi hlubokem." Here Fleming conjured a very different vocal palette, her timbre sweet, her low notes dark and throaty, her pianissimos just barely there.

As Fleming duetted with baritone Quinn Kelsey in "Baigne d'eau mes mains" from Massenet's "Thais," the two vocalists breathed and phrased as one. They also maintained felicitous sonic balance.

And in "Fable," from Adam Guettel's "The Light in the Piazza," Fleming underscored her flair for American musical theater, though a hand-held microphone yielded sonic distortions

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Adele, shown at a 2016 concert in Amsterdam, was seen Friday at a New York bar with Jennifer Lawrence.

Adele, Lawrence party at NYC bar

Bar patrons in New York's Greenwich Village were in the right place at the right time when Adele and Jennifer Lawrence showed up.

Grammy-winning singer Adele and her Oscar-winning actress pal hit the gay bar Pieces on Friday night, to the delight of the crowd.



Lawrence

They drank and danced and schmoozed, hugging shirtless men and taking selfies while the crowd applauded.

They danced to Kylie Minogue and played a drinking game.

And Adele participated in a game show hosted by a drag queen and introduced herself as a married, stay-at-home mom.

Adele has long been a favorite in the LGBTQ community. She told Time magazine in 2015 that she couldn't wait to find out who her young son's "girlfriend or his boyfriend is going to be. Whatever my kid wants to do or be I will always support him no matter what."

— New York Daily News

Box office

1. "Us," \$70.3 million
2. "Captain Marvel," \$35 million
3. "Wonder Park," \$9 million
4. "Five Feet Apart," \$8.8 million
5. "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World," \$6.5 million
6. "A Madea Family Funeral," \$4.5 million
7. "Gloria Bell," \$1.8 million (tie)
8. "No Manches Frida," \$1.8 million (tie)
9. "Lego Movie 2: The Second Part," \$1.1 million
9. "Alita: Battle Angel," \$1 million

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Dubai denies R. Kelly concert plans: Dubai's government on Sunday denied a claim by R&B singer R. Kelly that the artist had planned concerts in the emirate after he had sought permission from an Illinois judge to travel there despite facing sexual abuse charges. The government's Dubai Media Office also denied claims by his lawyer in court that Kelly had plans to meet the ruling Al Maktoum family. "Authorities in Dubai have not received any request for a performance by singer R. Kelly nor are there any venues that have been booked," the statement said.

Kelly's lawyer Steven Greenberg responded: "Mr. Kelly had a signed contract with a legitimate promoter, and any information that was included in the motion to travel was from that contract."



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Reader gives update on past advice

Dear Amy: Around two years ago you published a letter from me regarding my maternal grandfather. He sexually abused me during my childhood from the time I was 6. I wrote about how my mother never believed me when I told her about it ... and how she made up lies to make me look bad to people and other family members.

I asked you for suggestions on what to do. You encouraged me to contact authorities. Well, I did. My grandfather admitted everything to investigators, saying that he thought I was "enjoying it."

Fast-forward two years. He got a plea deal in November to one count (and ALL the other charges were dropped). In January, he was sentenced to six to 18 years in prison.

Now for my so-called mother. She says it's my fault. She said she hopes I will wake up someday to see "what I caused" and that I have nobody to blame but myself. She and her sisters talk about how they're all "strong, true Christians" and I should be ashamed of myself because THEY have forgiven him.

Amy, thank you for encouraging me to do the right thing, even if it was the hardest thing. I believe I got justice. Never speaking to my "mom" again is just fine with me.

— Forever Healing

Dear Healing: Thank you so very much for getting back in touch. Along with scores of readers, I am always curious about how things turn out for people after I publish their questions.

MOST important: Good for you! I'm relieved that

the justice system served you (and society at large) in the way it is supposed to. Sadly, this is not the case for all survivors. Your family's reaction is disheartening, but some people cannot or will not face the reality that they didn't protect a victim from the monster in their midst.

I hope you will have continued healing and recovery, along with a family of choice that supports your efforts and your healing.

Your story, and your willingness to share it, will help other survivors struggling with the painful legacy of sexual abuse.

The National Sexual Assault Hotline offers free and confidential 24/7 counseling. Call 800-656-HOPE (4673) or chat with an online counselor at the website rainn.org.

Dear Amy: I have in recent years developed the habit of talking to myself. My mother did (and still does) the same thing.

Is this hereditary? I caught myself doing it in public the other day and saw someone staring at me as if I were crazy or mentally ill. (I'm not!)

Is there anything I can do to stop this embarrassing habit?

— Self-Talker

Dear Talker: Understand that all human beings start life basically self-narrating. Babies babble, toddlers narrate the world aloud and it's only later in life when many of us submerge our thoughts — because we are forced to.

My research on this reveals: Talking to oneself is often associated with high intelligence, it is fairly

common, and it is an efficient way of organizing your thoughts. I read a quote from a software developer, who said that in his industry, "it's not uncommon when debugging to explain the problem to an inanimate object, like a rubber duck. This externalizes our thought process, and solves the problem without having to bother one of our co-workers."

I wish you didn't feel so self-conscious about this habit. With Bluetooth technology, many people walk around talking aloud as they conduct their cell-phone conversations.

You might be able to adjust this habit by keeping a log of your utterances — either through a voice recorder or by writing them down. This will make you more aware and will help you to adjust your behavior.

Or just dangle an earbud set out of one ear and run the cord into your pocket, and people will assume you're on the phone.

Dear Amy: "Concerned in Colorado" discovered via Google that their supervisor had a criminal past.

Sheesh, Amy. Did it never occur to you that many people share names? This could very easily be a case of mistaken identity!

— Upset

Dear Upset: "Concerned" had uncovered a news article, featuring a mug shot of the supervisor. Presumably, there was visual confirmation.

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'Clueless' cast just hanging out — as if!

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI
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The teen comedy “Clueless,” which turns 25 next year, has aged well. If you were anywhere near McCormick Place Saturday afternoon, particularly if you were attending the annual C2E2 comic con, you know exactly how well. A sea of fans, more than a few dressed in approximations of the memorable, bright plaid skirt suits worn by Alicia Silverstone and Stacey Dash in the 1995 movie, filled a 2,800-seat hall for a cast reunion.

At the front of the line was Monica Chapman of Chicago. She wore a black-and-white plaid jacket with a matching skirt, and a white bell bonnet, topped with a rose. As a prop, she carried a brick of an antique cellphone. She was a year old when the film debuted. “But I grew up on it.”

She was dressed as the couture-friendly Dionne, played in the film by Dash, who is arguably better known these days as an outspoken Republican commentator.

“OK, I don’t acknowledge that part,” Chapman smiled.

Dash, for the record, did not attend the reunion. (And Brittany Murphy, one of the principal characters, died in 2009, at 32.) But others — Silverstone (who was the star), Paul Rudd (who played her stepbrother), Donald Faison (who played Dash’s boyfriend) and Breckin Meyer (the stoner skateboarder Travis) — showed up. And as iffy as reunions get, this one was charming, a sweet smile of a catch-up, warmer than the typical comic-con panel held in an impersonal ballroom, not so much contrived but rather a genuine moment among friends who worked together.

Naturally, age came up. Silverstone, in a denim jumpsuit, looked less lighthearted than she did at 17. Faison looked a touch larger. Meyer looked a bit grayer. But Rudd — at his first comic con, he said — looked almost exactly the same at 49, like America’s boyfriend. He said: “You know how in ‘Dazed and Confused’ Matthew McConaughey looks older than the rest?” When “Clueless” was filmed, he was older than most of the young cast. Today, he looks younger than them. Asked his secret, he said: “I’m 80 years old



“Clueless” cast members Breckin Meyer, from left, Donald Faison, Paul Rudd and Alicia Silverstone answer questions Saturday at C2E2.



Monica Chapman, center, dressed as Dionne from “Clueless” at C2E2. She was a year old when the film debuted, “but I grew up on it.”

on the inside.” He pointed to his chest: “In here, pure darkness — and a little moisturizer.”

The movie itself, a clever adaptation of Jane Austen’s “Emma” — probably the best film adaptation of the 1860 classic — doesn’t look much like its age either. Directed by Amy Heckerling, it’s a fine reminder that, though the movies of John Hughes hang heavy over the high school coming-of-age genre, some of the best from the ’80s and ’90s were made by women. (Heckerling also made “Fast Times at

Ridgmont High”; and Martha Coolidge directed “Valley Girl” and “Real Genius.”) And while not as lyrical as “Dazed and Confused,” melancholy as “American Graffiti” or realistic as “Fast Times,” “Clueless” plays now like a kind of social hinge between the 1990s and 21st century.

Entitlement is called out. Being gay in high school is not a stigma. The female cast responds without hesitation to mistreatment and sexual harassment. Pronouns and identity are addressed, and smoking pot barely registers.

“Should all oppressed people be allowed refuge into America?” Wallace Shawn, who played Silverstone’s history teacher, asks his class at the beginning of the movie.

The closest the reunion came to addressing any of this was when the question of a sequel came up. There’s no serious talk of one (though Meyer suspects someone will reboot it). Still, Faison said, smiling at Rudd and Silverstone, who played the romantic leads, when he thinks about the movie’s characters, he imagines they are still together.

“And we would still kind of be related,” Rudd said.

They kept it light, jocular. Murphy came up once, Dash not at all. Faison casually asked Rudd, who plays Marvel’s Ant-Man, what’s going to happen in the next “Avengers” movie. (“I know everything,” Rudd sang.) Silverstone, lapsing at times into film-junkie autopilot, recalled how, before they shot “Clueless,” she thought Cher, her character, was annoying; she couldn’t relate to the fashionista side of the role: “I wore one green T-shirt and the same pair of jeans every single day, so I had to take the judgment out.”

Nearly a quarter century later,

long-buried sordid revelations will remain buried. We learned: Silverstone hadn’t read “Emma” until she got the part. Rudd hates condiments. Meyer, who said he had never been high when he played the stoner Travis, stole his performance from Sean Penn in “Fast Times” and Keanu Reeves “in everything.” Also, Faison and Rudd lived together in Meyer’s apartment for a couple of weeks after the production wrapped.

They seemed to speak at times among themselves, comfortable with each other, then they squinted toward the audience and fielded questions and comments, about Stan Lee and their favorite movies, about Wallace Shawn and how much “Clueless” meant to them. A young woman approached the microphone and began: “Sir Paul Rudd ...”

Rudd cut her off. “Please — call me sir.”

Monica Chapman, the woman at the head of the line to get in, dressed as Dionne, introduced herself with a nervous voice as “Monica Chapman from the South Side.”

And Faison said, “No — no! Your name is Dionne, girl!”

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Cosplay

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She moved here from the Philippines at 21, with some experience at climbing into heavy gear: She was a hockey goalie in college. Now she picks a new cosplay theme each year. This year is sci-fi. Like a lot of cosplayers at a weekend comic con, she milked every moment: Friday, she wore a couture Iron Man-inspired gown, Sunday she was Dark Phoenix from the X-Men. Saturday, for competition, she was the obscure Arthenya VI, a kind of Elizabethan priestess from a French tabletop war game. To do this, she wrote the company and asked for its designs; incredibly, it obliged (and even sent 3-D renderings). She sketched the costume; she spent six months testing and sourcing materials. She bought a 3-D printer for parts.

She arrived at C2E2 about 8:30 a.m. Saturday to prepare for the championship, that night at 7. “It’s a long, stressful, nerve-wracking experience, and the costume is so heavy, it’s like wearing a chandelier.”

So on Thursday, she did a dress rehearsal in her Belmont Cragin bungalow.

Step 1: Makeup

She preps her hair and face, moisturizes her skin, and uses a primer to ensure the makeup adheres. She braids her long hair into two curls that she arranges into a halo; this provides an anchor for her wig. Then she covers blemishes and does eye makeup. She adds a white layer to her brows (Arthenya is an older character), then glue and powder to further hide the darkness of her hair. She adds white eyeliner, then grey eyeliner (to simulate shadows and dimension). She works a liner under her eyelids (“so I look awake”). Next comes a foundation of Rihanna’s Fenty Beauty skin makeup. Then she adds more powder to contour her face — to match the character, she is approximating European features, she explains. She applies lipstick, then mascara, then a setting spray to avoid sweat-related runs during a long, exhausting day inside the giant convention hall. She puts on a hairnet and waves a fan to dry

the makeup. This step took about an hour to finish.

Step 2: Hair

Though her costume includes a large, cylindrical pope-esque hat, beneath it: a \$40 lace-front wig, to mimic a real hairline. The hair is long and grey with dark roots. She tugs it on, and centers it, then pulls a few hairs through the wig’s netting, to blur the fake and natural. “A lot of cosplayers make their wigs, but I don’t really have time for that.”

Step 3: Clothing

Clothes. First article, a pair of white tights. Next article, puffy pantaloons, which she made using a Renaissance fair-ready historic costume pattern found online. Actually, other than those tights, she made almost all the clothes here. After pantaloons, she steps into a large tiered skirt, made of muslin, wired into wide hoops. She ties it at front and back. Then she adds a burgundy petticoat (“to add structure to the skirt”) made of silky fabric and gauzy tulle (“which gives form without adding weight”); this is followed by a second and heavier petticoat with a vaguely religious pattern. Next, the top skirt, which is red taffeta, lined at the bottom with two rows of custom beading (made with her 3-D printer).

Then she adds a black velvet corset, ornamented with gold appliqué, glass beads and pearls. (Inside the corset, holding it firm, she’s also constructed a boning framework, ingeniously constructed of zip ties.) After that, an Elizabethan collar, handmade out of silk fabric, tulle and three different types of lace. On top of this, she wears a red jacket with a cape (created from the same red taffeta as the primary skirt). Her boots are long and covered by a faux-leather cross-thatching. Finally, her headdress of sorts: It’s made of taffeta with a gold hand-embroidered face, constructed of faux leather, vinyl rays of light and a silver chalice (and flames in the cup), all made of glass beading.

Step 4: Final touches

The props. This part is more Menards than Michael’s. She carries a staff made of PVC piping, topped with a serpent-like curl

that ends in a skull and torch — all carved out of foam and painted black. She also wired the whole thing and added a button, which allows the staff to emit a green glow. But that’s not all: Strapped to her back — using a makeshift backpack created with a 2-by-4 and a sheet of metal — a large model of a gothic cathedral. (You read that correctly.) It’s flanked by foam gargoyles, with an edifice carved out of foam and spray-painted gold. Inside this cathedral sits a corrugated plastic frame lined with LED strips that are connected to an LED music controller. Using her phone, Paprocki then streams organ music (via a concealed Bluetooth speaker), triggering LED lights that cycle through colors behind the windows of the cathedral. Oh, and that cathedral: The back opens up to reveal a diorama, starring a miniature of her character, standing atop a papal pulpit.

Total cost: About \$800.

Once everything is in place, Paprocki figures she’s carrying roughly 20 additional pounds of fabric and electronics, for more than 12 hours. That said, she doesn’t think the final costume is what she wanted. “Then again, it never is.” She had a cold this winter; like other cosplayers, she has a life and a job. *This is the best she could do.* She hopes it’s enough. The Championships of Cosplay was to be streamed live by the Syfy channel on Saturday. “Four years in, I still get butterflies, I still get nauseous. But each year I add to my skills. Each year I give myself a learning curve to master. And I always decide to go big. So my costumes get hard to make — because I decide they’re going to be hard.”

In the end: Paprocki faced stiff competition. She was up against full-scale dragons; even more elaborate embroidering; movie-ready fairy princesses; and robots. She was placed in the effects category, which downplayed the detail on her clothing. About to go onstage, she and her husband surveyed the playing field and decided her chances were weak. In the end, she lost, again. And then she took six months and more than 20 pounds off her back.

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Monica Paprocki’s husband, Bill, tightens the laces while she holds her black velvet corset. She used zip ties to create its boning framework.



Paprocki tests the electronics and LED lights for the large model of a gothic cathedral that will be strapped to her back.



With an assist from Bill, Paprocki places the mitre of Arthenya VI on her head. “Four years in, I still get butterflies,” she says of the competition.

IN PERFORMANCE 'Landladies' ★★ 1/2

Apartment drama has holes in its story

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

Christine, the central character in the world premiere Northlight Theatre play "Landladies," badly needs an apartment. She has a minimum-wage job at a taco joint, a young daughter, a troubled boyfriend and little or no support from her family. Even her own sister won't return her calls.

What she gets when she moves into her new place is, in effect, a surrogate mother.

That would be her landlady, Marti, a tough-nosed businesswoman who has a habit of showing up unannounced, making sure her tenants are making the right choices.

In New York playwright Sharyn Rothstein's three-character drama, directed at Northlight by Jess McLeod, that mostly pits Marti (Shanesia Davis) against Poet (Julian Parker), the romantic soul who talks a good game and wends his way into Christine's affections, but runs up hard against Marti's entrepreneurial boot-camp approach to life.

Rothstein gives her characters plenty of complexity. Marti is cheap and caustic and, even at the end of the play, you cannot tell whether she was good or bad for Christine (Leah Karpel). For all her moralism, Marti is essentially a slumlord, renting Christine an apartment that not only has no oven and ugly stains all over the walls, but has a huge hole in the floor.

Under that cavernous gap resides an unseen senior citizen in a different apartment, shouting up through the floor.

I had a hard time swallowing that Christine, who



Leah Karpel's Christine, right, rents an apartment from landlord Marti, played by Shanesia Davis, in "Landladies" at Northlight Theatre. MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

is presented as a loving if stressed mother, would actually rent a place with a hole through which her little daughter could easily fall, especially since she sometimes leave her alone. It's even harder to buy that Marti, once she finds out about the kid, doesn't, oh, head to Home Depot and nail down some reinforcements, if only to protect herself against liability. You also have to buy that Christine is someone unable to find any roommates who might reduce her costs. Rothstein reveals little of Christine's background and, outside of her Poet, she

seems to have no friends.

The strength of the show is the acting. Karpel and Parker are, to my mind, two of Chicago theater's most interesting young talents, both capable of great emotional vulnerability (really notably so) and each a natural scene-partner for the other, resolutely present and always live and in the moment. Their work is, at times, quite exceptional, and they're supported well by Davis, a highly experienced actor.

Rothstein has said that her play is about poverty and that she was inspired to write such a work after

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reading "Evicted" by the Princeton sociologist Matthew Desmond, a powerful piece of writing about how eviction has become a fact of life for the urban poor, constantly upending their lives and their chances for stability for their families. Desmond writes a

good deal about the complex landlords who oscillate in this world, both caring and despairing for their tenants and wanting them to write a consistent check (or, at least, hand over their Section 8 money). The most interesting aspect of this play is whether these entrepreneurs, filing a gap when government is failing, are part of the solution or a manifestation of the problem.

So you get a play here that is bringing up a crucial issue and, in places, you get some profoundly fine acting. What you don't yet get is believability: for example,

the set, by Arnel Sancianco, is skeletal when the show demands either intense Chicago-style realism, or a richer symbolic environment. That hole in the floor has a use for the playwright — it allows her a window into the elderly poor without needing another actor — but it comes at a cost in terms of veracity. And Rothstein has yet to show us more context, more of a feeling of the cruel world outside.

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Fleming

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that suggested she would have been better off without it. She also made some news here, announcing that she would appear in 10 performances of "Piazza" at Lyric in December (by now she was wearing a glittering Vivienne Westwood gown).

If Fleming was the evening's raison d'être, its most spectacular voice belonged to Sondra Radvanovsky. The soprano provided thrilling stratospheric notes in "Vissi d'arte" from Puccini's "Tosca" and shed profound interpretive light on the sprawling "Ain't it a pretty night?" from Carlisle Floyd's "Susannah" (the work in which Fleming had made her aforementioned Lyric debut).

The evening's other high points included bass-baritone Eric Owens' masterful account of "O tu, Palermo," from Verdi's "I Vespri Siciliani"; tenor Lawrence Brownlee's nimble "Pour mon ame quel destin" from Donizetti's

"La Fille du Regiment"; and bass-baritone Christian Van Horn's charismatic "Ecco il mondo" from Boito's "Mefistofele."

Though Tituss Burgess wasn't quite as funny a host as he believed himself to be, he nearly made up for it with a scorching, gospel-influenced reappraisal of Duke Ellington's "In a Sentimental Mood" (but Burgess deserved a better accompaniment than his own rudimentary pianism).

The singers of the Ryan Opera Center performed sumptuously in several ensemble pieces, but the high-flown vocalists who delivered "Sing for Your Supper" from Rodgers and Hart's "The Boys from Syracuse" sounded as if they thought they were digging into Puccini.

Minor flaws notwithstanding, the concert represented a welcome salute to Fleming, even if her contributions to music in Chicago never could be adequately summed up by one evening alone.

Julien Labro

Savvy jazz listeners



ANNA WEBER PHOTO

Julien Labro's Green Mill set showed him extending the technical and expressive possibilities of the accordion.

already know of Julien Labro's prowess as accordion virtuoso. But the opening set he played Friday night at the Green Mill Jazz Club showed him extending the technical and expressive possibilities of his instrument.

Nowhere was that more apparent than in an original composition, the aptly named "Chutzpah," which Labro penned as a tribute to the famously eclectic saxophonist-composer-improviser John Zorn. At

first glance, the accordion might not seem well-suited to Zorn's extraordinarily wide-ranging musical tastes. But Labro, leading a nimble quartet, quickly proved that assumption incorrect.

The solo with which he opened the piece encompassed softly atmospheric tones, fiercely dissonant chord clusters and high-register bursts of sound. Before long, Labro was throwing off fast-flying lines over his colleagues'

throbbing rhythmic accompaniment, one turbulent motif tumbling onto the next.

His closing cadenza ventured still further afield. Playing a cappella, Labro zigzagged from traditional harmony to experimental sonorities, from hard-charging repeated-note passages to intricate counterpoint. Yet somehow it all made sense, as if Labro were compressing years of forethought into a single, packed-to-the-brim statement.

The music that preceded this set-closing tour de force came closer to illuminating this project's name: the Chanson Experiment, especially when Labro offered his account of the Edith Piaf classic "La Vie en Rose." Here Labro played the famous melody straightforwardly at first, reveling in its poetry. Then he reimagined it via elegantly sculpted lines and a robust, full-bodied tone, as if to steer clear of the glib sentimentality to which the song routinely is subjected. With each chorus, Labro strayed further from the original, proving there are

plenty of new ideas yet to be mined from the old standard.

In "A Paris," an Yves Montand signature, Labro produced copious phrase-making and considerable rhythmic thrust. "La Foule" ("The Crowd"), another tune from Piaf's songbook, inspired Labro to offer constantly shifting meters and flashes of right-hand bravura.

And in Jacques Brel's "Ne Me Quitte Pas" (best known in the U.S. as "If You Go Away"), Labro achieved his most sublimely understated music of the set on accordina, a harmonica-like instrument with keyboard. The profundity of Labro's single-note lines and the yearning quality of his tone brought the rambunctious Green Mill as close to silence as I've ever encountered.

It all made you wonder how much Labro could bring to a collaboration with soprano Fleming.

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Fleming to star in 'Light in the Piazza'

BY CHRIS JONES
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A new production of the much-admired Adam Guettel musical "The Light in the Piazza" is coming to Chicago's Lyric Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Drive, next winter, starring famed soprano Renee Fleming in the leading role of the American mother who takes her daughter to Italy in the 1950s and loses control.

Directed by Daniel Evans, "The Light in the Piazza" will play the Lyric from Dec. 14-29 (10 performances only), with Lyric subscribers getting the preferential chance to buy tickets beginning Monday. Tickets go on sale to the public 10 a.m. Thursday.

The musical, which opened on Broadway in 2005, has been seen in Chicago several times. A developmental production occurred at the Goodman in 2004; a national tour played the Auditorium

Theatre; and various local groups have staged the intensely melodic and romantic show, including the Theo Ubique Theatre and the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire. "The Light in the Piazza" features a book by Craig Lucas. It was based on a New Yorker short story by Elizabeth Spencer.

"Adam's music is so extraordinary," Fleming said in a phone interview Friday, describing her excitement at working on "this jewel of a piece." For his part, Guettel, the grandson of the famed composer Richard Rodgers, said in an email that he had heard Fleming's voice up close in a studio and been "completely blown away."

Fleming also noted that the piece featured "interesting roles for women and there are so few of those."

The remainder of the cast has yet to be announced.

The producers of the new endeavor are Scenario

Two, a British company run by the impresarios John Berry and Anthony Lilley that aims to bring together talent from the worlds of theater, opera, film and television. Evans' production will be seen first this summer at the Royal Festival Hall in London (a venue that does not have a traditional fly-space for scenery above the stage).

Fleming has been making forays into Broadway musicals of late, recently appearing in producer Scott Rudin's revival of "Carousel." In the interview, she said the new staging likely would emphasize the music in the piece and would feature "a greatly expanded orchestration" of Guettel's score, and that a possible New York run "has not yet been discussed."

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"Jesus: His Life" (7 p.m., 11:03 p.m., History): This new four-part, eight-hour weekly miniseries explores the story of Jesus Christ through the perspective of the people in his life, weaving reenactments of biblical accounts with commentary from scholars and faith leaders including Joel Osteen, one of the project's executive producers. Tonight's two-hour premiere, "Joseph: The Nativity; John the Baptist: The Mission," focuses on the earthly father who protected Jesus in infancy.

"Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta" (7 p.m., 10 p.m., 1 a.m., VH1): The hit unscripted series returns for Season 8, with two new episodes airing back to back. VH1 hasn't released many details about the contents of the premiere, other than promising that Season 8 will be "the most explosive ever," as the various players struggle to balance family, fame and careers. Expect story lines to include what newlywed life is like for Stevie J and Faith Evans, plus the return of Scrapp Deleon.

"Man With a Plan" (7:30 p.m., CBS): There's a lot at "steak" in the new episode "Adam's Ribs," in which Adam (Matt LeBlanc) tries to show his support for eldest daughter Kate's (Grace Kaufman) latest cause by joining her on a vegan diet. It's all part of his attempt to strengthen his bond with her, but his lifelong love for juicy, meaty deliciousness proves a difficult habit for him to give up.

"One Nation Under Stress" (8 p.m., 1:55 a.m., HBO): After years of steady growth in life expectancy among residents of the United States, the Center for Disease Control reports that those numbers are declining for the first time in more than a century. Stunned by that news, Dr. Sanjay Gupta sets out to discover what's happening and why in this new documentary.

"Knightfall" (9 p.m., 10:02 p.m., 1:01 a.m., 2:02 a.m., History): Banished from the Knights Templar after his affair with Queen Joan was discovered, Landry (Tom Cullen) is struggling to redeem himself as this historical drama returns for Season 2 with a premiere called "God's Executioners." The chastening regimen to which he must submit himself is overseen by Talus (Mark Hamill).

TALK SHOWS

- "Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Comic Pete Holmes.*
- "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Boxer Conor McGregor; comic Michael Che; actress Rachel Feinstein; restaurateur Frank Pellegrino Jr.*
- "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*
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FREE	Shadowhunters (N) ©		(8:01) Finding Dory (PG,'16) ★★		© (SAP)		700 Club ▶	
FX	★ (6) The Wolf of Wall Street (R,'13) ★★		★ Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill. ©				What We ▶	
HALL	The Story of Us (NR,'19) Maggie Lawson. ©				Meet the Peetes ©		Golden Girls	
HGTV	Hunters (N)	Hunters	Home Town (N) ©		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters	
HISTV	Jesus: His Life (Premiere) (N) ©		(Part 1 of 4)		Knightfall (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Knightfall ▶	
HLN	Vengeance: Killer Lovers		Vengeance: Killer Lovers		Very Scary People ©			
IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
LIFE	Escaping Polygamy ©		Escaping Polygamy ©		Escaping Polygamy ©		Escaping ▶	
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV	Teen Mom 2 ©		Teen Mom 2 (N) ©		Lindsay Lohan Beach (N)		Teen Mom ▶	
NBCSCH	All Access	Cubs (N)	MLB Preseason Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Chicago Cubs. (N) ▶					
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Parent Trap (PG,'98) ★★		Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid. ©			
Ovation	★ (6) Up in the Air (R,'09) ★★		That Thing You Do! (PG,'96) ★★		Tom Everett Scott. ▶			
OWN	Dateline on OWN ©		Dateline on OWN ©		Deadline: Crime		Dateline ▶	
OXY	In Ice Cold Blood (N) ©		Killer Couples (N) ©		Snapped ©		Accident ▶	
PARMT	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops (N) ©		Cops ©	
SYFY	Hellboy (PG-13,'04) ★★		Ron Perlman, John Hurt. ©		Leprechau (R,'93) ★★			
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American (N)	Amer. Dad	Conan ©	
TCM	(7:15) The African Lion (G,'55) ★★		Charlie, the Lonesome Cougar ('67) ★★		Yellow ★★			
TLC	Counting On ©		Counting On: "A Bachelor No More." (N)				People ▶	
TLN	Supernatural	Humanit	Faith Chi	Pastor Greg	Robison	Billy Graham	Humanit ▶	
TNT	The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG-13,'14) ★★		©				Hunger Games ▶	
TOON	Samur. Jack	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRAV	Fear the Woods (N) ©		Paranormal 911 (N) ©		Haunted Hospitals (N) ©		Haunted (N)	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©						Mod Fam ▶	
VH1	Love, Hip Hop (Season Premiere) (N)		Love, Hip Hop (N)		Love & Hip Hop Miami (N)		Hip Hop ▶	
WE	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ▶	
WGN America	Married	Married	Married	Married	Married	Married	Married	
PREMIUM	HBO	★ (6:30) Breaking In ('18) ★	One Nation (N)			(9:15) The Case Against Adnan Syed		
	HBO2	Real Time With Bill Maher		The Outsiders (PG,'83) ★★	Matt Dillon.	(9:35) Ocean's 8 ★★		
	MAX	Strike Back ©		(7:50) The Warrior's Way (R,'10) ★★		(9:35) The Invasion ★★		
	SHO	Billions ©		Black Mon	SMILF ©	Billions ©		Black Mon
	STARZ	★ Gods	Apocalypse	(8:02) Love Actually (R,'03) ★★		Hugh Grant. ©		
STZENC	★ (6:25) The Transporter		Transporter 2 (PG-13,'05) ★★		©		T2 Trainspotting (R) ★★	

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (March 25): Travel to unexplored destinations this year. Practice your skills to expand professionally. Beautify your home and garden this summer, before work responsibilities take priority. A professional dream materializes next winter, before domestic issues require adaptation. Explorations lead to discoveries with practical domestic applications.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. The open road is calling. Where to explore? Try something new. Educational opportunities invite you into another point of view.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Strategize about the budget with your partner. The next two days are good for financial planning. Take care not to provoke jealousies.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Together, it's easier to navigate obstacles and barriers. Your perspective is wider. Diversity provides strength. Another's skills take over where yours leave off.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Your attention is in demand. Increase the pace as much as is safe, guarding your health and energy. Others may want quick action. Postpone non-essentials.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Relax, and enjoy the scenery. Keep someone special in the foreground. Find yourself drawn magnetically toward love and kindness, beauty and goodness.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Focus on domestic matters. Clean, sort and organize. Resolve a family issue by listening and avoiding automatic reactions. Let go of a preconception.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. You're especially brilliant. Creative projects flower. Write, broadcast and publish your views. Express your feelings through art, music or dance.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Conserve resources while generating income. Less is more. Simplify your needs for greater financial freedom. Provide value, charge a fair price and keep track.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Advance a creative vision or dream. You're especially strong, and you know what you want. Put another check on your bucket list. Enjoy a personal moment.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 6. Fine-tune your domestic environment. Rest and recuperate from recent adventures. Peace and privacy allow for thoughtful consideration of what's next.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Stay connected with friends. Participate with community groups and people who share your interests and commitments. Benefits come through your inner circle. Support your team.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Crazy dreams seem possible. Unexpected circumstances could preempt your schedule. Adapt on the fly. Be prepared for inspection. An influential person is paying attention.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 974 ♥ 854 ♦ A1093 ♣ K32

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♥	2♠	?

What call would you make?

A.1—It's not just seven points — it's an ace and a king! Bid 3H.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A94 ♥ AK954 ♦ Void ♣ Q10942

West	North	East	South
2♥	Pass	4♦	?

What call would you make?

A.2—You must bid with this hand and it's close between 4H and double. We like double.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A1075 ♥ 10 ♦ AKJ84 ♣ K32

Left-hand opponent opens 1H, partner passes, and right-hand opponent responds 1NT. What call would you make?

A.3—The double of a 1NT response is a take out double of the suit opened on your left. This hand is just about perfect. Double.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 1097 ♥ KJ874 ♦ A93 ♣ Q4

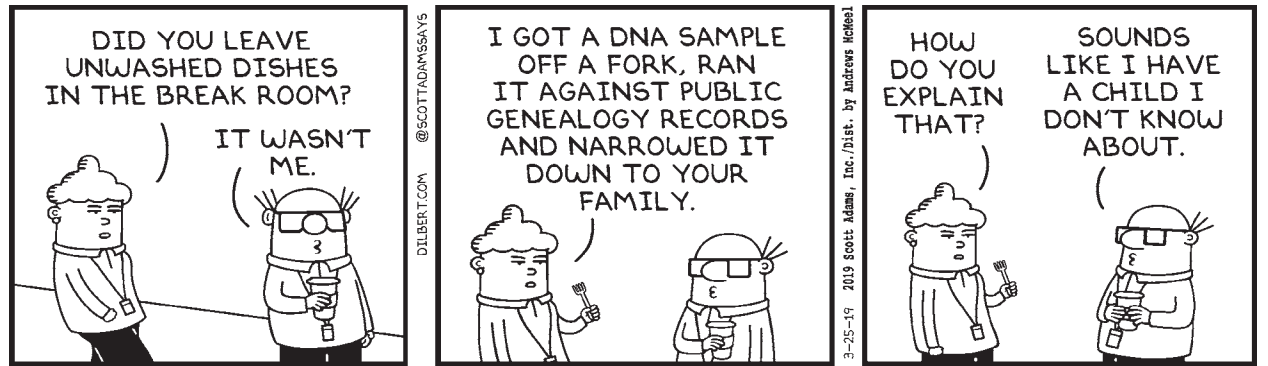
Partner opens 1H and right-hand opponent overcalls 1S. What call would you make?

A.4—Both 3H and 4H would be pre-emptive here. Bid 2S, showing a raise with at least invitational values.

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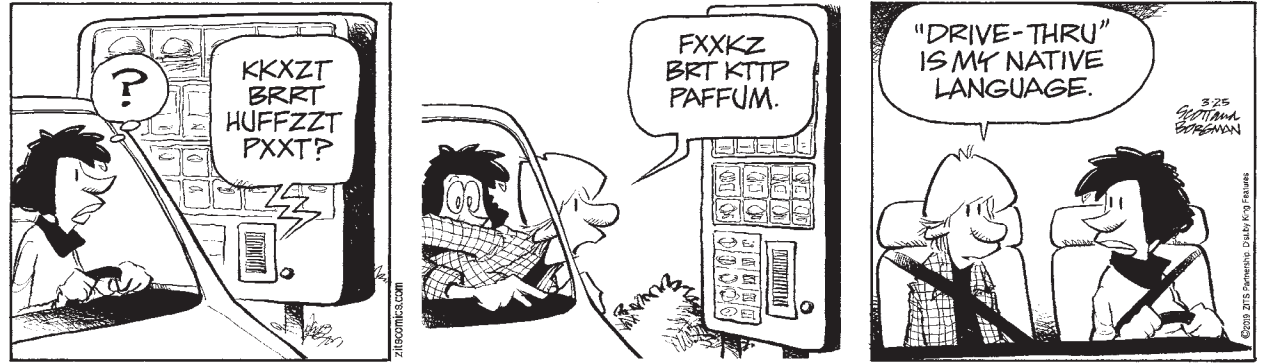
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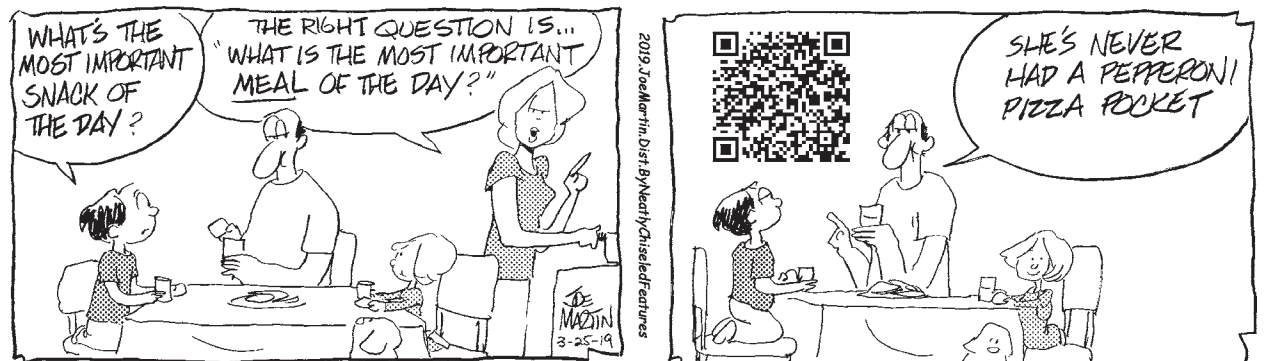
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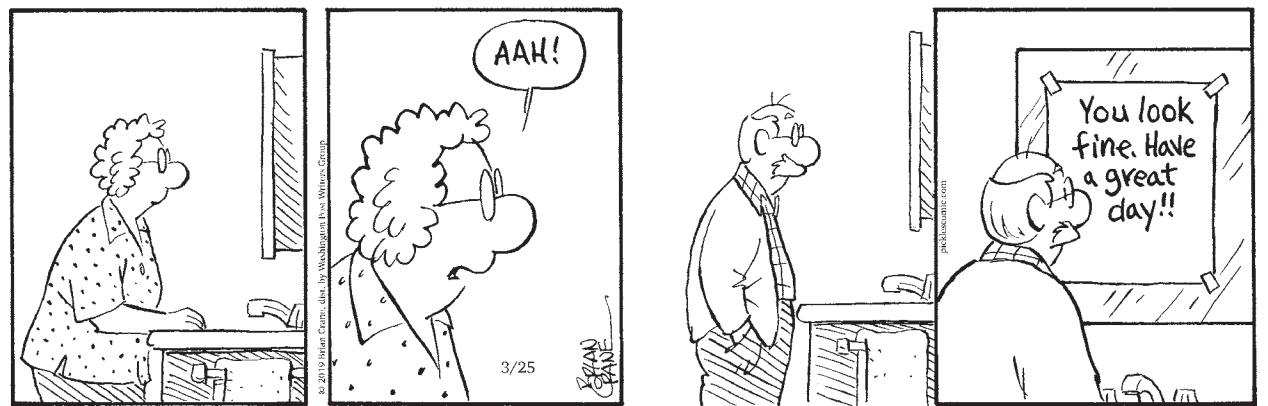
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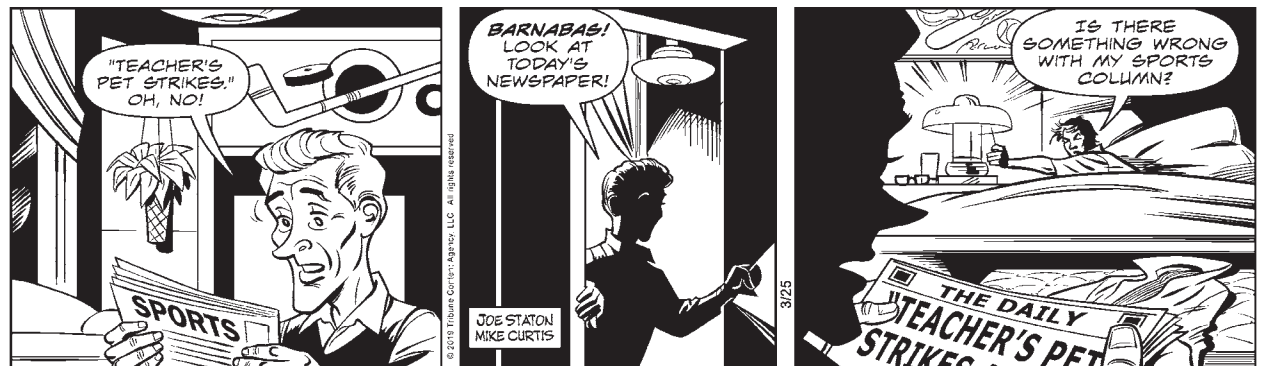
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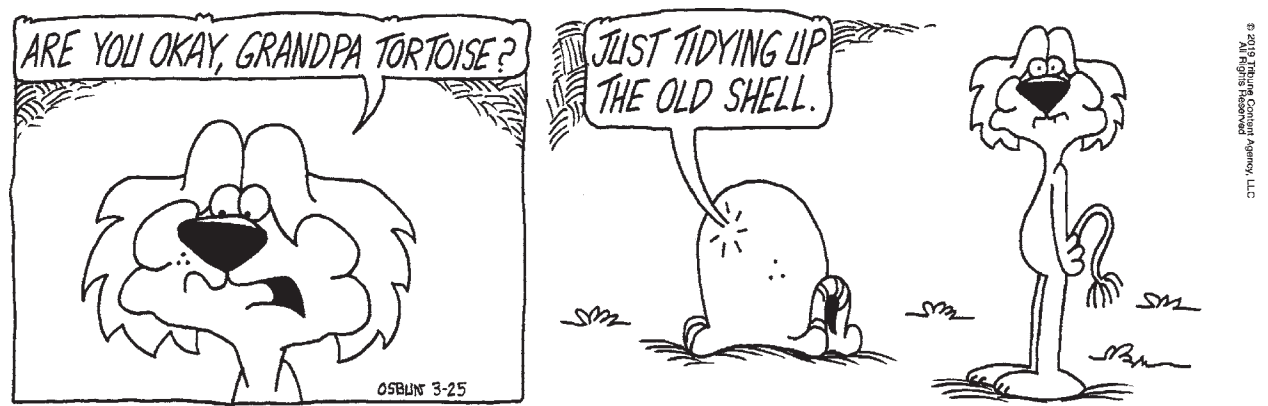
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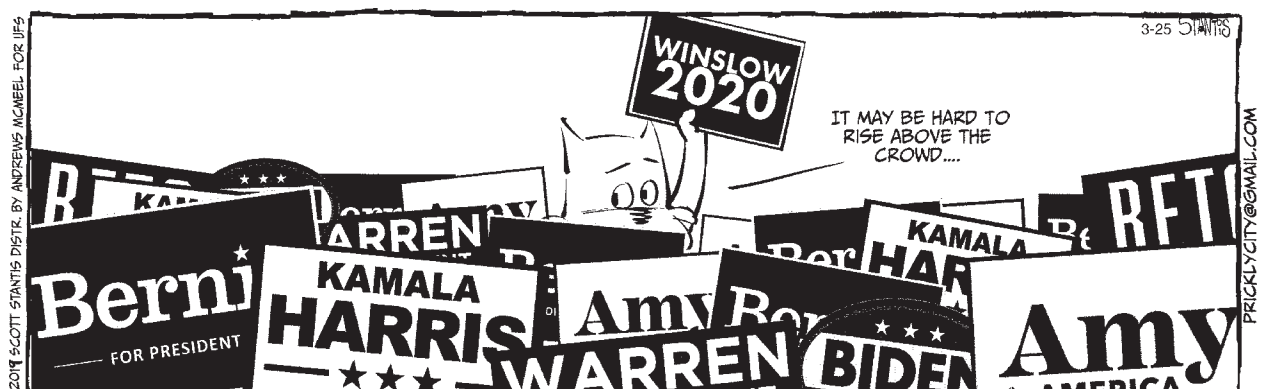
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