



GOP steps closer to blocking witnesses

McConnell signals Trump acquittal could come at end of week

BY SHERYL GAY STOLBERG AND MICHAEL D. SHEAR

The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The White House and Senate Republicans worked aggressively Wednesday to discount damaging revelations from John Bolton and line up the votes to block new witnesses that would bring President Donald Trump's impeachment trial to a swift close.

As the Senate entered a two-day, 16-hour period of questioning from senators, Trump laced into Bolton, his former national security adviser, whose unpublished manuscript contains an account that contradicts his impeachment defense. The president described Bolton on Twitter as a warmonger who had "begged" for his job, was fired and then wrote "a nasty & untrue book."

Trump's aides circulated a letter on Capitol Hill informing Bolton that the White House was moving to block publication of his forthcoming book, in which he wrote that the president conditioned the release of military aid for Ukraine on the country's willingness to investigate his political rivals. That is a central element of Democrats' impeachment case against the president, which charges him with seeking to enlist a foreign government to interfere in the 2020 election on his behalf.

Off the floor, Senate Majority

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Bridgeview's Muslims saw post-9/11 FBI scrutiny

A local filmmaker has been suing to find out why and for how long

BY NAUSHEEN HUSAIN AND MORGAN GREENE

Since 2016, documentary filmmaker Assia Boundaoui has been waiting for answers from the FBI to one question: Which parts of her Arab American community in Bridgeview were surveilled after 9/11? After a court hearing last week, she learned she will have to keep waiting.

Growing up, Boundaoui heard stories from her mother and other community members about FBI agents visiting her neighborhood and knocking on doors. After two family friends were jailed for white-collar crimes, Boundaoui said in her 2018

documentary about Bridgeview, she feared her family would be next.

A journalist by profession, Boundaoui said she needed to know why her community was being tracked. In 2016, she submitted questions through a Freedom of Information Act request to the FBI. Eventually, she received more than 33,000 heavily redacted documents that contained more than 500 names of people and organizations from Muslim communities around the country.

"It's weird to read how they

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker arrives in the House chamber to deliver his first State of the State speech in Springfield on Wednesday.

Pritzker takes aim at graft in State of the State speech

Governor says Illinois must 'root out the purveyors of greed, corruption'

BY JAMIE MUNKS, DAN PETRELLA AND RICK PEARSON

SPRINGFIELD — Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker used his State of the State address Wednesday to urge lawmakers to confront the "scourge" of political corruption in Illinois amid a wide-ranging federal probe that threatens to undermine his second-year agenda.

"We must root out the purveyors of greed and corruption — in both parties — whose presence infects the bloodstream of government," Pritzker said in his midday speech before the General Assembly.

"It's no longer enough to sit idle while under-the-table deals, extortion and bribery persist. Protecting that culture or tolerating it is no longer acceptable. We must take urgent action to

restore the public's trust in our government," he said.

Pritzker's comments on corruption come as some former and current lawmakers — so far all Democrats — are caught up in ongoing federal corruption investigations. A day earlier, former state Sen. Martin Sandoval pleaded guilty to federal bribery and income-tax evasion charges over using his power as Senate Transportation Committee

chairman to help a red-light camera company. Sandoval is cooperating in the probe.

The governor called for an end both to the practice of retiring legislators quickly becoming lobbyists and to lawmakers serving as paid lobbyists to local governments.

Pritzker's attack on corruption was a counterweight to a

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Kindergartners speak to transplant nurse Vanessa Flores during her visit to St. Pius V Elementary School in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood for career day at the school on Tuesday.

\$90M in new funds for Catholic schools in lower-income areas

Amid closures comes partnership with Big Shoulders Fund

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

A new partnership between the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Big Shoulders Fund will funnel tens of millions of dollars into Catholic schools in Chicago's lower-income communities over the next decade, a massive investment that

comes amid widespread challenges to keeping schools open.

The archdiocese and Big Shoulders, a local not-for-profit, will invest more than \$90 million in 30 Catholic schools located predominantly on the city's South and West sides, officials announced Wednesday.

Big Shoulders will donate \$47.5 million to schools from Auburn Gresham to the Austin neighborhood over the next 10

years. The archdiocese will provide nearly \$45 million, officials said.

"Big Shoulders will take a larger role in setting academic and financial goals at these schools, so they'll be even more engaged and involved with the schools," said Jim Rigg, superintendent of Catholic Schools.

Big Shoulders was established in 1986 to support Catholic schools in the neediest

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Hundreds attend service for Elgin vet

After his death, U.S. Air Force veteran John James Murphy's body went unclaimed by family or loved ones, so the funeral home held a service in his honor. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker delivers his first State of the State speech on Wednesday at the state Capitol in Springfield.



JOHN KASS

Is the talk of ethics reform all just bologna?

In his big State of the State speech, Gov. J.B. Pritzker told an Illinois General Assembly historically dominated by boodlers, crooks and influence peddlers that it was finally time to "root out the purveyors of corruption."

Sadly, Pritzker forgot two important items:

The toilets.

And the federal bologna.

"It's no longer enough to sit idle while under-the-table deals, extortion or bribery persist," said the governor. "We must take urgent action to restore the public's trust in our government."

It was a fine speech, generally addressing the inconvenient truth of the widening FBI corruption investigation ranging from Chicago to Springfield.

Illinois politicians are panicked that everyone is wearing a wire. They're so worried, they need to get naked just to have safe conversations.

That part in Pritzker's speech about restoring public faith in government sent a tingle up and down my leg. But like I said, he forgot the most important things.

You'd think a man who inherited billions of dollars from his family's Hyatt hotel empire and wise enough to hide his enormous wealth in offshore accounts could have hired a flunky to insert a few lines about the toilets and the bologna.

Before he bought the governor's office, he bought a mansion next to his family's mansion in the Gold Coast. The Pritzkers removed all the toilets in the new place next to his, rendering the newly bought home technically "uninhabitable."

The Pritzkers got a \$330,000 property tax break for living next to an "uninhabitable" home. And taxpayers picked up the slack.

Hey, governor? Where are the feds on that toilet caper?

And I wish Pritzker had mentioned the bologna. He could have served up slice after slice.

Because if there's anything that explains the state of Illinois politics to taxpayers, it's the big fat bologna.

The noble sausage came up in federal court the other day as former state Sen. Martin Sandoval, D-Vondra,

pleaded guilty in that big federal investigation you've been reading about in those great stories written by my Tribune colleagues.

They've been on this for months, writing about the FBI raids and the panic, the butcher paper covering Ald. Ed Burke's office, and the pathetic comments caught on FBI tape from former Ald. Danny Solis about free Viagra and his appetite for Asian women at the massage parlors.

But this week, as Sandoval pleaded guilty to accepting a reported \$250,000 in bribes, some from the red-light company SafeSpeed LLC, the bologna was exposed.

According to the charges, Sandoval was trying to cover up the bribes and asked the federal informant working for SafeSpeed if there was a safe way to funnel the cash.

"Do you have a bologna company or something innocuous?" Sandoval asked the informant.

Innocuous? Sir, there is nothing innocuous about bologna, a proud sausage and the foundation of many tasty sandwiches eaten by taxpayers who don't have \$250,000 in bribes to buy gourmet meals.

As a boy, I spent many years slicing bologna and other lunchmeats in my father's store on the South Side of Chicago. I sliced it all, the Polish ham and the mortadella, the hard salami and all the other sausages, including the beloved exotics:

The head cheese, with the bits of shiny gelatin like green emeralds and rubies floating in the pink fat, the blood tongue and the jellied tongue. You could see the beef tongue suspended in the jelly, which may be why I hate Jell-O. And the delicious, garlicy prasky.

My brother, who lives in Washington, demands prasky when he visits. He can't find it out there.

Al the sausage man from the Crawford Sausage Co. would unload the sausages from his truck. And many customers liked the bologna because it was cheap. You could fry a thick slice for dinner. Or pile it thin on good bread.

"Slice it thin" the old babas would say. "Theeen! Meester, theeen."

And we'd give the liturgical

singsong response: What else you want?

But Sandoval didn't want anything else. Just wanted the bribe money and a way to hide it from the federal tax man. He didn't have any offshore accounts.

After pleading guilty, as he left federal court, Sandoval told reporters he was "ashamed" and took "full responsibility" for what he'd done.

"I apologize to the people of Illinois and most importantly the constituents that I've served over the last 17 years," former Sen. Bologna Man said. "... I intend to fully cooperate with the government, and because of that, I can no longer provide any further comments."

It really doesn't matter what you say now. What matters is what you say from the witness stand, under oath, as you testify.

With all the federal heat, Illinois Democrats are scrambling to spruce themselves up and support Pritzker's urgent vow for ethics. Now they're issuing statements to media in favor of ethics reform.

It's all an inside joke. Reporters know it. Politicians know it. And taxpayers have been the punchline for decades.

Democrats aren't the only ones who hold you in contempt. Consider state Senate Minority Leader Bill Brady, R-Bloomington. He joined Pritzker in calling for tougher ethics laws.

Yet like Pritzker, Brady forgot the important thing.

Brady reportedly has already cashed in on deals with the state-regulated electronic gaming industry.

Nice.

They make their speeches and they make their vows about rooting out corruption.

They ignore the toilets. And they never stop with the bologna.

Slice it thin, boys and girls. Slice it thin.

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GOP is bolting from Bolton 'information virus'



REX W. HUPPKE

Republican senators overseeing President Donald Trump's impeachment trial should be applauded for their brave efforts to contain a potentially damaging virus known as "information."

Information, if it spreads to the floor of the U.S. Senate, can cause GOP lawmakers to experience extreme nausea, truth recognition and, in rare cases, spine formation. In worst case scenarios, the information virus can result in presidential impeachment, which explains why Republicans are doing everything they can to keep witnesses out of Trump's trial.

Witnesses, such as former United Nations ambassador and national security adviser John Bolton, are known carriers of information. Allowing even one into the trial could result in a full-on outbreak of facts capable of wiping out all Republican talking points, including "no quid pro quo," "READ THE TRANSCRIPT!" and "Impeachment Hoax!"

Mississippi Sen. Roger Wicker, knowing some of his GOP colleagues might be vulnerable to information infection, said Tuesday: "I don't think the testimony of Ambassador Bolton would be helpful."

Sen. Lindsey Graham also seemed worried the virus might spread: "One witness would probably lead to a lot of witnesses."

Before you know it, information could be everywhere!

For a time, it seemed the impeachment trial would remain witness-resistant. But the New York Times reported on a part of Bolton's upcoming book that says Trump "wanted to continue freezing \$391 million in security assistance to Ukraine until officials there helped with investigations into Democrats including the Bidens."

That's the central claim in the Democrats' impeachment case, that Trump withheld congressionally approved military aid from Ukraine to pressure officials there to launch investigations, including one against former Vice President Joe Biden, Trump's



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John Bolton, then the national security adviser, looks on as President Donald Trump talks to reporters in the Oval Office on Aug. 20, 2019.

potential political opponent.

Virulent information from a witness who can confirm the Democrats' allegations could be deadly to the Republicans' assertion that Trump is innocent. You don't have to be an epidemiologist to see that.

The threat Bolton posed to the health of the Republicans' excuse-making was obvious, so they immediately set out to quarantine the Senate trial from any such contagion.

It has worked thus far, but the coming days will be pivotal for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and other Trump loyalists trying to keep the virus in check.

They will have to resort to virus-blocking hypocrisy, which will likely include criticism of Bolton, a stalwart in conservative circles, as a not-to-be-trusted turncoat.

When Trump picked the ambassador to be his national security

adviser in 2018, Republican Sen. Tom Cotton tweeted: "I also congratulate Ambassador John Bolton for his appointment as the next national security adviser. He's an excellent choice."

Asked on Sunday whether that "excellent choice" should testify under oath as a fact-witness to an issue at the heart of the impeachment case, Cotton said: "I'm not going to vote to approve witnesses."

That's the kind of bold leadership needed in times of a possible information epidemic.

To understand the scope of the threat Bolton poses, consider the masses outside the Senate who have already been exposed to a wide range of viral information.

Their minds have been infected by facts and evidence, forcing them to form opinions grounded in specific details relevant to the impeachment case. The results are horrifying.

A recent Quinnipiac poll found

that 75% of Americans want the Senate to call witnesses in Trump's impeachment trial. A Reuters poll put the number at 72%. And a Monmouth poll showed a whopping 80% of the country wants to hear from people such as Bolton.

Thankfully Republicans are standing strong, knowing the will of the people is nothing more than just the ramblings of information-addled minds.

A vote on whether to call witnesses is expected Friday. Until then, I suggest our heroic GOP senators watch a minimum of five hours a day of Fox News to ensure their brains are properly vaccinated against information infection. They should also wear ear masks.

In the event of information exposure, lawmakers should immediately tent themselves in comments that contradict previous things they've said.

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz gave a

good example of this outbreak prevention maneuver Tuesday night. Back in September, he mocked Democrats for not being able to prove Trump's actions toward Ukraine amounted to an "illegal quid pro quo."

On Tuesday night, knowing Bolton's testimony could confirm an illegal quid pro quo, Cruz told Fox News: "Quid pro quo doesn't matter, it's a red herring. It doesn't matter if there was a quid pro quo or not."

That's how a lawmaker charged with the constitutional duty of impartially judging a president's behavior in an impeachment trial stops an information virus dead in its tracks. Just ignore the information and change your story until the chance of exposure has passed.

Then you acquit the president and celebrate how you valiantly saved America from the truth.

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Roger Treend, of Oswego, salutes the body of Vietnam War veteran John James Murphy in an Elgin funeral home on Wednesday.

'NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO DIE ALONE'

Hundreds attend service for unclaimed Elgin Vietnam vet

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO

Wendy Gross waited outside the Symonds-Madison Funeral Home in downtown Elgin Wednesday to pay her respects to a man she did not know.

In fact, most of the 400 to 500 people who gathered for the funeral service did not know John James Murphy.

"For me, it was a no-brainer. No one should have to die alone," said Gross, of West Dundee.

Murphy, 71, lived in Elgin and was a U.S. Air Force veteran. When his body went unclaimed by family or loved ones, the funeral home owners decided they would hold a service fitting of a military vet regardless.

"Many of you have come for a funeral for an unclaimed veteran," the Rev. Tim Perry told those gathered. "What we would like for you to think about is this man is no longer unclaimed — he is ours."

Murphy died Jan. 15 at Presence St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin. According to his obituary, he lived at Elgin's River View Rehab Center, where he

was president of the center's resident council committee.

"Friends at the rehab center will remember him as a very friendly and cordial man who enjoyed helping others. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was always making jokes," his obituary read. "He enjoyed spending his free time reading, listening to music, going outside, keeping up with the news, watching TV and movies."

The Chicago native had worked as a Dominick's grocery store manager and as a welder.

Murphy was an Air Force jet engine mechanic from 1966 to 1969, his obituary said. A Vietnam veteran, he earned several honors, including the National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and Vietnam Service Medal.

The obituary said it's believed Murphy had a brother, two sisters, one child and grandchildren, but no one had claimed him as of Wednesday.

Daniel Symonds, an Army veteran who owns the funeral home with his wife, Joy, said they'd held services for other unclaimed vets in the past but



Murphy

never made it publicly known. This time they decided to post it on social media pages in the hope that people might come out to honor him and possibly contact relatives who may not have heard of Murphy's death.

The response was "overwhelming," Symonds said. He received more calls Tuesday than on any other day in the funeral home's history, with some coming from other states, he said.

"It's just lots of people who wanted to do something," he said. "Lots of people who never knew him but they wanted to participate or provide something."

The Symonds said they are not taking any donations because they applied to receive \$3,200 in government assistance to pay for the service, which included bagpipes, a funeral car procession and the playing of taps.

Whether they'd received funding or not, Daniel Symonds said they knew "this needed to be done." And sometimes there can be a happy ending of sorts, such as when a daughter contacted them after a similar funeral for another unclaimed veteran, he said.

"Even though she was estranged from her father, she appreciated the gesture," Symonds said. "She got his flag from us, and that meant something to her."

Elgin resident Doris Parker, a School District U-46 bus driver, was among those who attended the service. She waved a flag outside the funeral home as the motorcade passed by to take Murphy's body to the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

"I love you John James Murphy, my brother," she shouted as the motorcade departed.

Elgin police officers and firefighters led the funeral procession out of Elgin and the Kane County sheriff's office took over on Interstate 90.

Steven Holt, a commander for AmVets Post 103 in Aurora, stopped briefly at Murphy's service before heading to East Aurora High School, his alma mater, where a service for U.S. Army Spc. Miguel Villalon was being held in the afternoon. Villalon, of Aurora, was killed in Afghanistan on Jan. 11.

"I will do what I can to recognize a veteran," said Holt, of Aurora, a noncombat Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

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Judge confines madam to home for posting ad for fetish workers

Amid prostitution case, 'kink-friendly' people sought for 'playhouse'

BY JASON MEISNER

A federal judge on Wednesday ordered a West Side madam placed on home confinement for violating the bond set in her prostitution case by posting a help wanted ad seeking "kink friendly" employees to work at her "playhouse."

Prosecutors had sought to jail Jessica Nesbitt pending trial, arguing in a filing last week that Nesbitt thumbed her nose at the court's order to stay away from the sex industry while her charges were pending.

Nesbitt's attorneys, however, said the ad placed by Nesbitt on the fetish site sexyjobs.com was an innocuous attempt to rent out her three-flat building in the 2400 block of West Augusta Boulevard for "pole fitness" and "erotic yoga" events.

In her ruling Wednesday, U.S. Magistrate Judge Maria Valdez bristled at the suggestion that the ad wasn't sexual in nature, saying it was clearly "not a sewing circle" that Nesbitt was looking to put together.

"I don't think there needs to be any more said about what kind of individual she was seeking to hire," Valdez said. "We're not

talking about a kink in an electrical line.... I'd made it very clear to Ms. Nesbitt that she needed to get a whole new line of work."

But the judge said the violation — while troubling — did not rise to the level that required Nesbitt to be locked up, particularly given that she's a single mother of a teenage son.

Instead, Valdez ordered Nesbitt, who also goes by the name "Madame Priscilla Belle," to remain on home confinement while the charges are pending. She will be allowed to leave her residence only for court appearances and medical or religious appointments.

Nesbitt, 31, was charged in a 13-count indictment unsealed in September with prostitution, conspiracy to commit prostitution and illegally structuring bank withdrawals to evade reporting requirements. She has pleaded not guilty and has been free on a \$250,000 unsecured bond.

Her business, Kink Extraordinaire, touted itself on social media as a legal outlet for fetishes, role-playing, "forced interactions" and "taboo exploration."

"Follow us for day-to-day open kinky fun at our play space, birthday spankings, stories of erotica, holiday spice, and exclusive play party updates," read one Twitter post from 2018.

The indictment, however, alleged that from 2010 to 2017,

Nesbitt placed ads on websites such as backpage.com and eros.com offering paid sex with herself and at least six employees.

Nesbitt also emailed invitations to her clients for paid sex and fetish parties, including events titled "Halloween Mischief" and "Black Tie Bizarre," the indictment said.

In addition to acts of prostitution carried out in Nesbitt's building, she arranged for herself and her employees to perform sex acts in California, Washington, Florida, Indiana, Nevada and Wisconsin, the indictment alleged.

The most serious charges carry up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

In setting bond, Valdez told Nesbitt she was forbidden from engaging in any fetish-related activities — including role-playing or use of sex toys — while awaiting trial.

Valdez also rejected a plea from Nesbitt's attorney, Barry Sheppard, to allow her to continue to do phone sex while on bond.

"She can get a job at a store, she can do other kinds of employment, but not the types of activities that she describes as legal in nature," Valdez said at the time. "In other words, get a different line of work at this stage. And if you win the case, then you go back."

According to prosecutors, Nes-



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Charges facing Jessica Nesbitt, 31, include prostitution and conspiracy to commit prostitution.

bitt made no effort to find legitimate work. Instead, she placed an online ad in December promising an extraordinary opportunity at a Chicago "members only" club.

"The Premier Playhouse was designed for the kink friendly and has been providing legal fun for 10+ years," the ad said. "We need charming classy individuals who love the spotlight and who can welcome curious newcomers and seasoned Kinksters to our incredible and luxurious 5 floor playhouse. Apply now!"

Sheppard said Wednesday it appeared that prosecutors had "some kind of grudge" against his client.

"I don't know if it's a moral offense," he said.

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Smollett seeking dirt on Johnson

Lawyers request files as city, actor fight over alleged hoax probe cost

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

Attorneys for actor Jussie Smollett have subpoenaed a slew of documents about the scandal that led to the ouster last month of Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, including any paperwork showing he was "untruthful or misleading in any statement."

The seemingly odd request indicates an apparent attempt to paint Johnson as untrustworthy as part of Smollett's countersuit against the city's attempt to collect overtime pay incurred by police during its investigation last year into the then-"Empire" actor's claim that he had been beaten in a racist and homophobic attack.

Johnson was one of Smollett's harshest critics, making several impassioned public comments accusing the actor of orchestrating a fake hate crime on himself last January.

To Johnson's apparent surprise, Cook County prosecutors abruptly dropped charges against Smollett in March, leading the city to sue the actor to try to recoup \$130,000 incurred by police in overtime while investigating the alleged hoax.

Smollett, who has repeatedly proclaimed his innocence, has since filed the countersuit against the city, claiming that the prosecution was malicious and caused the actor extreme distress. His attorneys have publicly accused Johnson of making false statements about key evidence in the case.

A court filing by city attorneys Wednesday shows Smollett's team has subpoenaed Chicago Inspector General Joseph Ferguson's office for a vast array of paperwork on Johnson.

His attorneys want to know, among other things, how much the city spent to investigate Johnson's alleged wrongdoing and whether any attempts were made to recoup those costs. They have also requested any documents showing if evidence in the Johnson investigation was destroyed or altered.

The city has objected to the subpoena, saying it was filed improperly under the wrong legal procedure.

Johnson was found asleep in a running car at a stoplight near his home in the Bridgeport neighborhood in October. He was fired in December, weeks before his retirement, after Mayor Lori Lightfoot said she learned that Ferguson's office had uncovered evidence that Johnson had lied about what happened in October.

Sources have told the Chicago Tribune that Ferguson's office obtained video footage showing Johnson drinking for a few hours on the evening of Oct. 16 with a woman who was not his wife at the Ceres Cafe, a popular restaurant and bar at the Chicago Board of Trade building. Later that night, when officers responded to a 911 call near Johnson's home, Johnson rolled down the window on his police vehicle partway, flashed his identification and drove off, the sources said.

The Smollett case has drawn national attention and continues to fuel criticism as State's Attorney Kim Foxx faces a reelection fight.

Police concluded that the actor staged the attack near his home in Chicago's Streeterville neighborhood on Jan. 29, hiring two brothers to carry out the hoax while using racist and homophobic slurs and shouting that he was in MAGA country — a reference to President Donald Trump's campaign slogan.

Smollett was charged with faking the crime, but Foxx's office abruptly dropped all 16 counts of disorderly conduct with little explanation at an unannounced court hearing.

The legal fallout continues to reverberate. In August, former U.S. Attorney Dan Webb was named a special prosecutor and given a broad mandate to investigate the case, including looking into if Smollett should again be criminally charged for his actions that night.

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Police guard the 4100 block of West Madison Street, near where a police officer was wounded in West Garfield Park.

Officer, shot in wrist, lends hand in foot chase of shooter

Suspect in fatal shooting and cop's wounding arrested

BY WILLIAM LEE, JEREMY GORNER AND ROSEMARY SOBOL

A Chicago police sergeant was wounded in the wrist as he tailed a white pickup truck suspected in a fatal shooting, then was picked up by other officers and continued the pursuit, pulling a gun on the suspect after he was stopped near Stroger Hospital, according to authorities.

The 36-year-old South Side suspect was arrested, and a gun was confiscated, police said. The officer was taken to Stroger, across the Eisenhower Expressway, and was listed as stable. The man who was killed was 26, with a criminal record that included more than a dozen mostly narcotics-related arrests, six of which were felony cases, records show.

The sergeant had been working undercover in an unrelated investigation when he saw the man shot in the head around Madi-

son Street and Karlov Avenue around 2:30 p.m., police said.

The sergeant pursued the suspect's truck about a block south to Wilcox Street, where the suspect fired twice and hit the sergeant in the wrist, police said.

Harrison District tactical officers in the area met up with the sergeant and started driving him east toward Stroger, police said. "We have the officer in our car, we're driving him to Stroger right now," an officer radioed. "He's got a gunshot wound to his left forearm."

On the way, the sergeant spotted the suspect and the tactical team started chasing the truck.

"While en route to the hospital, the officer and the transporting unit observed the offender in the pickup truck," Chicago police Interim Superintendent Charlie Beck said at the hospital. The driver asked the sergeant, "Did he still want to go directly to the hospital or should they apprehend the offender. He elected they should apprehend the offender."

The truck was stopped at

Harrison Street and Damen Avenue, about 3 miles from where the sergeant was shot, police said.

At some point, the sergeant pulled his gun, but the suspect got away from him on foot before the tactical officers arrested him a short distance away, police said. A gun from the suspect was confiscated.

The officer, in his early 40s, has been on the force for more than 20 years, Beck said. "He is resting. His family is at his side. He is lucid, he is talking to his children on the phone."

Beck turned things over to trauma surgeon Dr. Leah Tatebe, who treated the officer.

"He is expected to be released in the next 24 hours," Tatebe said.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot spoke next, thanking all the officers working in the area as a "larger part of the team" for their efforts "to take care of one of their own."

"There's no question that the officer's work today in recognizing a danger that the community was in (as the gunman fled) ... ended up saving other lives," Lightfoot said.

"We owe him and the rest of the team a debt of gratitude," Lightfoot said.

"Anyone who ever doubts that our officers are courageous, fearless, selfless and run towards danger to serve the public, today is another testimony to that fact that they do all of those things every single day," Lightfoot said, adding she was glad no other lives were lost.

Beck took questions from the media, saying no other suspects were being sought and confirming that while other officers have been shot at, the sergeant was the first officer to be shot in 2020.

No charges had been filed as of Wednesday evening for the alleged gunman, who has dozens of arrests dating back to 2002, when he was acquitted for armed robbery.

Records show the suspect has at least seven convictions, including a 2007 aggravated fleeing or eluding for which he received probation.

2 R. Kelly accusers allowed to keep anonymity for now

Prosecutors can wait to name them to singer's lawyers

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

Two of R. Kelly's accusers will remain anonymous even to the singer himself until just before he faces trial, a federal judge in New York City ruled Wednesday.

Given Kelly's alleged history of witness tampering and intimidation, prosecutors have a valid reason to keep the women's names under wraps, U.S. District Judge Ann M. Donnelly decided.

Kelly is facing a sweeping racketeering indictment in New York alleging he and his associates recruited women and underage girls for illegal sexual contact with Kelly, then isolated and threatened them to keep them under control.

He also faces separate charges of sexual misconduct in federal court in Chicago as well as Cook County criminal court.

In the case in Brooklyn's federal court, Kelly's attorneys sought the two names — they already knew the identities of the other four alleged victims — saying they could not otherwise adequately prepare for trial.

The charges allege that Kelly filmed his sexual encounters on multiple occasions with Jane Doe #2, who was underage at the time. The other alleged victim, labeled Jane Doe #3 in court records, was a radio station intern in her early 20s when Kelly invited her to Chicago for an apparent interview but then locked her in a bathroom for three days, drugged her and sexually assaulted her while she was unconscious, prosecutors alleged.

Prosecutors balked at the request to divulge their names to the defense but agreed to let the defense know their identities at least



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R. Kelly appears during a hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building in September of last year.

two weeks before trial, scheduled for May 18.

As evidence of Kelly's alleged intimidation, prosecutors cited his federal indictment in Chicago alleging he paid off witnesses and victims to change their stories to rig his 2008 child pornography trial in Cook County.

In a recent filing, prosecutors also said Kelly, while held in a federal jail in Chicago, used a jail staffer's phone to make at least one call, circumventing security measures. In addition, an attorney smuggled in a letter — marked "Legal" in an attempt to keep authorities from checking its contents — during a jail visit in November.

In her ruling, Donnelly agreed with prosecutors, noting that judges "routinely" deny requests for victims' identities in racketeering cases such as the one brought against Kelly.

Kelly is first scheduled to go to trial in April on the charges in Chicago's federal court. Kelly, 53, whose legal name is Robert Sylvester Kelly, also faces four separate Cook County indictments accusing him of sexually abusing or assaulting four women — three underage at the time.

Last week, Cook County prosecutors announced they would first take him to trial in September on charges alleging he sexually abused his then 24-year-old hairdresser in 2003.

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City hosting 'cannabis resource fair' to discuss legal weed issues

BY GREGORY PRATT

The city of Chicago will host its first-ever "cannabis resource fair" on Saturday to provide residents with information about legal marijuana business opportunities, expungement and legal aid assistance, as well as other information about weed laws.

The city's resource fair will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the University of Illinois at Chicago's Dorin Forum, 725 W. Roosevelt Road, and it will be free. There will be six panels and a keynote discussion with Lightfoot; Wanda James, the first black woman to own a marijuana dispensary in Colorado;

and state Rep. Kelly Cassidy, who sponsored the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.

There also will be a "know your rights" presentation featuring Gov. J.B. Pritzker's marijuana adviser Toi Hutchison, a discussion about expungement of marijuana-related criminal convictions, contracting opportunities, navigating Chicago regulations, and panels on starting a business and working in the legal pot industry.

"Ensuring this emerging industry brings unprecedented economic and social benefits to our communities has been at the heart of our efforts since day one," Lightfoot said. "By

working hand-in-hand with city and state officials, community advocates, and industry partners and providing residents with the resources they need to succeed, we can empower those interested in becoming the next employee, business owner or investor in Chicago's newest industry."

The city's legal weed bonanza began Jan. 1 after a state law took effect, legalizing recreational marijuana. But it's been met with criticism that there aren't more African Americans among the ranks of owners in what promises to be a lucrative industry.

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CPD brass disciplined over Ind. traffic stop

Ex-commander stripped of powers following probe

BY JEREMY GORNER

A high-ranking Chicago police official was relieved of his police powers on Tuesday as part of an investigation into allegations that he refused to stop when an Indiana State Police trooper tried to pull him over for speeding last year, officials said.

Edward Wodnicki, a former commander of the Area Central detective division, was reassigned to paid desk duty without the authority to make arrests or carry a gun during the course of his police duties following the June incident on Interstate 94 in northwest Indiana. The department said Wodnicki has also voluntarily stepped down as a commander, taking a demotion to his service rank of lieutenant.

The decision to take away Wodnicki's police powers is the latest high-profile staffing move by interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck since he was put in charge in December by Mayor Lori Lightfoot.



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A speeding Edward Wodnicki allegedly wouldn't stop when an Indiana State Police trooper gave chase.

The department said there were possible inconsistencies with statements Wodnicki made to police Internal Affairs investigators as they tried to learn why he was in Indiana when he sped back to Chicago in his city-issued vehicle.

"Superintendent Beck was recently briefed on the Internal Affairs investigation concerning the former commander's traffic stop in Indiana, and based on that investigation, which is not formally completed, the superintendent ordered that the now-lieutenant be relieved of his police powers," Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said.

Wodnicki, who was Area Central commander at the

time of the traffic stop, could not be reached for comment Tuesday evening.

Wodnicki was headed west on Interstate 94 in an unmarked department car, his blue lights flashing, when a trooper tried to stop him near Chesterton, about 45 miles east of Chicago, according to the Indiana State Police.

"While patrolling I-94, I observed a vehicle having emergency blue lights on at a high rate of speed with Illinois plates," a trooper wrote in a report. "The vehicle failed to stop and a pursuit ensued."

Wodnicki's Ford Fusion was clocked at more than 100 mph at one point while the commander was on a cellphone, dispatch records show.

"Not stopping," a trooper reported. "On his cell phone. He is not stopping. Passing. Waved at me when I pulled up next to him."

State police deployed spike strips, but the commander stopped before driving over them, records show.

"Request supervisor come to the scene," a trooper reported. "This is a Chicago PD unit. ... Driver advised he was enroute to his office in Chicago."

The records show Wodnicki was detained by state police for about an hour before being released. He was ticketed for speeding. It was unclear why he was in Indiana.

At the time of the traffic stop, Wodnicki was on his way to Area Central headquarters on Chicago's South Side to supervise an on-going case, Guglielmi said. He could not specify what case it was.

"The superintendent's office requested Commander Wodnicki to oversee interviews about a recent death investigation," Guglielmi said in July. "Where he was in Indiana and all that part, the traffic stop itself, all of that will be a focus of the Internal Affairs investigation."

Before making the traffic stop, the trooper thought Wodnicki's car might be from a local volunteer fire department, authorities said. Like Chicago police cars, that fire department's vehicles are known for their distinctive blue emergency lights, Gary Germann, prosecuting attorney for Porter County in Indiana, has told the Tribune.

But when the trooper learned the fire department wasn't on any emergency

calls at the time, the trooper decided to pull the car over, Germann said, not knowing its occupant, Wodnicki, was a police officer from Chicago.

Wodnicki still was issued a speeding ticket for traveling 80 mph in a 70-mph zone, even though dispatch records show he was actually traveling at speeds higher than 100 mph. Germann explained the ticket was amended to a less serious infraction after authorities learned Wodnicki wasn't trying to flee the police and was trying to get to work.

"Once we got everything organized, we weren't overly concerned with it," Germann said.

Germann said Wodnicki paid \$252.50 in court costs for the ticket. And instead of pleading guilty, the commander qualified for Porter County's "ticket deferral program," which allows motorists caught speeding to avoid a traffic conviction if they don't commit another moving violation for a year.

Before demoting himself to lieutenant, Wodnicki had been reassigned as a commander in the Chicago police's Bureau of Technical Services, which oversees

several administrative functions within the department.

Wodnicki was also in the news over the last year because he oversaw the investigation of Jussie Smollett. The actor, then a star of TV's "Empire," was charged in February 2019 with falsely reporting to police that he was the victim of a hate crime.

In late March, Wodnicki aired his frustrations to reporters after learning Cook County prosecutors dropped the charges against the actor in exchange for community service and forfeiture of \$10,000 posted for bond.

"To get to this point now opens the door for people to say that we didn't do the job right," Wodnicki said then. "It is absolutely a punch in the gut. We worked very, very closely throughout our three-week investigation to get to the point where we arrested the offender."

A special prosecutor is now reviewing the case again to see if Smollett should indeed face criminal charges and whether State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office mishandled the case.

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generally upbeat speech that focused on his first-year successes, including a balanced state budget and a massive infrastructure program.

But his focus on the need to clean up Springfield set the tone for his second legislative session. Pritzker is seeking voter approval in November of a graduated-rate income tax to replace the state's current flat-rate tax. Republicans have used the federal investigations as a weapon against the tax change and giving more taxpayer money to Springfield, and the governor acknowledged lawmakers have to show the state they're ready for reform.

"Restoring the public's trust is of paramount importance," Pritzker told lawmakers. "Let's not let the well-connected and well-protected work the system while the interests of ordinary citizens are forgotten. There is too much that needs to be accomplished to lift up all the people of Illinois."

The legislature failed to pass major ethics legislation in its fall session, and a bipartisan task force on the issue is set to release its report at the end of March. Pritzker said he looked forward to its findings but made some recommendations of his own.

"It's time to end the practice of legislators serving as paid lobbyists. In fact, it's time to end the for-profit influence peddling among all elected officials at every level of government. Disclosure of conflicts of interest and punishment for breaching them must be included in any package for us to truly clean up government," Pritzker said.

After the speech, legislators said they were receptive to the governor's message. Senate President Don Harmon said in a statement that he has "long been troubled by the appearance of someone serving as a member of the General Assembly on Friday and becoming a lobbyist on Monday."

"That's a problem and one we should tackle," said Harmon, an Oak Park Democrat. "You shouldn't be a lawmaker one day and a lobbyist the next."

Republican leaders in the legislature welcomed the governor's emphasis on ethics and his endorsement of ideas they've long espoused.

House GOP leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs said he believes Pritzker "is sincere" about ethics law changes, and that he hopes Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan "has the same spirit as the governor and me to get these problems past us and made part of the law in Illinois."

"We need to move quickly. This is not something we should waste too much time on," Durkin said. "We could have resolved



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker is applauded after calling for corruption reform during his State of the State speech at the State Capitol in Springfield on Wednesday.

"I'm here to tell the carnival barkers, the doomsayers, the professional critics — the State of our State is growing stronger each day."

— Gov. J. B. Pritzker

much of this back in November, but I'm willing to give this task force the ability to come up with stronger recommendations but we have to do something immediately."

Both Durkin and Senate Republican leader Bill Brady of Bloomington, however, said they were disappointed by the lack of any reference to changing the once-a-decade process for redrawing legislative district boundaries.

Republicans have pushed for taking the power to redraw districts away from the legislature, an idea some Democrats have also supported.

Brady said Pritzker, who spoke against partisan map-making while campaigning for governor, should join Republicans in pushing for a change.

"I truly believe that the ability the Democratic Party has to draw this supermajority gerrymandered map is the root of corruption," Brady said. "They've given themselves too much power, and that power leads to corruption."

Pritzker has said he'll veto any partisan map that

reaches his desk, but Republicans say that's too subjective and that the Democratic majority in the legislature could override that veto.

Pritzker also called on lawmakers to address new clean energy legislation and cited climate change in Illinois "with a polar vortex, devastating floods, record lake levels and emergency declarations in more than a third of our counties."

"Urgent action is needed — but let me be clear, the old ways of negotiating energy legislation are over. It's time to put consumers and climate first. I'm not going to sign an energy bill written by the utility companies," he said.

Commonwealth Edison and its parent company, Exelon, have disclosed they have received federal subpoenas involving lobbying practices and seeking communication between the companies and Sandoval.

Some have wondered whether there will be appetite among lawmakers to tackle energy legislation while ComEd is under federal scrutiny. But the governor's remarks may embolden backers of legislation that would shift Illinois away from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources.

"Utility companies used to drive this bus," said Sen. Cristina Castro, an Elgin Democrat who's sponsoring legislation that would move the state to 100% renewable power by 2050. "No longer. Now it's about the people."

Rep. Will Davis, a Homewood Democrat who's sponsoring a separate measure backed by the renewable energy industry, said the bill's supporters "look forward to working with the administration to make

Illinois a leader in clean energy and the fight against climate change."

Along with his comments on corruption and ethics, Pritzker lauded himself and lawmakers for the work accomplished in his first year in office. Pritzker said the actions of lawmakers last year "by almost every measure" helped improve "the financial well-being, health, education and safety of the residents of Illinois — and we did it together."

While largely applauding Pritzker's speech and his first-year successes, members of the Legislative Black Caucus said there is still much work to do to improve the lives of African Americans across Illinois.

"It was wonderful to see that the governor mentioned the reduction in the unemployment rate in the state of Illinois," said Rep. Marcus Evans, a Chicago Democrat. "But as black people and as folks that represent black communities, we cannot brush over the fact that many black communities still suffer with double-digit unemployment."

Evans said the Black Caucus wants to see the governor's office focus on reducing unemployment in predominantly black communities.

In addition to touting last year's accomplishments, Pritzker sought to diminish critics of Illinois.

"Those who would shout doom and gloom might be loud — using social media bots and paid hacks to advance their false notions, but they are not many. You see, we're wrestling the public conversation in Illinois back from people concerned with one thing and one thing only — predicting

total disaster, spending hundreds of millions of dollars promoting it, and then doing everything in their power to make it happen," Pritzker said.

"I'm here to tell the carnival barkers, the doomsayers, the professional critics — the State of our State is growing stronger each day," he said.

Pritzker did not name names, but several dark-money groups have sought to attack the state's one-party Democratic leadership in Springfield.

After Pritzker completed his speech, Madigan's spokesman Steve Brown went up to the speaker and could be heard saying: "It wasn't bad."

"Think so?" Madigan replied.

In a statement from Madigan's office, the speaker echoed Pritzker's commendation of first-year accomplishments and also touched on ethics and corruption.

"While we have seen major steps forward, we have also seen the good work of the many honest members of this Legislature be overshadowed too often by the wrongdoing of individuals who have sought to put themselves first," Madigan's statement read.

"It's clear that we must take significant steps within the coming weeks to restore confidence in state government. But let's be clear: bad actors will always try to game the system and break the law. We must commit to sending the clearest sign the game is over and every step will be taken to prosecute."

Among those under scrutiny from the federal corruption investigation is one of Madigan's closest allies,

Mike McClain, a longtime lobbyist for clients including ComEd. The utility's lobbying practices are among the areas the feds have shown interest in.

Aside from Sandoval, Democratic Sen. Tom Cullerton of Villa Park also is facing federal charges alleging he took a no-show job with the Teamsters union. He has pleaded not guilty.

Pritzker's next big speech, the annual state budget address, is next month, but some of the initiatives he laid out on Tuesday likely offered a preview of what he may lay out there.

Voters won't weigh in on his signature initiative, the graduated-rate income tax, which he has projected will raise \$3.6 billion, until November. House Majority Leader Greg Harris of Chicago called the graduated-rate income tax "an important part of long-term, systemic structural stability for the state, so we will not be putting on patches or limping crisis to crisis."

The next state budget will be more challenging to put together than last year's, which benefited from a tax revenue windfall, Harris acknowledged.

"The economists last year predicted that they thought there could be a slowdown in the economy this spring. All of those things, if they all come together and revenue falls off and expenses continue to go up it could be a very tough budget year," Harris said.

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School principal Nancy Cullinan Nasko hugs third-grader Kelly Torres at St. Pius V Elementary School in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood on Tuesday.

The 30 schools getting money

Here are the 30 schools that will be receiving more than \$90 million over the next decade from the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Big Shoulders Fund, with their Chicago Community Area or suburb:

1. Academy of St. Benedict the African (West Englewood)
2. Augustus Tolton Academy (Park Manor)
3. Children of Peace School (Near West Side)
4. Epiphany Catholic School (South Lawndale)
5. Holy Angels School (Grand Boulevard)
6. Leo Catholic High School (Auburn Gresham)
7. Maternity BVM School (Humboldt Park)
8. Most Blessed Trinity Academy (Waukegan)
9. Our Lady of Grace School (Logan Square)
10. Our Lady of Guadalupe School (South Chicago)
11. Our Lady of Tepeyac Elementary School (South Lawndale)
12. Our Lady of Tepeyac High School (South Lawndale)
13. Pope John Paul II Catholic School (Brighton Park)
14. Queen of the Universe School (West Lawn)
15. St. Ailbe School (Calumet Heights)
16. St. Angela School (Austin)
17. St. Ann School (Lower West Side)
18. St. Catherine of Siena/St. Lucy School (Austin/Oak Park)
19. St. Ethelreda School (Auburn Gresham)
20. St. Gall School (Gage Park)
21. St. Genevieve School (Belmont Cragin)
22. St. John de la Salle Catholic Academy
23. St. Malachy School (Near West Side)
24. St. Margaret of Scotland School (Washington Heights)
25. St. Mary Star of The Sea School (West Lawn)
26. St. Nicholas of Tolentini School (West Lawn)
27. St. Philip Neri School (South Shore)
28. St. Pius V School (Lower West Side)
29. St. Sylvester School (Logan Square)
30. Visitation School (Back of the Yards/Englewood)

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areas of Chicago. It supports 75 Chicago-area schools, and 80% of the students are minorities, according to its website.

The hefty investment will give the not-for-profit 51% control of the 30 schools, said Joshua Hale, president and CEO of the Big Shoulders Fund.

Joshua Coakley, the father of a fifth grade student at St. Malachy Catholic School in the Near West Side, praised both the archdiocese and Big Shoulders for working together to do what's best for the students.

"It's clear they care about all their students," he said. "No matter where they're from."

Another St. Malachy parent, Yvonne Corona, experienced the work of Big Shoulders firsthand. Her daughter attends St. Malachy tuition-free after receiving a scholarship from Big Shoulders.

"I know they help students and parents," she said. "They've been doing good, and I'm glad they'll

continue to be around to support us."

Moving forward, Big Shoulders will work more closely with school principals and also have the authority to hire principals, Hale said.

"We hope that this near \$50 million investment helps create stronger communities and give more children access to quality education and help close the economic gap," Hale said.

While Big Shoulders will have more involvement, the schools will still be run by the archdiocese and the local parishes.

"We will still have a role," Rigg said. "These will still be archdiocesan schools, the employees will still be employees of the archdiocese, but Big Shoulders will be a far more regular presence in the schools and will really be on the front lines of setting strategic goals for the future."

This announcement comes as Catholic schools continue to close their doors in the face of declining enrollment and financial challenges. Earlier this month, the archdiocese announced the closure of five schools.

But Rigg said the 30 selected schools are not at risk for immediate closure. Instead, they were selected because they represent Chicago's higher-poverty populations.

"We know that many of these schools sit in troubled neighborhoods across Chicago," Rigg said. "We believe that Catholic schools are anchors for these neighborhoods and vitally important to our ongoing mission to serve all types of families in Catholic education."

Cardinal Blase Cupich called the partnership between the archdiocese and Big Shoulders a "historic agreement."

"Our Catholic schools are true beacons of hope; changing lives, developing engaged citizens through school choice and contributing to the common good of our great city," Cupich said in a written statement.

Big Shoulders will "invest heavily on the academic side," including curriculum development, technology in the classrooms and student scholarships, Hale said. They will also be focused on identifying and attracting "great" teachers and principals.

"I think it's critical for the future of Chicago," Hale said of the Big Shoulders and archdiocese investment in the schools. "We need strong community-based organizations."

Principals at the selected schools applauded the agreement between the archdiocese and Big Shoulders, optimistic that the extended agreement would bring financial stability to schools in lower-income areas.

"This gives us so much more security," said Pat Dwyer, principal at St. Malachy. "We can not only provide more to our students, but now we can look ahead to the future."

Philip Bazile, principal at Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy, echoed Dwyer's enthusiasm. From tutoring students to helping fill out paperwork, Big Shoulders has been an aid to the South Side school for years, Bazile said.

"Even more so than the money, they dedicate their time to us," he said. "It's fitting they're called Big Shoulders. They're like a shoulder you can rely on for real."

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Tech woes hit Fire Dept. promotional tests

Exams had to be canceled this week over the issues

BY GREGORY PRATT

The Chicago Fire Department has canceled promotional tests scheduled for this week due to technical issues, according to a city spokesman.

Firefighters were sitting for promotional tests this week to become lieutenants and chiefs, but the chiefs

test scheduled for Wednesday was canceled, a spokesman said. The Fire Department blamed the canceled tests on a vendor's technical problems.

The vendor still has to see if any retesting will be needed for people who already took the exam this week.

Geralyn Gorshing, director of marketing for California-based CPS HR Consulting, which was paid \$1.4 million to administer the tests, apologized for the

issue.

"Obviously we apologize for any inconvenience that cancellation of the tests may have caused," she said. "It was a computer glitch we're working hard to remedy."

About 1,600 firefighters took the lieutenant's exam, and there were 117 candidates for battalion chief, according to officials.

"We understand the inconvenience our test takers experienced yesterday," Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford said in

a statement Wednesday. "We are working diligently with the vendor to address these issues from ever occurring again and ensure the system operates smoothly when testing resumes as soon as possible. The Chicago Fire Department expects nothing less than a seamless administration of its examinations and we want to thank each and every one of you for your patience as we work to resolve this matter."

A spokesman said the test

rescheduling should happen on a short turnaround, but it's not clear when that will be.

Firefighters union President Jim Tracy slammed the city's promotional examination process as "a disaster."

"During this exam, the testing company failed to make sure there were enough computers, rooms, and staff to provide those seeking a promotion a fair opportunity. In prior years, the city's testing compa-

nies have lost applicants' exams, had interviewers fall asleep, failed to accommodate individuals on military leave serving our country, failed to accommodate injured members, used discriminatory methods, and, on the last battalion chief exam, did not rank members based on their own merit," Tracy said in a statement. "Something has to change."

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Assia Boundaoui, with attorney Christina Abraham, left, and producer Jessica Devaney arrives last week for a public hearing regarding FBI surveillance.

Muslims

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wrote about us, to see how they saw us," Boundaoui said. "When we look through the files, we see names we recognize."

As part of her lawsuit to obtain the requested documents more quickly than the three-year timeline the FBI originally offered, a judge ordered two FBI employees to appear at a Jan. 22 public deposition to answer questions from attorneys. A couple of dozen community supporters also attended, but much of the proceeding focused on the FOIA process.

Boundaoui is taking up an issue that has been hanging over Muslim American communities for years and one that few people even know about: After 9/11, the federal government decided to expand its surveillance of certain neighborhoods. Even today, the reasons for these actions haven't been fully explained.

University of Chicago professor Aziz Huq, who teaches constitutional law, said it is not surprising that the government uses more controversial tactics in its terrorism investigations.

"It's not a new idea at all that terrorism is different from ordinary crime because its consequence and human cost is so great that the state has an interest in intervening earlier and in a range of more intrusive ways than it would in ordinary crime," Huq said.

How such tactics are perceived depends, in part, on who is being asked.

Boundaoui's 2018 documentary, "The Feeling of Being Watched," describes a community where strange cars were constantly parked outside houses, cameras were installed near mosques and FBI agents questioned residents inside their homes.

"At the end of the day we think what they're really trying to hide is that there was a profiling investigation in the '90s of all Muslims, all of their organizations, under the auspice of this counterterrorism investigation, and it was basically profiling," said Boundaoui's attorney, Christina Abraham.

Surveillance of Muslim American communities in the Chicago area started in the 1990s, when the FBI began focusing on charities in the U.S. as possible sources of funding for terrorists overseas. One such investigation was Operation Vulgar Betrayal, "one

of the largest anti-terrorism investigations ever conducted in the United States before 9/11," according to Boundaoui's lawsuit.

FBI agent Daniel William said Vulgar Betrayal ended in 2000. But after 9/11, FBI field offices were encouraged to go through closed cases to determine whether there were subjects worth investigating again, he said. Three Palestinian men, including Muhammad Salah of Bridgeview, were indicted on material support and racketeering charges.

The documents Boundaoui received describe some of the surveillance and information-gathering: lists of Islamic centers, Muslim student associations and businesses around the country, news clippings about Salah, descriptions of an Islamic Society of North America convention in Chicago in 1997, and records of sharing documents between FBI field offices, among other files.

Siobhan Johnson, spokeswoman for the Chicago FBI office, declined to comment on the case.

'Hypervigilant' kids

Itdal Shalabi, co-founder and executive director of Arab American Family Services, said the community has always felt like it's being watched.

After Sept. 11, Shalabi said neighbors moved because they felt like targets, while others looked to the community for security. Shalabi said she remembered starting patrols with other women to ask people in unfamiliar parked cars what they were up to — suspecting they were FBI and police.

"The FBI came and knocked on my door after 9/11," Shalabi said. "My son was 8 years old at that time."

"So I personally made a point to go downtown, to get a FOIA, to see who would report an 8-year-old as a terrorist for Hamas, and to ensure that my children saw their mom using the law of the land as well to bring about some sort of justice," Shalabi said.

Experiences like that took a toll on young people, Shalabi said, and kids became "hypervigilant" about certain trucks, saying things like, "Look, the FBI is here."

But they also affected the larger community, sowing doubt.

"That feeling of, man, so-and-so's being watched," Shalabi said. "Is

he innocent? Is she innocent?"

Standing behind Boundaoui's request for an accounting feels personal, Shalabi said. "Kudos to her, because a lot of people in the community were not believing that someone could do that, an average person could do that."

She said she loves this country because "the average person has a right to make a noise and to say this is unfair."

But reactions were mixed among members of the Mosque Foundation, a neighborhood hub in Bridgeview established by Palestinian immigrants in 1954.

One man said he had watched parts of the documentary but was hesitant to endorse it. He wasn't eager to make waves. Another woman said she wished she could have attended the Wednesday deposition.

A 15-year-old girl said she and her friends had recently learned about Boundaoui's project and thought possible surveillance was "shocking."

Benefits vs. costs

Muhammed Salah, who was put on the U.S. "specially designated terrorist" list in the 1990s after being arrested in Israel with large sums of money, was the only Bridgeview resident to be charged with a crime as a result of the community's surveillance. He was acquitted by a jury in 2007 of racketeering charges but convicted of obstruction of justice and sentenced to 21 months in prison. He died in 2016 in Bridgeview.

In the Chicago suburbs, a backlash against Muslims grew after 9/11. Suburban residents and zoning boards have protested mosque building permits in places like Palos Heights, Orland Park, Glenview and Naperville, the last one inspiring a play on the topic. Often, they would say that the concern was over traffic, but sometimes residents would say they were afraid of terrorism.

Law enforcement officials may feel a responsibility to take preventive measures, like enforcing surveillance tactics, rather than waiting to pursue charges after a crime is committed, said U. of C. law professor Geoffrey Stone. Anti-terrorism methods rely heavily on finding out who is plotting what, said Stone, but also include the difficult question of appropriate limits.

"Those in the position of

trying to protect people are understandably much more focused on doing more aggressive things than when you talk to them in a basic criminal context," Stone said.

Many people can justify targeting certain communities because of the perceived benefit, said Huq, the U. of C. constitutional law professor.

"When you have a democracy where the majority decide, and when you're picking a policy that may or may not affect the majority but will certainly incur costs on a discreet minority, democracies will always choose to inflict those costs, given the policy is costless for most," Huq said.

The 33,000 documents Boundaoui obtained, more than 20,000 of which are redacted in full, she said, confirm that the investigation into Salah was a spin-off investigation from Vulgar Betrayal. She wants to know if there were other spinoff investigations, perhaps some that are ongoing today.

But at the deposition, FBI FOIA officer David Hardy said a search of words like "spinoff" in the full text of the documents didn't fall within the requirements of the FOIA request, which asked for information on investigations that "continued the work of Operation Vulgar Betrayal."

"We completed the task at hand, which was to gather what we could," he said.

Hardy also said the agency was hampered by the volume of documents in Boundaoui's request on top of other requests from around the country.

"When you have 32,000 requests coming in, it's like processing documents under Niagara Falls," said Hardy, referring to the FBI's annual number of FOIA requests.

However, Boundaoui has had some success. In late December, the FBI acknowledged having about 40,000 more documents related to the operation that it hadn't initially released. At the agency's normal processing rate of 500 pages per month, according to an affidavit by Hardy, the first release of these pages to Boundaoui would be in March of this year.

"All of the hiding things and the wordplay they've used, it seems like they really don't want us to have these records," she said. "They really don't want to show the extent to what happened after 9/11."

Flight crews sue Boeing over 'toxic' cabin air

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

Chicago-based Boeing Co. is being sued by flight attendants who say they were made sick by toxic air that leaked onto a company-built airplane because of what they say is a design flaw.

The lawsuit by three flight attendants, filed Tuesday in Cook County Circuit Court, alleges some Boeing planes use a "bleed air system," which captures air from the outside off the engines. The air that enters the cabin can be contaminated with chemicals, according to the lawsuit.

The contamination occurred on a Boeing 767-300 Delta flight from Frankfurt, Germany, to Detroit on Feb. 5, 2018, according to the suit. A number of passengers became sick because of the contaminated air and the captain chose to divert the flight, the suit alleges.

"As a result of this event, Plaintiffs have suffered loss of wages and wage-earning capacity in the past and in the future," the suit states.

The lawsuit also alleges that Boeing officials and engineers were aware of the design flaw and that flight attendants were not briefed on concerns surrounding the contaminated cabin air.

There have been other lawsuits filed regarding the issue in the past, including a 2015 suit by the same law firm that filed Tuesday's suit, and the issue has been researched by the Association of Flight Attendants union. The 2015 lawsuit was settled last month, according to court records.

The flight attendants are seeking damages of over \$50,000. They suffer from health problems, including headaches, nausea and confusion, the suit says.

Boeing did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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Pair treated after brawl on bus by jail detainees

BY BRIAN L. COX

The Cook County sheriff's office is conducting a criminal investigation after a brawl broke out Tuesday among detainees who were being transported on a bus from the county jail in Chicago to a courthouse in Skokie.

Shortly before 10 a.m. Tuesday, 45 male detainees were being taken to hearings at the county's district courthouse at 5600 Old Orchard Road when three of them engaged in a "physical altercation" with two others, the sheriff's office said in a statement.

When the bus got to the courthouse a short time later, two men were transported to NorthShore Skokie Hospital for examination, according to the statement. They were treated and released back into the custody of the sheriff's office.

Remaining detainees took place. The sheriff's office said a criminal investigation into the incident is ongoing.

Brian L. Cox is a freelance reporter.



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Rafer Weigel is shown in downtown Chicago on Wednesday. He was fired from Fox 32 on Monday.

Former Fox 32 anchor says he shouldn't have been fired

Legal battle with exes, revenge porn claims led to move

BY SOPHIE SHERRY

Former TV anchor and reporter Rafer Weigel said Wednesday he was wrongfully fired from his job at WFLD-Ch. 32 because he was caught up in a legal battle involving two ex-girlfriends and allegations of revenge porn.

Weigel's contract with the station was to run through August of this year. However, Fox 32 claimed he violated the morals clause of the contract by bringing notoriety to the station, Weigel said Wednesday.

His lawyer and his union representative are set to meet with Fox officials Thursday to discuss a possible resolution. Weigel does not know if the com-

pany will offer him severance.

"I'll just let my team, my union and my lawyer, do their job and kind of surrender," Weigel said. "That's kind of been the theme of my life these days."

Fox 32 did not respond to requests for comment Tuesday and Wednesday.

Weigel was suspended from the station in late October after a Valparaiso woman was granted an order of protection against him and details of her case became public.

The Valparaiso woman and Weigel had a brief relationship, according to testimony, and she said he continued to harass her after the two broke up.

Kathy Browne of Richmond, Virginia, another ex-girlfriend, was charged in late September with misdemeanor distribution of an intimate image in the

criminal case.

According to earlier testimony and court documents, Weigel emailed the Valparaiso woman to tell her Browne had accessed his phone and downloaded compromising pictures the woman sent to him. Browne allegedly then sent these images to the woman and threatened to send them to her children's school. The Valparaiso woman also sought an order of protection against Browne.

On Jan. 15, the misdemeanor charge of revenge porn and the order of protection against Browne were dismissed.

After his suspension, Weigel began inpatient treatment for sex and love addiction.

"I know people are going to snicker when I say that I'm a love addict, I think people are going to roll their eyes, but at the end of the day it is a real

thing, and I'm not making excuses for my behavior by any means," Weigel said.

He hoped that if he underwent treatment, Weigel said, and took accountability for his actions, the station would give him another chance, but that was not the case.

On Monday, Weigel announced on Twitter that he had been let go.

"Today my career at Fox32 has come to an end," Weigel tweeted. "Despite having my case cleared in court, Fox32 let me go. I absolutely acknowledge I made some poor decisions in my life and have learned from them."

Weigel said Wednesday he was grateful for the awareness this situation brought him about his own personal struggles.

"No one should feel sorry for me," Weigel said. "I made bad decisions and I own those decisions."

Friends and family hail Aurora soldier killed in Afghanistan

BY STEVE LORD

U.S. Army Spc. Vincent DeLao remembered that his friend, Miguel Villalon, never told anyone ahead of time he was going to join the U.S. Army.

DeLao had been Villalon's good friend all the way through East Aurora High School, they were in the Navy Junior ROTC program together, and he ended up driving Villalon to the airport when he was ready to report to the Army.

"He asked me to play Frank Sinatra's 'My Way' on the way," DeLao remembered Wednesday. "I said, 'You are an old man in a young man's body.'"

The city of Aurora, along with the East Aurora School District, veterans and active military personnel, and family and friends, held a memorial Wednesday for U.S. Army Spc. Miguel Angel Villalon, who was killed Jan. 11 while serving in Afghanistan.

Fittingly, at the end of the event at East Aurora High School, hundreds of members of the East Aurora Navy Junior ROTC unit — the same one Villalon served in for four years — walked onstage, hugged Miguel's mother Olivia Guzman Villalon, and stood at attention, all to the music of "My Way."

DeLao remembered his friend as "such a positive person."

"Never forget Miguel, who embodied what it was to be a true American," he said.

Olivia echoed that sentiment, saying her son was "so proud to be a soldier," and "so proud to do what was his duty."

"He gave his life for everyone," she said. "My son will always be here with me."

The memorial was filled

with presentations in Miguel's honor, from those who worked with him in the NJROTC program to those who never knew him, but got to know him from descriptions and stories from his mother.

One of the latter was Annette Johnson, East Aurora School Board president, who said she did not "have the honor of knowing Miguel."

"But because of the way he lived his life, and the way he gave his life, I will never forget him," she said.

Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin praised Villalon for his "bravery" and his "courage." He said he understood "the phrase service before self."

"As a soldier, you volunteer, you stand up, you raise your hand ... " he said. "We will never forget; we must not forget."

To that end, the mayor presented Olivia Guzman Villalon with a Mayor's Award, and announced that from this day forward, Miguel's birthday, Dec. 31, would be known as Miguel Villalon Day in the city.

Irvin also said that beginning this year, the city will hold a special celebration around Memorial Day for Gold Star families in the city — families who have lost someone in war.

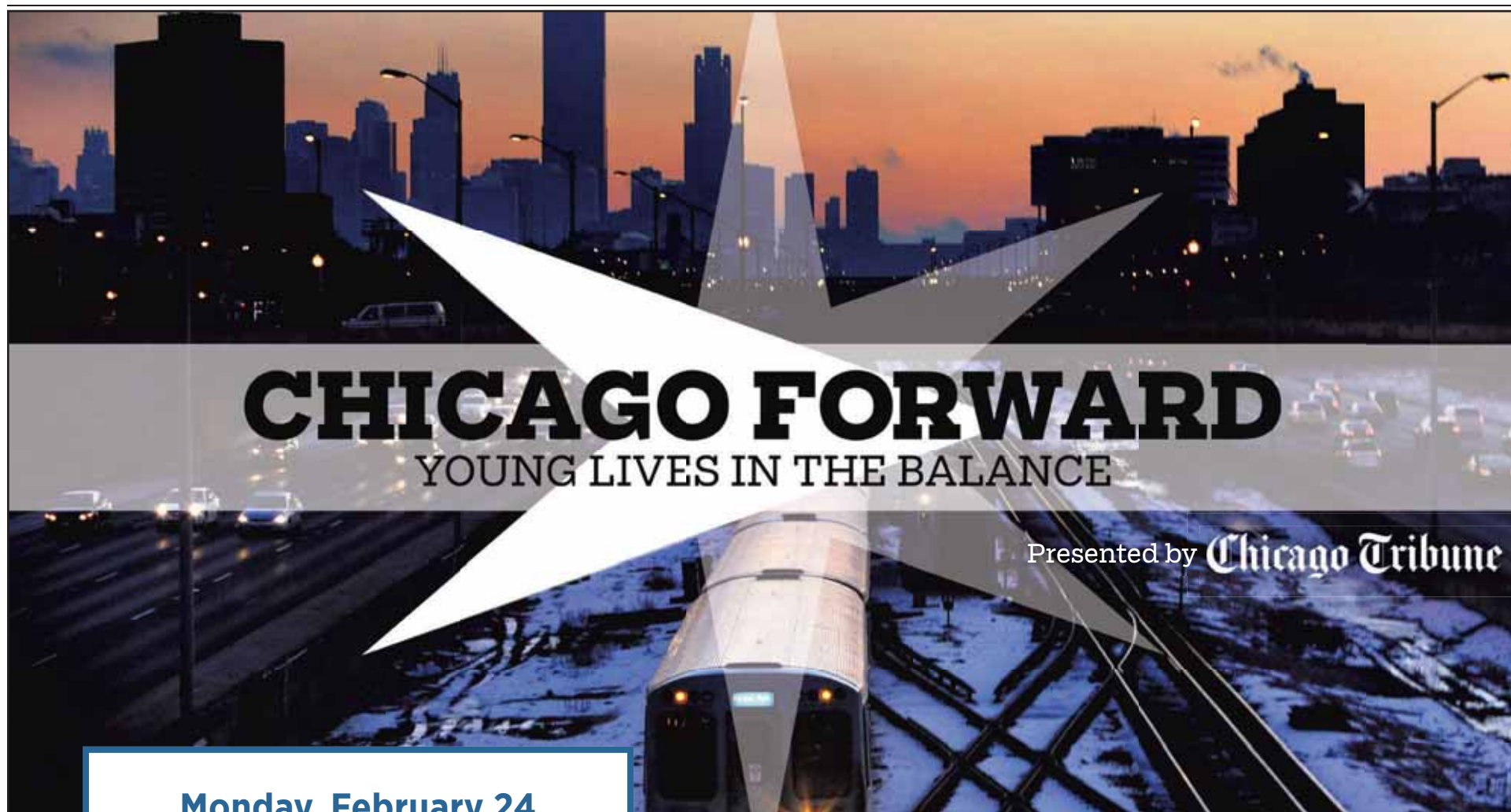
There were nine members of Gold Star families at the memorial Wednesday.

In addition to the Mayor's Award, Olivia received gifts of a shadow box with Miguel's awards and ranks, and a paper signed by East Aurora NJROTC members, from the East Aurora unit; a flag from the Illinois Patriot Guards; and an award from the Department of Illinois Military Order of the Purple Heart.

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

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

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Wish certified: NAFTA is no more

Trump celebrates major rewrite of trade agreement

BY KEVIN FREKING AND PAUL WISEMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Wednesday signed into law a major rewrite of the rules of trade with Canada and Mexico, celebrating the fulfillment of one of his top campaign promises while declining to share the moment with Democratic lawmakers whose support was essential to getting it over the finish line.

Trump said renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement was “probably the No. 1 reason that I decided to lead this crazy life that I’m leading right now.”

“Today, we’re finally ending the NAFTA nightmare,” Trump said in a ceremony on the South Lawn. The event featured hundreds of business and farm leaders from around the country and scores of Republican officials. No Democratic members of Congress were on the White House guest list.

Trade experts say the impact of the new U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement will be modest. Canada and Mexico already represent the top two export markets for U.S. goods. The independent U.S. International Trade Commission last year calculated that the deal would add 0.35%, or \$68 billion, to economic growth and generate 176,000 jobs over six years. That’s not much of a change for a \$22 trillion economy with 152 million nonfarm jobs.



President Donald Trump stands with a signed new North American trade agreement Wednesday at the White House.

“It’s a blip,” said Syracuse University economist Mary Lovely, who studies trade. “The main thing is what it isn’t: It isn’t a continuation of uncertainty, and it isn’t a major disruption” to business.

The new pact, along with the signing of a phase one agreement with China, dials down trade tensions that have contributed to slowing economic growth globally.

It also gave the president a chance to at least briefly shift the focus in Washington, where Trump’s impeachment trial has occupied center stage for weeks.

“I keep my promises and I’m fighting for the American worker,” Trump said.

Still, Trump couldn’t resist making a few indirect references to impeachment in his remarks. He noted, for example, that Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, was headed back to the Capitol to ask questions at the trial.

“He’s got some beauties, I’ll bet,” Trump said.

The leaders of the U.S., Canada and Mexico signed the deal in late 2018. But it still faced a long road to ratification. Legislation implementing it received overwhelming, bipartisan support in Congress after several months of behind-the-scenes negotiations between Democratic lawmakers and the Trump administration.

Trump made a point of praising Republican legislators for their work in passing the deal. He singled out one Republican lawmaker after another during the ceremony, those from farm states, those from battleground states in tight re-election races and GOP leadership.

Trump did not mention the role of Democrats, but they said that even if they weren’t at the signing ceremony, their influence was being felt.

“What the president will be signing is quite different from what the president sent us,” said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. “We were able to

make vast improvements. If we weren’t, we would not have been able to pass the bill.”

Rep. Earl Blumenauer, chairman of a House trade panel, said inviting Democratic lawmakers to the ceremony would have underscored the inadequacies of the president’s initial agreement and the fact that Democrats made the agreement possible.

“It’s a clear illustration of how Trump operates — with division, hyper-partisanship and childishness,” Blumenauer, D-Ore., said.

Earlier, the White House did not respond to a question about whether any Democrats were invited to

the ceremony.

NAFTA, which took effect in 1994 under President Bill Clinton, tore down trade barriers between the three North American countries, and commerce between them surged. But Trump and other critics said NAFTA encouraged factories to leave the United States and relocate south of the border to take advantage of low-wage Mexican labor.

Trump threatened to leave NAFTA if he couldn’t get a better deal, creating uncertainty over regional trade. His trade negotiator, Robert Lighthizer, pressed for a revamped pact designed to bring factory jobs back to the United States.

The new agreement, for example, requires automakers to get 75% of their production content (up from 62.5% in NAFTA) from within North America to qualify for the pact’s duty-free benefits. That means more auto content would have to come from North America, not imported more cheaply from China and elsewhere.

At least 40% of vehicles would also have to originate in places where workers earn at least \$16 an hour. That would benefit the United States and Canada — not Mexico, where auto assembly workers are paid a fraction of that amount.

Lighthizer worked behind the scenes to strike an agreement that ended up being endorsed by the AFL-CIO and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Democrats successfully pushed to strike language allowing countries or companies to avoid sanctions simply by refusing to participate in dispute-settlement panels.

2020 hopefuls in top tier overlook NH — for now

But tight schedule to make for frenzied week after caucuses

BY HUNTER WOODALL
Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — New Hampshire isn’t used to being neglected.

The most prominent candidates in the 2020 presidential race spent months last year making their case to New Hampshire voters, but many of the White House hopefuls have been largely absent from the state in January amid the Senate impeachment trial and the upcoming Iowa caucuses.

Iowa may come first, but if the contest delivers a muddled result, or multiple candidates claim victory, New Hampshire could serve either as a crucial case maker or a critical blow to the remaining candidates’ presidential hopes.

The New Hampshire primary comes Feb. 11, eight days after Iowa’s first-in-the-nation caucuses, allowing for what is expected to be a packed week of frenzied last-minute campaigning in the state.

Heading into that week, however, New Hampshire has been less of a focus after

a 2019 filled with candidate appearances that evolved from intimate house parties to larger rallies. In recent days, voters have been more likely to see a surrogate for some of the top-tier candidates stumping in New Hampshire than the candidates themselves.

“It just seems like they haven’t been around,” said JoAnn Fenton, a Democratic activist in Keene who is leaning toward supporting Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar.

Other than former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg, most of the candidates in the top tier have had five or fewer events in New Hampshire since the start of the year.

Joe Biden has held only two formal campaign events for voters in New Hampshire this month but has had more than 20 in-person events in Iowa, according to his campaign. At his two New Hampshire events, the former vice president skipped taking questions from the crowd in the town hall format New Hampshire voters are fond of in favor of extensive time on the rope line visiting with admirers. He also stopped by a Manchester campaign office during last

week’s trip.

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren held four events in New Hampshire this month, and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders held five over a two-day visit. A Sanders campaign spokesperson said he’s done 21 Iowa events this month, while a Warren staffer referred to The Des Moines Register candidate tracker showing the senator attending 15 January events in Iowa.

And Klobuchar, who has had 25 events in Iowa this month, has visited New Hampshire only once in January for a college convention appearance.

That’s left the candidates’ campaigns, and an army of surrogates, to fill in. Last week alone saw prominent figures like Massachusetts congressman Joe Kennedy III visit the state in support of Warren, while Ben & Jerry’s ice cream co-founders Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield campaigned for Sanders.

“(Sen. Warren’s) been here an awful lot not just over the course of the past several weeks, but over the course of years,” said Kennedy, a close Warren ally. “People know her here.”

Hawaii congresswoman



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According to his campaign, Democratic candidate Joe Biden has held only two formal campaign events in New Hampshire this month in addition to this one on Dec. 30 in Derry.

Tulsi Gabbard and businessman Andrew Yang have been among the most prolific campaigners in New Hampshire since the start of the year along with fellow long shots Colorado Sen. Michael Bennet and former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick.

Of the senators remaining in the race, Bennet has spent the most time in New Hampshire in January after placing his slim presidential odds on the state.

On Sunday, he was the only senator in New Hampshire as Klobuchar, Warren and Sanders had already bolted to Iowa to focus their energy there while away

from the impeachment trial.

Asked if he thought the top tier was ignoring New Hampshire, Bennet said, “I think they have, and it’s one of the reasons I’m here.”

“I think New Hampshire wants to meet candidates and see candidates and have conversations. And I really think they want to have the chance to ask questions and have those questions answered,” Bennet said.

While New Hampshire has a history of humbling front-runners and producing historic upsets or comebacks, even voters who have been attending recent candidate events have indi-

cated they’re leaning toward a particular candidate but are not yet fully committed.

Some in New Hampshire, like Molly Forgaard, have noticed a drop in attention. At this point, the 25-year-old independent voter supports Buttigieg but is “open to having my mind changed by something unexpected.”

“Selfishly, as a New Hampshire resident, I like being able to see all the politicians in person, and I am a little bummed that I haven’t gotten to see as many as I would like because they’ve been over in Iowa,” Forgaard said.



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The Spitzer Space Telescope, launched in 2003, used infrared instruments to sense heat coming off celestial objects.

Aging space telescope’s service coming to end

BY MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA is pulling the plug on one of its great observatories — the Spitzer Space Telescope — after 16 years of scanning the universe with infrared eyes.

The end comes Thursday when ground controllers put the aging spacecraft into permanent hibernation.

For years, Spitzer peered through dusty clouds at untold stars and galaxies, uncovered a huge, nearly

invisible ring around Saturn, and helped discover seven Earth-size planets around a nearby star.

Spitzer’s last observation was expected Wednesday. Altogether, Spitzer observed 800,000 celestial targets and churned out more than 36 million raw images as part of the \$1.4 billion mission.

An estimated 4,000 scientists around the world took part in the observations and published nearly 9,000 studies, according to NASA.

“You have to be proud when you look back and say, ‘Look at the team that’s operating Spitzer, look at the team that’s contributing to having all of this great science,’” said project manager Joseph Hunt.

Designed to last 2.5 years to 5 years, the telescope got increasingly difficult to operate as it drifted farther behind Earth, NASA said. It currently trails Earth by 165 million miles, while orbiting the sun.

Spitzer will continue to fall even farther behind

Earth, posing no threat to another spacecraft or anything else, officials said.

“Although it would be great to be able to operate all of our telescopes forever, this is not possible,” NASA’s astrophysics director Paul Hertz said in an email.

It had been costing NASA \$12 million a year lately to keep Spitzer going. Hertz said with “no guarantee” Spitzer would last until the launch of a more elaborate infrared observatory, the decision was made to shut it down now.

GOP squirms as Bolton poised to dish on Trump

He was known for taking copious notes on legal pads

BY AAMER MADHANI
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For much of the last 20 years, John Bolton was a conservative poster child, a Republican hawk whose worldview helped shape the GOP establishment's approach to dicey foreign policy questions.

Now, as President Donald Trump's former national security adviser prepares to dish on his days in the White House, some old friends and colleagues are turning on him — and others are nervously wondering what he may be poised to reveal.

Leaked passages from the manuscript of Bolton's soon-to-be published book are roiling Washington, including the revelation that he says Trump told him he was conditioning the release of military aid to Ukraine on whether its government would help investigate former Vice President Joe Biden and his son.

Bolton's roughly 17-month tenure as national security adviser brought him rare access to the inner workings of the West Wing and the Cabinet, particu-

larly on matters of global affairs. He was known to take copious notes on yellow legal pads.

After this week's early leaks about the book, White House aides and allies are privately expressing concern about what more Bolton might reveal that the president and others in his orbit would find embarrassing.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., gave voice to GOP pique about Bolton's revelations in an interview with Fox News. He said Bolton had long argued for expansive executive powers to protect a president's conversations with his advisers but "now he's going to argue that no, no, no, now that I have a book deal for a couple of million bucks, that it's OK for me to say and spill the beans on everything the president's said to me privately."

Less than two years ago, Rep. Mark Meadows, a North Carolina Republican and Trump impeachment team manager, praised the president for bringing Bolton into the White House, saying the president "could not have made a better pick" for the key role in the administration. Bolton, who served as United Nations ambassador in the George W. Bush administration, was a fierce advocate for the

2003 war in Iraq and has pushed for military action in Iran, North Korea and Venezuela.

But this week, following news reports that Bolton made damaging charges about Trump in the forthcoming book, Meadows questioned why Democrats were treating Bolton as some sort of potential "super witness" to make their case in the impeachment trial.

Democrats are pressing for Bolton to be called as a witness in the Senate trial, but need the support of at least four Republican senators to make it a reality. Only a few GOP senators have suggested they may be interested.

Fred Fleitz, a former chief of staff on Trump's National Security Council and a friend of Bolton, wrote in an opinion article for Fox's website that Bolton's decision to write a "tell-all" was "crushing" and urged him to withdraw it from his publisher immediately.

"I don't understand the need for a former national security adviser to publish a tell-all book critical of a president he served, especially during a presidential reelection campaign that will determine the fate of the country," Fleitz wrote. "There will be a time for Bolton to speak out with-



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Former national security adviser John Bolton leaves his home Tuesday in Bethesda, Md.

out appearing to try to tip a presidential election."

Trump allies, including personal attorney Rudy Giuliani and 2016 campaign adviser Jason Miller, slammed Bolton and said he was being untruthful in order to drive up book sales and remain relevant.

"There is no way in the world President Trump would say this to John Bolton," Giuliani tweeted. "It's a shame that a man will sacrifice his integrity to make a few bucks on a book. No wonder he accomplished so little as National Security Advisor."

Others, on both sides of the aisle, are standing by Bolton.

Rep. Eliot Engel, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said

Wednesday that Bolton told him days after he left the Trump administration that he had concerns about the president's actions in Ukraine. Engel said that Bolton in a Sept. 23 phone call recommended that his committee look into the recall of Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch, who had served as the top U.S. envoy to Ukraine before her abrupt recall last April.

John Kelly, who served as Trump's chief of staff and overlapped with Bolton in the White House, said Monday in Florida that he believes the former national security adviser's account, the Sarasota Herald-Tribune reported.

"If John Bolton says that in the book, I believe John Bolton," Kelly said.

Money might buy country a 2nd act

Ally of Venezuela's Maduro hires DC firm to help image

BY JOSHUA GOODMAN
Associated Press

MIAMI — An ally of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has hired a Washington lobbyist whose business has boomed under the Trump administration as part of a \$12.5 million effort to ease sanctions and reset bilateral relations as the U.S.-backed campaign to oust the socialist leader stalls.

The Maduro government's top lawyer, Inspector General Reinaldo Munoz, hired lobbyist Robert Stryk's Sonoran Policy Group as part of a larger contract he signed with Foley & Lardner, a law firm with offices in Washington.

Both the law firm and Stryk's Sonoran Policy Group registered as agents of Munoz in separate filings with the Justice Department that were published Monday on the agency's website.

Their work includes "developing a strategy to approach the U.S. Government in support of delisting the Foreign Principal or other parties subject to U.S. economic sanctions due to their connections to the Republic," according to the filing by Foley, which in turn is paying \$2 million to hire Stryk as a consultant.

The outreach comes as U.S. support for opposition leader Juan Guaido, whom it recognizes as Venezuela's rightful president, has come under fire.

A year into the U.S.-backed campaign to oust Maduro, the socialist leader has successfully beaten back a coup attempt, mass protests and punishing U.S. sanctions that have cut off his government's access to western banks.

Emboldened by Guaido's difficulties, Maduro is looking to reassert himself and repair his tarnished image in Washington, where he has been roundly rejected as a dictator.

In January, he told The Washington Post that he wants to engage directly with the Trump administration to end a stalemate that has worsened living conditions in the OPEC nation of 30 million people. He also invited the United Nations and European Union to send observers for legislative elections slated to take place later this year.

Stryk, a winemaker and former Republican aide who unsuccessfully ran for mayor of Yountville, California, is one of the top lobbyists in Trump's Washington.

A former unpaid Trump campaign adviser on the West Coast, his firm, Sonoran Policy Group, had no reported lobbying from 2013 to 2016 but has billed more than \$10.5 million to foreign clients since the start of 2017.

Like Venezuela, many of the clients have bruised reputations in Washington or are under U.S. sanctions, such as the governments of Somalia, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Interior, which signed a \$5.4 million contract in May 2017.

Munoz's contract with Foley, for a flat fee of \$12.5 million, extends until May 10. Stryk's share as a consultant is \$2 million.



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Demonstrators protest Wednesday outside the Capitol during the Senate impeachment trial of President Donald Trump.

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Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and other Republicans signaled that they were regaining confidence that they would be able to cobble together the 51 votes needed to block new witnesses and documents and bring the trial to an acquittal verdict as soon as Friday, after the revelations from Bolton, reported Sunday by The New York Times, had threatened to knock their plans off course.

Democrats on Wednesday were sounding a note of pessimism about the prospect of witnesses and securing new evidence in the trial.

"We've always known it will be an uphill fight on witnesses and documents, because the president and Mitch McConnell put huge pressure on these folks,"

Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York, the Democratic leader, said during a break in the trial.

"Is it more likely than not? Probably no," Schumer said. "But is it a decent, good chance? Yes."

Sen. John Barrasso of Wyoming, the No. 3 Senate Republican, declared that he had "heard enough" and predicted that the Senate would vote to acquit the president by week's end.

And Sen. Mitt Romney of Utah, who has said repeatedly that he wants to hear from Bolton and would vote in favor of witnesses and documents, conceded he did not know how many Republicans would join him.

"I'm sure there'll be others," he said. "How many there will be on my side of the aisle, I just don't know."

In answering questions, Trump's lawyers offered their most expansive defense of the president to

date, effectively arguing that a president cannot be removed from office for demanding political favors if he believes his reelection is in the national interest.

"Every public official I know believes that his election is in the public interest," said Alan Dershowitz, the celebrity defense lawyer and constitutional scholar who is part of Trump's legal team. "Mostly, you're right."

"If the president does something which he believes will help him get elected, in the public interest, that cannot be the kind of quid pro quo that results in impeachment," he said.

McConnell gave his party's first question Wednesday to Romney and Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska in an effort to allay the concerns of the three lawmakers, Republican moderates who are swing votes on calling witnesses. The

trio teamed up to ask Trump's lawyers how they should judge the president if they conclude he acted in the Ukraine matter with both political and policy motives.

The selection of Collins, who is facing the toughest reelection campaign in her long Senate career, was revealing: It suggested that McConnell was keenly focused on giving her every opportunity to have her voice heard before moving forward.

Notably absent from the group was the fourth Republican who had expressed interest in witnesses: Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, a close friend of McConnell's who has said he will not decide whether to support witnesses until after the question period has closed.

Democrats need the votes of four Republicans to compel the Senate to subpoena witnesses and

new documents. But it seems increasingly likely that Alexander, who is retiring from the Senate and is thus free to do as he chooses, will break from his party.

Fielding friendly questions from Democratic senators, House managers reiterated the heart of their case and accused Trump's lawyers of incorrectly stating that there was no evidence that Trump linked security assistance to investigations. Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the lead House impeachment manager, responded to Dershowitz's argument by saying it was "very odd."

"If you say you can't hold a president accountable in an election year where they're trying to cheat in that election, then you are giving them carte blanche," Schiff said. "All quid pro quos are not the same. Some are legitimate and some are corrupt."

Leaked report shows dozens of UN servers were hacked in 2019

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GENEVA — Sophisticated hackers infiltrated U.N. offices in Geneva and Vienna last year in an apparent espionage operation, and their identity and the extent of the data they obtained are unknown.

An internal confidential document from the United Nations, leaked to The New Humanitarian and seen by The Associated Press, says dozens of servers were

compromised, including at the U.N. human rights office, which collects sensitive data and has often been a lightning rod of criticism from autocratic governments for exposing rights abuses.

Everything indicates only a small group of U.N. staffers were informed about the breach.

Asked about the intrusion, one U.N. official told the AP it appeared "sophisticated" with the extent of damage unclear, especially in terms of personal, secret

or compromising information that may have been stolen. The official, who spoke only on condition of anonymity to speak freely about the episode, said systems have since been reinforced.

Given the high skill level, it is possible a state-backed actor was behind it, the official said. "It's as if someone were walking in the sand, and swept up their tracks with a broom afterward," the official added. "There's not even a trace of a clean-up."

The leaked Sept. 20 report says logs that would have betrayed the hackers' activities inside the U.N. networks — what was accessed and what may have been siphoned out — were "cleared." It also shows that among accounts known to have been accessed were those of domain administrators — who by default have master access to all user accounts in their purview.

"Sadly still counting our casualties," the report says. Jake Williams, CEO of

the cybersecurity firm Rendition Infosec and a former U.S. government hacker, said the fact that the hackers cleared the network logs indicates they were not top flight. The most skilled hackers — including U.S., Russian and Chinese agents — can cover their tracks by editing those logs instead of clearing them.

"The intrusion definitely looks like espionage," said Williams, noting that the active directory component — where all users' permissions are managed

— from three different domains were compromised: those of United Nations offices in Geneva and Vienna and of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

"This, coupled with the relatively small number of infected machines, is highly suggestive of espionage," he said after viewing the report. "The attackers have a goal in mind and are deploying malware to machines that they believe serve some purpose for them."

'Ghost trial' for jihadis thought dead

France convicts 24 IS defectors in paradoxical cases

By **CONSTANT MÉHEUT**
The New York Times

PARIS — The trial this month was exceptional for a country that has resisted repatriating or extraditing terrorism suspects from battlegrounds in Iraq and Syria.

A Paris judge heard cases against 24 men and women charged with links to the Islamic State group. Witnesses were called. Prosecutors and defense lawyers made their statements. Verdicts were rendered.

But 19 of the defendants were presumed dead, and all were tried in absentia. It was, as the French news media have called it, a "ghost trial."

Antoine Ory, one of the defense lawyers, acknowledged as much. "In France, in 2020, we refuse to repatriate the living but we try the dead," he told the court.

The trial, which concluded last week with convictions for everyone, brought to light one of France's paradoxes when it comes to handling such cases.

The government wants to prosecute terrorism suspects, hoping to prevent them from falling through legal cracks and trying to piece together how the networks operated for evidence in future trials against the living.

But it does not want the trials conducted on its territory.

Since 2018, France has instead been at the forefront of the European negotiations with the Iraqi government to have European jihadis tried there, with only modest success.

With public opinion firmly against bringing home those who left to fight with the Islamic State, France has agreed to take back only some of its jihadis. The country was a significant provider of foreign Islamic State fighters, with



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Suspected members of the Islamic State in October 2019 in a prison run by Kurdish-led forces in Syria.

around 1,000 people estimated to have left to join the militant group from 2012 to 2015.

For the last two years, French courts have been trying dozens of jihadis who are presumed dead. The courts have had little choice because intelligence services have not been able to get into the combat zones of Syria and Iraq to verify the deaths.

This month's trial offered a glimpse into what has become a convoluted approach to counterterrorism, even as France braces itself for the much-awaited trials of those accused of the assault on the newspaper Charlie Hebdo, and of the suspects in the November 2015 attacks on the Bataclan concert hall and other sites in Paris.

France has invested a great deal in adapting its

criminal justice system to the jihadi threat and now has some of the most expansive counterterrorism legislation in Europe.

"It is a judiciary that leaves room for interpretation," said Antoine Mégie, an expert on counterterrorism laws at the University of Rouen, in northern France. "In order to be prosecuted, it is enough to be linked to jihadist activities."

But this month's trial showed that the process could also prove Kafkaesque.

The defendant Ory represented — Quentin Roy, a man from the Paris suburbs who left to fight with the Islamic State in Syria in 2015 — was a case in point.

The court files noted that Roy presumably blew himself up in Iraq in January 2016, saying he was linked to "military activities that

led him to become a suicide bomber."

"You are trying a man who committed suicide," Ory told the court. "Has anyone ever seen such a contradiction?"

Roy was part of the so-called Sevran network, a jihadi recruitment web based in the small town of Sevran, on the outskirts of Paris, that operated from an informal prayer hall, later known as the "Daesh Mosque," using an alternative name for the Islamic State.

Among the 24 defendants at the trial, 13 had frequented the mosque.

Standing before the judges, Roy's parents, Véronique and Thierry, recounted how their son had converted to jihadi ideology in just a few months.

"It's the trial of sectarian radicalization," Véronique

Roy said, as she described how her son, after his conversion to Islam in 2012, gave up his studies and his job and broke up with his girlfriend.

In September 2014, Quentin Roy told his parents he had to go to Frankfurt, Germany, for his work as an Uber driver. A few days later, he was crossing the border from Turkey to Syria.

As they did with the Roy family, judges at the trial turned to relatives to reconstruct the journey of the 19 defendants who are presumed dead.

Among those defendants were the brothers Mohamed and Mehdi Belhoucine, who have been linked to the kosher supermarket attack by Amedy Coulibaly in January 2015.

Mohamed Belhoucine is considered to be the mentor

of Coulibaly. Mehdi Belhoucine was accused of arranging the departure of Coulibaly's wife, Hayat Boumeddiene, for Syria. The Belhoucine brothers left France for Syria at the start of January 2015.

The Belhoucine brothers are believed to have died on the battlegrounds in Syria and Iraq in 2016. Their parents have received messages from Islamic State fighters notifying them of their sons' deaths.

But the truth of those reports, in territories beyond the reach of French investigators, cannot be verified.

Intelligence services also fear that acknowledging the death of jihadis could help some who are still alive cover their tracks. In August 2015, a leading French jihadi recruiter, Omar Omsen, faked his own death before resurfacing 10 months later in a TV interview.

"As long as we don't have exact proof of their deaths, we have to try them," Stéphane Duchemin, the president of the court, told the mother of the Belhoucine brothers.

Even as the so-called ghost trials continue, the French government may be forced to moderate its stance and allow for the repatriation of former fighters. In part, that is because of the breakdown of the negotiations to continue conducting trials in Iraq, but also because of the worsening security situation in Syria, where hundreds of European Islamic State fighters are detained.

"If it is not possible to try them on site anymore, I don't see any other solution than to repatriate those people to France," the French justice minister, Nicole Belloubet, told the newspaper Liberation on Jan. 10. "We cannot risk that they escape into the wild."

Still, Belloubet acknowledged in an interview on French radio that "there is no change in our opinion" about bringing suspects home for trial.

Human-to-human spread of new virus worrying to health experts

By **KEN MORITSUGU**
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BEIJING — World health officials expressed "great concern" Wednesday that a dangerous new virus is starting to spread between people outside of China, a troubling development as China and the world frantically work to contain the outbreak.

The new virus has now infected more people in China than were sickened there during the 2002-2003 SARS outbreak. On Thursday, the number of cases jumped to 7,711, surpassing the 5,327 people diagnosed with SARS.

The death toll, which stood at 170 Thursday, is still less than half the number who died in China from SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome. Scientists say there are many questions to be answered about the new virus, including just how easily it spreads and how severe it is.

The World Health Organization's emergencies chief told reporters Wednesday that China was taking "extraordinary measures in the face of an extraordinary challenge" posed by the outbreak.

Dr. Michael Ryan spoke at a news conference after returning from a trip to Beijing to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping and other senior government leaders. He said the epidemic remains centered in the city of Wuhan and in Hubei province but that "information is being updated and is changing by the hour."

Ryan said the few cases of human-to-human spread of the virus outside China — in Japan, Germany, Canada and Vietnam — were of "great concern" and were part of the reason the U.N. health agency's director-general was reconvening a committee of experts Thursday. It will assess whether the out-



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A child wears a protective mask to help stop the spread of a deadly virus Wednesday in Beijing. The number of confirmed cases in the outbreak has reached 7,711 in China.

break should be declared a global emergency.

To date, about 99% of the nearly 6,000 cases are in China. Ryan estimated the death rate of the new virus at 2%, but said the figure was very preliminary. With fluctuating numbers of cases and deaths, scientists are only able to produce a rough estimate of the fatality rate and it's likely many milder cases of the virus are being missed.

In comparison, the SARS virus killed about 10% of people who caught it. The new virus is from the coronavirus family, which includes those that can cause the common cold as well as more serious illnesses such as SARS and MERS.

Meanwhile, countries began evacuating their citizens from the Chinese city hardest-hit by the virus. Chartered planes carrying about 200 evacuees each arrived in Japan and the United States as other countries planned similar evacuations from the city of Wuhan, which authorities have shut down to try to contain the virus.

The first cases in the Middle East were confirmed Wednesday, a family of four from Wuhan that was visiting the United Arab Emirates.

Australia, Finland and Singapore were among those reporting new cases, as the number outside China topped 70. The vast majority are people who came from Wuhan.

The U.S. plane arrived in California after a refueling stop in Alaska. All 201 passengers, who included diplomats from the U.S. Consulate in Wuhan, passed health screenings in China and Anchorage, and were to undergo three days of monitoring at a Southern California military base to ensure they show no signs of the illness.

In China's Hubei province, 17 cities including Wuhan have been locked down, trapping more than 50 million people in the most far-reaching disease control measures ever imposed.

WHO's director-general, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, commended China's response. The low number of infections outside China "is due in no small part to the extraordinary steps the government has taken to prevent the export of cases," he said.

During the 2002-2003 SARS epidemic, China was slammed for hiding that outbreak for months, allowing it to spread unchecked before reporting it to the WHO.

For 1st time in 4 years, US life expectancy goes up — a little

By **MIKE STOBBE**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Life expectancy in the United States is up for the first time in four years.

The increase is small — just a month — but marks at least a temporary halt to a downward trend. The rise is due to lower death rates for cancer and drug overdoses.

"Let's just hope it continues," said Robert Anderson, who oversees the report released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The latest calculation is for 2018 and factors in current death trends and other issues. On average, an infant born that year is expected to live about 78 years and 8 months, the CDC said.

For males, it's about 76 years and 2 months; for females 81 years and 1 month.

For decades, U.S. life expectancy was on the upswing, rising a few months nearly every year. But from 2014 to 2017, it fell slightly or held steady. That was blamed largely on surges in overdose deaths and suicides.

Suicides continued to increase in 2018, as did deaths from the flu and pneumonia during what turned out to be an unusually bad flu year. But declines in some other causes of death — most notably cancer and drug overdoses — were enough to overcome all that, according to the report.

Cancer is the nation's No. 2 killer, blamed for about 600,000 deaths a year, so even slight changes in the cancer death rate can have a big impact. The rate fell more than 2%, matching the drop in 2017.

"I'm a little surprised that rapid pace is continuing," said Rebecca Siegel, a researcher for the American Cancer Society.

Most of the improve-



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The small increase in U.S. life expectancy was attributed to lower death rates for cancer and drug overdoses.

ment is in lung cancer because of fewer smokers and better treatments, she said.

Also striking was the drop in drug overdose deaths that had skyrocketed through 2017. The death rate fell 4% in 2018, and the number of deaths dropped to about 67,400.

Deaths from heroin and prescription painkillers went down; however, deaths from other drugs — fentanyl, cocaine and meth — continued to go up. And preliminary data for the first half of 2019 suggest the overall decline in overdose deaths is already slowing down.

It's still a crisis, said Katherine Keyes, a Columbia University researcher. "But the fact that we have seen the first year where there's not an additional increase is encouraging."

The national decline was driven by dips in 14 states, the CDC's Anderson said. Those include states where overdose deaths have been most common, like Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and West Virginia.

In Ohio's Hamilton County, which includes Cincinnati, overdose deaths fell in 2018 and preliminary data indicates another drop last year. County health commissioner Tim Ingram credited efforts to try to expand access to treatment, and to widely distribute the over-

dose reversal drug Narcan. Nationally, for all causes of death, more than 2.8 million Americans died in 2018. That's about 26,000 more than the year before, the CDC report found. The number went up even as the death rate went down, because the population is growing and a large group are retirement age baby boomers.

Other findings: ■ The 10 leading causes of death remained the same, with heart disease at No. 1. The death rate for heart disease declined slightly, by less than 1%.

■ Death rates also dropped for stroke, Alzheimer's disease, chronic lower respiratory diseases and unintentional injuries, which includes drug overdoses.

■ Americans who were 65 in 2018 are expected to live another 19 years and six months, on average.

■ The infant mortality rate fell more than 2%, to 1 in 177 births.

■ The suicide death rate hit its highest level since 1941 — about 14 per 100,000. The rate peaked during the Depression in 1932 then mostly declined until 2000. It's been rising most years since then.

The U.S. has the highest suicide rate of 11 wealthy nations studied, according to a separate report released Thursday by the private Commonwealth Fund.

Too few babies being made in China

Economy, elderly could suffer if trend persists

By SUI-LEE WEE AND STEVEN LEE MYERS
The New York Times

BEIJING — The number of babies born in China last year fell to a nearly six-decade low, exacerbating a looming demographic crisis that is set to reshape the world's most populous nation and threaten its economic vitality.

About 14.6 million babies were born in China in 2019, according to the National Bureau of Statistics. That was a nearly 4% fall from the previous year, and the lowest official number of births in China since 1961, the last year of a widespread famine in which millions of people starved to death. That year, only 11.8 million babies were born.

Births in China have now fallen for three years in a row. They had risen slightly in 2016, a year after the government ended its one-child policy and allowed couples to have two children, a shift that officials hoped would drive a sustained increase in the number of newborns. But that has not materialized.

Experts say the slowdown is rooted in several trends, including the rise of women in the workforce who are educated and don't see marriage as necessary to achieving financial security, at least for themselves. For Chinese couples, many cannot afford to have children as living costs increase and their jobs demand more time and energy. And attitudes have shifted.

"It's a society where nobody wants to get married and people can't afford to have children," said Wang Feng, a professor of sociology at the University of California, Irvine. "On a deeper level, you would have to think about what kind of society China will become, not just demo-



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graphically, but socially."

Eno Zhang, a 37-year-old engineer in a tech company in Beijing, said he had argued with his parents for 10 years about his decision not to have children. They have since given up, he said.

"I value my spiritual life and hobbies," Zhang said. "Children will consume too much of my energy."

While many countries are struggling with low fertility rates and aging populations, these issues are even more pressing in China, because the country's underdeveloped social safety net means that most older adults rely heavily on their families to pay for health care, retirement and other expenses.

Many young married couples are expected to shoulder the burden of taking care of their parents, in-laws and grandparents,

without the support of siblings.

The birthrate in China fell to 10.48 per thousand last year, the lowest since the founding of the People's Republic in 1949, a decline that has important implications for the country's economy and labor pool.

If birthrates continue to fall while life expectancy increases, there will not be enough young people to support the economy and the elderly, the fastest-growing segment of the population.

That will put pressure on the country's underfunded pension systems, overcrowded hospitals and companies.

Making matters worse, the slowing birthrate has meant that China's main state pension fund, risks running out of money by 2035 because of a decline in

the number of workers, according to research commissioned by the government-backed Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Despite the looming demographic crisis, the government still maintains tight control over reproduction.

The ruling Communist Party had sought for three decades to slow population growth by limiting most couples to one child and forcing many women to undergo abortions and sterilizations. In 2015, alarmed by the slump in births, it increased that limit to two children.

But the government is sending mixed signals. It still punishes couples who exceed the birth restrictions. The authorities fine single women who bear children, and bar them from using reproductive technol-

ogies like freezing their eggs.

The government's effort to raise the birthrate is also running into broader economic and social changes.

Education, housing and health care costs are rising. More women are getting university degrees and are reluctant to interrupt their careers. Some among the current generation of women of childbearing age, themselves the product of the "one child" policy, don't see what the fuss about offspring is all about.

Dong Chang, a 28-year-old administrative employee at a dentist's clinic in Beijing, said millennials like her enjoyed spending on themselves without batting an eyelid and would find it hard to sacrifice their wants for a child.

"We are all only children, and to be honest, a little

selfish," she said. "How can I raise a child when I'm still a child myself? And take care of him and feed him at midnight?"

Dong said that she was living with her boyfriend but that they had decided to not get married for the time being because they didn't want their parents to hound them about having children.

Melody Lin, a 26-year-old worker at a nonprofit, said she couldn't think of a reason to have a child. She said she had thought about conforming to societal norms and starting a family but decided against it after reading arguments that not all women need to have children.

"My parents think that I'm still young and will change my mind when I get older, but I think it's unlikely," she said.

China's total fertility rate — an estimate of the number of babies a woman would have over her lifetime — has fallen to 1.6 children per woman, and for years has remained below the "replacement" level of 2.1. That means China could soon see a shrinking population and a workforce too small to support its pensioners.

The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences said last year that China's population contraction would begin in 2027. Others believe it will come sooner or has already begun.

The accuracy and completeness of China's population figures, like other sensitive statistics, have been questioned for years, making exact projections and comparisons difficult.

Cai Yong, an associate professor of sociology at the University of North Carolina, said he expected the low fertility rate to continue for at least a decade.

"There are a lot of parallels with this demographic crisis to global warming," Cai said. "The waters are rising slowly, and we need a longer-term strategy to deal with it."



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Members of European Parliament Rory Palmer, left, of Britain, and Katarina Barley, of Germany, hug after the Brexit deal was ratified Wednesday in Brussels.

EU Parliament clears Brexit deal in an emotional session

By RAF CASERT
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union grudgingly let go of the United Kingdom with a final vote Wednesday at the EU's parliament that ended the Brexit divorce battle and set the scene for tough trade negotiations in the year ahead.

In an emotion-charged session at the session in Brussels, lawmakers from all 28 EU countries expressed their love and sadness, while some, notably from Britain's Brexit Party, their joy.

Some even cried and many held hands during a mournful rendition of the Auld Lang Syne farewell song that contrasted sharply with hard-headed exhortations that Britain won't find it easy in the talks that will follow the country's official departure on Friday.

"We will always love you and we will never be far," said EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

Britain will leave the EU after 47 years of membership. It is the first country to leave the EU and for many in Europe its official departure at 11 p.m. Lon-

don time Friday is a moment of enormous sadness. It also reduces the number in the bloc to 27.

With just two days to go until Brexit day, the legislature overwhelmingly approved Britain's departure terms from the EU — 621-49 in favor of the Brexit deal that British Prime Minister Boris Johnson negotiated with the other 27 EU leaders in the fall of last year. The deal's passage follows last week's backing by the U.K.'s Parliament.

The parliament's chief Brexit official, Guy Verhofstadt, said that "this vote is not an adieu," adding that it is "only an au revoir."

Though the deal on Britain's divorce terms has cleared its hurdles, there are still huge uncertainties around the future relationship. After Britain's departure on Friday, a so-called transition period will begin during which the U.K. will remain within the EU's economic arrangements until the end of the year though it won't have a say in policy as it will not be a member of the EU anymore.

"That's it. It's all over," said Nigel Farage, who has campaigned for Brexit for

two decades. On departing the scene, the man who arguably did more than anyone else in the country's decision to vote for Brexit in the June 2016 referendum, waved Britain's Union Flag.

EU countries are preparing for the possibility that talks on a new trade deal with Britain could collapse by year's end, and no-deal contingency planning for a chaotic end to the transition period is necessary.

Britain is seeking to thrash out a comprehensive trade deal within 11 months, a timetable viewed as ambitious by many observers of trade discussions, which can often drag on for years.

"We will not yield to any pressure nor any haste," French President Emmanuel Macron said in Paris. "The priority is to define, in the short, medium and long term the interests of the European Union and to preserve them."

The EU has said such a timespan is far too short and fears remain that a chaotic exit, averted this week, might still happen at the end of the year if the transition ends without any agreement in place.

Countdown to Brexit just as divisive as vote to leave

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON — With Brexit just days away, Britons are fighting over the chimes of Big Ben. And the White Cliffs of Dover are a battleground.

As the United Kingdom prepares to leave the European Union on Friday, people are divided over how to mark a historic moment that some are relishing, but others are dreading.

Britain's 2016 referendum on EU membership split the country: 52% opted to leave the 28-nation bloc, 48% voted to remain. The intervening years of political wrangling over the departure terms have not healed the divide.

For pro-Europeans, departure will be the melancholy moment that Britain abandons a project that brought once-warring nations together, created a vast free-trading zone of half a billion people and let Europeans study, work and live across the continent.

For Brexit supporters, it will be the instant the U.K. once again becomes a sovereign nation after 47 years of membership in the bloated, bureaucratic EU club.

"It's a momentous occasion," said Brexit Party chairman Richard Tice, who plans to join party leader Nigel Farage and supporters for a party outside Parliament on Friday night. "It's a great celebration of the democratic will. And it's right to celebrate it."

Organizers are promising music, songs, speeches, a light show and a New Year's Eve-style countdown in the shadow of Parliament's clock tower. But, to their chagrin, Brexit probably won't be marked by the sound of the giant Big Ben bell, whose hourly bongs are a world-famous symbol of British democracy.

Big Ben has been largely silent since 2017 while the



MICHAEL KAPPELER/TNS

British flags fly in front of the Big Ben clock tower in June 2016 in London. The arrival of Brexit on Friday will not be marked by the giant Big Ben bell chiming due to repairs.

clock tower is being repaired, and House of Commons authorities said bringing it back for one night could cost as much as 500,000 pounds, approximately \$654,000.

Undaunted, Brexiteers launched a crowdfunding campaign, encouraged by Conservative Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who said, "We're looking at whether the public can fund it." But Johnson's Downing Street office quickly distanced itself from the idea, and Commons authorities made it clear they considered it impractical to have Big Ben bong for Brexit.

Tice chided "the bureaucratic blob" for hobbling the plan. But never fear: "We have a Plan B."

"We will play the sound of Big Ben chiming, that wonderful sound, loudly through our excellent speaker system," he said. "And in 50 years' time, this will be the image of the U.K. leaving the European Union (on) 31st January 2020."

"It'll be a sense of coming together, of pride, of patriotism, of belief in our country."

Many Britons don't share his excitement.

"Spending half a million pounds to ring a few bells is just silly. People who want to do it are off their trolley, frankly," said Tony Greaves, a Liberal Democrat mem-

ber of the House of Lords.

Greaves warned colleagues this week that many people — especially the more than 3 million citizens of other EU countries who live in Britain — feel a sense of loss "akin to bereavement" about Brexit.

"A lot of people will not be celebrating. They'll be feeling very sad and very glum," he said. "People are saying we want to bring the country together now after the division. This is the last possible way to do it."

A suggestion that church bells should ring, as they did to mark the end of two world wars, also struck a discordant note. The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers stressed that it "does not endorse bell ringing for political reasons."

Debate also is raging in the English Channel port of Dover, where pro-EU politician Antony Hook, a Liberal Democrat, has raised more than 13,000 pounds, approximately \$17,000, to plaster a huge "We still love EU" banner on the famous White Cliffs on Brexit day.

The prime minister is scheduled to make a televised address Friday, stressing unity and the healing of divisions. As 11 p.m. approaches, government buildings will be lit up and a countdown clock projected onto the black bricks of the prime minister's 10 Downing St. residence.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Responders rescue people from roof of burning high-rise in LA

LOS ANGELES — Firefighters made a dramatic ladder rescue of a man about to jump from a burning Los Angeles high-rise apartment building Wednesday and helicopters plucked 15 people from the roof as other terrified residents fled through smoke-choked stairwells to safety.

Six people were hospitalized, two in critical condition, including the would-be jumper, in the fire that occurred in a

building where a similar blaze broke out seven years ago, authorities said.

Residents described a frightening flight to safety, as they tried to move down crowded stairwells that forced some to turn back and go to the roof.

Firefighters had been at an office building fire two blocks away when the blaze broke out on Wilshire Boulevard on the edge of the tony Brentwood section of the city, allowing a rapid response.

Greece seeks bids for floating border barrier to stop migrants

ATHENS, Greece — The government in Greece wants to use a floating barrier to help stop migrants from reaching the Greek islands from the nearby coast of Turkey.

The Defense Ministry has invited private contractors to bid on supplying a 1.7-mile floating fence within three months, according to information available on a government procurement

website Wednesday.

A resurgence in the number of migrants and refugees arriving by sea to Lesbos and other eastern Greek islands has caused severe overcrowding at refugee camps.

The netted barrier would rise 20 inches above water and be designed to hold flashing lights, the submission said. The Defense Ministry estimates the project will cost \$550,000.

Women, 5 children among 8 victims of Alabama dock fire

SCOTTSBORO, Ala. — Six members of one family were among the eight victims of an early morning fire that engulfed a marina dock in minutes, forcing residents to flee in boats or jump into cold water to save themselves, authorities said Wednesday.

Grace Annette Watson Miles, 40, died in the blaze early Monday, officials said, along with five young people who relatives identified as her children: De-

zli Nicole Miles, 7; Kesston Damien Miles, 9; Traydon Dominic Miles, 10; Bryli Long, 16; and Christopher Zane Long, 19.

Witnesses and relatives said the woman's husband, Joe Miles, was rescued from the water with burns.

Miles and others helped the woman and her children get off the flaming dock on to a boat that later caught fire, said survivor Tommy Jones.



HADI MIZBAN/AP

Protesters use a slingshot to launch a stone at police Wednesday in Baghdad. Also Wednesday, Iraqi President Barham Saleh gave rival political blocs a Saturday deadline to select a prime minister nearly two months after the premier resigned under pressure.

House ethics panel warns against sharing fake images

The House Ethics Committee is warning lawmakers not to share doctored images or videos that could "erode public trust, effect public discourse, or sway an election," guidance that comes during a proliferation of online misinformation.

In a memo sent to House members Tuesday, the committee said lawmakers or staffers could be found in violation of House ethics rules and subject to disciplinary proceedings for posting content intended to mislead the public.

"Members have a duty, and a First Amendment

right, to contribute to the public discourse," the authors of the memo wrote. "However, manipulation of images and videos that are intended to mislead the public can harm that discourse and reflect discreditably on the House."

It's the first time the committee has admonished lawmakers on the use of fake images and audio on social media, though the new guidelines may be difficult to enforce because of a loophole allowing fake images when used for satire or parody.

The warning comes three weeks after Rep. Paul

Gosar, R-Ariz., tweeted a doctored photo of President Barack Obama shaking hands with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani. In a caption, he wrote: "The world is a better place without these guys in power."

The original, unaltered photo from 2011 featured Obama and then Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. Obama and Rouhani have never met.

Gosar later said he never intended the tweet — which was retweeted more than 6,000 times and liked more than 22,000 times — to be taken seriously.

Ga. State Patrol fires 32 new troopers for cheating

ATLANTA — An entire graduating class of the Georgia State Patrol's Trooper School has been fired or resigned amid a cheating scandal, the state's public safety chief said Wednesday.

Georgia Department of Public Safety Commissioner Col. Mark W.

McDonough confirmed that 32 troopers were fired after being accused of cheating on an online exam for the speed detection operator component of the school's curriculum. One trooper resigned after the cheating allegations came to light. All 33 are August graduates of the 106th

Trooper School.

McDonough said the investigation began in October after officials learned about the allegations from the girlfriend of one of the cadets, who said she took the online test for him. When confronted about, the trooper told superiors, "The whole class cheated."

Israel delays move to annex large parts of the West Bank

JERUSALEM — Israel has postponed a move to annex large parts of the West Bank, a government minister said Wednesday, a day after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to quickly act on the Trump administration's Mideast plan despite fierce Palestinian opposition.

Netanyahu had said the Cabinet would vote Sunday on extending Israeli sovereignty to dozens of Jewish settlements as well as the Jordan Valley, a move that risks provoking a harsh backlash from the Palestinians and the international community.

But he appears to have put annexation on hold to explore the legal ramifications and to coordinate it with the United States.

Israel has not had a permanent government in a year, after two inconclusive elections, and it's unclear if a caretaker regime can make such a move.

In California: U.S. authorities on Wednesday announced the discovery of the longest smuggling tunnel ever found on the Southwest border, stretching more than three-quarters of a mile from an industrial site in Tijuana, Mexico, to the San Diego area.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection said it featured an extensive rail/cart system, forced air ventilation, high voltage electrical cables and panels, an elevator at the tunnel entrance, and a complex drainage system.

The tunnel was found about 70 feet underground and extends a total of 4,309 feet and is about 5.5 feet tall and 2 feet wide. The next longest tunnel was discovered in San Diego in 2014. It was 2,966 feet long.



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Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's handling of actor Jussie Smollett's 2019 case is being investigated by former U.S. Attorney Dan Webb.

Foxx, Smollett and the questions special prosecutor Webb should answer

Cook County residents deserve the truth. The whole truth. Obtained under oath.

As the Illinois primary approaches, voters haven't seen former U.S. Attorney Dan Webb's report on State's Attorney Kim Foxx and her handling of the Jussie Smollett case. Yet on March 17, Cook County Democrats must decide whether to nominate Foxx to a second term or choose one of her opponents, Bill Conway, Bob Fioretti or Donna More. Webb's findings could influence that choice.

The foursome's appearance Monday before the Tribune Editorial Board reaffirmed that Foxx won't publicly answer many questions about the case. She says doing so would undercut Webb's investigation of her and her office. We disagree; Foxx can say what she wants and Webb can conclude what he wishes.

We hope Webb finishes before the primary, but we aren't here to nudge him. Instead, we want to put in one place the most crucial questions that have been asked over the past year — and that now confront Webb in his role as court-appointed special prosecutor.

A case involving accusations that actor Smollett had faked a hate crime has provoked local and national suspicion that someone, or several someones, improperly influenced how Foxx's office responded. Much of that suspicion stems from prosecutors' decisions to secure 16 felony charges from a grand jury and then, a mere 18 days later, drop the case — claiming they had learned no new information that would undermine it.

The people of Chicago and Cook County deserve a justice system that treats every defendant equally. And as taxpayers who cover the costs of that system, they deserve answers to every one of these questions.

Mr. Webb, citizens will judge how you answer these questions. So it's only fair to pose them to you now, before your investigation concludes. We'll start with the most

pressing issues that your investigators cannot leave hanging.

Who tried to influence Foxx or her prosecutors?

At each point along the timeline of this case, what's the full list of outsiders — and their intermediaries — who tried to influence how Foxx's office handled it? What prime mover motivated politically connected lawyer Tina Tchen — former chief of staff to first lady Michelle Obama — to contact Foxx?

From start to finish, which other persons directly or indirectly sought to shape the decisions of prosecutors, or of others in law enforcement?

True or false: Democratic politics — prominent figures or future career aspirations — drove whatever really happened here. In sum, did people whose names we haven't yet heard exploit their personal connections to persuade prosecutors?

The mystery of the 18 days

Foxx's office extracted 16 felony charges against Smollett from a grand jury on March 8, then inexplicably dropped the case on March 26. First Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Magats denied that doing so reflected weak evidence or a desire for secrecy. "It's a mistake and it's wrong to read into the decision that there was something wrong or that we learned something about the case that we didn't already know," Magats told the Tribune. And on March 27, Foxx told the Sun-Times her office "had a strong case ... that would have convinced a trier of fact" that Smollett had lied about staging a hate crime. Yet two days later, on March 29, Foxx wrote to the Tribune that aspects of the evidence and testimony would have made the trial outcome "uncertain."

Mr. Webb, what forces provoked all

these switchbacks? What intervening variables provoked Foxx's office to first seek, then quickly abandon, the 16 felony counts?

The secretive dropping of charges

Who inside or outside Foxx's office engineered the secret decision to drop the charges — and then seal official records — during an unannounced court session? To whatever extent the state's attorney's office was complicit in this furtiveness, why so? Was the clandestine effort part of what critics have termed a prosecutor protection program?

A companion point: Was whoever made the decision to pursue felony counts before a grand jury the same person who later made the decision to drop all charges?

Which other defendants 'get similar arrangements'?

On March 27, Foxx told WBEZ: "But every single day on cases that law enforcement partners work diligently on, there are people who get similar arrangements, people who get diversion, people who get sentences that are probably not what some people would want. Every single day."

Mr. Webb, how often do Cook County defendants facing 16 felony charges "get similar arrangements"?

What was Foxx's role in this case?

At one point, Foxx had recused herself from the case due to conflicts of interest. Then Foxx was inconsistent, repeatedly, about her actions, her office's decisions and why all charges got erased. In response to public records requests, Foxx's office on April 16 made public thousands of internal texts and emails.

That trove establishes that instead of distancing herself from the case, Foxx had told her first assistant that the number of felony counts facing Smollett was excessive. Referring to her office's pending indictment of R&B singer R. Kelly, Foxx wrote: "Pedophile with 4 victims 10 counts. Washed up celeb who lied to cops, 16 (counts). Just because we can charge something doesn't mean we should." How is it that Foxx removed herself from the case yet scolded her top assistant for how he handled it? None of this makes sense. What's the real story?

Why did prosecutors let Smollett avoid responsibility?

Why would Foxx's office say the dropping of charges didn't exonerate Smollett, yet permit him to walk without accepting responsibility for his alleged staging of a hate crime?

Mr. Webb, can you find another case in which Foxx's office dropped the prosecution of a defendant who allegedly filed a false police report without his or her admission of guilt?

Mr. Webb, prosecutors wield enormous influence over which defendants the criminal justice system will pursue or cut loose. The questions here go to the heart of whether Cook County dispenses equal justice, in the public eye, to all defendants — or offers special handling to those who have political or other insider leverage.

Did someone clout a sweet deal for Jussie Smollett? And if that happened, who persuaded whom to do so?

Mr. Webb, once again the people of metropolitan Chicago are relying on you. Give them the truth. The whole truth. Obtained under oath.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

What is astounding is how well Joe Biden's passivity has worked. Normally, a candidate's success depends on *energy*: an ability to stand out, command eyeballs, drive the narrative. But in our current political landscape, Biden's lack of reaction — and his staff's rumored efforts to keep him away from the press as much as possible — might accidentally be amounting to something like a superpower.

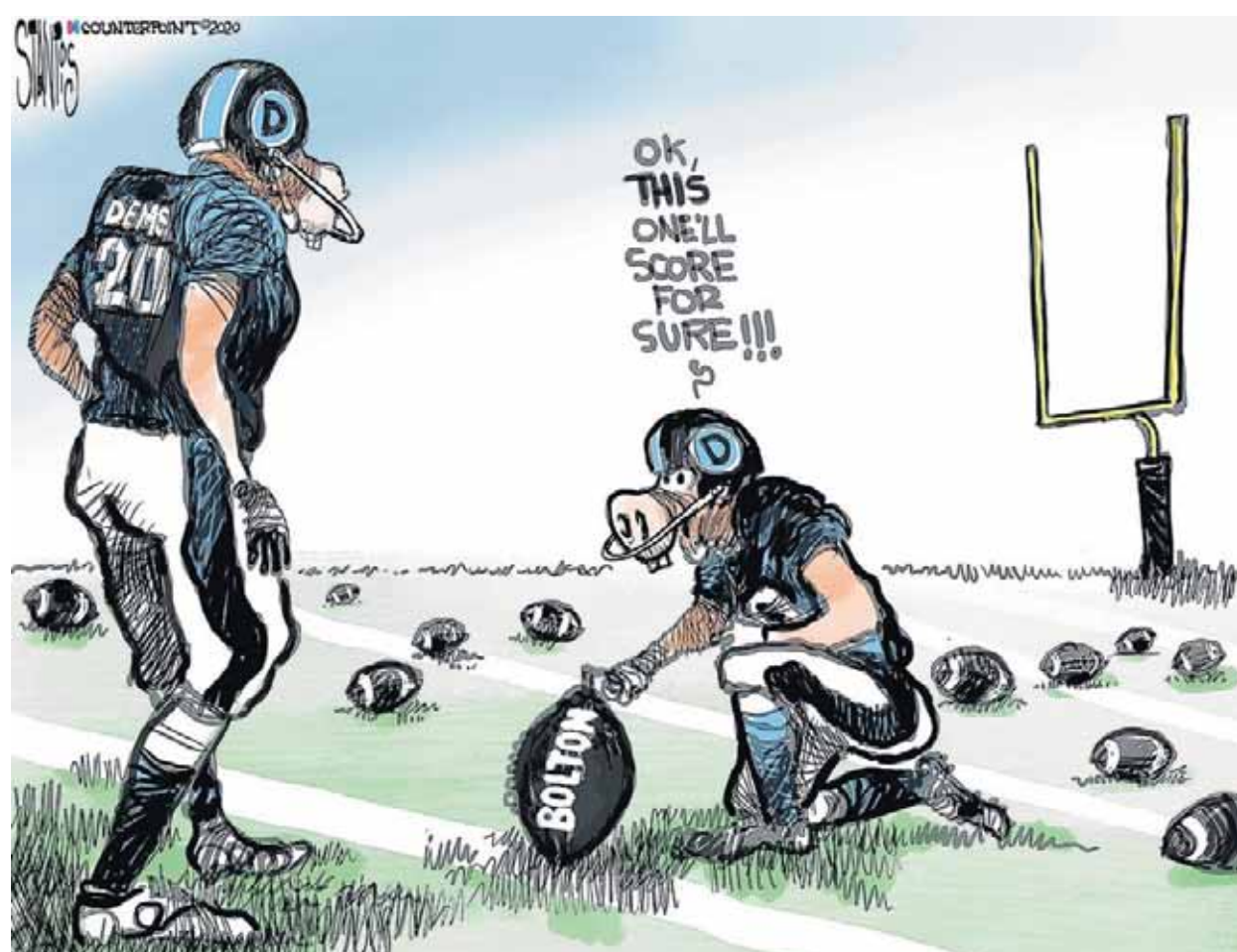
It's true that Biden's lack of media appearances has been criticized in some quarters. "They have him in the candidate-protection program," former Obama adviser David Axelrod told Olivia Nuzzi, of the vice president's handlers. "I don't know if you can do that. I don't know if you can get through a whole campaign that way. Either he can hack it or he can't hack it. If you're worried the candidate can hurt himself talking to a reporter, that's a bad sign."

This has been the conventional wisdom — exposure gets you votes — but Biden might be proving it wrong. In a landscape saturated by the furious exhalations of a president who can't stop reacting and responding to every new development, restraint might have its charms for an understudied demographic: the American voter who wants nothing more than to tune out. ...

Indeed, "Sleepy Joe Biden" might not be the insult Trump thinks it is. We might be in a moment when many Americans just want to go back to sleep.

Lili Loofbourow, Slate

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Mayor Lori Lightfoot, pictured on Jan. 10 at City Hall, says the city should study whether to establish contract set-asides for gay and transgender business owners.

Chicago is right to study whether gay-owned businesses should get contract set-asides

BY MAHESH SOMASHEKHAR AND GIACOMO NEGRO

There has been spirited debate since Mayor Lori Lightfoot called for a study to examine whether Chicago should establish a contract set-aside program for gay and transgender business owners.

Several aldermen have criticized the plan, claiming that business owners could simply pretend to be gay or transgender in order to receive a city contract. These aldermen also believe a set-aside program could disproportionately benefit white men who are gay but don't need preferential treatment.

If they're right, shouldn't potential fraud terrify Chicago, which has been cheated out of huge sums in the past?

Such criticisms may be well-intentioned. But the potential for fraud should not stop Chicago from investigating whether gay and transgender business owners experience discrimination when applying for city contracts. LGBTQ people confront forms of discrimination in the economy that are not unlike the experiences of racial minorities, for whom Chicago already has an established set-aside program.

Studies show that, when a job application includes a name that sounds African American, the applicant is less likely to be chosen for an interview. Similarly, if a job application mentions experience in a gay student organization during college, the applicant has a

lower chance of being called back for a job.

These and related forms of labor market discrimination sometimes force racial and sexual minorities into self-employment in order to make ends meet. This fact is all the more disturbing considering that households headed by same-sex couples are more likely to live in poverty than households headed by different-sex married couples, and transgender people experience unemployment at three times the rate of others in the U.S. population.

In addition, fear of discrimination, whether real or perceived, can concentrate some racial and sexual minorities into occupations that offer low wages. Occupational segregation maintains a wage gap between whites and blacks but also a wage gap between heterosexuals and LGBTQ people. The LGBTQ wage gap has been closing over time, but it remains persistent, particularly for certain groups such as transgender people or LGBTQ racial minorities.

The idea that business owners might pretend to be gay or transgender to qualify for set-aside contracts isn't out of the question. Yet in the comparable example of racial fraud, there are only a handful of cases on record. And when such fraud was discovered, it was swiftly punished.

In one well-known case, a pair of brothers who identified themselves as white on their applications were re-

The LGBTQ wage gap has been closing over time, but it remains persistent, particularly for certain groups such as transgender people or LGBTQ racial minorities.

jected when they applied to become firefighters in Boston. Two years later, they applied again, claiming to be black. The Boston Fire Department hired them as part of a court-ordered affirmative action program. Once it was discovered that the brothers lied about their race, they were fired.

Set-aside programs for minority entrepreneurs are susceptible to the kinds of racial fraud that occurred in Boston. But that possibility does not justify eliminating set-aside programs for racial minorities, which have boosted the black self-employment rate and decreased the black-white gap in business ownership by 3% in cities that have implemented them.

There is one kind of fraud where Lightfoot should pay special heed. Minority-owned businesses sometimes act as fronts for white-owned

businesses looking to get preferential treatment when applying for contracts. In Chicago, James Duff went to prison in 2005 for fraud and racketeering in a scheme that garnered more than \$100 million in city contracts by using fronts. There is a similar risk that heterosexual-owned firms will recruit gay or transgender business owners to apply for set-asides on their behalf. As the city considers developing a set-aside program for gay and transgender business owners, it must also develop appropriate oversight and penalties for those who would undermine the good intentions of the program.

Aldermen should keep in mind the potential benefits, too, of considering whether gay and transgender business owners are discriminated against when applying for contracts. Research we have done with co-authors shows that growth in the number of LGBTQ-owned businesses in a city can promote more acceptance of sexual minorities and help build and sustain community. Chicago has an interest in fostering business ownership to ensure that the LGBTQ community is able to fully contribute to the city's economic development.

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PERSPECTIVE

Tired of making lemonade out of lemons? Suck on some misery instead.

BY STEPHEN J. LYONS

We all know people who are way too cheerful. I am talking about those overachievers of joy and hope who, in the face of climate change, Ted Cruz's beard and cannabis dispensary shortages, somehow turn their frowns upside-down. Let's not be them. Here's how to stay miserable. You are most welcome.

Do not, under any circumstances, take time out to smell the roses. They stink.

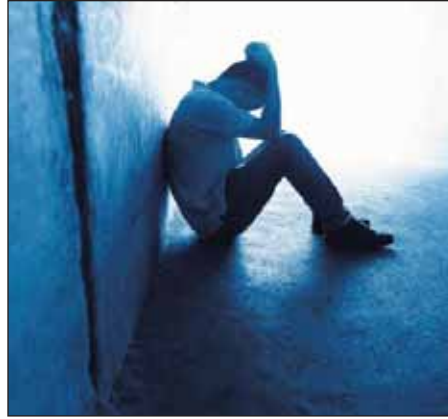
Tell your lucky stars, "Thanks, but no thanks." Eliminate balloons and flowers from your life. Stay indoors. Close the windows. Keep the shades and curtains drawn to avoid sunrises, sunsets and all other forms of natural light. Turn up the volume on your television as high as it will go to drown out birdsong and the laughter of small children.

Shun friends and relatives, and anyone dumb enough to be supportive of you. If you have not called your parents in a while, keep putting it off. They will always be around. For companionship buy a pet baboon and a mature, pregnant python.

Cease consumption of leafy green vegetables and raw fruit. Supplement a new diet of creamed soups, undercooked chicken and Wild Turkey. Salt your food with abandon.

Obsess on past mistakes. Why did you act so impulsively as a teenager? Did your mother deserve such shoddy treatment? Is it possible that your brother is better than you? Are you getting fat or is it a tumor?

You are not as young as you feel. In fact, you are older, so much older. Guilt is good. Remorse, foreboding, cynicism, sloth and regret are even better. This would be a good time to take up chewing tobacco and unfiltered Camels. Make a master calendar of your approximated remaining days



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on Earth. Divide by two. Cross off each day before you go to bed at night. See? Life isn't so long after all. Get a facial tattoo in the likeness of Donald Trump.

Come on, do you really think you can make a difference in the world? Who are you kidding?

Sleep as late as you wish. There's no good reason to get up anyway. Turn off the hot water heater. Trade in your bed for a wooden plank. Pillows must go. There is absolutely nobody less fortunate than you. Wear jeans that are one size too small. Do not replace broken shoestrings.

Spend several hours (it's only time) each day watching "Cops," "America's Most Wanted," "Dateline," "48 Hours" and "Justice Files." Realize the same thing that happened to people featured on those shows can and will happen to you.

Baths and showers are less than optional. Phone your adult children and ask them to explain in great detail your failings as a parent. Go ahead, pop that blister. Pick that scab. Seek splinters. Did you hear that? They are talking about you again.

Question: What's so funny? Answer:

Not one damn thing.

Cut your own hair with your non-dominant hand. Let your toenails grow up and in. Do not trim your eyebrows or nose hairs. That neat idea you just thought of? It's probably already been done. Never change your socks. Whenever the occasion arises, make it a point to discuss religion, politics and sexual fantasies. Buy a loud-chiming grandfather clock for every room in your home. Make sure the clocks are not synchronized.

Do not floss.

Give up singing and dancing. Instead, mutter under your breath and crawl on your belly. Remember, there is no problem big enough you can't run away from it. Replace hand washing with hand wringing. Health insurance and smoke alarms are for losers.

Call your ex- and ask him or her to compare and contrast in minute detail their new spouse's lovemaking skills with yours. Fill out all sweepstakes forms, surveys and credit card applications. Set aside time during your dinner hour to chat with phone solicitors. Call in daily to sports talk radio.

Sweat the small stuff. By the way, it's all small stuff. Obsess on bodily pains, aches or lumps, but do not consult a physician. Early detection is for wimps. An annual physical is only asking for trouble. Google "Why that itch could be the first sign of anal cancer."

Do not hydrate.

Remember, today is probably the very last day of the rest of your miserable life so, please, do not, under any circumstances, enjoy it.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Bryant's death a tragedy among many

Forty years working as a Chicago television news photographer and video editor, my eyes and soul have seen plenty.

The stunning loss of a charismatic and extraordinary athlete, former NBA star Kobe Bryant, and eight other passengers on Sunday had us pause in place. Unlike most movie stars or high-rollers, Kobe was a kid when many of us were kids. We all picked up a basketball and took that last-second shot whether we were on the court or in the playground. We felt a warm friendship with him without ever meeting him.

The violent nature of his death is what I am professionally familiar with. Crashes, gunshots, poor judgment or random violence is often distributed without bias.

The outpouring of tributes from around the country for Bryant juxtaposes with what we report on everyday: local stories of common victims in unfortunate circumstances who may also have had dreams unfulfilled, leaving families behind to pick up their lives. Stories of migrants fleeing violence in their countries in search of safety, leaving homes and families behind as they take risks we hope we never experience.

These are names and faces most of us don't know or will forget once their 30-second stories are aired. But I remember these faces and their stories because many of them are my heroes.

Their resilience to keep hope alive has been an example for me to live a lively life!

The deaths of Bryant and the other passengers leave a void of hope in many hearts. The hurt is real and raw, whether or not they have a famous name.

— Katie Carrillo-Majewski, Kenosha, Wisconsin

One life is a precious as the other

Life is precious, fragile and unpredictable. Here today, gone tomorrow. Two events in the news bear this out. The tragic death of Kobe Bryant, his daughter and others in the helicopter crash has been the main focus in the news. Mainly because of his superstar status and the end of a life at such a young age.

The other major headline of the day concerns the deaths in China caused by the Wuhan coronavirus and the spread of the virus throughout the world. So far, a handful of cases in this country have been confirmed with no deaths. In spite of no deaths, this country and other parts of the world are on the verge of mass hysteria.

Contrast these two events with the loss of life daily in Chicago and throughout the country due to gun violence. Where is the outrage and the hysteria? Each day, someone's brother, sister, father or mother is taken from us. Many are youngsters whose lives are cut short.

A human life is God's greatest creation. One life is just as precious as the other, and all should be mourned alike.

— Ned L. McCray, Tinley Park

Disease, treatment of animals linked

Fifty million Chinese locked down! Fifteen countries affected! Five confirmed cases in the U.S.! These dramatic headlines announce one more pandemic caused by our abuse of animals.

Indeed, 61% of the 1,415 pathogens known to infect humans originate with animals. These so-called zoonotic diseases, claiming millions of human lives, include Asian flu, Hong Kong flu, West Nile flu, bird flu, swine flu, dengue fever, Ebola, HIV, severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and yellow fever. The pandemic Spanish flu of 1918 killed at least 50 million people worldwide.

Western factory farms and Asian street markets are virtual breeding grounds for infectious diseases. Sick, crowded, highly stressed animals in close contact with raw flesh, feces and urine provide ideal incubation media for viruses. As these microbes reach humans, they mutate to defeat the new host's immune system, then propagate on contact.

Each of us can help end these deadly pandemics by replacing animal products in our diet with vegetables, fruits and whole grains. These foods don't carry flu viruses or government warning labels, are touted by every major health advocacy organization and were the recommended fare in the Garden of Eden. The internet offers ample recipes and transition hints.

— Claude Prescott, Chicago

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People wearing face masks walk a deserted street in Wuhan in central China's Hubei province this week.

My son and the coronavirus

BY TOBY GORDON

My son lives in China, where he teaches at an international school in Shenzhen, so I have been getting daily reports about the coronavirus outbreak in the region. Early last week, he was preparing for a long-planned hiking trip in a mountainous area in southwestern China to visit Tiger Leaping Gorge. His trip was paid for, and he was packed and ready to leave Jan. 22 for his Lunar New Year school holiday.

As the coronavirus news broke, he called and said he was thinking about canceling his trip. It would entail many hours of travel on crowded trains and he might contract the virus in such close quarters. As any mother would do, I told him not to go — without hesitation. He was over 8,000 miles away, and there wasn't much I could do except talk to him by phone and report news that he might not have access to in China.

Despite being in the midst of a fast-growing viral epidemic, he wasn't convinced of the risk that day.

I trusted, or at least hoped, that he would come around, but his lifelong pattern of independence was not in my favor in this debate. At a young age, he put himself to bed with no assistance. After college, he took a job teaching high school on a tropical French island, Reunion, that is surrounded by shark-infested waters off the coast of Africa.

He moved on after that to a teaching gig at a college in Ecuador before the latest gig in China teaching kindergarten and

first grade. During school holidays, he visits as many countries as he can, which my collection of postcards can attest. He has traveled so much he had to add pages to his passport.

So he was determined to go on this trip and went shopping to get face masks, hand sanitizer, bottled water and food. The usually busy streets were not too crowded. Many stores and restaurants were closing, and hand sanitizer and soap were nowhere to be found — they were sold out everywhere. To think, he used to laugh at my husband's carefully stocked emergency supply kit of water, flashlights, peanut butter and powdered milk that lives in the laundry room, perched on top of a spare refrigerator.

We video chatted as he shopped, and since face masks are de rigueur, his face was mostly covered during the call. I sent him an online photo that showed a man in a face mask with a lit cigarette poking through a hole in the middle.

The real public health issue that needs to be addressed, he contended, is spitting, a nasty habit in Hong Kong but not where he lives in mainland China. That, and the sale of bushmeat in the markets, has fueled the spread of this virus, my son was convinced. (Spitting was outlawed in Baltimore and other cities in the late 1800s to help prevent the spread of tuberculosis.)

Later that day, the news broke about the quarantining of Wuhan, ground zero for the virus. My son finally came to his senses. This worried mother breathed a sigh of relief. Wisely, he canceled his trip.

A few days later, more Chinese cities were closed to travel, and Hong Kong canceled schools for a month. My son's school did the same. A friend sent him a photo of Corona beers with a message that said his refrigerator was infected with the coronavirus.

As more and more case reports emerged about the spread of the virus to other cities and countries, we talked by phone multiple times a day. I was a nervous wreck, a worried mom. How long would it be before the epidemic peaked? How far and how fast would it spread? Was it advisable for him to stay in Shenzhen for a month until schools opened, and would he even be able to get out of China now?

Lucky for my anxious heart, my son decided to decamp as quickly as he could. It took two days of an "apocalyptic nightmare," as he described it, to get a visa to Sri Lanka and a flight out of China. He was pulled aside in the boarding line for the ferry to the airport for a "high temperature." After a consultation in a cramped room that included a recheck of his temperature, my son was cleared for boarding. He safely made it to Sri Lanka.

I am just glad he got out of China, and so far, avoided the potentially deadly coronavirus.

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Bakers Square bankruptcy closes five Chicago-area restaurants

Food chain shutter 33 locations, laid off about 1,100 employees across the US to reduce losses

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Citing increased competition and declining foot traffic, Bakers Square has shuttered five of its Chicago-area restaurants as the owner of the iconic chain — best known for its pies — seeks bankruptcy protection.

Nashville, Tennessee-based American Blue Ribbon Holdings, which operates the Bakers Square and Village Inn restaurant chains, closed 33 locations and laid off about 1,100 employees across the U.S. to reduce losses, according to a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing Monday in Delaware federal court.

In addition to the restaurants,

the company's Legendary Baking unit operates a pie baking facility in suburban Oak Forest and a distribution center in Chicago.

Bakers Square restaurants in Libertyville, Lansing, Alsip, Orland Park and Merrillville were among those closed Friday in what the company called a "tough but necessary" decision. Ten Chicago-area Bakers Square restaurants will remain open, including one city location in Chicago's Norwood Park.

"This is never an easy decision to make and one driven by many business factors," the company said in a news release. "It is important to note that all team



BOB BONG/DAILY SOUTHTOWN

Bakers Square has filed for Chapter 11 after closing locations over the weekend in Orland Park, Alsip, Lansing and northwest Indiana.

members will be relocated to another nearby location or provided a severance package."

The company said financial trends have been negative since 2017, as the restaurants struggled

with declining sales. It reported losses of \$7 million last year and \$11 million in 2018, according to the bankruptcy filing. After the

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Six Corners Sears site's plans turn a corner

Project will change area with more than 400 town homes, apartments

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Plans to turn the site of the last Sears store in Chicago into more than 400 apartments and town homes as well as retail space are set to move forward in the Six Corners shopping district on the Northwest Side.

Ald. Jim Gardiner, 45th, said he is "beyond thrilled" with a revised version of a project he said could bring new residents and foot traffic to an intersection that was once one of the city's major retail hubs but now looks "run down."

"I think it's going to bring a lot of energy," he said at a community meeting Monday to discuss the proposed project at the intersection of Milwaukee Avenue, Cicero Avenue and Irving Park Road.

The updated version of the \$200 million project made some changes to the look of the former Sears store, reduced the height of an apartment building, and includes a few more affordable housing units than a version presented at a similar community meeting in December, said Richard Tucker, CEO of Chicago-based Tucker Development. The firm is partnering with Seritage Growth Properties to redevelop the site and another former Sears in the Galewood neighborhood.

The former department store building, which has been vacant since Sears closed in 2018, two months shy of its 80th anniversary, would be turned into 133 apartment units, a fitness club and space for shops and restaurants. There would be 288 more units in a new building constructed where the Sears Auto Center used to be. That building will be 90 feet tall, down from about 120 feet in the earlier plan.

Developers kept the same number of units despite the lower height by extending some units toward a 790-space parking lot that sits between the buildings. About 75% of the apartments would be studio or one-bedroom units, with the rest a mix of two- and three-bedroom units. Plans also call for 13 townhomes.

Tucker agreed to increase the number of affordable housing units from 11 to 16, which reduces the amount it will be obligated to contribute to fund affordable housing elsewhere from \$4 million to \$3.5 million.

An open space between the two

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The Six Corners Sears store is seen days before it closed at the intersection of Milwaukee Avenue, Cicero Avenue and Irving Park Road in Chicago.



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2018

A McDonald's restaurant at Ontario and Clark streets is seen in Chicago. In 2019, the burger giant surpassed \$100 billion in annual sales.

Over \$100 billion served

McDonald's hits sales record in 2019, as delivery drives growth in all global regions

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN

Associated Press

McDonald's wrapped up a tumultuous year on a high note after the company's CEO was ousted in November.

The burger giant said Wednesday it surpassed \$100 billion in annual sales for the first time, and notched its highest same-store sales in more than a decade, with growth in all of its global regions.

Even as the Chicago company puts a rocky year behind it, potential hurdles have already emerged in 2020.

McDonald's new President and CEO Chris Kempczinski said McDonald's has closed several hundred restaurants in

China because of the coronavirus outbreak. The number of confirmed cases jumped to 5,974 Wednesday, surpassing the 5,327 cases in mainland China during the SARS outbreak in 2002-2003.

Kempczinski said 3,000 restaurants remain open in China, including some that are feeding health care workers. He said the outbreak is worrisome, but China only accounts for 4-5% of the company's systemwide revenue. That's less exposure than Starbucks, which said Tuesday that 10% of its revenue comes from China.

"Its actual impact on our business is going to be fairly small assuming it stays contained to China," Kempczinski

said during a conference call with analysts.

Kempczinski said his top priority is improving U.S. customer traffic, which has been falling for more than a year. U.S. same-store sales — or sales at restaurants open at least 13 months — rose 5% in the fourth quarter, but that was driven by higher prices and delivery.

McDonald's said Dynamic Yield, a system that recommends products on drive-thru menus based on weather and other factors, is also convincing customers to add items like donut sticks to their orders. McDonald's purchased Dynamic Yield last March and has added it to menu boards in the U.S. and Australia.

Kempczinski said it's critical for McDonald's to perform better at breakfast, since that's the only time of day U.S. restaurant traffic is growing. McDonald's is also facing increased competition as Wendy's reintroduces a breakfast menu.

McDonald's plans menu changes and competitive pricing at breakfast, Kempczinski said. The company is also testing a new chicken sandwich to better compete with Chick-fil-A and Popeyes.

"Growth in this industry at this point is going to have to come from stealing share," Kempczinski said.

McDonald's plans to open

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Aspen Dental plans expansion for at least 1,000 employees

Signs 14-year lease to anchor 19-story Fulton Market office tower



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

Less than two years after opening an office in the Fulton Market district, Aspen Dental Management has leased a much larger space in the neighborhood with room for at least 1,000 employees.

The dental clinic company is taking 197,000 square feet and

will anchor a 19-story office tower under construction at 800 W. Fulton Market, according to developer Thor Equities.

The 14-year lease also includes a separate 8,000-square-foot ground-floor space in the property that's alongside the neon "Fulton Market District" sign at the corner of Halsted Street and Fulton.

East Syracuse, New York-based Aspen Dental is the latest office tenant to grab a large space in the former meatpacking district, which is years into a construction boom bringing taller structures to the area just west of the Kennedy Expressway.

New York-based Thor Equities is developing the 466,500-square-foot tower with Canadian partner QuadReal Property



SKIDMORE, OWINGS & MERRILL

Aspen Dental has leased 197,000 square feet of office space and 8,000 of retail space in this building under construction at 800 W. Fulton Market.

Group.

Construction began in October, and the tower is expected to open

in spring 2021. The tiered, stairstep-like design is by architecture firm Skidmore, Owings &

Merrill.

It's unclear how many employees Aspen Dental plans to have in the new office, but by industry standards there will be enough space for 1,000 or more. The company did not respond to requests for comment.

Aspen Dental in March 2018 announced plans to open a Chicago office to oversee Midwest operations. The company at the time said the office would employ about 250 and would include a learning and development center for dentists whose practices are in Aspen's branded clinics throughout the country.

That space at 1040 W. Randolph St. is about a quarter the size of the planned new space on

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Gamer-friendly Atari Hotel bringing 'immersive experiences'

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Anyone who grew up with Atari, the video game company known for arcade brands like Asteroids and Pong as well as a home game console, will have a chance to relive those memories in a theme hotel coming to Chicago.

Atari announced this week a deal with GSD Group, a Phoenix-based firm, to build hotels in major cities centered around the iconic brand. The first location will be in Phoenix, with additional hotels in Chicago; Las Vegas; Denver; Seattle; San Francisco; Austin, Texas; and San Jose, California.

GSD Group CEO Shelly Murphy said the firm, along with Napoleon Smith III, producer of the "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" film franchise reboot, will be in charge of hotel development and design. True North Studio, a Phoenix-based commercial real estate developer, also will be involved with building Atari Hotels.

Under a licensing agreement, Paris-based Atari will receive 5% of hotel reve-



ATARI

Atari announced this week a deal with GSD Group to build hotels in major cities combining the iconic brand with a one-of-a-kind video game-themed destination.

nues. Murphy said the firm has been scouting sites in Chicago and moving fast to get an Atari Hotel in the city. "We've been to Chicago a number of times... probably about a dozen times in the last six months," Murphy said.

The Chicago hotel would be bigger than the hotel in Phoenix, she said. Construction on that hotel is expected to begin later this year.

Atari Hotels said its locations will offer "immersive experiences" for all ages, including virtual and augmented reality, and certain

locations will house esports events.

Smith said in a news release that the hotels will have a "nostalgic and retro meets modern" design.

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Melinda Gates during an interview in Kirkland, Wash.

Initiative looks to bring more women into tech industry

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Melinda Gates' investment company Pivotal Ventures is putting \$50 million into Chicago and two other cities over the next five years to boost women's involvement in the tech industry.

The initiative, called Gender Equality in Tech Cities, will work to increase the percentage of women graduating and working in computing-related fields, and boost the share of venture capital funding going to Chicago companies that have at least one founder who is a woman.

Women made up 22% of tech workers in the Chicago metro area in 2019, according to Downers Grove-based trade

association CompTIA.

Pivotal is working with two other national organizations — Break Through Tech and SecondMuse — on the initiative. It also will team up with local groups, including Penny Pritzker's P33 and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

"Our intent is to grow the tech workforce with women and really change the dynamics in the tech industry," said Carrie Freeman, co-CEO at SecondMuse.

The initiative officially launches in Chicago on Tuesday. The other two cities have not been announced.

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apartment buildings would be set up to host community events, and space behind the large window at the former Sears facing the intersection will be turned into a co-working space, said Aaron Tucker, Tucker's chief investment officer.

Gardiner's backing clears the way for developers to seek the city's approval. Richard Tucker estimated his company could break ground on the project next year and have it completed in about three years.

Community members at the meeting expressed support for the project, though some said the five additional

affordable housing units didn't go far enough and worried longtime residents would find rents too steep.

Prices for the new units haven't been finalized but rents in studio and one-bedroom apartments could average just under \$2,000 per month, Tucker said.

Others asked whether developers had considered adding an entertainment tenant as another source of foot traffic. Tucker said there would be entertainment "in the form of restaurants." Developers opted not to include a movie theater because of challenges facing that industry and the risk of saddling the project with a hard-to-fill space if the theater were to struggle, he said.

Joan Krohn, of Portage Park, said she was con-

cerned about how development would affect traffic in an area that can already get congested, but appreciated the revised plan's lower building height.

"I've lived here 70 years, I've seen the changes," she said. "I think it's interesting, I think it will be a good thing."

Gale Fabisch, chairman of Special Service Area 28, a local tax district that funds services and programs for businesses in the community, said he backed the plan and thought some of the neighborhood's issues with empty storefronts came from building owners leaving them "intentionally vacant" while waiting for progress on a couple of major redevelopment projects.

Community members have been eager to see progress on those sites, including the former Sears and a site across the street, known as The Point at Six Corners, which hit a stumbling block last year when Gardiner rejected plans calling for a 10-story building with senior housing and an Aldi grocery store.

It was a controversial decision in the community, where some saw a chance to bring in new residents, restaurants and shops that would give neighborhood businesses a much-needed boost, while others worried about the project's scale and potential congestion.

A handful of community members who spoke at Monday's meeting alluded to contentious discussions about development in the wake of that decision, with one man calling for people to "stop picking fights with each other," to loud applause. Uniformed security officers were present in the back of the room.

Plans for The Point had appeared stalled, but on Monday Gardiner said he hopes to announce another community meeting regarding The Point this week. He declined to say whether a new proposal would be presented or how the developers had addressed concerns with the earlier proposal.

"The Point is not dead," he said.

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store closings, the company has 22 Bakers Square and 159 Village Inn restaurants in operation.

American Blue Ribbon, which acquired the chains out of bankruptcy in 2009, has obtained a \$20 million line of credit to continue running the restaurants while exploring "a variety of strategic and structural initiatives" to position the company for success.

A spokesman did not respond to requests for further comment Wednesday.

Bakers Square has been a casual restaurant and pie destination in the Chicago area for more than 40 years. Beginning as an independent Des Moines, Iowa, restaurant renowned for its homemade pies, the Midwest chain was launched in the early 1970s as Poppin' Fresh Pies by then-owner Pillsbury.

The concept of going to a restaurant for the promise of pie caught on quickly, with 15 Poppin' Fresh locations in the Chicago area by 1976.

In 1983, Pillsbury sold the chain, which had expanded to 69 restaurants in several Midwest cities, to Vicorp, a Denver-based restaurant group. The deal included 32 Poppin' Fresh

locations in Chicago — the most of any city.

The following year, the restaurants were re-branded as Bakers Square, but the draw remained pie offerings such as French Silk. A 1984 television campaign reassured customers that the new name didn't change the end game — getting a slice of pie for dessert.

The restaurant group, which also operated the Village Inn chain, ran into financial difficulties during the Great Recession and filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in April 2008, closing 132 restaurants under both banners.

In 2009, Vicorp Restaurants sold both the Bakers Square and Village Inn chains to American Blue Ribbon Holdings, a newly formed investment group, for \$55 million.

Pies remained central to the business model with Legendary Baking, the company's manufacturing operation, supplying more than 25 million pies annually to its restaurants, as well as independent bakers and other retail and grocery customers.

French Silk lovers need not despair. The company is pledging to bake on throughout its bankruptcy "without interruption," according to its news release.

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1,400 new restaurants this year, including 450 in China. Almost all of those restaurants will be outside the U.S. McDonald's has 38,695 restaurants worldwide; 13,846 are in the U.S.

Delivery was a big driver of the gains this year. Delivery is now available at 25,000 restaurants worldwide and brought in \$4 billion in sales. The company added DoorDash as a U.S. partner in July, ending its exclusive partnership with UberEats. It partnered with GrubHub in September.

McDonald's fourth-quarter net income rose 11% to \$1.6 billion, or \$2.08 per share. Excluding one-time items like tax benefits, the company earned \$1.97 per share. That beat Wall Street's forecast of \$1.96, according to FactSet.

Fourth-quarter revenue was up 4% to \$5.3 billion, which was in line

with estimates.

Same-store sales — or sales at stores open at least 13 months — jumped 5.9% worldwide in the October-December, topping analysts' expectations.

France and the United Kingdom were among the top performers internationally, the company said. The UK saw its 55th consecutive quarter of same-store sales growth, driven by extended breakfast hours and delivery.

Kempczinski became president and CEO in November after former President and CEO Steve Easterbrook was ousted for violating company policy by having a consensual relationship with an employee. Kempczinski most recently led the company's U.S. operations.

Kempczinski said he has spent the past few months visiting restaurants, talking with franchisees and hosting town halls with employees.

"I continue to have great confidence in our ability to grow and shape our industry," he said.

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Aspen Dental was represented in the 800 W. Fulton lease by brokers Paul Reaumont, Brad Serot and Tony Coglianesse of CBRE. The developers were represented by Jack McKinney Jr., Mark Baby and Ben Cleveland of Cushman & Wakefield.

Large office tenants that have moved into Fulton Market in recent years include McDonald's headquarters and Google's Midwest headquarters. Deerfield-based snack company Mondelez International in April will move its headquarters to another building in the neighborhood owned by Thor, at 905 W. Fulton.

Thor owns a few other buildings in Fulton Market, as well as the Palmer House Hilton downtown.

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Boeing cites Max costs, posts 1st loss in decades

Company doubles estimate of total financial hit to \$18.6B

By DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

Boeing, an icon in American manufacturing, suffered its first annual financial loss in more than two decades as the costs related to its marquee aircraft doubled to more than \$18 billion after a pair of deadly crashes.

New CEO David Calhoun on Wednesday stood by his estimate that regulators will certify changes Boeing is making to the 737 Max by mid-year. And he criticized the company's prior leadership for not immediately disclosing a trove of damning internal communications.

Boeing reported a loss of \$1 billion in the fourth quarter as revenue plunged 37% due to the grounding of the Max. The company suspended deliveries of the plane last spring and never expected the stoppage to last this long.

The company lost \$636 million for all 2019.

Boeing added another \$9.2 billion to charges for concessions to airlines that have canceled thousands of Max flights

and higher costs related to compensation, doubling its estimate of the total financial hit from the crisis to \$18.6 billion.

Revenue tumbled to \$17.91 billion, far below Wall Street's forecast of \$21.70 billion, according to a FactSet survey of analysts.

The Max was grounded last March, after two crashes within five months killed 346 people in Indonesia and Ethiopia. The crisis torpedoed sales and deliveries of new jetliners, leaving Boeing far behind rival Airbus. It caused a shutdown in Max production, layoffs at suppliers, and led to the firing of CEO Dennis Muilenburg.

U.S. airlines that own Maxes — Southwest, American and United — don't expect it back until after the peak of the summer travel season.

The head of the Federal Aviation Administration, Stephen Dickson, told U.S. airline officials last week that he was content with Boeing's progress toward getting the Max back in the year, raising the possibility that the plane could fly sooner than Boeing has estimated.

Calhoun said Wednesday that he appre-

ciated Dickson's comments, but they wouldn't cause him to change Boeing's projection of regulatory approval by mid-year because "if he changes those comments in a month, we change our schedule."

Calhoun said on CNBC that the Max is "a fundamentally sound airplane" that will be proven safe after undergoing exhaustive tests and scrutiny by the FAA.

Boeing has been embarrassed in recent weeks by the disclosure of years-old internal messages in which test pilots and other key employees raised safety concerns about the Max — even saying they wouldn't put their families on it — while the plane was in development and testing.

Calhoun called the messages "horrible" and criticized company leaders who didn't disclose the messages right away.

He said board members were kept in the dark.

"Every one of us involved in every step of that process believes we found out too late," he said. "Were we as transparent as we needed to be when we did find out? No."

Buffett sells publications to Lee for \$140 million

By JOSH FUNK
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Billionaire Warren Buffett is giving up on the newspaper business.

He's selling all of Berkshire Hathaway's publications to Lee Enterprises for \$140 million, including the Omaha World-Herald in Nebraska and The Buffalo News in New York.

Buffett is a lifelong fan of newspapers, but he has said for several years that he expects most of them to continue on their declining trajectory, save for a handful of national papers such as The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal.

The deal covers 30 daily newspapers in 10 states as well as 49 paid weekly publications with digital sites and 32 other print products. Other newspapers include the Tulsa World in Oklahoma and the Winston-Salem Journal in North Carolina. As part of the agreement, Lee will enter into a 10-year lease for BH Media's real estate.

Lee has been managing the BH Media publications since July 2018.

"This is a compelling and transformative transaction for Lee," said Mary Junck, Lee's chairman.

Buffett, Berkshire's chairman and CEO, said he and his partner, Charlie Munger, have long admired Lee.

"We had zero interest in selling the group to anyone else for one simple reason: We believe that Lee is best positioned to manage through the industry's challenges," Buffett said.

Newspapers make up a small part of Berkshire Hathaway, which owns an assortment of more than 90 companies and holds major investments in companies such as Coca-Cola Co., Apple and Wells Fargo.

Lee's portfolio will grow to 81 daily papers, nearly double its audience size, the company said.

The deal is expected to close in mid-March.



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People wearing protective masks wait for medical attention Saturday at the Wuhan Red Cross Hospital in China.

Health system on life support

Coronavirus in China further strains a system already stretched thin

By SUI-LEE WEE
The New York Times

As the Chinese government struggles to combat a coronavirus outbreak that has sickened thousands and killed more than 100, it is relying on a medical system that is overburdened and overwhelmed even in normal times. While other parts of everyday life in China have significantly improved in the past decade, the quality of health care has stagnated.

In major cities like Beijing and Shanghai, many people have to stand in line in the wee hours of the morning to secure appointments with doctors. When they do get an appointment, patients get only a couple of minutes with a doctor. During flu season, residents set up camp overnight with blankets in hospital corridors.

China does not have a functioning primary care system, so most people flock to hospitals. On an ordinary day, doctors are frustrated and exhausted as they see as many as 200 patients.

Those weaknesses are most pronounced in the poorer areas of China — like Wuhan,

the epicenter of the coronavirus. Panicked residents of the city are heading to the hospitals if they have any sign of a cold or cough. Videos circulating on Chinese social media show doctors straining to handle the enormous workload and hospital corridors loaded with patients, some of whom appear to be dead.

Despite having dealt with the SARS coronavirus nearly two decades ago, many Chinese hospitals in smaller cities are not fully prepared to deal with a major outbreak like the current virus. Wuhan hospitals have posted messages online urgently appealing for medical equipment. The situation is even more desperate in poorer, rural areas nearby.

Last week, eight hospitals in Hubei province — where Wuhan is situated and where most of the cases have appeared — put out a call for face masks, goggles, surgical masks and surgical gowns. In the absence of proper equipment, some medical workers have resorted to cutting plastic folders to jury-rig goggles.

The government's response to the crisis could exacerbate the problems. Across China, authorities are sealing off cities, closing down schools and checking on residents. But the lockdown — affecting more than 50 million people — could make it difficult to get medical supplies to hospitals that desperately need them.

With medical facilities in short supply, the local government has also pledged to build a new 1,000-bed hospital in 10 days, and vowed that another new 1,300-bed hospital would be ready by the middle of next month.

It is taking a page out of the government's playbook during SARS, when it built a new hospital in Beijing in a week.

Chen Xi, an assistant professor of health policy and economics at the Yale School of Public Health, said it was more important to have a working system of family doctors who can act as gatekeepers for the hospitals.

"Without an efficient screening process," he said, "these two hospitals would not be very effective."

With no proven drugs to treat the new virus, health authorities have told doctors to prescribe a combination of treatments — anti-viral HIV drugs as well as traditional Chinese medicine — to patients.

Some of the medicines being prescribed are a mixture of ingredients like buffalo horn, jasmine and honeysuckle as well as anti-viral HIV drugs.

As happened with SARS, traditional Chinese medicine is prominently being touted as a way to treat this new coronavirus, but there is no clinical evidence that the gallstones of cattle, the roots of plants and licorice could combat it.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

BBC to cut jobs in 'modernize' plan

LONDON — The BBC said Wednesday that plans to "modernize" the British broadcaster's newsroom will lead to the loss of an estimated 450 jobs.

The cuts represent a blow to the national public service broadcaster. BBC News employs about 6,000 people, including 1,700 outside the U.K., according to an article about the job cuts on its website.

Fran Unsworth, BBC's director of news and current affairs, said the streamlining will be carried out with an eye on digital journalism.

The broadcaster currently is funded largely through a \$200 annual fee paid by every household with a television. It is not state-controlled.

Germany defends phaseout of coal

BERLIN — The German government approved a bill Wednesday that will codify the country's closure of coal-fired power stations, defending the plan against critics who say it's not ambitious enough.

After signing off on the bill in Cabinet, Economy Minister Peter Altmaier called the plan to phase out the burning of coal by 2038 "a breakthrough" in efforts to combat climate change.

Svenja Schulze, Germany's environment minister, said the next step should be a rapid expansion of renewable energy such as solar and wind power.

Utility companies can expect to receive about \$4.8 billion in the coming years for taking their plants offline. The legislation still needs to be approved by parliament.

More airlines drop flights as virus spreads

By ADAM SCHRECK, ELAINE KURTENBACH AND DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

BANGKOK — British Airways halted all flights to China and American Airlines suspended Los Angeles flights to and from Shanghai and Beijing as efforts to contain a new virus intensify.

The coronavirus has now infected more people in China than were sickened in the country by the SARS outbreak in 2002-03. The number of confirmed cases jumped to more than 5,900, surpassing the 5,327 in mainland China from SARS. The virus has killed more than 130 people.

The British and U.S. carriers on Wednesday joined several Asian carriers that are either suspending or significantly

cutting back service there as fears spread about the coronavirus.

Air India and South Korean budget carrier Seoul Air are also halting all flights to the country, and Indonesia's Lion Air plans to do the same. Other carriers, including Finnair, Hong Kong-based Cathay Pacific and Singapore-based Jetstar Asia, are slashing service.

Beyond disrupting travel, the move will heighten concerns about the broader economic impact of the virus outbreak. Hotels, airlines, casinos and cruise operators are among the industries suffering the most immediate repercussions, especially in countries close to China.

British Airways said it was immediately suspending all flights to and from mainland China after the U.K. government

warned against unnecessary travel to the country amid a virus outbreak.

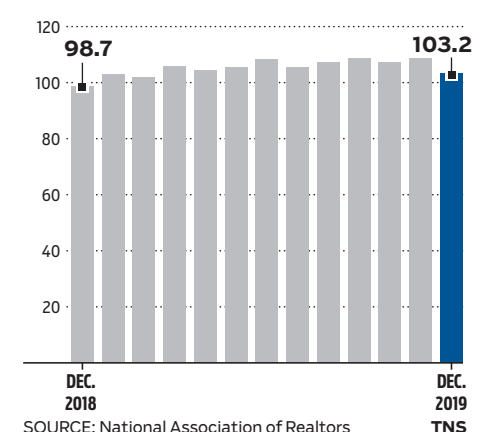
The U.S. has not put into place travel restrictions, though Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said "it's important to not take anything off the table," when he was asked about that potential.

American Airlines said Wednesday it will suspend flights between Los Angeles and both Shanghai and Beijing from Feb. 9 through March 27.

China has cut off access to the central city of Wuhan, epicenter of the outbreak, and 16 other cities to prevent people from leaving and spreading the virus further. That has trapped more than 50 million people in the most far-reaching disease control measures ever imposed.

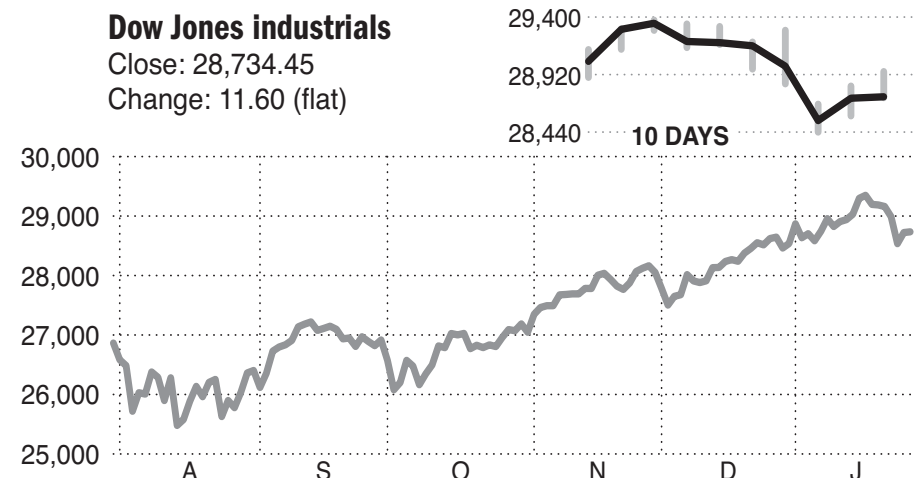
Pending home sales fall

The Pending Home Sales Index, a measure of housing contract activity, fell 4.9 percent to 103.2 in December 2019.



MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 28,944.24 Low: 28,728.19 Previous: 28,722.85



Nasdaq
+5.48 (+.06%)

S&P 500
-2.84 (-.09%)

Russell 2000
-9.09 (-.55%)

Close 9,275.16
High 9,329.12
Low 9,249.04
Previous 9,269.68

Close 3,273.40
High 3,293.47
Low 3,271.89
Previous 3,276.24

Close 1,649.22
High 1,663.77
Low 1,649.00
Previous 1,658.31

10-yr T-note
-0.05 to 1.59%

Gold futures
+0.60 to \$1,569.80

Yen
-0.08 to 109.06/\$1

Euro
-0.0003 to .9074/\$1

Crude Oil
-0.15 to \$53.33

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-1.55	-1.16	-1.46	+6.9	+3.37	+1.32	+14.87	+29.13	+22.09

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	571	573.25	561	562.25	-7.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	385.50	388.25	382.75	384.25	-2.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	896	903	890.75	893	-2
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 20	31.47	32.11	31.32	31.52	+0.06
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 20	297.80	298.90	295.10	296.10	-1.50
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Apr 20	54.00	54.39	52.87	53.41	-1.11
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Feb 20	1.927	1.938	1.858	1.869	-0.065
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 20	1.5119	1.5353	1.4963	1.5308	+0.0276

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	89.14	-0.40	Envestnet Inc	N	74.44	+1.05	Littelfuse Inc	O	180.36	-6.41
AbbVie Inc	N	83.20	-0.57	Equity Commonwlt	N	32.75	-0.04	McDonalds Corp	N	214.44	+4.05
Allstate Corp	N	118.36	+0.82	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	72.71	+0.36	Middleby Corp	O	115.19	+1.57
Aptargroup Inc	N	115.94	-0.03	Equity Residential	N	82.27	-0.45	Mondelez Intl	O	54.56	-0.29
Arch Dan Mid	N	43.68	-0.24	Exelon Corp	O	47.81	+0.08	Morningstar Inc	O	156.89	-0.28
Baxter Intl	N	90.50	-0.05	First Indl RT	N	43.66	+0.15	Motorola Solutions	N	179.42	+0.35
Boeing Co	N	322.02	+5.46	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	67.26	-0.63	NiSource Inc	N	29.19	+0.07
Brunswick Corp	N	62.94	+0.30	Gallagher AJ	N	98.82	+0.45	Nthn Trust Cp	O	99.64	-1.11
CBOE Global Markets	N	121.50	+0.30	Grainger WW	N	327.49	+0.04	Old Republic	N	22.68	-0.40
CDK Global Inc	O	54.09	-0.63	GrubHub Inc	N	56.30	-0.90	Packaging Corp Am	N	104.94	+0.54
CDW Corp	O	134.86	-0.60	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	108.97	+0.68	Paiocity Hldg	O	140.67	+0.08
CF Industries	N	40.27	+0.32	IAA Inc	N	48.22	-0.24	RLI Corp	N	93.20	-1.67
CME Group	O	213.58	+0.37	IDEX Corp	N	172.14	+0.86	Stericycle Inc	O	63.45	-0.09
CNA Financial	N	44.89	-0.08	ITW	N	175.81	-0.05	TransUnion	N	93.77	+0.55
Cabot Microelect	O	152.09	-3.93	Ingredion Inc	N	90.21	-1.01	US Foods Holding	N	40.96	-0.51
Caterpillar Inc	N	135.78	-0.96	John Bean Technol	N	116.22	+1.82	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	273.98	+1.84
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	33.20	-0.12	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	170.87	-0.23	United Airlines Hldg	O	75.21	-1.81
Deere Co	N	160.16	-2.82	Kemper Corp	N	77.45	-0.15	Ventas Inc	O	57.63	-0.82
Discover Fin Svcs	N	75.80	+0.57	Kraft Heinz Co	O	29.62	-0.51	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	52.28	-0.50
Dover Corp	N	116.38	-0.07	LKQ Corporation	O	33.49	+0.05	Zebra Tech	O	250.17	+2.19

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	12.94	+1.21
Chesapck Engy	.54	+0.02
Ford Motor	8.86	+0.04
AT&T Inc	37.05	-1.53
Lee Enterp	2.10	+0.84
Bank of America	33.01	-2.3
Sthwstn Energy	1.55	-1.11
Pfizer Inc	37.58	-0.56
L Brands Inc	23.22	+2.66
Yamana Gold Inc	3.98	+0.09
Nokia Corp	3.91	-1.11
Intelsat SA	3.78	-1.65
Denbury Res	.97	-0.05
Alice USA Inc	26.61	-1.22
Freeport McMoRan	11.29	-0.01
Vale SA	11.95	-0.23
Itau Unibanco Hldg	7.79	-0.17
Infosys Ltd	11.06	-0.04
Snap Inc A	19.14	+0.15
Aurora Cannabis Inc	1.93	-0.04
Petrobras	14.37	-0.13
Uber Technologies	36.99	-0.02
Wells Fargo & Co	47.27	-0.10
Callon Petrol	3.11	-0.12

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	212.02	+1.79
Alphabet Inc C	1458.63	+6.07
Alphabet Inc A	1456.70	+6.20
Amazon.com Inc	1858.00	+4.75
Apple Inc	324.34	+6.65
Bank of America	33.01	-2.3
Berkshire Hath B	224.50	+0.47
Exxon Mobil Corp	64.11	-0.54
Facebook Inc	223.23	+5.44
HSBC Holdings prA	26.76	+0.3
Intel Corp	66.33	-0.98
JPMorgan Chase	134.23	-0.20
Johnson & Johnson	150.54	+1.04
MasterCard Inc	320.32	+0.05
Microsoft Corp	168.04	+2.58
Procter & Gamble	125.06	-0.97
Taiwan Semicon	57.19	+0.10
Visa Inc	204.86	+2.01
WalMart Strs	115.89	-0.71

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	34.08	-0.02	+21.5
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	28.78	+0.04	+16.5
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	52.36	+0.04	+19.7
American Funds CptlncBlrA m	63.42	...	+14.6
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	62.42	+0.03	+21.8
American Funds GfAmrCA m	52.38	+0.06	+23.7
American Funds IncAmrCA m	23.31	-0.01	+15.7
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	39.84	+0.03	+21.1
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	48.06	+0.19	+25.5
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	48.38	-0.01	+21.0
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.23	+0.03	+10.1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	42.43	+0.02	+11.5
Dodge & Cox Stk	190.08	-1.22	+14.4
DoubleLine TtlRetBdl	10.79	+0.02	+7.2
Fidelity 500IdxInPrm	113.62	-0.09	+26.5
Fidelity Contrafund	14.21	+0.04	+27.4
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.75	+0.03	+10.8
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInPrm	91.81	-0.10	+25.1
Fidelity USBdlIdxInPrm	12.10	+0.03	+9.9
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.33	-0.01	+9.6
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdl	11.10	+0.03	+10.3
PIMCO Inc2	12.08	...	+7.6
PIMCO IncIntl	12.08	...	+7.7
PIMCO TtlRetIn	10.53	+0.03	+9.9
Schwab SP500Idx	50.09	-0.05	+26.5
T. Rowe Price BCGR	129.18	+0.31	+26.7
T. Rowe Price GrStk	76.29	+0.25	+27.6
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	302.37	-0.26	+25.5
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	39.86	+0.02	+19.2
Vanguard DivGrIn	31.06	+0.03	+26.9
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	79.07	-0.31	+19.3
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	98.11	+0.24	+35.9
Vanguard HCAmrl	87.99	-0.28	+17.9
Vanguard IntlTEAdmrl	14.66	+0.01	+7.9
Vanguard InslIdxIn	294.35	-0.25	+25.5
Vanguard InslIdxInPlus	294.37	-0.25	+26.5
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	69.62	-0.08	+25.1
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	103.03	+0.45	+24.6
Vanguard MdCpldxAdmrl	223.35	-0.94	+22.3
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	144.40	-0.28	+27.0
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.79	+0.01	+6.1
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	79.31	-0.25	+15.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.83	+0.01	+14.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	20.03	+0.01	+16.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	36.75	...	+16.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	22.68	-0.01	+17.7
Vanguard TtlMktIdxAdmrl	11.23	+0.03	+10.1
Vanguard TtlBdlIdxIn	11.23	+0.03	+10.2
Vanguard TtlBdlIdxIn	23.00	+0.04	+8.7
Vanguard TtlBdlIdxIn	34.51	+0.06	+8.8
Vanguard TtlSldxAdmrl	29.50	-0.03	+13.1
Vanguard TtlSldxIn	117.98	-0.12	+13.1
Vanguard TtlSldxInPlus	118.01	-0.12	+13.1
Vanguard TtlSldxIn	17.64	-0.02	+13.1
Vanguard TtlSldxAdmrl	80.80	-0.09	+25.0
Vanguard TtlSldxIn	80.82	-0.09	+25.0
Vanguard TtlSldxIn	80.77	-0.09	+24.9
Vanguard WngtAdmrl	75.77	+0.01	+20.2
Vanguard WislyIncAdmrl	67.18	+0.08	+15.7
Vanguard WndsrllAdmrl	64.70	-0.10	+21.9

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.53	1.55
6-month disc	1.52	1.52
2-year	1.40	1.44
10-year	1.59	1.64
30-year	2.05	2.09

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1570.40	\$1569.20
Silver	\$17.450	\$17.402
Platinum	\$968.60	\$990.10

INTEREST RATES

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...	
Argentina (Peso)	60.1540
Australia (Dollar)	1.4793
Brazil (Real)	4.2186
Britain (Pound)	.7641
Canada (Dollar)	1.3193
China (Yuan)	6.9368
Euro	.9074
India (Rupee)	71.322
Israel (Shekel)	3.4516
Japan (Yen)	109.06
Mexico (Peso)	18.6799
Poland (Zloty)	3.89
So. Korea (Won)	1178.56
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.07
Thailand (Baht)	30.97

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m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee.
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OBITUARIES

NORRIS MCNAMARA 1941-2019

Photographer, marketer and sailor who 'never lost a party'

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Photographer Norris McNamara took shots of 1960s civil rights marches in the South and the aftermath of the December 1969 Black Panther raid in Chicago, while also recording some of the early history of Second City through his friendship with the group's co-founders Paul Sills and Howard Alk.

"He just happened to be in the middle of a lot of defining moments," said his daughter, Cornelia Daniels-McNamara.

McNamara, 78, died Dec. 27 in Symphony of Lincoln Park of complications from a series of health problems, his daughter said.

McNamara helped start the No Exit Café, which closed in Rogers Park in 1999, more than 40 years after its beginnings in Evanston, his daughter said. He was an enthusiastic sailor, a member of the Island Goats Sailing Society for those who made more than 25 Chicago-Mackinac races. He was a gifted teller of stories and jokes, valuable traits on those long races, according to Pat FitzGerald, a friend and client who often sailed with him and who co-owned one of McNamara's Tartan Tenclass sail boats.

McNamara was born in Chicago in 1941 and grew up in Evanston. After graduating from Evanston Township High School, he studied at Northwestern University but didn't graduate.

His mother was a reporter for a New York paper and may have helped him get an



FAMILY PHOTO

Norris McNamara

agent, a step that led to work as a photographer. In the early 1960s, his work included taking photos of Martin Luther King Jr. in Selma, Alabama, McNamara's daughter said. A 2014 New York Times story noted that McNamara was one of several photographers hired in 1964 for the Southern Documentary Project, concentrating on educational and artistic activities in Mississippi.

He was soon back in Chicago, pursuing commercial photography and also taking photos of his friends and their activities, particularly performances at Second City and other theaters. "Norris was part of the circle," said Carol Sills, who was married to Paul Sills from 1961 until his death in 2008. "He was a very good photographer and he was always photographing what was going on onstage, beginning with Second City."

"It was his nature to take photos of all of us all the time," said Jones Cullinan, who was once married to Alk. "He couldn't help taking pictures of people."

In the 1980s, McNamara closed his photography business and shifted his focus to marketing, doing business as McNamara Marketing.

FitzGerald, an architect and sailing partner, recalled putting McNamara in touch with a client who was developing a townhouse project called Park Lane in Lakeview, long before it became a popular neighborhood.

"The challenge was to get people to even consider a place so far north," FitzGerald said. "He did that quite eloquently."

Ads on buses that carried McNamara's tag line, "your search is over..." followed by Park Lane and a phone number resulted in relatively quick sales for the entire project, FitzGerald said.

McNamara went on to work on a number of projects with and for FitzGerald.

The two also sailed together for years on their own boats and on those of other people.

"We didn't always win the races," FitzGerald said. "But we never lost a party."

Some of those parties were land-based, at bygone Chicago watering holes such as O'Rourke's and Riccardo's, where McNamara was a regular.

He is also survived by his wife, Roxanne; a brother, Steven; and a grandson.

His first marriage, to Omie Daniels, ended in divorce. She died in 2016.

Plans for a memorial service are pending.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

crash-landed on the moon.

In 1968, the Vietnam War's bloody Tet offensive began as communist forces launched surprise attacks against provincial capitals in the South.

In 1972, British soldiers shot to death 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, on what became known as Bloody Sunday; a 14th casualty died five months later.

In 1974, at the end of his State of the Union address, President Richard Nixon insisted he would not resign and called for a speedy conclusion of all Watergate investigations.

In 1976, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld public financing for presidential contests, limits on how much an individual could contribute directly to a candidate in any federal election race and strict requirements for reporting contributions and expenditures.

In 1981, an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade to honor the 52 Americans who had been held hostage for 15 months in Iran.

In 1989, former criminal lawyer Joel Steinberg was convicted in New York City of first-degree manslaughter in the death of his illegally adopted 6-year-old daughter, Lisa.

In 1991, the first major ground battle of the Persian

Gulf War involving U.S. troops occurred in Khafji, Saudi Arabia; 11 Marines were killed, seven by "friendly fire."

In 1993, mediators in Geneva announced that peace talks between Bosnia-Herzegovina's Muslim-led government, Serbs and Croats had failed.

In 1994, the Dallas Cowboys repeated as NFL champions as they defeated the Buffalo Bills, 30-13, in Super Bowl XXVIII. It was the fourth straight Super Bowl loss for the Bills.

In 2001, Republicans pushed John Ashcroft's attorney general nomination to the Senate floor by a narrow 10-8 Judiciary Committee vote; all but one Democrat voted against him.

In 2004, Pixar Animation Studios announced an end to its successful partnership with Walt Disney Co. after protracted talks to renew their contract collapsed over profit sharing and copyright disputes.

In 2006, Exxon Mobil posted record profits for any U.S. company: \$10.71 billion for the fourth quarter of 2005 and \$36.13 billion for the year.

In 2013, former Illinois Gov. George Ryan was released from federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., and began serving the remainder of his 6 1/2-year sentence under house arrest.

In 2014, an Italian appeals court reversed 2011 murder acquittals of Amanda Knox and then-boyfriend Raffaele Sollecito in the 2007 death of Knox's British roommate in November 2007. Knox, who lives in the U.S., received a prison sentence of 28 years, six months. Sollecito received a 25-year sentence. (Both vowed to fight the ruling.)

In 2016, Boko Haram militants attacked Dalori village near Maiduguri, Nigeria, firebombing huts and killing at least 86 people.

In 2018, President Donald Trump delivered his first State of the Union address to Congress.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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Death Notices

Catalano, Cheryl L.
Cheryl L. Catalano, nee Anderberg, of Pingree Grove, formerly of Naperville and Westchester, age 60. Beloved wife of Chris L.; loving mother of Christopher (Brittney) Catalano; proud Nana of Thomas and Nora; cherished daughter of Lorraine C. and the late Russell F. Anderberg; dear sister of John, Sandy and the late Captain James Anderberg; fond aunt of many. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Thursday, January 30, 2020 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Friday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Providence Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Chrisopoulos, Theodore S. 'Ted'
Theodore "Ted" S. Chrisopoulos, 63, resident of Chicago and Ingleside, suddenly passed January 25, 2020. Devoted husband to Lisa nee Carlson. Beloved son of Helen Antzakes and the late Steven Chrisopoulos; loving brother of the late Nicholas Chrisopoulos. Dear son and brother-in-law to Joan C. Carlson and the late Gerald R. Carlson and Kirsten and Greg Carlson. Fond uncle to Quincie and Bodie. Ted was a former "Vice President" of Heritage Trail Mall of Wilmette. He will be missed by his Marshall Field/Macy's family, and The Local 399 International Union of Operating Engineers. Visitation Friday, Jan 31, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Funeral Saturday, Feb 1, 12:00 p.m. at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N. Caldwell, Niles. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Info., 773-736-3833 or visit Ted's memorial at www.smith-corcoran.com.

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Constable, Grace L.
Grace L. Constable, 64, of Chicago, passed away January 28, 2020. Beloved daughter of the late Vernon and Helen; loving sister of Marilyn (the late Doyel) Farrar, Carl Constable, Bonnie Constable and Gladys (the late Haidar) Zureikat; devoted aunt of Daniel Farrar, Cathy and Elizabeth Constable, Nathan Zureikat (Abeer Shamoun) and Natalie Zureikat; cherished best friend of Carol Lexby. Visitation Saturday, February 1st, 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at Colonial Wojciechowski Funeral Home, 8025 W. Golf Rd., Niles. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Please omit flowers. Info., www.colonialfuneral.com or 847-581-0536.

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Cook, Joanne M.
Joanne M. Cook (nee McKelvy); beloved wife of the late William; dear mother of William (Maureen), Sharon (Donald) Hull, Cathy (John) Kostecki, Donna (John) Waits, Amy (Al Price) and Robert Cook; loving grandmother of 12; great-grandmother of many; fond sister of the late Jean Heiningner, Beth Cook and Marion Woodruff; loving daughter of the late Josephine and Eugene McKelvy. Visitation Friday, 10 a.m. until time of service 11:30 am at the **Meadows Funeral Home**, 3615 Kirchoff, Rolling Meadows. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Geneva Foundation of Presbyterian Homes, 8707 Skokie Blvd, #400, Skokie, IL 60077. Info 847-253-0224 or www.Meadowsfh.com.

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Fletcher, William 'Lenny'
William "Lenny" Fletcher, age 90, beloved husband of the late Thelma Fletcher, happily married for 62 years; loving father of Myron and Dr. Estelle Fletcher; cherished Grandpa of Michael, Libby and Stephanie Fletcher; treasured great grandfather of two wonderful great grandchildren. Lenny was a proud Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He was a Meteorologist for American Airlines for many years. Chapel service Fri Jan 31, 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Rd, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jewish United Fund, www.juf.org. For info and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Fradkin, Donald H.
Donald H. Fradkin passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. Donald is survived by his wife of 64 years, Patricia (nee Davis), son Jeffery (Lynn), son Steven (Ilana) and daughter Marcy (Todd) Gorrell, as well as his beloved grandchildren, Melissa, Marlee and Rom and a loving extended family. He was predeceased by his parents, Dr. Morris and Lillian Fradkin. He will always be remembered for his love of family, positive outlook and perseverance. Chapel service Friday, 10:00 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Rd, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Northwestern Memorial Foundation and directed to the Comprehensive Transplant Center. For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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In 1882, Franklin Roosevelt, who would become the 32nd president and the only one elected four times, was born in Hyde Park, NY.

In 1894, the pneumatic hammer was patented by C.B. King of Detroit.

In 1933, Adolf Hitler was named chancellor of Germany.

In 1937, actress Vanessa Redgrave was born in London.

In 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas Gandhi, 78, was shot to death by a Hindu fanatic in New Delhi.

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Gross, Marilyn Agnes

Marilyn Agnes Gross, 82, passed peacefully from this world, surrounded by her loving family, on January 15, 2020. Born in Rolla, MO, Marilyn relocated from Illinois to Florida in 1993.



Following her 1958 St. Louis University graduation, she married her husband of 47 years, the late James D. Gross, MD, in 1960. Together they raised four children and became grandparents to identical twin girls.

A lifetime fascination with the fine arts led Marilyn to pursue formal training at the Washington School of Art and the Art Institute of Chicago. A vibrant career as a mixed water media artist followed. Her nonrepresentational works have received critical acclaim and are treasured by private and corporate collectors alike.

Marilyn was a parishioner of Saint Thomas More Catholic Church, Sarasota, FL and a former parishioner of Saint Anthony's Catholic Church, Streator, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother, one sister and a nephew.

She is survived by her sister Margaret (Daniel) Jacobsmeier; daughter, Kathleen Gross, MD; three sons, Terrence (Lisa) Gross, MD; Brian (Karen) Gross; Kevin Gross; two granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 AM, Saturday, February 1, Saint Thomas More Catholic Church, 2506 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota, FL. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be directed to Covenant House (www.covenant-house.org).

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Gwiazdzinski, Dorothy J.

Dorothy J. Gwiazdzinski, nee Przybycien. Beloved wife of the late Steve J.; loving mother of Leonard (Kathleen), Raymond S., John and the late baby Raymond J.; dearest grandmother of the late Haley Rose; devoted daughter of the late Andrew and the late Karolina Przybycien; fond sister of the late Walter (the late Irene), the late Mitchell (the late Gertrude), the late Helen (the late Joseph), the late Bertha (the late Walter), the late Mary, the late Michael (the late Mary), the late Irene and brother-in-law of the late Anthony (the late Mary); also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral Saturday 10:15 a.m. from **Richard Modell Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 5725 S. Pulaski Rd., to Queen of the Universe Church, Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Member of the Polish Union, Queens Guild and Tarkington Park Seniors. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. For information (773) 767-4730 or www.rjmodellfh.com

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Hartl Sr., Otto G.

Age 75 of Worth, IL, went to the Lord on Sunday, January 26, 2020. Otto was born July 7, 1944 in Evergreen Park, IL to the late; Otto & Phyllis Hartl (nee Krumwiede). He graduated from Blue Island High School. After graduation he married his high school sweetheart, Carol Hartl (nee Koester). At the time of his passing, they celebrated 56 years of marriage. Cherished father of Otto G. (Tammy) Hartl Jr. of Worth, IL, late Kurt (Jeni) Hartl Sr. of Bristol, IN & Dawn (Loren) Mahler of Worth, IL. Adoring grandfather 14 & great grandfather of 3. Dear brother of Phyllis (Jim) Mulderink. Preceding him in death is his sister Ella (Reed) Powers Sr. and his grandson Timothy Hartl. Otto worked at District 126 for 33 years as Chief of Maintenance. Visitation Friday, January 31st from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Chapel prayers Saturday, February 1st, 12:30 p.m. at the **KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Saint Alexander Church, Mass 1:00 p.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral

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Kertez, Michael T.

Michael T. Kertez 74, A Bronze Star Recipient, Veteran of the Viet Nam War, at rest Monday, January 27, 2020. Proud newsmen for WGN and City News for most of his career. Graduate of Notre Dame, class of 1967. Beloved husband of Shari nee Hanhardt. Loving father of Kate (Michael) Mraz and Michael. Beloved son of the late Michael and Julia. Fond grandfather of Ava. Dear brother of Barbara (the late John "Jack") Denman. Fond uncle, great uncle and friend to many. Visitation Friday from 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. at **Cumberland Chapels (FRIEL FUNERAL DIRECTORS)** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Services Begin: Saturday 9:00 A.M. at the Funeral Home and will proceed to St. Juliana Church. Funeral Mass 10:00 A.M., Committal Service to follow, with Military Honors at the Acacia Park Cemetery. 708/ 456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com

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King, Josephine M.

Josephine M. King (nee Fiscella), 102, died peacefully in the home of her daughter on January 23. Resident of San Antonio, TX, formerly Orland Park, IL. Dearly beloved wife of the late John T. King, veteran WWII. Naval Intelligence, Detective C.P.D. Cherished mother of Carla (Edward) Vesper, Hon. Sheila King (COL. Mark USAF Ret.) Devane (Ret.), Kathleen (Thomas) Gailey, Dr. Anita King (Dr. Harrison) Bowes and John "Jack" (Heather) King. Devoted and fun-loving grandmother of John (Elayne), Daniel (Brittany), Kristine (John), Kevin (fiancée Carol), Matthew (Marnie), Brian, Katherine (fiancé Thomas), Jennifer (Dr. Jeremy), Sara, Jaclyn, Terrance and Janine. Dear great-grandmother of Emily, Timothy, Paul, Angela, Maeve, Brooks, Palmer, Calvin, Maxwell and Charlotte. Preceded in death by her devoted parents, Samuel and Felicia Fiscella and loving siblings, Ferne (Walter) O'Connor, Rita Shine, Patricia (John) Pauls, Richard (Eleanor) Fiscella (COL. U.S. Army Ret.) and Bernard Fiscella (PFC. U.S. Army, Purple Heart recipient). Fond aunt of 36 nieces and nephews. Retired Chicago Public School teacher with 36 years of dedicated service. Lifelong White Sox fan. A visitation will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Andrew McGann Funeral Home, 10727 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 11:00 a.m. at St. Barnabus Church, 10134 South Longwood Drive, Chicago, IL. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, IL. In lieu of flowers, Masses or donations to Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation (tunnel2towers.org) are appreciated.

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LaCombe, Sara 'Sally'

Sara "Sally" LaCombe, nee Kronenberger, 68, beloved wife of Ray; loving sister of Paul (Linda), Cookie (Don) Marr, Michael (Kathy) and the late Robert; proud aunt of many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday Feb 1, 2020, 10:00 AM until time of service 2:00 PM at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn, IL. Cremation Private. In lieu of flowers or donations, have a drink at the Marquette Yacht Club! Info: 708-636-1193 or www.blakelamboaklawn.com.

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Lawless, Rita Mary

Rita Mary Lawless nee Connolly, 91, born November 11, 1928 and passed away January 27, 2020. Loving wife of the late Kevin; devoted mother of Monica (Ray) Perdue, Mark (Kim), Bernadette (Dave) Levy and the late Moira (Tom) Sobkoviak, adoring grandmother of ten and of three great grandchildren; beloved aunt of many nieces and nephews; proud graduate of Oak Park Hospital Nursing School Class of 1949; dedicated nurse and director of Health Service at Triton College; devoted in her faith and dear friend to many. Visitation at Williams-Kamp Funeral Home, 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton, from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Thursday, January 30, 2020. Prayers 9:15 A.M., Friday, January 31, 2020 at the funeral home, going to St. James the Apostle Church, Glen Ellyn. Mass at 10:00 A.M. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Mercy Home or Misericordia appreciated. Funeral info. (630)668-0016 or www.williams-kamp.com

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Leo, Virginia Brock

Virginia Brock Leo, age 91 of Plainfield, IL, formerly of Chicago and South Holland, IL., passed away Friday January 24, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Eugene Leo; loving mother of Christine Leo, Janette (late Timothy) McNeff and Gene (Carey) Leo; devoted grandmother of Eric McNeff, Kimberly Burke, Thomas McNeff, Shaun (Monica) McNeff, Laura (Ryan) Farrell, Daniel Leo and Luc Leo and great-grandmother of seven; dearest sister of the late Thomas Brock. Memorial visitation will be held on Saturday February 1, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at **Anderson Memorial Chapel** 606 Townhall Dr. Romeoville, IL, memorial service Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Service concludes at the funeral home. Cremation rites to be accorded. 815-886-2323 www.Anderson-Goodale.com

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Moore, Robert 'Bob'

Suddenly, January 29th, age 62. Beloved husband of Theresa (Farrelly) Moore; loving dad to Ryan, Danny and Allison; devoted son of Lillian (the late James); loving brother of Jimmy (Wendy), Paula (Paul Treadwell), Chris (Karen), Laura, Danny "the Original" (Alyse); wonderful, fun-loving brother-in-law of Jim and Ellen Jones, Bill and Rose Mary Filippello, and Jim and Patricia Whitney; affectionate "get out of jail call" uncle to many nieces and nephews; and a friend to all. Visitation will be held Friday from 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday, prayers at 9:30 a.m. to St. Eugene Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment private. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Navins, Eileen T.

Eileen T. Navins nee McHugh, of Evanston, IL. Preceded in death by her beloved husband John Navins and son Jack Navins. Loving mother of Kathy (Bob) Cason, Deb Navins (Jerry Carlson), Mary (Terry) Dillon, Jim (Karen Julian) Navins, and Tom (Laura Reinbold) Navins. Proud 'Grandma 1' to 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Fond sister of Sr. Dolores 'Sally' McHugh, Dolores Falconer, Richard Huffman, and the late Margaret Huffman, Pat McClure, John McHugh, and Frank McHugh. Dear companion of Wayne Smolinski. Visitation Friday, January 31, 2020, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Saturday, February 1, 2020, 10:00 a.m. at Saint Athanasius Church, 1615 Lincoln Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 28 West 44th Street, Ste. 609, New York, NY 10036 (bcrf.org) Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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O'Toole, Edward Gerard

Age 54, of Chicago, IL, passed away on January 28. Beloved son of the late Patrick and the late Annie O'Toole (nee Conroy) of Galway, Ireland; loving brother of Mary Frances (Boris) Baburich, Nora (Frank) Romeo, Patrick, Brian (Laura), Nancy (Thomas) Gross, and Martin (Catherine); cherished uncle of Katie, Frankie, Brigid, Grace, and Patrick; fond nephew and cousin to many. Graduate of the Bell School Hearing Impaired Program as well as the Whitney Young High School Hearing Impaired Program in Chicago. Visitation will be held on Friday from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday, Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis Borgia Chapel located at 8025 W. Addison St. in Chicago. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Scleroderma Foundation at www.scleroderma.org or Chicago Catholic Office of the Deaf, Attn: Rev. Joseph Mulcrone, 3525 S. Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60653 are appreciated. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Rahn, Sandra P.

Sandra P. Rahn nee Strom, age 47. Beloved wife of Jason; loving daughter of Robert and Gail Jung; dear sister of Michele Strom, Kristie Dwyer & Robert Jung; fond aunt of Miranda Jung, Kevin Strom, Macayla Dwyer, Alyssa Dwyer, Skylar Rahn, Aaron Jung, and Hunter Rahn. Visitation Friday January 31, 2020, 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services begin Saturday, 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to St. Juliana Church in Chicago for Mass at 11:30 a.m. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers donations to American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org, would be appreciated. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.

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Richert, Elizabeth A. 'Betty'

Elizabeth A. 'Betty' Richert (nee Neville), age 88, beloved wife of 62 years to the late Edward A. Richert; loving mother of Edward (Julie) and James Richert; dearest gram of Rebecca (Kyle) O'Connor, Margaret (Sean) Murphy, Kathleen (Chris) Murauski, Jennifer (Joseph) O'Hara, James and Brian Richert; cherished gram-gram of Elizabeth, Audrie, Emily and Charlotte. Visitation Saturday 9:00 A.M. until time of Funeral 2:15 P.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park to St. Alexander Church Mass 3:00 P.M. Interment Private. In lieu of Flowers memorials to Infant Welfare Society, 3600 W. Fullerton Ave. Chicago, IL 60647 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl. Memphis, TN 38105 would be appreciated. Funeral Info: 708 429-3200.

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Rusin, Elizabeth 'Betty'

Elizabeth "Betty" Rusin nee Racette, age 80, of Chicago IL. Beloved wife of the late Ben Rusin. Devoted mother to Laura (Francis Carpino) Rogers, Tom (Melinda) Rusin, the late Mark Krause and the late Judy Rusin. Loving Grandma to Sara (Alex Hayden) Rogers, Ben (Erika) Rusin, Luke (Leigh) Rusin, Chris (Jess) Rusin, and Sarah (Micah) Andresen. Cherished GG Betty to Kennedy, Sam, Brant, Royce, Cole, Wyatt, Emmett, Indigo, Madeline, Eleanor, Finley, and McKenzie. Dear sister to Phillip (Bernadette) Racette, Catherine (the late Jim King) Racette, Don (Ellen) Cervantes, and Ginger (Joey) Schmidt. Fond aunt to many nieces and nephews. Betty will be remembered for her love of Catholic education as a teacher and principal at various Schools in the Chicago Area, most recently St. Josaphat Catholic School in Lincoln Park. A visitation will be held Friday January 31, at Smith Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, IL from 3:00-8:00PM. The funeral mass will be on Saturday February 1, at St. Josaphat Catholic Church 2311 N Southport Ave, Chicago, IL at 10:00AM. Interment private. In lieu of flowers donations to Epilepsy Foundation Greater Chicago, 17 N. State St. Suite 650, Chicago IL 60602 would be appreciated. For more info please call 773-736-3833 or go to Betty's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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Rzany, Kathy

Kathy Rzany, (nee Baumet) age 72. Beloved wife of the late Raymond; loving mom of Chris (Caroline) Mary and David; cherished grandma of Charlie and Chester. Devoted champion of Catholic education. Past Principal of St. Monica, Regina Dominican High School and Resurrection High School. Active member of St. Monica Parish. Flowers are welcome or memorials can be made to The Kathy Rzany Memorial Scholarship Fund. Visitation Friday from 3 to 9 P.M. Funeral Prayers Saturday 11:30 A.M. at Kolbus - John V. May Funeral Home 6857 W. Higgins Ave. Chicago. Procession to St. Monica Church for 12:30 P.M. Mass. Interment private. For info 773-774-3232 or www.kolbusmayfh.com.

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Schliep Jr., William G.

William G. Schliep Jr., 82, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2020. Loving husband of 61 years to Marie, nee Mauter; devoted father of Linda Eileen and the late William Charles (Lori Schliep-Sturm); proud grandfather of Emilie, Caroline, Lauren, and Logan. A Memorial Visitation will be held Saturday, Feb. 1, at 10am, until the time of Service at 11am, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 855 Lee St., Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

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Stone, Ira J.

Ira J. Stone, 95, beloved son of the late Abe and Etta Stone; loving husband and best friend for almost 50 years of the late Marjorie Stone, nee Leventhal; devoted father of Jack (Sheryl) Stone, Dr. Arvey Stone (Dr. Leslie Brookfield), and Ronna Stone (Tim Smith); proud grandfather of Adam Stone, Noah Stone, Joshua Stone (Jennie Kuckertz), Ariel Stone, Tobyn Smith, Aaron Smith, and Corey Smith; fond uncle and dear friend of many. Ira was a proud life-long Southsider and a WWII Veteran. A funeral service will be held at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd. Wilmette, IL on Thursday, January 30th at 1:00 pm. Interment to follow at Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, www.heart.org OR the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, www.cff.org. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Strum, Gerald Murray

Gerald Murray Strum passed away peacefully on January 29, 2020 at the age of 93. Survived by his wife, Louise of nearly 70 years; children Gregory (Christiane), Scott, Elizabeth (Rebecca), and Leonard; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his twin brother, Harold. Gerald was a veteran of WWII, U.S. Navy. Services will be held Friday, 11 AM at Beth Emet - The Free Synagogue, 1224 West Dempster, Evanston. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders, 8430 West Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631, www.alz.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Wilkie, Rev. Wesley Harold

The Reverend Wesley Harold Wilkie passed away on January 25, 2020 surrounded by family in the comfort of his home. He was 81 years old. A Celebration of Life will be held at 10 AM on Saturday February 1, 2020 at Grace Lutheran Church, 7300 Division Street, River Forest IL. Committal will follow in the Grace Memorial Garden. Visitation will be held at Dreschler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home, 203 South Marion Street, Oak Park IL on Friday January 31, 2020 from 3 - 7 PM. Wesley was born in Saginaw, Michigan on May 3, 1938 to Harold and Irene (Rutkowski) Wilkie. Wesley summarized his life and calling with the phrase "Education in a Christian Context". A graduate of Detroit Lutheran High School in 1955, he studied Theology at Valparaiso University, and received his M.Div from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Ordained in 1964 he joined the Theology Department of Concordia Teachers College - River Forest, now known as Concordia University Chicago and retired from full time teaching in 2003. During his tenure at Concordia, he served as Dean of Chapel and Associate Professor. In 1968 he served one year at Concordia College - Selma Alabama as Acting President and Academic Dean. From 1980-81 he was a visiting instructor at Oak Hill Theological College, London England. Scholarly interests included exploring Easter Vigils in the Orthodox traditions and membership in the North American Academy of Ecumenists. He regularly attended the National Workshop on Church Unity. Wesley enjoyed hunting and fishing. He ran the first of two marathons while in London in 1981. Wesley was married to Luann in 1962 until her death in 1994. In 1996 he married Dorothy (Fischer). Together they enjoyed fishing and traveling throughout the United States and the world. They both were active members of Grace Lutheran Church. Wesley lives on through his wife Dorothy, daughters Diana (Rick) Buffie, and Lauren (John Elser), Jon Fischer (Cathy Ryan) and Kathy (Jeff) Spies; grandchildren Jennifer, Brian (Sara), Karin, Kirsten, Jai and Nina; great-grandchildren Kallie and Ethan. Wesley was preceded in death by his parents, wife Luann, brother Richard and granddaughter Erin. Memorials preferred to Concordia University Chicago, Valparaiso University and the Bach Cantata Vespers series at Grace Lutheran Church.

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Winkler, Sonia B.

Sonia B. Winkler nee Chmielewski, 101 years, passed away peacefully at home on January 24. Beloved wife of the late Alvin L. Winkler for 68 years. Left to cherish her memory are her daughter Linda, and long-time dedicated caretaker Helen Chowaniec. She is also survived by her brother Ted Chmielewski, nieces Karen Trumper and Diane Pacholik and nephew Mike Chmielewski. Funeral Monday 8:45 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Linus Church for Mass at 9:30 am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Sunday from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Sonia grew up working in her family's bakery on Chicago's South Side. For most of her life, however, Sonia was devoted to taking care of her handicapped husband and raising their daughter. She loved music, travel, and dancing. She will be greatly missed. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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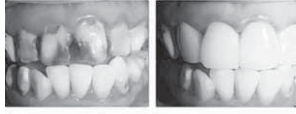
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Angela Lopez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Norma Lopez
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01567

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Erick Zacarias (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 26, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/21/2020** at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **10 COURTROOM J**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 7, 2020 6587328

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Crystal Brown

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tabitha Doyle
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00232

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Christopher Brown (Father)** Any And All Unknown, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 05, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanot** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/21/2020**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **12 COURTROOM L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 23, 2020 6587442

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Destiny Carter

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tabitha White
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01464

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Lawrence Carter (Father)** Any And All Unknown Fathers Any, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 10, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/21/2020**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13 COURTROOM M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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January 3, 2020 6587509

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jakariel Watkins

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tamika Gatlin
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01590

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 19, 2016**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/21/2020** at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **9 COURTROOM I**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 15, 2020 6588328

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Lawrence Carter

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tabitha White
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01465

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Lawrence Carter (Father)** Any And All Unknown Fathers Any, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 10, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/21/2020**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13 COURTROOM M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 3, 2020 6587485

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Sophia Yates

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Felicia Aponte
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01368

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Laquarios Braylock (Father)** Any And All Unknown Fathers Any, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 20, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/21/2020**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **4 COURTROOM D**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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
December 18, 2019 6562524

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Tyjuan Jefferson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tawana Jefferson
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01508

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 13, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** 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 **02/21/2020**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **17 COURTROOM K**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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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
December 23, 2019 6564507

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Yandre J Diaz Joaquin Diaz

A MINOR
NO. 2020JD60011

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Karen Joaquin (Guardian)** **Andres Suazo (Father)** **Mitha Joaquin-Diaz (Mother)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **January 14, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant, State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Donna Cooper** in the 16501 South Kedzie Parkway, Markham, Illinois on **02/13/2020** at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR **76 COURTROOM 099**.

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 THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 16, 2020

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
C. Nugarus, P. Sloan, E. Goroshko
ATTORNEY FOR:
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS
January 16, 2020 6584755

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
KAREN RACHLS LEARNING CNTR CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #3274 DATED 01.11.2007 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #3274 DATED 01.11.2007, RA: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM RACHLS LEARNING CENTER PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004651 FILED November 25, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0006462 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2014, 2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 5245 W NORTH AVE, CHICAGO, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-33-025-037-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES
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FORECLOSURES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION STATE BANK OF TEXAS, as successor in interest to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as Receiver for Seaway Bank and Trust Company f/k/a Seaway National Bank, C/O CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED MAY 10, 1974 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NO. 32991; DOLTON BUILDING NO. 1 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP D/B/A DOLTON BUILDING NO. 1 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; UNKNOWN OWNERS, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2020 CH 00972 Property Address: 14800-14822 South Drexel Avenue, Dolton, Illinois 60419 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLIC SALE: The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants, defendants in the above entitled cause, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago Division on January 24, 2020 and is now pending by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: 1. The name of the Plaintiff in this Case Number as identified above. 2. The court in which said action was brought is identified above. 3. The name of the titleholder of record is: State Bank of Texas, as successor in interest to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as Receiver for Seaway Bank and Trust Company f/k/a Seaway National Bank. 4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: LOTS 12, 13 AND THE SOUTHEASTERLY 80.00 FEET OF THE WESTERLY 86.00 FEET LOT 19 IN DOLTON INDUSTRIAL PARK, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 10; ALSO PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 4, EAST 1/2 OF THE THIRD MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Permanent Index No.: 29-11-133-033-0000 and 29-11-133-035-0000 Commonly Known As: 14800-14822 South Drexel Avenue, Dolton, Illinois 60419 5. An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: a. Name of Mortgagor: Chicago Title Land Trust Company as Trustee under Trust Agreement dated May 10, 1974 and known as Trust No. 32991 b. Name of Mortgagee: State Bank of Texas, as successor in interest to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as Receiver for Seaway Bank and Trust Company f/k/a Seaway National Bank. c. Date of Mortgage: June 24, 2013 d. Date of Recording of Mortgage: August 9, 2013 e. County/Place where Mortgage recorded: Cook County Recorder of Deeds Office f. Identification of Recording of Mortgage: 132212617 Now, therefore, unless you, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants, file your answer to the Complaint for Mortgage Foreclosure in said cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60602, on or before March 2, 2020, a default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a judgment of foreclosure entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint for Mortgage Foreclosure. Sandra A. Aguilera (saguilera@agdlaw.com) Vanessa E. Sells (vsells@agdlaw.com) ARONBERG, ROSENBERG & GARMSA Attorneys for Plaintiff 330 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 1700 Chicago, Illinois 60611 Phone: (312)828-9600 Facsimile: (312)222-6389 Attorney No. 30375 1/30, 2/6, 2/13/2020 6587788

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
KAREN RACHLS LEARNING CNTR CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #3274 DATED 01.11.2007 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #3274 DATED 01.11.2007, RA: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM RACHLS LEARNING CENTER PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004813 FILED December 3, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 9, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0010141 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 30-36 N PULASKI RD AND 401 W WASHINGTON BLVD CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60624 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-10-425-018-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
JIM NEGLE INTERNATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #2019-4 DATED 01/11/2019 R.W. COLLINS COMPANY, REG AGENT; ANN H. COLLINS R.W. COLLINS COMPANY, ANN H. COLLINS, PRESIDENT R.W. COLLINS COMPANY, ALISA ANDERSON, SECRETARY PROPERTY MANAGER OCCUPANT MATTHEW ARSHIS CHERY PEARLSTEIN RAIK GAIJK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004682 FILED November 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 9, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0010270 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at THE NORTH SIDE OF W. HARRISON ST. BEGINNING 216.21 FEET EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF CALIFORNIA AVE (25.07 FEET OF FRONTAGE ON W. HARRISON ST) AND PART OF THE REAL ESTATE C/A/A 2738 W HARRISON ST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60612 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-13-235-030-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
APRIL M HUNTER OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004681 FILED November 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 9, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0010277 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3116 W FLOURNOY ST, CHICAGO, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-13-300-025-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
MUSTROPOLITAN CHGO INC CHARLES F. MACK, TRUSTEE OF CHARLES F. MACK TRUST DATED 07.30.2014 FIFTH THIRD BANK, N/A PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT GWEN MACK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004685 FILED November 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 9, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0010318 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2434 W ROOSEVELT RD, CHICAGO, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-16-427-037-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
EDDIE AMIN-RASUL OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004681 FILED November 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 9, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0010337 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 120-130 S HOMAN AVE AND 3400-3404 W ADAMS ST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60624 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-16-427-037-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
ANTHONY MAXWELL PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT GALEH KOOY KOOY K.W. BRENDEN DUFFIE ANDYEDA DUFFIE LAWRENCE A. POLTROCK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004687 FILED November 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 9, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0010373 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1107-1111 S PULASKI RD CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60624 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-14-323-003-0000; 16-14-323-004-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
CAREY TERCENTARY A.M.E. CHURCH, RA: WALTER C HARRIS OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004688 FILED November 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 9, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0010373 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1507 S TRUMBULL AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-23-225-001-0000; 16-23-225-002-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
SALVADOR ALVAREZ CITY OF CHICAGO, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #2019-4 ALVAREZ UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004814 FILED December 3, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 9, 2018 Certificate No. 16-001145 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2631 W 15TH ST, CHICAGO, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-24-222-008-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
JUDITH SALAZAR SALVADOR ALVAREZ GOMEZ PEREZ OCCUPANT JUSTO PEREZ JUSTO PEREZ GOMEZ UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004686 FILED November 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 9, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0010373 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2631 W 15TH ST, CHICAGO, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-25-119-024-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
CECILIA PAZ CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CLERK JEN PATKA CHUAN PAZ SAH C/O CLERK JEN PATKA UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004691 FILED November 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 9, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0006643 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2752 S SACRAMENTO AVE, CHICAGO, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-25-305-048-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
ADEFINO N/A PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT ADEFINO DELROSARIO SILVA UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004692 FILED November 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 9, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0010784 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3255 W CERMAK RD, CHICAGO, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-26-206-046-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
ROSE P ANDEL OCCUPANT TOWN OF CICERO, TOWN CLERK ROSANNE M HASSELMANN, ESTATE OF ROSE ANDEL 2014 P-379 UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004697 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 4, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0001145 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2014, 2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2316 SOUTH 61ST AVE, CICERO, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-29-113-029-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
MARY VONDRASEK OCCUPANT VILLAGE OF BRIDGEVIEW RENATA WALTON UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004698 FILED November 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 4, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0001636 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2012 2ND, 2013, 2014 1ST, 2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8620 SOUTH 77TH CT BRIDGEVIEW, ILLINOIS 60457 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-24-202-043-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
JOHN F PATKA OCCUPANT FRANK PATKA C/O JOHN PATKA UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004652 FILED November 25, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0006643 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at THE NORTH 25 FEET OF THE REAL ESTATE C/A/A 3716 W 49TH ST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60632 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-11-122-028-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
WEST LAWN MEM AMVET PROPERTY MANAGER OCCUPANT EDUARDO GUTIERREZ UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004653 FILED November 25, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0006729 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4518 WEST 63RD ST, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60629 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-15-326-019-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
CLEARING FUNERAL LLC JOHN R GRADY CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK CLEARING FUNERAL HOME & CREATION SERVICES, RA: THOMAS F. COURTNEY UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004654 FILED November 25, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0006748 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2014, 2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF W 63RD ST AND S MENARD AVE C/A/A 5800 W 63RD ST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60638 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-17-427-039-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK
RAWLINGS ADULT DAY SERVICES, LTD. RA: VINCENT OSAGHA CAL BEAUTY SCHOOL PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT RAWLINGS ADULT DAY SERVICES, LTD. C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES RAWLINGS ADULT DAY SERVICES, LTD. GEORGIA RAWLINGS, PRESIDENT ROSLYN PHILLIPS UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004655 FILED November 25, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0006810 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2653 WEST 63RD ST, CHICAGO, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-24-202-043-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK REHAB CHICAGO LLC OCCUPANT BUILDING PLANT, LLC - 539 E 42ND PLACE, RM 434, CHICAGO, IL 60602... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 7, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0004444 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 539 EAST 42ND PLACE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-03-223-017-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: DISC5919SWENTWORTH Daislyland, LLC, Reg Agent: Suzie B. Wilson Daislyland, LLC, Manager: Discount Inn, Inc. Discount Inn, Inc., Reg Agent & Secretary: Svedilana Dass Discount Inn, Inc., Suzie B. Wilson, President Ila Usharovich, Esq., Michael J. Wilson & Associates, P.C. Occupant, 5919 W. Wentworth Ave, Chicago, IL 60621 City of Chicago, City Clerk M/W, P.C., RA: Michael J. Wilson Suzie B. Wilson, Secretary of M/W P.C. Parties INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED No. 2019COTD004657 FILED November 25, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0007239 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at beginning at a point 172.01 feet south of west 59th Street on the east side of South Wentworth Avenue and continuing south 24 feet with a lot size of 24 x 128.7 feet, Chicago, IL 60602 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-16-404-042-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 8, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK EDWARD SMITH JADA P SMITH CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #29234... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0007572 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1035 WEST 63RD ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-202-044-000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK CARE CONCEPTS LLC FRESNO LAND, INC. RA: MITCHELL PIERCE FRESNO LAND, INC., AYOUBI DIAB, PRESIDENT CITY OF CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #29234... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 7, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0000461 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2013-22 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 814 EAST 75TH ST, CHICAGO, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-26-123-027-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: O'Darie L. Weathers; Independence Bank; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, if Any of The Above Decreed Party, Owners, Assignees, Heirs, or Cook County Clerk Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED No. 2019 COTD 000648 FILED: March 11, 2019 AMENDED PETITION FILED: February 10, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 7, 2018 Certificate No. 17S-0005303 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2012-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. Special Assessment of No. N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7231 S. Washab Ave., Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-27-107-032-000-000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 29, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK SUIHALL ASSOF 79TH & DAMEN PROPERTY, INC., RA: ASSAF SUHAIL 79TH & DAMEN PROPERTY, INC., C/O ILLINOIS CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED No. 2019COTD004673 FILED November 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0007972, 16-0007973 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2014, 2015 INCLUDED); 2016 (2014, 2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2125-2135 W 79TH ST, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60620 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-31-102-009-0000; 20-31-102-010-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK CENTRAL ARMS INVESTMENTS, LLC, HEMLATA G VYAS, MANAGER CENTRAL ARMS INVESTMENTS, LLC, RA: ILLINOIS CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED No. 2019COTD004571 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 11, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0011007 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 539 EAST 42ND PLACE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-03-424-020-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK TYSON EVERETTE TYSON EVERETT CITY CLERK, C/O CITY CLERK PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED No. 2019COTD004572 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 7, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0007470 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2014, 2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 6343 S DAMEN AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-19-200-017-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK CHICAGO TITLE LAND TR CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #8002353041 DATED 04.22.2009... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 7, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0007572 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 115 WEST 59TH ST, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-22-314-001-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK N1 M1 GROUP INC NEW MILLENNIUM INVESTMENT GROUP INC., C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES NEW MILLENNIUM INVESTMENT GROUP INC., RA: RINAL ALLAN OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED No. 2019COTD004577 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 7, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0000492 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 816 EAST 75TH ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-26-123-028-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK ZR INVESTMENTS LLC ZR INVESTMENTS, LLC, SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES MAGA MANAGEMENT, LLC, RA: BRUCE N. TINKOFF MAGA MANAGEMENT, LLC, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES MAGA MANAGEMENT, LLC, ADOLFO CASLANO, CO-MANAGER THE TRANSFORMATION CENTER POINT, F/K/A VISION OF VICTORY EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES, RA: KEVIN CUNNINGHAM UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED No. 2019COTD004466 FILED November 25, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 7, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0000575 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7400-7410 S COTTAGE GROVE AVE AND 747-749 E 74TH ST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60619 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-27-231-019-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK ELTON ELLIZEE SIDS ENTERPRISE, LLC, REG AGENT & MANAGER, ELTON ELLIZEE SIDS ENTERPRISE, LLC, OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED No. 2019COTD004674 FILED November 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0008121 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2010-22, 2012 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 852 S VINCENTES AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-33-310-041-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK LORETTA SMITH CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK MAURICE CAMPBELL UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED No. 2019COTD004656 FILED November 25, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0006979 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2014, 2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4343 S SHIELDS AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-04-406-027-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK NATHANIEL M KING PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT ARLENE O. KING CHICAGO LEAD SAFE WINDOW SERVICES, LLC, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES, LLC, RA: RONALD SPIELMAN CHICAGO LEAD SAFE WINDOW SERVICES, LLC, RONALD SPIELMAN, MANAGER CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED No. 2019COTD004660 FILED November 25, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0007572 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1616-1622 W MARQUETTE RD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-19-231-021-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK CL WABASH LLC, KING LIN CHAN, MANAGER CL WABASH, LLC, RA: KING LIN CHAN OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED No. 2019COTD004573 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 7, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0007572 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at THE CORNSTACK CORNER OF W. 22RD, S. 2ND AND E 71ST ST (131 FEET OF FRONTAGE ON WABASH AVE AND 159.33 FEET OF FRONTAGE ON 71ST ST) C/A/K 7049-7053 S WABASH AVE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-22-321-016-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK DAVID GARCIA CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #8002368213 DATED MAY 28, 2015... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 7, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0000496 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 214-216 W 75TH ST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60621 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-26-123-023-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK TADD REALTY CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK CAMILLE KING UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED No. 2019COTD004662 FILED November 25, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0007736 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2014, 2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 208-212 E 75TH ST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-28-226-034-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK WILLIE DUNMORE DENISE FLETCHER OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED No. 2019COTD004648 FILED November 25, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0005348 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2014, 2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 752 S COLFAX AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602 Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-30-304-004-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK ILLIAMS CAPITAL MA ILLIAMS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC, SERIES 5, REG AGENT & MANAGER: YASIR MALKI CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED No. 2019COTD004657 FILED November 25, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0006979 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2014, 2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 443 S SHIELDS AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-04-415-005-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK JULIA CARR OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED No. 2019COTD004574 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 7, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0004751 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 6553 S MINERVA AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-25-119-019-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK BAROMAN CORP, C/O BRIGIDO BARRERA BAROMAN TIRE SHOP PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT BAROMAN CORP, RA: BRIGIDO BARRERA BAROMAN CORP, JUAN ROMAN, PRESIDENT CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED No. 2019COTD004645 FILED November 25, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 7, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0004989, 16-0004990, 16-0004991 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2014, 2015 INCLUDED); 2016 (2014, 2015 INCLUDED); 2016 (2014, 2015 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7549-7553 S COTTAGE GROVE AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-26-300-017-0000; 20-26-300-017-0000; 20-26-300-017-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020.

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK F O R U M OCCUPANT F.O.R.U.M., C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES RICHARD B. MANNING FIRST MIDWEST BANK, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #11822 DATED 08.05.1988 UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004649 FILED November 29, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0005379 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3016-3018 EAST 78TH ST, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60649 Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-30-413-017-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 12, 2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 21, 2020. 1/28, 29, 30/2020 6581086

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK JOSEPHINE A WEAKLEY DENISE BRANCH JOHN WEAKLEY CLARKE WEAKLEY MICHAEL WEAKLEY TROI WEAKLEY MELISSA WEAKLEY ATLANTIC FUNDING CORPORATION, INC., C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES ATLANTIC FUNDING CORPORATION, INC., REG AGENT & PRESIDENT; DAYTON WICKERS-ELLIS CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004812 FILED December 3, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0008192 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2010 S NORMAL AVE, CHICAGO, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-04-128-047-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 12, 2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 21, 2020. 1/28, 29, 30/2020 6581894

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK ROFIQUR KAHMAN TELEGIANTS INC TELEGIANTS, INC., RA: AMIR BASHIR TELEGIANTS, INC., JILAN HALEB, PRESIDENT PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT HARRISON AUTO SALES & REPAIRS UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004675 FILED November 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0008358 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 9940 S HALSTED ST, CHICAGO, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-08-407-055-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 12, 2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 21, 2020. 1/28, 29, 30/2020 6581762

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK CTLT 008002370544 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #800370544 DATED 02.28.2016 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #800370544 DATED 02.28.2016, RA: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004676 FILED November 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0008382 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2007, 2014 INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 241 WEST 95TH ST, CHICAGO, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-09-202-007-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 12, 2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 21, 2020. 1/28, 29, 30/2020 6581767

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK STEVE BROWN SHERWIN REAL ESTATE, INC., REG AGENT & PRESIDENT; ROBERTA SHERWIN SHERWIN REAL ESTATE, INC., SECRETARY, BARBARA RAMIREZ T-MOBILE USA TOWER, LLC, RA: ILLINOIS CORPORATION SERVICE C T-MOBILE USA TOWER, LLC C/TMO, IL. RA: C T CORPORATION SYSTEM C/TMO, LLC, RA: C T CORPORATION SYSTEM C/TMO, LLC, DANIEL K SCHLANGER, CO-MANAGER CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004678 FILED November 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0008448 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at THE NORTH 100 FEET OF THE REAL ESTATE C/K/A 411 W 105TH ST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-16-121-024-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 12, 2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 21, 2020. 1/28, 29, 30/2020 6581772

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK HERBERT L HEDGEMAN TRICKA HEDGEMAN TISHA KARADZOVSKI KENNETH HEDGEMAN CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK PROVIDENCE BANK & TRUST FIRST MIDWEST BANK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004679 FILED November 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0008613 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 11830-11832 S VINCENTNES AVE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-19-413-015-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 12, 2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 21, 2020. 1/28, 29, 30/2020 6581791

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK PEGGIE J APPLEWHITE CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #8002366287 DATED 10.17.2014 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #8002366287 DATED 10.17.2014, RA: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM PEGGY APPLEWHITE PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004680 FILED November 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 9, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0008686 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 12, 2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 21, 2020. 1/28, 29, 30/2020 6581796

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK FERNANDO CORTEZ PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT MIRANDA E. BYRD LAW, PC HARRIS BANK ARGO FIRST MIDWEST BANK GENARO HUIZAR FIRST MIDWEST BANK AT&T TRUST #56-596 DATED 11.01.1996 UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004684 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 4, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0009239 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 13424 P. ALSO DESCRIBED AS A 37.25 FOOT PARCEL LYING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER AND THE SOUTH SIDE OF 14TH PL AS PLATTED AND BEGINNING 350 FEET EAST OF VERNON AVE AND A PART OF THE REAL ESTATE C/K/A 13423 S VERNON AVE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60827 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-34-307-008-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 12, 2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 21, 2020. 1/28, 29, 30/2020 6580814

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK BURR OAK HOLDINGS 1889 BURR OAK HOLDING, INC., C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, HOLDER OF TRUST DEED #829205 DATED 10.18.2012 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, HOLDER OF TRUST DEED #829205 DATED 10.18.2012, RA: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM WILLIAM C. DOWD UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004566 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 4, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0001000 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at THE SOUTH SIDE OF BURR OAK AVE 96.4 FEET EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF LINCOLN ST. (48.2 FEET OF FRONTAGE ON BURR OAK AVE) BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS 60406. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-31-202-004-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 12, 2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 21, 2020. 1/28, 29, 30/2020 6580823

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK PROLOGUE INC, NANCY E. JACKSON PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT VERSA CAPITAL, LLC, REG AGENT & MANAGER JAKE WEISS CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE STATE OF ILLINOIS, C/O ATTORNEY GENERAL UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004650 FILED November 25, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0009520 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 480 E 134TH PL ALSO DESCRIBED AS A 37.25 FOOT PARCEL LYING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER AND THE SOUTH SIDE OF 14TH PL AS PLATTED AND BEGINNING 350 FEET EAST OF VERNON AVE AND A PART OF THE REAL ESTATE C/K/A 13423 S VERNON AVE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60827 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-34-307-008-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 12, 2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 21, 2020. 1/28, 29, 30/2020 6581094

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TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK HOLBROOK PARTNERS LLC, JAMES MCCLELLAND, MANAGER HOLBROOK PARTNERS LLC, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES HOLBROOK PARTNERS LLC RA: JAMES R. PITTACORA BUSEY BANK TRACY JOHNSON WILSON, ESQ. FRED HARBECKE, ESQ. HOLLAND EXCAVATING, INC., RA: JOHN R. GRITTS CADLEROCK JOINT VENTURE, LP C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES CADLEROCK JOINT VENTURE, LP JAMES MCCLELLAND OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004560 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 4, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0000139, 16-0000140, 16-0000141, 16-0000142 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016; 2016; 2016; 2016 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 660-696 W HOLBROOK RD GLENWOOD, ILLINOIS 60425 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-09-101-010-0000; 32-09-101-011-0000; 32-09-101-014-0000; 32-09-101-132-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 12, 2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 21, 2020. 1/28, 29, 30/2020 6580792

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK FRANK BRIGGS PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004563 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 4, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0000314 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (2015 2ND INCLUSION) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 580 EAST 13TH ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 22-104-002-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 12, 2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 21, 2020. 1/28, 29, 30/2020 6580804



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A win is a win

Kris Bryant losing his grievance is the best thing for the Cubs, even if the next step is hard to watch



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

The Cubs picked up their first win of 2020 with the technical knockout of Kris Bryant in his grievance hearing, but whether it's time to hoist the "W" flag at Wrigley Field is debatable.

An arbitrator's decision to deny Bryant's grievance over his 2015 spring training demotion means the Cubs can keep him under contract through 2021, as expected, theoretically keeping their window to win open for at least two more years.

But it's more likely the win means only that the Cubs will get more in return for Bryant when they trade him to stay under the luxury-tax threshold and bring back some young talent to an organization that has failed to draft and develop any stars since Bryant's arrival.

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CHRIS SWEDA/
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

BEARS

Trubisky had surgery done on left shoulder

BY RICH CAMPBELL

Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky underwent surgery shortly after the season to repair the partially torn labrum in his left shoulder, a person with knowledge of the situation confirmed.

ESPN first reported Wednesday that Trubisky had surgery.

The postseason procedure was widely expected after Trubisky's left shoulder popped out of joint and back in when he was sacked Sept. 29 against the Vikings.

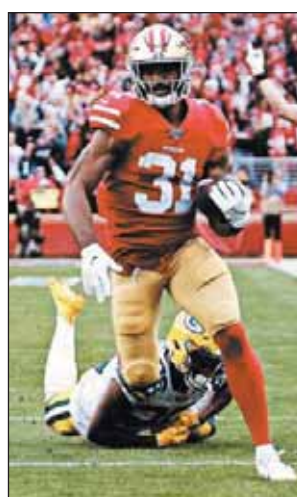
Trubisky is expected to participate in the on-field portion of the Bears' offseason program, which can begin April 20.

That it's his non-throwing shoulder is crucial to such a relatively fast return.

Trubisky was injured six plays into that Vikings game. He missed the rest of that 16-6 victory and the next game against the Raiders in London. He played the final 11 games of the season with a harness on his left shoulder. He insisted the injury did not hinder him more than the standard toll of football affects any player.

The Bears have said Trubisky will be their starting quarterback next season.

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Speed all over the field at Super Bowl

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'I'm going to keep his memory alive' on court

LaVine, Markkanen will honor Kobe by keeping jersey numbers

BY JAMAL COLLIER

INDIANAPOLIS — Several NBA players have chosen to honor Kobe Bryant by switching their uniform numbers away from the late Lakers legend's Nos. 8 and 24. The Bulls who wear those numbers, Zach LaVine and Lauri Markkanen, plan to continue to wear them.

LaVine, No. 8, and Markkanen, No. 24, say they are keeping their numbers as a tribute to the player

they both grew up admiring. Bryant, who died at 41 in a helicopter crash Sunday, started his career with the Lakers wearing No. 8 and switched to No. 24 in 2006.

"Obviously you can't go really wrong with either one," Markkanen said before Wednesday's game against the Pacers. "I feel like you can honor him either way, retiring it, or you can still keep his number alive."

LaVine grew up idolizing Bryant and modeled his game after him, acknowledging earlier in the week that Bryant was the reason he decided to wear No. 8.

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

Sharpest pain felt in a while

So much emotion had spilled on TV by Tuesday night, one might have thought there would be no tears left to shed for Kobe Bryant.

Yet there was former teammate Shaquille O'Neal crying and struggling to hold it together with his TNT "Inside the NBA" colleagues at center court in the empty Staples Center.

"I haven't felt a pain that sharp in a while," said O'Neal, noting he and "little brother" Bryant will be linked forever because of the three championships they won together with the Lakers.

Clearly everyone on TNT's special programming felt similarly.

Regulars O'Neal, Charles Barkley and Kenny Smith — along with Dwyane Wade, Jerry West, Reggie Miller, Candace Parker, Derek Fisher and Rick Fox as well as host Ernie Johnson — shared memories, bared their souls and meditated on the fragility of life.

That's a lot to work through, especially in a public forum, and Johnson at one point conceded it was "frankly draining for all of us."

It was draining for viewers, too.

The raw authenticity was like a tuning fork that reverberated with the same melancholy note in all who heard it.

So it was also extraordinary television, standing out even amid a stretch of 50-some hours that found so many smooth-as-glass broadcasters choking back grief while discussing Bryant.

The Lakers great died Sunday at 41 in a fiery helicopter crash that claimed eight others, including his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, and touched so many so deeply, regardless of whether they knew him well.

Shock and mourning already had bled into channels across the TV spectrum.

Yet this special NBA pregame, halftime and postgame programming wrapped around a comparatively mundane Celtics-Heat game found so much feeling left to wring out and played like a public wake.

"I'll be honest," Johnson said, by way of introduction. "This will be a hard show because we feel just like y'all do. We are in the process of trying to figure this whole thing out, just like you, and I think that over the next hour ... hopefully will help you process this. Honestly, I think for us it's going to be therapeutic, too."



Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal, right, hugs teammate Kobe Bryant in 2000.

O'Neal said he still was recovering from the October cancer death of younger sister Ayesha Harrison-Jex and not sleeping well even before this latest gut punch. When the news about Bryant's death reached him, he didn't want to believe it.

His relationship with Bryant, he acknowledged, was marked by what he implied was brotherly friction.

Shaq said they had not spoken to each other since Bryant's final NBA game almost four years ago — and that clearly nagged at him.

"The fact," O'Neal said, "that we're not going to be able to joke at his Hall of Fame ceremony, we're not going to be able to say, 'I've got five (titles), you've got four,' the fact that we're not going to say if we'd stayed together we could have got 10, those are the things you can't get back."

West, who traded for 17-year-old Bryant as Lakers general manager during the 1996 draft, said the only loss comparable to this for him was the death of his brother, David, in the Korean War.

"I don't know if I can get over this," West said. "I really don't."

West spoke of how Bryant's competitive drive and boundless ambition were evident from the start, a fact echoed by O'Neal.

"At 17, (Kobe) said, I'm going to be the best player in the world, and off the court, I'm going to be bigger than Will Smith," O'Neal said.

West revealed that in 2004, although not working for the Lakers, he steered Bryant away from signing with the Clippers because of their owner Donald Sterling, who later was chased from the league.

Fox talked about the strange experience of dealing both with his immediate grief and the quickly spread rumor that he had been killed in the crash.

Wade shared a story about fielding a call during the 2010 NBA Finals from Bryant, seeking his strategic advice on how to deal with the Celtics defense.

The grieving isn't over and the pain hasn't subsided, but the healing will be televised.

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And even though No. 24 was not Markkanen's first choice for a jersey number, he echoed a similar sentiment.

Before a growth spurt made him a 7-footer, Markkanen, who is sidelined for at least a month with a right pelvis injury, grew up as a guard, modeling his game after Dwyane Wade and Bryant. Once Markkanen grew taller, he shifted to emulating players such as LeBron James and Dirk Nowitzki, but his respect for Bryant endured.

As Markkanen considered a number switch, he would have turned to No. 44, a family number and the one his father wore at Kansas. That was his first choice after getting drafted, but it was occupied by then-Bulls forward Nikola Mirotic. Markkanen has grown to like No. 24, however, and after he and LaVine discussed the situation, they decided they both wanted to stick with their numbers.

"I didn't feel any pressure, it's the players' decision," Markkanen said. "I don't know, you can do both. I think the player should make his own decision, and hopefully everybody can respect everybody's decision."

This season, 21 NBA players are listed as wearing No. 8 and 13 as No. 24. Throughout social media the last few days, several players and teams have announced their intentions to hang up those numbers for the rest of this season to honor Bryant and his daughter Gianna.

Spencer Dinwiddle of the Nets, Terrence Ross of the Magic and Jahliil Okafor of the Pelicans — all of whom wore No. 8 — officially announced their plans to switch jerseys, while at least six other players have signaled intentions to do the same: Markieff Morris of the Pistons, Alec Burks of the Warriors, Mason Plumlee of the Nuggets, Moe Harkless of the Clippers, Zhairé Smith of the Sixers and Lakers guard Quinn Cook, who will change his No. 2 to 28, because No. 2 was Gianna's number as a youth player.

"I'm going to keep his memory alive with the way that we play the game," LaVine said Monday when asked about ways to honor Bryant long-term. "With pictures and what he brought to the game, his shoes, different things like that. The 24 and 8 are always going to be visualized with Kobe Bryant."



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

PACERS 115, BULLS 106 (OT)

Oh, no: Bulls falter late

The Bulls squandered a seven-point lead by not scoring in the final four minutes of the fourth quarter in a 115-106 loss to the Pacers on Wednesday night in Indianapolis. The Pacers' Victor Oladipo, above, playing for the first time in more than a year after suffering a ruptured quadriceps tendon, tied the score 100-100 with a 3-pointer with 9 seconds left in regulation. The Bulls' Zach LaVine drew contact on a drive, but no foul was called and the game went to overtime, where the Pacers pulled away. LaVine scored 20 points with nine assists for the Bulls, while Chandler Hutchison scored a career-high 21 points and Thaddeus Young added 16. T.J. Warren scored 25 and Oladipo added nine for the Pacers, who had 46 rebounds to the Bulls' 34. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

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KOBE BRYANT 1978-2020

Sky forward Williams remembers

'Sweet and adorable,' says former UConn star of 'Gigi'

BY PHIL THOMPSON

Gabby Williams remembered the first time she met Gianna Bryant and her dad, Lakers legend Kobe Bryant. It was Nov. 21, 2017, when the Connecticut women's team routed UCLA 78-60 in Los Angeles.

Williams grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds in UConn's 39th straight road win, but that wasn't the only highlight for her and her teammates.

"The first thing I remember about her was how just sweet and adorable she was," Williams, who now plays for the Sky, told the Tribune via email. "She had the biggest smile on her face and was so excited to meet our team and we were trying to stay composed with Kobe being there."

Williams had maintained a relationship with Kobe and "Gigi," working out at Mamba Sports Academy in Thousand Oaks, Calif., with other players, including Los Angeles Sparks star Candace Parker.

So this week, Williams was one of scores of Bryant fans on social media to express how heartbroken she was when she learned that Kobe, 41, and Gianna, 13, died in a helicopter crash Sunday, along with seven others, on their way to a basketball tournament at Mamba Academy.

The other victims of the crash near Calabasas were Gianna's teammate Alyssa Altobelli, 13, and her parents, baseball coach John Altobelli, 56, and Keri Altobelli, 46; another teammate, Payton Chester, 13, and her mother, Sarah Chester, 45; Christina Mauser, 38, the top assistant girls coach at Mamba Academy; and pilot Ara Zobayan, 50.

Gianna hoped to follow in Williams' footsteps by playing at UConn and then the WNBA. The younger Bryant was also a fan of Katie Lou Samuelson, Williams' teammate with both the Sky and Huskies.

"I had heard some people say I was her favorite, but I didn't believe (it) until Kobe told me," said Williams, who has spent this WNBA offseason in France playing for Basket Lattes Montpellier. "He told (me) he thought our games were similar and that her defense reminded him of me and how they always put her at the top of the press."

"Obviously, that was a surreal moment for me for multiple reasons. The biggest one being that Kobe thought of me or paid that much attention to my game. It was all very much (a) 'Really?! Me?!?!' moment."

Williams said she "absolutely" will honor Gigi's memory in some way during the season, but she doesn't know how yet.

"I've never seen a kid at that age so determined to learn and be a student of the game," Williams said via email. "I mean the kid was breaking down film. Who else is doing that at that age?"

"I remember being at their practice and just how disciplined all the girls were. And Christina (Mauser) was doing such an amazing job instilling those characteristics in them. I know for sure I didn't have that drive at that age. The things they were doing at that age, you don't see that kind of discipline (or work) ethic at even some college levels, if I dare say."

"And Gigi in particular, man, she was mean and just had that Mamba mentality we know and love," Williams said of the younger Bryant, whose nickname was "Mambacita."

"Just relentless, confident, aggressive and then come off the court and have the most innocent smile on her face."

Williams remembers Kobe Bryant just as fondly.

"Anyone who's gotten the opportunity to cross paths with him will tell you how much he genuinely just loved the game of basketball, no matter who was playing it," she said. "This world and game needed him."

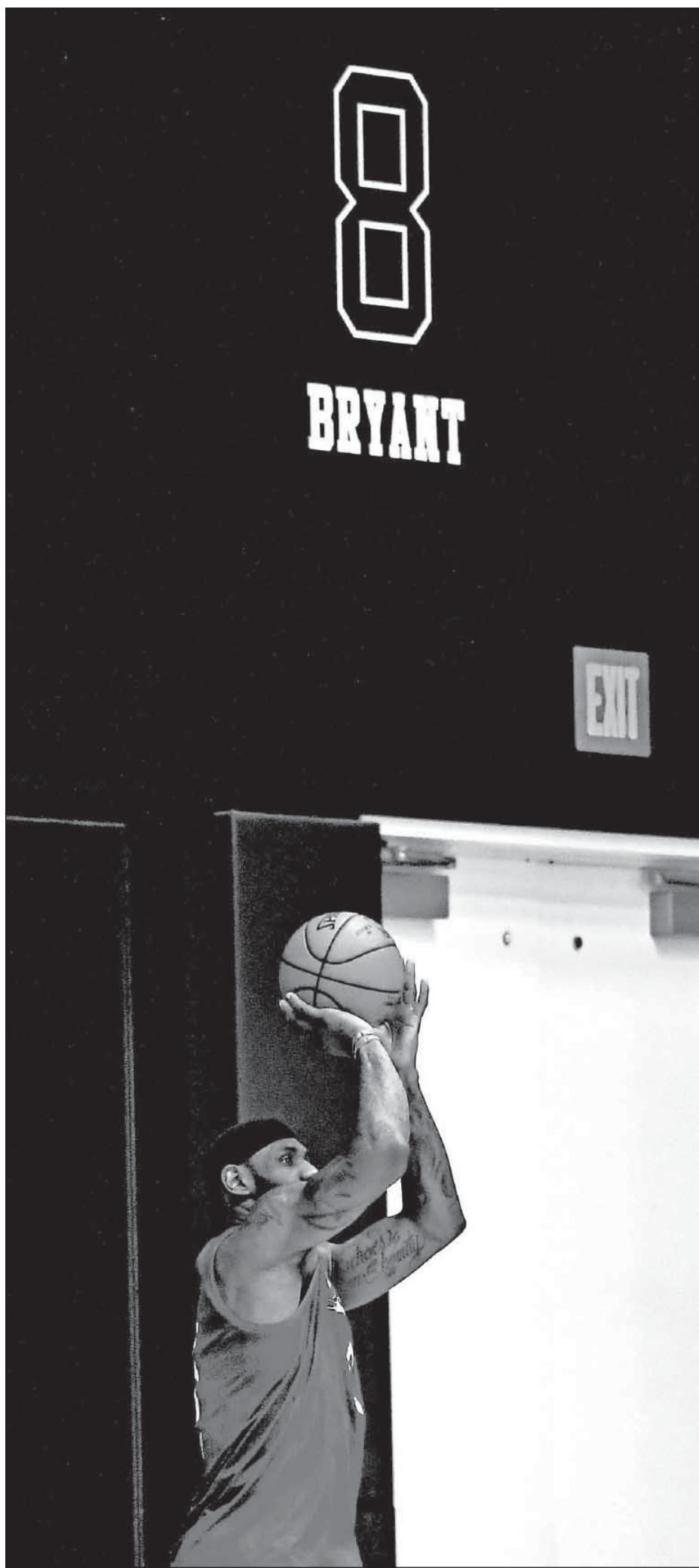
"He was absolutely huge for (the) WNBA, and I know everyone couldn't wait to see Gigi grow up and what she was going to do in her career as well. To have someone of his caliber show that much love and appreciation to the girls and to the league, it made us all feel amazing. Like superheroes almost."

"There (are) so many players in the league that he made feel special, that he gave advice to, that he welcomed into his world," Williams said. "He was genuinely the most down-to-earth guy. Just loved to be around the game."



JESSICA HILL/AP

Kobe and Gianna Bryant watch a women's basketball game March 2.



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

LeBron James shoots during the Lakers' first practice since Kobe Bryant's death Sunday.

Grief still grips Lakers family

LeBron & Co. back at work, but Bryant's death, legacy foremost in their thoughts

BY GREG BEACHAM

Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — The Lakers ended practice with a few somber, almost plaintive laughs. As they left the court, they all passed under the oversized 8 and 24 outlined in white on the black wall above the door to their locker room.

Anthony Davis and several other Lakers paused and looked up at Kobe Bryant's two retired numbers for a moment before they moved forward.

The Lakers are still grieving and mourning Bryant's death Sunday in a helicopter crash along with his daughter, Gianna, and seven others. Los Angeles' players and coaches returned to work Wednesday at their training complex with a determination to keep Bryant and the victims in their thoughts while getting on with the business of basketball and life.

"We want to represent what Kobe was about, more than anything," Lakers coach Frank Vogel said. "We've always wanted to make him proud, and that's not going to be any different now."

Vogel, who joined the Lakers eight months ago, was the only person to speak to the media after the workout. The loss apparently was still too raw for the players, including stars LeBron James and Davis, who played in the Olympics with Bryant.

Although Bryant retired in 2016, he is still enormously important to his franchise and his sport. Ever since the Lakers drafted the 17-year-old guard in 1996, Bryant had been a face of this franchise and a basketball-mad city while he became a five-time NBA champion and his team's career leader in points and games played.

The current Lakers are still grappling with the loss while they prepare for their next game Friday night at Staples Center against the Trail Blazers.

"We've become a family in a very short time," Vogel said of the Lakers, who have only one player who suited up with Bryant.

"It's something that we talk about in the

NBA with your teams, but this group in particular has really grown to love each other very rapidly, and we understand the importance and the opportunity we have this year. This has just brought us closer together."

Outside the Lakers' training complex, a temporary wall of remembrance has grown to nearly the entire length of the building, bookended on either side by large photos and colorful memorials to the Bryants. Fans have streamed through the security gates and up to the wall throughout the past three days, using markers to inscribe their thoughts and prayers on the white surface.

Bryant's death has temporarily overwhelmed an exciting season of rebirth for the Lakers, who have missed the playoffs for a franchise-record six straight years. The current Lakers are poised for a serious run at the franchise's 17th championship.

But life and basketball have been put in a new perspective for everyone around the team.

After their game against the Clippers on Tuesday night was postponed, the players and coaches gathered that afternoon to share stories and remembrances because it felt "therapeutic and beneficial," Vogel said.

Bryant still had close ties to dozens of employees of the organization for which he played his entire 20-year career. Lakers owner Jeanie Buss was quite close to his family, and general manager Rob Pelinka was Bryant's longtime agent.

Only veteran Lakers center Dwight Howard played alongside Bryant in purple and gold, albeit briefly in their disappointing 2012-13 season. But almost everyone on the rebuilt roster played against Kobe, and they all knew and respected the most prolific scorer in Lakers history.

The Lakers' two biggest stars had friendships with Kobe. James and Bryant were teammates on two U.S. Olympic teams, while Davis also was a young backup on the 2012 Olympic squad.

James wrote an emotional Instagram post about Bryant on Monday, saying: "I promise you I'll continue your legacy man! You mean so much to us all here ... and it's my responsibility to put this (team) on my back and keep it going!!"

BLACKHAWKS

Monthly planner for the playoffs

Three points out with 31 games to go, February will be key

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Put Blackhawks games in March and April out of your mind for now; they don't matter yet.

Not when there's so much at stake in February.

It feels as if eight months have passed since the Hawks last played, so as a reminder, a lot was happening when they last hit the ice.

On Jan. 21, the Hawks held a pregame ceremony to commemorate Patrick Kane reaching the 1,000-point milestone, then honored Joel Quenneville during his return to the United Center for his legendary 2008-19 run as coach. The Hawks — despite a blip against Quenneville's Panthers — were one of the hottest teams in the league.

Even with their 4-3 loss to the Panthers in the final game before the All-Star break, the Hawks are 11-5 in their last 16, and talk of a playoff run is back in the locker room — unless a daunting stretch of 11 of 14 road games in February takes them out of it.

Here's a look at key dates and what the Hawks need to do to survive a hellish month:

1. Feb. 1: at Coyotes



Every game matters the rest of the way, especially those against the other Western Conference wild-card contenders. The

Hawks' first game after the break comes Saturday against the Coyotes, who heading into Wednesday's action were among three teams that were three points ahead of the Hawks for the last wild-card spot.

Keep in mind that each of the contenders plays at least once before the Hawks return to the ice Saturday, so they could be even further back, putting even more importance on getting off to a good start against the Coyotes.

2. Feb. 9-16: at Jets, Oilers, Canucks, Flames and Jets



The five-game swing through Western Canada is the first of two long February trips that could be a killer — or propel the Hawks toward their first post-season berth in three years.

The Hawks open and close the trip with games against the Jets and face the Oilers, Canucks and Flames in between. All those teams are in the same boat as the Hawks: fighting for playoff spots and needing every point they can get.

The upside is that the Hawks are 5-2-1 against the four teams.

3. Feb. 21: vs. Predators



This is one of only three games at the United Center this month and the only one against a

Western Conference contender, although the Predators are fading and also have a hellish post-break schedule with eight of 12 on the road, including at the Capitals and Blues.

4. Feb. 23-29: at Stars, Blues, Lightning, Panthers



If the Hawks can survive the first 10 games of the month, they have quite a reward waiting for them.

They finish February with four road games against two legitimate Stanley Cup contenders — the defending-champion Blues and Lightning — and two likely playoff teams in the Stars and Panthers that entered Wednesday a combined 32-15-4 at home.

5. Feb. 24: Trade deadline

The best bar conversation lately regarding the Hawks is whether they'll be buyers or sellers — or neither — at the trade deadline.

With 11 games remaining before the deadline, the Hawks have time to move in one direction or the other, and general manager Stan Bowman has salary-cap room available to make some deals because of season-ending injuries to Calvin de Haan and Brent Seabrook.

Given their precarious spot in the standings, the Hawks are in no-man's land. They're not going to be sellers as long as the playoffs are a possibility. They've gone to great lengths to send a message to fans that they're not in a rebuild, so there's no reason to believe they'll bail at this point.

But are the Hawks willing to be buyers with such a treacherous February schedule? They could use a veteran forward to guard against injuries or allow them to sit Alex Nylander if he remains unproductive. The Hawks gave no indication before the break that Andrew Shaw was close to returning from a concussion.

As strong as Slater Koekkoek has played for seven straight games, would Bowman pass up a chance to land Devils defenseman Sami Vatanen if he doesn't have to give up a first-round pick?

Many questions remain. The Hawks will start to get answers Saturday.

CUBS

Sullivan

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So it's a win-win for the Cubs and a win-lose for Cubs fans. "It's going to be a whole lot different, this team without him," Javier Baez recently said of the Bryant trade rumors. "But we'll see what happens. If that happens, we'll see who's coming (back), who's not. Hopefully we keep Kris here his entire career. ... If (a trade) happens, I don't know what is going to be the reaction of the fans — and the players, to be honest."

We already know how Cubs fans will react. Few are happy the popular third baseman is even on the trading block or that the Cubs' only free-agent signings have been outfielder Steven Souza Jr. and reliever Jeremy Jeffress, a couple of cheap pickups of players returning from injuries. Watching the Reds sign Nicholas Castellanos on Tuesday was the capper to one of the most depressing offseasons in years.

But while most of the returning Cubs would be upset at the loss of Bryant, they won't be as upset as fans. They're used to the business of baseball, in which no one is considered irreplaceable. If the players from the 2016 championship had their way, the Cubs would have re-signed Dexter Fowler and Jake Arrieta, neither of whom has lived up to his hefty free-agent contract, making management's decision to part ways look wise.

No one wants to believe the Cubs can come out ahead in a Bryant trade, but it can be done.

If the Cubs do trade Bryant, the onus would be on President Theo Epstein to convince fans it was the right decision.

Epstein declined an interview request Wednesday.

How do White Sox fans feel about the Chris Sale trade three years later? After Yoan Moncada's breakthrough season in 2019 and the promise of Michael Kopech after Tommy John surgery, most would probably say they are happy with it.

The Cubs could get a return that would benefit the organization for five or six more years. A Bryant trade also would facilitate the signing of Baez — the Cubs' most valuable asset — to an extension. The sting of Bryant leaving would be quickly replaced with the happiness over Baez staying.

Most fans have forgotten Bryant was demoted on the same day as Baez and Addison Russell, who also were first-round picks and two of the organization's top prospects at the time.

"I probably can be in this game for a long time and not send down three players that talented on the same day ever again," Epstein said that afternoon in Mesa, Ariz.



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Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant is under contract through 2021.

While Baez eventually turned out to be as big a star as Bryant, if not bigger, he wasn't ripping up the Cactus League that spring, and no one seemed concerned his demotion was connected with service time manipulation. No grievance was filed. There were no angry denunciations from Baez's agent about his not making the team despite getting a late-season call-up in 2014. And there was not a peep out of Baez himself.

The focus was all on Bryant, who became a cause celebre around baseball. After agent Scott Boras ripped the Cubs' decision to demote his client, I asked Commissioner Rob Manfred at a spring training game in Fort Myers, Fla., what he thought about the move.

"I don't think the Cubs' decision with what's going to happen with Kris Bryant is really any of Mr. Boras' business," Manfred replied. "I think the Cubs — I know the Cubs — will make decisions that are best for the long-term competitiveness of that club, and focusing on whether a particular player (is) with a club on a day, or days, I don't think is a fair evaluation of what the club is up to. The Cubs are in the best

position to decide what's going to make them the most competitive over the longest period of time."

Boras said he believed the "integrity" of the sport was under assault and said the service time loophole should be fixed in the next collective bargaining agreement.

"My job is to clarify things," he told me that spring. "When the commissioner says (Bryant's status is none of my business), I don't agree with it, and the union doesn't agree with it. When the commissioner says it's none of our business to represent a player as an attorney ... that's why I sent him (former union chief) Marvin Miller's book. I said, 'Apparently you didn't read this.'"

The loophole wasn't fixed in the next CBA, so the players have no one to blame but themselves. If it was that important, the union should have fought harder for a change.

There's no need to feel sorry for Bryant, who will make \$18.6 million this year and should command more than \$250 million when he becomes a free agent after 2021.

He lost a battle, but he'll win the war, wherever he winds up.

Bryant loses his service time dispute with Cubs

BY MARK GONZALES

The Cubs maintained control of third baseman Kris Bryant for the next two seasons, the Tribune confirmed Wednesday, after arbitrator Mark Irvings ruled that the team wasn't trying to manipulate his service time by optioning him to Triple-A Iowa for the first 12 days of the 2015 season.

The ruling, which came after a hearing involving the Cubs and the Major League Baseball Players Association, allows the team more time to seek an extension with Bryant, 27, or trade him.

ESPN's Jeff Passan was first to report the news of the ruling, which is going through final reviews before being announced, the report said.

Bryant's representatives unsuccessfully argued that their client should have been placed on the 2015 opening-day roster on the basis of his .425 average, nine home runs and 15 RBIs in 40 at-bats in spring training.

Instead, the Cubs said Bryant needed more seasoning and opted to start Mike Olt at third base. Bryant was promoted to the Cubs after 12 days in the minors — preventing him, by one day, of earning 172 days of service time, which constitutes a full season and would have allowed the 2016 National League MVP to become a free agent after 2020.

"We're fairly confident in what the outcome is going to be," Cubs President Theo Epstein said Dec. 9.

Epstein expressed frustration in how long it took to reach a decision. The grievance was filed in October.

"The timing ... is a bit frustrating," he said.

"I understand these things take time. ... But we're operating with what is our understanding of what the likely outcome will be moving forward."

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Tre Roberson of the Calgary Stampeders celebrates an interception against the Ottawa Redblacks in 2018.

CFL All-Star adds depth

Roberson, a former Ill. St. QB, joins Bears as a cornerback

BY BRAD BIGGS

The Bears got an early start on one of their offseason goals Tuesday night when they improved their depth at cornerback by agreeing to a contract with CFL All-Star Tre Roberson.

Roberson, who helped lead the Calgary Stampeders to the Grey Cup title in 2018, announced via Twitter that he will sign with the Bears. The 6-foot, 190-pound Roberson drew interest from more than half the teams in the league and was on an extended tryout tour before agreeing to a

two-year contract with the Bears.

ESPN's Adam Schefter said on Twitter it will be the richest deal for a CFL-to-NFL player since defensive end Cameron Wake went from the BC Lions to the Dolphins on a four-year contract in 2009.

Roberson, 27, spent time on the Vikings practice squad in 2016 and 2017, but his career didn't take off until he reached the CFL. He intercepted seven passes in 2019, returning two for touchdowns. During the second half of the season, opponents rarely threw his way.

Roberson, an Indianapolis native, was a star quarterback at Illinois State after transferring from Indiana. He led the Redbirds to the 2014 FCS championship game, where they lost 29-27 to North

Dakota State. ISU finished that season 13-2, then went 10-3 with a trip to the FCS quarterfinals in 2015 for a 23-5 record with Roberson.

He wasn't invited to the scouting combine in 2016 but caught the attention of the Vikings in a rookie minicamp tryout after showing up without a position. He was converted to cornerback and spent significant time on the practice squad.

Roberson had contract offers from 10 NFL teams and worked out for the Bears earlier in the month.

The Bears didn't have a lot of depth behind starters Kyle Fuller and Prince Amukamara in 2019. Amukamara is entering the final year of his contract and is due to earn \$9 million.

TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Thiem tops No. 1 Nadal in 'epic' duel

Austrian advances to semis, will next face No. 7 Zverev

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Outplayed at his own brand of physical tennis for much of the match, Rafael Nadal finally claimed a set to try to start a comeback against Dominic Thiem.

Nadal marked the moment by hopping in a crouch at the baseline and vigorously pumping his right arm four times.

Soon, though, he was back in trouble. And eventually, his bid to tie Roger Federer's record of 20 Grand Slam titles by winning the Australian Open was over with a quarterfinal loss Wednesday to Thiem — a younger version of Nadal himself.

Thiem's 7-6 (3), 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-6 (6) victory over the top-seeded Nadal lasted 4 hours, 10 minutes because of so many lengthy, electrifying points. One rather memorable one featured Thiem stumbling onto his backside before popping up and keeping the ball in play until Nadal made a mistake.

"He's playing with a lot of energy ... (and) determination. So well done for him," Nadal said. "I honestly didn't play a bad match."

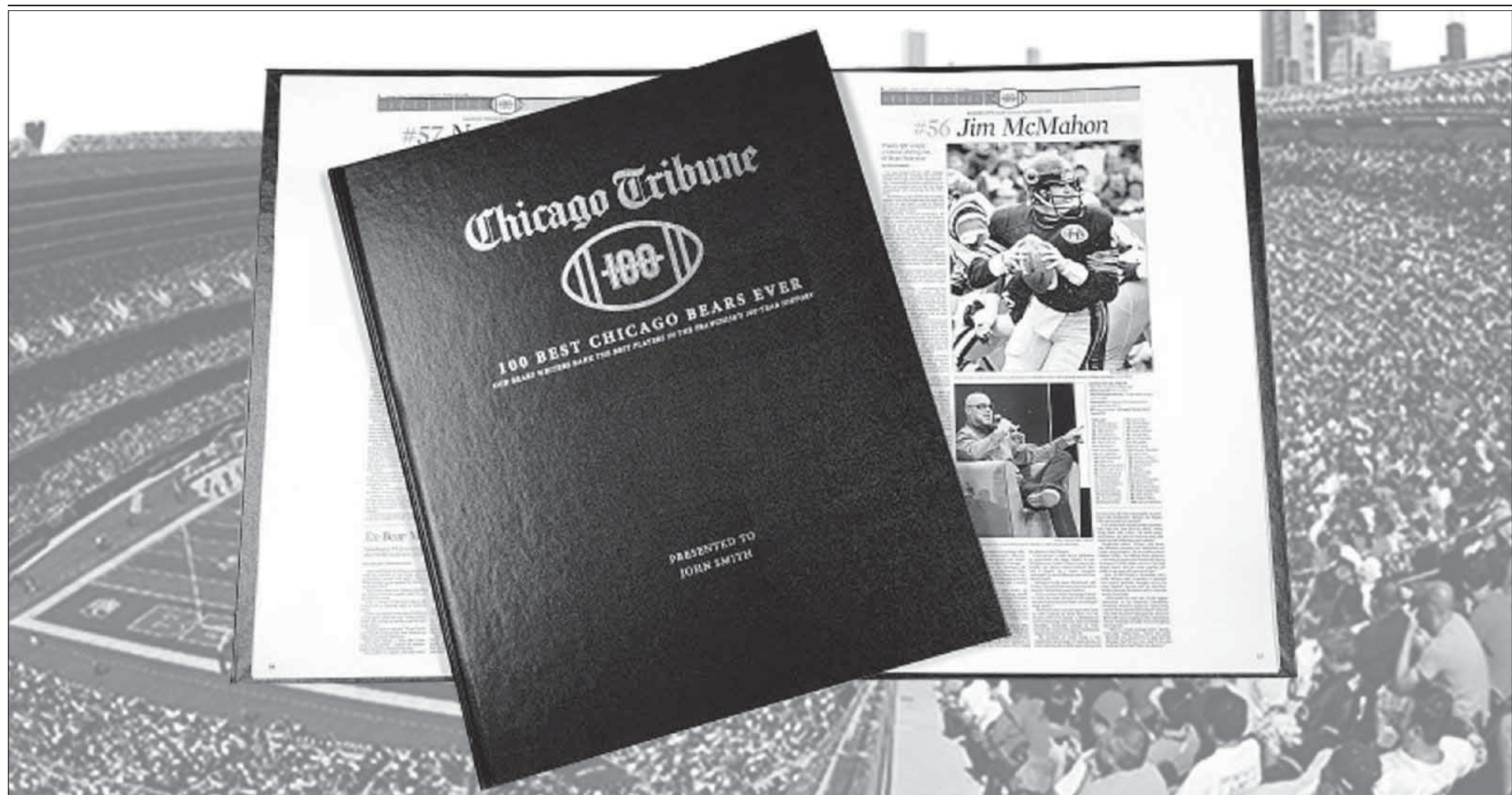
Thiem reached his fifth major semifinal but first somewhere other than at the French Open, the place that is Nadal's domain.

Of more significance: The outcome ended Nadal's career-best streak of making at least the semifinals at seven consecutive Grand Slam tournaments, a span during which he earned three trophies.

The last time Nadal didn't get to the final four at a major? Also at the Australian Open, where he also went out in the quarterfinals two years ago before finishing as the runner-up to Novak Djokovic in 2019.

That was Nadal's fourth defeat in a final at Melbourne Park since he won his lone title at the place in 2009.

Now Thiem will play No. 7 Alexander Zverev on Friday for a berth in the title match. Zverev reached his first major semifinal anywhere by overcoming a terrible start Wednesday and putting together a 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 victory over three-time Grand Slam champion Stan Wawrinka.



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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SETON HALL 64, DEPAUL 57

Struggling Blue Demons fall to 1-7 in Big East

By TOM CANAVAN
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Myles Powell scored 24 points despite a woeful shooting effort, and No. 10 Seton Hall won its 10th straight game with a 64-57 victory over DePaul on Wednesday night.

Jared Rhoden added 14 points and 11 rebounds as the Pirates (16-4, 8-0 Big East) rallied from a nine-point second-half deficit to beat the Blue Demons (13-8, 1-7) for the second time this season.

Charlie Moore had 14 points and Jalen Coleman-Lands added 10 for DePaul, which turned an early 17-6 deficit into a 41-32 lead in the opening minutes of the second half.

Powell, who was 7 of 21 from the field, and Rhoden were the difference, combining for 27 points after halftime. Powell was excellent with the game on the line, scoring 11 straight points to help Seton Hall take a 60-53 lead.

DePaul never got closer than five the rest of the way. The Blue Demons shot 33% from the field for the game.

Seton Hall was its own worst enemy at times, hitting only 14 of 29 free throws.

The winning streak is the longest for Seton Hall since taking 12 straight late in the 1992-93 season. The 8-0 start in the conference is the Pirates' best.

DePaul rallied from an 11-point deficit to take a 29-28 lead at halftime. The Blue



RICH SCHULTZ/GETTY

Myles Powell of Seton Hall attempts a three-point shot Wednesday.

Demons outscored the Pirates 14-5 in the final eight minutes of the half, though Seton Hall got a last-second basket by Anthony Nelson.

The Blue Demons have lost seven of eight since the start of conference play. The one win was over then-No. 5 Butler. They also took No. 8 Villanova to overtime in another setback.

MICHIGAN STATE 79, NORTHWESTERN 50

Wildcats drop fifth straight

By LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Cassius Winston scored 18 points, and Xavier Tillman had 12 points, eight rebounds and four assists to lead No. 14 Michigan State to a 79-50 win over Northwestern on Wednesday night.

The Spartans (16-5, 8-2 Big Ten) moved into sole possession of first place in the conference. The lead might last only a day because No. 19 Illinois has a chance to pull into a tie Thursday night at home against Minnesota.

Pat Spencer scored 11 points for the last-place Wildcats (6-14, 1-9) and was their

only double-digit scorer in a game they never led.

Michigan State had balance on offense the entire game and outscored its over-matched opponent 46-28 in the second half.

Foster Loyer scored 12 points and matched a career high with four 3-pointers. The sophomore came off the bench to give Winston relief and Michigan State another outside shooter it desperately needs. Five other Spartans scored at least six points.

The Wildcats have lost five straight and 10 of 11, and there's no relief in sight for the last-place team in the balanced Big Ten. They host Purdue (11-10, 4-6) on Saturday night at Welsh-Ryan Arena.

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ACROSS

- 1 Smooch
- 5 Slide over on the bench
- 10 Worry
- 14 ___ along; move slowly
- 15 Item in a purse or pocket
- 16 Tush
- 17 "___ Breaky Heart"; Billy Ray Cyrus hit
- 18 Remorse
- 20 ___ Paulo
- 21 Pizzas
- 22 "Malcolm ___ Middle"
- 23 Refueling ship
- 25 "Joan of ___"; Ingrid Bergman film
- 26 Cane alternative
- 28 Snoozes
- 31 ___ at; tried to shoot
- 32 "A rose by any other name ___"
- 34 ___ amok; went wild
- 36 Lupino's namesakes
- 37 Actress Field
- 38 Song sung alone
- 39 ___ up; ease
- 40 Access base
- 41 Pool toys
- 42 Whispered confidence
- 44 Pastor's territory
- 45 "Tie a yellow ribbon round the ole ___"

DOWN

- 1 Optima & Sorento
- 2 Early Peruvian
- 3 Kid in the next desk
- 4 Timid
- 5 More agile
- 6 ___ on; root for
- 7 Klutz's word
- 8 Half and half
- 9 Reasonable bedtime
- 10 Brigitte Bardot's birthplace
- 11 Ripped in two
- 12 Every
- 13 Arbor Day planting
- 19 In need of a nap
- 21 Begged
- 24 Eisenhower & others

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- 25 Supportive friend
- 26 Cry loudly
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- 30 Sprinkles at the table
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- 33 Olsen of Vaudeville
- 35 Have a snack
- 37 Look for
- 38 Dress for Indira
- 40 Curtain
- 41 Churchill Downs event
- 43 Seaside
- 44 ___ out; stuffed oneself
- 46 Sudden forward thrust
- 47 Bridge
- 48 ___ or false test
- 49 Take a nap
- 50 Helpful tip
- 52 Small wingless insect
- 53 Abound
- 55 Org. for Clippers & Cavaliers
- 56 ___ Tac; breath mint
- 57 Chad's continent: abbr.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	33	14	.702	—
Sacramento	31	15	.674	1½
Philadelphia	31	17	.646	2½
Brooklyn	20	26	.435	12½
New York	13	36	.265	21

SOUTHEAST

Miami	32	15	.681	—
Orlando	21	27	.438	11½
Charlotte	16	31	.340	16
Washington	15	31	.326	16½
Atlanta	12	36	.250	20½

CENTRAL

Milwaukee	41	6	.872	—
Indiana	31	17	.646	10½
Chicago	19	31	.380	23½
Detroit	17	32	.347	25
Cleveland	13	35	.271	28½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	29	18	.617	—
Houston	29	18	.617	—
Memphis	24	24	.500	5½
San Antonio	21	26	.447	8
New Orleans	19	29	.396	10½

NORTHWEST

Denver	32	15	.681	—
Utah	32	15	.681	—
Oklahoma City	29	20	.592	4
Portland	21	27	.438	11½
Minnesota	15	32	.319	17

PACIFIC

L.A. Lakers	36	10	.783	—
L.A. Clippers	33	14	.702	3½
Phoenix	20	27	.426	16½
Sacramento	17	30	.362	19½
Golden State	10	38	.208	27

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Indiana 115, Chicago 106 (OT)
Brooklyn 125, Detroit 115
Memphis 127, New York 106
San Antonio 127, Utah 120
Portland 125, Houston 112
Oklahoma City 120, Sacramento 100

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Charlotte at Washington, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Boston, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Toronto at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 7 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Denver at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

PACERS 115, BULLS 109 (OT)

Chicago	24	27	29	20	6	—109
Indiana	25	30	25	20	15	—115

3-Point Goals—Chicago 6-33 (White 3-5, Satoransky 1-3, Young 1-4, LaVine 1-11, Hutchison 0-3, Valentine 0-5), Indiana 7-27 (J.Holiday 3-4, Warren 2-3, Brogdon 1-4, Oladipo 1-7, Lamb 0-3, McDermott 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 34 (Felicio 8), Indiana 46 (Sabonis 11). Assists—Chicago 27 (LaVine 10), Indiana 26 (Brogdon 9). Total Fouls—Chicago 17, Indiana 14. A—17,923 (20,000)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	29	10	12	70	169	135
Tampa Bay	30	15	5	65	181	142
Florida	28	16	5	61	183	163
Toronto	27	17	7	61	186	170
Buffalo	22	21	7	51	147	157
Montreal	22	22	7	51	157	161
Ottawa	18	23	9	45	138	169
Detroit	12	35	4	28	109	199

METRO

Washington	34	12	5	73	185	151
Pittsburgh	31	14	5	67	168	136
N.Y. Islanders	29	15	5	63	143	132
Columbus	27	16	8	62	138	130
Carolina	29	18	3	61	159	132
Philadelphia	27	17	6	60	158	150
N.Y. Rangers	23	21	4	50	158	159
New Jersey	18	24	7	43	130	176

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	31	12	8	70	164	141
Colorado	28	15	6	62	179	143
Dallas	28	14	5	63	131	127
Chicago	24	21	6	54	155	161
Winnipeg	25	22	4	54	152	160
Nashville	23	19	7	53	163	163
Minnesota	23	21	6	52	156	166

PACIFIC

Vancouver	29	18	4	62	170	152
Calgary	27	19	6	60	143	155
Edmonton	26	18	6	58	158	157
Vegas	25	20	7	57	161	159
Arizona	26	21	5	57	148	142
San Jose	22	26	4	48	136	174
Anaheim	20	25	5	45	128	156
Los Angeles	18	28	5	41	127	162

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Toronto 5, Dallas 3
Nashville 5, Washington 4
Anaheim 4, Arizona 2
Calgary 4, Edmonton 3, SO
Tampa Bay 4, Los Angeles 2
Vancouver 5, San Jose 2

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Montreal at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Nashville at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Arizona, 8:30 p.m.

PREDATORS 5, CAPITALS 4

Nashville	3	0	2	—5
Washington	2	2	0	—4

1ST: 1. Washington, Panik 6 (Hagelin), 9:28. 2. Nashville, Tinordi 1 (Forsberg), 10:15. 3. Nashville, Granlund 10 (Turris, Forsberg), 12:52 (pp). 4. Nashville, Grimaldi 9 (Josi, Bonino), 16:02. 5. Washington, Ovechkin 35, 16:26. Penalties: Tinordi, Nas (high stick), 6:41; Orlov, Was (hold), 11:02; Turris, Nas (hook), 17:35.

2ND: 6. Washington, Panik 7, 6:01. 7. Washington, Wilson 16 (Ovechkin, Eller), 11:06 (pp). Penalties: Duchene, Nas (hook), 2:19; Ekholm, Nas (high stick), 9:16; Hathaway, Was (hook), 15:37.

3RD: 8. Nashville, Johansen 11, 3:00 (sh), 9. Nashville, Weber 1 (Hamhuis, Johansen), 15:23. Penalties: Panik, Was (roughing), 0:35; Johansen, Nas (slash), 0:35; Arvidsson, Nas (high stick), 1:57; Vrana, Was (slash), 11:15; Eller, Was (hook), 16:03.

SHOTS ON GOAL: Nashville 7-7-10—24. Washington 15-15-4—34. POWER PLAYS: Nashville 1 of 4; Washington 1 of 5. GOALIES: Nashville, Saros 7-8-4 (33 shots—29 saves). Washington, Holtby 19-10-4 (24-19). A: 18,573 (18,277). T: 2:30.

GOALTENDING LEADERS

TEMPTAG					
WINS	TEAM	W	L	OT	SO
Andrei Vasilevskiy	TB	24	9	3	2
Fredrik Andersen	TOR	23	9	6	1
Jordan Binnington	STL	23	8	5	1
Connor Hellebuyck	WPG	21	16	4	4
Carey Price	MON	20	17	4	2
Sergei Bobrovsky	FLA	19	12	4	1
Marc-Andre Fleury	LV	19	12	4	2
Braden Holtby	WAS	19	9	4	0
David Rittich	CGY	19	12	5	2
Jacob Markstrom	VAN	18	13	3	1
Petr Mrázek	CAR	18	12	3	3

LOSSES

TEAM	W	L	OL	SO
John Gibson	ANA	14	20	3

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. Baylor (18-1) beat Iowa State 67-53. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
2. Gonzaga (21-1) did not play. Next: at Santa Clara, Thursday.
3. Kansas (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.
4. San Diego State (22-0) beat New Mexico 85-57. Next: vs. Utah State, Sat.
5. Florida State (17-3) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Saturday.
6. Louisville (18-3) beat Boston College 86-69. Next: at N.C. State, Saturday.
7. Dayton (19-2) beat Duquesne 73-69. Next: vs. Fordham, Saturday.
8. Villanova (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Creighton, Saturday.
9. Duke (17-3) did not play. Next: at Syracuse, Saturday.
10. Seton Hall (16-4) beat DePaul 64-57. Next: vs. Xavier, Saturday.
11. Oregon (17-4) did not play. Next: at California, Thursday.
12. West Virginia (16-4) lost to Texas Tech 89-81. Next: vs. Kansas State, Sat.
13. Kentucky (16-4) beat Vanderbilt 71-62. Next: at No. 17 Auburn, Saturday.
14. Michigan State (16-5) beat Northwestern 79-50. Next: at Wisconsin, Sat.
15. Maryland (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Iowa, Thursday.
16. Butler (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. Providence, Saturday.
17. Auburn (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Kentucky, Saturday.
18. Iowa (15-5) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Maryland, Thursday.
19. Illinois (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Thursday.
20. Colorado (16-4) did not play. Next: at UCLA, Thursday.
21. Houston (17-4) beat East Carolina 69-59. Next: at Cincinnati, Sat.
22. LSU (16-4) beat Alabama 90-76. Next: vs. Mississippi, Saturday.
23. Wichita State (17-3) did not play. Next: at Tulsa, Saturday.
24. Penn State (15-5) beat Indiana 64-49. Next: at Nebraska, Saturday.
25. Rutgers (16-5) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Saturday.

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

EAST
Albany (NY) 67, UMBC 63
Amherst 95, Salem St. 67
Army 68, Bucknell 59
Babson 86, Emerson 84
Boston U. 92, Loyola (Md.) 77
Caldwell 80, Nyack 79
Coast Guard 87, Wheaton 84
Dean 107, Elms 98
Eastern 71, DeSales 68
George Wash 107, Davidson 104, 40T
Hartford 73, Binghamton 57
Lafayette 80, Colgate 78
Navy 81, Holy Cross 66
Saint Louis 77, La Salle 76, OT
St. Peter's 66, Monmouth (NJ) 63
Stony Brook 84, Mass.-Lowell 76
UConn 78, Temple 63
UMass 91, Saint Joseph's 76
Vermont 56, New Hampshire 43

SOUTH

Chattanooga 92, Samford 84
McNeese St. 80, Nicholls 74
Memphis 59, UCF 57
Mercer 71, ETSU 55
Northwestern St. 82, New Orleans 74
South Florida 66, Tulane 52
Wofford 79, The Citadel 56

MIDWEST

Bradley 80, Valparaiso 69
Illinois St. 77, Evansville 66
Indiana St. 58, Drake 56
Kansas St. 61, Oklahoma 53
N. Iowa 95, Missouri St. 66
Notre Dame 90, Wake Forest 80
S. Illinois 68, Chicago 63

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. South Carolina (19-1) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Thursday.
2. Baylor (18-1) did not play. Next: at Texas, Friday.
3. Oregon (17-2) did not play. Next: at Utah, Thursday.
4. UConn (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Thursday.
5. Louisville (20-1) did not play. Next: at Notre Dame, Thursday.
6. Stanford (18-2) did not play. Next: at Washington, Friday.
7. N.C. State (19-1) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Thursday.
8. UCLA (18-1) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Arizona, Friday.
9. Mississippi State (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Thursday.
10. Oregon State (16-4) did not play. Next: at Colorado, Thursday.
11. DePaul (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. Creighton, Friday.
12. Gonzaga (20-1) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego, Thursday.
13. Kentucky (16-3) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Thursday.
14. Florida State (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Thursday.
15. Texas A&M (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Thursday.
16. Arizona (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 UCLA, Friday.
17. Maryland (16-4) did not play. Next: at Ohio State, Thursday.
18. Iowa (17-3) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Thursday.
19. Arizona State (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Friday.
20. Indiana (16-5) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Thursday.
21. South Dakota (20-2) beat Omaha 73-42. Next: at Denver, Sunday.
22. Tennessee (16-4) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Thursday.
23. Northwestern (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Thursday.
24. Missouri State (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Bradley, Friday.
25. Arkansas (16-4) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Thursday.

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

EAST
Albany (NY) 56, UMBC 51
American U. 64, Lehigh 56
Binghamton 80, Hartford 44
Boston U. 41, Loyola (Md.) 39
Bucknell 77, Army 46
Cent. Michigan 98, Buffalo 93
Davidson 77, Rhode Island 70
George Wash. 56, Saint Joseph's 50
Holy Cross 57, Navy 43
La Salle 77, George Mason 65
Lafayette 55, Colgate 39
New Hampshire 59, Vermont 51
Stony Brook 60, Mass.-Lowell 41
Temple 67, UCF 65
UMass 64, Richmond 50

SOUTH

New Orleans 77, Northwestern St. 63
Nicholls 79, McNeese St. 63
SE Louisiana 63, Cent. Arkansas 42
S. Florida 74, Houston 45
VCU 62, Fordham 52

MIDWEST

E. Michigan 77, Toledo 62
Kent St. 69, Ball St. 68
Ohio 70, Akron 57

SOUTHWEST

Houston Baptist 60, Incarnate Word 55
SMU 64, Wichita St. 44
St. F. Austin 69, Abilene Christian 59
TCU 72, Oklahoma St. 68

WEST

California Baptist 80, Utah Vall. 67
San Diego St. 75, New Mexico 74

SOCCER

CONCACAF WOMEN'S OLYMPIC FIRST ROUND QUALIFYING

GROUP A: Friday in Houston
Haiti vs. Costa Rica, 5 p.m.
Panama vs. U.S., 7:30 p.m.

SUPER BOWL



Speedweek in Miami

In today's 'fast football league,' playmakers on Chiefs, 49ers at front of the pack

BY JOSH DUBOW
Associated Press

MIAMI — Tyreek Hill has plans for the speedy Chiefs receiving group after the Super Bowl.

"If I'm healthy and my mind is in the right place, I'd go try out for the Olympics, put together a relay," Hill said. "We'd show these track guys, 'Hey, we football players can do that, too!'"

Hill might only have been half-kidding but he'd sure have a speedy crew. Hill said he'd race with fellow receivers Mecole Hardman and Sammy Watkins, and cornerback Charvarius Ward in a relay team.

While that group might not be able to win a gold medal in Tokyo, it's enough to strike fear in opposing coaches.

"It almost looks like they got their roster from the Olympic relay team and threw them all on the football field," 49ers defensive coordinator Robert Saleh said. "Not to say they can't run routes and catch either, because they can do that. They're a special group and you can see why they're there."

The Chiefs bring the NFL's fastest group of wide receivers by Hill and Hardman into the Super Bowl against a 49ers team featuring plenty of speedsters as well.

It's no accident that the league's two fastest offenses are playing for the championship Sunday as offenses seek more and more to get playmakers the ball in space rather than just run it up the middle with brute force.

The Chiefs were the NFL's fastest team this season with ball carriers averaging a top speed of 13.34 mph, according to NextGen Stats compiled by SportRadar. The 49ers were only a tick behind at 13.32 mph.

SUPER BOWL LIV
Chiefs vs. 49ers
6:30 p.m. Sunday, FOX
Hard Rock Stadium
in Miami Gardens, Fla.



With so much speed on both sides maybe they could hold a 400-meter relay race in place of the opening coin toss.

"If we do line up for a relay, they'd probably win," 49ers safety Jimmie Ward. "But one thing about it, this is football. There's such a thing as a helmet and shoulder pads. And we hit. We are very physical with how we hit."

The 49ers have plenty of speed of their own led by running back Raheem Mostert, who was clocked with the fastest time of the season for the team at 22.85 mph.

Mostert said if he was putting together a relay team he'd use the running back room with himself, Tevin Coleman, Matt Breida and Jeff Wilson Jr. Mostert, Breida and Coleman all ran the 40-yard dash leading up to their drafts under 4.4 seconds.

The 49ers running backs led the league in average top speed with the ball with Breida's 22.3 mph on an 83-yard TD run against the Browns the fastest time all season for a ball carrier. Mostert wasn't far behind when he hit 21.87 mph on a 36-yard TD run in the NFC title game against the Packers.

Tyreek Hill, top, leads a speedy Chiefs receiving corps, while Raheem Mostert and the 49ers RBs also can hit high gear.

COLIN E. BRALEY/AP (HILL)
OTTO GREULE JR./GETTY (MOSTERT)

Injured receiver Marquise Goodwin is faster than all of them, with a combine 40 time of 4.27 seconds. Goodwin competed in the 2012 Olympics as a long jumper and also is an accomplished sprinter.

The Chiefs speed is mostly at receiver where they led the league in average top speed with Hill posting the top mark of 22.81 mph when he chased down teammate Damien Williams after a long run to celebrate in the end zone.

Hardman is right there with Hill when it comes to speed, giving coach Andy Reid the deep threats he covets for his offense.

"I've only gone that fast like in a car, so I don't know how it feels other than that, but both those two are real fast guys," Reid said. "It gives you an opportunity to obviously stretch the field."

With so much speed on the field, it will put added pressure on the defenses to try to keep up.

That's not something that overly concerns 49ers cornerback Richard Sherman, who has been one of the NFL's top cover cornerbacks since entering the league in 2011 despite a not-so-impressive 40 time at the combine of 4.56 seconds.

"This is a fast football league," Sherman said.

"There's a lot of teams with speed. There's a lot of teams that have a tremendous amount of speed on the outside, on the inside. At the end of the day, you've got to go out there and execute your scheme regardless. You can go out there and face five receivers that run a 4.6, and if you don't execute your scheme, you can get run out of the building. So at the end of the day, we expect to go out there and do what we've done."

NOTES

Goodell says Rooney rule needs 'work'

League commish: Diversity in hirings must improve

Associated Press

Stopping short of saying the Rooney Rule is not working, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell noted Wednesday the league needs change to its minority hiring policy.

Though the league requires teams to interview minority candidates, only two African-Americans were hired for 19 open head coaching spots over the last three years. The league has only two minority GM among the 32 teams.

"Clearly we are not where we want to be on this level," Goodell said at his annual Super Bowl news conference. "We have a lot of work that has gone into not only the Rooney Rule but our policy overall. It's clear we need change and do something different."

"There's no reason to expect we're going to have a different outcome next year without those kinds of changes and we've already begun engaging in those changes. Not just with our diversity committee, not just with the Fritz Pollard Alliance, but others. And trying to figure out what steps we could take next that would lead to better outcomes. It's clear we're all committed to doing that, and we have to make those changes."

"We will have a series of meetings over the next month to get that kind of dialogue going, to continue the dialogue to try to determine what are the solutions so we can have those better outcomes," he added.

The Rooney Rule, which has been adopted by other leagues and businesses, calls for a minority candidate to be interviewed for head coaching and executive openings such as general managers. Critics have said those interviews are often simply token responses to the rule and that the minority candidates are not seriously considered for those positions.

Goodell also addressed negotiations between the NFL Players Association and the league on a new labor deal. The current 10-year contract runs out in March 2021 and there is optimism on both fronts that a new deal would be finalized before this March when the 2020 league year begins.

"We've been having incredibly productive dialogue," Goodell said. "I think we've made a lot of progress at now seven or eight months since we began those discussions more formally."

"I think we've addressed difficult issues that face our league going forward and looking forward. I think both the players and management and everyone at the negotiations have worked to try to find creative solutions to make the NFL better, and that's what you want."

As for putting a timetable on a potential agreement, Goodell wouldn't speculate.

"The process will close when it closes, when all of us feel comfortable that we've reached an agreement that we want to go forward with," he said. "I don't know when that will be. I think it's more important to get it right."

Chiefs, 49ers healthy: Running back Tevin Coleman returned to practice Wednesday as the 49ers began final preparations for the Super Bowl, while the Chiefs had everyone on the field as they put the finishing touches on their game plan.

Coleman, who dislocated his shoulder in the NFC championship game, took handoffs during team drills during the 1-hour, 40-min workout at the University of Miami's practice facility. He looked to be in good spirits, too, slapping hands with his teammates and leaping after one play in particular.

"We'll see as the week goes how much the pain tolerance is for his shoulder," said 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan, who also has Matt Breida and breakout star Raheem Mostert at his disposal.

Coleman was listed as limited on the injury list along with linebacker Kwon Alexander, who returned from a torn pectoral muscle in the playoffs, and safety Jaquiski Tartt, who has been dealing with sore ribs.

"They all got to go," Shanahan said. "I'm expecting them good by Sunday."

Meanwhile, the only injury concerns heading into the week for the Chiefs were defensive tackle Chris Jones, who was hobbled by a calf strain in the AFC title game, and tight end Travis Kelce, who has been dealing with a sore knee.

Chiefs coach Andy Reid said that Kelce was fine and that Jones was "good to go" after a 90-minute workout Wednesday.

Reid wanted to keep the week before the game relatively light, so the Chiefs installed virtually the entire game plan for Sunday night's game before they departed Kansas City. That allowed them to deal with the circus of opening night Monday and more media responsibilities Tuesday without worrying about putting things in place for the game.

"They loved it," Reid said after the workout, which took place at the Dolphins practice facility under sunny skies and with temps hitting 80 degrees. "They got a little sunshine, they loved it."



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Andy Reid led the Eagles to nine playoff appearances, six NFC East titles, five NFC championship game appearances and a Super Bowl trip during 14 seasons as coach of the Eagles.

Seven years ago, football helped Andy Reid grieve over death of son

By PAUL DOMOWITZ
The Philadelphia Inquirer

MIAMI — The hardest thing Jeffrey Lurie ever has had to do in the nearly 26 years he's owned the Eagles was tell Andy Reid to hit the road.

Everything has a shelf life, and after 14 very successful years as the Eagles coach, Lurie knew he had to make a change. For the good of his football team. And for the good of the man he was cutting loose.

The 2012 season had been an absolute disaster. Their four wins had been the Eagles' fewest since 1998, when they finished 3-13 under Ray Rhodes, which triggered the hiring of Reid.

Reid spent the season coaching with a heavy heart after losing his eldest son Garrett to a drug overdose that August. The Eagles won three of their first four, but then the roof caved in. They lost 11 of their last 12, many in embarrassing fashion.

Lurie's gratitude for what Reid had done in the 14 years he had coached the Eagles — nine playoff appearances, six division titles, five NFC championship game appearances, 130 regular-season wins and just three losing seasons — was evident in the way the Eagles owner chose to say goodbye.

He didn't point Reid to the NovaCare exit and tell him not to let the door hit him in the butt on the way out. No. What he did was put his arm around his fired coach and lead him to the team's cafeteria, where every member of the organization was assembled for a final farewell, complete with a standing ovation, a cake, and a football signed by everyone in the Eagles organization.

"Tears and hugs," Lurie said Monday, recalling that day seven years ago. "I'll always remember bringing the employees together and them giving him a standing ovation on his last day. That meant a lot to him and to us."

"From the day he got there 15 years or whatever-it-was earlier, he was beloved in that building, and appreciated. His work ethic, his attention to detail, his caring about individuals on a human basis; things the public never has easy access to or gets to see."

Many of Reid's friends and colleagues advised him to take a year off from coaching after the Eagles let him go. Recharge his batteries. Finish grieving for Garrett. Spend time with his wife Tammy and their four kids.

Lurie hoped Reid would do that as well. But he didn't think it was his place to tell him what to do.

"I didn't advise him because I always feel with Andy, he knows best about what's best for him," the Eagles owner said. "I was a



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Reid celebrates with the Lamar Hunt Trophy after the Chiefs' victory over the Titans in the AFC championship game. The Chiefs face the 49ers in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

little surprised he wanted to get right back into it and not take a year off. But he knew himself better than any of us did."

Just four days after getting that standing ovation at NovaCare, Reid signed a five-year deal to become the coach of the Chiefs. On Sunday, Reid and the Chiefs will face the 49ers in Super Bowl LIV.

"There were a group of us who were communicating with him directly or indirectly," said Joe Banner, who had stepped down as Eagles president the summer before the 2012 season.

"I was in Cleveland as Browns CEO and Mike Holmgren was there. Both of us were telling him you really should take a year off. You've got to regroup. Support your family. Take your time. You'll have no trouble getting another job in a year."

"Everybody I know was telling him the same thing. But he was like, 'This is what I do. I'm ready to go. Sitting around with all that idle time would be deadly to me.'

"We were all worried about how it would go. But he proved that he knew himself better than everybody else. He kind of got a second wind. He got more engaged and took over things like running the offense and doing the play-calling and stuff like that that he didn't do his last few years in Philly."

Tom Melvin, who has known Reid since the early '80s when he played for him at San Francisco State and has spent the last 21 years as one of his assistant coaches, didn't find it surprising that Reid wanted to get right back in the saddle.

"What was he going to do? Sit on a beach and mull it over?" Melvin said. "You've got to move on. That's the best thing for you rather than sit and stew on it. That's when you get into trouble when you do that."

Melvin acknowledged that the change of scenery helped.

"It was good that we had a new environment," he said. "It would've been hard staying in Philly. He needed a new

start. Having everything in front of you. "A new life."

While it might've seemed that Reid used coaching to run and hide from his grief over Garrett's death, that wasn't the case. He used it to help him cope. He understood that. Tammy and the kids understood that. Eventually, his friends understood that as well.

"I didn't consider taking a year off," Reid said Monday night. "I loved what I was doing. I thought coaching was good medicine. It helps you through. There's nothing like the camaraderie. As long as my family was OK with it, I was good with it. So I kept on rolling."

Rolling right into seventh place in all-time wins among NFL head coaches. Rolling right into Sunday's Super Bowl.

In his seven seasons in Kansas City, the Chiefs have averaged 11 wins a year, have made the playoffs five times and have won four division titles.

Banner thinks football hasn't been the only thing that has helped his friend deal with the tragedy of his son's death. He thinks Reid's strong Mormon faith also has been a huge factor.

"It doesn't get talked about much because he doesn't talk about it much," Banner said. "But Andy is very religious. Talking to him around the time of Garrett's death and subsequent to that, his faith presented what I want to call a foundation that supported him and kept him kind of strong and positive."

"I mean, he was devastated by the loss. But he kind of held on to this kind of inner strength that came from his faith. I think the combination of a fresh start in Kansas City with something to prove and his incredible faith allowed him to rebound and move forward in a way that I don't think many people could have."

Lurie and Reid have remained close since parting ways that December day in 2012.

"We either call or text each other often," the owner said. "On the few occasions during the year that I see him, it's very personal and honest and genuine."

After the Eagles won the Super Bowl two years ago, one of the first people Lurie called was Reid.

"I wanted him to know how big a part of us winning was him," he said. "I really wanted to convey that to him."

Lurie said Reid also was instrumental in his decision to hire Doug Pederson to replace Chip Kelly in 2016. Pederson was Reid's offensive coordinator at the time.

"His recommendation of Doug meant a lot to me," he said. "It impacted us. This wasn't a casual phone call. We had a few calls in the process. We had talked about virtually every candidate we were interviewing and spent a lot of time on Doug."

"Andy was genuine and very helpful. It gave me the confidence that what Doug was doing with Andy was very important and worthy of giving him the chance to be the head coach."

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Chiefs All-Pro tight end Travis Kelce has not only made a name for himself with his play. Kelce's touchdown celebrations also have attracted plenty of attention.

Having no end of good times

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR.
Associated Press

Fun-loving tight ends Kelce, Kittle the life of Super Bowl party

MIAMI — They've got swagger, style and lots and lots of catches.

Kansas City's Travis Kelce and San Francisco's George Kittle are talkative tight ends at this year's Super Bowl and among the most entertaining personalities in the NFL — Rob Gronkowski-types who could play big roles in who wins the big game Sunday.

"I just love to live life, man," Kelce said with a big smile. "And I like to enjoy happiness along the way."

That comes from a guy whose silly, entertaining, ridiculous, hilarious — or, all of the above — dances to celebrate his touchdowns instantly go viral moments after he gets into the end zone.

The 6-foot-5, 260-pound Kelce has "Hit the Quan" and done "The Chicken Head" and everything in between. He's the life of a football party that has moved to the NFL's biggest stage — and with a worldwide audience watching.

"I just think any time he gets the ball in the end zone, I ask him all the time, 'How do you come up with these dances, man? Just how do you come up with all this stuff?'" said Chiefs offensive tackle Eric Fisher, who was fined \$14,037 for dumping two beers on himself while celebrating a touchdown in Kansas City's divisional round win over Houston.

"I don't know, man," Fisher added. "I think his touchdown celebrations are one of a kind and will go down in history."

Kelce is also doing a pretty good job of getting himself into the record books with his play.

He holds the NFL record for the most seasons by a tight end with 1,000 or more yards receiving with four, and counting. Kelce is a favorite target of Patrick Mahomes and established himself as possibly the best all-around tight end in the game.

"Kelce's a beast," Chiefs wide receiver Tyreek Hill said. "He's special. I've never seen a guy that size to have that much ability or to carry that kind of swagger. He's definitely a leader."

The 49ers say the same of the playmaking Kittle, who was se-



TONY AVELAR/AP

49ers tight end George Kittle, also an All-Pro, likes to bring his love of wrestling into his football world. Kittle's nickname "Stone Cold Kittle" is an homage to "Stone Cold" Steve Austin.

lected a first-team All-Pro this season. The third-year tight end has had 85 catches or more and 1,000 yards receiving in each of his past two years.

Kittle is a fun-loving character whose approach to the game mimics that of a playful professional wrestler. After all, his nickname is "Stone Cold Kittle" — after "Stone Cold" Steve Austin.

He even uses a gesture to celebrate first downs that he borrowed from Pentagón Jr., a Mexican wrestler. He makes a circle with his thumb and forefinger to form a "0" and then flicks his wrist so his other fingers form an "M" for Pentagón Jr.'s catch

phrase: "Cero miedo," which means, "zero fear."

"I think we're all a little different, but he's unique and you see it on the field," 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said. "He has a personality where he goes 100 mph in whatever he does. That's probably why he's going to have a WWE career after this. What's cool is that's kind of who he is and then you see it on the field. That's why whether he does perfect or not, he always makes plays with his attitude when the ball is in his hands."

That all started when Kittle was in college at Iowa, where then-tight ends coach Levar Woods gave him homework. The assign-

ment: Watch videos of the best players at the position and take anything he can use to add to his game.

Kittle couldn't stop looking at film of Kelce, filling his iPad with film of the Chiefs star.

Every play, every game.

"Whether it's what he does in the red zone, how he runs his routes, his mindset every time he steps on the football field. I think the thing that really kind of stands out the most is you see his personality when he plays and how much fun he has," Kittle said. "Very similar to Gronk and his personality, the way it shows. I think they just kind of opened the

door for tight ends like me to be able to express ourselves on the football field."

Or, off it.

Kittle is an affable guy who's always smiling and cracking jokes. After the 49ers' victory over Green Bay in the NFC championship game, the tight end walked around doing TV interviews while wearing a T-shirt of a bare-chested quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo that a fan sent to him.

Of course, photos and video went viral. Just like his first-down celebrations.

"I think we both have a really good time playing football," Kittle said. "You can see that on the tape. We both just enjoy being out there with our teammates. We both make plays when we're asked to, and I think we both make plays when we're not asked to."

They've also been able to make plays when they aren't there.

Last season, Kittle had the most yards after catch since the stat began being tracked in 2010 with 870. He ranked first this season among non-running backs with 602.

"One guy shouldn't bring us down," the 6-4, 245-pound Kittle said. "And if you have that mindset, where you're going to run through someone's face, it definitely makes the YAC a lot easier."

Kelce isn't too shabby, either, ranking third among tight ends with 410 yards after catch.

"I do believe the run after catch is something I've been able to have a knack since I have been in the league," Kelce said. "Obviously, since Kittle has been in the league, he's taken that to a whole other level."

The two tight ends are far from one-dimensional. They do more than their fair share of blocking, too, while contributing to their teams' running games.

They'll hit defenders with a smile. And, then show off some dance moves.

"I think we're both positive guys," Kelce said with a big smile. "We both love to play the game and, at the same time, we both love life."

AP Pro Football Writers Josh Dubow and Barry Wilner, and AP Sports Writer Dave Skretta contributed.

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— George Kittle, 49ers tight end, on his Chiefs counterpart Travis Kelce

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The Western Pole art project, curated by Jesse Malmed, is located at the corner of Western Avenue and Cermak Road.

Exhibitions seen in unusual places

Works of art found everywhere, including on a flagpole and traffic light

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

You probably didn't know this, but there's a north pole in Chicago.

There's also a south pole. This being Chicago, however, nothing is so straightforward.

The North Pole, found in Rogers Park, is a 10-minute walk from Howard, the northern-most street in the city. Meanwhile the south pole, located at the corner of Western Avenue and Cermak Road, is actually named "Western Pole."

It's possible you've seen these poles and looked right past them. Yet both are art galleries. Or rather, North Pole is a flagpole that's been repurposed as a gallery, while Western Pole is a traffic light doubling (unofficially) as an art space.

North Pole is in a backyard. Western Pole is caked with road salt right now.

On a drizzly morning, Jesse Malmed, a Chicago artist and teacher and the sole curator of Western Pole, carried its latest exhibition in a tote bag. His pockets were stuffed with zip ties. The work was by Canadian artist Jessica Campbell, whose most recent solo show was just last year at the Museum of Contemporary Art.

As with that MCA show, the work is a rug; Campbell has sewn "FREE" in big red letters against a canary-yellow backdrop. But unlike at the MCA, this is a solo show with a solo piece.

And instead of gallery walls, guards and quiet, it's surrounded by a T-Mobile, a low-cost dentistry, a pawn shop, a car wash, a Dunkin' and the periodic blasting of truck horns.

For the past five years, once a week, Malmed has installed a new piece by a different, often acclaimed artist on this anonymous green pole. When someone at the nearby bus shelter asks what he's doing, "I usually say, 'Oh, it's an art thing.' Which for some reason seems like an adequate response."

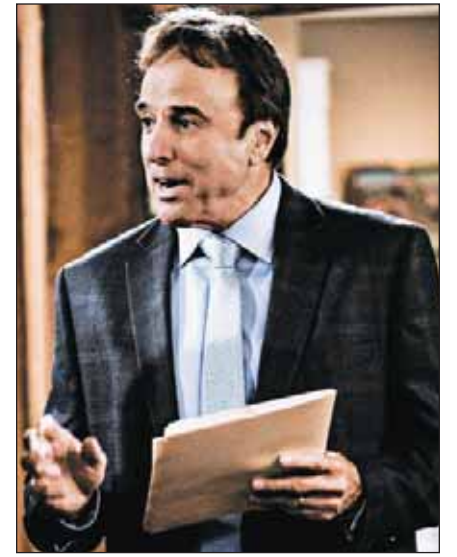
And when someone steals the work? "It's fine," he said. "It happens."

In December, German artist Annelies Kamen exhibited a lenticular print that played off Bugs Bunny classics, reading "Duck Season" or "Rabbit Season" depending on your viewing angle. That was stolen. Four years ago, Chicago textile artist Timothy McMillan dressed a sculpture of a panda in a pink G-string and strapped it to Western Pole. That was stolen too, and so a week later McMillan taped on the pole a missing-panda poster.

"When Jesse asked me to participate, I started by thinking about my relationship to (street) flyers," Campbell said, "and remembered that when I was growing up my dad would leave things to give away on the front lawn and print up an 8 1/2-by-11 sign that said 'FREE' in Times New Roman font. Funny enough, most of the stuff was taken after the signs would blow away and passersby thought they were stealing the object."

But she said she liked the idea of putting her "FREE" on the pole because she wanted to play with the nation's unsteady relationship to the word and her own uneasy feelings about the art market: "The reality is I could not afford to buy

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EDDY CHEN/CBS

If the mood strikes, Kevin Nealon has been known to resurrect Mr. Subliminal during his stand-up act.

MY WORST MOMENT

Nealon had no fear of lying down on the job

Stand-up comedian worked from a cot while feeling ill

BY NINA METZ

"Saturday Night Live" alum Kevin Nealon knows audiences have long memories for the iconic characters he created during his time on the show from 1986 to 1995. Sometimes when he's performing stand-up comedy (as he will Feb. 1 at 350 Brewing in Tinley Park) the crowd will shout out requests for those characters, which he will occasionally oblige later in the show.

Mr. Subliminal is one that gets shouted often. The character seamlessly inserts his unfettered opinions and desires into otherwise banal sentences. Can Nealon perform him off the cuff and unscripted?

"Yeah," he said. "I've been doing it for the last 10 minutes."

Nealon co-stars on the CBS Matt LeBlanc comedy "Man With a Plan" (which returns for a fourth season April 2), and as for that "Weeds" sequel in the works at Starz, "I'm told that I'll be part of that," he said.

You can also catch his celebrity talk show series "Hiking with Kevin," which he posts on YouTube every week and features Nealon hiking various trails in Los Angeles with one famous guest after another, but there's no crew: "Just me with a selfie stick and my drone."

Stand-up comedy remains his first passion, he said, and when asked about a worst moment in his career, it was an out-of-town stand-up performance that came to mind, one that took place during a week off while he was with "SNL."

My worst moment ...

"OK, here's my story: I had a gig once — I think it was near Rochester, New York, or Buffalo, New York — and it was

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Verboten' ★★★

Jason Narducy takes on a rite of passage

Composer creates a punk rock musical set in 1980s Chicago

BY CHRIS JONES

Just as "Hamilton" is not entirely a hip-hop musical, so "Verboten," the very sweet and promising new musical at the House Theatre of Chicago with clear off-Broadway prospects, is not entirely a punk show.

That's not to say its composer lacks punk bonafides — Jason Narducy went on to front the band Split Single and play bass with Superchunk and Bob Mould of Husker Du fame. Nor is to say that "Verboten," which happens to be the name of the band that Narducy founded during his high school days in Evanston, lacks numbers filled with thrashy, distorted guitar sounds in the vein of the Ramones or Naked Raygun. It's fair to say that a healthy portion of the movement you will be watching at the Chopin Theatre consists of teenagers jumping up and down in their basements, irritating their parents upstairs.

But Narducy — who proves himself to be a very effective theatrical songwriter — has been smart enough to offer a broader musical palette. In essence, the teenage members of "Verboten" play and sing, ahem, within the punk penumbra while their parents, who are a pretty big part of the story, sing the kind of classic stuff that a



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Matthew Lunt, Krystal Ortiz, Jeff Kurysz, Kieran McCabe and Jimmy Chung in "Verboten" by House Theatre of Chicago.

music-loving middle-aged person would have been listening to in the early 1980s. Take it all together and "Verboten" already has a better original score than plenty of the shows I've seen of late on Broadway.

Plus it has a rare calling card, the sheer audacity of trying to create a musical rooted not in Sid and Nancy, but in all-American, Midwestern punk. Assuming we can all settle on what that means.

The simple story involves Jason (Kieran McCabe), Tracey (Krystal Ortiz), Chris (Matthew Lunt) and Zack (Jeff Kurysz), otherwise known as Verboten, spilling out their teenage angst. This hardly is the first musical about using a rock band as a means of escape from being misunderstood by your parents ("School of Rock" and so on), but it's a perennially appealing narrative. The book, written by Brett Neveu, is a kind of quest: Will our heroes make it through their big Wrigleyville gig at the Cubby Bear without (a) losing their teenage minds; (b) beating up their parents; (c) being beaten up by their parents; or (d) imploding internally? That is the order of musical business, not that any of the characters in the show would think of their precious musical expression in such mercenary terms.

Let us first all agree that premiering a new musical is very difficult, especially when your book is from from scratch, notwithstanding the Narducy autobiographical underpinnings. And let's further stipulate that task is especially hard at a midsized Chicago theater, without enhancement money from Broadway producers and the like. "Verboten" still needs a lot of work, but it's already well worth seeing (and developing), especially if you are a fan of Narducy's music or, really, any of the aforementioned bands. For a show only

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H.E.R., left, and Missy Elliott are starring together in a new Pepsi commercial for the Super Bowl.

Missy Elliott, H.E.R. team up for Pepsi ad

Almost three years ago, Missy Elliott sent a tweet to a then under-the-radar artist whose music she admired and told her that “she was going to blow up.”

Fast forward to this week and H.E.R. has been nominated for 10 Grammys, won two and is now starring with the rap legend in a new Pepsi commercial that will debut for the Super Bowl.

“When Pepsi reached out and said we want to have you on the Super Bowl commercial and the other person would be H.E.R., I was like, ‘Oh my God, this is major,’” Elliott said.

Elliott first heard of the “Best Part” singer from a friend who had her debut album on repeat. Elliott thought the record was “hot” and “immediately started Googling her,” but couldn’t find much information beyond her mixtape.

“It made me fall in love with her music,” Elliott told The Associated Press. “I didn’t get into what she looked like, what she said, what she had on, it was just the lyrics and the tracks and all that and I was like, ‘This girl is really talented.’”

Now the pair are collaborating on a cover of the Rolling Stones’ classic “Paint it Black” for the ad.

The animated ad features H.E.R.’s sultry sound awash in red, surrounded by fluid dancers swishing long, red trains before it melds into a black stage punctuated by an upbeat rap from Elliott. The new track was co-produced by Elliott and longtime collaborator Timbaland with original lyrics from both artists and guitar and vocals from H.E.R.

“It’s scary when you’re having to re-create something that is so iconic and make sure that you do it justice,” said Elliott, who performed at the Super Bowl with Katy Perry in 2015.

The two are the latest to join Pepsi’s ad lineup, joining the ranks of Ray Charles, Michael Jackson, Tina Turner and Britney Spears.

— Associated Press



KINGSTON TRIO FILE PHOTO

Bob Shane of Kingston Trio dies: Bob Shane, the last surviving original member of the popular folk group the Kingston Trio and the lead singer on its million-selling ballad “Tom Dooley” and many other hits, has died. Shane, 85, died Sunday at a hospice in Phoenix. The cause of death was not immediately known. The group broke through nationally in 1958 with their eponymous debut album, which featured “Tom Dooley,” an old standard inspired by a Confederate veteran’s conviction for murder. The song reached No. 1 on the Billboard pop charts, won a Grammy for best country and western song (no folk category existed) and helped launch the so-called folk revival.

Cyrus, Hemsworth single again: Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth are officially single. Court records show that a Los Angeles judge on Tuesday finalized the divorce that ended the brief marriage of the 27-year-old American pop star and the 30-year-old Australian actor. The couple separated and Hemsworth filed for divorce in August, about eight months after he and Cyrus married. Hemsworth and Cyrus have no children, and neither sought spousal support. Documents cited irreconcilable differences as the reason for the split.

Jan. 30 birthdays: Actor Gene Hackman is 90. Actress Vanessa Redgrave is 83. Musician Phil Collins is 69. Comedian Brett Butler is 62. Singer Jody Watley is 61. Actor Wayne Wilderson is 54. Actor Christian Bale is 46. Actress Olivia Colman is 46. Actor Wilmer Valderrama is 40.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Mom worries about ‘fat shaming’ son

Dear Amy: I’m a comfortably retired mom with a 17-year-old son.

I totally resented my parents’ fat-shaming when I was growing up. (Oddly, I was tall and underweight at the time.) I went to the gym every day as a young adult and could never please my parents.

I resented every comment from my parents about weight gain. Now, I am a boomer on the high end of BMI and “overweight.” My doctor told me my bloodwork is great, to relax and not to diet.

Now, I see the point my parents tried to make. I am making my son log calories on a website to be aware that beef brisket has a ton more calories than fish.

I make him run the stairs in our house (one flight) and do two minutes of cardio. I am teaching him not to be sedentary.

I have this bad, looming, horrible, guilty feeling about this health education because of how my parents treated me. Is it OK to get him to log meals and learn about calories, good and bad fats, etc.?

He gladly jumps up to exercise, but he isn’t too interested in learning about calories and nutrition. I compliment him on his looks. I just hope he doesn’t feel like I’m fat shaming.

What do you think?
— Concerned Mom

Dear Mom: Your son is old enough that, rather than “make” him log meals and run up the stairs, you could engage him more fully in a healthy eating program at home. Learning to cook will equip him for when he leaves.

Start with asking him to

chop vegetables for the family salads. Move on to making omelets, fajitas, and breads (which are surprisingly fun to make). Distinguishing between “whole” foods and processed foods will help him to make basic informed choices about his own eating. But should you force him to log his eating? I don’t think you should.

Be honest with your son about how your parents treated you and how you felt about it. Tell him you want to pass along a healthier message.

He will be out of the house soon and on his own. If he feels knowledgeable, competent and in control of his own choices, he’ll be prepared for the ramen years.

Your son might like trying recipes from “The I Don’t Know How to Cook Book: 300 Great Recipes You Can’t Mess Up!” by Mary-Lane Kamberg (2015, Adams Media).

Dear Amy: My nearly 30-year-old daughter has developed some poor social habits, and I am not sure if it is appropriate to offer advice or let her continue down this path.

She wears old, worn-out clothes and has poor eating habits, including eating very fast, taking huge bites of food, using her fingers to eat and slurping her drinks. She is bright, beautiful, kind and has launched her career. She is independent.

I obviously dropped the ball when raising her to correct these habits early on and now find myself being embarrassed to eat with her.

Is it appropriate as a parent to insert myself at

this point?

We talk carefully about these topics, and she says she is expressing her own “style” in dressing and has acknowledged wanting to slow down the speed of her eating, but there have not been any improvements.

Do I stay out of this, or do I gently insert myself?
— Judgmental and Concerned Parent

Dear Judgmental: No, you should not comment on your daughter’s style of dress. She likely sees a mirror each day and is making choices.

However, I do think you should continue to prompt her about her eating style. None of us eats in front of a mirror. She says she is working on some of her habits. If a parent can’t occasionally act as a “reflection,” in a nonjudgmental but concerned way, then no one can.

Dear Amy: I did not like your answer to “Worried,” who was saddled with horrible stepchildren. You asked her, “Where’s your empathy?” Why did you support these awful, rude young adults over the person they were meant to?
— Horrified

Dear Horrified: “Worried” had been in the lives of these young adults for almost 10 years. I suggested that she reflect on the role she might have had in how they turned out and that more compassion (and less harsh judgment) might yield a better result.

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Wright's famed Taliesin school will close

Decision to shutter both campuses was 'gut-wrenching'

BY BLAIR KAMIN

Founded by Frank Lloyd Wright during the Great Depression, the famous school of architecture that once bore his name will close at the end of June, the school announced Tuesday.

Called the School of Architecture at Taliesin and established by Wright and his wife Olgivanna in 1932, the accredited private graduate school offered a three-year master's program that loomed large in the world of architecture because of its celebrated history and espousal of Wright's philosophy of "organic architecture."

Its early cohorts of students, known as "apprentices," were part of what Wright and his wife called the Taliesin Fellowship. Initially located in Wright's Taliesin compound in Spring Green, Wisconsin, the school later expanded to Wright's Taliesin West



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The drafting room at Taliesin West in Scottsdale, Arizona, the winter home of architect Frank Lloyd Wright and the architecture school he founded. The school closes in June.

retreat in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Students rotated between the Taliesins, spending the winter in Arizona. They served as both a source of income and labor for Wright during the bleak Depression years when building largely ground to a halt. Some later worked with the architect on such renowned projects as his spiraling Guggenheim Museum in New York.

"This is a sad and somber

day for our school, our students and staff and the architecture community," Dan Schweiker, chair of the school's board of governors said in a news release Tuesday. The board made the "gut-wrenching" decision to close to the school Saturday.

Schweiker added: "We did everything possible to fight for [the school's] survival but due to other forces it was not meant to be."

Schweiker did not elaborate. But the news release

said the board was unable to reach an agreement with the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation to keep the school open. The foundation, based in Scottsdale, owns the two Taliesin properties, which are open for public tours.

For its part, the foundation appeared to shift blame for the closing to the school's board.

Leaders of the board told the foundation that the school "did not have a sustainable business model that would allow it to maintain its operations as an accredited program," the foundation said in a news release.

But the school's board did not approve a plan that would have allowed the school to develop programs for which accreditation was not required and would have let second- and third-year students finish their education, the foundation said.

"We are disappointed that [the plan] was not approved" by the school's full board, Stuart Graff, the foundation's president said.

In an email to the Trib-

une, the school's president, Aaron Betsky, responded that the school had come up with a sustainable business model and accused the foundation of making unreasonable financial demands.

"The foundation offered us an ultimatum: Close by the end of July, or continue for one more year and one more year only, but only after giving up accreditation," Betsky wrote.

In the wake of the decision to close the school, the foundation plans to expand educational programs, including K-12 teaching, adult education and programs for architects, preservation specialists and design professionals.

About 30 students are enrolled at the school. The school is working out an agreement with a design school at Arizona State University to allow students to transfer credits to that school and get their degrees.

Graff also promised to be sure that the shutdown "occurs in the best interests of the students."

The decision to close the

Taliesin school comes three years after it changed its name to the School of Architecture at Taliesin from the Frank Lloyd School of Architecture and sought to gain financial independence from the foundation.

At the time, Betsky, then the school's dean, said: "Adopting this new name ... helps us secure our identity as an experimental, forward-looking architecture program rooted in the Taliesin Fellowship."

The closure comes at a time when the architect's renown remains high.

Last year, the cultural arm of the United Nations placed eight Wright-designed buildings, including both Taliesin complexes as well as Oak Park's Unity Temple and Chicago's Robie House, on the UNESCO World Heritage List, which honors sites of global cultural and natural significance.

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Art

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my own work." She likes the democratizing nature of Western Pole, "bringing contemporary art to everyone on the street — not only those who have mentally prepared for an art-viewing experience."

It's not, of course, an original idea.

Malmmed himself was partly inspired by "Temporary Allegiance," a flagpole gallery that stood for years outside Gallery 400 at the University of Illinois at Chicago, a project by his sometime collaborator Philip von Zweck (who has since moved the pole to Queens). Von Zweck would fly for one week nearly anything brought to him — Morse code, high school artwork, rubber chickens. In fact, "Temporary Allegiance" itself was not so unusual.

For ages, in residential living rooms and abandoned warehouses, artists and curators have installed serious shows outside the traditional institutional white walls typically associated with exhibition.

For more than a decade, former Chicago artist Michelle Grabner ran an internationally acclaimed gallery named "The Suburban" inside a shed behind her house in Oak Park. Elsewhere, around the world, there have been major and minor art shows installed on subway cars, in



E. JASON WAMBSGAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

North Pole is a flagpole and an art exhibition site in a Rogers Park backyard, curated by artists Kate Anderson and Aidan Hercules.

parking garages, on bathroom walls and even, cheekily, inside New York City dumpsters. Before he created Western Pole in 2015, Malmmed and a former partner ran Trunk Show, a traveling solo exhibition space that was installed on a 1999 Ford Taurus.

As with Western Pole — as with much of the history of alt-exhibition art spaces — Kate Anderson and Aidan Hercules of North Pole are also responding to a certain formality, to art markets, to "a feeling you can get in gallery spaces that everything is really about networking and not much attention is placed on enjoying what's there," Hercules said.

Anderson — like Hercules, a Chicago-based artist — recalls having her mind blown when she learned at Columbia College that Meg Duguid, the school's director of exhibitions, has curated a very small (25-square-inch) gallery since 2009 inside of her purse. But North Pole was even more inspired by Terrain Exhibitions, created by late Columbia professor Sabina Ott, who used her Oak Park front yard as an ongoing exhibition space.

"I loved how everything was just there and you could see it as you walked past," Anderson said. "I loved the idea of how it put a little unexpected disruption in your day."

So when she moved into an apartment at the corner of Ashland and Sherwin in Rogers Park — within blocks of both Fresh Bread (a longtime exhibition space inside a residential kitchen) and Iceberg Projects (another longtime space, inside a nearby coach house) — Anderson and Hercules asked their landlord if they could install exhibitions on the unused flagpole in the backyard.

"I like taking advantage of what exists," Anderson said.

They began a year-and-a-half ago, soliciting work from friends, then using open calls for artists to present pieces on their

flagpole. They only asked that artists keep their flags PG-rated, in respect to neighbors. So far they've shown about a dozen new artists.

"Constraints can lead to unique ideas," Hercules said. "Since they have to make a flag, an artist might arrive at a different piece than they might have, which is fun. One of my favorite things now is looking out the window to see people staring at whatever is flying."

Grace Makuch, whose work tackles millennial uncertainty, flew a mylar balloon of a sun. Teddy Smith flew laundry. Justin T. Nalley had poets read, then ran a string of laminated notes up the pole.

At the inaugural North Pole exhibition in 2018, Adrien Guadagnino hoisted a landscape of Grandad Bluff in La Crosse, Wisconsin, in honor of summer trips there with her family. Then she handed out ice cream inspired by flavors she remembers from those trips.

Currently flying: a pizza-stained, holly-accented tablecloth from Dominic Palarchio, an MFA candidate at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan whose work draws on questions of class and family.

"My family and I ate Christmas dinner on that table cloth, a somewhat disorganized yet delightful affair held a week after the actual holidays," Palarchio said.

Naturally, it's mostly wet right now.

Artists who exhibit on these poles understand, exposed to the Chicago elements, that their work molds, softens and tears. Yet flipping through an archive of Western Pole's exhibitions you can see that sometimes a traditional gallery simply won't do.

Illustrator Clay Hickson's "What Are You ... in a Nutshell?" bit of self-help — options include scared, hungry, nervous — had tear-away tabs with phone numbers (connecting to the American Peanut Council).

Before installing Campbell's rug, Malmmed tugged at the corner of a work still taped to the pole and revealed how there were five or six pieces still taped to the pole, in layers. One, a lovely gradation of color from the Chicago artist Caroline Walp, suggests what a sunset might look like at this intersection if it wasn't drowned out by acres of strip malls.

Malmmed strapped Campbell's "FREE" to the post with zip ties and then stepped back.

A man standing at the bus stop approached.

"You giving it away free?" he asked.

"Whatever you want," Malmmed said.

"Whatever I want?"

"It's art — this is an art exhibit"

"Oh, I see," the man said, but he didn't.

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My Chemical Romance members get together before Spike TV's "Scream Awards" in Los Angeles in 2006. The group will be a headliner at Riot Fest in September.

Riot Fest announces first headliner: My Chemical Romance

BY GREG KOT

My Chemical Romance will headline Riot Fest when the festival returns Sept. 11-13 to Douglas Park.

The band reunited last year after a seven-year hiatus. During its initial 11-year run, the quartet was celebrated for heart-on-sleeve lyrics and over-the-top Gothic theatricality.

Reunions have been a specialty of Riot Fest since its founding in 2005. The

festival has seen comeback shows by bands ranging from the Replacements to the Misfits.

Promoters said Wednesday the rest of the lineup would be announced in the spring.

Three-day tickets (\$149.98 at press time) for the festival's 2020 edition are on sale at riotfest.org.

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Moment

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me, Bill Maher and Tommy Davidson doing stand-up at this outdoor forum area. We fly up in a little prop plane because it's kind of inconvenient to get there. This was probably in '87 or '88.

"We get there and my stomach is feeling a little queasy. I'm definitely coming down with something. I felt nauseated, so I asked the stage manager if they had a cot or something I could lay on backstage. And they did.

"So Bill Maher goes on, and I was hoping that he would do extra time so I could recover. And then Tommy Davidson went on, and I was still — every time I got up off the cot I got nauseated, you know? But I didn't want to go home without doing this gig because it was too far to come and not get paid, right?"

"So I asked the stage manager if they could put the cot out on stage when they brought me out, and I would do my act from the cot. He was a little surprised but was like, 'Sure, yeah.'"

"They set up the cot. I came out there and I told the audience I was really depressed and needed to lie down. And then I did my act on my side, facing the audience, from a cot. And it killed!"

"Every time I tried to get



GREG GAYNE/CBS

Kevin Nealon as Don Burns and Matt LeBlanc as Adam Burns on "Man with a Plan."

up, I would get nauseated again, so I'd say, 'Oh, I'm depressed again, I'm going to have to lie down.'"

"It worked so well I started bringing a cot with me to gigs. I probably did it two times afterwards and then realized, I can't keep carrying this cot everywhere."

What if there hadn't been a cot available that

first night?

"I probably would have done it on the floor. I wasn't going home without getting paid."

Does Nealon ever get butterflies before taking the stage?

"Not so much lately. I really sometimes just think I'm dead inside, you know?"

"I've been doing it so long I kind of know what to

expect."

The takeaway ...

"You have to find a way to adapt and pull up your britches to get through things sometimes. You can get through anything if you just learn how to adjust and adapt and look for solutions."

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'Great Gatsby' enters a new Roaring '20s

Classic Jazz Age novel's copyright to end next year

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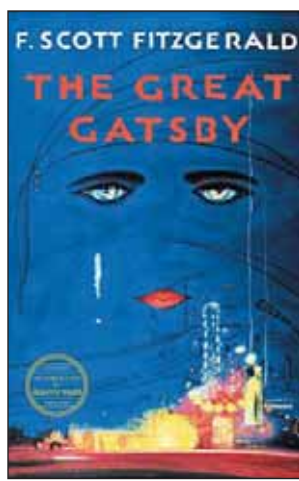
NEW YORK — For decades, Jay Gatsby, Daisy Buchanan and other characters from "The Great Gatsby" have been as real to millions of readers as people in their own lives, exemplars and victims of the American pursuit of wealth and status.

Starting next January, F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic Jazz Age tale will truly belong to everyone.

The novel's copyright is set to expire at the end of 2020, meaning that anyone will be allowed to publish the book, adapt it to a movie, make it into an opera or stage a Broadway musical. No longer will you need to permission to write a sequel, a prequel, a Jay Gatsby detective novel or a Gatsby narrative populated with zombies.

"We're just very grateful to have had it under copyright, not just for the rather obvious benefits, but to try and safeguard the text, to guide certain projects and try to avoid unfortunate ones," says Blake Hazard, the late author's great-granddaughter and a trustee of his literary estate. "We're now looking to a new period and trying to view it with enthusiasm, knowing some exciting things may come."

"I wish it were possible for the Fitzgerald Trust to retain copyright," says Fitzgerald scholar James L.W. West III, a professor emeritus at Pennsylvania State University. "They have been wonderful caretakers of Fitzgerald's literary rights and his repu-



tation. But under our laws all literary works eventually belong to the people. That's probably as it should be."

"Gatsby" has endured in a changing industry and a changing world. It was published in 1925 by Scribner and remains a Scribner book, though now part of Simon & Schuster. The novel, popular with general readers and a standard assignment for students, has sales as dependable as any so-called backlist title. When Fitzgerald died in 1940, fewer than 25,000 copies of the book had sold. Now, worldwide sales are nearing 30 million and more than 500,000 copies sell each year in the U.S. alone, according to Scribner.

Publishers specializing in older works already are preparing their own editions. The Library of America will include the novel next year in a planned hardcover volume, edited by West, of Fitzgerald's work. The Everyman Library, which for years has published the novel in the United Kingdom, will re-



An undated photo of F. Scott Fitzgerald, author of "The Great Gatsby." THOMAS COOPER LIBRARY

lease a hardcover edition in the U.S.

As with such current public domain titles as "Pride and Prejudice," "The Scarlet Letter" and "Great Expectations," cheap paperback editions and free e-book editions are likely to proliferate.

Scribner Editor-in-Chief Nan Graham acknowledges that sales are likely to fall, but says the publisher is working to hold on to as much of the market as it can, drawing in part on its long ties to Fitzgerald's heirs. A graphic novel, featuring an introduction from Blake Hazard, is coming out in June. In 2018, Scribner reissued the book

with a so-called authoritative text, making minor changes based on Fitzgerald's own notes. The introduction was provided by Scribner author Jesmyn Ward, a two-time National Book Award winner who wrote of how she, an African American from rural Mississippi, could relate to Fitzgerald's saga set in Long Island, New York.

"Hungry as I was to escape my own little nowhere country town, my own poor beginnings, as a teen I could only see Gatsby's yearning. I was too young to know his wanting is wasted from the moment he feels it," Ward writes. "The seasoned heart aches

for James Gatz, the perpetual child, the arrested romantic, bound by one perfect moment to failure.

"This is a book that endures, generation after generation, because every time a reader returns to 'The Great Gatsby,' we discover new revelations, new insights, new burning bits of language."

Hazard was closely involved with the graphic novel, which features illustrations by Aya Morton and an adaptation of the text by Fred Fordham, who worked on the graphic novel of "To Kill a Mockingbird." Hazard researched various illustrators before coming upon "His Dream of the

Skyland," a graphic novel set in Hong Kong in the 1920s that features Morton's drawings and words by Ann Opatowsky.

Morton told the AP in a recent email that she had long admired 1920s fashion for its "structured graphic design" and "fluid, dreamy quality." She called Fitzgerald's novel "incredibly visual," and was struck by his sense of detail, whether describing cars, emotions or economic status.

"Not only are the hues specific, (blue, yellow, lavender), but what deeply intrigues me is how specific color saturation is to mood and class hierarchy. For example, at the Buchanans, people are wearing white and the colors (greens, reds, peaches) have a very delicate and 'pretty' feel," she wrote, adding that her illustrations also were influenced by car advertisements from the 1920s.

"To me, this theme is central to the story because within American car culture is the notion, or fantasy, of mobility. In other words, the idea that we have the freedom to physically move to another place and leave behind the old problems or even the old person."

Fitzgerald's novel has been used in other art forms. It's at the heart of "Gatz," an eight-hour stage show from 2010 in which the entire book is read. Several movie versions have come out, from a silent film released not long after "Gatsby" was published to director Baz Luhrmann's high-energy production in 2013, starring Leonardo DiCaprio as Gatsby. Hazard said she enjoyed the Luhrmann film and a 1973 version starring Robert Redford, and imagines other ways the story can be adapted to the screen.

"I would love to see an inclusive adaptation of 'Gatsby,' with a diverse cast," she says. "Though the story is set in a very specific time and place, it seems to me that a retelling of this great American story could and should reflect a more diverse America."

BOOK REVIEW

Love, fear drive Mexican migrants in 'American Dirt'

BY JULIA RUBIN
Associated Press

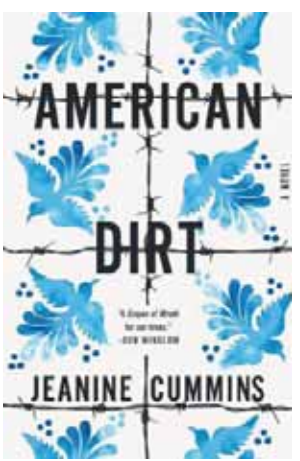
In her beautiful, suspenseful and timely new novel "American Dirt," Jeanine Cummins succeeds in taking migration — one of the central issues of our time — and bringing it down to human size. The story of one Mexican mother and her young son reminds us that migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border (and everywhere) are individuals driven by their own unique and desperate stories.

Cummins tells of Lydia, a bookstore owner in Acapulco, and her smart, sensitive 8-year-old, Luca. They have to flee their comfortable home when a drug cartel that has gradually taken over the city kills 16 members of their family at a backyard barbecue. The massacre begins in the novel's first sentence, and the pace rarely lets up as the gang hunts for the two survivors.

Lydia's husband, Sebastian, was a journalist, and the murders are retaliation for a profile he wrote about the cartel's leader, known as La Lechuza (The Owl). There's a personal twist too: The drug kingpin had been a customer in Lydia's store, and they became friends before she realized who he was.

Escaping the cartel's hit men in Mexico is next to impossible: Its informants include police officers, hotel desk clerks and spies on the street. Without options, Lydia heads north toward the United States, "a planet where no one can reach them." In shock over the loss of everything but Luca, she decides they can disguise themselves as migrants — realizing only gradually that it's not a disguise.

"She feels as tatty as a scrap of lace, defined not



'American Dirt'

By Jeanine Cummins, Flatiron Books, 400 pages, \$27.99

so much by what she's made of, but more by the shapes of what's missing," Cummins writes in typically lovely prose.

Like so many classic stories, "American Dirt" — the new Oprah's Book Club pick — is about a journey, much of it on foot or riding precariously on top of freight trains. Along the way, we meet vibrant characters like the Honduran teenager Soledad, whose "calamitous beauty" is a constant danger to her, and Beto, the good-natured orphan who grew up in the garbage dumps of Tijuana.

We feel the sheer physical terror of jumping onto a moving train — with a child in tow — or walking at night in the cold, pitch-black desert.

The migrants contend with callousness as well as corruption. They are preyed upon by robbers and rapists, some wearing uniforms. Unlike many pop-culture narratives, this story keeps its eyes on the victims of organized crime, not its perpetrators. (Cummins explored the lasting effects of crime on victims in her 2004 nonfiction

book "A Rip in Heaven," about a deadly attack on her cousins.)

But along with cruelty and tragedy, Lydia and Luca encounter frequent and pivotal moments of kindness. The migrants are helped by people along their route, from priests and nuns to a doctor, a bank manager, a small-town woman tending her garden.

Even in this brutal, lawless world, Lydia reasons, "Newton's third law can resonate for every wickedness, there is an equal and opposite possibility of redemption."

She herself is driven by love, by her need to save her son. Stories about family separation at the border fill her with terror, but going back, she is sure, means death for them both.

Cummins has drawn some criticism for taking on this subject without being Mexican herself. But she clearly has done her research, and her characters struck this reader as relatable and human, not stereotypes.

In her old life, Lydia recalls, she had been aware of migrant caravans from Central America passing through Mexico "in the way comfortable people living stable lives are peripherally aware of destitution." She would hear about these desperate people on the radio, say, while she made dinner. Her sympathy "had many parts: it was anger at the injustice, it was worry, compassion, helplessness. But in truth, it was a small feeling" quickly displaced by the hum of daily living.

It's the distant way so many of us connect with the global migration and refugee crisis. This important novel gives us a shake and makes us want to pay more attention.

BOOK REVIEW

Maddow traverses the political divide

BY CAROLE CLAPS
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Before stardom hit, Rachel Maddow had lots of growing up — and coming out — to do.

Lisa Rogak's well-researched "Rachel Maddow: A Biography" details Maddow's life from growing up in the conservative town of Castro Valley, California, as the youngest child of Elaine and Robert Maddow to becoming the popular superstar political pundit for MSNBC-TV on the Emmy Award-winning "The Rachel Maddow Show."

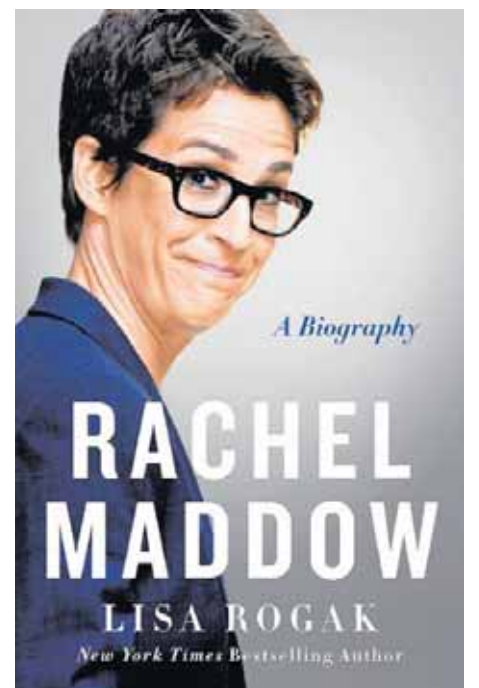
As a freshman at Stanford University, she decided to reveal her sexuality in the most public way possible, via an article in the college newspaper, which made her the most visible lesbian on campus. One

catch: She hadn't yet told her parents, who were very Catholic (two of Rachel's maternal aunts are nuns). When the news hit, they were hurt; there were tears and there were fears of Rachel going to hell. In the end, they just wanted her to be safe and eventually, came around. Maddow currently has been in a 20-plus-year relationship.

This biography focuses on a remarkable woman who knew exactly where her destiny lay, who was devoted to AIDS activism and was bright enough to be invited to study at Oxford where she was awarded a doctorate after completing her thesis on HIV/AIDS and Health Care Reform in British and American Prisons.

After returning to the United States, Rachel continued her involvement with projects that satiated her activism while moving between jobs, including a stint as a DJ on a local radio station. During that time, there were thoughts she would someday take a job with the American Civil Liberties Union, and she began putting out feelers to contacts about working there.

Then a history-changing event happened that would alter the direction of



'Rachel Maddow: A Biography'

By Lisa Rogak, Thomas Dunne Books, 288 pages, \$28.99

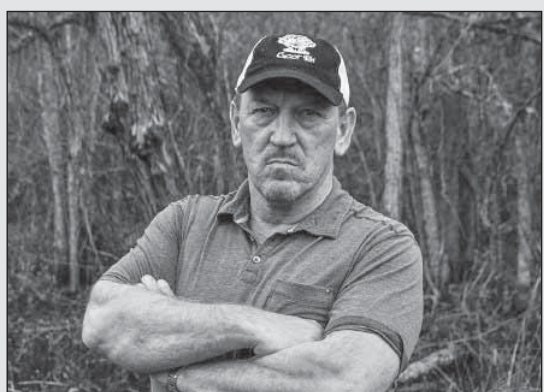
her life and career forever — 9/11. She decided radio would be the best place for her at this time because she felt she could help to explain things clearly to listeners. From there she blasted her way onto the national stage with a stint on Air America, at that time the only all-progressive talk radio network. People noticed. MSNBC-TV came calling. And the rest, as they say, is history.

With the success of "The Rachel Maddow Show" reaching its 12-year mark, and its host showing no signs of slowing down, and with a current work schedule that would take down lesser mortals, does she ever think about leaving MSNBC-TV and maybe doing something else?

Not this lady. "I have the best job on earth. I think helping people understand what is going on in the world and what is going on in your country is a noble thing to do. I have found something I think I am good at."

If you love politics and a well-written story, Lisa Rogak's "Rachel Maddow: A Biography" is just the book for you.

WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Troy Landry

"Swamp People" (8 p.m., 12:03 p.m., History): As the pace of the season starts to pick up in the new episode "Return to Froggy Bayou," Zak and Joey stake out trails favored by wild game to catch big gators getting fat on deer. Ronnie, meanwhile, recruits Terral to lend him a hand to get back into his invaluable honey hole after some angry locals sabotage him. As Daniel and Big Tee get creative with their bait, Troy tests the patience of a new deckhand.

"grown-ish" (7 p.m., 9 p.m., FREE): Zoey (Yara Shahidi) is forced to consider an age-old relationship conundrum when Nomi (Emily Arlook) challenges her to try being friends with Luca (Luka Sabbat), even though they've ended their romance, in the new episode "Close Friends." Elsewhere, Jazz and Doug (Chloe Bailey, Diggy Simmons) do their best to help Vivek (Jordan Buhat) explore the treacherous world of dating apps. Deon Cole and Trevor Jackson also star.

"The Good Place" (7:30 p.m., NBC): This wildly creative comedy — which is set in the afterlife — ends its four-season run tonight with the 90-minute finale titled "Whenever You're Ready," which includes a post-show special hosted by Seth Meyers. While it may not have dominated the TV ratings race, this sitcom picked up both a Humanitas Award and Peabody Award during its time on the air. Kristen Bell, Ted Danson, D'Arcy Carden and William Jackson Harper star.

"Everything's Gonna Be Okay" (7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., FREE): Nicholas' (Josh Thomas) unlucky streak when it comes to romance continues in the new episode "Silkmoths" when he invites Genevieve (Maeva Press) to join him and boyfriend Alex (Adam Faison) for a night out, an evening that turns tense when she betrays her ambivalence toward the guys' relationship. Kayla Cromer also stars.

"The Unicorn" (7:31 p.m., CBS): In the new episode "Worst Case Scenario," Wade (Walton Goggins) decides to redo his will, a process that forces him to consider who should get custody of his kids if something happens to him. Meanwhile, Michelle (Maya Lynne Robinson) urges Ben (Omar Miller) to undergo a vasectomy after they go through a pregnancy scare.

"Evil" (9 p.m., CBS): In the Season 1 finale, "Book 27," David, Kristen and Ben (Mike Colter, Katja Herbers, Aasif Mandvi) try to assess whether an expectant mother is possessed after she claims one of the twins she is carrying is evil. The investigation leads the team to a fertility clinic, where they are surprised to discover a common thread running through all the encounters they have had this season.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Conan O'Brien welcomes celebrity guests and draws comedy from poignant news stories and politics.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Professional football player JJ Watt; Louis Tomlinson talks and performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): TV host Samantha Bee; singer-songwriter Michael Stipe.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Renee Zellweger; rapper Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson; Caroline Polachek performs.*

* Subject to change

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THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 30

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	BET	♦ (5:30) White Chicks ♦♦		Friday (R,'95) ♦♦♦	Ice Cube, Chris Tucker. ©			Next Frdy ♦
	BIGTEN	♦ Basketball	College Basketball: Iowa at Maryland. (N) (Live) ©			Postgame		BIG Show
	BRAVO	♦ (6:30) Project Runway		Project Runway: "Sheer Genius." (N) ©		Watch (N)		Chrissy
	CLTV	Sign-off						Sign-off
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		AC 360 (N) ♦
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ♦
	DISC	Homestead Rescue (N)		Reclaimed (N) ©		Building Off the Grid (N)		Rescue ♦
	DISN	Bunk'd ©	Gabby	Sydney-Max	Roll With It	Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk'd ©
	E!	Very Cavallari ©		Very Cavallari (N) ©		The Biggest Loser: "Time for Change."		
	ESPN	♦ Wm. Basketball (N)		30 for 30 (N) (Part 1 of 2)				SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	♦ Gymnastic	Boxing (N)	College Basketball: Arizona at Washington. (N) (Live)				Basketball
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Restaurant: Im. (N)		Restaurant: Im. (N)		Restaurant: Im. (N)		Restaurant ♦
	FREE	grown-ish	Everything	The Bold Type (N) ©		grown-ish	Everything	700 Club ♦
	FX	Transformers: The Last Knight (PG-13,'17) ♦♦	Mark Wahlberg, Anthony Hopkins. ©					
	HALL	Love at the Shore (NR,'17)	Amanda Righetti. ©			My Secret Valentine (NR,'18) ©		♦
HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Christina (N)	Christina	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	
HIST	Swamp People ©		Swamp People (N)				Swamp ♦	
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
IFC	♦ (6:45) National Lampoon's Vacation (R,'83) ♦♦	©			National Lamp. Christmas ♦			
LIFE	Married at First Sight (N) ©				Supernanny (N) ©		Nanny ♦	
MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV	Floribama Shore (N) ©		Ex on the Beach (N) ©		Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	
NBCSCH	American Ninja Warrior		American Ninja Warrior		Fight Sports: Boxing ♦			
NICK	Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG,'12) ♦♦	©			Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♦	
OVATION	No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation		Bourdain ♦	
OWN	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 ♦	
OXY	Snapped: "Judy Flanagan."		Snapped ©		Murdered by Morning ©		Murdered ♦	
PARMT	The Italian Job (PG-13,'03)		♦♦♦ Mark Wahlberg. ©				The Italian Job ('03) ♦♦♦	
SYFY	♦ (5:45) Ghost in the Shell		Hancock (PG-13,'08) ♦♦	Will Smith. ©			Valerian ♦	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	
TCM	The Magnificent Seven (NR,'60) ♦♦♦	Yul Brynner. ©			(9:15) Return of the Seven ('66) ♦♦♦			
TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		Feet-Killing Me (N)		1000-Lb. (N)	
TLN	Wealth	Wretched	TLN Presents		Life Today	Like You	IMPACT	
TNT	NBA Basketball: Warriors at Celtics (N Subject to Blackout)				Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)			
TOON	Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost Adventures (N) ©		Ghost Adventures (N) ©		Ghost ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	
USA	Bad Boys (R,'95) ♦♦	Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. ©			The Replacements ♦♦♦			
VH1	Black Ink Crew: Chicago		Black Ink Crew: Chicago		Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	
WE	Growing Up Hip Hop ©		Growing Up Hip Hop (N)		Marriage- Stars (N)		Hip Hop ♦	
WGN America	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	
PREMIUM	HBO	Enthusiasm	Enthusiasm	(8:15) Shutter Island (R,'10) ♦♦	Leonardo DiCaprio. ©			
	HBO2	Unknown (PG-13,'11) ♦♦	Liam Neeson. ©			Enthusiasm	(9:35) Glass ('19) ♦♦♦	
	MAX	The Prestige (PG-13,'06) ♦♦♦	Hugh Jackman.			(9:15) The Predator (R,'18) ♦♦♦		
	SHO	The Upside (PG-13,'17) ♦♦	Kevin Hart. ©			The L Word		Work- Pro. ♦
	STARZ	♦ Sicario-Soldado		(8:05) Jackie Brown (R,'97) ♦♦♦	Pam Grier. ©			
STZENC	♦ Ghost-Darkness		Born on the Fourth of July (R,'89) ♦♦♦	Tom Cruise. ©				

'The Notebook' to premiere at Chicago Shakespeare

BY CHRIS JONES

Hoping to emulate the success of the musical "Six" last summer, Chicago Shakespeare Theater plans to stage the world premiere of "The Notebook," a new musical based on the 1996 Nicholas Sparks romance novel and the hit 2004 film starring Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams.

The score has been penned by Ingrid Michaelson, the Swedish-American singer-songwriter, and the book is from playwright and TV writer Bekah Brunstetter ("This is Us").

And the show will be directed by Michael Greif, a blue-chip Broadway director best known for "Rent." An early reading of the

project featured Vanessa Hudgens in the lead role, but that was some time ago and Chicago Shakespeare said Wednesday that casting has not yet been announced. Well-known Broadway names, though, are likely.

"The Notebook" is the steamy story of a romance between two teens from different social classes in 1940s North Carolina, a love that carries them through the rest of their lives. The musical will premiere at the Yard Theater on Navy Pier, with performances Sept. 22 to Nov. 8. The show will be cast in New York and Chicago and will open Chicago Shakespeare's subscription season.

This is a further collabo-

orative project between Chicago Shakespeare and the Broadway producer Kevin McCollum ("Rent") and Chicago Shakespeare, with Kurt Deutsch also listed as a lead producer.

Chicago Shakespeare's Rick Boynton said the show was "concentrating on Chicago," but this clearly is a pre-Broadway tryout, given the players assembled, although any production path to Broadway has yet to be announced. Tickets go on sale at a later date this winter; more at www.chicago-shakes.com/TheNotebook.

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MELISSA MOSELEY/NEW LINE PRODUCTIONS

Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gosling in the 2004 movie "The Notebook." Chicago Shakespeare Theater will premiere the musical based on the film and novel in September.

Musical

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just up on its feet, it holds together remarkably well. And it's touching, a crucial asset for a punk musical.

That's partly due to a blistering central performance from McCabe, who here does the kind of work that makes the argument that wherever "Verböten" might go next, McCabe certainly should be along for that ride. Most of the kids in "Verböten" come from complex families, at least in their own minds, and the show deals with three of the omnipresent and timeless states of teenage-parent relationships: embarrassment, alienation and love. I know whereof I speak here and full disclosure requires me revealing that I saw the show with my own 16-year-old who, at various telling moments, turned from the stage and stared directly at me, as if ensuring that whatever Jason or Tracey or Chris or Zack were saying/feeling had sufficiently imprinted itself on my limited consciousness.



Matthew Lunt, Krystal Ortiz, Jeff Kurysz and Kieran McCabe in "Verböten" by The House Theatre of Chicago.

For better or worse, this is very much a show about the relationships between fathers and sons, and you can imagine demographic combos like mine finding food here for post-show discussion, especially those dads who really were in a punk band and now have kids who can't quite believe that ever was even possible.

As the angsty lead Tracey, though, Ortiz makes sure it's not an all-male desert out there, singing the bejesus out of the role and articulating one of the most fascinating things about teenage culture — the constant search for an organizer who, when found, doesn't relish dealing with the problems of

everyone else.

Tracey has loving parents (they're played by Paul Brian Fagen and Jenni M. Hadley), making the inter-generational role-playing symmetrical, in its way. You got one angry dad (quite well played by Ray Rehberg), one kind but unappreciated pop (Marc A. Rogers), a weird sister

When: Through March 8

Where: House Theatre of Chicago at the Chopin Theatre, 1849 W. Division St.

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: \$30-\$50 at 773-769-3832 or www.thehousetheatre.com

(Marika Mashburn), a ready and willing stepdad (Jimmy Chung) and, well, regular folks. Sound to you like the sociology of Evanston in the early 1980s?

Neveu's writing is witty and sweet, although for such a localized show he should add more neighborhood references beyond one bar. The book could use more specificity. More importantly, some of the other relationships are underwritten, especially between Jason and his stepdad and, it seems to me, if you're doing a punk musical, you might as well ponder more of the place of the genre in the American psyche, then and now.

Director Nathan Allen's enthusiastic staging is very aptly toned to the material, employing a talented cast

that plays multiple instruments and never falling into the trap of overstaging characters who would have hated to be so controlled. On opening night, there were some sound issues with head mics: Allen would be better off finding ways to employ hand-held microphones throughout (as in "Spring Awakening"), not only to focus on the performative aspect of the material but to showcase his powerful young singers.

All that said, "Verböten" is like the yin to the yang of the Green Day musical "American Idiot," an indictment of youth lethargy. By contrast, Neveu and Narducy see punk as a kind of rite of passage, a meeting point and a temporary escape valve for adolescents going through stuff at home. Unlike most musicals about the biz, we never even get to the agents and the other stultifying suits.

The Cubby Bear is all that. And, by far, that is the far more common story.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Jan. 30): Win through strong community connections this year. Thoughtfully plan and revise for changes persistently. Invent inspiring possibilities this winter, supporting you through a physical change. A group venture shifts direction next summer, before your energy and work blossom. Connect with those you love and respect.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Take care of yourself. Adapt to changes patiently. Travel could interfere with personal routines. Include soothing rituals. Carefully organize your plans and schedule.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Follow the plans you've already set. Adapt to changes on the fly. Turn down expensive invitations and favor peaceful privacy. Get productive behind closed doors.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. A group challenge may seem intimidating. The road ahead is clear. Pick yourself up and step forward. Get team support and provide it. Link arms.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Focus on a professional puzzle. It may require elbow grease. Work with what you have. Patiently go around an obstacle or barrier. Persistence pays off.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Find another route around a blockage or delay. Minimize risk or hassle. Settle somewhere with an interesting view. Discover a hidden local treasure.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Support family with a financial change or challenge. You can see the way forward. Pull together to lighten the load. A positive attitude pays off.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Collaborate for shared support with an unexpected circumstance. Old assumptions get challenged. Keep your bargains and promises. Clean up and lend a helping hand.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Resist making impulsive moves, especially with a barrier or obstacle. Prioritize your health. Observe and notice subtle clues.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Love inspires and energizes. Find a silver lining below a dark cloud and share it with your sweetheart. Generate optimism and patience.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Settle into home comforts. Collaborate with family to resolve a change. New facts dispel old fears. Domestic chores soothe and satisfy.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Observe and study the news. A barrier blocks progress on a creative project. Consider potential strategies and options. Make requests. Take what you get.

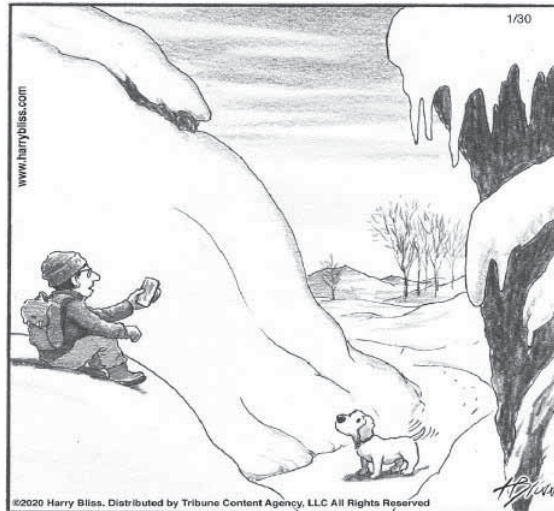
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Keep generating income despite a challenge. Spend thoughtfully. Costs vary widely. Don't dig into savings on a whim. You can get what you need.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



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Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ Void	♥ AKJ8	♠ K53	♥ Void
♦ QJ10985	♣ AJ2	♦ 76432	♠ K10853
West		South	
♠ QJ108	♥ 7542	♠ A97642	♥ Q10963
♦ Void	♣ Q9764	♦ AK	♣ Void

Blackwood is not recommended when holding a void, as the response may not clarify the hand for you. North escaped that problem here, as South's response, using Key Card Blackwood, showed two key cards plus the queen of hearts. Hearts was the "Key Card" suit by virtue of being the last bid suit in an auction with no clear suit agreement. South's six-diamond bid showed specifically the king of diamonds and that was all North needed to know.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	7♥	All pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

South played the hand with great care, guarding against foul splits in every key suit. This care was needed, as we could hardly imagine a worse lie of the red suits for declarer. South discarded a diamond from dummy on the opening spade lead, winning in hand with his ace. He led the 10 of hearts to dummy's jack, discovering the 4-0 trump split. South ruffed dummy's two of clubs with his queen of hearts and crossed back to dummy with a low heart to the ace. Dummy's jack of clubs was ruffed with the nine of hearts and South led his last trump to dummy's king.

The eight of hearts drew the last outstanding trump as South discarded his ace of diamonds. The king of diamonds went on dummy's ace of clubs and declarer claimed the rest with five high diamonds on the board. Very well played!

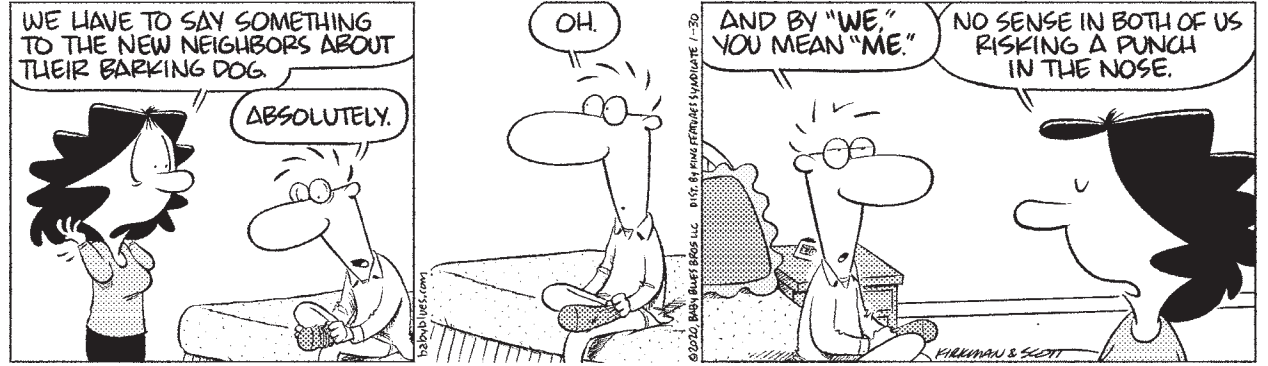
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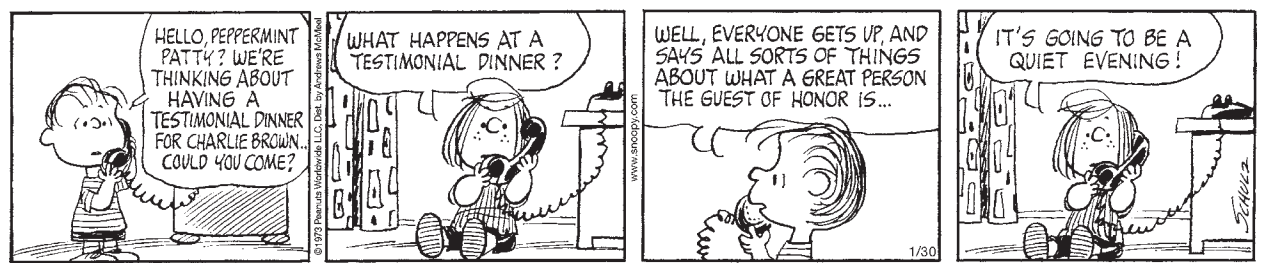
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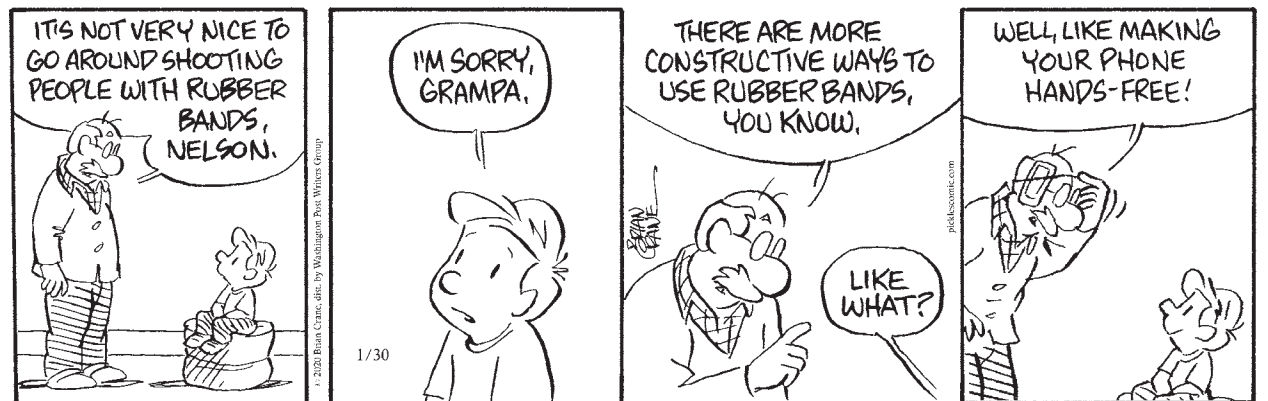
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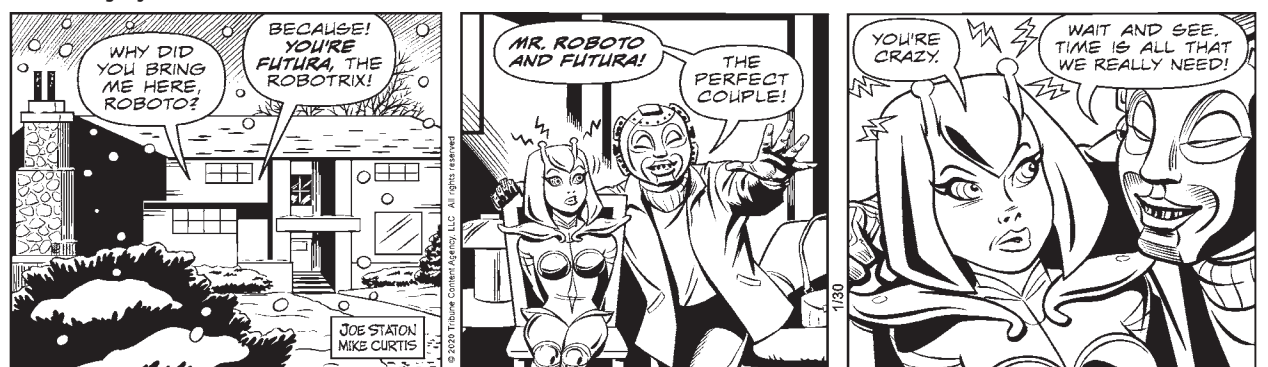
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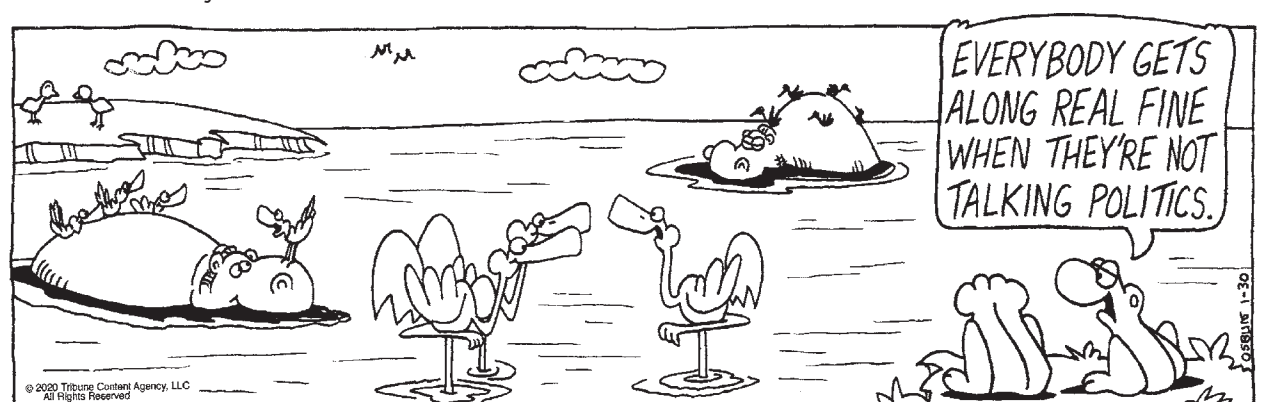
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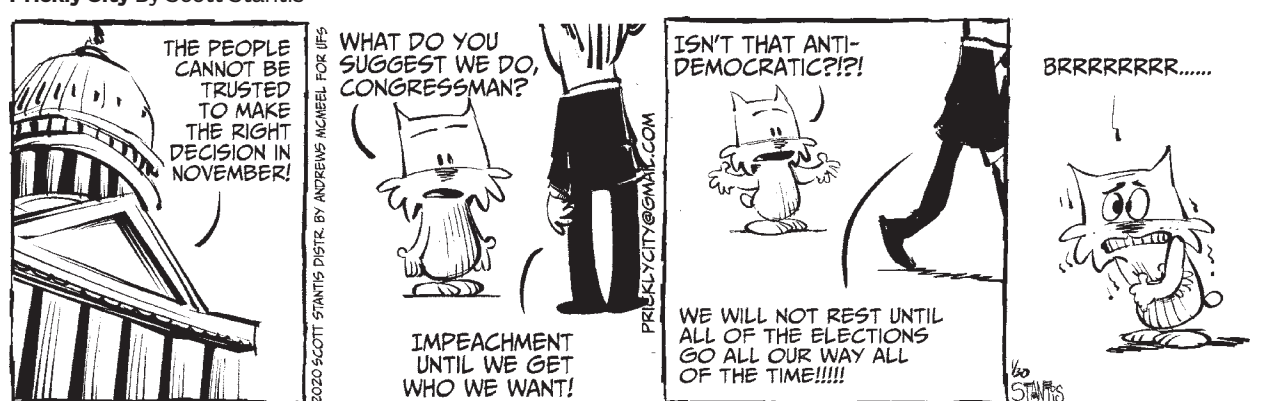
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Animal Crackers



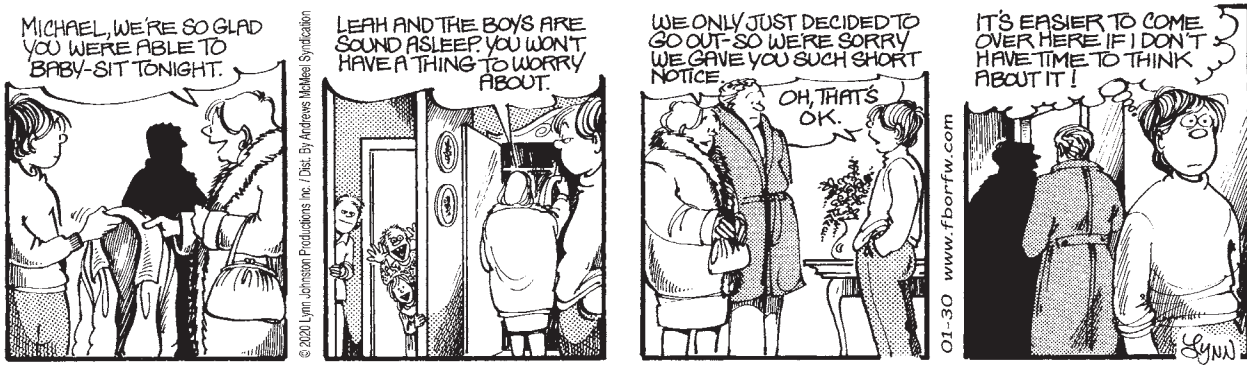
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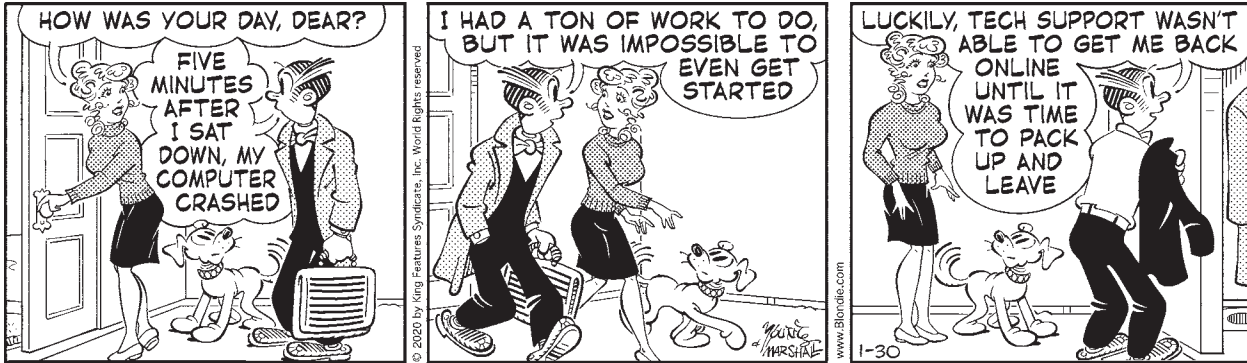
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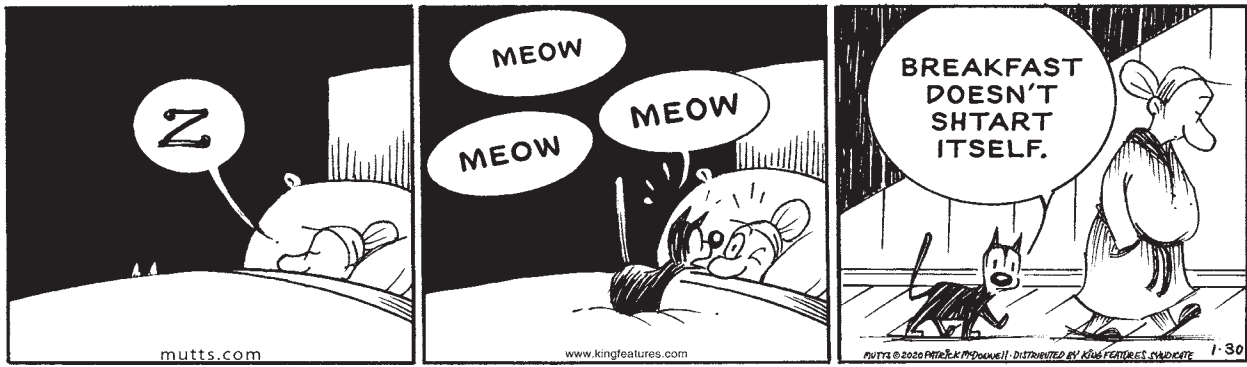
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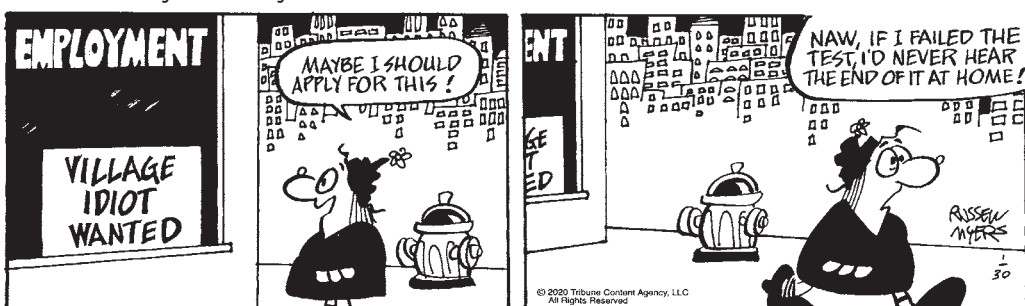
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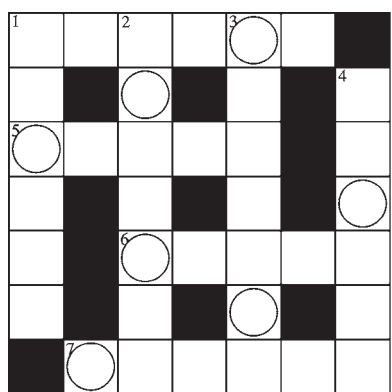
In Greek mythology, Dae-dalus devised what complex puzzle?

- A) Gordian knot
- B) Labyrinth
- C) Riddle of the Sphinx
- D) Sword of Damocles

Wednesday's answer: Oscar Niemeyer designed government buildings in the planned capital city, Brasilia, Brazil.

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Jumble Crossword



- CLUE ACROSS**
1. Picturesque
 5. "Recall"
 6. Block of metal
 7. Bank
- CLUE DOWN**
1. Parody
 2. Twist around
 3. Not permitted
 4. Component

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

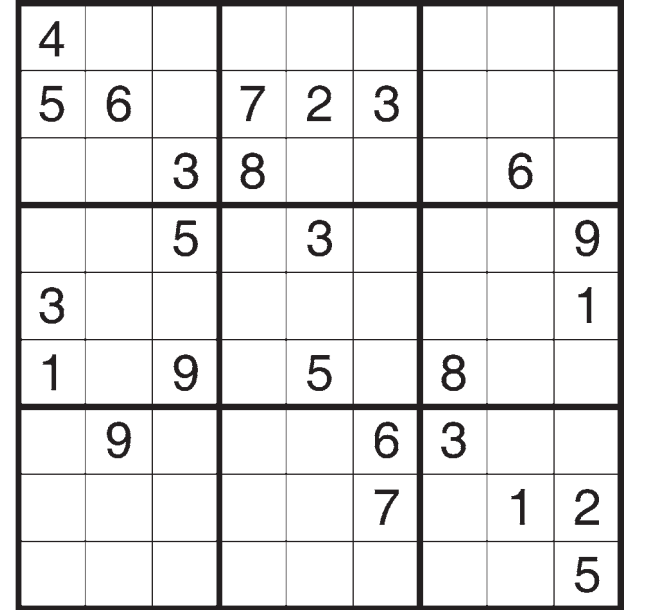
CLUE: The ___ was about 880 feet long.

BONUS [Grid]

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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

1/30



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4	7	2	1	6	5	8	9	3
6	8	9	4	2	3	7	5	1
8	3	7	2	5	4	1	6	9
1	2	4	8	9	6	3	7	5
9	6	5	7	3	1	2	4	8
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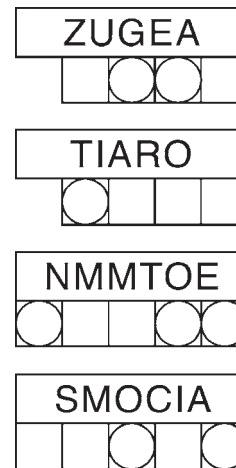
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

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



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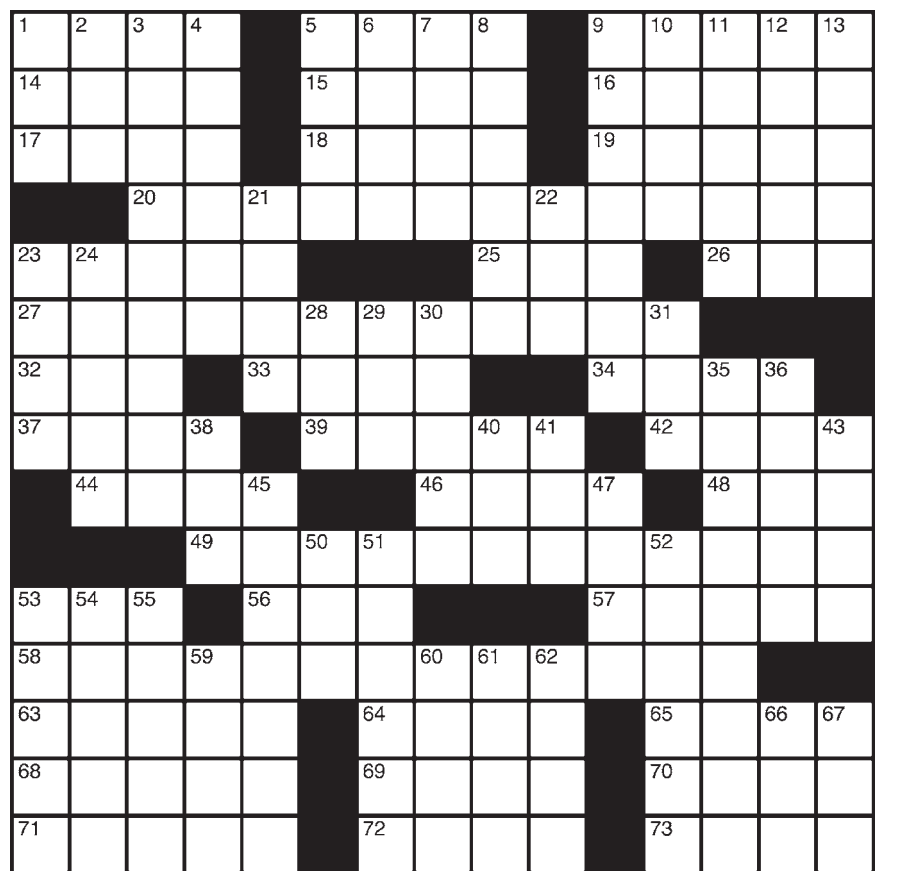
Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: SINGE DAISY WITHIN FLAVOR
Answer: The carpenter was stuck in traffic instead of — DRIVING NAILS

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Crossword

1/30



- Across**
- 1 Healthful berry
 - 5 Sommelier's concern
 - 9 San Antonio cagers
 - 14 Bananas
 - 15 "... the ___ blackness of the floors": Poe
 - 16 "The Fox and the Grapes" storyteller
 - 17 Dutch cheese
 - 18 Way to go
 - 19 Queen's milieu
 - 20 "That's fine"
 - 23 Get going
 - 25 "Knives Out" Golden Globe nominee de Armas
 - 26 Lansing-to-Flint dir.
 - 27 "That's all folks"
 - 32 1960s chess champ Mikhail
 - 33 Mustard family member
 - 34 They're tapped
 - 37 Bundle
 - 39 On the money
 - 42 Kentucky coach with 876 victories
 - 44 Foolhardy
 - 46 ___ avis
 - 48 Mex. title
 - 49 "That's not the point"
 - 53 Withdrawal site
 - 56 Carnival city
 - 57 Words before "so sue me"
 - 58 "That's rich"
 - 63 Polynesian language
 - 64 Sitar music
 - 65 Yemen's Gulf of ___
 - 68 Conclude with
 - 69 Indicator
 - 70 Feet-first race
 - 71 Video chat choice
 - 72 "What ___ is new?"
 - 73 MP3 player
 - 23 Web address letters
 - 24 Atheist activist Madalyn
 - 28 Deface
 - 29 "When We Were Kings" boxer
 - 30 Pola of the silents
 - 31 Poetic contraction
 - 35 Dressed to the nines
 - 36 Wild period
 - 38 Uncommon sense
 - 40 Actor Holbrook
 - 41 Amount past due?
 - 43 Ranch bud
 - 45 Wonder Woman, for one
 - 47 Plot-driving song, perhaps
 - 50 Zilch
 - 51 Rough around the edges
 - 52 High-pH compound
 - 53 Summits
 - 54 "___ goodness"
 - 55 Temperamental
 - 59 Edit for size, as a photo
 - 60 Follow
 - 61 Confident juggler's props
 - 62 Candy ___
 - 66 It may need a boost
 - 67 Flanders who inspired the band Okilly Dokilly

Down

- 1 Cream ___
- 2 Fish that's salted and dried to make bacalao
- 3 Like Pentatonix numbers
- 4 Flying insect with prominent eyespots
- 5 Bookish type
- 6 Wind up on stage?
- 7 Fly like an eagle
- 8 Win over
- 9 Hapless sort
- 10 Ucayali River country
- 11 Grammarian's concern
- 12 Type type
- 13 Just-in-case item
- 21 "The Caine Mutiny" novelist
- 22 Paternity identifier

Wednesday's solution



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THURSDAY, JAN. 30 NORMAL HIGH: 32° NORMAL LOW: 17° RECORD HIGH: 55° (1988) RECORD LOW: -23° (2019)

Sunless streak set to continue across the area

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 35 **LOW** 30

■ With an area of weak low pressure just to our east and an upper-level trough of low pressure approaching from the west, the persistent cloudiness will continue.

■ A few slight snow flurries possible from time to time, otherwise cloudy and chilly with afternoon high temperatures no better than the middle 30s.

■ Light southwesterly winds 5 to 10 mph. Cloudy overnight, holding minimum temps in the upper 20s to around 30-degrees.

NATIONAL FORECAST



With a weak low pressure just to our east and an upper-level disturbance aloft approaching from the west, we anticipate another overcast day for the Chicago area Thursday. It'll be the eighth consecutive day without sunshine, one day shy of the record for January set back on Jan. 1-9, 1992. As of Wednesday we have received just 26% of possible sunshine this month. The record January with the least sunshine was in 1998 when just 20% of possible sunshine was recorded (our records go back to 1893).

Actually overcast conditions are expected Friday, which would tie that previously mentioned January record of 9 consecutive sunless days. On Saturday, the sun could come out in the afternoon. If it doesn't, Sunday looks like a mostly sunny day with brisk winds and temperatures climbing to the 50-degree mark.

FRIDAY, JAN. 31

HIGH 36 **LOW** 33

Cloudy with nearly steady temps - highs in the mid 30s. Could be the 9th consecutive day without sunshine - tying the record for January. A few slight flurries possible with light southerly winds. Chance of light snow after midnight.

SATURDAY, FEB. 1

HIGH 39 **LOW** 32

Cloudy and windy with a rain/snow mix possible during the forenoon. Sun could break through in the afternoon - first time in 10 days. Partly cloudy overnight. Westerly winds 10 to 20 mph, diminishing somewhat at night.

SUNDAY, FEB. 2

HIGH 50 **LOW** 36

Sunny, windy and milder with a high approaching the 50-degree mark in many areas - nearly 20 degrees above normal. Westerly winds 15 to 30 mph. Clouds thicken a bit overnight as winds let up a bit.

MONDAY, FEB. 3

HIGH 46 **LOW** 29

Cloudy, colder with a chance of light rain later in the afternoon. Highest temps mid 40s in the morning - falling into the mid-upper 30s in the afternoon. Rain may mix with/possibly change to snow at night. Winds shift north.

TUESDAY, FEB. 4

HIGH 34 **LOW** 21

Cloudy, windy and colder - wet snow likely, possibly a rain/snow mix from the city south and east. Clouds overnight - snow gradually diminishing/ending from the west. Northeast winds.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

HIGH 31 **LOW** 20

A break in the clouds early, then clouding-up again with a chance of light snow. High temperatures in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Chance of snow overnight. Easterly winds.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological--the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Is there a correlation between solar activity and temperatures on Earth?
Terry Pratter, Chicago

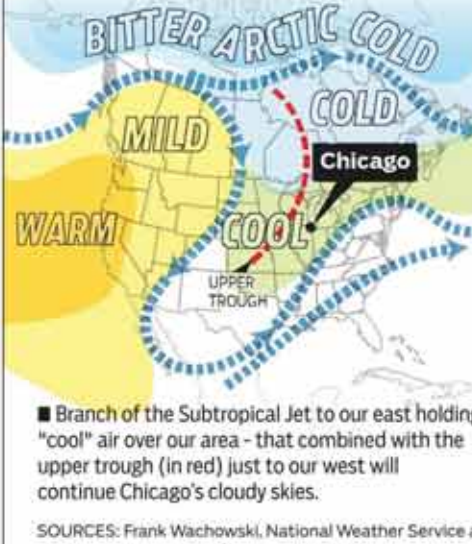
Dear Terry,
There may be a link, according to research by retired Harvard-Smithsonian astrophysicist Dr. Sallie Baliunas. A few decades of NASA satellite data indicate a relationship between solar magnetism and brightness. Changes in these can be correlated with global temperature shifts. Global warming in the 10th/11th centuries appears related to an increase in solar brightness. The Little Ice Age of the 17th/18th centuries occurred in a period of reduced solar brightness. Baliunas thinks it is possible that greenhouse gas concentrations might be overrated as causes of global warming. Almost half the warming in the 1900s occurred before 1940, but most greenhouse gas concentrations occurred afterward.

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Sunshine returns for mild Sunday; colder next week

LATE THURSDAY-FRIDAY NIGHT
Upper-level 30,000-ft. jet stream flow and low-level/surface temp distribution
Polar jet far north traps bitter arctic cold air across northern Canada and the Arctic



SUNDAY FORECAST TEMPS



SUNSHINE RETURNS SUNDAY

Widespread cloudiness locked in into Saturday
Estimated average full-day cloud cover:

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
100%	100%	100%	22%

BRIEF PEAKS OF SUN POSSIBLE

FIRST SIGNIFICANT SUNSHINE IN MORE THAN 10 DAYS

NEXT WEEK
Cold air's return could set up messy weather

SUNDAY A.M. Monday Morning Monday Evening

MIDWEST CITIES				OTHER U.S. CITIES				WORLD CITIES									
THURS.	FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO	THURS.	FRI.	FC	HI	LO	THURS.	FRI.	FC	HI	LO
Chicago	35	30	35	30	35	30	35	Chicago	35	30	35	30	Chicago	35	30	35	30

CHICAGO DIGEST

WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	31	28	Midway	33	31
Gary	34	32	O'Hare	31	27
Kankakee	32	30	Romeoville	33	29
Lakefront	32	30	Valparaiso	33	30
Lansing	32	31	Waukegan	33	27

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	Trace	0.05"
January to date	2.72"	1.63"
Year to date	3.86"	1.63"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	Trace	0.1"
Season to date	17.5"	14.3"
Normal to date	19.6"	20.6"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind SW 3-11 kts.	SW 3-11 kts.
Waves 1 foot	1 foot
Wed. shore/creef water temps	37°/36°

U.S. SNOW COVER

JAN. 30	2020	2019
Area covered by snow	40.2%	37.7%
Average snow depth	4.4"	4.5"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	18 days	14 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Wednesday's reading Moderate
Thursday's forecast Moderate
Critical pollutant Particulates

WEDNESDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:06 a.m.	5:01 p.m.
Moon	9:47 a.m.	9:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:51 a.m.	6:09 p.m.
Venus	8:53 a.m.	8:26 p.m.
Mars	3:49 a.m.	12:57 p.m.
Jupiter	5:36 a.m.	2:46 p.m.
Saturn	6:18 a.m.	3:42 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Planet	Time	Direction
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	6:00 p.m.	25° SW
Mars	5:30 a.m.	14° SE
Jupiter	6:30 a.m.	7.5° SE
Saturn	Not visible	

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SUNNY SIDE UP

Ease winter doldrums with bright colors, citrus scents and light fabrics and floors

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Some keys to selecting right home service pro

BY DIANA CRANDALL
HomeAdvisor

From carpet removal to kitchen remodeling, most homeowners will tackle a home improvement project at some point. But it can feel vulnerable to let a stranger inside your home, even a professional. Here's a look at what to ask during the interview process to make sure you've found the right person for the job — and that the work goes smoothly from start to finish.

Confirm experience and credentials. As you're researching service professionals, be sure to get multiple bids for your project. Avoid choosing based on lowest price alone. You should make your final decision with a combination of factors in mind. A good place to start is with the pro's experience, specifically as it relates to your

project, as well as how many years of experience they have in the business. Ask for examples of relevant work and references you can call. If the pro can't provide them, consider looking elsewhere.

Discuss licensing and permits. Ask the pro for proof of current licensing and research any permits needed for your project. If it's quick work, you may not need a permit. But it could be a red flag if the prospective pro is unaware of necessary permits — or is hesitant to pull them. Failing to pull required permits can cost you big time, and in a multitude of ways. You can be ticketed by an inspector, for example, but it can also affect you down the road when it comes time to sell your house.

Ask to see a certificate of insurance. It's important to know that a service

professional is insured, even if it's a simple job. Does the pro have both workers' comp and liability insurance? If not, you could be held liable if there are injuries on your property during the course of the work. Ask to see proof of insurance before you agree to move forward.

Establish expectations. Especially if you're planning a large project with several moving parts, it's important to know the answers to basic questions, like who will manage the project and whether or not subcontractors will be hired. This will give you insight into how many people will be on your property for the duration of the work. Finally, don't hesitate to ask: Is customer satisfaction guaranteed? Avoid uncomfortable conversations in the future by discussing upfront what the project will entail.



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Asking a few simple questions upfront will help you choose the right person for the job.

Get everything in writing. Large or small, major or minor, your project needs documentation. Proof of licensing, contracts, invoices, proof of payment, progress photos

— every text, email or conversation related to your project — should be put in writing and kept organized. Paying with check or credit card creates a paper trail, and documenting each step

of the process protects both you and the service pro. At its most basic level, the work you agreed upon will be wrapped up, with no surprises, ready for you to enjoy.



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A professional grade ceiling-mounted projector is being installed in a home.

Get in on the latest home tech trends

BY CATHY HOBBS
Tribune News Service

As technology continues to evolve, so does the increasing number of options for those looking to modernize their homes. Some cutting-edge innovations:

Voice activation: Looking for instant lights or music when you enter a room? A voice activation system could be the solution.

Home temperature: From preset thermostats to

those that can be monitored remotely from your smartphone, many options are available.

Home automation platform: With companies such as Control4 leading the pack, there are many ways to automate processes in nearly every room.

Windows: Look for decor elements such as automatic shades or drapery to integrate into tech plans.

Get the app: Gone are the

days where you have to be physically present to turn on anything from lights to a home alarm.

Entertainment: Home theaters are more popular than ever, with brands such as SnapAV, Triad and JVC offering products for the ultimate experience.

Surveillance: Looking for ways to monitor your home from afar? With the help of a camera and a home automation system you can see who comes and who goes

from anywhere.

Alarm: Integrate your alarm system into a platform capable of remote access. From being able to unlock doors remotely to turning an alarm off and on a mobile device, technology makes it easier than ever to connect with your home.

Remote access: Many companies allow a homeowner to access a security system, dim lights, turn on music or television, lower shades and more.

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LIGHTEN UP

Easy ways to brighten rooms amid season's darker days

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH
Associated Press

When home designer and builder Marnie Oursler talks with clients about building their dream homes along the Delaware coast, their No. 1 request is having bright spaces with lots of natural light.

But at this time of year, it can feel like that brightness and light is in short supply in many homes. The sparkly holiday decorations have been put away, and the daylight hours are still way too brief.

Fortunately, there are plenty of things you can “do in a single day to hedge against the winter doldrums,” says Washington, D.C.-based interior designer Josh Hildreth. We’ve asked Oursler, Hildreth and interior designer Jessica Wachtel of GTM Architects in Bethesda, Maryland, for advice on easy decor changes that will brighten up any room.

Light from below

Hildreth suggests taking a cue from the design style of Nordic countries, where winter days are short: Try painting wooden floors white or cream, or bleaching them to a light shade of brown.

“When you use sort of a wonderful cream color or white on a floor,” Hildreth says, “everything put against it pops.” Even heavy, dark wooden furniture will feel more contemporary and less formal.

Also, Hildreth says, if you have heavy rugs or layered rugs on the floor, consider removing some of them. Having more bare floor can help open up the space and make it feel fresher and brighter.

Oursler and Wachtel also suggest swapping out dark rugs for lighter and brighter ones. It’s an easy change with big impact.

Maximize your light

We think of adding warmer, heavier curtains in winter, Wachtel says, but



GORDON BEALL/AP

This sunroom designed by Josh Hildreth has a light-colored rug and citrus trees that add a fresh scent to the space.



DANA HOFF/AP

Marnie Oursler suggests light-colored slip covers on sofas or dining room chairs, as in this home built by her company.

removing heavy draperies will let in more natural light.

Also, she says, consider using brighter lightbulbs at

this time of year, and perhaps even taking out a ceiling fixture that has just one bulb and replacing it with one that has several

bulbs. You can use a dimmer to make sure the room doesn’t get too bright, but you’ll be able to brighten the space as needed.

patterns. Hildreth says patterns like colorful chintz may be returning and are perfect for brightening a room at any time of year.

Add openness and lift

Rearranging furniture is an inexpensive way to give a room a different feel, Oursler says. “And you declutter at the same time. People don’t realize how easy it is for a space to get cluttered. Once you declutter, the space will feel brighter and bigger,” she says.

As you rearrange, consider whether any of your pieces could be replaced with something less dense and heavy. If you have a heavy coffee table or solid wooden end tables, Oursler says, consider switching to lighter pieces made of metal and glass. “You can find those relatively inexpensively, but they do make a big difference,” she says.

Also, she adds, make your space feel taller and more open by adding some wainscoting painted white about two-thirds of the way up a wall, and decorate above it by adding grasscloth or paintings in that space just below the ceiling. “Anything you can do to elevate a space,” she says, “will make a room feel brighter because it will feel bigger.”

Citrus scents and candles

Hildreth points out that scents can also brighten a room: Potted citrus trees in his sunroom add a crisp scent throughout the season, but candles and diffusers can do the same. The designer Jo Malone has an orange blossom candle that he says is perfect for brightening a room with a fresh citrus scent.

And for a finishing touch, Hildreth suggests adding a few gorgeous coffee-table books filled with images of sun-filled spaces. A dark day will feel a lot brighter, he says, if you spend an hour getting lost in colorful images.

Another practical trick: Add large mirrors to amplify natural light during the day and lamplight at night. Oursler made her office feel brighter by adding a large mirror trimmed to look like a window. It also gives a sense of connection to the outdoors.

Slipcovers and tablecloths

If your dining table has dark chairs or your sofa is dark, Oursler suggests slipcovers in a light shade.

Hildreth says the same about covering a dark wood table: Since that dark table may dominate your dining room, he says, “a wonderful heavy, light-colored linen tablecloth is a beautiful idea.” The thickness of the fabric can still bring a sense of warmth, but the light color will open up the space.

Along with light-colored solids, consider bright



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Panicle hydrangea (*Hydrangea paniculata*) can be pruned in winter, but not all kinds of hydrangea should be pruned at this time of year.

When to prune hydrangeas depends on one major factor

BY BETT BOTTS

Hydrangeas, with their big fluffy summer blooms, are among the most popular and loved shrubs in Chicago-area gardens. But gardeners often are flummoxed about when to prune them — especially in winter, when they're pruning other shrubs.

"It's one of the most common pruning questions we get," said Julie Janoski, manager of the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum. "Our answer is another question: What kind of hydrangea is it?"

Because they grow differently, not all hydrangea species can be pruned the same way. Some can be pruned now, while they're in their winter dormant state. For others, it's best to prune dead wood in early spring or wait to prune until the flowers fade in summer.

If you don't know what kind of hydrangea shrub you have, the Plant Clinic may be able to help you identify it. "It will help if you have a picture of the plant in the summer, when it's flowering and has leaves," Janoski said.

Here are some of the popular hydrangea species

and when to prune them.

Big-leaved hydrangea (*Hydrangea macrophylla*): This shrub from Asia is a classic in East Coast gardens. However, big-leaved hydrangea often fails to bloom here in Chicago because the flower buds, formed in early fall, don't survive the cold winter. "Don't prune big-leaved hydrangea in winter, or you'll cut off the flower buds and they won't have any chance to bloom," Janoski said. "We recommend pruning out dead branches and stems in early spring and leaving the rest of the bush intact." Newer big-leaved hydrangea cultivars that are relatively hardy include Twist-n-Shout, Bloom-Struck and Let's Dance Big Easy.

Oak-leaved hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*): Like big-leaved hydrangea, oak-leaved hydrangea forms its buds in fall and should not be pruned in winter. A large shrub native to the American South, it has large, leathery leaves that turn reddish in autumn, and long clusters of white flowers in summer. Cultivars include Alice, Pee Wee, Sikes Dwarf and Snow Queen.

Wild hydrangea, also known as **smooth hydrangea** (*Hydrangea arborescens*): This species, native to southern Illinois, has big balls of small white flowers. The best-known cultivar is Annabelle; others include Hills of Snow, Incredible and Invincible Spirit. Unlike big-leaved hydrangea, wild hydrangea doesn't form its flower buds until spring, so you can safely prune it in winter when it's dormant.

Panicle hydrangea (*Hydrangea paniculata*): Panicle hydrangea also forms its flower buds in spring and can safely be pruned in winter. It is a large shrub from Asia with oval or pointed flower clusters that are traditionally white, although some newer cultivars have been bred to bloom pink. Popular cultivars include Tar-diva, Limelight, Little Lime, Pinky Winky, Vanilla Strawberry and Quick Fire.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum (mortonarb.org/plantadvice, 630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum.

How to save a tree after deer damage it with antlers

BY TIM JOHNSON

I just discovered some damage from deer rubs to the trunks of a couple of my trees. Will the trees be OK, and what can I do to protect them in the future?

— Lori Robinson, Highland Park

Bucks can cause significant damage to young trees in the fall by rubbing their antlers on trunks. Male deer clean their antlers of summer velvet from early September through November while also marking their territory during the breeding season. The bucks repeatedly strike trees for noise effect to show dominance and intimidate other bucks. They also coat the twigs and bark with scent from glands in their faces and underbodies to mark their territory.

Young trees that are 1 to 6 inches in diameter with smooth bark — such as maples, lindens, birches and magnolias — are most likely to be damaged by deer rubs. Larger trees with smooth bark, as well as clump-form trees, can also be damaged. I have seen aspen trees in Winnetka that are more than 10 inches in diameter incur major damage from buck rubs — buck territory includes many home gardens in this area.

The damage to trees from buck rubs comes from the shredding of bark from a foot or so above the ground to 3 to 5 feet up the trunk. Young trees have very thin bark that is easily damaged. Usually, the damage is done over a 24-hour period.

The tree's vascular system — which is just below the bark and transports water, nutrients and food between the roots and leaves — gets damaged, and the underlying wood is exposed. If rubbed all the way around, the trunk will be girdled, resulting in the



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If bucks strip too much bark when rubbing their antlers on a tree, it can cause irreparable damage.

eventual death of the tree in one to three years. If the damage is mostly located vertically on the trunk and does not go all around it, the tree can survive, although it may die on the side where the damage occurred. The small tree in your photo shows significant damage that appears to go all around the trunk, so you should plan on replacing that tree. There is nothing you can do to help it survive.

Trees can heal after a surprisingly large amount of damage. Trim off any loose, shredded bark where it's not connected tightly to the trunk. If possible, cut the wounds into an elliptical or football shape to help the tree recover more quickly, but do not dramatically enlarge the wound to do this. There is no need to use a wound dressing or wrap the damage. Smooth edges heal better than the ragged edges left from the deer rubbing, but be sure to prune back broken branches as needed.

Small clump-form trees can be ruined if too many branches are broken. Clump-form birches and magnolias may re-sprout and establish new trunks if they are cut back to stubs a few inches above the ground. The large tree in the photo has more localized damage, so I would expect it to recover.

You will need to protect the trunks of your trees from the ground to about 6 feet up the trunk next fall; no need to take action this winter. It is a good idea to install this protection in late August.

Wrapping with burlap or paper tree wrap will likely not provide enough protection for deer rubs. Try using a sturdy hardware wire mesh (hardware cloth) with 1/2-inch or smaller openings. This kind of mesh is available at hardware stores to wrap your tree trunks. Chicken wire usually works, but in one garden the deer were so aggressive that the chicken wire was mostly torn off the tree with heavy damage to the bark.

You can also purchase plastic tree wraps that work well for smaller trees. Surround a small tree with a 6-foot-tall barrier of hardware wire mesh supported by fence posts if you are unable to wrap the trunk due to its small size.

Deer repellents are not effective in controlling buck rubs; you need to get a sturdy physical barrier around the trunks of your trees in order to prevent damage.

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ASK THE BUILDER

Mold can be inevitable with vinyl siding

BY TIM CARTER

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Q: My house is now 25 years old. It's covered with vinyl siding. Every summer, mold and mildew develops on the north side of my house. Every few years I remove it. Is there some coating I can apply to the siding to stop the mold and mildew from reappearing? It's aggravating. What about some sort of paint? I'm open to any and all ideas.

A: I have the same exact issue at my own home, although its siding is fiber cement. You may have black mold and mildew or green algae growing on the north side of your home if you live north of the equator. The north exposure provides the perfect conditions for this organic growth.

Here's the bad news, in my opinion. There's no magic paint or coating I'm aware of that will keep your siding free of mildew, mold and algae. Here's why: These three living organisms are just about everywhere. They just need two things to grow: water and food. The northern exposure of houses provides ample amounts of water.

Because direct sunlight doesn't wash north-facing walls, water there is often slower to evaporate. Morning dew can and does form on all the surfaces of the house when the surface temperature drops below the dew point of the air.



TIM CARTER

Mold and mildew grows on siding of all types, including vinyl, wood and fiber cement.

Those surfaces on the north side of the house lose this dew last, allowing the mold, mildew and algae to get a drink before the next morning. The soil just below the siding stays far more moist than the soil on the other sides of the house, all things being equal. Water evaporates from this soil and some of this water vapor might also quench the thirst of the organisms.

Food is readily available in almost all areas of the U.S. for mold, mildew and

algae growth. In Ohio, the plentiful deciduous trees, especially maples, broadcast a fine aerosol. These microscopic drops of elixir contain sugars that are delicious food for mildew, mold and algae.

Dust and other pollutants can also be food for some of these organisms. Realize that food is everywhere, even though it's invisible. Old oil-based paints were made from alkyd oil resins. These oils are scrumptious food for

mildew and mold.

This is why some modern deck sealers made using natural oils turn black in months after you go to all the trouble of making your deck look nice. You're slathering on food for the mold and mildew to munch on! Some natural oil sealers contain chemicals to slow organic growth.

Three years ago, I wrote a book, "Roofing Ripoff," about why asphalt shingles are falling apart faster than they should. The inspira-

tion for the book came when I discovered that copper ions will extend the life of asphalt shingles for decades.

Many have known for hundreds of years that copper is also an amazing natural biocide. That's why the hulls of clipper ships and Old Ironsides, the historic U.S. Navy frigate, have copper sheathing. I've used liquid copper solution to keep algae off patios. The only issue is that the copper washes away with each

rainfall, and it can create a bluish cast. Some people are very much against the use of aqueous copper like this, thinking it harms the environment.

If you have problems with mold and mildew on your vinyl siding, you may want to experiment with spraying a copper sulfate on the siding. However, if you've got valuable landscaping or trees nearby, the copper is not going to help them live. The issue is the copper on the vinyl siding is temporary and it will wash off with repeated rainfalls.

I think the easiest thing to do is to just wash the siding once a year around Flag Day. It's warm by then and the chore won't be too hard. If you wash the house when the siding doesn't yet have mold or mildew growth, you might be able to accomplish it using a garden spray attachment to your garden hose.

Instead of putting dangerous chemicals in the sprayer, just put in some powdered oxygen bleach as well as some liquid dish soap. Spray this soapy solution on the house and allow it to sit for 15 or 20 minutes. This allows the oxygen bleach to attack and break down any invisible food particles. The liquid dish soap lubricates the surface so any food comes off with minimal effort when you rinse the siding.

This simple cleaning procedure ensures the siding looks great all year.

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A fresh coat of paint is one of several inexpensive ways to brighten up your home.

HOME REMEDIES

5 easy ways to freshen up your home's interior

BY DIANA CRANDALL
 Angie's List

Refreshed decor, comforting paint colors and thoughtful upgrades can add a layer of warmth and sunshine to your home, especially if you've been living there a while. Here are some simple ways to spark joy — for you and anyone else who steps inside your home.

Update your kitchen backsplash: A simple way to rejuvenate the heart of your house? A brand-new kitchen backsplash. The upgrade is both functional and stylistic, injecting personality and depth into one of your home's most highly trafficked rooms. Research the different materials available to you — from manufactured stone veneer to classic ceramic tile — and decide which color and type will make the greatest impact. Homeowners report paying as little as \$600 or as much as \$1,350 for backsplash installation, according to the Angie's List Pricing Guide.

Swap out door handles and hardware: We interact with handles constantly: to close doors, to

open cabinets, to let the dogs out and the kids in. But handles are an oft-overlooked design component that can remake a room. Egg doorknobs can add a stroke of ingenuity to a bathroom, new cabinet pulls can refresh a dated kitchen and a unique front door handle can greet newcomers with a pleasant surprise. The price of handles and knobs vary drastically depending on locks and smart capabilities, but it's a relatively painless home improvement project that can perk up every room in your house.

Apply a fresh coat of paint: The color of a room can influence us in ways we barely consider, including our emotions, our perceptions and even our appetite. Experts have studied the psychology of colors for years — use the information to your advantage. Open a room with an off-white or eggshell color; add accents of a mood-booster like yellow or cobalt blue to your kitchen. Interior painting costs \$2 to \$6 per square foot, via the Angie's List Pricing Guide.

Upgrade your laundry room: The laundry room

doesn't have to be a cyclone of dirty clothes, missing socks and dryer lint. It's the perfect place to experiment with uplifting design elements, including patterned flooring, textured wallpapers and boldly colored paint. These days, wallpaper is much easier to apply and remove than it used to be (there are even some solid peel-and-stick options), so your drywall won't be destroyed in the process. You can find endless inspiration online for the perfect way to lighten up wash day.

Install a gallery wall: A gallery wall is the perfect way to display photos you love and want to see every day. This layout allows you to hang a multitude of pictures in a cohesive design — but the shape, content and colors you use are entirely up to you. Frames can be metal, hardwood or any combination of each. And you can hang them symmetrically or hodgepodge — whichever formation you like. Call in a handyman if you have trouble lifting, centering or straightening your photos. They run about \$60 to \$65 an hour, homeowners report.

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A snapshot of the Americans who recently bought homes

In Part 2 of our look at the National Association of REALTORS' annual profile of statistics on recent home purchases, we dive into the kinds of homes Americans bought, how far they moved, and what priorities led them to choose the home they did.

Far and away, the most commonly purchased home type in the U.S. is a detached single-family residence. These homes accounted for 83 percent of the purchases during the year. In a distant second, townhomes and row houses represented 6 percent.

The make-up for senior-related housing purchases is quite different, however. Senior buyers accounted for 12 percent of all home sales during the year, with 20 percent of their purchases being condos.

Purchase prices increased slightly this year, to a median closing price of \$257,000, and a typical sale at 98 percent of the seller's asking price.

For that price, the typical home purchased was 1,850 square feet with three bedrooms

and two bathrooms, and a median year of construction of 1990.

The study also found that most buyers are not moving far, with the median distance between the purchased and original homes being a mere 15 miles.

Seven out of eight homebuyers (87%) went with a previously owned home, with the number one reason being a belief that these homes offer a better overall value for the money (reported by 33 percent of these buyers).

Meanwhile, for the 13% of buyers who purchased a newly built home, they were most commonly driven by a desire to avoid renovations and problems with plumbing or electricity (reported by 39 percent).

The REALTORS' annual survey was conducted in July 2019, capturing home purchases between July 2018 and June 2019. Responses were received from over 5,800 buyers, with results weighted to represent U.S. population demographics.

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