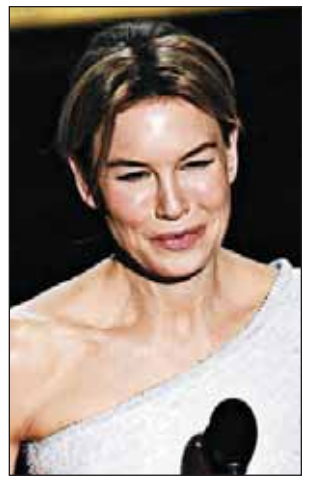


'PARASITE' IS BEST PICTURE

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The giant beams are coming

I-294 'Mile Long Bridge' to get 187-foot-long concrete slabs



MARY WISNIEWSKI
Getting Around

You may have seen them coming down Interstate 90, riding at about 45 mph with an Illinois State Police

escort like visiting dignitaries.

They are concrete beams, each measuring as much as 7½ feet tall, 187 feet long, and weighing 245,000 pounds, traveling south from a factory in Janesville, Wisconsin.

They will temporarily hang out near the 83rd Street Toll Plaza along Interstate 294, the Tri-

State Tollway. But their ultimate destiny is to be part of the rebuilt Mile Long Bridge on I-294 in the southwest suburbs.

The beams are the heaviest ever produced or shipped in the Midwest, according to Gary Courneya, operations manager for County Materials Corp. in Janesville. Currently, the longest concrete beams on

the Tollway are 170 feet long, installed at the Fox River Bridge on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (Interstate 90) and at the Des Plaines River Valley Bridge on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (Interstate 355).

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In 2 districts, fresh faces take on titans

Young challengers for Davis, Rush in March primaries

BY LOLLY BOWEAN

Their much younger political opponents say they are out of touch, aren't visible enough in their districts and, after spending decades in office, miss important meetings and votes in Washington. The challengers say this shows it's simply time for newer, younger energy.

But U.S. Reps. Danny Davis and Bobby Rush, two titans of Chicago's Democratic political scene who have outlasted presidents, mayors and aldermen, say there's more for them to do.

Davis and his South Side colleague, Rush, each have three challengers in the March 17 primary election.

In the 1st District, the 73-year-old Rush is facing Robert Emmons, a 27-year-old former consultant to nonprofit groups who likes to say that Rush was elected to the congressional seat the same year he was born; Sarah Gad, 32, who says residents in the district will relate to her background; and Ameena Matthews, 52, an anti-violence activist who cata-

pulted to national fame when her journey was spotlighted in a documentary, "The Interrupters."

In the 7th District, Davis is being challenged by Anthony Clark, 37, an outspoken public school teacher and U.S. Air Force veteran who ran for the same office two years ago and lost; Kina Collins, 28, whose work organizing medical professionals triggered her interest in seeking office; and Kristine Schanbacher, 32, an attorney who lives in the Gold Coast, who said she jumped in the race because she felt the district "can do better."

Both Rush and Davis grew out of the civil rights movement and the fight for justice. Both have been struck deeply by loss in their personal lives — Rush's son, Huey Rich, was fatally shot in 1999, and Davis lost his teenage grandson, Javon Wilson, to gun violence in 2016.

Rush publicly battled cancer of the salivary gland in 2008. The illness left his voice raspy and his speech pattern choppy.

And yet, in election after election, they have managed every two years to easily fend off their chal-

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Buttigieg faces wrath from rivals in New Hampshire

Sanders and Biden step up attacks ahead of primary

BY EVAN HALPER AND MELANIE MASON
Los Angeles Times

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Rivals of presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg moved with urgency Sunday to slow his momentum, sharply critiquing his struggles with nonwhite voters, lack of government experience and indebtedness to wealthy donors.

The 38-year-old former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, who is consistently polling at the top of the field here, just behind Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, jabbed back. He emerged on all five of the Sunday morning political talk shows — the only candidate to do so — where he made the case that the movement to stop him embodied an arrogant Washington



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

Pete Buttigieg addresses supporters on Saturday in Manchester, N.H.

mindset turning voters against Democrats.

"We know that we might look small from the perspective of Washington but for us it is what is going on in Washington that is small and small-minded," Buttigieg said on CNN's "State of the Nation." He said communities in the industrial Midwest and ru-

ral America "are frustrated by being made into a punchline by Washington politicians."

Buttigieg was responding to stepped up attacks led by former Vice President Joe Biden, who posted a new digital ad this weekend mocking Buttigieg's achievements in South Bend. Biden also unleashed on the former mayor at a news conference Saturday, during which he said "this guy's not a Barack Obama."

"He's right," Buttigieg said on CNN. "I am not. Neither is he. Neither is any of us running for president. This is not 2008. It is 2020."

Also on Sunday, Associated Press reported that Sanders' campaign said it plans to ask for a "partial canvass" of the results of last week's Iowa caucuses.

A campaign aide confirmed the plans, ahead of a Monday deadline for candidates to ask the Iowa

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Arnulfo Tovar boils ears of corn near the National Museum of Mexican Art on Jan. 31.

West Side street vendors struggle

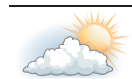
BY LAURA RODRÍGUEZ PRESA

For nearly three decades, Arnulfo Tovar saved enough money selling corn on the streets of Pilsen each summer to pay his rent during the winter months. This year it was not enough.

In December, the now 72-year-old was forced out of his longtime apartment. He had to move into a new one for which he pays nearly double the rent, leaving him with no other option than to continue selling outside, despite the cold weather and his deteriorating health, he said.

Tovar has been caught up in a more than two-decade process of gentrification in the West Side neighborhood. His fellow street vendors, or *eloteros*, are a staple of the Mexican American neighborhoods in Chicago, and many of

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ERIN SCHAFF/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Then-national security adviser John Bolton in the Oval Office in Washington last July.

Let's face the truth, America: John Bolton played us



DAHLEEN GLANTON

John Bolton never had any intention of testifying in Donald Trump's Senate impeachment trial. And he knew he would never have to.

Trump's former national security adviser threw Democrats a sucker punch by pretending that he was noble enough to stand up against his old boss and the entire Republican Party. Turns out, he's a selfish manipulator — just like Trump. And the American people got played.

Bolton is the only person who got anything worthwhile out of the drama that ensued over his possible testimony. His book sales likely will soar through the roof. And with juicy tidbits already out in the open, he has virtually guaranteed that his book won't fizzle out as quickly as every other tell-all book about Trump has.

Having worked for Trump, Bolton knew the lengths to which the president would go — even beyond tying a subpoena up in court — to keep him from telling senators what he knew about the Ukraine shakedown.

He also knew it would never get to that point. Bolton had the proof Democrats needed to show that Trump had abused his presidential power by withholding military funding to Ukraine in order to force an investigation into former Vice President Joe Biden and his son, Hunter.

As a political insider, he knew there was no way Republicans ever would get the four votes needed to hear him say it under oath — because such damning information would only make it harder for the senators to explain away the acquittal.

Anyone waiting for Bolton to speak out now that Trump has been acquitted should forget about it. If he were a noble man, he would never have been part of such a corrupt

president's administration to begin with. News organizations are clamoring for an interview. If he had any intention of doing right by the American people, he would have broken his silence by now.

If there was any uncertainty about Bolton's sincerity, House impeachment manager Adam Schiff helped put it to rest last week during an interview on MSNBC's "The Rachel Maddow Show." After Republicans voted against hearing new witnesses, Bolton wasn't even willing to submit an affidavit.

"After they voted to be the first impeachment trial in history without witnesses, we did approach John Bolton's counsel, asked if Mr. Bolton would be willing to submit an affidavit under oath describing what he observed in terms of the president's Ukraine misconduct, and he refused," Schiff said.

"For whatever reason, he apparently was willing to testify before the Senate, but apart from that, seems intent on saving it for his book. He'll have to answer for that."

According to Schiff, Bolton's attorneys threatened to sue Democrats if they tried to subpoena him to testify before the Congressional impeachment hearings last year.

In their desperation to hear from someone who had firsthand knowledge of Trump's abuse of power, Democrats seemed willing to ignore who Bolton really is. That doesn't mean they were entirely taken in by him. In several speeches, Schiff alluded to the curiosity over Bolton's sudden benevolent change of heart regarding his testimony.

What Bolton wants more than anything — and likely the reason he joined Trump's administration in the first place — is to have an influential voice in developing and promoting the Republican public policy agenda.

Though Bolton might be on the outs with Trump right now, he will never be a friend to Democrats. A longtime advocate of bombing Iran into submission, he is an outspoken proponent of using military force around the world rather than engage

in peaceful negotiations. In that regard, he is the antithesis of most Democrats.

When President George W. Bush nominated him as ambassador to the United Nations in 2005, Democrats despised him so much that they filibustered his confirmation in the Senate. Bush had to wait until the Senate was on summer recess to sneak his appointment in.

While the public doesn't know how The New York Times learned what's in a manuscript of Bolton's book, "The Room Where It Happened," scheduled for publication next month, it is easy to surmise who benefited most from its release.

According to the Times, Bolton reveals that Trump ordered him to help pressure Ukraine to dig up dirt on his perceived Democratic rival and told him to call President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and urge him to meet with Trump's go-to guy and personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani.

That's some powerful stuff. The suspense over whether he would actually get to testify to it under oath increased America's thirst for more information about what happened behind the scenes. At the same time, the leaked teasers shielded Bolton from a likely public lashing had these details come to light after the trial had ended.

The current drama over whether Trump's people will try to stop publication of the book by arguing that it contains significant amounts of classified information heightens expectations. There could be no better publicity.

At the same time, Bolton gets to parade around like a whistleblower who was kept, by no fault of his own, from blowing his whistle. When his book does finally come out, it won't be any help to the America people.

It will be a useless rehash of what we already know about this corrupt president. Maybe we should give the book the shaft the way Bolton gave it to us.

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SNOW DANCE

Nell Dickens, 2, picks up a snowball as her parents Jack and Laura watch her play Sunday in Lincoln Park. Chicago and much of northern Illinois were hit with snow Sunday morning and afternoon. The pocket of snowfall was moderate with moments of heavy flakes showering the city.

Cops: Armed man shot and killed by officer in Lakeview

BY PAIGE FRY, ALICE YIN
AND JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

A Chicago police officer shot and killed an armed man Sunday morning in the North Side neighborhood of Lakeview, authorities said.

Police were called about 5:15 a.m. to the 3600 block of North Ashland Avenue for a report of a disturbance outside the bar Tai's til 4, which ended in a man being fatally shot by a police officer, interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck said during a news conference Sunday morning.

According to police, a man shot another man in the neck and cheek as he stood outside near the bar and then the gunman took off running. The male victim was taken to an area hospital in critical condition and authorities said he required emergency

surgery, according to police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi.

Officers were able to quickly find the gunman, and an "armed confrontation with police resulted," officials said. The man shot at police officers, at least one of whom returned fire, killing the man. The gunman was pronounced dead at the location, police said.

"It's been a very tragic night in Chicago," Guglielmi said.

The officer who fired shots is being treated at a hospital for bumps and bruises, Beck said.

A handgun was recovered at the scene, officials said.

"I just got home and had the windows open. I heard pop, pop, pop and yelling, like I felt the bullets reverberate through the earth. I just saw the police on Addison, so I really didn't expect anything here," said a neighbor,

who declined to be named.

Police worked the scene at Waveland and Marshfield avenues late into the morning, where evidence markers spread along two blocks off Ashland Avenue. The largely residential area remained quiet as few residents peaked their head out onto the street. Several officers scouted the area in what they referred to as a "fluid" investigation.

The shooting is under investigation by Chicago police and the Civilian Office of Police Accountability. The officer will be placed on administrative duty for 30 days, as is routine.

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Prosecutors: Parolee recruited 4 in robbery that left store owner dead

BY WILLIAM LEE
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A South Side parolee with a history of committing armed robberies recruited three teenage relatives and a fourth person to rob a Park Manor convenience store, prosecutors said Sunday.

But the planned-out holdup at the Michigan Dollar Plus store fell apart when the shop's owner — a popular and beloved business owner on East 71st Street — opened fire with his own weapon, striking two of his assailants before he was mortally wounded, authorities said.

Sammy Trice, 34, and his cousin, Anthony Carter, 17, remained hospitalized Sunday following surgery and weren't present for a bail hearing on first-degree murder and armed robbery charges at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

Associate Judge Charles Beach II approved a request to deny bail to both defendants, calling them a danger to the community in connection with the death of shop's owner, Mohammed I. Maali, 33.

Trice's nephews, ages 13 and 15, were charged as juveniles with first-degree murder and armed robbery with a firearm and were also ordered held in custody by a Juvenile Court judge, authorities said. The fourth person remained at large, authorities said.

In a hushed courtroom, prosecutors described how Trice, who is on parole for a felony drug conviction, planned the daylight

robbery and recruited the youngsters to participate. Surveillance video captured Trice arriving with three others in his wife's red SUV behind the shop at 68 E. 71 St. around 1:40 p.m., Assistant State's Attorney Carolyn Nevin told the court.

Outside the shop, Trice met with the 13-year-old and shared his plan, which kicked off the moment all five entered the business. The 13-year-old locked the front door, and Trice held Maali on the floor at gunpoint while the 15-year-old and the unknown offender stuffed black trash bags with merchandise and loaded them into the SUV's trunk, authorities said.

But as the robbers fled out a rear door, Maali, a concealed carry license holder, pulled his own 9 mm handgun and fired multiple shots toward the assailants before Trice returned fire, striking the shop owner, prosecutors said. The store's cameras also captured Trice fleeing the store limping and injured with what appears to be a gun in his hand, Nevin said.

Maali, who was known as "Omar" by many who frequented the store, was shot at least once in his torso and was pronounced dead at 7:40 p.m. Friday after undergoing emergency surgery. His death was ruled a homicide, officials said.

A blood trail and footprints led police to Trice, who was hiding in the basement of an abandoned home about 450 feet from the scene of the shooting, Nevin added. He was taken to the

University of Chicago Medical Center, where he underwent surgery for four gunshot wounds to his side.

A short time later, police arrested three of the teens, including Carter, who was found to have a gunshot wound to his right side and was also taken to University of Chicago Medical Center for treatment. The 13-year-old was found with \$269 cash in his underwear, while a search of the red SUV revealed paperwork with Trice's name along with two garbage bags full of merchandise, Nevin said.

In addition to multiple cameras capturing the suspects in the areas, Carter admitted to planning and participating in the robbery, authorities said. Carter was on house arrest for a robbery case from Crown Point, Indiana.

In addition to his drug conviction, Trice has armed robbery convictions in 2010 and 2004, when he recruited two teenagers to rob someone with a pellet gun, prosecutors said. Citing Trice's criminal record, the judge ordered him held for violating his parole.

Maali was well-known in the neighborhood as someone who would extend credit to those who were short of money. None of his family appeared for Sunday's hearing. Trice's nephews are expected to return to juvenile court Monday morning.

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'Our last promise to each other'

Sailor from Indiana and South Vietnamese soldier to reunite where they met in 1968

BY JERRY DAVICH

They first met during the Vietnam War. After a 35-year search, they met again in the United States. Their story isn't about an unpopular war or the span of time. It's about promises made, promises kept, and one last promise soon to become a reality.

In 1968, during the height of the war, George Dzyacky was a 19-year-old sailor serving in Danang, a key military harbor for Uncle Sam. Yung Nguyen was a 13-year-old Vietnamese native with dreams that would someday set sail for a new life in America. One was a boyish man. The other a mannish boy.

Dzyacky was assigned to civil affairs, the military equivalent of the U.S. Peace Corps. His job, in addition to supplying rebuilding materials to dirt-poor natives, was to win the hearts and minds of the Vietnamese people. He would accomplish this mission with at least one native, Nguyen, who was recovering from a landmine injury.

The two teenagers met when Dzyacky's naval unit needed an interpreter. Nguyen was old enough to understand both languages and young enough to earn the trust of both parties. His skill also earned him spending money, a Honda scooter and living quarters with Dzyacky and his sailor buddies.

Dzyacky's room was plastered with images of his fiancée, Susan, his sweetheart from Andean High School. He constantly told Nguyen about someday returning home to Gary, Indiana, to marry her. And he would. Nguyen also had a childhood sweetheart from his village whom he promised to someday marry. And he would.

"George, you have a beautiful girlfriend!" Nguyen repeatedly told Dzyacky. "I hope you marry her."

They shared a bunk bed. Nguyen slept on the top bunk, often listening to Dzyacky record messages to Susan on reel-to-reel audio tapes, the technology of the day. Fifty years later, Dzyacky still has those tapes, including one with Nguyen saying hello to Susan.

"When I was a boy, George treated me like his little brother," Nguyen told me through tears in 2007.

That day, he met Dzyacky for the first time in Dzyacky's Schererville home. Together, they recalled how they met, how they befriended each other amid a war, and how they shared a promised reunion.

"Someday we will return to Vietnam, where we first met," Nguyen told Dzyacky. "We will return when both countries are at peace, not at war."

Nguyen never forgot his "big brother." When he finally tracked him down, Jan. 14, 2003, Nguyen's first question over the phone was, "Did you marry Susan?"

"Yes," Dzyacky replied with a smile.

Nguyen's second question: "Are you still married to her?"

"Yes, I am," Dzyacky replied, smiling bigger.

Dzyacky, who returned home Jan. 1, 1970, couldn't believe his old friend also made it to the U.S. His journey was far more perilous. In 1969, after nine months of living together, Dzyacky got transferred to another village. Both men figured their last goodbye would be their final goodbye.

It wasn't.

After they separated, Nguyen got drafted by the South Vietnamese Army. He got wounded and hospitalized, then sent back to the front lines only to again get wounded and hospitalized. Viewed by his countrymen as an American sympathizer, he fled his homeland on a fisherman's boat into the China Sea.

That's when he made several promises to himself.

The overcrowded boat capsized and he lost every possession he owned. He was picked up by a U.S. naval ship and, along with other "boat people," he later wound up in a refugee relocation camp in Alabama. He eventually moved to Virginia where he would fulfill another promise: to find his childhood sweetheart and marry her. She, too, fled Vietnam and wound up in the U.S. They have lived there happily ever after.

Read my two columns about Dzyacky and Nguyen from 2006 and 2007, and view more photos of them, on my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/jerry.davich.

"It's been a beautiful story," Nguyen told me last week. "George and I always talked about going back someday to Vietnam with our wives, our childhood sweethearts."

Last month, Nguyen called Dzyacky to say he made travel plans to return to his homeland to visit his wife's ailing mother. He asked if Dzyacky and his wife would join them. "It's our last promise to each other," Nguyen said.

Dzyacky is now 71. His "little brother" is 65. Dzyacky didn't need much time to decide. The two couples made plans to meet in Danang, where they will celebrate the men's 50-year friendship anniversary. Their initial plans had to be bumped back because of concerns over the coronavirus crisis in that major city.

"To speak the words, 'I'm going to Vietnam' once again causes me to pause," Dzyacky told me. "But now I get to say to Susan, 'and you're going with me.' The last time I was there, I didn't need a visa or to go through customs."

"Our greatest hope is that the VAT 3 building where I served with U.S. Navy Civil Affairs, and where Yung lived with us, is still standing," Dzyacky said.

"The building was still there in 2012 when I returned to Vietnam," Nguyen recalled.

The Dzyacky's vacation resort there is located on the same property once nicknamed "China Beach" during the war.

"I remember riding a military truck to China Beach with George," Nguyen recalled.

Once again, Nguyen will serve as an interpreter for Dzyacky, who plans to finally meet Nguyen's family, something he couldn't do in 1968. The two men plan to text each other while there, again using the technology of the day.

"Reuniting with George... and then Susan... has been... unbelievable," Nguyen said, his emotions interrupting his words. "We are so... blessed."

"Our promise to each other will finally be fulfilled," Dzyacky added.

And, as I promised to both men in 2007, I will share their story after they return.

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PROVIDED BY GEORGE DZYACKY

George Dzyacky, a U.S. Navy sailor, and Young Nguyen, a Vietnamese teen, reunited in the U.S. 35 years after meeting in Vietnam.



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lengers at the polls.

"Elections are good for my soul, they sharpen me," Rush said recently, after speaking on a panel about his time as a Black Panther and the killing of Fred Hampton. "I look forward to telling people what I've done, what I do in Congress, because I'm doing it. I'm on the cutting edge every day."

They both also have the power of incumbency behind them, as well as political war chests to outmatch their opponents. At last count, on Dec. 31, Rush had nearly \$70,000 on hand while Davis had more than \$300,000, according to campaign finance records filed with the Federal Election Commission.

The 78-year-old Davis said he's just not ready to step aside.

Davis said that when he reflects upon his 24-plus years as a congressman, representing many struggling communities on Chicago's West Side and the nearby suburbs, he has unfinished business.

"No, I haven't solved all the problems in (my district), but I'm sure not standing still," Davis said in a recent interview. "If I just sat around and didn't represent the people, then yeah, I guess youth might have some advantages. Why would I want to be here and not work? I was one of the first 30 people to call for the impeachment of this president."

"I've been here. I'm committed."

The coming election is not the first time the two political veterans have been publicly called out to step aside.

Rush famously defeated former President Barack Obama in 2000, a victory about which he still boasts. And in the last election he managed to defeat Chicago Ald. Howard Brookins Jr., another political veteran with a loyal support base, who garnered only 20% of the vote.

Davis has won a combined 20 congressional primary and general elections dating back to 1996. And nearly every time, he's carried more than 80% of the vote, records show.

But this current contest comes as young political rock stars such as Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Lauren Underwood have empowered a new generation to run for office by demonstrating that winning is possible even without experience, connections or a huge war chest of campaign funds.

The slew of young candidates in Chicago vying for their seats reflects a younger generation's desire to emerge as leaders and wield power.

This election will test how far name recognition and a stacked resume can stretch.

1st Congressional District challengers

Robert Emmons, Auburn Gresham

"I know I won't be able to raise the funding an incumbent can," Emmons said. "But I'm making sure we out-organize any incumbent. Our campaign isn't a vanity project — it uplifts people that have long been neglected."

Emmons has never run for office, and he has mainly worked short stints at nonprofit organizations that aim to shape the lives of young people, such as One Goal and the Obama Foundation. Emmons said he spent three months deciding if he would run against Rush, and he's been knocking on doors, attending community meetings and visiting with voters for more than a year.

As of Dec. 31, Emmons

had raised about \$80,000 for his campaign and spent just more than \$72,000, leaving him with just shy of \$8,000 on hand, according to FEC records.

Emmons said he was compelled to enter the race against Rush because he was disappointed with his voting record and with how the district was being represented.

"In 1994, Bobby Rush voted for the disastrous crime bill," Emmons said. "Twenty-five years later, he supported a candidate for Chicago mayor ... who proposed we spend millions on drone surveillance in black and brown communities. That means Bobby Rush ... hasn't learned from his mistakes."

Emmons has made fighting gun violence, advocating for access to medical care and the Green New Deal the focal points of his campaign. He says, if elected, he wants to advocate for universal pre-K and a living wage, which would help address the root causes of poverty.

Emmons acknowledges that Rush has a steel grip on his district, which is why he and his team have been pressing for endorsements and pushing his platform on social media to engage new voters.

"My entire life I've had to overcome mountains like Bobby Rush," he said. "I respect his work as an activist and leader. I'm not the first generation to fight for these things, but I want to be a part of the last generation that has to fight for this."

Sarah Gad, Woodlawn
Sarah Gad, another first-time candidate, said her road to politics began after she became addicted to prescription opioids and landed in Cook County Jail in 2013.

After she was released, Gad said she couldn't find work or stable housing because of her criminal record. It was her bumpy journey to rebound that exposed her to dozens of men and women who, like her, made mistakes and then faced mounting obstacles because of them.

Gad served jail time in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; in Hennepin, Minnesota; and Cook County for nonviolent offenses, she said and records show.

"When I was released from jail, I realized my punishment was just starting," she said. "No one would give me a chance to get back on my feet."

An attorney who represented her in a lawsuit against Cook County Jail gave Gad a job, which ultimately helped her turn her life around, she said. In that role as a clerk, she started working with other citizens returning home from prison.

Last year, some of the residents she worked with encouraged her to run for office, she said.

"I never had a plan to get involved in politics," she said. "There are people who have said, 'We want you to be our voice.'"

"I turned my life around to fight for the people who have been dismissed from society."

Gad was released from probation in September 2019.

She's now a law student at the University of Chicago, where she has been recognized for her community service.

Gad's campaign had raised more than \$108,000, spent more than \$57,000 and had more than \$51,000 on hand as of Dec. 31, according to campaign finance records filed with the FEC.

Her campaign has faced some public challenges including the abrupt loss of two top staffers earlier this year. Gad said she thinks her message resonates with South Siders and suburban voters.

"I appeal based on my

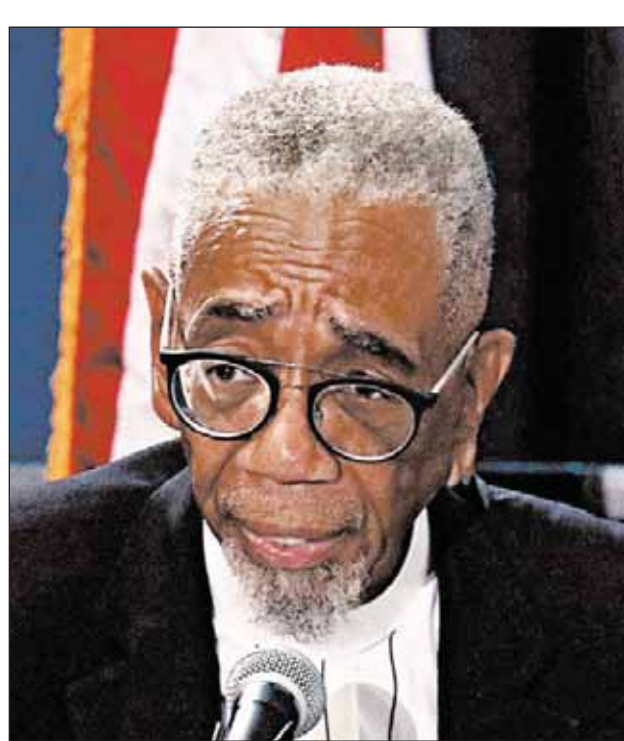
lived experience," she said. "Having gone to jail, it opened my eyes. I suffered. ... I couldn't find a job, lived in poverty and was homeless because of it. To this day, I'm discriminated against in the housing market because I have a record attached to my name."

Ameena Matthews, South Deering

Matthews is widely known as a violence interrupter, a street-wise, hip, activist who would step in just before a confrontation was about to escalate.

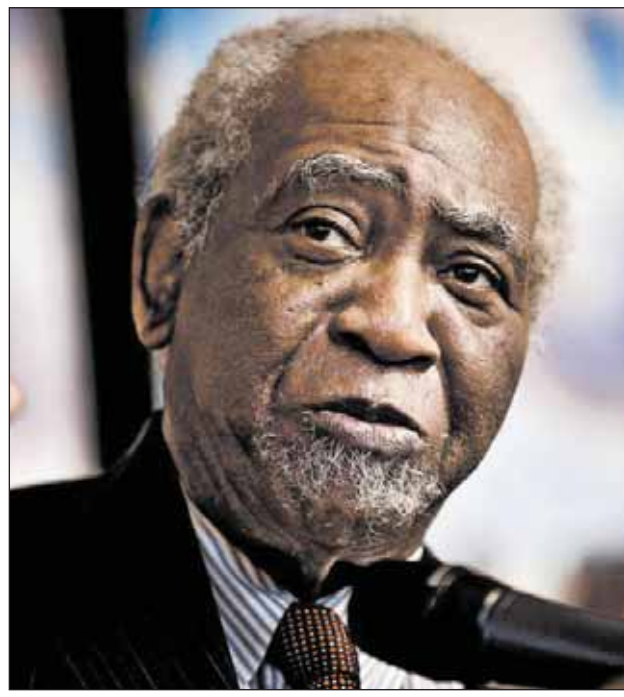
The daughter of imprisoned former gang leader Jeff Fort, Ameena Matthews said she didn't envision herself in politics. Then last year, she said it out loud: "I'm running for Congress."

"I just knew I was sick and tired of not feeling represented in a district where I pay taxes, where my children go to school and where I went to school," she said. "I said it loudly, 'I'm going to run.'"



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In the 1st District, 73-year-old Bobby Rush is facing three challengers in the March 17 primary election.



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In the 7th District, 78-year-old Danny Davis is also facing three challengers.

And everything seemed to open up — the support, the networks, the volunteers. People said, "We think it's time."

Matthews has her criticism of Rush. But she's careful in how she describes her candidacy. She's not running against Rush, she says. She's running for the office.

"I don't want people to think I'm challenging him," she explained. "I'm running because I want to make our district vibrant, to make it relevant, to make it a place where people want to come and live. His legacy? That's something I could never challenge."

Matthews, who did not have campaign finance data available on the FEC website, said she wants to use the seat to get resources for grassroots organizations and to address the abandonment and blight that plagues the district.

"People are so ready for change," she said. "People are saying, 'Ameena Fight. Fight for us. We are with you.'"

7th Congressional District challengers

Anthony Clark, Oak Park

As he stood in the front of classrooms across the city and west suburbs, Anthony Clark said he could see how his students were being impacted by disinvestment and disparity. He has lost students to gun violence and watched their surviving friends struggle to cope with loss and grief. Many of his students became disenchanted from living in communities that lacked resources, and others were frustrated with the lack of opportunities, he said.

Clark said he tried volunteering and creating programs, but realized that starting a business or a nonprofit would help address some issues but wasn't the solution.

"I felt like I was spending every single moment treating symptoms, essentially putting Band-Aids over open wounds," he said. "I

contributions from residents and small groups. As of Dec. 31, he's raised more than \$72,000 and spent more than \$50,000, leaving him with a balance of nearly \$21,500, according to records filed with the FEC.

"I'm being funded by the big poor," he said. "The working-class individuals who have struggled throughout their lives. That's who I'll be fighting for."

In his campaigning, Clark said he has focused on going to neighborhoods and speaking to residents that are traditionally overlooked.

"We have to decolonize ourselves from the loyalty politics that have kept us stagnant," he said. "I believe the struggle is the universal language. Let's talk about how levels of comfort have played a role in our oppression. We cannot be afraid of change. We have to look closely at what policies have been put forth, how people are faring."

Kina Collins, Austin

Growing up on the West Side in Austin, Kina Collins said she saw the residue of joblessness, violence, and poverty all around her.

It wasn't until she became a youth organizer protesting the shooting death of Laquan McDonald and school closures that she began to look around and think about elected officials.

"We have the largest life expectancy gap in the country," she said. "If you live in Streeterville, your life expectancy is 90. If you live in Englewood, your life expectancy drops to 60. We know there's a multitude of reasons why: the lead in the water, the bullets that are flying, the food deserts we live in, the lack of access to care. I felt compelled to run as someone from a marginalized community, because I believe I represent the working class and equity agenda that needs to be put forth nationally."

Collins had raised nearly \$78,000 and spent more than \$57,000, leaving just more than \$20,000 to spend as of Dec. 31, campaign finance records show.

Collins said she wants to focus on criminal justice reform and access to health care. She wants to push for more manufacturing jobs in her district, eliminate the school-to-prison pipeline and promote restorative justice measures in schools as an alternative to staffing them with police officers and security guards.

"Davis has been absent in our district," she said. "We are the fifth-most Democratic district in the nation. There would be no political backlash for us being bold, bodacious and pushing an equity agenda. We should be a model for how to advocate for a working-class community in Congress."

Kristine Schanbacher, Gold Coast

Schanbacher grew up in Omaha, Nebraska, and moved to Chicago to attend Northwestern University. After law school, she worked in private practice but found a passion in her pro bono work, which put her in contact with residents fighting for access to benefits and more just prison sentences, she said.

She was inspired to run, in part, because she felt her district could be better represented, she said.

"We have the resources, we have the knowledge to be doing so much better," she said in an interview. "What we lack is the political courage, the will. As (former President Barack) Obama said, if you're unhappy with your representation ... run for office."

Schanbacher had raised nearly \$278,000 as of Dec. 31, and spent more than \$207,000 to leave her campaign with an approximately \$70,000 balance, records show.

When she appeared be-

fore a church congregation in Bronzeville, Schanbacher told the audience she wants to push to expand Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, which would give lower-income residents access to groceries. She wants to create an affordable housing boom in the district and increase access to affordable health care.

"We always have money for death and destruction, for our military and prisons," she said. "But we don't have money for life and love, for food, for affordable housing, for jobs."

The incumbents

As he attends banquets, community celebrations and gatherings in his district, Davis acknowledges he doesn't have the typical campaign strategy of knocking on doors. His campaign work is in handing out scholarships, funding programs that train returning citizens to work in health care, and visiting homeless shelters to hand out gloves and coats. It's that legwork that secures his reputation to his constituents, he said.

"When people say they think somebody young ... or younger ... could do a better job, well I don't agree," he said. "And I would venture to suggest that the majority of citizens of the 7th do not agree either. (Few candidates) can match our record of sensitivity to the needs of our people, or record of service or our record of accomplishment and achievement. I can't imagine a person coming near."

Like Davis, Rush said it is his service that stands out to his constituents.

"I'm strategically positioned to make things happen in Congress, in the nation, in my district, to try to (provide) some of the vital needs my constituents have," said Rush, explaining why he's running again. He said he has proposed legislation that would call for issuing Tasers to police so they don't have to use their guns and to create green jobs in the energy sector. "Some of the stuff I'm doing right now are things we dreamed about doing in the '60s."

On a recent night in Hyde Park, the fresh-faced Emmons and Gad sat on a panel next to Rush at a debate. Emmons and Gad talked about studies that reveal the disparities and disinvestment on the South Side and south suburbs, and the two peppered the audience with their campaign promises that they supported with statistics and facts.

Emmons talked about losing a college classmate to gun violence, and Gad spoke about the discrimination she faced as a returning citizen after her incarceration.

But when it was time for Rush to speak up, he leaned on his work record and many life experiences to relate to the audience. When one woman stood and asked about gun violence, Rush told her he doesn't talk about it often but that he, too, lost a child to a shooting.

And when one of his opponents questioned his long absence from voting, he passionately explained that he took an extended leave because of his health crisis and to care for his wife of 36 years who had taken ill.

"I was fighting for my life for a long period of time," he said, drawing applause and cheers. "I couldn't fight cancer and vote in the House at the same time."

"You might not have had tragedy in your life, but I have," he said.

And at end of the night, after his comments, Rush — who is also a trained preacher — got a standing ovation.

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the rebuilt 4,800-foot-long bridge, the Illinois Tollway can use fewer piers to hold up the bridge, which carries traffic over two major railroads, the Des Plaines River, the Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal, the Illinois & Michigan Canal and local roads, according to Tollway officials.

This will be more environmentally friendly and more cost-efficient, said Paul Kovacs, chief engineering officer for the Tollway. It also shortens construction time, Tollway Executive Director Jose Alvarez said.

Here's a look at how and why the beams are used, and where they'll go:

How the beams are made

The concrete beams are being manufactured at County Materials, a bit north of the Illinois border.

The beam is shaped like the letter "I." Its skeleton is a green "cage" of steel rebar, on top of a bed of prestressed steel cables that look like a long, tightly wound hank of heavy black yarn.

Over this structure, concrete is poured, explained Courneya, who hosted a tour of the facility late last month. The concrete is left to cure for 14 days, and then any blemishes on the surface are removed.

Using thick chains and two enormous cranes, the massive beam is then carefully lifted and moved out of the County Materials factory and into the yard to await transport to Illinois. The beams are not stacked — they're too heavy for it, according to County Materials employees.

Why concrete beams?

The advantage of using concrete instead of steel beams is that they require less maintenance, Kovacs said.

But they can't be bent, so they can only be used for places that are straight, Kovacs explained. Steel beams can be used in places that require a curve.



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A concrete beam is moved to the shipping yard at County Materials Corp. on Jan. 24 in Janesville, Wisconsin.



Juan Pedroza guides the lowering of an 187-foot precast prestressed concrete beam in the shipping yard at County Materials Corp.

The other issue with concrete beams is their height. When you increase the length of a concrete beam, you also have to increase its height for maximum strength and durability, Kovacs said.

This means that long concrete beams are also high, so they can present a challenge in some areas.

But that's not a problem on the Mile Long Bridge, Kovacs said.

The existing Mile Long Bridge, built in 1958, is a mix of concrete and steel beams. The rebuilt

bridge will also have a mix, with 600 beams altogether, Kovacs said. The Mile Long Bridge is actually two bridges, going in each direction, and each will have 27 spans and 26 piers or support columns each way. The current bridge has 53 piers each way, so the number of piers has been cut in half, explained Kovacs.

The old piers will be knocked down, and their concrete recycled, Kovacs said.

Transportation song quiz

■ Our last song could be about parking your limo, and is one of the top disco/dance club songs of all time. The song is "Pull Up to the Bumper" by Grace Jones. Isabell Kyrk, of West Ridge, and Emma Griffith, of Lakeview, were first with the answer.

■ Today's song imagines a sickness that comes from staring for years at the painted markings on the highways. What's the song, and who wrote it? The first person with the right answer gets a Tribune pen, and glory.

Beam transport

Transport trucks hauling the beams will be traveling this month between 4:30 a.m. and noon on weekdays, with all delivery schedules weather dependent. The Belvidere Oasis may be a good viewing spot if you're hoping to catch a glimpse of the beams.

The beams are going east-bound and down the Jane Addams (I-90) to I-290, then south

to I-355, Interstate 80 and Interstate 57 before heading north on I-294. The trucks with the beams will be parked along I-294 near the 83rd Street Toll Plaza during the day, and the beams will be installed on new bridge piers constructed over the Des Plaines River during the overnight hours, according to Tollway officials.

To accommodate installation, overnight lane closures will be scheduled as needed on northbound I-294 between the 83rd Street plaza and the Mile Long Bridge. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. on the following morning on weekdays and by 9 a.m. on Saturdays, the Tollway said.

More beams and construction

Once the beam installation scheduled for February is complete, the Tollway will start taking delivery of steel beams for placement over Forest Preserve property and the Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal. About 110 steel beams from an Indiana manufacturing plant will be delivered, each measuring 120 inches tall and ranging in length from 57 feet to 134 feet long, the Tollway said.

Delivery of more than 430 concrete and steel beams to the construction site near Country-side, Hodgkins, Willow Springs and Justice will continue over the coming months. The northbound bridge is being built first, and then the southbound. Construction on the entire bridge is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2023.

The Mile Long Bridge is part of the Central Tri-State, a 22-mile stretch from Balmoral Avenue near O'Hare International Airport to 95th Street in Bridgeview. It is the Tollway's heaviest-traveled section, and sees 155,000 vehicles daily. The \$4 billion rebuilding and widening plan for I-294 will add one or two lanes in each direction to the four-lane highway and use "flex lanes" on the inside shoulders for buses and emergency vehicles.

Tollway officials said the project can be done without raising tolls, and will be completed in 2026.

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Vendors

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them, like Tovar, face an uncertain future because of their immigration status, their advanced age and complex regulations that often hamper their ability to make a living.

"I need to find a way to make some money because otherwise, I don't know how I would survive," said Tovar, who is missing most of his front teeth and can no longer see from his right eye because of diabetes and cataracts.

He sets up a small, old grill next to his cart to keep himself and the corn warm. In recent months, Tovar said, there's been days when he makes almost \$40, but other times he only sells one or three elotes, making about \$12 a day.

Regardless of it all, he must continue working.

Entangled in a series of low-wage jobs his whole time in the United States because he is living in the country without legal authorization, Tovar was never able to save enough money to retire. And he does not qualify for health insurance or public aid.

He spent his last \$2,000 in savings to move into his one-bedroom basement apartment, for which he pays about \$800 a month, after his old building was slated for renovation. He had never paid more than \$500 since he moved to Pilsen.

"And it was because I know the owner of the building and he was compassionate," said Tovar, in Spanish. "Otherwise, I don't know what I would have done because there's nothing else I can afford."

When Tovar immigrated to Chicago from Puebla, Mexico, in 1977, leaving his family behind, he had dreams of working to save enough to open a restaurant and eventually return. He said he settled in the Pilsen area because he was attracted and welcomed by the culture of Mexican immigrants already there. Today, the changes in the neighborhood mean much of that culture is at risk.

"Eloteros like Don Arnulfo are some of the last ones standing who make up the essence of Latino communities like Little Village and Pilsen, which are now drastically changing," said Leone Jose Bicchieri, executive director of Working Family Solidarity, an organization that advocates for affordable housing.

In 2017 Tovar approached Bicchieri for guidance on housing, translations and other documentation because Tovar can't read or write.

"These street vendors are immigrants that have lived in these neighborhoods for decades, who made the community and they are at risk of being homeless because



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Street vendor Arnulfo Tovar, left, who sells food from a cart near the National Museum of Mexican Art on 19th Street, gets a hug from customer Dinorah Gomez. Gomez came to Pilsen to buy from Tovar.



Tovar, 72, is bundled against the cold weather as he sells food.



Tovar cuts corn from a cob at his food cart in Chicago.

they are often overlooked," Bicchieri said.

Like the nearly 2,000 street vendors who sell *elotes*, tamales and fresh fruit, most concentrated in the South and West sides of the city, Tovar only speaks Spanish. The majority of them are immigrants and more than 30% of them are 55 years and older, according to a 2015 study by the Illinois Policy Institute.

About 10% of vendors are 65 years and older, said Martin Unzueta, the executive director of Chicago Community and Worker's Rights. Unzueta has worked with street vendors for more than a decade in the Street Vendors Association of Chicago advocating for the rights and just policies for *eloteros* and *tamaleros*, who regardless of legalities, make up the strong visual culture of some predominantly Latino neighborhoods.

"They must find a way to continue selling because they are in extreme need," and the majority are "undocumented," Unzueta

the ice pops known as *paletas* is a common way for seniors without the ability to work legally who cannot get another job to earn money, said Dolores Castañeda, a research assistant at the University of Illinois in Chicago currently working on an investigation about the way precarious work affects the health of seniors who lack the legal ability to work in the United States.

Some have the support of family, but many do not, she said. There are seniors who make food, sew clothes, sell gum, and even clean homes to try to make some money, Castañeda said.

Up until last winter, Ananias Ocampo, 75, sold cheese from door to door while using a walker. During the summer he sold ice cream seven days a week at 18th and Paulina streets.

When Marta Rios, owner of Cafe Emmanuel, 1915 W. 19th St., who provided Ocampo with the cart and supplied the ice cream, noticed the man's pain and struggle, she called for the community's support. They raised more than \$10,000 and Ocampo now is being treated for his severe arthritis, said Hilda Burgos, a community activist who has helped to care for him.

Out of about 12 *paleteros* who sell her ice pops as contract vendors, Rios said, nine of them are seniors without legal status. The majority of the *paleta* men from Paletaria Los Magos, 1700 W. 19th St., are also older immigrants, said owner Norma Ayala. Since she opened 30 years ago, most of the vendors who sell her *paletas* as independent vendors have been seniors in the country illegally who cannot get a job elsewhere due to age or illness, Ayala said.

"It is heartbreaking to see these grandparents out in the street, barely able to walk, still working," Castañeda said. "The reality is that unfortunately, there are absolutely no resources for them and some end up dying alone."

Even as Tovar struggles to pay the rent, sales have drastically decreased because of the changing makeup of his neighborhood and other parts of the West Side. Once an epicenter of Mexican American families, Pilsen for years has been transitioning to being the home of younger, upper-income whites, according to John J. Betancur, a UIC professor who conducted a 2015 study on gentrification in the neighborhood.

During some of the "good days," Tovar used to make \$650 to \$750 a week in sales, he said. It left him enough money to restock, pay rent and save money to get through the winter months.

Those good days are gone, he said. Last summer, he made around \$200 a week. The average vendor in Chicago makes \$330 in profit a week, according to the Illinois Policy Institute study. Betancur said that the decrease in

sales likely is a result of gentrification in the area, much like the closing of small immigrant-owned businesses.

Complicating the matter, Tovar says that throughout his time as an *elotero*, he has constantly feared being scolded by police or city officials because he was never able to get a city license.

Although street vendors take to the streets in the summer outside of schools, in front of churches and near parks, most operate without proper licenses from the city. The process to get a license is "extremely" complicated, costly and insensitive, said Beth Kregor, director of IJ Clinic on Entrepreneurship at the University of Chicago and attorney for the Street Vendors Association of Chicago.

"I think police officers understand us," Tovar said. "Most don't bother us because they know we're not doing anything wrong."

Kregor said most of the time, how street vendors are dealt with is up to the discretion of police officers and local aldermen.

The city works "closely" with street vendors and other micro-enterprises and through recent policy changes, the city has made it "easier than ever" for some vendors to do business in Chicago, said Rosa Escareno, commissioner of the city's Business Affairs and Consumer Protection Department.

But vendors aren't allowed under current city ordinance to sell food prepared anywhere except a licensed kitchen, and most *eloteros* cook their own corn.

In the statement Escareno added that they look forward to continuing to work closely with all entrepreneurs to increase compliance and support business growth, but didn't answer questions about how the city deals with vendors without licenses.

Eloteros have been trying to regularize their profession for more than 20 years. Unzueta said the mayor's office needs to create laws that are more "sensitive to their culture" and "realistic" for the vendors to be able to comply with.

Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez, 25th, said his office will work toward policies to support street vendors like Tovar and Ananias.

As his situation became more dire, people came together to help Tovar. Laura Delgado, one of his former neighbors, who would sometimes lend him money to pay rent, opened a GoFundMe page in mid-January asking for help from the community.

More than 400 people have donated a total of more than \$11,000.

"He's like my grandfather and it broke me that I couldn't help him more," Delgado said. "He shouldn't be out there in the cold."

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China's death toll from coronavirus tops SARS

Mainland reports rise in cases; death toll tops 900

BY JOE McDONALD
Associated Press

BEIJING — Mainland China has reported another rise in cases of the new virus after a sharp decline the previous day, while the number of deaths grew by 97 to 908, with at least two more outside the country.

On Monday, China's health ministry said 3,062 cases more had been reported over the previous 24 hours, raising the Chinese mainland's total to 40,171.

China's virus death toll rose by 89 on Sunday to 811, passing the number of fatalities in the 2002-2003 SARS epidemic, but fewer new cases were reported in a possible sign its spread may be slowing as other nations stepped up efforts to block the disease.

"That means the joint control mechanism of different regions and the strict prevention and control measures have worked," a spokesman for the National Health Commission, Mi Feng, said at a news conference.

Also Sunday, new cases were reported in Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Malaysia, the U.K. and Spain. More than 360 cases have been confirmed outside mainland China.

"Dramatic reductions" in the pace of the disease's spread should begin this month if containment works, said Dr. Ian Lipkin, director of Columbia University's Center for Infection and Immunity. He assisted the World Health Organization and Chinese authorities during the outbreak of SARS, or severe



Workers wearing protective suits walk outside a mall Sunday in Beijing, China.

KEVIN FRAYER/GETTY

acute respiratory syndrome.

Warmer weather will reduce the ability of the virus to spread and bring people out of enclosed spaces where it is transmitted more easily, Lipkin said in an online news conference. However, he said, if new cases spike as people return to work after the Lunar New Year holiday, which was extended to reduce the risk of spreading the virus, then "we'll know we're in trouble."

The new U.K. case was the nation's fourth, while Spain reported its second, as European authorities sought to contain the spread of the virus by tracking down people who came into contact with those infected.

Both of the new cases were acquired during trips to France, officials said.

The new U.K. case is a known contact of a previously confirmed case there, the country's Chief Medical Officer Professor Chris Whitty said.

In Spain, authorities were working to identify everyone who came into contact with a British man whose case was detected in Mallorca, a popular vacation island in the Mediterranean Sea, Spain's National Microbiology Center said.

Sunday, the death toll passed the 774 people believed to have died of SARS, another viral outbreak that originated in China. The total of 37,198 confirmed

cases of the new virus vastly exceeds the 8,098 sickened by SARS.

Japan reported six more cases among 3,700 passengers and crew aboard the quarantined cruise ship Diamond Princess, bringing the number of infections on the vessel to 69. The new cases are an American passenger in her 70s and five crew members — four Filipinos and a Ukrainian.

South Korea reported a new case in a 73-year-old woman whose relatives visited Guangdong province in southern China, raising its total to 27. The family members, a 51-year-old South Korean man and a 37-year-old Chinese woman, were confirmed infected later

Sunday.

Vietnam reported its 14th case. The Health Ministry said she is a 55-year-old woman in Vinh Phuc province, northwest of Hanoi, where six earlier patients were found to be infected.

Malaysia reported its 17th case. The 65-year-old woman's son-in-law was diagnosed earlier.

Spain confirmed its second case in Mallorca, a popular vacation island in the Mediterranean. The first case was a German tourist diagnosed a week ago in the Canary Islands off northwest Africa.

The 1,800 passengers and 1,800 crew members of the cruise ship Dream World were released from quaran-

tine after Hong Kong authorities said tests of the crew found no infections.

The ship was isolated after eight mainland Chinese passengers were diagnosed with the disease last month.

Port official Leung Yiu-hon said some passengers with symptoms tested negative but there was no need to test all of them because they had no contact with the infected Chinese passengers.

Meanwhile, Hong Kong began enforcing a 14-day quarantine for arrivals from mainland China. The territory's chief executive, Carrie Lam, has refused demands by some hospital workers and others to seal the border completely.

A 1,500-bed hospital built in two weeks in Wuhan, the city of 11 million people at the center of the outbreak, accepted its first patients on Saturday, the government announced. Another 1,000-bed hospital built in 10 days opened last week. France closed two schools and tried to reassure vacationers in the Alps after five Britons contracted the virus at a ski resort.

France stepped up a travel alert, recommending against all visits to China except for "imperative reasons."

Italy recommended students returning from China stay home from school for two weeks after the government reported three cases.

The World Health Organization's director-general said it will send experts to China starting Monday or Tuesday. Asked whether that will include members of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus replied, "We hope so."

Trump courts black vote; opposition remains deep

BY COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press

DETROIT — President Donald Trump took African American guests to his State of the Union speech, ran a Super Bowl ad boasting how he's making the criminal justice system more equitable for black people and portrayed himself as the champion of education and job opportunities for people of color.

The overtures mean nothing to black voters like Jovan Brown, who loathes Trump's record on race and sees the Republican president's African American-heavy guest list at the State of the Union as his penchant for using "black people as a prop."

"I don't know too many black people who care for Donald Trump," said the 21-year-old Brown, who favors Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders.

Trump went out of his way to reach out to black voters during his speech Tuesday, touting several initiatives ahead of the November election. His guests included one of the last surviving Tuskegee airmen and his great-grandson, who dreams of traveling to

space someday, and a black veteran who struggled with drug addiction and eventually put his life back together with a new job. Trump announced a scholarship for a black fourth-grader from Philadelphia to highlight what he sees as failing public schools.

He trumpeted low black unemployment and poverty rates, investments in historically black colleges and universities, and the effect of Opportunity Zones.

Critics have long suggested that the real audience for Trump's appeals to African Americans are white suburban women who may feel more comfortable voting for Trump if they see evidence that he's not really as racist as he has at times come across. But the campaign has long disputed that charge and is convinced that, if they can just reach black voters and share what Trump has done, including on the economy, at least some may be willing to give him a chance.

But recent polls paint a bleak picture for Trump with black voters.

A Washington Post-Ipsos poll of 1,088 African Americans showed that more than 8 in 10 say they believe

Trump is a racist and has made racism a bigger problem in the country. Nine in 10 blacks disapprove of his job performance, overall.

A Pew Research Center analysis of people who participated in its polls and were confirmed to have voted showed Trump won just 6% of black voters in 2016.

Trump's public denouncement of former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick and other professional athletes who knelt during the national anthem in protest of police violence against African Americans did little to endear him to black voters.

The stakes are especially high in Detroit. The city is 80% African American and in a traditionally blue state, Michigan, that Trump won in 2016 by 10,704 votes. Trump won Wisconsin by fewer than 23,000 votes and Pennsylvania by about 44,000 votes, two other states where black turnout will be key.

Ninety-six percent of the city's registered voters cast ballots for Democrat Hillary Clinton in 2016, but turnout was down in Detroit. It fell to 48% from 53% eight years earlier when Barack Obama won the



President Trump stands with Alice Marie Johnson, whose life sentence he commuted.

SARAH SILBIGER/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2019

presidency.

"People vote when they're passionate," said City Clerk Janice Winfrey. "People were passionate for Obama. And — maybe not for the same reason — they're passionate about Trump. And people are pretty mad."

Critics push back against Trump's claims of economic progress for the African American community and note that the wage gap between black and white workers remains high. "If we're talking about someone working two or three jobs and they don't have health care and don't have money to keep the lights on, those aren't quality jobs," said Rashawn Ray, a David

M. Rubenstein Fellow in Governance Studies at the Washington-based Brookings Institution.

They are also frustrated by the racial climate under Trump, the toll of climate change on their neighborhoods and even Trump's past words and deeds before he became president.

Brown cites Trump's stance on the so-called Central Park Five in 1989, when five black and Latino teenagers were charged in the rape of a white jogger in New York's Central Park. That attack became a symbol of the city's soaring crime. Then-real estate developer Donald Trump took out full-page newspaper ads calling for the death

penalty.

The teens said their confessions were coerced, and their convictions were overturned in 2002 after a convicted murderer and serial rapist confessed to the crime.

"He wanted 15-year-old boys murdered even though they were innocent," she said. "I don't think he's changed much."

But the notion that Trump is racist is a complete myth, said Osigah Kakaq, a 24-year-old black man from Charlotte, North Carolina.

"It's a Republican stereotype the Democrats use over and over again," Kakaq said. "No candidate or party can be entitled to your vote."



Water from the Touchet River flows across a highway on Friday on the east side of Waitsburg, Washington.

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Ore. floods recede; part of interstate closed

Associated Press

PENDLETON, Ore. — Waters covering roads in flood-hit northeastern Oregon were starting to recede, allowing residents to return and assess the damage.

An approximately 10-mile stretch of Interstate 84 south of Hermiston, Oregon, remained closed Sunday due to flood damage and authorities say it could be a week before it reopens.

Oregon National Guard troops aboard two helicopters airlifted 21 people to

safety on Saturday, and authorities reported a 62-year-old woman who lived in one of the areas hit by floods was missing.

Residents in the foothills of the Blue Mountains in northeast Oregon had to be airlifted by from their flooded homes by helicopter and even were taken out in a front-end loader as rain and melting snow caused rivers to crest their banks.

Seventeen evacuees spent Friday night at the Red Cross shelter in the Pendleton Convention

Center, said Nadine McCrindle, the Red Cross executive director for central and eastern Oregon. Another eight people stayed at a shelter in Walla Walla, Washington.

"They'll be able to go to their homes and see what is left, if anything, and see what the damage is," McCrindle said.

The forecast was for mostly sunny skies and no rain Monday.

Many roads in Umatilla County, where Pendleton is the county seat, were still

closed because of high water or damage, the county sheriff's office said.

The Umatilla River crested late Thursday night at more than 19 feet, nearly four times the average height for that date. Rivers all around the region overflowed their banks.

In Washington state, there was widespread flooding in the Walla Walla Valley. Waters were receding but authorities were assessing damage in communities such as Waitsburg.



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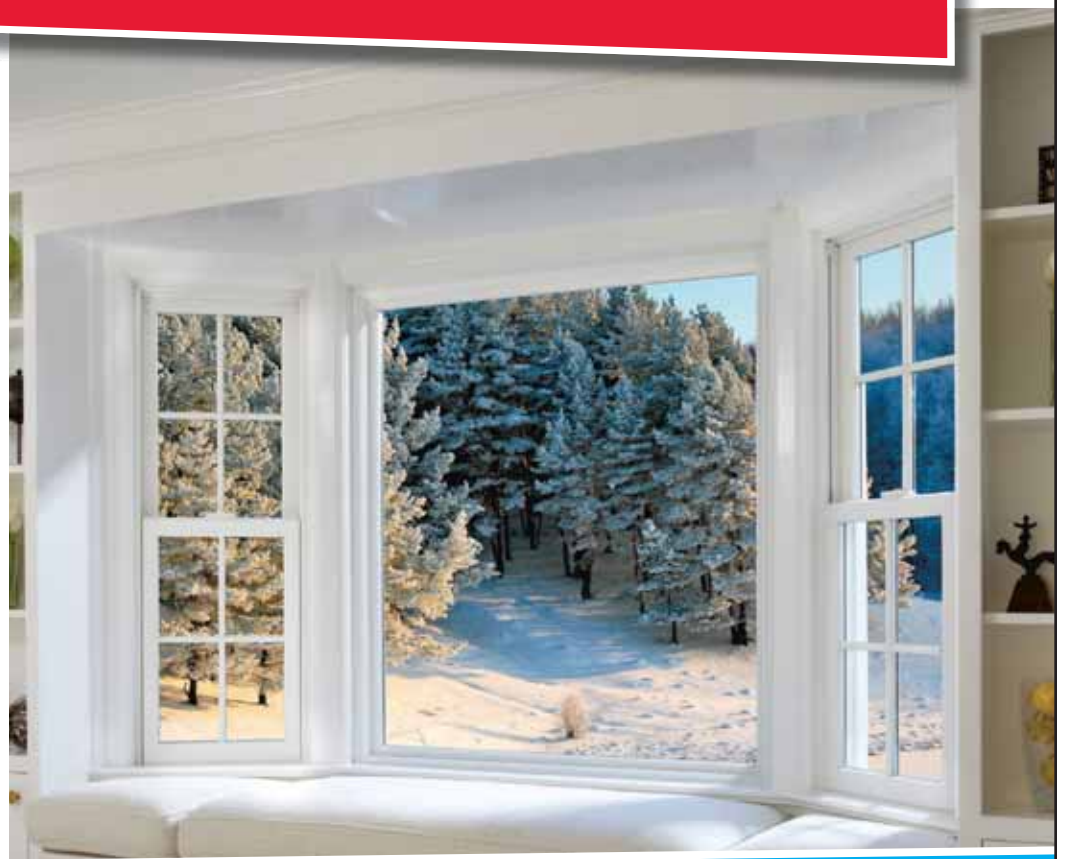
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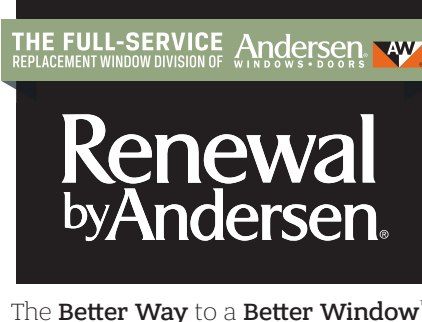
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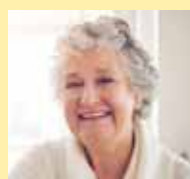
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A woman lights a candle during a memorial service on Sunday at Terminal 21 Korat mall in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand. A mass shooting in the city left 29 dead.

Thailand mourns after worst mass shooting in its history

BY PREEYAPA T. KHUNSONG AND TASSANEE VEJONGSA
Associated Press

NAKHON RATCHASIMA, Thailand — As mourning began for the victims of Thailand's worst mass shooting, the country counted its losses: a mother shot dead at the wheel of her car as her son sat beside her, a 13-year-old student gunned down as he was riding his motorbike home and more than two dozen others.

Authorities said the attack was carried out by a disgruntled soldier who opened fire on strangers before he was fatally shot Sunday at a shopping mall. Another 58 people were wounded.

The dead were mourned Sunday night in Nakhon Ratchasima, a hub for Thailand's relatively poor and rural northeastern region. More than 1,000 people turned up for the vigil led by Buddhist monks. They lit candles and prayed and chanted in the town square featuring a statue of Thao Suranari, a governor's wife who is revered for leading troops against invaders from Laos two centuries ago.

Officials said the gunman was angry over a financial dispute with his commanding officer. He made Col. Anantarote Krasae his first victim before stealing guns from an army camp and heading to the mall, shooting wildly along the way at people.

The attacker was identified as Sgt. Maj. Jakrapanth Thomma, who holed himself up in the Terminal 21 Korat, an airport-themed mall filled with colorful Lego sculptures and huge replicas of landmarks from around the world.

After most mall employees and shoppers were evacuated, a joint police and military team hunted down the gunman and killed him.

"This incident was unprecedented in Thailand," Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha told reporters as he gave a casualty count after visiting the victims in hospitals. By the end of the day, the toll had risen to 29 people killed.

Video taken outside the mall showed people diving for cover as shots rang out. Many were killed outside the mall, some in cars and others while walking.

Survivors and victims' families gathered during

the day at the city's hospitals, where they recounted their ordeals.

Cpl. Korakot Ampangeun was visited by Suwat Liptapanlop, a prominent politician from the area.

"I received an order from my superior to block off the road so that no one could go in the direction" of the gunman, the corporal recalled. "So I was signaling to oncoming traffic, when I turned around and saw him. If I had not, I would not have survived."

"I tried to run and find somewhere to hide. But I could only take two steps and then I heard the sound — 'bang.' My leg just went and I couldn't walk. A good Samaritan helped carry me away."

High school student Nachote Chotiklang said he was in his mother's car as she passed the gunman's vehicle.

The assailant "got out of the car and fired into the window. At that, I ducked down and didn't do anything until I felt that car hit something. It hit a tree."

"What happened to your mom?" Suwat asked.

Nachote shook his head while another man explained that she had died.

US military: 2 soldiers killed, 6 wounded in Afghanistan

BY RAHIM FAIEZ AND KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two U.S. soldiers were killed and six wounded in a so-called insider attack in eastern Afghanistan's Nangarhar province late Saturday when an Afghan dressed in an Afghan army uniform opened fire, the U.S. military said.

Afghanistan's defense ministry said one Afghan soldier was also killed and three injured in the assault.

A member of Nangarhar's provincial council, Ajmal Omer, told The Associated Press that the gunman was killed. Neither the U.S. military nor the Afghan defense ministry have confirmed the attacker's fate.

The U.S. Department of Defense released the names of the dead American soldiers later in the day. They are Sgt. Javier Jaguar Gutierrez, 28; and Sgt. Antonio Rey Rodriguez, 28.

There have been numerous attacks by Afghan national army soldiers on their allied partners during 18 years of America's protracted war in Afghanistan.

Six U.S. service members

have been killed in Afghanistan since the start of 2020, including Saturday's deaths. Last year, 22 U.S. service personnel died in combat there.

An Afghan defense ministry official, who was not identified because he was not authorized to speak to the media, said the shooter was an Afghan soldier who had argued with the U.S. forces before opening fire.

He was not a Taliban infiltrator, the official said.

In a statement, the U.S. military said "an individual in an Afghan uniform opened fire on the combined U.S. and Afghan force with a machine gun. We are still collecting information and the cause or motive behind the attack is unknown at this time."

Omer, the provincial council member, is from Nangarhar province's Sherzad district, where he said the incident took place.

The U.S. military said American and Afghan military personnel were fired on while conducting an operation in Nangarhar province.

Last July, two U.S. service members were killed by an Afghan soldier in the

southern Kandahar province. The shooter was wounded and arrested. In September, three U.S. military personnel were wounded when a member of the Afghan Civil Order Police fired on a military convoy, also in Kandahar.

The incident came as Washington has sought to find an end to the war in Afghanistan.

Washington's peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad has been meeting with Taliban representatives in the Middle Eastern state of Qatar in recent weeks. He's seeking an agreement to reduce hostilities to get a peace deal signed that would start negotiations among Afghans on both sides of the conflict.

In his State of the Union Address on Tuesday, President Donald Trump referenced the peace talks, saying U.S. soldiers were not meant to serve as "law enforcement agencies" for other nations.

"In Afghanistan, the determination and valor of our war fighters has allowed us to make tremendous progress, and peace talks are now underway," he said.



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U.S. soldiers look on at a checkpoint during a patrol against Islamic State militants in eastern Afghanistan's Nangarhar province.

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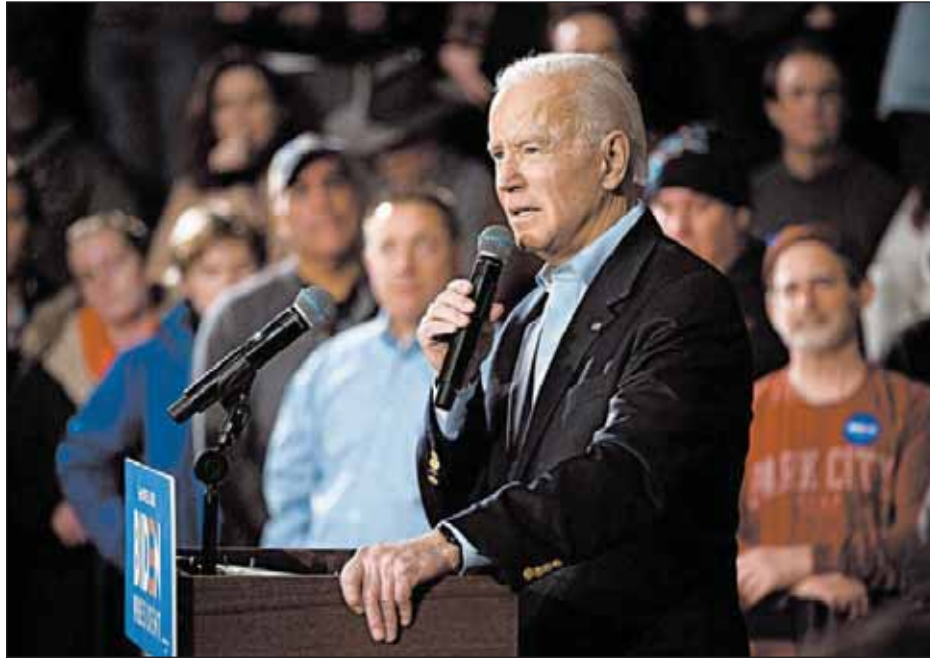
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Sen. Bernie Sanders, top, in Claremont, N.H. and former Vice President Joe Biden, in Manchester, N.H., speak to supporters on Sunday ahead of the state's primary.

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Democratic Party to recanvass the results. A recanvass is not a recount, but a check of the vote count to ensure the results were added correctly.

The state party released updated results Sunday showing Buttigieg leading Sanders by two state delegate equivalents.

The Associated Press remains unable to declare a winner because it believes the results may not be fully accurate and are still subject to potential revision.

Tracking polls suggested the critiques may be having an effect as New Hampshire voters prepare to go to the polls Tuesday. But those reconsidering Buttigieg are not necessarily aligning with Biden and the one who has arguably been hurt the most as Buttigieg began to dominate the centrist lane of the race following a strong showing in Iowa last week.

While the race remains fluid, Biden is showing little sign of gaining ground. He stepped up efforts to reignite his candidacy Sunday with an interview on ABC's "This Week" in which he repeatedly critiqued Buttigieg.

"No one has ever won the nomination without being able to get overwhelming support from the African American community," Biden said. "And, so far, no one's been doing that but me." The former vice president continues to poll strongly in more diverse

states that vote after New Hampshire.

The former vice president went on to take aim at the scant support Buttigieg has among nonwhite voters.

"He hasn't been able to unify the black community," Biden said, pointing to an African American councilman in South Bend who endorsed Biden without even being asked. "To win, you're going to have to be able to win states like Pennsylvania, you're going to have to be able to win Florida. We're going to have to be able to win in a lot of places that in fact have very diverse populations, and so the assertion that he's ready across the board, I don't see it."

The increasing tension in the race was evident as several candidates pivoted to avoid a weak showing in New Hampshire, which could be devastating to their White House aspirations. Biden also directed his fire at Sanders, warning the Vermont senator that identifying as a democratic socialist could hurt Democrats down the ticket.

"You're going to win with that label, you're going to help somebody in Florida win with the label democratic socialist?" Biden said.

But even as Sanders attacked Buttigieg, arguing he would not be a champion to working people because he is too indebted to CEO donors, he affirmed on CBS' "Face the Nation" that he would work to get him elected if Buttigieg is the nominee. Sanders said the same about billionaire

candidate Michael Bloomberg, a favorite nemesis of his campaign.

But Buttigieg was the focus Sunday because Bloomberg is skipping the first four contests and is not on the ticket in New Hampshire.

"At last count he has about 40 billionaires who are contributing to his campaign, the heads of the large pharmaceutical industries and the insurance companies," Sanders said on CBS. "Do you really think that when somebody gets contributions from the CEOs of drug companies, they're going to stand up to the greed and corruption of that industry? I don't think so."

Sanders released a new digital ad in which he makes that case and calls out Buttigieg by name.

The argument was echoed Sunday by fellow New England candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, who appeared on ABC's "This Week."

Warren is struggling to break into the top tier in New Hampshire, a state that is crucial for her to win. The senator has already had to cancel planned spending in South Carolina as she worked to breathe more oxygen into her campaign here.

"If it's going to take sucking up to billionaires or being a billionaire to get the Democratic nomination to run for president, then all I can say is, buckle up, America, because our government is going to work even better for billionaires than everyone else," Warren said.

Gunman ambushes NYC police twice in 12-hour span

BY SOPHIA ROSENBAUM AND DEEPTI HAJELA
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A gunman is in custody after he ambushed police officers in the Bronx twice in 12 hours, wounding two in attacks that ignited outrage from officials who blamed the violence on an atmosphere of anti-police rhetoric.

The man, whose name was not immediately released, was captured after he walked into a police station in the Bronx and started shooting early Sunday, hitting a lieutenant in the arm and narrowly missing other police personnel before he ran out of bullets, lay down and tossed his pistol, police said.

That attack came hours after the same man approached a patrol van in the same part of the Bronx and fired at two officers inside, wounding one, police said.

All are expected to recover, police said.

"It is only by the grace of God and the heroic actions of those inside the building that took him into custody that we are not talking about police officers murdered inside a New York City police precinct," New York City Police Commissioner Dermot Shea said Sunday.

Shea called the gunman a "coward" and said he had a lengthy criminal history, including a 2002 shooting and carjacking in which he also fired a gun at police officers. Shea said the man was paroled from prison in 2017 after an attempted murder conviction.

The commissioner also lashed out at criminal justice reform activists who have held demonstrations against excessive force by police in recent months, including a large protest in Grand Central Terminal. He suggested that the protests helped create an anti-police environment.

"These things are not unrelated," Shea said.



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New York City Police Commissioner Dermot Shea, left, speaks as Mayor Bill de Blasio looks on Sunday.

"Words matter. And words affect people's behavior."

Shea didn't offer any evidence that the gunman in this weekend's attacks knew of those protests or was influenced by them.

Mayor Bill de Blasio, who won office partly on a promise to reform overly aggressive policing of minority communities, also suggested that while people had a right to protest, anti-police sentiment had gotten out of hand.

"This was an attempt to assassinate police officers. We need to use that word," the Democratic mayor said Sunday.

Robert Gangi, executive director of the Police Reform Organizing Project advocacy group, pushed back against the criticism aimed at protests, and said it was "irresponsible" for Shea and de Blasio to say the shooter's behavior "is a result of the demonstrations and protesters who are protesting in a legitimate fashion."

Of the shooter, Gangi said there is "no defense for a lunatic who opens fire on police."

Two security camera videos, posted on social media, captured the shooting inside the headquarters of the 41st Precinct, which happened shortly before 8 a.m.

In one of them, the gunman is seen sauntering into the precinct lobby, before disappearing off screen. Po-

lice said the lieutenant who was shot returned fire, but didn't hit the gunman.

Then, the gunman rushed into a side room and fired at two people there, including a civilian employee, as they fled. He then retreated to the lobby and dove to the floor.

In another video from a different angle, an officer in the precinct lobby is seen reacting to the first gunshot. Officers converge, pointing their guns, and the gunman's pistol is seen sliding away from him across the floor.

The shooting inside the precinct headquarters came just hours after another attack in the same section of the Bronx, involving the same suspect.

Two officers narrowly escaped with their lives when a gunman fired into their patrol van just before 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

The two uniformed officers, partners for eight years and friends since middle school, were sitting in their van with emergency lights activated when a man approached them, Shea said.

The man asked the officers for directions, then pulled out a gun "without provocation," the commissioner said. The man fired multiple shots, grazing the officer behind the wheel in the chin and neck, and narrowly missing an artery.

Neither officer returned fire.

Skepticism and doubts over Trump's budget plan for '21

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Confronted with trillion-dollar-plus deficits, President Donald Trump is offering a budget plan that rehashes previously rejected spending cuts while leaving Social Security and Medicare benefits untouched.

Trump's fiscal 2021 budget plan, expected to be released Monday, isn't likely to generate a serious Washington dialogue about what to do, if anything this election year, about entrenched fiscal problems that have deficits surging despite a healthy economy.

It was being released on the eve of the New Hampshire primary, a move that minimizes attention.

A blueprint written as if Trump could enact it without congressional approval, the budget proposal relies on rosy economic projections and fanciful claims of future cuts to domestic programs to show that it is possible to bend the deficit curve in the right direction.

The reality is that no one — Trump, the Democratic-controlled House or the GOP-held Senate — has any interest in tackling a chronic budget gap that forces the government to borrow 22 cents of every dollar it spends.

Trump's reelection campaign, meanwhile, is focused on the economy and the historically low jobless rate while ignoring the government's budget.

On Capitol Hill, House Democrats have seen their number of deficit-conscious "Blue Dogs" shrink while the roster of lawmakers favoring costly "Medicare for All" and "Green New Deal" proposals has swelled. Tea party Republicans have abandoned the cause that defined, at least in part, their successful takeover of the House a decade ago.

Trump has succumbed to the Washington temptation to deliver spending



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President Trump's 2021 budget is slated to be released Monday, one day before the New Hampshire primary.

increases and tax cuts first and then deal — or not — with their effect on the deficit. Trump and key administration figures such as Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin had promised that Trump's signature cuts to corporate and individual tax rates would pay for themselves; instead the deficit spiked by more than \$300 billion over 2017 to 2019, to nearly \$1 trillion.

Trump has also signed two broader budget deals worked out by Democrats and Republicans to get rid of spending cuts left over from a failed 2011 budget accord. The result has been eye-popping spending levels for defense — to about \$750 billion this year — and comparable gains for domestic programs favored by Democrats.

The White House hasn't done much to draw attention to this year's budget release, though Trump has revealed initiatives of interest to key 2020 battleground states, such as an increase to \$250 million to restore Florida's Everglades and a move to finally abandon a multibillion-dollar, never used, nuclear waste dump that's political poison in Nevada.

The White House also leaked word of a \$25 billion proposal for "Revitalizing Rural America" with grants for broadband internet access and other traditional

infrastructure projects such as roads and bridges.

The Trump budget also promises a \$3 billion increase — to \$25 billion — for NASA in hopes of returning astronauts to the moon and on to Mars. It also is likely to reprise his small-bore infrastructure initiative — proposed in prior years to provide just \$200 billion in new federal contributions — while proposing a modest parental leave plan.

Trump took to Twitter on Saturday to promise voters that his budget "will not be touching your Social Security or Medicare" in keeping with his long-standing 2016 campaign promise.

Trump had made a bit of a stir last month at a meeting of global economic elites in Davos, Switzerland, when he told a CNBC interviewer that "at some point" he would consider curbs to popular benefit programs like Medicare and Social Security.

Trump has proposed modest adjustments to eligibility for Social Security disability benefits and he's proposed cuts to Medicare providers such as hospitals, but the real cost driver of Medicare and Social Security is the ongoing retirement surge of the baby boom-generation and health care costs that continue to outpace inflation.

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NEWS BRIEFING

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NYC parade goers offer their support for China and Wuhan

NEW YORK — Signs of support for the Chinese city at the center of a global virus outbreak marked floats at the Lunar New Year parade in Manhattan's Chinatown on Sunday as brightly colored puppets made their way through the streets in front of crowds of onlookers.

A banner on one float read "Support Wuhan! Let's fight the virus together!" Another urged, "Wuhan stay strong."

Some of the parade goers who filled the streets held signs expressing support for China, as well.

The coronavirus outbreak that started in China in December has killed more than 800 people and infected more than 37,000 people around the world, including 12 people in the U.S.

No cases have been identified in New York City.

Those at the parade largely weren't concerned.

Fla. man charged with driving into GOP voter sign-up tent

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A man in Florida is under arrest after he deliberately drove a van into a tent where voters were being registered by local Republicans, authorities in Jacksonville said Sunday.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office said via social media that 27-year-old Gregory William Loel Timm has been charged with two counts of aggravated assault on a person

65 years old or older, one count of criminal mischief and driving with a suspended license. The Republican Party of Duval County said it had set up the tent on Saturday in order to register voters.

The county GOP said via Twitter that six volunteers for President Donald Trump's campaign "were intentionally targeted while registering voters."

Local media said there were no injuries.

Swiss voters approve outlawing discrimination against gays

BERLIN — Swiss voters approved a measure by a wide margin Sunday that will make it illegal to discriminate against people because of their sexual orientation.

Switzerland's parliament in 2018 approved expanding the country's existing anti-discrimination law to make it illegal to publicly denigrate, discriminate or stir up hatred based on sexual orientation.

Opponents of the move insisted it violated people's right to freedom of opinion and gathered enough signatures to force a referendum. Switzerland gives voters a direct say in policymaking several times a year.

Voters supported outlawing anti-gay discrimination by a margin of 63.1% to 36.9%, an outcome roughly in line with pre-referendum expectations.



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Matrimony en masse: A Muslim bride takes a selfie with her mobile phone as she participates in an All Religion Mass Wedding ceremony Saturday at Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad, India.

Vote prediction for Sinn Fein puts Irish politics in turmoil

DUBLIN — Ireland faced political turmoil Sunday as an exit poll from the weekend's parliamentary election suggested that Sinn Fein, a left-wing party committed to reunification of the island, finished in a virtual dead heat with the two parties that have governed since the country won independence almost a century ago.

While ballot counting remained underway, the poll indicated that Prime Minister Leo Varadkar's centrist Fine Gael party, centrist rival Fianna Fail and Sinn Fein all received about 22% of first prefer-

ence votes. The survey, conducted by pollster Ipsos MRBI for national broadcaster RTE, the Irish Times, TG4 television and University College Dublin, has a margin of error of plus or minus 1.3 percentage points.

The predicted outcome means some type of coalition government is almost inevitable, with Sinn Fein likely to be a central player in the negotiations to form one.

Fine Gael and Fianna Fail have until now refused to work with Sinn Fein because of its links to the Irish Republican Army.

The centrist parties say Sinn Fein failed to repudiate the IRA's role in the sectarian violence in Northern Ireland.

It is still unclear how many seats each party would have in Ireland's 160-seat parliament, known as the Dail, because the country uses a proportional representation system known as the single transferable vote. The system requires multiple rounds of counting.

Early results reported Sunday evening showed Sinn Fein won 13 of the first 14 seats decided. The Green Party took the other.

Space station delivery from Va. scrubbed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Northrop Grumman delayed a space station delivery from Virginia on Sunday because of trouble with ground equipment.

The company came within two to three minutes of launching a cargo ship from Wallops Island to the International Space

Station for NASA. The countdown was halted abruptly, with no new launch date set. Rain and clouds were expected along the Virginia coast for the next few days.

The capsule atop Northrop Grumman's Antares rocket holds 4 tons of supplies, including cheese

and candy for the three space station residents. The astronauts were monitoring the countdown, but the live video feed cut off and they did not learn about the delay until Mission Control radioed the news.

SpaceX also is under contract with NASA to deliver station supplies.

Iran again fails to put satellite into orbit amid US worries

TEHRAN, Iran — An Iranian rocket failed to put a satellite into orbit on Sunday, state television reported, the latest setback for a program the U.S. says helps Tehran advance its ballistic missile program.

The launch happened at 7:15 p.m. local time at Imam Khomeini Spaceport in Iran's Semnan province, about 145 miles southeast of Tehran. A Simorgh, or "Phoenix," rocket couldn't put the satellite into orbit due to a low speed, Iranian state TV reported.

"Stage-1 and stage-2 motors of the carrier functioned properly and the satellite was successfully detached from its carrier, but at the end of its path it did not reach the required speed for being put in the orbit," a Defense Ministry spokesman said.

Previous Simorgh launches of the 80-ton satellite carrier suffered other failures.

In Egypt: Egyptian police arrested an activist and researcher who was a vocal critic of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's government, the interior ministry and a human rights group said Sunday.

Patrick George Zaki, 27, was detained at Cairo's international airport after returning from Italy on Friday, according to the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights, a local NGO, where he works as a researcher. He was taken to the prosecutor's office in his home city of Mansoura in the Nile Delta.

Zaki's arrest was the latest in an unprecedented crackdown on dissent waged by el-Sissi in recent years. Thousands have been arrested all while rolling back freedoms won after the so-called Arab Spring uprising in 2011.

FACT #341
The folks who brought us Reddi-wip whipped cream had another brainstorm in the 1960s: Reddi-Bacon.



10 Things You Might Not Know About Nearly Everything contains a plethora of tidbits and trivia that will appeal to everyone, from history buffs to sports fans to foodies. From lighthearted topics such as misspellings and extreme eating, to serious subjects such as WWII and prison, this book leaves readers brighter and wittier than ever before.

FACT #84

A cardigan worn by a man is sometimes called a mandigan.

FACT #147

When someone uses chitchat, noises, or mannerisms to distract or mislead an opponent during poker or another game, it's called "coffeehousing."

FACT #178

Genophobia is the fear of knees.

FACT #238

Actress Marilyn Monroe colored her hair using a shade of blond called dirty pillow slip.

FACT #279

Before Sir Thomas More was beheaded in 1535, he moved his lengthy beard aside, saying it "had never committed any treason."

FACT #302

Tweety Bird, the animated Looney Tunes character, was originally pink. But censors complained that Tweety looked naked, so animators gave the bird yellow feathers.

FACT #408

Joe Charbonneau, a Belvedere, Ill., native, who played outfield for the Cleveland Indians in the early '80s, used to open beer bottles with his eye socket and drink beer through a straw in his nose.

FACT #459

When actor Clint Eastwood ran for mayor of Carmel, California, in 1986, a major issue was ice cream. Town leaders had banned the sale of ice cream cones, incensing Eastwood and his supporters. They won and overturned the ordinance.

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EDITORIALS

A rigged ethics system hides
3 lawmakers from scrutinyGov. Pritzker,
you can fix this

Most Illinoisans would not be surprised to learn that the system of reporting, investigating and disciplining lawmakers in Springfield is rigged to protect them. A 2003 law creating a watchdog to oversee the legislature instead purposely hamstringing the watchdog. Of course it does. This is Illinois.

But a hearing last week that included testimony from the current legislative inspector general, Carol Pope, and her two predecessors, Julie Porter and Tom Homer, exposed how seriously the fix is in. Lawmakers for years have been skating through a statute that allows them to keep quiet investigation outcomes that might be unflattering, uncomfortable or politically damaging to them.

Porter said a case she investigated that included "serious wrongdoing" by a sitting lawmaker and which was also vetted by the attorney general continues to get buried by the Legislative Ethics Commission to whom she reports. The commission comprises — wait for it — lawmakers themselves. See how this works?

Two other cases of "founded" questionable conduct by two other lawmakers also never became public, according to Porter.

"The problems are not hypothetical," Porter wrote in her remarks for Thursday's hearing. "Over the past year, the Legislative Ethics Commission has used its authority under the statute to undermine the Legislative Inspector General's work in critical ways." The fox, she said, is very much guarding the hen house.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker emphasized the need for meaningful ethics reform during his Jan. 29 State of the State address. If he's serious, this is the place to start: Free the legislative inspector general from interference and oversight by the very lawmakers the IG is supposed to investigate. Reconfigure the Legislative Ethics Commission to make it truly independent — to facilitate the IG's work, not impede it. That means no lawmaker should serve as a member. It's a baked-in conflict of interest.

Strengthening the legislative inspector general's authority should not wait until a March 31 deadline Pritzker set for his ethics task force to make recommendations. The legislature reconvenes Feb. 18. Make it priority No. 1, Gov. Pritzker. And then get about



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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 Jan. 29.

FROM AN APRIL 24, 2019, CHICAGO TRIBUNE COMMENTARY

'This Illinois watchdog office is broken'

Former Illinois Legislative Inspector General Julie Porter, in a commentary the Tribune published on April 24, 2019:

The office of the legislative inspector general in Illinois is broken. The LIG is supposed to be an independent, objective official to whom anyone can go to lodge a complaint about unethical or wrongful conduct by members of the Illinois General Assembly. But the legislative inspector general is not independent. Unless and until the legislature changes the structure and rules governing the LIG, it is a power-

less role, and no LIG — no matter how qualified, hardworking and persistent — can effectively serve the public.

There are many problems, but the key one is that the legislative inspector general cannot perform basic functions without permission from the Legislative Ethics Commission — a body made up entirely of Illinois legislators who have inherent conflicts of interest in serving on the commission. ...

When I agreed to serve as acting legislative inspector general in 2017, I knew that there were structural problems, but never

for a minute did I believe that the commission would take any action to thwart my independence. I certainly did not think that the commission would refuse to publish one of my founded summary reports.

I was wrong. Non-legislators should serve on the commission, and the LIG should not need anyone's permission before opening an investigation, serving a subpoena or publishing a founded summary report. These changes would be an excellent start to promote accountability in Illinois.

making public whatever "founded" allegations involving elected officials are being kept secret. Voters deserve to know.

The hearing last week made clear how embarrassingly inadequate the current statute is. The hearing also exposed the wariness of lawmakers to empower the watchdog, even now when ethics is top-of-mind for voters.

To Porter and other experts who testified, lawmakers tossed out numerous hypothetical questions about what could be consid-

ered investigation-worthy. What about political retribution, false claims, personal matters? Would divorces be off limits? Relationships? Financial conflicts? Stocks and investments? What about showing up drunk to work? Really. It came up. As a hypothetical, of course.

It was an exercise in deflection. Or maybe an attempted escape from public scrutiny.

Pritzker cannot leave this inadequate setup for House and

Senate leaders to overhaul on their own. They have proved they won't do it, or they'll only hang some window dressing. Pritzker needs to lead on this, and he needs to lead hard.

There are eight members of the current Legislative Ethics Commission who have been sitting on the information regarding the three lawmakers investigated but not publicly revealed. The members are: Sens. Cristina Castro, D-Elgin; Terry Link, D-Vernon Hills; Brian Stewart, R-Freepport;

and Jil Tracy, R-Quincy; and House members Avery Bourne, R-Raymond; Norine Hammond, R-Macomb; Natalie Manley, D-Joliet; and Kathleen Willis, D-Addison.

With commission members gridlocked on whether to release the information, it remains secret. Contact them. And let Pritzker know you support his efforts to overhaul this embarrassing faux watchdog operation. That's one place to start cleaning up Illinois government.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

No party nomination, with the possible exception of Barry Goldwater in 1964, has put forth a presidential nominee with the level of downside risk exposure as a Bernie Sanders-led ticket would bring. To nominate Sanders would be insane.

Sanders has gleefully discarded the party's conventional wisdom that it has to pick and choose where to push public opinion leftward, adopting a comprehensive left-wing agenda, some of which is popular, and some of which is decidedly not. Positions in the latter category include replacing all private health insurance with a government plan, banning fracking, letting prisoners vote, decriminalizing the border, giving free health care to undocumented immigrants, and eliminating ICE. ...

Public satisfaction with the economy is now at its highest point since the peak of the dot-com boom two decades ago. Trump has serious weaknesses of issues such as health care, corruption, taxes, and the environment, and a majority of the public disapproves of Trump's performance, but he does enjoy broad approval of his economic management. Therefore, his reelection strategy revolves around painting his opponents as radical and dangerous. You may not like me, he will argue, but my opponents are going to turn over the apple cart. A Sanders campaign seems almost designed to play directly into Trump's message. ...

For the socialist left, which has no other standard-bearer to choose from, Bernie is too big to fail. The question is whether the Democratic Party, the only political force standing between Donald Trump and his authoritarian ambitions, will risk failing with him.

Jonathan Chait, New York Magazine

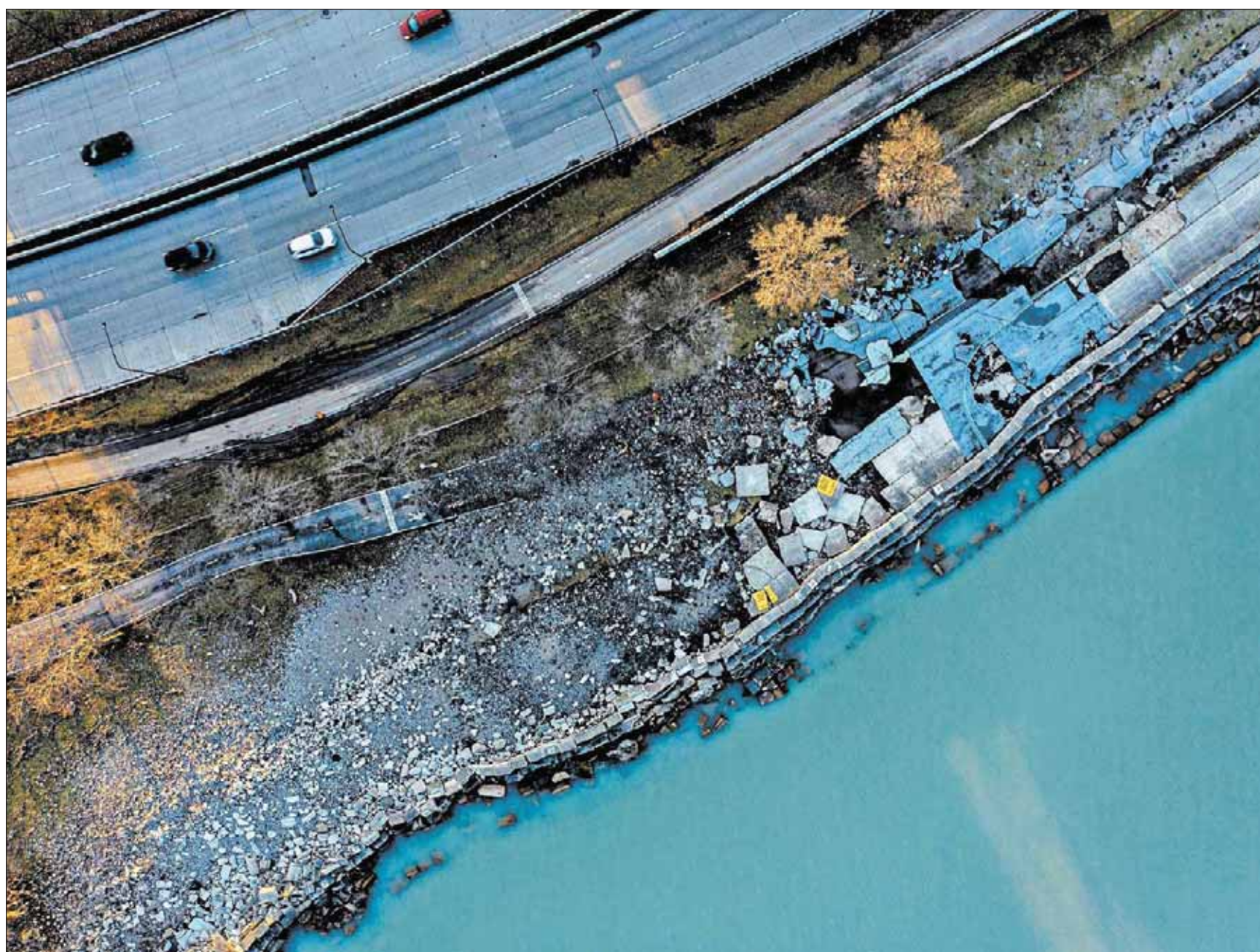
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An aerial view of a damaged Lakefront Trail on Chicago's South Side on Jan. 14.

How can we stop a rising lake from damaging communities?

Sell the excess water at a tidy profit

BY M. TODD HENDERSON

Rising waters are wreaking havoc on communities all around Lake Michigan. It isn't just the beach houses of the 1% in peril. In the past two years, the tiny town of Manistee, Michigan (population 6,000), has spent over \$2.5 million to repair roads ruined by flooding. All the money spent shoring up property — now likely to be in the billions — is being wasted.

There is a simple solution that will not only improve lakefront communities, but will also help address the financial woes of states and improve other communities across the country. Sell the water.

Lake Michigan is up 6 feet since 2013 and is about 39 inches over its long-term monthly January average. A significant amount of this water can be seen as excessive. Even the most ardent environmentalist has to agree that we have too much water, and that reducing lake levels somewhat would not harm the environment.

We have too much water here, but

plenty of communities have too little water. About half of Texas is experiencing moderate to severe drought. Vast swaths of California, Oregon, Colorado, Utah and New Mexico are also experiencing major droughts. Moving water from Lake Michigan to farmers and communities in these places would make everyone better off.

Lake Michigan covers about 14 million acres. If water levels could come down 3 feet without imperiling the lake, the volume of excessive water is about 42 million acre-feet. The current price of water in Texas for some uses is \$5,800 per acre-foot, which means the unneeded water in Lake Michigan could be worth nearly \$244 billion. And this price understates the value of water. In times of severe shortage, the value of water to an orchard or a hospital greatly exceeds the price. Government should take this into consideration when deciding how to allocate water.

There are issues with the idea of selling the water we don't need, but they can all be overcome.

First, it is against the law. In 2008, Congress authorized an interstate compact among the eight U.S. states that border the Great Lakes and Canada that bans selling water outside the region. But Congress can fix this problem with new legislation that would permit limited sales. Legislators in the border states, as well as those without enough water, should heartily support an amendment to the Great Lakes Compact that authorizes limited sales of "excessive water."

Second, some might object by pointing out that selling water poses long-term environmental risks. No one doubts this or wants to undo the environmental gains in preserving the Great Lakes. But this objection can be addressed in any legislation. For instance, a federal task force could be set up to determine the amount of excess water, based on a baseline set with the consultation of environmentalists, as well as other stakeholders. The governors of each state and the head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would make a solid nine-person board.

Third, while the water is worth billions in Texas or elsewhere, it is, after all, here. Getting it from here to

there is no small feat, depending on the destination. Gravity is free, and so are river basins. Pipelines ship oil and natural gas all across the country, and water can be shipped this way too. In the short term, tanker trucks and rail cars and a host of other ways of moving water are possible. Anyone who has ever had a Fiji water or a Perrier understands this. While the transportation costs will reduce the net return from the sale, the amount that can be raised is still enormous.

States such as Illinois have financial problems that are imperiling long-term economic growth and the well-being of their citizens. Selling a small amount of the water in Lake Michigan could go a long way toward righting the financial ship of state, while providing needed relief for lakefront communities. The fact that the plan would help send water from where it is not needed (and actually causing harm) to places that value it much more highly makes the idea one we should all get behind.

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To show compassion for the living, go to wakes, funerals

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

My parents gave me a lot of good advice.

Own, don't rent. Always signal a turn. And if you can, go to the wake or funeral.

I come from an enormous family, which means I had to go to lots of wakes and funerals. We went for immediate family, but also for great-aunts and uncles, second cousins, third cousins, friends from the old neighborhood and wives of former bosses.

I got used to funeral parlors — their hard, outdated and overly formal furniture, dim lighting, terrible artwork, weak coffee and stale cookies.

I also got to see a lot of bodies, since most of the wakes we attended were open casket. My folks didn't worry that we kids were getting exposed too early to death — death was part of life, and we had to go up to the casket, kneel and say a prayer.

Then my mom would say something weird like "Doesn't he look good?" about someone who looked really dead but was covered with heavy makeup. We took home Mass cards, and put them in albums beside snapshots of birthday parties and summer vacations.

My parents didn't care whether my siblings and I were having a good time or not, because the wake was not for our amusement. It was not about us. It was for the consolation of people who had lost someone special.

As I grew up, I came to appreciate this point of view. A memorial is for the living, not the dead. And to show respect for the living, you have to show up and be uncomfortable for a little while.

So when I can, I go to wakes and funerals. I've gone for former colleagues, friends' parents, second cousins and neighbors, and I dragged my kids along.

Sometimes, things got weird. In the days before GPS, I once got lost traveling to some back-of-the-beyond funeral home and arrived just before the doors

closed. Another place had dozens of taxidermied squirrels arranged in tableaux in the basement — squirrels at the carnival, squirrels at a saloon.

Once, I sat shiva for a friend's father. I'm not Jewish, and made the mistake of expressing regret that my friend had a rip in her silk scarf. She laughed and explained that she had torn it on purpose as a sign of mourning, and I felt like a goof.

But it was OK — it was good that I made her laugh. And it was good to go to those wakes, even late and breathless. I signed the guest books and said my "sorries," which was what was required.

Late last month, my mother, Bonny Wisniewski, died. She was a wonderful person — creative, brilliant, musical and loved by many. My siblings and I wanted to put on a good show, as she would have wanted, with a wake and a Mass.

And people came — from Los Angeles, Toronto, Wisconsin and southern Illinois. There were neighbors, second cousins, work colleagues, in-laws and friends

from college and even grade school. And people who couldn't come phoned or sent flowers, cards or emails. Non-Catholics sat through very Catholic prayers. And we were so, so grateful.

Because here's a fact about mourning — when someone close to you dies, even if it's expected, it's like a bomb has gone off. And you and your family are wandering around in the rubble, shivering in the wind. You don't know what day it is, and you keep forgetting why you went into a room. Eyeglasses are lost and appointments forgotten as you try to deal with the fact that this person who was so essential is somehow, incredibly no longer on this Earth. This fact keeps hitting you, like the shock waves after an explosion. As Emily Dickinson wrote, "After great pain, a formal feeling comes / The Nerves sit ceremonious, like tombs ..."

At this time, the visits and calls from friends are like the pieces of a quilt. And the quilt pieces come together into a blanket and warm you, getting you through this

time of shock and sorrow. It doesn't matter if all they say is "I'm sorry." They don't have to be clever. They don't have to be clever. The thought really is enough. It's enough that they're there in the stuffy funeral parlor, or at the luncheon, looking at pictures of your mom and nodding as you babble, "Wasn't she pretty? Wasn't she fun?"

Fewer people are going to memorial services these days, according to surveys by the National Funeral Directors Association. In 2013, 10.3% of respondents had not gone to a funeral in the last five years. In 2019, almost 37% had not gone to any memorial service in five years.

This isn't a good trend. So take my parents' advice and send a card, make a call or, better yet, go to the wake or the funeral. You'll probably feel a little awkward, and get bad coffee. But what you'll give to a grieving family is priceless.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Early voting taking place at the Loop Super Site on Nov. 5, 2018.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Mental health care access for youths

The tragic story of the young Latino leader from the Southwest Side of Chicago who died by suicide (“Did he really not know how loved he was?” Jan. 24) highlights the ongoing issue of mental health among our youths. As a Latina pediatrician serving children from the Southwest Side, this issue is important to me; I believe that providing more access to mental health services will not only be beneficial from a medical perspective but also will help decrease stigma.

The issue of mental health is so large, encompassing family dynamics, school settings, social media and health care, that it is difficult to focus on just one aspect that can be improved; as a pediatrician, how mental health is recognized and treated in the health care setting is my priority. Studies have found that depression rates among adolescents can range from 13% to 25%.

Genetic predisposition and environmental factors like low educational and socioeconomic standing contribute to the development of depressive episodes. Screening for depression among 12- to 18-year-olds is recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

There is agreement that screening for depression among adolescents is essential and that the course of treatment for a teenager with moderate or severe depression is referral to a mental health clinician. Even mild-to-moderate depression requires cognitive behavioral therapy and interpersonal therapy. Pediatricians can prescribe antidepressants, but therapy alone or therapy combined with medications can be effective for mild-to-moderate depression.

This leads to the question of how families will pay for mental health services, including therapy.

As highlighted by a letter from many health organizations to the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance regarding how to improve mental health care for children who have Medicaid insurance, reimbursement for mental and behavioral health services is low to nonexistent. Medicaid agencies pay less for these services than Medicare and private payers.

With the recognition of mental health as a legitimate health issue and the process of diagnosis and treatment with health care providers and insurance reimbursement occurring in the same way as any other disease, there is hope that stigma against mental health issues may decrease.

— Dr. Nicole Salach, Chicago

Nostalgia for simpler times

Among history’s recurring rivalries is tradition versus technology. Ever since the invention of the wheel, traditionalists have had their doubts about newfangled innovations. Frankly, the technologists have eventually carried the day.

However, there are times — as recently as the Iowa caucuses — when the traditionalists get to crow in the wake of the technologists’ mistake — in this case, Shadow Inc.’s spiffy new phone app. Designed to improve ballot counting, the little app generated some big problems.

All this will be sorted out in due time. But here’s the point. No matter the results, this technical flop will rekindle the hearts of all the skeptics who love to live by the shibboleth: If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.

Assuming we take good citizenship seriously, we get to make two important decisions. First, *whom* should we elect to be our leader. Second, *what* mix of tradition and technology should be our guide.

In these troubled and often unsettling times, it may be therapeutic to think back to simpler days and remember a time when:

Drivers kept their eyes on the road — not on their phones. Virtual reality was known as a dream. Our president was a respected leader of the free world. Climate change was the changing of the seasons. People didn’t feel so entitled. Republican senators stood against corruption. Honey Bears roamed the sidelines. Our president wasn’t easily manipulated by a Russian leader. It wasn’t trendy to be offended by everything. Winter in Chicago meant cold and snow. Liberal wasn’t a derogatory term. Pot was illegal. The federal government tried to reduce pollution. People weren’t so inconsiderate as to think their dogs belong in stores and planes.

And lastly: Our president and the village idiot weren’t the same person.

— Bryan Bradley, Buffalo Grove

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Want to take Iowa’s place and cast the first votes?

BY CARRIE DAVIS

Gov. J.B. Pritzker has called for Illinois to take Iowa’s place as the first state to hold its primary during presidential election years. After all, he said, we’re more diverse than Iowa and thus more representative of America.

While I appreciate the governor’s ambition and would love to see Illinois play that role, we better prove we’re ready. A front-of-the-line state, a battleground state, or any state with a significant say in a presidential election is going to shove its mistakes and weaknesses into the spotlight. Ask not just Iowa, but Florida and Ohio.

Illinois should learn from those states’ mistakes and start correcting its own. And much like our neighbors in Iowa, Illinois faces concerns about the effectiveness of its protocol and a lack of transparency about how it’s addressing things that need to be fixed.

As a recovering voting rights lawyer from Ohio who toiled through many election controversies, I recommend the following:

First, adequately test all key elections systems to make sure they are working properly. That includes the voter registration system, voting machines, electronic poll books, vote tabulation equipment and all methods for local officials to report results — especially any newly introduced technologies.

In Illinois, voter registration should be first on the list. In the 2016 presidential election, Russian hackers probed many

states’ voter registration databases, but Illinois’ carries the distinction of being the only one breached. Thankfully there is no indication any records were changed, but it tells us we’re a target.

Instead of reassurances from the secretary of state and State Board of Elections that the system is in better shape this year, we now have a new set of problems. Implementation of automatic voter registration (AVR) is behind schedule and riddled with mistakes, including causing noncitizens to be erroneously registered and eligible voters being dropped.

Illinois would be well advised to take advantage of the repeated offers of technical assistance from the Just Democracy Coalition, which spearheaded adoption of the AVR law, as well as other voter registration and election security experts, to solve our woes before November.

Second, transparency is key to public confidence in elections. People tend to distrust what they cannot see or do not understand, and that makes them vulnerable to misinformation and disinformation. Election officials and others should help demystify elections, quickly explain what’s going on when there is a problem and what steps they are taking to prevent it from happening again.

Here in Illinois, that is especially important, since Secretary of State Jesse White’s office needs to maintain the public’s trust after the voter registration problems. It needs to be fully transparent about working with experts on fixing the AVR mistakes.

Third, put in place dependable backup plans, including auditable paper trails, and enough trained people and equipment to execute them (the inadequacy of Iowa’s backups was one of its many failings). Given our voter registration issues, election workers in Illinois may need to plan for heavier use of grace-period registration, in case more eligible voters show up whose names are not on the list.

Beyond those best practices, election officials increasingly have to deal with the pressures of our impatient 24/7 information environment, in which people expect immediate results. Iowa was under enormous pressure to release vote counts, and the Iowa Democratic Party — which ran its caucuses — started releasing partial results due to that pressure.

There’s the rub. Accuracy is more important than speed in getting elections right. But if you don’t have answers fast enough, the online rumor mill creates its own narratives and theories — some of which can harm public confidence more than the actual problem.

Here in Illinois, much of the worry about voter registration stems from the public not knowing what’s happening. Illinois needs to be more transparent about what is being done to fix the problems and prevent them from happening again.

So, about that push to be the first primary state? If we make the necessary changes and build a system that makes us proud, we’ll be much better positioned to make a case that Illinois should vote before everyone else.

GOP is playing the game by different rules



LEONARD PITTS

Let’s try a thought experiment.

Suppose your friend invites you to play Monopoly. But suppose she insists on a set of special rules applicable only to her. Like when she lands on your property, she only has to pay half the required rent. And for every house she buys, she gets one free. And when she passes “Go,” she gets \$500.

How legitimate would you consider that game to be? How long would it be before you quit? Might you not even overturn the board on the way out?

Who could blame you? Which of us would stay in a contest where one side felt free to make up its own rules? You can’t run a game that way. You also can’t run a country.

Someone should explain that to the right-wing political establishment, whose members are up in arms over House Speaker Nancy Pelosi ripping up a copy of President Donald Trump’s State of the Union address moments after he finished delivering it. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, that tower of Jell-O that walks like a man, pronounced this “pathetic.” Rep. Lee Zeldin called it “disgusting.” House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy dubbed it “petty.” And so on.

Which is, of course, hypocrisy on a galactic scale. A Trump enabler has about as

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much business criticizing a breach of decorum as Bill Cosby does teaching sex ed. Indeed, they have zero standing to lecture the rest of us on any question of right and wrong.

Especially given that GOP senators — and who, by this point, can deny that the “G” stands for gutless? — voted Wednesday to acquit Trump in his impeachment trial. With the singular, courageous exception of Mitt Romney, they chose to turn a blind eye to his use of public funds to extort political favors from a vulnerable ally.

Worse, a number of them even admitted that he did what he was accused of doing, rationalizing that he has learned his lesson now and won’t ever, ever do it again. As if the Constitution allows for mulligans and oopsies. As if Trump has ever shown the slightest ability to learn anything. No, the man will be emboldened by this — not chastened.

That said, the GOP’s false piety is hardly the only — or even the most — alarming thing about this incident. Remember, this isn’t the first time it has made up its own rules. No, from voter suppression schemes to the theft of a Supreme Court seat to a campaign of obstruction against President Barack Obama, this party — desperate and increasingly out of step with the nation it purports to represent — has cheated in

plain sight for years.

You have three options when someone else is playing the game by different rules:

One, you can continue playing by the actual rules and appeal to them to do the same. But one gets tired of watching others “win” by cheating. One gets tired of always having to be the adult in the room.

Two, you can make up your own rules too. But that invites a race to anarchy. If, for instance, your side expands the Supreme Court to 11 members so that you can control a majority, what’s to stop the other side, once they’re in power, from expanding it to 13? Nineteen? A hundred and one?

Which brings us to Option Three: You can abandon the game.

That option is the reason those of us who fear for America’s future should regard this as an ominous, albeit symbolic, turn. Nancy Pelosi has served in Congress more than 30 years. She’s a committed institutionalist who has lectured her caucus more than once on the need for civility.

Yet Tuesday night, she physically ripped up Tuesday’s manifesto of hogwash and lies. In effect, she stood up from the table.

And overturned the board.

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It's like taking 30 years of wear and tear off your knees - in less than 30 minutes!

"I didn't know how much LIFE and SLEEP I was missing because of my knee pain, until it went away with this wonderful treatment." — George R.

You know how it is . . .

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

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

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

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

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

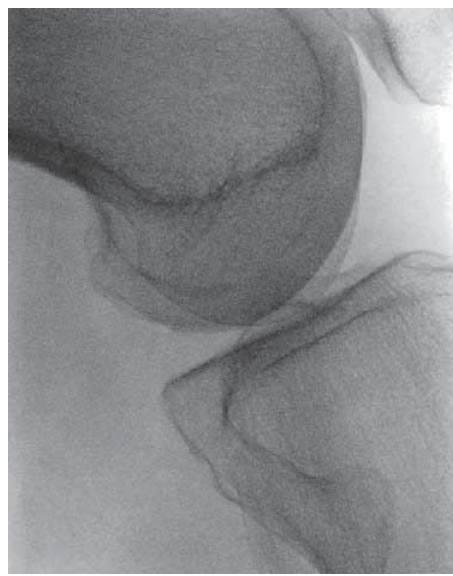
After years of trusted service in moving you everywhere you need to go, your knee starts to feel a subtle ache with certain activities like using stairs, kneeling down, or getting out of the car. With time, it becomes a constant ache. *If left untreated, it can keep you awake at night, and hurt with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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

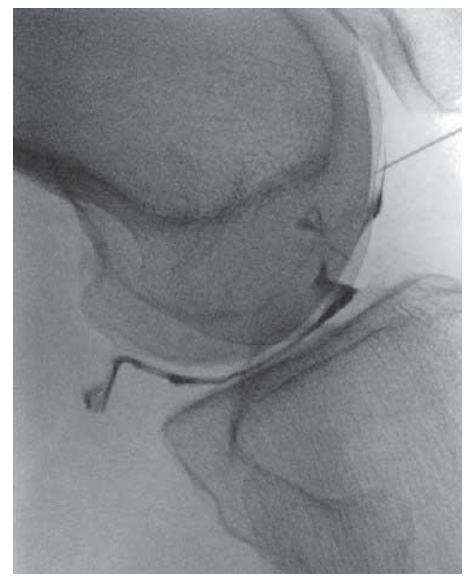
Seriously, you can get the knee pain relief you are looking for without wasting your precious time recovering or even spending a dime (more on that shortly).

One thing you should know:

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

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

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



Is it true this natural treatment option could cost NOTHING?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

So if you're interested,

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

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

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

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

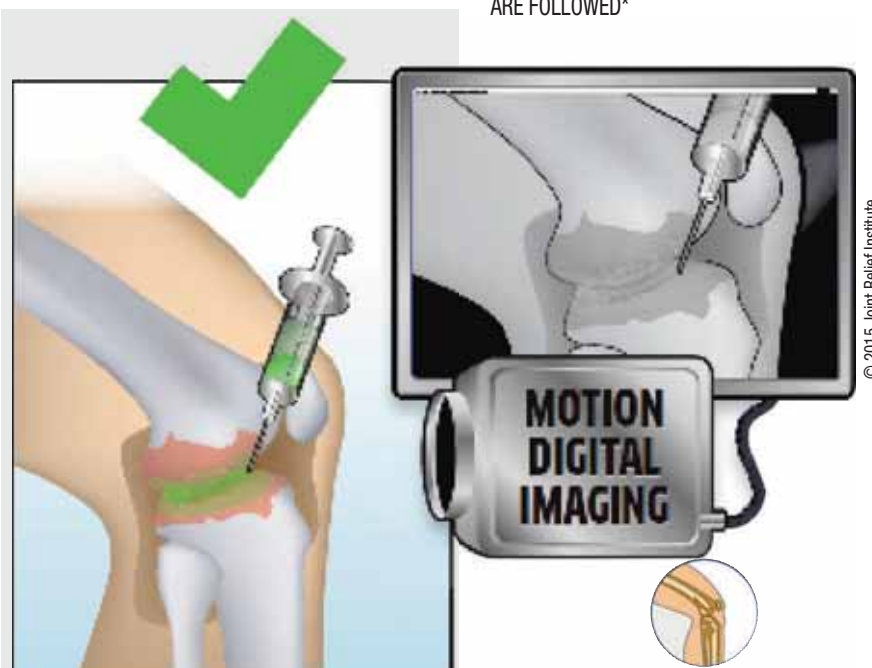
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PLUS - the injection is virtually painless because the doctors at Joint Relief Institute use a two step numbing and imaging process to eliminate pain.

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

One patient even said this:

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



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Fraudsters on the prowl during tax season

Tax season is open, which means it's time to vent about how much you hate this time of year, complain about the complexity of the U.S. code and/or whine about your refund being lower than previous years, even though you know that a refund is just the return of the extra money that you paid Uncle Sam, on which he paid zero interest.

The Internal Revenue Service is hoping that this year's filing season will be less fraught than last year's, because the government has remained open (remember the 35-day shutdown of 2018-2019?) and it will be the second time that American taxpayers will be filing under the new rules that emerged from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the most significant tax code overhaul in more than three decades.

The deadline to file 2019 tax returns and pay any tax owed is Wednesday, April 15, and the IRS expects that more than 150 million individual tax returns will be filed. The best way to prepare for this season is to grab last year's return as a guide and then start organizing your documents (W-2s, 1099s, as well as bank, investment, mutual fund and mortgage company documents) in a file.

The IRS emphasizes that taxpayers may be paying for tax preparation services when there are free options available via the agency's Free File program. Any taxpayer earning \$69,000 or less (that's about 100 million Americans, according to the Free File alliance), can find one or more free commercial software products available by visiting [IRS.gov/freefile](https://www.irs.gov/freefile). Additionally, Free File is mobile enabled, which means that you can use your smart phone or tablet to do your taxes.

Some providers, including TurboTax and H&R Block, offer free federal and state tax preparation online.

The IRS also offers Free File Fillable Forms, available to anyone regardless of income. These forms are best suited for taxpayers experienced in preparing returns by hand and who need limited assistance. The IRS notes, "Filing electronically flags common errors and prompts taxpayers for missing information."

The agency is also trying to make sure that taxpayers are aware that the fraudsters will be on the prowl again this tax season. Be on the lookout for, and tell all your relatives about, the following scams:

Email, text and social media phishing scams: These "official" notices appear to come from the IRS or state tax agencies, but the IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information.

If you receive anything suspicious, do not click on it. Forward it to phishing@irs.gov.

Letters or phone calls: Letters claiming to be from the IRS often demand payment of an overdue tax bill. If this seems sketchy, register at [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) and check your account balance. And no, that's not the IRS calling with angry demands for payment and threats of jail or a lawsuit. The IRS does not make threatening phone calls, nor does the IRS request payment via gift cards or debit cards.

Report fraudulent letters and telephone calls to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at [TIGTA.gov](https://www.tigta.gov).

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Thank you for your feedback

Learn to embrace criticism to achieve success

By KEVIN DAUM | Inc.

Many people are dissatisfied because they haven't reached a high level of success. Sometimes it's simply because they don't know exactly what success means to them.

But even if people can clearly articulate their desired path, many don't want to hear the truth about where they need to improve to get there. They, of course, say that they are open to constructive criticism, but then they get hostile or defensive or shut down when they hear the truth about their flaws, even when gently delivered.

During my time working in theater, most of us thrived on criticism. We would spend hours working hard, only to receive pages and pages of notes on everything we did wrong, and very little we did right. We didn't really mind because we craved feedback so we could get better and hone our craft. Getting it right for the audience was the most important thing.

This should translate well in the business world, but it's rarely taught in school, and often isn't even taught on the job. Bosses and colleagues are insincerely positive and scared to offend, instead of giving the real feedback their employees need to achieve success.

It would be much easier to provide real insights if more people were willing to receive honest feedback. Unfortunately, most don't really want to hear it, and even if they receive criticism, they reject it and don't make the effort to understand it.

If you're genuinely interested in success and willing to put your ego aside, here's how to use criticism to your advantage:

Solicit real feedback from honest people

Most people ask the opinion of those they know will stroke their ego, and tell them what they want to hear. It's understandable because people want to feel good about themselves, but this is not a pathway to achievement. Successful people seek out those who will tell them the hard, cold truth.

Those willing to share honest, but not cruel, feedback are the ones who take an actual stake in the other person's success. They often risk the uncomfortable to help the receiver be better. Show your appreciation by listening with an open mind.

Ask yourself if the feedback is genuine, if there's at least a kernel of truth in it and whether it was delivered without malice. And even if delivered in a ham-fisted or rude way, the criticism could have some value. Look at it as dispassionately as possible and ask yourself if there's something to work on.

Keep a list

Keep track of what people tell you to work on. The hard stuff to improve on — the real issues that will require a deep investigation into why and how you are a particular way — aren't going to be a quick fix.

Chances are you won't be able to solve them by memory alone. You need time to absorb and observe your flaws and time to determine how to improve. Write it all down so you can attack all the problems effectively.

Create a plan

There will be little things that you can fix with relative ease. But once you knock out the simple stuff keeping you from success, it's time for the tougher tasks.

The real challenges have more systemic issues that revolve around your mindset and how you behave. You should make a thoughtful plan of how to solve these issues, systematically and over time.

Celebrate the insight

Hearing that you're doing something badly can be painful, which is why most people avoid seeking out feedback and why others avoid saying anything negative. They don't want to hurt your feelings.

But until you get real insight, you won't be able to advance. So when you get a piece of information that stings, recognize the moment and act on it. If your default mechanism is anger, you're in trouble. Your ability to reason goes out the window when you get angry and you aren't able to take in what the other person is saying. Take a breath and then internalize the feedback.

And most importantly, express real gratitude to the person brave enough to share it with you. This person likely cares and deserves your respect and gratitude.

Chart your progress

What gets measured gets done. If you really are determined to overcome your flaws and get better, you need to monitor your success closely. How well are you following your plan? Have you tackled all the small issues so you can work on the big ones?

If you don't track your progress, you won't be able to tell how you're doing and where to focus your effort.

Never be satisfied

Nobody is perfect, or ever will be. But craving criticism and seeking improvement will push you past your perceived limits and to your highest potential. It also will likely push you ahead of many others. Take sports as an example.

Elite athletes have a bunch of coaches, and they're not there to tell these people what they're doing right. Far from it. Those seeking true success need to keep working, keep pushing and keep refining.

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Money moves to consider making in February

Think about initiating a finance talk with loved one

By LISA GERSTNER
Kiplinger

Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine has compiled a list of money moves to make this month to better your finances in 2020. Here are steps to take in February:

Flowers, chocolates and financial talk

Valentine's Day is right around the corner. Unromantic as it may sound, sitting down with your sweetheart to talk finances is key to a more fulfilling — and maybe longer-lasting — relationship. In a survey from personal finance website Magnify-

Money, 21% of divorced couples said that money was the cause of their split. The higher their income, the more likely money was the culprit.

If your relationship is getting serious or you've been avoiding the money talk, have an honest conversation about what financial accounts you have, any debt you're carrying, what your credit score is and your attitudes toward spending and saving.

Consider whether you'll merge your bank and investment accounts, keep them separate or construct a combination of independent and joint accounts. Early and frequent communication with your sweetheart can help avoid fights down the road. It seems, however, many couples are not having these discussions.

A survey from SunTrust found that 88% of Americans believe that discussing finances before tying the knot is important, but only 51% have a pre-marriage talk about how they'll handle money.

Longtime couples are wise to have regular money talks, too, (say, each month or quarter) to stay on the same page about their budget, investments and goals. Test your savvy when it comes to money and relationships with the quiz at [kiplinger.com/links/couplesquiz](https://www.kiplinger.com/links/couplesquiz).

Summer vacation savings

If you're traveling to a popular destination this summer, book lodging before it sells out.

Now is also a good time to set up fare alerts for flights with a tool such as Google

Flights, Hopper or Kayak. But you may get the best price if you wait to book domestic trips about 45 days in advance and international trips about 75 days in advance, says Hayley Berg, an economist with the travel booking app Hopper.

Tax season action

Your 1099 and W-2 tax forms should have arrived. Avoid the last-minute scramble and submit your tax return now. Acting early may also prevent identity thieves from using your Social Security number to file a fake return and claim a refund.

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Sell your company to candidates

Quality job seekers can afford to be choosy

BY JARED HECHT
Inc.

Business owners, hiring managers and anyone else tasked with bringing on new employees must provide job candidates with the best possible experience, for a few reasons.

Someone's experience interviewing with your company can reflect well (or not so well) on your business. And with the unemployment rate at about 3.5%, snagging good people is getting tougher. Businesses must fill jobs, and the best candidates have the luxury of being a bit more demanding.

Forbes notes that recruiters are coming up with new ways to appeal to people, but they're also reporting a 40% increase in the time it takes to hire. This is because of candidates deciding to go elsewhere, taking their time to find the best job and even job ghosting, in which they simply disappear.

When interviewing candidates for new roles, you need to make sure you're always putting your best foot forward. As much as you are interviewing a candidate, that candidate is interviewing you, and deciding whether to move forward or look elsewhere for a better fit.

The goal isn't to present a false picture of your company and culture, of course, but it is important to find ways to appeal to talented people who you feel can make an impact on your business. Here's how to do it right:

Come prepared to discuss the candidate's background

The best interviews happen when the interviewer knows enough about the candidate to use the time constructively, discussing important issues and deeper material. If you're only familiar with a candidate's name and the high points of what's on the resume, you'll spend a lot of time learning the basics about the person.

While you can't control how much a candidate knows about your company, you can take the time to learn about your candidate. It's easier than ever, thanks to social media platforms like LinkedIn to learn what makes this person tick. You can review past published work, certifications, awards and anything else that not only tells you what you need to know about a candidate, but also what you need to know more about.

Make the candidate feel welcome and valued

Don't let an interview feel like a transactional experience. When your candidate visits the office, take the time to show him or her around the space that could end up being a professional home for the foreseeable future. Introduce a candidate to different members of the team, emphasizing to those team members beforehand how important candidate experience is to the company's success.

If a candidate is visiting from outside your market, little touches like welcome baskets delivered upon arrival at his or her hotel, or time spent at a great neigh-



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borhood cafe will color the experience.

Don't just stick to your script

It's good to come prepared with background information about a candidate and questions that you'd like to know the answers to. Don't insist on adhering to your script to the point that you don't engage with what the candidate is saying.

Listen when a candidate speaks. Understand what he or she is telling you, especially what he or she is looking for and wants to accomplish. Your on-the-spot responses will show

that you're interested in what the candidate has to say, as both a professional and a human.

Identify what the candidate is looking for

Candidates are looking for different things when taking the next step in their career, and what's very important to one candidate might not matter to another. It could be a culture change, the opportunity to take on certain responsibilities or the chance to work with a great mentor.

Once you identify those areas of focus, see how your company aligns with that vision and what parts of

working for your business will help the candidate achieve his or her goals. Then discuss those alignments openly.

This is not about adapting or changing the role to suit the candidate, but highlighting what will be beneficial to him or her about working with you.

If it doesn't work out, keep in touch

An interview experience doesn't necessarily end the moment a candidate walks out the door. If an open role and a qualified candidate don't match at this moment (whether you or the candidate decide that's the case),

that doesn't mean he or she won't match a future job.

Keep in touch with the candidates who make an impression on you. Connect on LinkedIn and check in now and then.

Candidates who are impressed with your organization and you will be much more likely to recommend you to other prospects, become a customer or even return for another interview down the road.

Jared Hecht is the CEO and co-founder of Fundera, an online marketplace that connects small-business owners with funding providers.

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Phrases, situations that should raise red flags



ELLIOT RAPHAELSON
The Savings Game

There are myriad ways that financial fraudsters can trap investors.

According to Christopher Gerold, the president of the North American Securities Administrators Association and president and chief of the New Jersey Bureau of Securities, promissory notes and Ponzi schemes are the leading products or schemes that are likely to ensnare people this year.

Also on the top five list (based on investor complaints and ongoing investigations) are real estate investments, cryptocurrency-related investments and social media- and internet-based investment schemes.

NASAA is the oldest international organization devoted to investor protection in the United States, Canada and Mexico. It is the voice of 50 state security agencies responsible for efficient capital formation and grassroots investor protection.

I spoke with Gerold and other NASAA representatives to determine how U.S. investors can protect themselves against common signs of investment scams. According to Gerold, the most common telltale sign of an investment scam is an offer of guaranteed high returns with no risk.

He also indicated that many of the

threats facing investors involve private offerings, which are exempt from federal securities registration requirements and are not sold through public stock exchanges.

He recommended NASAA's investor fraud quiz (<https://www.nasaa.org/investor-education/investment-fraud-awareness-quiz/>). Following are some of the most interesting questions and answers:

1. Which of the following phrases should raise your concern about an investment?

- A. High rate of return
- B. Risk-free
- C. Guaranteed against loss
- D. You must invest now
- E. All of the above

Answer: E. Beware of any salesperson who tells you an investment is risk-free and provides a guaranteed high rate of return.

2. Security laws protect investors by requiring companies to:

- A. Show profits before they can sell stock.
- B. Provide investors with specific information about the company
- C. Pay dividends
- D. Repay investors who have lost money

Answer: B. Securities regulation is based on a disclosure system — laws requiring companies to provide investors with specific information. Companies don't have to show profits or pay dividends to sell stock. There is no requirement to repay investors who lost money investing.

3. In which situation are you taking the least amount of risk?

- A. Buying a certificate of deposit in the U.S.
- B. Investing with someone you

know from your church or community association

- C. Investing offshore
- D. Investing with someone who contacted you by phone

Answer: A. Although buying a CD is low risk, you should investigate insurance levels in the event of the bank's failure. In addition, you should consider inflation risk when you invest in low-return investments. All your investments shouldn't be in low-risk investments if you need capital growth as part of your investment objectives.

4. A fellow book club member tells you about an investment opportunity that has earned 20% during the past year. Your investments have been performing poorly, and you are interested in higher returns. This person is your friend and you trust him. What should you do?

- A. Ask your friend for more information about the investment so that you can understand the risks before you make a decision
- B. Invest only a small amount to see how things go before you make a larger investment
- C. Call your securities regulator to see if the investment has been registered or is properly exempted for sale
- D. A and C

Answer: D. You should never make an investment simply based on word of mouth, even if the recommendation comes from a family member or friend. Ask for more information and call your securities regulator to see if the investment has been registered or exempted for sale.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.

Signs it's time to dump mutual fund

BY NELLIE S. HUANG
Kiplinger

When people say, "Breaking up is hard to do," they may be talking about one of their actively managed mutual funds.

We've highlighted four traits that signal it may be time to sell. Any one of them might not be a sufficient cause to call it quits, but if a fund you hold has two or more of these qualities, you probably have reason to dump it.

Returns are disappointing

Poor performance shouldn't be an automatic trigger to boot a fund from your portfolio. Consider first why the fund is lagging. Is the slump tied to the manager's bad investment choices? Or is the lull a periodic time-out because the fund's investment style is out of favor?

If a fund consistently struggles to keep up with its peers on a year-to-year basis, it's time to look for alternatives, says Todd Rosenbluth, head of fund research at CFRA.

Give a manager some leeway; even the best ones stumble for a time. But if short-term sluggishness starts to drag down a fund's long-term returns, it's time to cut and run. That's a sign of sustained underperformance. Lew Altfest of Altfest Personal Wealth Management in New York, says he starts to get "very concerned" after a fund lags for two consecutive years.

A manager leaves

When a key manager quits or retires, it's a "red flag," says Rosenbluth, because the new honcho may shift strategies or sell chunks of the portfolio. At the very least, be prepared for a period of growing pains when a new manager arrives.

Challenges can come in the form of lackluster returns or big capital-gains distributions as the new manager reshapes the portfolio.

Assets explode

The bigger a fund gets, the less nimble it can be and that can hurt returns. Small-company stock funds and concentrated funds, which tend to hold fewer than 30 stocks, can be particularly sensitive to asset bloat. But large-company funds have fallen victim to asset bloat, too.

The legendary Fidelity Magellan is a classic example. As assets topped \$100 billion in 2000, the fund's performance relative to Standard & Poor's 500-stock index deteriorated.

The fund's job changes

David Mendels, an adviser with Creative Financial Concepts, says he views fund analysis as a job-performance evaluation. "I'm hiring a manager to do a job," he says.

A big shift in holdings should be a wake-up call to rethink how a fund fits into your overall portfolio and whether you need to make any adjustments. "That's where I'd say, 'You're no longer doing what I hired you to do,'" says Mendels. "You're outta here."

Nellie S. Huang is senior associate editor at Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine. Send your questions and comments to moneypower@kiplinger.com.



DELIGHTIMAGES

Social Security benefits for divorcees

Own work history factor to consider

BY LISA GERSTNER
Kiplinger

Q: I heard I could be eligible for Social Security benefits based on my ex-husband's work record. What are the rules?

A: If you were married to your ex-husband for at least 10 years, you can claim spousal benefits based on your ex's record as long as you're single now and the benefit to which you're entitled based on your own work history is less than the spousal benefit.

Even if your former husband hasn't applied for or suspended his own benefits, you can claim spousal benefits if your ex is 62 or older and you've been divorced for at

least two years. Be aware that if you remarry, you'll lose the spousal benefit, but you can reapply for it if you and your new spouse divorce or he dies.

If you're eligible for the spousal benefit and aren't close to retirement, don't assume that it's your best bet. You may be able to boost your own benefit higher than the spousal one because Social Security bases your own benefit on the 35 years that you earned the most.

Jeannette Bajalia, president and founder of financial-planning firm Woman's Worth, encourages clients to generate more income if their benefits are on the cusp.

"I've shown clients that if they made, say, \$18,000 a year, that would throw out some zeros on their earnings record" and tip their benefit over the edge, says Bajalia.

Q: Are Medicare premiums automatically deducted from Social Security payments?

A: If you're collecting Social Security checks when you become eligible for Medicare at age 65, your Medicare Part B premiums are automatically deducted from your benefit. If you aren't receiving Social Security benefits when you're ready to start Part B, you'll have to enroll in Medicare separately, and you'll get a bill for premiums. Medicare Part A, which covers hospital stays, has no premium for most people.

If you have a Medicare Advantage or Part D plan, you can have those premiums deducted from your Social Security check, too, but it's not automatic. The amount deducted for Medicare premiums of any kind is considered part of your Social Security benefit and may be subject to tax.

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

Know your plastic

You probably know that your credit card comes with an interest rate, a limit on how much you can spend and a minimum amount that you must pay each month. But if you're not familiar with the nuts and bolts of each card component, brushing up can save you money.



Annual percentage rate

If you don't pay your statement balance in full by the payment due date, you'll accrue interest on the unpaid amount. Most credit cards have a variable rate, typically composed of the prime rate plus a "margin" of a set number of percentage points. Each time the Federal Reserve changes the federal funds rate, the prime rate moves in tandem.



Grace period

Most cards offer an interest-free window on purchases between the time a billing cycle ends and the payment due date. The grace period must last at least 21 days. If you're planning to make a large purchase, consider doing so near the beginning of the billing cycle — that gives you nearly two months to pay it off without interest. If you're carrying a balance from month to month, the grace period disappears, and interest accrues immediately on new purchases.



Minimum payment

The minimum monthly payment is often the greater of 1% of the balance (plus interest and fees) or some flat amount — say, \$25 or \$35. Paying only the minimum may result in thousands of dollars in interest charges over time.

SOURCE: Kiplinger

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM KEENAN 1938-2020

President of family's Carol Stream logistics company

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

William Brooks Keenan Jr. was president of his family's Carol Stream-based logistics company, Keenan Transit Co., for almost 58 years.

Keenan, 81, died of complications from esophageal cancer on Jan. 2 at his home, said his wife of 59 years, Nancy. He had been a long-time Oak Brook resident.

Born in Chicago, Keenan grew up in Oak Park and graduated in 1956 from Fenwick High School in Oak Park, where he was captain of the boys basketball team. He then received a bachelor's degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati in 1960.

After college, Keenan joined his family's contract trucking company, which his father had founded in 1946 to serve General Motors' Electro-Motive Division near La Grange. Keenan Transit had been based for many years in Melrose Park and then moved to Carol Stream in 2008. Keenan's father died in April 1962 at age 59, and though he was in his early 20s at the time, Keenan became the company's president.

Under Keenan's leader-



FAMILY PHOTO

ship, Keenan Transit broadened its business into warehousing and cross-docking, said Keenan's son Tom, the company's vice president.

Keenan never retired. A stroke that he suffered last May limited his driving, but he continued coming to the office until Dec. 20, his wife said. Keenan then suffered another stroke on Christmas Day.

Since 1964, Keenan had been a member of Butterfield Country Club in Oak Brook, and was the club's president from 1988 until 1989.

"He was a great friend, and he was always there for you," said Tom Herbstritt, a

fellow Butterfield Country Club member.

"The thing that stands out to me is that he had a really wonderful sense of humor," said John Madden, a longtime friend and the CEO of FNBC Bank & Trust in La Grange. "And he was very kind on top of being humorous. He quietly helped people out, but he didn't say anything, and you'd hear about it from various sources."

A 10-year-old grandson, Brooks Tonn, died of a rare cancer, rhabdomyosarcoma, in December 2017. After the boy's death, two of Keenan's daughters and one son-in-law helped form the Hinsdale-based Brooks Strong Foundation, which helps fund pediatric cancer research and cover the costs of youth sports or other extracurricular activities for kids with cancer.

In addition to his wife and son, Keenan is survived by three daughters, Betsy Moran, Trish Kinsella and Nora Tonn; two other sons, William III and Dan; 19 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, John. Services were held.

Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON FEBRUARY 10 ...

In 1763 France ceded Canada to England under the Treaty of Paris, which ended the French and Indian War.

In 1840 Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

In 1841 Upper Canada and Lower Canada were proclaimed united under an Act of Union passed by the British Parliament.

In 1846 members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Mormons, began an exodus to the west from Nauvoo, Ill.

In 1927 opera diva Leon-tyne Price was born in Laurel, Miss.

In 1939 singer Roberta Flack was born in Black Mountain, N.C.

In 1942 the former French liner Normandie capsized in New York Harbor a day after it caught fire while being refitted for the U.S. Navy. **Also in 1942** RCA Victor presented Glenn Miller and his Orchestra with a gold record, signifying more than a million copies sold, for their recording of "Chattanooga Choo Choo."

In 1949 Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater.

In 1962 the Soviet Union exchanged captured American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolph Ivanovich Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States.

In 1967 the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, went into effect.

In 1981 eight people were killed and 198 injured when



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In 1968 Peggy Fleming of the United States won the gold medal in women's figure skating at the Winter Olympic Games in Grenoble, France.

fire broke out at the Las Vegas Hilton hotel-casino.

In 1989 Ron Brown was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee, becoming the first black to head a major U.S. political party.

In 1992 boxer Mike Tyson was convicted in Indianapolis of raping a contestant in the Miss Black America competition. (Tyson served three years in prison.)

In 1995 the House passed a GOP crime bill boosting funding for state prisons but requiring states to get tougher on violent criminals before they could receive any money.

In 1996 President Bill Clinton signed a \$265 billion defense bill, but said he would battle for repeal of a section forcing the discharge of service members with the AIDS virus. **Also in 1996** world chess champion Garry Kasparov lost the first game of a match in

Philadelphia against an IBM computer dubbed "Deep Blue."

In 1997 a civil jury heaped \$25 million in punitive damages on O.J. Simpson for the slayings of his ex-wife and her friend, on top of \$8.5 million in compensatory damages awarded earlier.

In 2000 the hijackers of an Afghan plane surrendered, ending a four-day standoff at Stansted airport outside London.

In 2001 the space shuttle Atlantis' astronauts installed the \$1.4 billion Destiny laboratory on the International Space Station. **Also in 2001** former New York City Mayor Abraham Beame died; he was 94.

In 2002 former U.N. ambassador Vernon Walters died in West Palm Beach, Fla.; he was 85. Also in 2002 convict-author Jack Henry Abbott committed suicide in his cell; he was 58.

In 2003 Ron Ziegler, President Richard Nixon's press secretary, died in Coronado, Calif.; he was 63.

In 2004 the White House, trying to end doubts about President George W. Bush's Vietnam-era military service, released documents it said proved he had met his requirements in the Texas Air National Guard.

In 2005 North Korea boasted publicly for the first time that it possessed nuclear weapons.

In 2006 the Olympics opened in Turin, Italy.

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ILLINOIS
Feb. 9
Pick 3 midday 870 / 5
Pick 4 midday 3288 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto midday
07 16 32 35 39
Pick 3 evening 280 / 3
Pick 4 evening 8869 / 5
Lucky Day Lotto evening
13 15 18 25 38

Feb. 10 Lotto: \$6.25M
Feb. 11 Mega Millions: \$202M
Feb. 12 Powerball: \$70M

WISCONSIN
Feb. 9
Pick 3 757
Pick 4 2804
Badger 5 14 17 18 25 27
SuperCash 05 06 11 19 22 29

INDIANA
Feb. 9
Daily 3 midday 732 / 6
Daily 4 midday 9956 / 6
Daily 3 evening 671 / 4
Daily 4 evening 2403 / 4
Cash 5 17 24 29 33 39

MICHIGAN
Feb. 9
Daily 3 midday 170
Daily 4 midday 8166
Daily 3 evening 142
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Fantasy 5 08 16 17 21 33
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Smith, Elizabeth Ann 'Liz'

Elizabeth "Liz" Ann Smith, age 29, is survived by her parents, the Honorable Justice James Fitzgerald Smith and Barbara A. (nee Lazarus) Smith; her sister, Pamela Smith (Michael) Didden; her uncle Tom (Elaine) Lazarus and aunt Catherine (Russell) Kwech; her fiancé Dominic Ambrosia; and a kaleidoscope of cherished cousins and devoted friends from all walks of life.

After battling interminable breathing complications and lifelong health issues inflicted by the hereditary villain cystic fibrosis, Liz completed her valiant fight for life on February 8, 2020. Upon her passing, she was finally able to "just be normal," her life's desire, breathing freely and painlessly with the Lord.

Born on February 18, 1990, Liz focused all her spontaneous energy in succeeding, thriving and inspiring others. Her life's goal was to be a counselor for troubled teens. She graduated from Dominican University with a degree in sociology and psychology. In between her innumerable hospital stays, she worked tirelessly to raise awareness for cystic fibrosis and, in 2016, was proudly featured as one of the "Salty Girls" in photographer Ian Pettigrew's collection exhibiting the physical effects of this genetic disease. Liz touched many lives with her positive attitude and concern for others. She will be forever remembered for her mischief, beauty and grace.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, February 11, 2020 from 4 to 9 pm at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. A Roman Catholic Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 12 at 10 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St., Glenview. Entombment will follow at All Saints Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Liz's family kindly requests you consider a donation in her name to any of the following organizations, which were close to Liz's heart throughout her life: The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, The American Diabetes Association or The American Lung Association. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

N.H. Scott & Hanekamp
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Greenberg, Mort

Mort Greenberg, age 89, advertising executive, beloved husband and best friend for 58 years of Roda Greenberg, nee Teplitz; loving father of Ilissa (David) Greenberg, Barry (Jennifer) Greenberg, and Michael (Elise) Greenberg; adored grandfather of Samuel, Zachary, Matthew, and Sydney; devoted son of the late Samuel and the late Rose Greenberg; brother of the late Sheldon Greenberg; treasured uncle of Steven, David, Zoe, Alaina, Nathan, and Larry. Proud founding member of MEL, avid photographer and painter, lover of music and old-time radio, loyal Chicago Blackhawk fan, and Disney's Goofy. Memorial Service Tuesday, 2:00 p.m. at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Avenue, Glenco, IL 60022. In lieu of flowers, contribution to Am Shalom, Music Program, www.amshalom.com or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, www.michaeljfox.org. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Evola, Nunzio V. 'Chuck'

Nunzio V. "Chuck" Evola, age 95, of Naperville, IL, formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at Edward Hospital in Naperville. He was born October 30, 1924 in Chicago.

World War II U.S. Army veteran & Purple Heart recipient and retired Chicago Police Officer. Visitation Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 4:00-8:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL.** A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, February 13, 10:30 AM at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 1215 Modaff Road, Naperville, IL. Entombment: Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL.

For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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Grimshaw, Mary Rose

Mary R. Grimshaw, nee Doyle, 73; beloved wife of the late Ben; loving mother of Lisa (Anthony) Mondragon, Jason (Feather Nolan) Grimshaw, Andrea (Robert) Brockland, Patrick (Fiancee Marissa Mendoza) Grimshaw, Nicholas Grimshaw, and the late Maria (Butch) Holst; cherished grandmother of Chloe Rose, Noah, Joshua, Owen, Ian, Gabrielle, Mia, Deillah and Asher; dear sister of the late David Doyle; also, fond cousin and friend of many. Visitation Tuesday, February 11, 2020 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at **COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME** 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services Wednesday, February 12, starting with prayers from the funeral home, proceeding to St. Tarcissus Church for Mass, times pending. Interment will follow at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles. In lieu of flowers donations to Rainbow Hospice are appreciated. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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Ritzke, Michael J.

WW II U.S. Army Veteran, Inf. Sgt. Beloved husband of 55 years to the late Virginia M. Ritzke (nee Grigiel). Loving father of Kathleen Deans, Michael (late Andrea) Ritzke, Linda (John) Herman, and Diana Ritzke. Cherished grandfather of William, Carolyn, Kristie, Mandy, Melissa, Jennifer, Thomas, and Jessica. Adored great-grandfather of Zenith, William, Allison, Joseph, Ashlee, Brandon, Ceejay, Kelly, Matthew, Michael, Justin and Zachary. Proud great-great grandfather of Dennis, Logan, and Beckett. Dear brother of Evelyn and the late Leona and the late Pearl. Kind uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday 3:00-9:00 p.m. Funeral Service Wednesday 10:00 a.m. at **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Cooper, Donald

Donald Cooper, age 94, beloved husband of the late Gloria Cooper, married for 65 years; loving father of Beth (Gary) Birnbaum and Merle Cooper (Dan Roubos); cherished grandfather of Haley (fiancée Dr. Sarah Hans) and Evan (Dana) Birnbaum; dear great-grandfather of Reese; treasured uncle to many nieces and nephews. A special thank you to Teresa Kinel for her care and dedication. Donald was a proud Army veteran and Alumni of Purdue University and Illinois Institute of Technology. Chapel service Tues, Feb 11, 2:30 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 Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Tapper, David Shane

David Shane Tapper, 29, died February 2, 2020 in Chandler, Arizona. He is survived by his loving parents, Joel and Darcie (Burman) Tapper, his adoring sister, Dana, his beloved Newfoundland dog, Chumlee, and the many family members and friends who loved him.

David graduated from Deerfield High School in 2009. He studied Anthropology at the University of Vermont, earning his Bachelor of Arts in 2013.

From guiding tours in Southeast Asia to training sled dogs in Alaska, David led a life of adventure. His free spirit rendered him an avid traveler, spreading his light and contagious laughter around the world.

A memorial service for David will take place at **Heller Nature Center** in Highland Park, IL on February 22, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. A Celebration of Life will follow at 2124 Tennyson Lane in Highland Park.

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Murphy, Daniel J.

Daniel J Murphy (Dan) of The Villages, Florida, passed at age 72 on January 30, 2020.

Born in Chicago, Illinois (lived in Matteson and Shorewood, Illinois) to Daniel and Frances Murphy. Served his country as a U.S. Marine. Received his degree at DePaul University. Worked as a steel coil salesman. Contributed to the community as Trustee to Village of Matteson from 1982 to 1993. Served in prison ministry to both juvenile and adult maximum security in Joliet, Illinois. Active member of Parkinson exercise and support groups for 5 years. Preceded in death by parents, sister Romana Drobick and brother Thomas and Mark. Loving husband to Judy and father to Karen (Dan Medina), Mark, and Joel (Katie) Murphy. Loving grandfather to Augie Murphy, Rachel, Jake, and Zack Medina.

Services to be scheduled for a later date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois.

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Byrnes, Ralph

Peacefully on Friday, February 7th, 2020 surrounded by family. Predeceased by cherished parents Margaret and Ralph; brother Jack (Ruth); sister Margaret (William) and brother-in-law Ken Holm. Beloved husband to Judy, and loving father to John (Daphne), Brian (Linda), Kathleen (Richard) and Stephanie. He will be dearly missed by his sister Suzanne; many nieces and nephews; as well as his grandchildren Emily, Nathan, Luke and Madison. Friends may call at the **Turner & Porter Neweduk-Erin Mills Chapel**, 1981 Dundas St. W, Mississauga (at Erin Mills Pkwy.), on Friday from 3-8 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Martin of Tours Parish, 1290 McBride Ave., Mississauga on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 10 a.m. Interment Glen Oaks Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Online condolences may be made through www.turnerporter.ca

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Meyer, Ronald Gene

Ronald Meyer, 74, of Woodstock, was born April 19, 1945 in Chicago to the late John and Lorraine Meyer. He died February 5, 2020. Survivors include his wife, Linda; children, Tamara Rhodes, R.J. (Marissa), and Russell (Kasey); two grandchildren; brother, Jack; and cousin Gary Meyer. Memorial visitation will be Sunday, February 16, 11am until 3pm followed by military honors at **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, 419 E. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake. Please visit www.davenportfamily.com for full obituary and to send condolences. Call 815-459-3411 for more information.



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Brija, Joan A

Joan A. Brija, nee Nason, age 88, passed away Friday, February 7, 2020. Beloved wife of 58 years of the late Richard Brija; loving mother of Kathleen Mrazek, Linda Kremm and Mary Beth Podlasek; proud grandmother of Kirsten (Chris) Graf, Adam (Melissa) Mrazek, Jennifer (Nick) Markese, Jamie (Eric) Kremm, Brandon (Lauren) Mrazek and Steven Manos; great-grandmother of 10. Visitation Tuesday, February 11, from 4pm to 8pm at Anderson Memorial Home, 21131 W Renwick Rd, Plainfield, IL 60544. Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday, February 12, at 11:00am at St. Ambrose Church, 1711 Burry Circle Dr, Crest Hill, IL 60403. Interment to follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. (www.anderson-goodale.com) 815-577-5250

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Beals, Jr., William H.

William H. Beals Jr., 72, of Oak Forest, formerly of Shawnee, Kansas, passed from this life on January 15, 2020. William was born January 17, 1947 in Chicago to the late Marilyn nee Collins and William H. Beals. He was the step-son of the late Margaret nee Torres Beals. William was the loving brother of Kurt A. (Laura) Beals, the late Karen L. Beals, the late Keith A. Beals, Kathryn (Steve) Ingram and Margo K. Beals. He is the devoted uncle of many nephew and nieces. William was a US Air Force veteran. He was employed as a car man for the Rock Island and Union Pacific railroads, retiring in 2009. Cremation was private. Interment of remains will take place in Resurrection Catholic Cemetery in Lenexa, Kansas.

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Wells, Marilynn T.

Marilynn T. Wells, age 83 of Bloomingdale, beloved wife of the late Robert; devoted mother of Jack Wells, Mary (Joseph) Quattrochi, the late Andrew, Helen (John) Murges and Patty (Bob) Bier; dear grandmother of Nikki, Stephanie, Ashley, Joe and Nina; and great grandmother of Max. Services were private.



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Justin Attaway
 Business Manager/CSBO
 2/10/2020 6599892

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Jamal Smith**

A MINOR
 NO. 2020JD00107

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Lee Smith (Father)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **January 15, 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 **Joanne Rosado** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **02/24/2020 at 9:00 AM** in CALENDAR 55 COURTROOM 2,

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
 January 17, 2020

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
 COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS
 January 17, 2020 6584778

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Martise Culppepper Omarrie Veazley**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Sheltanya Veazley (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00571 15JA00572

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and **to All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 04, 2019**, 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 **03/04/2020**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM 1, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 January 15, 2020 6598056

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Messiah Ellis Noah Ellis**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Francisca Henderson (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01044 19JA01045

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and **to All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 19, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/04/2020**, at **9:45 AM** in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 January 23, 2020 6598049

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Nevaeh Henderson**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Francisca Henderson (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01042

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Justin Snow (Father)**, respondents, and **to All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 19, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/04/2020**, at **9:45 AM** in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 January 23, 2020 6598115

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 210-14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2020 assessment of Real Property located in the following township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County.

RIVER FOREST

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

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Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 10th day of February, 2020.

FRITZ KAEGL
 ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY
 2/10/2020 6599253

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - AUDITOR SERVICES

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 2/10/2020 6599034

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Vayda Stoffey**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Jacqueline Stoffey (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00054

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Justin Benoit (Father) Any, "B" (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any**, respondents, and **to All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 26, 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 **03/04/2020**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 13 COURTROOM M, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 January 16, 2020 6598066

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TO: West Side Lots, LLC, c/o Ronald Rosenblum; West Side Lots, LLC; Fifth Third Bank National Association, as successor to Broadway Bank; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property, Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000132 FILED: January 10, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0010180 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2010-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1122 S. Francisco Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-13-329-023-000 Vol. 558 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 June 19, 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 June 19, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 1, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 19, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 ANKIDO TAMRAS, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 3, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/10, 11, 12/2020 6594875

TO: FIW Chicago Land, LLC, Series 6, c/o Yasir Malik; FIW Chicago Land, LLC, Series 6, c/o Floyd Williams, Jr.; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property, Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000133 FILED: January 10, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0010181 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2010-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1143 S. Francisco Avenue in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-13-330-009-0000 Vol. 558 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 June 19, 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 June 19, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 1, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 19, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 ANKIDO TAMRAS, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 3, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/10, 11, 12/2020 6594868

TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as successor trustee to Capital Bank & Trust of Chicago u/t/a #707 dated 4-23-1984; John Telander; Sharon K. Crowley; Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (formerly sanitary District of Chicago); City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, 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 004988 FILED: December 26, 2019 -- Amended Petition Filed: January 30, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 23, 2019 Certificate No. 195-0009102 Sold for General Taxes of: 2019 Scavenger Sale (2014-2017) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3757 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-35-300-023-0000 Vol. 508 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 June 19, 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 June 19, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on June 26, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 19, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 DANIEL A. VILLARREAL, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 3, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/10, 11, 12/2020 6594883

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Life's good, getting better

Schwarber is still here — and that's a big boost to Cubs' lineup

PHOENIX — After hearing his name brought up in trade rumors the last few winters, Kyle Schwarber finally made it through a worry-free offseason.



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

Kris Bryant took the proverbial hit for his Cubs teammates, spending the last three-plus months as the focus of incessant trade talk, while Schwarber and the others could kick back and relax.

"You're still here?" I said when greeting Schwarber at last month's Cubs Convention.

"I know, right?" he replied with mock surprise.

In an offseason shaded by threats of roster downsizing, the presence of Schwarber in the Cubs lineup should provide hope to fans looking for reasons to believe in 2020.

Newly married to his longtime girlfriend Paige Hartman, and looking fitter than ever, he's entering what could be a crucial year after establishing himself as one of the National League's top power hitters last season with 38 home runs and 92 RBIs.

Life is good — and just getting better.

"It's been a fun offseason obviously, with getting married, number one," he said. "Really looking forward to getting into the swing of things here, getting together with the boys."

Schwarber's dominant second half was lost somewhat in all the wailing over the Cubs' late September collapse.

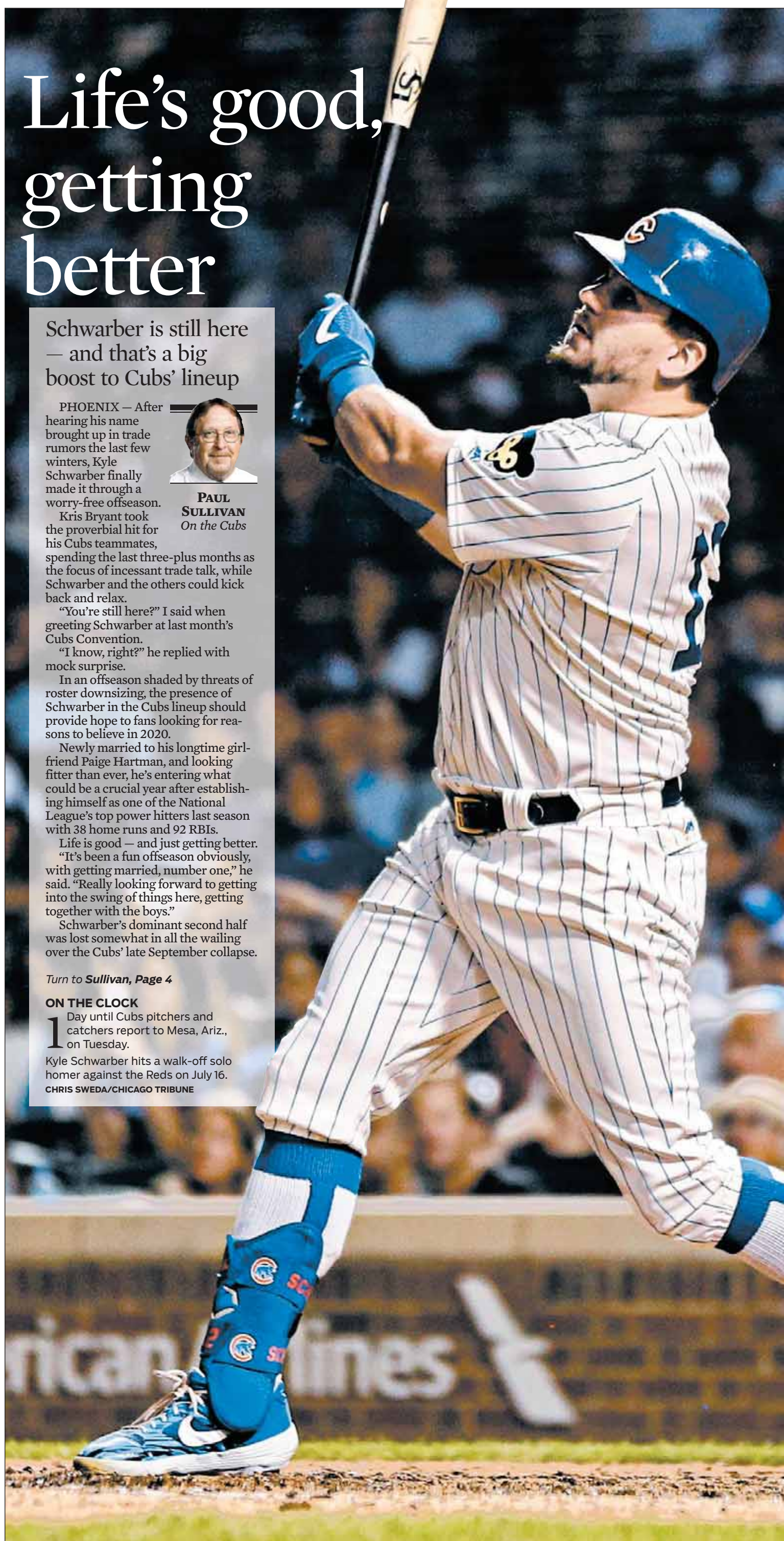
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ON THE CLOCK

1 Day until Cubs pitchers and catchers report to Mesa, Ariz., on Tuesday.

Kyle Schwarber hits a walk-off solo homer against the Reds on July 16.

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76ERS 118, BULLS 111

Lavine plays through the pain

Guard overcomes stiff neck to score 32 points, but Bulls fade late again

By **JAMAL COLLIER**

PHILADELPHIA — At about 10 a.m. Sunday, hours before the Bulls' 118-111 loss to the 76ers, Zach LaVine arrived at the Wells Fargo Center with assistant coach Shawn Respert.

The Bulls were not shooting around before the game and no other players came in for early shooting, but LaVine wanted to get up early to test his injured neck, still sore after Pelicans guard Jrue Holiday landed on him Thursday.

LaVine had been kept out of practice since, and his neck was so stiff Saturday, his movements were robotic. Yet he woke up determined to do everything possible to play.

"I don't like missing games," LaVine said. "Since I hurt myself (a torn ACL in 2017) and I had to miss all those games, it takes a toll on you. I love basketball and I'm going to go out there and play if I can."

So LaVine played, as he has in each of the Bulls' 54 games this season, even though he felt a cramp in the back of his neck each time he lifted his head to shoot. He received numerous massages throughout the day — at least four by his count — and wore black kinesio tape on the back of his neck to keep the blood flowing while playing a game-high 40 minutes.

And he did his best to give the Bulls a chance to win, knocking down five 3-pointers in the third quarter to keep the game tied entering the fourth. The 76ers' talent took over from there, as did

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MATT SLOCUM/AP

Bulls guard Zach LaVine goes up for a shot during the first half against the 76ers in Philadelphia on Sunday night.

UP NEXT

Bulls at Wizards
6 p.m. Tuesday, NBCSCH

CUBS

Souza has landed in 'a perfect place'

Right fielder prepares to make the most of his latest opportunity

By **MARK GONZALES**

MESA, Ariz. — Steven Souza Jr. produced his three most impressive seasons with the Rays at the same time the Cubs were making three consecutive National League Championship Series appearances in 2015-17.

So Souza easily recognized the parallel between his attempt to rebound from two injury-plagued seasons and the Cubs'

attempt to end their recent regression since their NLCS run.

"I'm thankful I've been able to put a reputation out there to be able to earn chances, and there comes a point where you've got to perform," Souza said. "I'm probably getting to that point where a team has to see some stuff, and I'm ready to go out there and do it."

"It's definitely nice to be wanted, and obviously Chicago showed tremendous interest in the beginning and we felt like this was a perfect place for me, my family and the opportunity."

Souza, 30, repeatedly ex-

pressed his appreciation for the Cubs' interest after he missed all of the 2019 season with three torn knee ligaments and a torn posterior lateral capsule he suffered slipping on home plate in the Diamondbacks' final exhibition game.

He was cleared to run without any restrictions in mid-December and said his undecided about wearing a knee brace.

Souza, who signed a one-year, \$1 million contract with a chance to earn an additional \$2 million in roster and performance bonuses, could strengthen the Cubs offense if



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Diamondbacks' Steven Souza Jr. hits an RBI double against the Cubs in 2018. Souza sat out 2019 with a knee injury.



FRED GREENSLADE/AP

JETS 5, BLACKHAWKS 2

Five-game road trip begins with a downer

Corey Crawford (above) gives up five unanswered goals after the Blackhawks took a 2-0 lead against the Jets in Winnipeg.

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MORE CHICAGO SPORTS INSIDE

■ Chicago World Team Tennis squad to debut on court in July at Credit Union 1 Arena. **Back Page**

TOP OF THE SECOND

PAUL NEWBERRY

Segregation rules coaching ranks

Colleges around the country wrapped up their football signing classes last week, proudly touting scores of African American athletes as the next big stars.

It's a whole different situation on the sideline.

Segregation still rules the coaching ranks. And not just the top guys.

A review of the 130 Football Bowl Subdivision schools found shockingly low numbers, with black coaches still largely shut out of head coaching positions and, to an even greater degree, the prime coordinator spots.

While the NFL has come under fire for its lack of minority coaches, the situation appears more dire at the college level.

Frankly, there's little reason to believe the sport will ever become more inclusive beyond the field, even though roughly half the players are African American.

"College coaches are expected to fundraise and schmooze with alumni as well as coach," said Mark Naison, a professor of African American studies and history at Fordham University. "The rich alumni, most of whom are white, feel more comfortable with people who look like them. So long as alumni dollars drive college football funding, white coaches will have a huge hiring advantage."

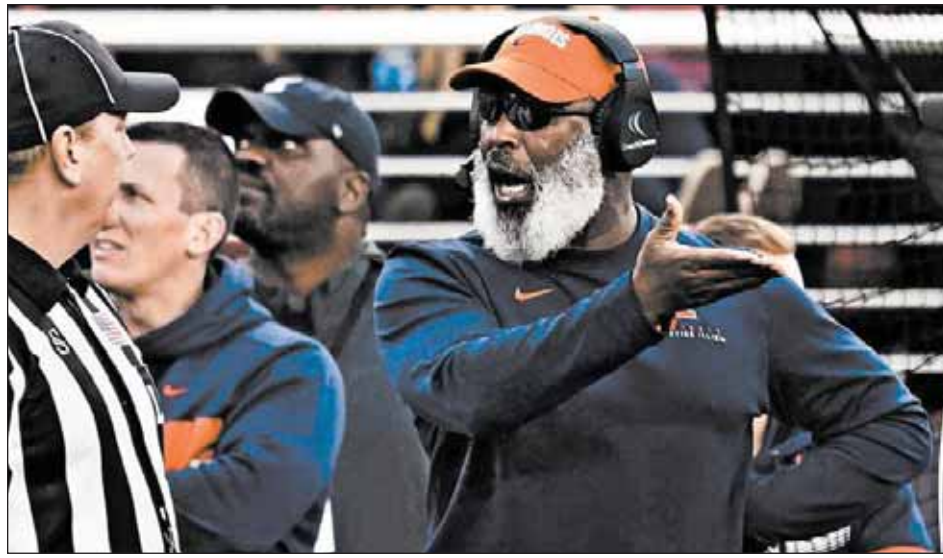
This much is clear:

- Black coaches are less likely to be hired as a head coach, offensive coordinator or defensive coordinator.
- Black coaches rarely get a chance to thrive at the most prominent schools.
- Black coaches generally get a shorter time frame to prove their coaching skills.
- Black coaches find it more difficult getting a second chance if things don't work out in their initial jobs.

At college football's top level, there are 13 African American head coaches at FBS schools, down from 15 two years ago and roughly in line with the NFL's puny numbers (three out of 32).

The rates are downright alarming when it comes to offensive and defensive coordinators, who make up the prime pool of candidates for future head coaching jobs.

Only seven FBS schools have an African American running the offense, while four others have black coaches who carry a co-coordinator title. Those numbers are especially troubling in today's world of high-scoring spread offenses, which means



Illinois' Lovie Smith is one of only 13 African American head coaches in 130 FBS programs.

those calling the plays are often the hottest coaching prospects.

The minority numbers are higher on the defensive side but still show an appalling lack of diversity. There are 16 African American coordinators, with another six black coaches listed as co-coordinators (including job-sharing between two coaches of color at Arizona State and Charlotte).

Rice is the only FBS school that has African Americans in both coordinator spots. Jerry Mack is in charge of the offense and Brian Smith runs the defense for head coach Mike Bloomgren, who is white.

The Pac-12 has the most head coaching diversity of any conference with African Americans holding five of 12 positions. There are three black head coaches in the 14-team Big Ten, including Illinois' Lovie Smith.

Beyond that, the Power Five jobs are almost entirely white. There is one head coach of color in the 14-team SEC (Vanderbilt's Derek Mason), one in the 14-team ACC (Syracuse's Dino Babers) and none in the 10-school Big 12.

In fact, the only coordinator of color in the Big 12 is Kasey Dunn, who is biracial. He was recently promoted to run Oklahoma State's offense.

The most prominent schools are even less inclined to put a black coach in charge

of their program. There are exceptions — Tyrone Willingham at Notre Dame, Charlie Strong at Texas, Taggart at Florida State — but African Americans usually face huge obstacles when they land a head coaching job.

Notre Dame fired Willingham after three seasons even though his winning percentage was on par or slightly better than that of Gerry Faust, Bob Davie and Charlie Weis, white coaches who all got five-year stints before they were dismissed.

Taggart admittedly had a miserable run at Florida State, but it's hard to envision a white coach — no matter how poor the results — getting dumped after just 21 games.

When Colorado fired Jon Embree in 2012 after two seasons as the head coach, he knew he never would get another opportunity to run an FBS program. Since then, he has settled for staff jobs in the NFL, currently serving as assistant head coach for the NFC champion 49ers.

"I understood that when I took the job," Embree said shortly after getting the boot from his alma mater. "People can get mad all they want, but those are the facts. We don't get second chances."

College football, have you no shame?

Paul Newberry is a columnist for The Associated Press

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BRAD BIGGS

Are the Bears re-signing Nick Kwiatkowski? — @narchy4all

That's complicated when you consider he is one of three inside linebackers set to become unrestricted free agents March 18. Danny Trevathan and Kevin Pierre-Louis are also coming out of contract, and the Bears could lose all three. Last season some wondered if it was wise to bring back Kwiatkowski for the fourth year of his contract when the proven-performance escalator bumped his base salary north of \$2 million. He proved to be worth it when he filled in for Roquan Smith and Trevathan. Kwiatkowski likely has his sights on a starting spot and a significant pay increase.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

NIU guard Eugene German, playing against Iowa State on Nov. 12, 2019, starred at 21st Century Charter School in Gary.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Right on target

German finally gets his due as Huskies' career scoring king

BY MIKE HUTTON
Post-Tribune

Eugene German broke the career scoring record at Northern Illinois on Feb. 1, making a contested layup against Miami of Ohio with 6:39 left in a 70-55 Mid-American Conference victory.

For a player who always has been undervalued and underappreciated, the seminal moment was an anomaly.

There were hugs from his teammates and coach Mark Montgomery, who called a timeout and pulled German from the game to savor the moment. There was a standing ovation from the sparse crowd.

And there was a great, big smile from German, a graduate of 21st Century Charter School in Gary who finally is starting to get his due.

For once, it feels like German is relaxing. He has made it, in some small way.

"It feels wonderful," he said of breaking the record. "I've put in so much work over the past years. I never thought about that when I came here. It was never one of my goals."

Through Friday's 57-54 victory over Kent State, German has scored 2,052 points during his NIU career. He sur-

passed T.J. Lux's record of 1,996.

German, a 6-foot-1 guard, is averaging 20.1 points, 4.0 rebounds and 2.8 assists this season. His numbers have hovered in that range for three seasons.

Four years ago, only a handful of people grasped the full capacity of German's immense talent. He was making 3-pointers from beyond NBA range at 21st Century and leading the state in scoring.

His 33-point scoring average and ravenous work ethic were dismissed because the Cougars were a Class A program with a reputation for being all offense. He was spindly and viewed as a one-dimensional player allergic to defense.

German shrugged it off and got payback when he made the Indiana All-Stars by going 8-for-8 in his tryout. Indiana All-Stars director Charlie Hall said it was "probably the best performance" at the workout he ever has seen. No one makes the All-Stars from the one-day tryout. The selections are preordained, with the tryout mostly a courtesy for the sake of inclusivity. German willed his way on to that team. He reveled in the challenge.

He backed up the performance by being named the MVP of the 2016 All-Star Game against Kentucky in Indianapolis.

Then he left for DeKalb and NIU, from which he received his only Division I offer, according to Rivals.com and 247Sports.com. German likes being the guy in the room no one notices until after the show. He doesn't know any other way.

"I love being the underdog," he said. "I've always had to show people what I'm capable of and what I can do. People don't believe you until you show them."

That theme has carried through college. Even at NIU, while making his way into the record book, German has been restless and sometimes disrespected.

He has been named to the All-MAC second team twice but not the first team. He put his name in for the NBA draft after his sophomore and junior seasons but returned to school both times.

Off the court, there were issues. He was arrested once for shoplifting and another time for throwing eggs at students, according to the Daily Chronicle. It was silly, stupid stuff, but he has learned from it.

Through it all, German has persevered and grown up. NIU (15-9, 8-3) is having its best season since German arrived. The Huskies lead the MAC West.

German is enjoying every second of it, and he has become a vocal leader.

"My communication skills are better," he said. "I'm talking with the guys more, being more positive and trying to push them."

German wants to play in the NBA. He's going to make money playing basketball somewhere next year.

The NBA is a long shot for sure, but that's exactly the kind of challenge German wants. He'll gladly take on the doubters and naysayers. It's what he does. German wouldn't have it any other way.

RUTGERS 77,
NORTHWESTERN 73 (OT)

Wildcats blow early 18-pt lead

Strong shooting performance not enough for Northwestern

BY MATT SUGAM
Associated Press

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Geo Baker had 25 points, six rebounds and five assists as Rutgers overcame an 18-point deficit and beat Northwestern 77-73 in overtime Sunday night to improve to 16-0 at home this season.

Baker hit a step-back 3-pointer from the right wing to tie the game at 66 with 1:15 left in regulation and send the game to overtime, where Rutgers (17-7, 8-5 Big Ten) led for the first time. Baker scored 16 points in the second half and seven in overtime.

Northwestern (6-16, 1-11) has lost seven in a row and 12 of 13.

The Wildcats jumped to a 10-point lead less than four minutes in and made it 21-7 on a second-chance layup by Pete Nance with 10:52 left in the first half. The lead ballooned to 18 a couple of minutes later on back-to-back Miller Kopp 3-pointers, assisted by Robbie Beran, forcing Rutgers coach Steve Pikiell to take a timeout with 8:08 left.

From there, Rutgers chipped away at the lead, cutting it to 38-27 at halftime.

Northwestern led by 16 early in the second half. Rutgers didn't cut it to single digits until Caleb McConnell hit a jumper from the right wing to make it 63-54 with 6:11 to go. The Scarlet Knights came storming back from there.

Boo Buie had 19 points and Kopp 16 for Northwestern.

Akwasi Yeboah had 13 points and Ron Harper Jr. added 10 for Rutgers.

WOMEN

DEPAUL 86, SETON HALL 76

Stonewall's 29 points power Blue Demons

Associated Press

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. — Chante Stonewall scored a career-high 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead No. 14 DePaul to an 86-76 victory over Seton Hall on Sunday.

Stonewall scored 24 points in the first half, when the Blue Demons (22-3, 12-1 Big East) took a 50-40 lead.

The Pirates (15-9, 8-5) cut the lead to three heading into the fourth quarter and were within a point after a 3-pointer by Mya Jackson and a bucket from Jasmine Smith with six minutes left.

Deja Church and Dee Bekelja responded with consecutive 3-pointers, and Seton Hall couldn't get closer than five thereafter. Kelly Campbell made four free throws in the last 23 seconds for final margin.

Sonya Morris finished with 14 points and nine rebounds, Church had 13 points, Lexi Held 12 and Campbell 11 points with 13 rebounds and six assists.

Jackson scored 19 points off the bench for the Pirates, who shot as well as DePaul but gave up 16 offensive rebounds for a 16-1 deficit in second-chance points.

Shadeen Samuels added 18 points and Desiree Elmore had 13 points, seven rebounds and six assists.

LOYOLA 70, VALPARAISO 68

Krutwig and Co. keep pace in win

Associated Press

Cameron Krutwig finished with 20 points and six rebounds and Loyola held off Valparaiso 70-68 on Sunday at Gentile Arena.

Krutwig knocked down 8 of 13 shots for the Ramblers (16-9, 8-4 Missouri Valley Conference). Freshman Marquise Kennedy added 15 points and six rebounds off the bench, while Tate Hall scored 10.

The Ramblers trail Northern Iowa (10-2) by two games in the MVC, while Southern Illinois (9-3) is one game back.

Mileek McMillan hit four 3-pointers and scored 14 to top the Crusaders (12-13, 5-7). Donovan Clay and Javon Freeman-Liberty both had 13 points and five rebounds, while Ryan Fazekas hit three 3-pointers and scored 13.

The Ramblers led 39-35 at halftime and increased their lead to 10 just 2:54 into the second half. Kennedy's layup gave the Ramblers a 68-55 lead with 6:03 to play.

Valparaiso rallied to pull within 69-68 on Freeman-Liberty's jumper with 40 seconds remaining.

Krutwig made 1 of 2 free throws with 11 seconds left, and Kennedy stole the ball from Freeman-Liberty with 3 seconds left to preserve the victory.

Loyola shot 59% from the field (27 of 46) and 39% from 3-point range (7 of 18) but made only 9 of 21 free throws. Valparaiso shot 51% overall, 46% on 3s (11 of 24) and made 3 of 5 foul shots.

CUBS

Sullivan

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His 20 second-half home runs were tied for 10th in the majors, while his .631 slugging percentage ranked sixth and his .997 OPS 11th. This is the real Schwarber, new manager David Ross insisted, and the Ross expects to see from day one of the 2020 season.

"There's a lot of things culminating together and a belief in each other that's very powerful," Ross said.

The strong finish wasn't a surprise to Schwarber, who already has gone through more highs and lows in five seasons than many players go through in a career — from a knee injury that ended his 2016 season early before an unlikely World Series comeback in October, followed by a demotion to Triple-A Iowa after struggling in 2017.

"That's what I pictured myself as," Schwarber said. "Consistency is the key of the game, and to be able to do that in the second half was a positive. It's not like you had a great first half and a bad second half and you feel like you have to tweak things. You build on that in the offseason and go into 2020 looking for that same consistency."

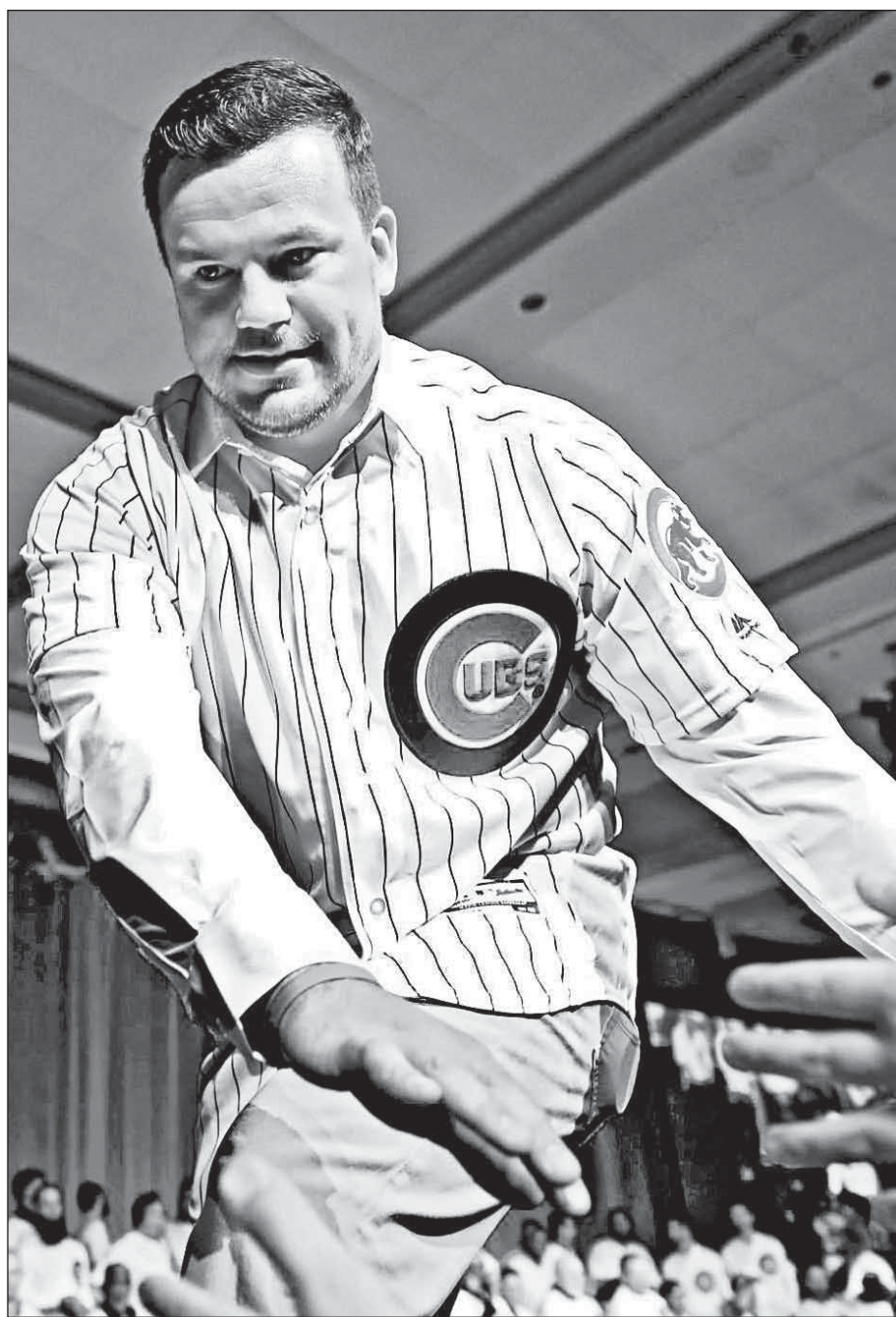
That search for consistency will determine whether Schwarber will be a Cub for the long haul. He'll be a free agent after 2021, along with Bryant and Javier Baez, so speculation about Schwarber being dealt to an American League team and becoming a designated hitter probably never will fade away.

But if Bryant is traded this year, as most expect, the Cubs figure to get more aggressive in signing their other young assets to long-term deals, including Baez, Schwarber and Willson Contreras. And if the DH comes to the National League after the next collective bargaining agreement, there would be even more reason to keep Schwarber planted in Wrigley Field.

For now, it's all about the task at hand. The Cubs enter spring training with an untested manager in Ross and a lot of question marks in the bullpen, not to mention the lingering question of whether Bryant will be wearing a Cubs uniform on opening day.

And for the first time since 2015, they'll be considered underdogs instead of consensus favorites in the NL Central, where the Cardinals rule and the Reds are expected to contend. But they still have much of the core that got it done in 2016, and a rotation headed by Yu Darvish, Jon Lester and Kyle Hendricks matches up well with any threesome in the league.

"I'm still pretty confident with what we've got," Schwarber said. "The names speak for themselves. We have guys who



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Kyle Schwarber greets fans during the opening ceremony of the Cubs Convention.

are multiple All-Stars, World Series champions, things like that. There's not really a lot to worry about if you look at the team. Last year was what it was. It could've been just a messy year, whatever it was. But if we do what we're capable of, we could reach our goal."

Of course, there's no guarantee Schwarber won't join or replace Bryant on the trade block in 2020. Though he has improved defensively, many still believe he's a DH playing left field while waiting to wind up in the American League.

But that's not a concern, Schwarber

said. He already has heard his name bandied about as trade bait so much, it barely registers.

"I've grown accustomed to answering these questions now," he said. "And I'll give you the same answer — if it happens, it happens. This game is a business at the end of the day. If they feel like the best business decision is to get rid of me, or get rid of anyone else, you can't take it personally."

"The only thing you can wish for as a player is to keep playing baseball. And as long as I'm playing baseball, I'm a happy man."

Cubs

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Jason Heyward continues to struggle against left-handers.

"We've had ambiguous discussions, but I'm not worried about that as much," Souza said of his projected role. "I'm just thankful to be out here and run around and let the chips fall where they do. I can just control how hard I work and how hard I play. And whatever my role is and whatever they see me needing to do, I'm ready to do it."

Souza's best season was with the Rays in 2017, when he hit 30 home runs, drove in 78 runs and posted an .810 OPS. He was the centerpiece of a three-way trade that sent him to the Diamondbacks in 2018, but a right shoulder injury in spring training limited him to five home runs and a .369 slugging percentage in only 72 games that season.

He believed he was at full strength again before tearing the knee ligaments in 2019.

"I was getting in a groove. It's unfortunate we can't control a lot of the injuries that happen to us," Souza said.

"I use it as a chance to get better, not only physically and different parts of my body but mentally. I felt like I've been through the grind mentally the last few years, so it's definitely helped my perspective. I felt like I was right there. I feel like I'm right there now."

The 6-foot-4, 225-pound Souza received a \$346,000 signing bonus as a third-round pick by the Nationals in the 2007 draft that got him out of his commitment to play football and baseball at Washington State.

But frustration mounted to the point where he quit baseball after the 2011 season and considered joining the University of Washington football team as a walk-on defensive back, only to rejoin the Nationals organization the next spring.

The decision paid off as his baseball career, which once stagnated at Class A for four seasons, ascended to the point where he made his major-league debut with the Nationals in 2014.

Despite a .233 career batting average, glimpses of his power and athleticism have retained the attention of scouts.

Five of Souza's homers in 2017 traveled at least 442 feet, including a 455-foot shot that hit the D-ring at Tropicana Field. And then there's the thought of playing summer games at Wrigley Field.

"I was excited to go to Arizona, and then they put a humidifier in there and it had some big effects on guys there," Souza said. "I've never played in a true hitters' park, (but) that won't change my game. I've got to stick to my game plan and let the wind take it where it wants to."

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 - 22 Furious
 - 24 Quayle or Rather
 - 25 Wolf or St. Bernard
 - 27 Kilt pattern
 - 30 Modify to make fit
 - 31 Provide with fresh weapons
 - 33 Violinist's rod
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 - 36 Ladd or Sawyer
 - 37 Carry
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 - 3 Harrison or Reed
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Red Sox manager Alex Cora waits for the start of Game 5 of the 2018 World Series. Cora was fired Jan. 14, a day after he was implicated in the Astros' sign-stealing scandal.

Puerto Ricans dismayed by roles heroes played in sign-stealing scandal

BY JORGE CASTILLO
Los Angeles Times

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The fan in the white Carlos Beltran jersey took gulps from his plastic cup of Medalla Light — the omnipresent locally brewed, low-cost lager — as he waited in line at a cash-only stand serving fried delights.

A mass of people rushed around him through the Hiram Bithorn Stadium concourse minutes before the hosts — the Santurce Cangrejeros, winners of Puerto Rico's winter league — confronted the Tomateros from Culiacan, Mexico's champion, on the second day of the Caribbean Series last week.

Ricardo Ortega's favorite player is Beltran, a Puerto Rican who starred in the major leagues for two decades. At one point, Beltran was the best player on Ortega's favorite team, the New York Mets.

But Ortega couldn't sugarcoat his feelings on the prominent roles Major League Baseball determined Beltran and Alex Cora, another beloved Puerto Rican baseball man, played in the Houston Astros' illegal sign-stealing en route to winning the 2017 World Series.

"It's a disgrace," Ortega, 44, said. "It's a stain to the name of baseball, the name of Puerto Rico. It's a shame. I don't think it had to get to that point. They had the talent to win."

The disconnect between apparel and opinion was not lost on Ortega. It represents the complicated feelings for him and other proud Puerto Ricans. The situation is impossible to appraise without a hint of bias.

On one hand, Beltran and Cora, by all accounts, knowingly broke the rules. On the other, Cora and Beltran are two of their own. Many Puerto Ricans believe they were unfairly blamed and the reaction is overblown.

What about the others involved? Stealing signs has always been part of the game. Why the uproar? Leniency is a virtue when defending one of your own.

Puerto Ricans' love for their countrymen resonated at the ballpark on the first night of the six-team tournament.

Middle-aged men, grayer and rounder than their fabled time together a quarter-century ago, slowly strolled onto the field one by one to roars, whistles and the sounds of vuvuzelas piercing the goopy humidity.

Roberto Alomar. Carlos Delgado. Juan Gonzalez. Bernie Williams. Carlos Baerga. Ruben Sierra. Roberto Hernandez. They were a who's who of Puerto Rican baseball royalty, squeezed into red, white, and blue jerseys for a commemoration 25 years after they starred on Puerto Rico's "Dream Team" and rammed through the competition for a Caribbean Series title.

It was a refreshing and nostalgic moment as Puerto Rico drifts through a darker time.

Hours earlier, the island celebrated the end of January like it was New Year's Eve. Fireworks exploded over the capital city once the clock struck midnight, flipping to February and leaving behind a month that felt like a year marked by a relentless series of anxiety-inducing earthquakes and subsequent protests against the government for its response to the crisis.

The anger peaked when residents discovered a warehouse full of unused emergency supplies in Ponce, a city on the southern part



RICH SCHULTZ/GETTY

Carlos Beltran was looking forward to taking over as manager of the Mets after last season. The Mets changed their minds and fired him.

of the island hit hard by the temblors. The aid had piled up in the building after Hurricane Maria ravaged Puerto Rico in September 2017. Residents, already skeptical of the local government, became outraged again, calling for the resignation of Gov. Wanda Vazquez, whose tenure began in July after Ricardo Rossello resigned from the position.

Not even their beloved baseball figures were immune from the month's scourge.

Beltran and Cora were rising stars in the MLB managerial ranks until Jan. 13, when MLB released the results of its investigation into allegations that the Astros broke rules to steal signs during a season that resulted in their defeating the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series.

The two were front and center in the nine-page report outlining the Astros' illegal tactics. Cora, the Astros bench coach in 2017, was described as the scheme's mastermind. Beltran, then in the 20th and final season of his decorated playing career, was the only player mentioned. Neither man was punished directly, but the fallout was swift.

Within days, the Boston Red Sox fired Cora as manager while MLB continued an investigation into the 2018 Red Sox, who beat the Dodgers to win the World Series. Later in the month, the Mets let Beltran go as manager after hiring him in November. The turn of events stunned Puerto Ricans.

"It's a combination of emotions and reactions, between upset and frustration, pity," said Edwin Rodriguez, the first Puerto Rico-born manager in major-league history. "It was a combination of everything. It hurt me a lot."

Rodriguez, manager of the Florida Marlins for 163 games in 2010 and 2011, had spoken to Cora a day earlier. He has known the Cora family for decades. He considers Alex Cora a good friend and is worried Cora will never get another big-league managerial job no matter how severe MLB's punishment is once it releases results of the Red Sox probe.

On top of that, the genesis of the scandal

— former Astros pitcher Mike Fiers going public in November — irks Rodriguez, who is entering his second season as manager of the San Diego Padres' Triple-A affiliate and managed Puerto Rico in the last two editions of the World Baseball Classic.

"If it bothered him so much that they were cheating, why not say something when pitchers put on pine tar and other substances on the ball, including him?" Rodriguez said. "Why doesn't he say it? If it bothers him so much, he knows people are using steroids, why doesn't he say it? If you're so bothered for baseball's well-being, look, put all the cards on the table."

"It bothers me because he was very selective and he was a coward to say it. If he's going to throw out that situation, throw it all out."

Rodriguez said he doesn't believe Cora's and Beltran's troubles will inhibit Puerto Ricans from rising to managerial positions in the future. One Puerto Rico-born manager, the Toronto Blue Jays' Charlie Montoyo, remains in the majors. Dave Martinez, who is of Puerto Rican descent, manages the Washington Nationals.

Lino Rivera is a Puerto Rican striving to reach that pinnacle. The 53-year-old has managed teams in the Puerto Rican, Mexican and Dominican leagues since 2004, winning championships in each country. This winter, he led the Dominican league's Toros del Este to the Caribbean Series in his homeland.

He fielded a question about the scandal after his team's first game in the tournament. The question was met with groans and eye rolls from media members wary of the sensitive topic.

Rivera explained he was proud of the men and believed the situation was "a little exaggerated." He called Cora an extraordinary human being. Then he joked that he would've put up a gigantic screen behind the dugout to execute the sign-stealing operation.

"The situation is unfortunate, same as Beltran's, but you have to live with it," Rivera

said. "My message is to have your mind clear, your head held high. Me, as a Puerto Rican, as a Latino, as a person in baseball, I'll always support them."

The rambunctious Ozzie Guillen, out of baseball since a bumpy one-year managerial tenure with the Marlins in 2012, was on the island to watch his 28-year-old son, Ozney, manage Colombia in the tournament. Guillen, the first Latino manager to win a World Series when he led the White Sox to the title in 2005, did not hold back.

Guillen, a Venezuelan native, referred to Cora as another son; Cora's older brother, Joey, was Guillen's bench coach in Chicago and Miami. He maintained Cora's and Beltran's actions were unacceptable but insisted they took the fall for a problem that extends well beyond them. He emphasized they deserve second chances.

"I don't agree with what (Cora) did, but we can't make him a pinata," Guillen said. "I remember what Alex Cora did for this country, and you have to feel proud. Not because of what he did now — that's unfortunate — but I hope that his black cloud passes soon."

This week, the Caribbean Series became a timely outlet in the storm. Every day fans flocked to the ballpark to root for their own. Jose Cruz of the inland city of Cidra was one. The 50-year-old drove an hour from his home to watch Puerto Rico face Mexico. His sister had been cremated hours earlier.

"I had the tickets," Cruz said. "Life goes on."

Cruz said he didn't believe Beltran should've lost his job. He said both men became scapegoats for a far-reaching problem, and he questioned Fiers' motives. But he understood punishment was necessary. It was complicated for him and the others flooding Hiram Bithorn Stadium all week.

"They're two decent people, which makes it sad," Ortega said. "It's difficult and unfortunate. But they'll take the hit and God will forgive them. They're genuine people. I hope they have an opportunity in the future."

BULLS

Bulls

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All-Star center Joel Embiid, who scored 12 of his 28 points in the fourth as the 76ers made 14 of 22 shots in the final quarter.

LaVine finished with 32 points and eight assists while committing nine turnovers, but his effort, combined with a strong performance by the Bulls center tandem, was not enough to prevent them from dropping their fifth straight game.

"It says to his growth, his wanting to be a primary guy and perform as a primary guy even when you don't feel well," Bulls coach Jim Boylen said. "That's what big-time guys do and I thought he did it. If you would've (seen) how he looked yesterday and how he was moving to how he fought through today, it was a great thing for us and a great thing for him."

The Bulls have asked LaVine to shoulder a heavy load all season, so Sunday's game was nothing new. But they also got one of their best efforts from the center duo of Luke Kornet and Cristiano Felicio.

Kornet finished with a career-high 25 points, while Felicio added 13 points and seven rebounds while filling in for the team's depleted frontcourt.

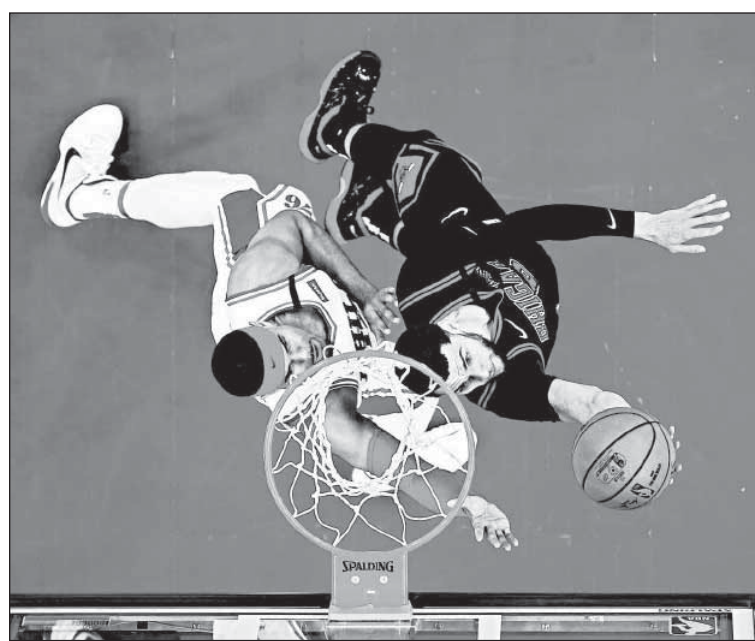
Ultimately, the 76ers had too many offensive threats for the Bulls to contend with. Ben Simmons recorded a triple-double with 19 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, while Furkan Kormaz scored 31 points off the bench, his second straight game with more than 30.

Once again, however, the Bulls were within striking distance because of LaVine. Players around the league are playing less frequently than ever as teams try to manage their workloads during an unforgiving schedule to keep them healthy for the postseason.

The playoffs are a distant dream for this Bulls team, but the All-Star break is in sight and with LaVine's entry into the 3-point contest next weekend, perhaps it would have been easy to justify a break Sunday.

But don't tell that to LaVine. "I don't want to say you ask for this, but I train for this," he said. "My body's OK. And I feel like I'm the type of dude that I can deal with it and take it. I'm a competitor. I'll go out there and fight for my team, I don't care if it's one versus 100. I'm going to go out there swinging. I'm going to get my punches in."

"We encourage each other. I'm out there battling. That's why I wanted to play through this injury (and) let them know I'm not going to just go out there and not help."



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Zach LaVine, right, goes up for a shot against the 76ers' Tobias Harris during the second half Sunday night in Philadelphia.

BLACKHAWKS



FRED GREENSLADE/AP

Andrew Copp of the Jets scores the go-ahead goal past Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford on Sunday.

JETS 5, BLACKHAWKS 2

Off to a bad start

Hawks give up 4 goals to Jets in third period to open a 5-game trip

Associated Press

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Andrew Copp had the go-ahead score in the Jets' four-goal third period as they rallied to beat the Blackhawks 5-2 on Sunday night.

Copp gave the Jets a 3-2 lead when he beat Corey Crawford up high from in close with 6:33 left after taking a perfect pass from forward Jack Roslovic.

Kyle Connor scored two goals, and Blake Wheeler and Patrick Laine also scored for the Jets, who trailed 2-0 after the first period. Connor, with his team-

leading 28th goal, and Laine added empty-net goals late to secure the two points.

Dominik Kubalik and Brandon Saad scored for the Hawks, who opened a five-game trip through western Canada.

Connor Hellebuyck made 24 saves for the Jets, who won their third straight, while Crawford stopped 33 shots.

Just 16 seconds after Hawks captain Jonathan Toews went off for hooking in the third, Wheeler took a pass from defenseman Neil Pionk and snapped the puck past Crawford to tie it at 2.

The Jets had pulled to within a goal at 2-1, scoring while short-handed. With defenseman Sami Niku off for tripping, Copp pounced on a loose puck inside

his blue line, skated the length of the ice, then backhanded a pass to Connor, who shot the puck on the bounce past Crawford.

Crawford made several sparkling saves in the period, stopping Mark Scheifele in tight and Copp in alone on another short-handed effort.

Kubalik scored 15 seconds into the game when he converted a pass from Drake Caggjula.

The Hawks were all over the Jets for most of the period, making it 2-0 when Saad finished a perfect pass from Patrick Kane on Hellebuyck's doorstep. Hellebuyck, who stopped Toews on a breakaway, had no chance on either goal.

Toews recorded his 800th career point.

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SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	39	14	.736	—
San Antonio	37	15	.712	1½
Philadelphia	33	21	.611	6½
Brooklyn	23	28	.451	15½
New York	17	37	.315	22½

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	34	18	.654	—
Orlando	22	31	.415	12½
Washington	18	33	.353	15½
Charlotte	16	36	.308	18
Atlanta	15	39	.278	20

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	45	7	.865	—
Indiana	31	22	.585	14½
Chicago	19	35	.352	27
Detroit	19	36	.345	27½
Cleveland	13	40	.245	32½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	33	20	.623	—
Dallas	32	21	.604	1
Memphis	27	26	.509	6
San Antonio	22	30	.423	10½
New Orleans	22	31	.415	11

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	37	16	.698	—
Utah	34	18	.654	2½
Oklahoma City	32	21	.604	5
Portland	25	29	.463	12½
Minnesota	16	35	.314	20

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	39	12	.765	—
L.A. Clippers	37	16	.698	3
Sacramento	21	31	.404	18½
Phoenix	21	32	.396	19
Golden State	12	41	.226	28

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Boston 112, Oklahoma City 111
Philadelphia 118, Chicago 111
Memphis 106, Washington 99
Atlanta 140, New York 135 (2OT)
Utah 114, Houston 113
L.A. Clippers 133, Cleveland 92
Portland 115, Miami 109
MONDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 8 p.m.
Miami at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

76ERS 118, BULLS 111

CHICAGO: Hutchison 2-9 0-2 5, Young 5-11 0-10, Kornet 10-14 1-25, LaVine 11-21 5-6 32, Satoransky 3-9 3-3 10, Felicio 5-7 3-4 13, Arcidiacono 2-4 0-0 5, Harrison 2-3 1-1 5, White 3-10 0-0 6. Totals 43-88 13-17 11.

PHILADELPHIA: Harris 5-9 2-2 14, Horford 0-6 0-0 0, Embiid 8-17 11-14 28, Milton 2-5 0-0 5, Simmons 6-13 7-10 19, Korkmaz 12-17 1-13, Scott 1-4 0-2, Robinson III 5-6 0-10, Thybulle 2-5 1-1 6, Richardson 1-2 1-4 3. Totals 42-84 23-32 118.

Chicago	25	30	28	28	—111
Philadelphia	38	22	23	35	—118

3-Point Goals—Chicago 12-32 (LaVine 5-10, Kornet 4-8, Arcidiacono 1-2, Hutchison 1-2, Satoransky 1-4, White 0-4), Philadelphia 11-27 (Korkmaz 6-11, Harris 2-2, Milton 1-2, Embiid 1-3, Thybulle 1-4, Horford 0-2, Scott 0-2). **Fouled Out—**Chicago 1 (Kornet), Philadelphia None. **Rebounds—**Chicago 42 (Young 10), Philadelphia 44 (Embiid 12). **Assists—**Chicago 23 (LaVine 8), Philadelphia 29 (Simmons 10). **Total Fouls—**Chicago 24, Philadelphia 18. **A—**21,018 (20,478)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	34	11	12	80	188	143
Tampa Bay	35	15	5	75	199	150
Toronto	29	19	8	66	200	187
Florida	29	19	6	64	192	181
Montreal	27	23	7	61	177	173
Buffalo	24	24	8	56	159	176
Ottawa	18	26	11	47	147	188
Detroit	14	39	4	32	118	213

METRO.	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	36	14	5	77	199	167
Pittsburgh	34	15	6	73	181	148
Columbus	30	17	9	69	147	137
N.Y. Islanders	31	16	6	68	156	145
Carolina	32	20	3	67	180	153
Philadelphia	30	18	7	67	177	164
N.Y. Rangers	27	23	4	58	177	173
New Jersey	20	24	10	50	149	190

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	32	15	9	73	178	160
Colorado	32	16	6	70	197	154
Dallas	31	19	5	67	147	141
Minnesota	29	23	6	63	173	172
Nashville	26	21	7	59	176	177
Minnesota	26	23	6	58	169	181
Chicago	25	22	8	58	163	173

PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	30	21	5	65	181	173
Edmonton	29	20	6	64	176	173
Vegas	28	21	8	64	182	174
Calgary	28	22	6	62	155	171
Arizona	27	23	7	61	160	157
Anaheim	23	26	7	53	146	173
San Jose	24	27	4	52	145	181
Los Angeles	19	33	5	43	137	183

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Detroit 3, Boston 1
Anaheim 3, Buffalo 2
N.Y. Rangers 4, Los Angeles 1
Winnipeg 5, Chicago 2
Colorado 3, Minnesota 2
MONDAY'S GAMES
Arizona at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Calgary at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

JETS 5, BLACKHAWKS 2

Chicago	2	0	0	— 2
Winnipeg	0	1	4	— 5

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Chicago, Kubalik 22 (Caggiula, Toews), 0:15. 2, Chicago, Saad 16 (Kane, Seeler), 10:58. **Penalties:** Murphy, Chi (Slashing), 11:40; Seeler, Chi (Roughing), 17:44.

SECOND PERIOD: 3, Winnipeg, Connor 27 (Copp), 3:44 (sh). **Penalties:** Niku, Win (Fighting), 2:46; Beaulieu, Win (Fighting), 4:50; Seeler, Chi (Fighting), 4:50; Bitetto, Win (Cross Checking), 5:26; Dach, Chi (High Sticking), 6:27; Pionk, Win (High Sticking), 14:17.

THIRD PERIOD: 4, Winnipeg, Wheeler 17 (Hellebuyck, Pionk), 9:04 (pp). 5, Winnipeg, Copp 10 (Roslovic, Morrissey), 13:27. 6, Winnipeg, Laine 24 (Connor, Scheifele), 18:37 (en). 7, Winnipeg, Connor 28 (Scheifele, Laine), 19:40 (en). **Penalties:** Koefoed, Chi (Interference), 4:39; Toews, Chi (Tripping), 8:48; Toews, Chi (Interference), 16:08.

SOG: Chi 9-10-7-26. Wpg 10-12-14-36. **POWER PLAYS:** Chi 0 of 3; Wpg 1 of 6. **GOALIES:** Chicago, Crawford 10-14-3 (34 shots-31 saves). Winnipeg, Hellebuyck 24-16-5 (26-24). **A:** 15,325 (15,321). **T:** 2:22.

SOCCER

CONCACAF WOMEN'S OLYMPIC QUALIFYING

CHAMPIONSHIP: Carson, Calif.
U.S. 3, Canada 0

TENNIS

ATP CORDOBA OPEN

Final in Argentina; outdoors-Red clay
#3 Christian Garin d. #1 Diego Schwartzman, 2-6, 6-4, 6-0

ATP OPEN SUD DE FRANCE

Final in Montpellier; indoors-hard
#1 Gael Monfils d. Vasek Pospisil, 7-5, 6-3.

ATP TAHA OPEN MAHARASHTRA

Final in Pune, India; outdoors-hard
Jiri Vesely d. #8 Egor Gerasimov, 7-6(2), 5-7, 6-3.

FED CUP WORLD GROUP RD. 1

U.S. 3, Latvia 2 Belarus 3, Nether. 2
Russia 3, Romania 2 Germany 4, Brazil 0
Spain 3, Japan 1 Switzerland 3, Canada 1
Belgium 3, Kazakh. 1 Slovakia 3, Britain 1

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

- Baylor** (21-1) did not play. Next: at Texas, Monday.
- Gonzaga** (25-1) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Saturday.
- Kansas** (20-3) did not play. Next: at No. 13 West Virginia, Wednesday.
- San Diego State** (24-0) did not play. Next: vs. New Mexico, Tuesday.
- Louisville** (21-3) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Wednesday.
- Dayton** (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. Rhode Island, Tuesday.
- Duke** (20-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Florida State, Monday.
- Florida State** (20-3) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Duke, Monday.
- Maryland** (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Tuesday.
- Villanova** (17-6) did not play. Next: vs. Marquette, Wednesday.
- Auburn** (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Wednesday.
- Seton Hall** (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Creighton, Wednesday.
- West Virginia** (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Kansas, Wednesday.
- Oregon** (18-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Colorado, Thursday.
- Kentucky** (18-5) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Tuesday.
- Michigan State** (16-8) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Illinois, Tuesday.
- Iowa** (17-7) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Thursday.
- LSU** (17-6) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Tuesday.
- Butler** (18-6) lost to Marquette 76-57. Next: vs. Xavier, Wednesday.
- Illinois** (16-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Michigan State, Tuesday.
- Creighton** (18-6) did not play. Next: at No. 12 Seton Hall, Wednesday.
- Penn State** (22-3) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Tuesday.
- Arizona** (16-7) did not play. Next: at California, Thursday.
- Colorado** (19-5) did not play. Next: at No. 14 Oregon, Thursday.
- Houston** (19-5) beat Wichita State 76-43. Next: at South Florida, Wed.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

- EAST**
Iona 78, Fairfield 54
Manhattan 65, Quinnipiac 63
Penn 79, Cornell 73
Princeton 81, Columbia 74
Rider 73, Niagara 58
Rutgers 77, Northwestern 73, OT
St. Peter's 81, Monmouth (NJ) 69
UConn 72, Cincinnati 71, OT
UMass 69, George Mason 67
- SOUTH**
Notre Dame 61, Clemson 57
UCF 83, Tulsa 75
UNC-Greensboro 95, Samford 67
- MIDWEST**
Bradley 69, Evansville 58
Loyola of Chicago 70, Valparaiso 68
Wisconsin 70, Ohio St. 57
- WEST**
Washington St. 79, Washington 67

NCAA TOURNAMENT PROJECTED TOP 16 SEEDS

- Overall seeds in parentheses**
SOUTH: 1. Baylor (1); 2. Louisville (7); 3. Seton Hall (11); 4. Auburn (13)
WEST: 1. Gonzaga (3); 2. West Virginia (8); 3. Villanova (12); 4. Oregon (14)
MIDWEST: 1. Kansas (2); 2. Dayton (6); 3. Florida State (10); 4. Michigan State (16)
EAST: 1. San Diego State (4); 2. Duke (5); 3. Maryland (9); 4. Butler (15)

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

- South Carolina** (22-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 UConn, Monday.
- Baylor** (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Wednesday.
- Oregon** (22-2) beat No. 19 Arizona State 79-48. Next: at No. 10 UCLA, Fri.
- UConn** (20-2) did not play. Next: at No. 1 South Carolina, Monday.
- Louisville** (21-3) lost to Syracuse 59-51. Next: at No. 7 N.C. State, Thu.
- Stanford** (21-3) beat USC79-59. Next: at Utah, Friday.
- N.C. State** (22-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 N.C. State, Thursday.
- Mississippi State** (22-3) beat No. 16 Texas A&M 69-57. Next: at No. 16 Kentucky, Sunday.
- Oregon State** (19-5) lost to No. 12 Arizona 65-58 OT. Next: at USC, Friday.
- UCLA** (20-2) beat California 74-70, OT. Next: vs. No. 3 Oregon, Friday.
- Gonzaga** (23-2) did not play. Next: vs. San Francisco, Thursday.
- Arizona** (19-4) beat No. 9 Oregon St. 65-58, OT. Next: vs. Washington, Friday.
- Maryland** (20-4) beat Rutgers 79-50. Next: vs. No. 20 Iowa, Thursday.
- DePaul** (22-3) beat Seton Hall 86-76. Next: vs. Butler, Friday.
- Kentucky** (18-5) lost to No. 25 Ark. 103-85. Next: vs. No. 8 Miss. St. Sun.
- Texas A&M** (18-5) lost to No. 8 Miss St. 69-57. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Thu.
- Florida State** (20-4) beat Virginia 63-55. Next: at Duke, Sunday.
- Indiana** (19-6) beat Nebraska 57-53. Next: at Illinois, Thursday.
- Arizona State** (16-8) lost to No. 3 Oregon 79-48. Next: vs. Wash. St. Fri.
- Iowa** (20-4) beat Purdue 83-71. Next: at No. 13 Maryland, Thursday.
- Northwestern** (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan State, Monday.
- South Dakota** (22-2) beat Illinois, Thu. Dakota 93-46. Next: vs. W. Illinois, Thu.
- Tennessee** (17-6) did not play. Next: at LSU, Thursday.
- Missouri State** (20-3) beat Drake 89-83. Next: vs. Southern Illinois, Sat.
- Arkansas** (19-5) beat No. 15 Kentucky 103-85. Next: at Mississippi, Sun.

EAST

- Delaware 77, Hofstra 67
Duquesne 53, Saint Joseph's 42
Illinois 70, Penn St. 66
Maine 75, Binghamton 65, OT
Marquette 67, St. John's 57
Richmond 67, La Salle 61
St. Bonaventure 68, Davidson 56
- SOUTH**
Alabama 68, Auburn 64
Boston College 70, Clemson 68
Duke 74, Miami 55
Elon 85, Coll. of Charleston 57
George Washington 56, VCU 55
Georgia 49, Florida 43
Georgia Tech 62, Wake Forest 52
James Madison 81, Towson 39
Saint Louis 64, George Mason 51
S. Florida 99, Temple 51
Vanderbilt 63, Mississippi 47
Virginia Tech 72, N. Carolina 63
William & Mary 63, UNC-Wilmington 55
- MIDWEST**
Butler 63, Villanova 61
Dayton 71, Rhode Island 60
Georgetown 63, Xavier 50
N. Iowa 71, S. Illinois 66, OT
Notre Dame 74, Pittsburgh 52
Ohio St. 82, Wisconsin 74
- WEST**
Texas 81, Texas Tech 66
Utah 78, Washington St. 66
Washington 61, Colorado 52

ODDS

NBA	SP	O/U	MONDAY
at Indiana	7	220	Brooklyn
at Orlando	off	off	Atlanta
at Detroit	off	off	Charlotte
at Toronto	off	off	Minnesota
at Milwaukee	14½	227	Sacramento
at Dallas	Pk	222	Utah
at Denver	7	221½	San Antonio
at Golden St.	off	off	Miami
at LA Lakers	11½	229	Phoenix

COLLEGE BASKETBALL	MONDAY
at Duke	8½ Florida St
at N. Colorado	10½ Portland State
Baylor	6½ at Texas Tech
at Texas Tech	11 TCU

NHL	MONDAY
at Montreal	off Arizona
at Philadelphia	-128 Florida
at Washington	-178 NY Islanders
at Columbus	off Tampa Bay
Nashville	-115 at Vancouver
Calgary	-109 at San Jose

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| 268 (-19) | \$1,404,000 |
| Nick Taylor (500) | 63m-66p-69s-70p |
| 272 (-15) | \$850,200 |
| Kevin Streelman (300) | 69s-67m-68p-68p |
| 273 (-14) | \$538,200 |
| Phil Mickelson (190) | 68s-64m-67p-74p |
| 276 (-11) | \$382,200 |
| Jason Day (135) | 67m-64p-70s-75p |
| 278 (-9) | \$277,388 |
| Daniel Berger (96) | 70s-69m-70p-69p |
| Matt Jones (96) | 68p-73s-65m-72p |
| Mav. McNealy (96) | 72p-72s-66m-68p |
| Charl Schwartzel (96) | 67m-66p-72s-72p |
| 279 (-8) | \$220,350 |
| Lanto Griffin (78) | 67s-68m-71p-73p |
| Jordan Spieth (78) | 70s-71m-71p-67p |

NASCAR

Stenhouse wins pole for Daytona

Driver on debut with team: It's a sign of 'things to come'

By EDGAR THOMPSON
Orlando Sentinel

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Ricky Stenhouse Jr. has something to prove entering the 2020 season.

He didn't waste any time, capturing the pole Sunday for next week's 62nd annual Daytona 500 to make a statement for himself and his new race team.

Driving his first season with JTG Daugherty Racing, Stenhouse Jr.'s No. 47 Chevrolet earned the top spot in the 40-driver field with a lap of 46.253 seconds at 194.582 mph on Sunday at the 2.5-mile Daytona International Speedway.

Alex Bowman will start alongside Stenhouse Jr. on the front row after turning a lap of 46.305 seconds. It will be the third 500 start on the front row for Bowman, the 2018 pole-sitter.

Stenhouse is in new territory — a surprising turn of events given the turmoil he experienced last fall.

The 32-year-old from Memphis, Tenn., was unceremoniously dropped by Roush Racing in September, fewer than two months after Stenhouse had signed a contract extension through 2021. Roush replaced Stenhouse with Chris Buescher, exercising an option in their contract with Buescher and leaving Stenhouse without a team.

Roush president Steve Newmark said his relationship with Stenhouse had "run its course" after 10 years together.

After winning the pole, the third in his career, Stenhouse said, "I feel like I can still get the job done behind the wheel and win races."

He added, "I think this is just signs of things to come, of our speed that we're going to have with our 47 team."

Stenhouse's two wins in the Cup Series both came in 2017 on superspeedways during the Talladega 500 and July's Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona. He finished 13th in the 2019 Daytona 500, his highest finish since he came in seventh in 2014.

Stenhouse hopes the speed his car displayed Sunday is a harbinger, similar to his breakthrough win at Talladega. Nine pole-sitters have gone on to win the Daytona 500, the most of any starting position.

"I noticed we qualified on the pole at Talladega. The car was really fast," Stenhouse recalled. "I felt like it was easier for me to make moves knowing that I felt like I had enough speed to pull out of line and get the job done. That to me is all that really matters; that I know what our car is capable of speed-wise, and that helps me make moves."

Stenhouse's performance during Daytona qualifying ended a streak of five straight poles for drivers with Hendrick Motorsports but still continued the dominance of Chevrolets and Hendrick engines.

While Hendrick Motorsports did not earn the pole, one of the sport's top teams did not take a backseat to the rest of the field.

Chase Elliott, the pole-sitter in 2016 and 2017, and Jimmie Johnson, a two-time winner of the sport's premier event, had the third and fourth best times, respectively.

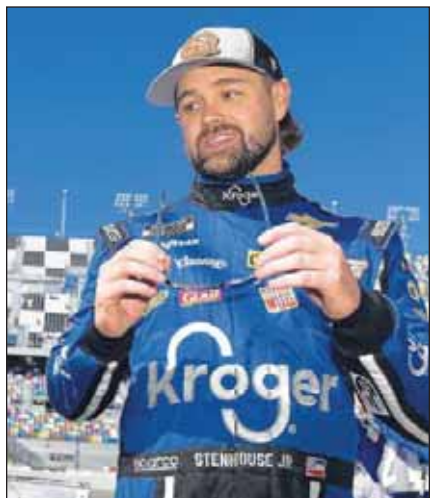
Defending champion Denny Hamlin was fifth and reigning Cup Series champion Kyle Busch sixth — each driving Toyotas.

■ Erik Jones won Sunday's season-opening race at Daytona that left a multi-million dollar trail of destruction and masked the fact the Busch Clash was a made-for-TV exhibition race. Only 18 cars were entered and only six were on track when the checkered flag flew at the end of a third overtime.

Jones crossed the finish line in a Toyota with a crumpled hood after a huge push from Hamlin, his Joe Gibbs Racing teammate.

Hamlin was a lap down after a blown tire on the previous overtime attempt caused him to crash half the cars remaining on track, but he had enough speed to push Jones along the outside and give Gibbs yet another win. The Gibbs organization won 19 races last year, went 1-2-3 in the Daytona 500 and won the Cup Series title.

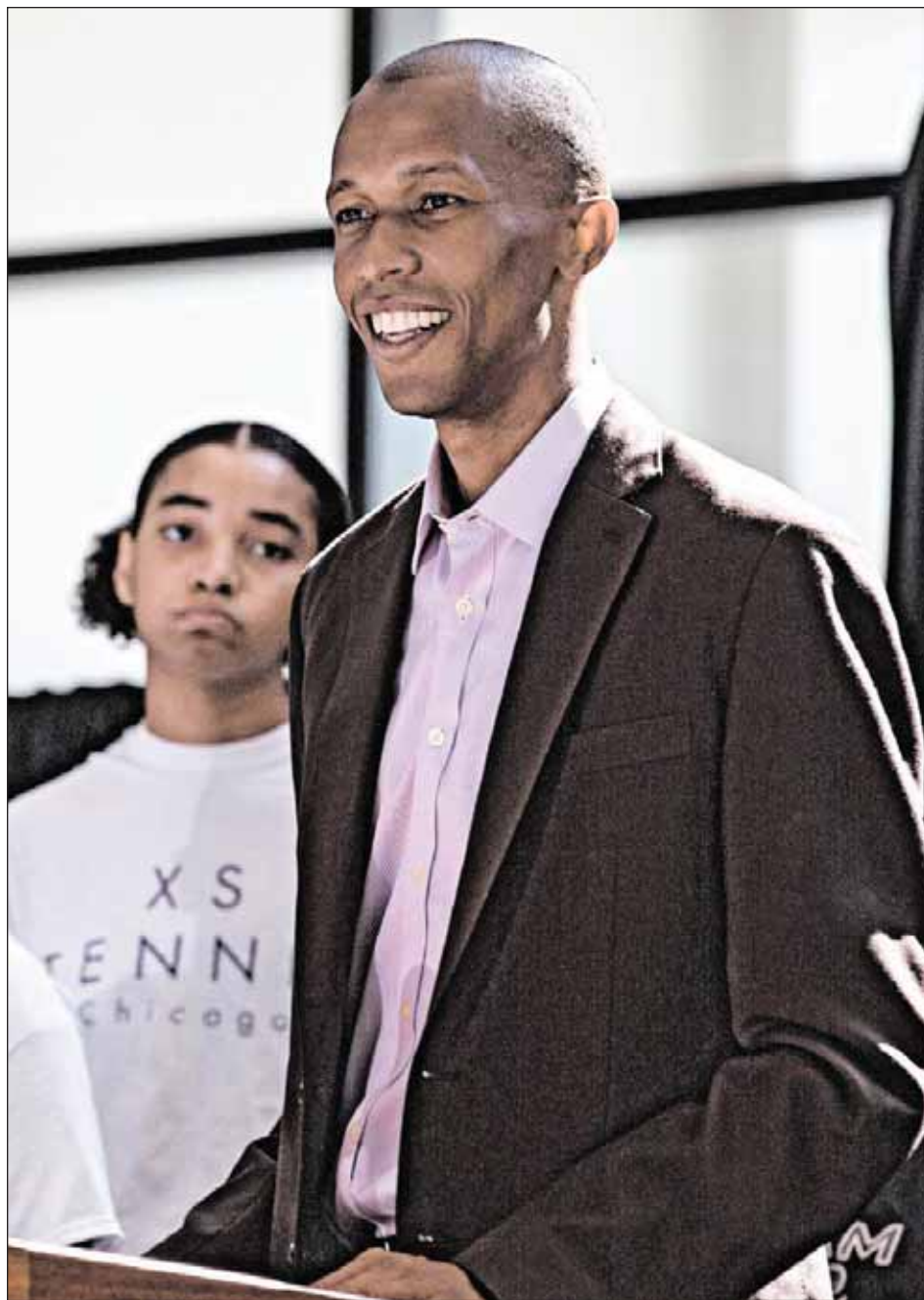
Joe Gibbs is now the all-time winningest owner in Busch Clash history with nine victories.



JARED C. TILTON/GETTY

Ricky Stenhouse Jr. turned a fast lap of 194.582 mph in Daytona 500 qualifying.

TENNIS



ALYSSA POINTER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2017

Kamau Murray, the founder of the XS Tennis Foundation in Hyde Park, will be the first coach of the new Chicago Smash franchise in World TeamTennis.

It's a net gain for Chicago

Here's what you should know about the Smash and World TeamTennis

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN

World TeamTennis isn't Wimbledon. It features NBA-style introductions, music between points, on-court team celebrations and scoring tweaks that produce more immediate results.

And for the first time since 1986, the league will feature a team from Chicago, called the Smash.

The Tribune has learned Chicago has been selected for an expansion franchise for the 2020 season, which will begin in mid-July with matches at Credit Union 1 Arena (formerly known as the UIC Pavilion).

Kamau Murray will coach the team, and Chicago native Jocelyn Davie will serve as general manager. Murray is huge in Chicago tennis circles for founding XS Tennis, which contains educational programs and a 112,000-square-foot tennis mecca in Washington Park, and for coaching 2017 U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens.

"He was an obvious choice in terms of his background and Chicago roots," Davie said. "What he's doing for tennis and kids on the South Side is pretty spectacular."

Davie said her team makeup is being finalized. Former world No. 1 Maria Sharapova will play for Orange County, which visits Chicago on July 16. The massively successful and chest-bumping Bryan brothers — identical twins Bob and Mike — have signed on for a 2020 farewell tour.

Top American men Sam Querrey and Steve Johnson are locked in, and the league is hoping to bring back Stephens, John Isner and Nick Kyrgios, though the Tokyo Olympics could complicate matters.

Chicagoan Donald Young and Illinois alumnus Rajeev Ram, who just won the Australian Open doubles championship with Britain's Joe Salisbury, are on the short list for the Smash.

WTT organizers are bullish about Chicago, which had a charter franchise, the Aces, in 1973. The league was headquartered in Chicago from 1985 to 2002, but its last Chicago team, the Fire, flamed out in

2020 CHICAGO SMASH SCHEDULE

All home matches will be played at Credit Union 1 Arena on the UIC campus.

July 13	at Springfield
July 14	Springfield
July 15	San Diego
July 16	Orange County
July 17	at New York
July 18	Philadelphia
July 20	at New York
July 21	at Orlando
July 22	Washington
July 23	at Philadelphia
July 25	Orlando
July 26	New York
July 28	at Orlando
July 30	at Philadelphia

1986.

Billie Jean King hosted a WTT event in 2018 that drew 1,183 tennis-starved fans to XS Tennis. Two months later, fans stuffed the United Center for the Laver Cup, which featured Roger Federer and Kevin Anderson and captains John McEnroe and Bjorn Borg.

"Chicago is a great market," WTT CEO Carlos Silva said. "We've been thinking about Chicago for years."

The Smash will host seven matches from July 14 to 26. Their first visitor will be Springfield, the Missouri franchise that won the 2018 and 2019 titles and is considered the Green Bay Packers of WTT. CBS Sports and ESPN Plus are the league's broadcast partners.

Organizers hope to draw a couple thousand fans to UIC for each of the matches, which contain five five-game pro sets (first to five with a tiebreaker at 4-4): men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles. Service lets are played out, and the games have no-deuce scoring.

Silva said the average ticket will cost about \$35 with general admission at \$20 and VIP offers in the \$150-to-\$175 range. Children under 14 can get an autograph on the court from players after the match.

Sections of the arena will be cordoned off to supply a maximum capacity of about 3,500.

"It's the right size," Davie said, "and the perfect location."



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Nicole Melichar of the Washington Kastles serves during a World TeamTennis match against the Philadelphia Freedoms at XS Tennis Village in Washington Park in 2018.

GOLF

Taylor tames wind, Lefty at Pebble

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Nick Taylor had more trouble with the wind than he did with Phil Mickelson. The Canadian managed both just fine Sunday and won the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am for his second career victory.

With the gallery eager to see Mickelson add a record sixth victory at Pebble Beach, Taylor showed plenty of moxie in building a five-shot lead at the turn and then holding on when 40 mph gusts blasted the Monterey Peninsula.

He closed with a 2-under 70 for a four-shot victory over Kevin Streelman (68).

Mickelson, who closed within two shots with four holes to play, shot 74 and finished alone in third. He has won, been runner-up twice and finished third in his last four starts at the Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

Taylor won in his fourth start as a PGA Tour rookie at the 2015 Sanderson Farms Championship in Mississippi, at the time an opposite-field event that didn't feature any of the top players. He went 146 starts on the PGA Tour until his next victory, and it was a big one.

The victory gets him into the Masters for the first time, along with the PGA Championship up the coast at Harding Park in May. In his sixth year on tour, Taylor has played only two majors as a pro.

"That was amazing," Taylor said. "I believed I could do it because I've done it before."

"But to do it in that fashion, playing with Phil, gives me a lot of confidence going forward."

Taylor started the final round with a one-shot lead over Mickelson, and they were tied after Lefty got up-and-down from a bunker on the par-5 second.

Seven holes later, Taylor had a five-shot lead.

He holed a 15-foot birdie putt on the fourth, a 10-foot birdie putt on the par-3 fifth, and then he holed a bunker shot for eagle on the par-5 sixth hole, the kind of short-game shot everyone expected out of Mickelson.

And then it got ugly for Mickelson.

He went over the green at No. 8 and played an aggressive chip that rolled by the flag, down the slope and back into the fairway. He pitched the next one too far and made double bogey, and then made bogey on the ninth as Taylor holed a 7-foot birdie to go five shots ahead.

Thanks to the wind, it wasn't quite over.

Five holes later, Mickelson had cut the lead to two despite having only one birdie putt, a tap-in on No. 10.

Taylor ran into tree trouble off the tee at No. 11, flew the green into a back bunker on No. 12 and then took double bogey on the par-5 14th hole when he found a bunker off the tee, could only advance it about 100 yards and took five to reach the green.

The wind was blowing so hard at that point that Taylor's cap blew off his head and he had to chase it down the fairway before hitting his third shot from 227 yards away.

Mickelson, however, missed his chances to capitalize on Taylor's mistakes.

He came up short of the 11th green from just under 100 yards with Taylor in trouble. He didn't hit a green in regulation after his tap-in birdie on the 10th until his tee shot on the par-3 17th that settled 40 feet away.

Taylor seized control by chipping in for birdie on the 15th for a three-shot lead, and the knockout punch was his tee shot to 6 feet below the hole for birdie on the 17th.

He finished at 19-under 268, earning a two-year exemption on the PGA Tour.

Mickelson wasn't the only player who struggled. Dustin Johnson shot a 78. Matt Every, in the third-to-last group, shot 80. Jason Day closed with a 75.

The best round and best finish belonged to Jordan Spieth, who chipped in to save par on his final hole for a 67. It was the low round of the day and enabled Spieth to finish in a tie for ninth. That narrowly moves him back into the top 50 and makes him eligible for a World Golf Championship in Mexico City in two weeks.

Streelman also leaves with a trophy. He teamed with Arizona Cardinals receiver Larry Fitzgerald to easily win the pro-am for the second time in three years.



ERIC RISBERG/AP

Nick Taylor claimed his second career PGA Tour title Sunday at Pebble Beach.

eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

Girardi poised for his 1st Phillies spring training

BY SCOTT LAUBER
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — In the days and weeks after the Phillies hired Joe Girardi in October, J.T. Realmuto wanted to learn as much as possible about the new manager. Conveniently, he bumped into Didi Gregorius the week before Thanksgiving at a Nike event in Mexico.

“I told him, Joe is going to fight for you no matter what situation you’re in. He’s always going to be there for you, and he’s always going to back you up,” said Gregorius, who played shortstop for Girardi with the New York Yankees and signed with the Phillies in December. “That’s the guy you want on your side. J.T. said, ‘Yeah, I think we’re ready to go.’”

Ready or not, here come the Girardi-led Phillies. Pitchers and catchers must report to Clearwater, Fla., by Tuesday, and the 55th manager in club history will oversee the first workout of spring training one day later.

Play ball? Almost. Meanwhile, here are a few storylines that bear watching:

The Girardi effect

After the Phillies followed an 80-win season in Gabe Kapler’s first year as manager with 81 wins last year, owner John Middleton made a change. He ditched Kapler (over general manager Matt Klentak’s objection) and authorized the hiring of a 55-year-old former big-league catcher with thickly chiseled forearms and a buzz cut.

But Girardi is one of only two managers since 1960 to survive 10 consecutive seasons at the helm of the Yankees and brings all of the accompanying gravitas and respect. He’s more traditional than the ultra-progressive Kapler but also has an interest in analytics and is adept at blending the two extremes, as evidenced by a staff that will feature old-school pitching coach Bryan Price and hitting coach Joe Dillon’s modern approach.

Girardi also represents the Phillies’ biggest addition during an offseason in which they signed pitcher Zack Wheeler to the third-largest free-agent contract in franchise history (five years, \$118 million) and Gregorius to a one-year deal. And his presence will dredge up the question of how much difference a manager really makes to a team’s record.

Will Girardi-over-Kapler spark a two- or three-win improvement? More? Regardless, Middleton trusts it will help bridge the gap to the 90 wins that likely are necessary for the Phillies to make the playoffs for the first time since 2011.

“I feel like a sneaky way the Phillies have helped us is the coaches they’ve brought in, the manager they brought in,” Realmuto said recently. “I feel like we have a lot of experience to work with now. I think it’ll help us a lot behind the scenes.”

Judging Realmuto’s value

Barring an unexpected 11th-hour resolution, Realmuto will leave camp for a day this month to attend his arbitration hearing in Phoenix. It’s not ideal. But for an All-Star catcher who wants to raise the salary bar for future players, it’s worth the trip to argue for \$12.4 million rather than the Phillies’ \$10 million offer.

Of greater interest and consequence is the potential for a multiyear contract extension. If the Phillies can’t lock up Realmuto in spring training, will he want to continue negotiating during the season?

There are few instances of catchers signing long-term deals with one season left before free agency. But consider St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Paul Goldschmidt as a potential comparison. Last March, at age 31, he signed a five-year, \$130 million extension before what would have been his walk year. Realmuto will be 29 on opening day and plays a premium position.

Klentak openly lauds Realmuto as the best catcher in baseball. Moreover, the Phillies didn’t give up prized pitching prospect Sixto Sanchez and young catcher Jorge Alfaro to acquire Realmuto for only two years. In extension talks, Realmuto has nearly all of the



YONG KIM/TNS

Philadelphia Phillies catcher J.T. Realmuto is excited about the prospects in 2020 under new manager Joe Girardi.



MATT ROURKE/AP

Philadelphia Phillies manager Joe Girardi, left, with new players Didi Gregorius, center, and Zack Wheeler during a news conference in Philadelphia on Dec. 16.

leverage.

But would the Phillies really pay him \$26 million per year, which would easily surpass Joe Mauer’s average-annual value record for a catcher (\$23 million)? The next few weeks will test both sides’ commitment to reaching an agreement.

Howard’s end (and beginning)

As impressive as Spencer Howard looked last season, a midseason shoulder strain caused the 23-year-old top prospect to throw only 92 1/3 innings, including a stint in the Arizona Fall League.

How much, then, can the Phillies expect from him this year, especially if he opens the season in

Triple A?

In December, Klentak suggested an early-season innings limit or a temporary move to the bullpen as potential ways of ensuring that Howard can pitch meaningful innings in the big leagues later in the year. It wouldn’t be surprising to see limits imposed on him in spring training, too.

“He’s really close (to being ready for the big leagues) and has a chance to be impactful,” a rival scout said after last season. “He’s one of the top three or four pitching prospects I’ve seen.”

Indeed, given the right-hander’s talent — and he ranks among the most important players in the organization — the Phillies have visions of his slotting into the rotation behind Aaron Nola and

Wheeler. But it’s doubtful that Howard is capable of a 200-inning season yet.

Do you believe in ‘miracles?’

After straining the ulnar collateral ligament in his elbow last June, Seranthony Dominguez said he was “hoping for a miracle” to avoid surgery.

Well ...

At the suggestion of prominent orthopedist James Andrews, Dominguez rested and rehabbed. The hard-throwing reliever didn’t pitch again last season but didn’t have surgery either. And he recently resumed throwing without a problem, according to Price.

The Phillies will slow-play

Dominguez’s return, limiting his appearances in spring-training games. His type of injury doesn’t usually heal completely on its own, but there’s also a long list of pitchers who have kept going without surgery, including David Price and Masahiro Tanaka.

“We got to the end of (last) year and ramped him up and ran out of time from a competitive-game standpoint, but he passed every threshold and was throwing in the mid-90s and snapping off breaking balls and looking like himself,” Klentak said. “Now layer on top of that a few months of allowing his body and his elbow to breathe and we go into spring training with high hopes.”

Crossed fingers, too. Dominguez could be the difference between the Phillies having a sturdy bullpen and desperately needing reinforcements.

Bench and bullpen battles

The Phillies will have 69 players in camp, which is believed to be a club record. Good thing, too, because they have at least a half-dozen jobs up for grabs on the 26-man Opening-Day roster.

Vince Velasquez, Nick Pivetta, and perhaps lefty Ranger Suarez will duke it out for the fifth-starter spot. But most of the openings are on the bench and in the bullpen, where opportunities exist even for non-roster invitees. (Neil Walker vs. Logan Forsythe vs. Josh Harrison in a battle of veteran utility infielders?)

One name to watch: Connor Brogdon. The 25-year-old right-hander had a 2.61 ERA and averaged 12.6 strikeouts and only 2.8 walks per nine innings last season in 51 relief appearances, 26 of which came in Triple A.

Could he be the surprise of camp?

There’s always one.

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SUPER FINISH

Pat Mahomes put 48 dreadful minutes of football behind him with 12 minutes of brilliance



ADAM HUNGER/AP

Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) was the one left celebrating by the end of the 2020 Super Bowl.

BY SAM MELLINGER
The Kansas City Star

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Patrick Mahomes turned a sport on its side from the beginning, his outrageous talent melding with his perfect coach to transform a league built on parity into one with a marketing plan built on his shoulders.

When he first came to Kansas City three years ago, he knew it was in two states and had a lot of barbecue and that was about it. People told him about the Chiefs' sorry postseason history. He listened. He always listens. He did not seem daunted. He never seems daunted.

The first time he played here, he left grown men with successful careers shaking their heads at the uselessness of defending him like normal quarterbacks. The first season he was his team's starter he won the league's MVP award.

The first time he played in the postseason, he delivered the first AFC Championship Game in the 47-year history of Arrowhead Stadium.

The second year he was even better, even if the stats didn't show it, and after his kneecap slid back in place he took the Chiefs to their first Super Bowl in 50 years.

All of which is a four-paragraph version of this: By the time the Chiefs played the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl LIV at Miami, Mahomes had done virtually everything imaginable in his short career ... except for two things.

He had not won the Super Bowl, and he had not ever played poorly.

This is a story of how he came to do both in the same night — he struggled for three quarters (even by a normal human quarterback's standards), then played like Patrick Mahomes for about 9 minutes, and then lifted the Lombardi Trophy as a Super Bowl champion because that was enough.

"It's just team," Mahomes said. "We have heart. That's just from day one. Coach Reid pushes us to be the best people we can be, and we never give up."

Watching Mahomes as a mediocre quarterback was weird, like your favorite band playing all the wrong notes. On the Chiefs' first possession, he threw a simple third-down pass too hard for Damien Williams to catch and too inaccurately for the speed to matter.

He missed passes over the middle and passes toward the sideline. When the Chiefs' offense is on, it can feel like watching a great basketball team sprinting down the court for dunks and swished 3-pointers. But when the timing is off — or, more accurately

in this case, when the opponent is mauling the inside of the Chiefs' offensive line — it can feel like a glitch.

Midway through the third quarter, the Chiefs trailing and without a point in 78 minutes of real time, Mahomes fumbled and threw an interception on consecutive snaps. The interception may have been the worst single throw of Mahomes' career:

He drifted to his right, hoping to carry the linebacker in coverage on third-and-12. But his eyes never moved. He threw to Tyreek Hill, who was surrounded by five defenders, including linebacker Fred Warner in the No. 54 Niners jersey.

The truth is that play never had a chance. The 49ers had been pressuring Mahomes consistently, even without blitzing, so the Chiefs kept Williams and tight end Blake Bell in for protection. That gave Mahomes enough time — he threw after about four seconds, though DeForest Buckner was closing fast — but left three receivers trying to beat seven defenders in well-shaped zone coverage.

Mahomes' all-time arm talent and growing list of highlights keep many from realizing he is among the game's best at avoiding mistakes. He had never before thrown a postseason interception. During the regular season, he threw just one in every 121 passes. Only Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers was better in this area. Mahomes should've thrown this ball away.

He knew it then, he knows it now.

"I knew it right as I threw the ball that it wasn't going to be a good thing," Mahomes said. "It hit him right between the 5 and the 4, so that's never good."

Mahomes threw another interception on the Chiefs' next possession, this one a combination of an imperfect throw and some bad luck.

At that point, Mahomes had completed 18 of 29 passes for 172 yards, no touchdowns and two interceptions — that's a 49.8 passer rating.

It was the worst he'd ever played as a pro, it was happening on the biggest stage he'd ever reach, and because with Mahomes everything seems to be a way for him to be great, it led to perhaps his best moment.

"He was telling us to believe," Hill said. "He'd seen it in some guys' eyes — they were getting down, including myself. I was like, 'Man, how are we going to pull this off?' And he was like, '10, you've got to believe, brother. Like the same faith you've had all of your career, you've got to believe right now. It's going to happen, man. I can feel it.' He brought the guys together."



KEVIN C. COX/GETTY

San Francisco's Fred Warner (54) made Chiefs quarterback Pat Mahomes pay for his mistake with an interception during the third quarter of the Super Bowl.

From that moment on, Mahomes and his teammates played as close to perfect as football at its highest level is allowed to be. They trailed by 10 with less than 12 minutes left and the 49ers taking the ball, and if some Chiefs fans got themselves through the moment by joking they had the Super Bowl exactly where they wanted it, well, turns out that wasn't a joke.

San Francisco coach Kyle Shanahan is among the game's most innovative play-callers, and he had been carving the Chiefs to shreds with play-action passes and misdirection runs. As the Chiefs' defense took the field in that moment, the stakes could not have been higher.

The Chiefs' defensive coaching staff and personnel had been almost completely flipped since last season. They had been given the first half of the 2019 season to work out the kinks, and had surrendered the fewest points in the league over their last six games.

All of that represented preparation for this exact moment.

They gave up one first down on a slick design that freed star 49ers tight end George Kittle over the middle, and then they dominated: a first-down run stuffed when the Chiefs flooded the line of scrim-

mage; a second-down pass that was both well covered by corner Bashaud Breeland and thrown too high because of pressure on a blitz by linebacker Anthony Hitchens; and a third-down pass play covered so well that 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo bailed and scrambled despite KC defensive back Rashad Fenton being in position to force him out of bounds.

The Chiefs' next possession might be the most important in their franchise's history, keyed by the beautiful combination of Mahomes' mind, brain and spirit. He'd already lifted Hill with his words, and then he went to work on Chiefs coach Andy Reid with his brain.

Reid has always empowered his quarterbacks to help shape game plans, and he's stretched those boundaries even further with Mahomes.

The quarterback loved a play they called 2-3 Jet Chip Wasp and knew that running a version of it in the first half set up the Chiefs for a big moment now.

That came in the form of a third-and-15 from their own 35, the call sending tight end Travis Kelce intermediate to hold a defender and allowing Hill to sprint at Jimmie Ward, knowing

he expected a post, and then slam inside at the hash mark to create what felt like an acre of separation. The protection held up enough, so Mahomes leaned on his back foot, chucked the ball 57 yards in the air downfield and the Chiefs had a championship-changing gain.

"They were playing this kind of robber coverage all game long where the safety was coming down and kind of robbing all our deep cross routes," Mahomes said. "So we had a good play-call on it where we had Kelce do a little stutter deep cross. And we had Tyreek getting one-on-one with that safety."

From there: a short touchdown to Kelce, another punt forced by the defense, a third-down rollout touchdown pass (thrown over former teammate Dee Ford) to Williams, a fourth-down stop by the defense that effectively won the game, and (what the heck) one more touchdown just to make sure.

The maddening thing about football is that a rotten few plays can wipe out a hundred positives. The thrill of football is that an effectively perfect 12 minutes can push 48 lost minutes straight into irrelevancy, other than serving as prelude to a franchise's greatest moments and a young quarterback's ultimate triumph.



CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

Bong Joon Ho, left, and Han Jin Won accept the award for best original screenplay for "Parasite" Sunday at the Academy Awards.

92ND ACADEMY AWARDS

Oscar's golden night

Sunday's Academy Awards were a showdown between tradition ("1917") and the future ("Parasite"). Which way did it go? Plus, David Syrek highlights the eye-popping fashions on the red carpet. **Page 4** For complete coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/entertainment.

Federal design plan should be ripped up



BLAIR KAMIN

Less than six weeks into 2020, we already have a leading candidate for the year's most misguided architectural idea: A proposal, now reportedly circulating in the Trump White House, that would make classicism the preferred style for federal courthouses and a wide range of other federal buildings.

The title of the seven-page screed, a draft executive order called "Making Federal Buildings Beautiful Again," proves, if nothing else, that its authors know how to curry favor with the slogan-slinging occupant of the Oval Office.

If enacted, it would quash architectural innovation and expressions of cultural diversity, likely saddle taxpayers with more expensive construction costs, and undercut the very democratic ideals that such classically-inspired national icons as the White House and the Lincoln Memorial so stirringly represent.

The plan is being spearheaded by a Washington, D.C., nonprofit called the National Civic Art Society, which claims that the public finds contemporary architecture "ugly, strange, and off-putting." The copy I obtained says the order would apply to all federal courthouses and agency headquarters, all federal public buildings in the Washington, D.C., area, and other federal buildings expected to cost more than \$50 million.

Under the sway of avant-garde modernists, the order asserts, the federal government "has largely stopped building beautiful buildings that the American people want to look at or work in." Instead, it says, federal architecture "should once again inspire respect instead of bewilderment or repugnance."

Trouble is, it only deems certain styles "beautiful" — the Greek and Roman Revival as well as others that could be used outside the nation's capital (including Gothic, Romanesque and Spanish Colonial) — and never gets around to specifying what underlying characteristics render a building beautiful.

New styles would not be banned, but they could have to

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Freedom Ride' ★★★

Opera reflects on why young people fought for civil rights

BY HOWARD REICH

Why did they do it? Why did young men and women in the summer of 1961 climb onto buses and trains in the name of integration, whites sitting next to blacks in a Deep South that hated them for it?

They knew they would be greeted by clubs and bludgeons, that they'd end up in hospitals or prisons or worse. Yet the Freedom Riders, as they were known, would not be deterred, fighting for civil rights in the noblest way possible: by risking their own lives.

Their ordeals nearly have been forgotten by our popular culture, notwithstanding the national profile of former Freedom Rider and U.S. Representative John Lewis, D-Ga. But their struggle was stage center Saturday evening at the Studebaker Theater, where Chicago Opera Theater

presented the world premiere of composer-librettist Dan Shore's "Freedom Ride." The opera, nine years in the making, sought not to re-imagine historic battles but to search for something more profound: what motivated these brave young souls to risk everything, despite violent opposition.

It did so through the fictional story of Sylvie Davenport, a college student drawn to the Freedom Riders not by social conscience but by romantic attraction to one of its charismatic leaders, Clayton Thomas. He lures impressionable young people to his cause in the opera's extended opening scene, set on the quad of an unnamed historically black college in New Orleans.

In baritone Robert Sims' portrayal, Thomas exuded both righteous indignation at pervasive racism and unyielding determination to fight it. Composer Shore gave the character long, heroic



MICHAEL BROSILOW

Soprano Dara Rahming, center, as Sylvie Davenport, performs with the children's chorus in "Freedom Ride."

lines, as well as ample time in which to entice students gathered around him, none more smitten by his plea than the innocent Davenport (soprano Dara Rahming in a role originally to have featured Lauren Michelle, who left "for personal reasons," according to a COT representative).

No sooner does Davenport express her interest in becoming a Freedom Rider than she's con-

fronted by her mother, Georgia (mezzo-soprano Zoie Reams), who's horrified at what lies ahead and excoriates her in their turbulent, angry duet. Davenport's troubles only deepen when Thomas rebuffs her romantic overtures, forcing her to acknowledge her true reasons for having toyed with becoming a Freedom Rider.

From this point forth, we see

and hear Davenport struggling to decide a question that will determine her future: whether to get on board. Her search for the answer will be made more difficult by a church bombing in which many will be injured and a friend will die.

"Freedom Ride" achieves its deepest impact not via such

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TOMMASO BODDI/GETTY

Adam Sandler accepts the best male lead award Saturday at the Film Independent Spirit Awards.

'Farewell,' Sandler win at Spirit Awards

At a Film Independent Spirit Awards that often stood in stark contrast to Sunday's Academy Awards, Lulu Wang's family drama "The Farewell" took the top prize, while Adam Sandler and the Safdie brothers' "Uncut Gems" also landed awards.

The win Saturday for "The Farewell" was a surprise, but also a fitting finale to a Spirit Awards that exalted female filmmakers and put forth a far more diverse field of nominees than the film academy. Wang referenced the conversation around the dearth of female filmmakers nominated by the Academy Awards in her speech.

"You don't have to encourage women. There are lots of women making films, in film school," Wang said. "What women need is just the job. Give them the freaking job!"

"Uncut Gems" led all films with three awards, including best performance by a male actor for Sandler, best director for Josh and Ben Safdie, and best editing.

Sandler, who received a standing ovation, compared his Oscar "snub" to losing best-looking in high school. But he did win best personality, an honor he compared with his Spirit Award.

"As I look around this room, I realize the Independent Film Spirit Awards are the Best Personality Awards," Sandler joked. Referring to the Oscar nominees, he said. "Their handsome good looks will fade in time, while our independent personalities will shine on forever."

— Associated Press

Box office

1. "Birds of Prey," \$33.3 million
2. "Bad Boys for Life," \$12 million
3. "1917," \$9 million
4. "Doolittle," \$6.7 million
5. "Jumanji: The Next Level," \$5.5 million
6. "The Gentlemen," \$4.2 million
7. "Gretel & Hansel," \$3.5 million
8. "Knives Out," \$2.4 million
9. "Little Women," \$2.3 million
10. "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker," \$2.2 million

SOURCE: Associated Press
Estimated sales,
Friday-Sunday



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Dynamic duo: Michelle Obama, above, and Oprah Winfrey headlined Brooklyn's Barclays Center on Saturday, getting rock star-like applause on a stage typically reserved for pop, rap and basketball stars. It was the fifth tour stop of "Oprah's 2020 Vision: Your Life in Focus," Winfrey's full-day wellness event. It marked Obama's return to Barclays just 14 months after appearing at the arena to promote "Becoming." "Does this feel like deja vu for you?" Winfrey asked. "Because you were here wearing those bad, Balenciaga gold boots!" "Barack is like, 'Where are those boots?'" Obama said. "I was like, 'They're put away, honey. Just settle down.'"

Feb. 10 birthdays: Actor Robert Wagner is 90. Singer Roberta Flack is 83. Actress Laura Dern is 53. Actress Uzo Aduba is 39. Singer Eric Dill is 38. Actress Emma Roberts is 29.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Mom frustrated granny won't babysit

Dear Amy: I have a 4-year-old son and am expecting another child in a few months. I started my own business a few years ago, and my husband works full time.

My son is in day care three days a week (we can't afford more care right now). I asked Mom if she would commit to helping me care for my son on one of the days when he is not in day care. (My in-laws also help out.)

She balked at the suggestion and actually started yelling at me about it. She works as a sometime-Realtor but makes herself busy with women's groups and volunteer work.

She offers to watch my son at the last-minute when it's convenient for her but refuses to make a schedule to give me much-needed (beggared for) help.

She makes me feel selfish for asking, but I really need the help to grow my business and support my family. I get upset that she doesn't "want" to help me when she spends so much time doing things that to me aren't as important as helping her family.

She constantly calls me to tell me how "busy" she is, but it's with things that are voluntary, and meanwhile, I'm drowning. She loves my son, and he's an easy, calm child, and my mom is in great health.

I realize she has her own life, but I can't see why she won't just agree to one day or even a half-day a week, when she often helps my sister (a stay-at-home mom with three kids).

— Frustrated Mom

Dear Frustrated: You obviously value your time

and energy more than your mother's. And guess what? She has needs, too.

Why should your mother help you to grow your business on your schedule when she has her business to tend to? As a Realtor, she may have to show properties on a varied schedule, which could conflict with a regular babysitting commitment.

You seem to believe that your mother owes you regular child care. She does not.

Your mother seems to spend plenty of time with her various grandchildren. You only have one household to tend to, while her commitments are not only to you but also to your siblings and their families.

Perhaps you should enroll your son in a daily preschool program. Or maybe you and your sister could trade child care for each other. This would yield you one more workday each week.

When you make a request and keep hearing the same answer, you should either stop asking or ask a different question.

Dear Amy: My friend's husband asked me what my new son-in-law's profession is.

When I described his job at a nonprofit, this buffoon said, "Oh, not a doctor or a lawyer ...?" and laughed.

I was speechless and cannot look at this man without a feeling of disgust and an inner eye roll.

What response should I have given?
— Appalled

Dear Appalled: I diagnose this comment as a dim-witted attempt at

humor, disguised as social commentary, delivered with a thud.

It's quite possible that this man was commenting on the fact that many in-laws are overly proud (and only proud) of their doctor/lawyer connections. Maybe not.

It's OK not to know how to respond to someone when you feel blindsided.

Just know that the person who delivers a dud is the one who ultimately seems like a dud. Your only job is to get over it.

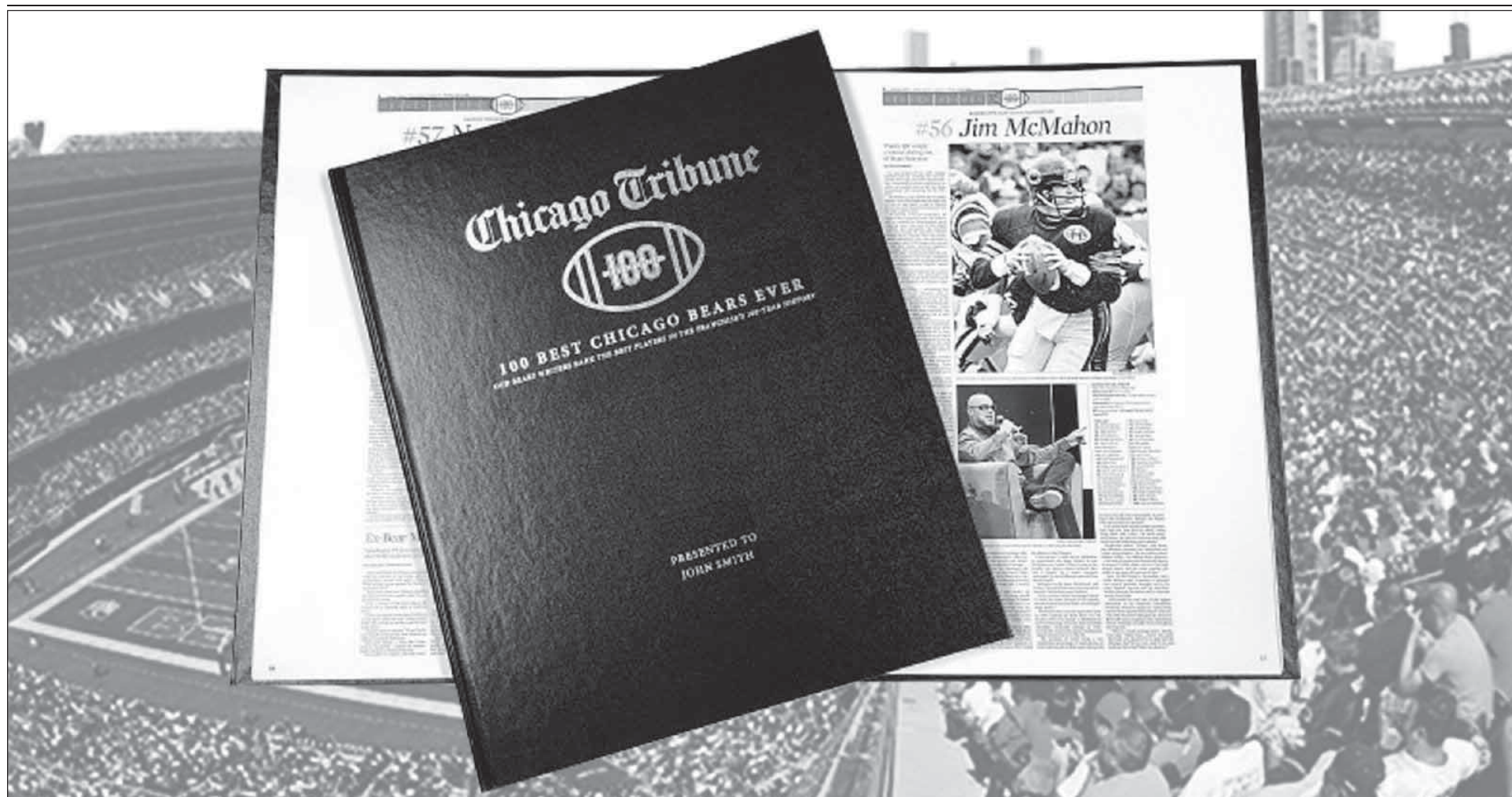
Dear Amy: Kindly leave your political opinions to yourself. Your reply to "SDJ in the Northeast" is yet another example that you don't know what you are talking about. Many, many people in this country support the current president. We don't need your liberal blathering to know that we are right.
— Disgusted

Dear Disgusted: "SDJ" wondered if she should stay with her Trump-supporting boyfriend, who she said was wonderful in all respects. I said that she should stay with her wonderful boyfriend and also examine her own closed-mindedness.

I consistently advocate for communication and compassion and against the use of incendiary language (much of which is unfortunately generated by our current president, who — you must agree — sets a terrible example in this respect).

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Children's Choir sings for social change

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

A former multimedia room at Benjamin E. Mays Elementary Academy on the city's South Side was rocking with the voices of 16 4th and 5th graders on Tuesday. The rehearsal, led by their conductor Lonnie Norwood Jr., was one of the last before the group participates in the Chicago Children's Choir (CCC) annual Black History Month concert at Symphony Center.

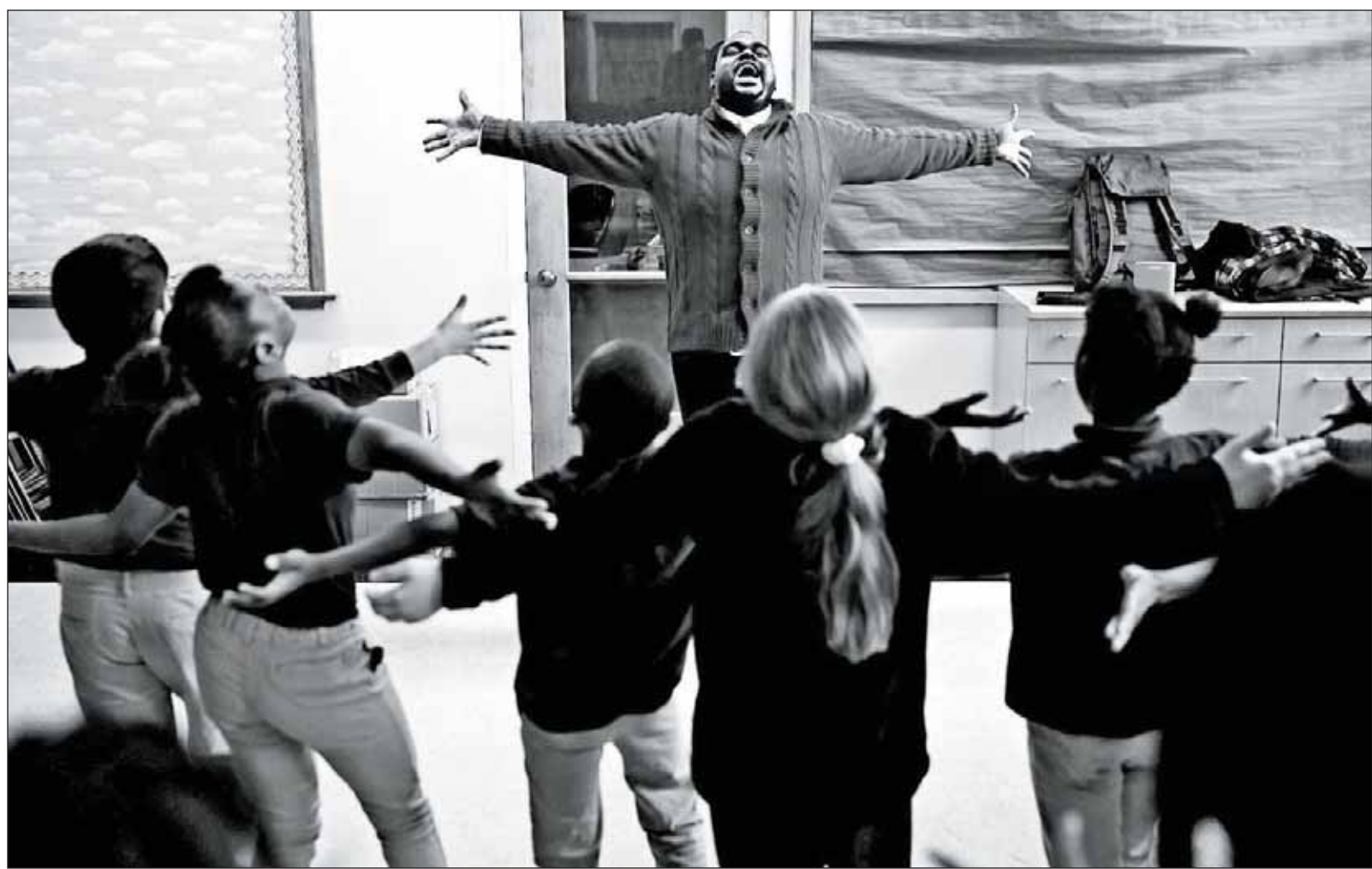
Kids swayed on cue, practiced jumping in unison without counting out loud, and learned what syncopation sounded like. The kids worked up a sweat within the hour time frame, much like the 4th and 5th graders at the charter school Catalyst Maria on Thursday.

The youth sang the songs "Freedom" from "Django Unchained" and "My Power" from Beyoncé's "Lion King" effort, and shared their feelings about feeling sad when singing some of the lyrics from "Freedom."

But those feelings were justified by Norwood. He said it was okay to have different feelings with different songs. He also reiterated to the children: "Enjoy yourself. This is a fun thing to be a part of, you earned this chance, so let's enjoy it!"

As one of 14 conductors employed by the Chicago Children's Choir who travel throughout city schools to provide a musical outlet to city youth, Norwood exudes exuberance and gives it back to his students. He's worked with the children since September and can't wait to see them perform in concerts, happening Monday to Wednesday.

"There are some serious moments with some songs that are more reflective, but there are definitely some that will get your toe tapping — it's a beautiful balance," Norwood said. "And you will be able to see the miracle of thousands of kids at once doing the same kind of choreography — it's something to behold, a sight of kids raising up their fists — it's a very powerful testament on how we work



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Conductor Lonnie Norwood Jr. rehearses Thursday with children at Catalyst Maria charter school to prepare for this week's concert series.

together to bring this curriculum to life."

The Chicago Children's Choir began in 1956, as a social action to the Civil Rights movement, according to CCC president and artistic director Josephine Lee. What started as one choir is now more than 100 choirs serving 4,000 students in 92 schools, who will be performing eight to nine songs in 90-minute concerts next week. Some songs will be a cappella, others with band accompaniment.

"This year's theme is African Americans and the Vote for Black History Month, and it's particularly meaningful for CCC as every day, year after year, we teach our young people that their voices should be heard, and we instill confidence and encourage civic engagement, so it's a particularly meaningful month for us," Lee said.

Even though the choir performs year-round na-

tionally and internationally, for many youth, this will be the first time stepping foot in Symphony Center. Isabella Rocha, 11, of Catalyst is a bit nervous given that she has stage fright. But she's excited that she got into the choir after her audition. What does she like most about participating?

"I like how everybody here is in a group, and we all understand each other," she said. "We never really make fun of each other, and we get what every one is talking about and we love singing. This is kind of like my school family."

Mays principal Tanyelle Hannah-Reed is excited about the opportunity to experience the choir as both a parent and an administrator, since this is her first year in her position.

"I really believe in the program — music is a gateway to academics for some kids, that key that can unlock doors and make magic

happen for them, so I'm really excited to see what they're going to do for Black History Month," she said. "Getting to be here with these scholars when they get to commune with other scholars who are doing the same types of works in their buildings, that's where you can really see their faces light up, and they really get the chance to be proud of the work that they're doing and become part of the greater good."

Tanavia Hobson, 10, a 4th grader at Catalyst, said the choir is a place where she can sing loudly. Instead of singing in her room or in her head, she can do it here.

Norwood is adamant the choir be more than just performances and camaraderie, it's about learning history that may fall through the cracks in daily education and text books.

"When I was coming up, everybody knew 'We Shall Overcome' and knew 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' was

the black national anthem and these days, the youth have no idea. And if not for programs like the Chicago Children's Choir, they do not get that part," he said. "There's an absence there. This has to go beyond the notes on the page and make sense to them, especially when we are still fighting for arts to exist in schools and when we are fighting for equity in the teaching of history as far as Latino and African American history. Sometimes it's programs like this that is the only outlet where they will get an in-depth understanding of the world at large and not just limitations (that) exist in history books."

Lee agrees that the choir is so much more than song. It's a place where youth are taught that their voices should be heard, and confidence and civic engagement are encouraged.

"People thought this was only a performing choir, but it's so much deeper," Lee

said. "It's important for us to have this level of artistry so people can lean in when they see the kids and see that this is more than just 150 kids we see on stage, this is a social movement that is happening and a way to create ambassadors of their neighborhoods — for them to be proud to be from Austin, Englewood or Garfield Park. Chicago Children's Choir in a divided world is a safe haven for young people to come together on common ground to learn, accept, create, converse, strive for excellence, collaborate and celebrate and grow from their collective experiences."

Chicago Children's Choir Black History Month Concert Series runs Monday to Wednesday at 10:45 a.m. at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave. The event is free to the public.

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overcome numerous bureaucratic hurdles to get built. And there would be an outright prohibition against Brutalism, the mid-20th Century style known for rough-hewn exposed concrete. (President Donald Trump has called one Brutalist building — the FBI headquarters on Pennsylvania Avenue, completed in 1975 and designed by Chicago architects C.F. Murphy Associates — "terrible" and "one of the ugliest buildings" in Washington.)

So much for aesthetic and cultural diversity.

The proposal would make it exceedingly difficult to win approval for anything like the Chicago Federal Center, a modernist masterwork by one of the 20th Century's greatest architects, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. The same hurdles could prevent the construction of a federal building that resembled the recently completed, widely acclaimed National Museum of African American History and Culture, whose three-tiered exterior draws inspiration from African art.

The top-down proposal would force architects to drape federal buildings in classical or traditional garb instead of allowing local communities to decide how their federal buildings should look and work. It would reverse widely respected principles for federal architecture that have guided the General Services Administration, the agency responsible for commissioning a vast portfolio of federal buildings, since the early 1960s.

Composed by Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who later became a New York senator, the principles explicitly argue against architectural prescriptions. "The development of an



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The exterior of the National Museum of African American History and Culture draws inspiration from African art.

official style must be avoided," the guidelines say. "Design must flow from the architectural profession to the Government, and not vice versa."

There are undertones here of the nation's Cold War battle against totalitarian regimes that mandated architectural styles, as well as a respect for professional expertise.

The proposal's departure from those ideas appalled some ardent classicists I contacted. "The federal government should not be getting into mandating a particular kind of architecture," said Michael Lykoudis, dean of Notre Dame's school of architecture, one of the nation's foremost centers of traditional design. "To be truly inclusive, it means that you look at the best quality of architecture. You don't set up stylistic parameters."

"That's horrifying," said Aric Lasher, design director at Chicago's HBRA Architects, which happens to have shaped a neo-classical federal building and courthouse in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, that the draft order singles out for praise. "I hardly think that style is really going to be the source of success or failure in architecture. Does Portland want to be represented in the same

way as Tuscaloosa?"

In a letter to President Trump, the American Institute of Architects, a Washington, D.C.-based trade group, rightly slammed the draft executive order as a "one-size-fits-all mandate." It also raised a crucial practical point: Classical and traditional architecture, which rely on expensive stonework and decoration, can add substantially to a project's cost, even tripling it.

It's unclear if Trump supports the order. The White House press office would not comment on the draft order, which carries the heading "pre-decisional."

But the New York Times reported Thursday that the proposal's backers hope it will reach the president's desk "within the next month." Always an effective counter-puncher, Trump could spin opposition to the plan as the out-of-touch opinions of the cultural elite. Or he could do the right thing and kill the plan, which would cement for decades an architectural legacy that is profoundly anti-democratic.

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Freedom

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twists of plot, however, but from its characters' reactions to them. When the future Freedom Riders rehearse what a confrontation on a bus might be like, the opera shows us how deeply they suffer at the thought of encountering not only violence but humiliation. When the church bombing leads to a character's death, the doomed Freedom Rider expresses neither sorrow nor hate in her last moments of life but faith in a higher power. When a Jewish character explains to his black comrades why he's becoming a Freedom Rider, his aria subtly evokes his family's tragic past in Europe — one reason, among many, that young people became Freedom Riders.

At its heart, "Freedom Ride" focuses on how and why Davenport makes her choice. Her evolution from naive student to hopeful protester proved compelling, thanks to the poetry of Shore's score, which elegantly merged high-flown operatic melody with gospel-tinged ensemble writing. True, this music broke no new ground, but it clearly wasn't designed to. Shore instead chose to revel in classical African American musical idioms — the very sounds that Freedom Riders in 1960s New Orleans would have encountered in church on any Sunday morning.

Nowhere was this verismo-meets-vernacular approach more powerful than in "I Been Tryin' to Get to Jackson for Three Days," a shattering train station aria in which a character named Leonie Baker decries the Freedom Riders. "I seen people die," sang soprano Whitney Morrison, emotion rising with each phrase. "I seen my brother die. So why do



MICHAEL BROSILOW

Robert Sims, left, as Clayton Thomas, and Tyrone Chambers as Russell Davenport in "Freedom Ride."

I care where I sit on that bus?"

Composer Shore has structured the opera shrewdly, solos and duets alternating with large ensemble pieces, introspective soliloquies juxtaposed with throaty gospel exhortations. A long and majestic church sequence featured a heaven-storming sermon from Rev. Jerome Mitchell, sublimely paced and passionately sung by tenor Cornelius Johnson.

The work's only structural flaw concerned a children's choir scene. Though such angelic tones are impossible to resist, the sequence was dramatically extraneous, with little connection to the story's progress.

Yet the original hymns and spirituals that composer Shore has written sound as if they could have been handed down through the ages. And "Tikkun Olam," the aria sung by tenor Blake Friedman as the Jewish character Marc, drew upon Hebrew inflections without exaggerating them.

Soprano Rahming carried considerable responsibility as Davenport, expressing her character's psychological anguish via a vocal performance that gained heft and ferocity as

the evening unfolded. In a final triumphant sequence, the opera's black-and-white costumery (designed by Harry Nadal) gave way to her bright, life-affirming orange dress, signaling a moment of arrival. Well done.

By conceiving a stripped-down production with minimal props, stage director Tazewell Thompson in effect focused attention on the score and the singing. The historic film footage that served as backdrop gave the production a real-world urgency. So did the staging of the church bombing scene, which conveyed confusion and terror amid so much shattering glass. Thompson moved his soloists and choir fluidly from one scene to the next, no easy task considering the number of people and settings involved.

Conductor and COT music director Lidiya Yankovskaya led the soloists, choirs and the Chicago Sinfonietta in a crisp performance that served populist and classical idioms with equal aplomb.

But the star was Shore's music, which carried obvious influences of George Gershwin and Leonard Bernstein and made the most of them.

It's not difficult to envision a long future for "Freedom Ride," which at 90 minutes would be quite manageable for a wide range of opera companies, especially student troupes that might inspire young new activists.

If so, Shore will have accomplished something significant.

"Freedom Ride" plays at 7:30 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Studebaker Theater, 410 S. Michigan Ave.; \$45-\$150; 312-704-8414 or www.chicagooperatheater.org.

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92ND ACADEMY AWARDS

Unstoppable 'Parasite' makes history

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Subtle this: "Parasite" is the first non-English language film to win best picture in the 92-year history of the Academy Awards.

Bong Joon Ho's masterfully devious class satire took Hollywood's top prize at the Oscars on Sunday night, along with awards for best director, best international film and best screenplay. In a year dominated by period epics — "1917," "Once Upon a Time in ... Hollywood," "The Irishman" — the film academy instead went overseas, to South Korea, to reward a contemporary and unsettling portrait of social inequality in "Parasite."

True to its name, "Parasite" simply got under the skin of Oscar voters, attaching itself to the American awards season and, ultimately, to history. The win was a watershed moment for the Academy Awards, which has long been content to relegate international films to their own category.

Multiple standing ovations greeted Bong's several wins. "I am ready to drink tonight," Bong said, prompting roars from the crowd. Unexpectedly called up again for best director, Bong saluted his fellow nominees, particularly Martin Scorsese, and concluded: "Now I'm ready to drink until tomorrow."

The win for "Parasite" — which had echoes of the surprise victory of "Moonlight" over "La La Land" three years ago — came in a year in which many criticized the lack of diversity in the nominees and the absence of female filmmakers. But the triumph for "Parasite" enabled Hollywood to flip the script, and signal a different kind of progress.

In doing so, the film academy turned away another history-making event,



Bong Joon Ho, right, reacts as Jane Fonda presents him with the award for best picture for "Parasite" on Sunday at the Academy Awards. CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

again denying Netflix its first best-picture win, despite two contenders in "The Irishman" and "Marriage Story."

All of the acting winners — Brad Pitt, Renee Zellweger, Joaquin Phoenix and Laura Dern — went as expected.

Few categories were more certain coming into Sunday's Oscars than best supporting actor, which Pitt has had locked down all awards season. While Pitt (who in 2014 shared in the best picture win for "12 Years a Slave," as a producer) has regaled audiences with one-liners in the run-up to the Oscars, he began his comments on a

political note.

"They told me I have 45 seconds to speak, which is 45 seconds more than the Senate gave John Bolton this week," Pitt said, alluding to the impeachment hearings. "I'm thinking maybe Quentin does a movie about it."

Pitt said the honor of winning his first acting Oscar had given him reason to reflect on his fairy-tale journey in the film industry, going back to when he moved to Los Angeles from Missouri. "Once upon a time in Hollywood," Pitt said. "Ain't that the truth?"

Dern won for her performance as a divorce attorney in Noah Baumbach's

"Marriage Story." Accepting her first Oscar, Dern thanked her in-attendance parents, "my legends, Diane Ladd and Bruce Dern."

For the 87th time, no women were nominated for best director this year, a subject that was woven into the entire ceremony — and even into some attendees' clothing. Natalie Portman wore a cape lined with the names of female filmmakers who weren't nominated for best director, including Lulu Wang ("The Farewell"), Greta Gerwig ("Little Women") and Mati Diop ("Atlantics").

Coming on a rare rainy day in Los Angeles, the ceremony was soggy and

song-heavy. Some performances, like Eminem's performance of "Lose Yourself," were unexpected (and drew a wane response from Scorsese). All of the song nominees performed, including Elton John, who won with his longtime songwriting partner, Bernie Taupin, for their "Rocketman" tune.

Two former Oscar hosts, Chris Rock and Steve Martin, provided the opening monologue. "An incredible demotion," Martin called it. Martin also said that something was missing from this year's directing nominees. "Vaginas!" Rock replied.

There were milestones, nevertheless. In winning

best adapted screenplay for his Nazi satire "Jojo Rabbit," the New Zealand filmmaker Taika Waititi became the first indigenous director ever to win an Oscar. He dedicated the award to "all the indigenous kids in the world who want to do art, dance and write stories."

"We are the original storytellers," Waititi said.

Pixar extended its domination of the best animated film category, winning for "Toy Story 4." It's the 10th Pixar film to win the award and second "Toy Story" film to do so, following the previous 2010 installment.

Amanda Lee Meyers contributed to this report.

From glam to edgy on red carpet

By David Syrek
Chicago Tribune

Statement-making style made a major comeback to awards season this year, and the final red carpet saved the best for last.

Sunday night's Oscars kept the high fashion train rolling with edgy style (Janelle Monae in a futuristic, hooded Ralph Lauren gown covered in over 170,000 Swarovski crystals; Cynthia Erivo in Atelier Versace's chic white crystal-embellished gown) and jaw-dropping couture looks (Caitriona Balfe in a fishtail Valentino Haute Couture gown and pale pink blouse).

The guys held their own, with red carpet favorite Billy Porter making a grand entrance in a Giles Decon Couture gown with a 24-karat-gold feathered bodice and baroque-print ball gown skirt based on the Cupola Room at Kensington Palace. Spike Lee arrived in a purple and yellow Gucci tux with 24 emblazoned on the lapel in honor of Kobe Bryant.

Here are the most memorable looks from Hollywood's biggest night.



Janelle Monae in Ralph Lauren
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Cynthia Erivo in Atelier Versace
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Caitriona Balfe in Valentino
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Spike Lee in custom Gucci
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Billie Eilish in custom Chanel
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Billy Porter in Giles Decon couture
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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Marg Helgenberger

"All Rise" (8 p.m., CBS): As she prepares to run for the office of attorney general, Benner (Marg Helgenberger) asks Lola (Simone Missick) to look for anything that could compromise what is sure to be a heated campaign in tonight's new episode "Prelude to a Fish." Elsewhere, some old wounds are reopened when Emily's (Jessica Camacho) client declines to file a police report against her abusive husband.

"All American" (7 p.m., CW): Billy and Grace (Taye Diggs, Karimah Westbrook) fret that Spencer (Daniel Ezra) is pushing himself too hard, which will only wind up making things worse for him in the long run in the new episode "Only Time Will Tell." Spencer, Darnell and Jordan (guest star Abraham D. Juste, Michael Evans Behling) decide to go on a college football visit to secure their football futures, although Darnell may be heading for disappointment on that score.

"9-1-1: Lone Star" (7 p.m., FOX): When a brawl breaks out at a male strip club, Owen (Rob Lowe) and his crew race to the scene to quiet the disturbance in a new episode called "Studs." Other calls include a fire at a bull semen factory and a protest where toxic masculinity reaches appalling new extremes. Meanwhile, a wary Paul (Brian Michael Smith) goes out on a first date and Grace (Sierra McClain) tries to reconnect with Judd (Jim Parrack).

"Black Lightning" (8 p.m., CW): In the new episode "The Book of Markovia: Chapter Four," Black Lightning (Cress Williams) and his team descend upon Markovia on a rescue mission to save Lynn (Christine Adams), who unfortunately finds herself in even more serious trouble when she meets Gravedigger (Wayne Brady, "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"), a metahuman on the opposing side.

"Maine Cabin Masters" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., DIY): A new episode called "A Multi-Family Affair" finds Chase Morrill and his team working with a couple who has a romantic but challenging project in mind. They've found an isolated cabin in an idyllic location, almost instantly falling in love with the notion of owning and restoring it. Once finished, the place will make a perfect getaway.

"Prodigal Son" (8:01 p.m., FOX): While Jessica (Bellamy Young) continues searching for more revelations about the girl in the box, she's confronted by the "Carousel Killer," who has a public vendetta against the Whitley clan in the new episode "Eye of the Needle." It's up to Malcolm (Tom Payne) and Jessica to track down a tip-line caller-turned-killer who is blackmailing her. Meanwhile, Ainsley (Halston Sage) gets a big promotion at work.

TALK SHOWS

- "Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Elijah Wood.*
- "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer Janet Jackson; actress Jane Levy; actress Jo Firestone.*
- "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*
- "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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	BIGTEN		♦ Wm. Basketball (N)		Women's College Basketball: Spartans at Wildcats (N)			BIG Show	
	BRAVO		Below Deck (N) ©		Below Deck (N)		Spy Games (N) ©	Watch (N) ♦	
	CNN		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦	
	COM		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	
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	ESPN2		♦ Wm. Basketball (N)		College Basketball: TCU at Texas Tech. (N) (Live)			Basketball	
	FNC		Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News	
	FOOD		Girl Scout Cookie (N)		Kids Baking (N)		Chopped Sweets (N) ©	Chopped ♦	
	FREE		♦ 21 Jump	Deadpool (R,'16) ♦♦♦	Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin. © (SAP)			700 Club ♦	
	FX		Taken 3 (PG-13,'14) ♦♦		Liam Neeson, Forest Whitaker. ©			Taken 3 (PG-13,'14) ♦♦♦	
	HALL		Unleashing Mr. Darcy (NR,'16) Ryan Paevey. ©				Dater's Handbook (NR,'16) ©		
	HGTV		Home Town (N) ©		Home Town (N) ©		Home Town ©	One/Kind (N)	
	HIST		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(9:03) Pawn Stars (N)	Pawn ♦	
	HLN		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	IFC		Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
	LIFE		Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13,'09) ♦♦				(9:03) Madea's Family Reunion ♦♦		
	MSNBC		All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)	
	MTV		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridic. (N)	Ridic. (N)	
	NATGEO		Brain Games: Bonus (N)		Brain Games (N) ©		The 80's: Decade/Made	The 80's ♦	
	NBSCH		NBA G League Basketball: Red Claws at Bulls (N)				Track & Field (Tape) ♦		
	NICK		♦ Surf's Up	Substitute	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	
	OVATION		♦ (6) Contact (PG,'97) ♦♦♦		Jodie Foster, Matthew McConaughey.		The Firm (R,'93) ♦♦♦		
	OWN		Dateline on OWN		The Real Story w/Salinas		Deadline: Crime	Dateline ♦	
	OXY		NCIS ©		NCIS: "Tell-All." ©		NCIS: "Two-Faced."	NCIS ♦	
	PARMT		Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops (N) ©	Cops ©	
	SYFY		♦ (6) Hitman (R,'07) ♦♦		Hitman: Agent 47 (R,'15) ♦		Rupert Friend. ©	Futurama ♦	
	TBS		Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	
TCM		Stagecoach (NR,'39) ♦♦♦♦		John Wayne. (8:45) True Grit (G,'69) ♦♦♦		John Wayne. ©	♦		
TLC		90 Day Fiance: Watch Party (N)				90 Day Fiance: "Can I Get a Witness." ♦			
TLN		Supernatural	IMPACT	Faith Chi	Faithwire	Robison	Billy Graham		
TNT		♦ (6:30) Thor: Ragnarok (PG-13,'17) ♦♦♦				(9:15) The Wolverine (PG-13,'13) ♦♦			
TOON		Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad		
TRAV		Paranormal Caught on Camera ©				Beyond the Unknown (N)	Unknown ♦		
TVL		Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King		
USA		WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©					Briarpatch ♦		
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WE		Criminal Minds ©		(7:58) Criminal Minds		(8:55) Criminal Minds	Criminal ♦		
WGN America		Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man		
PREMIUM	HBO		♦ Godzilla: King		The New Pope (N) ©		McMillion\$ (N) ©	Pope ♦	
	HBO2		The New Pope ©		Winter's Bone (R,'10) ♦♦♦			The Little Stranger ♦♦♦	
	MAX		Billy Madison (PG-13,'95) ♦				Happy Gilmore (PG-13,'96) ♦♦	Wild Hogs ♦	
	SHO		Homeland ©		Kidding ©		Homeland ©	Desus (N)	
	STARZ		♦ (6) Power	(7:23) Wrong Man ©		(8:17) Underworld: Awakening ('12) ♦♦		Power © ♦	
STZNC		Outlander ©		(8:05) Outlander ©		(9:03) Outlander ©	Outlander ♦		

IN PERFORMANCE 'Do You Feel Anger?' ♦♦

Progressive satire at Red Orchid is no 'Office'

BY CHRIS JONES

For millennia, theater has been an empathy machine. It's where we go to understand lives out of our own experience, to feel for someone unlike ourselves. It has changed minds and hearts for far longer than any political movement, or problematic individual. So when a play sets itself up against empathy, the bar rises.

"Do You Feel Anger?" the on-the-nose and elitist new show by Mara Nelson-Greenberg at A Red Orchid Theater, is set entirely in one of those office training rooms where seminars are held. If you work in an office and view whiteboard rooms as soul-sucking confines, you might not want to spend your leisure time watching a play confined by one of them, as imagined by a writer who spends a lot of her time on an elite academic campus. But I digress.

We are asked to believe — I mean, I think we are asked to believe, although this play is also something of a ruse designed to provoke a certain kind of reaction — that Sofia (Emjoy Gavino) has been hired as an empathy coach for an office filled with the worse kind of debt collectors (played by Bernard Gilbert, Levi Holloway and Lawrence Grimm), famous for their nasty and offensive behavior. At least in this overplayed and heavy-handed production, directed by Jess McLeod, you can't believe any of this is true, since (a) Sofia doesn't act like an empathy coach and (b) the people in her seminars are too cartoonish to exist.

Sure, their kind of boorishly macho workplace exists, but it's still hard to argue that the production is grounded in the human specifics of truth. The worst among us are, generally, much better at hiding our cruelty.

And there's the main



Levi Holloway, left, and Bernard Gilbert star in "Do You Feel Anger?" at A Red Orchid Theater.

problem with the show, which is a reminder that moralist satire (as distinct from more complex, non-ideological satire like "The Office") is very hard to

write. "Anger" wants to make the political point that trying to empathize with the supporters of you-know-who is a fool's game

When: Through March 15

Where: A Red Orchid Theatre, 1531 N. Wells St.

Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Tickets: \$30-\$40 at 312-943-8722 or www.aredorchidtheatre.org

and should be replaced by condemnation and resistance. That's a fair observation for a progressive writer to make. And I have no problem with using an absurdist framework to call out the pathetic power-mongering of the males of the species in the workplace. But the play also doesn't see that it is punching down: These petty tyrants are in dead-end jobs with low pay. It would be so much more effective if it acknowledged

the economics of the situation it has set up; as it stands, the audience clearly sits there thinking it would never do such work or make such craven attempts to manipulate people on the phone to get paid. It is never reminded that some people have no choice.

There are some laughs, nonetheless. Some useful provocations. And the actress Sadieh Rifai has such heart on stage that her character transcends the

overall world here. In her work, you see what might have made "Do You Feel Anger?" far funnier and more successful, especially since Nelson-Greenberg is a talented writer: Nuance and believability is an asset and a modicum of empathy actually aids understanding.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 10): You're especially popular this year. Organize your moves well in advance. Plans laid this winter provide a team map to navigate changes, improving physical performance. Sidestep romantic obstacles next winter, before winning a community prize. Work, play and grow stronger together with friends.

- Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Watch your step. Focus on practical physical priorities. Nurture your health, wellness and energy. Your past performance speaks well for you. Practice for strength.
- Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 9. You're a powerful force together. New possibilities stretch old boundaries. Stay open-minded to making a shift. Family comes first. Support each other.
- Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Your attention is at home. Don't make wild promises. Keep the ones you have. Get farther than expected. Follow rules closely for lasting results.
- Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Edit and polish your creative work. Keep to practical priorities for satisfying results. Long-term benefits arise in communication. Build on strong foundations.
- Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Listen to what others want. You're learning quickly. Work out the budget for best value. Avoid distractions and silly arguments. Provide leadership.
- Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. You can take extra ground on a personal project. Don't spin your wheels on empty talk. Actions speak louder than words. Take charge.
- Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. An answer may seem elusive. Peace and quiet soothes your spirit. Meditate on the desired results. Go for substance over symbolism.
- Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Teamwork can earn lasting results. Don't indulge in gossip or idle chatter. Take action on practical priorities for a shared vision or possibility.
- Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. You can advance your career. Listen closely to avoid a communication breakdown. Words can be deceptive. Make a practical move for long-lasting benefits.
- Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Study and learn valuable skills. Avoid fantasies and elusive or ephemeral words. Action beats idle talk. Advance your educational priorities.
- Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Stick closely to rules and guidelines. Monitor the budget for power, sustainability and lasting value. Avoid someone else's argument. Actions speak louder than words.
- Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Advance collaborative goals one step at a time. Together benefit from coordinated action. Avoid distraction and miscommunication.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ KJ ♥ AQ10 ♦ 84 ♣ AKQ1063

South West North East

1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass

?

What is your rebid?

A.1—It would not have been a bid to open this hand 2NT, but it would be sinful to make that bid now. Bid 3NT.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 7 ♥ 1053 ♦ J1093 ♣ AKJ108

Partner opens 1S and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A.2—Adding distribution points for shortness in partner's suit is the road to ruin at bridge. This hand is not worth a two-level response promising 10 points. Bid 1NT.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ KQ76 ♥ 642 ♦ K53 ♣ Q83

Partner opens 1NT, 15-17. What call would you make?

A.3—Most modern experts will eschew Stayman with 4-3-3-3 distribution. We like it! Bid 3NT.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 653 ♥ QJ98 ♦ 543 ♣ KJ6

Partner opens 1S and right-hand opponent makes a takeout double. What call would you make?

A.4—When right-hand opponent acts over partner's opening bid, you no longer have to strain to keep the bidding open with 5-7 points, but you should still raise when you can. Bid 2S.

— Bob Jones
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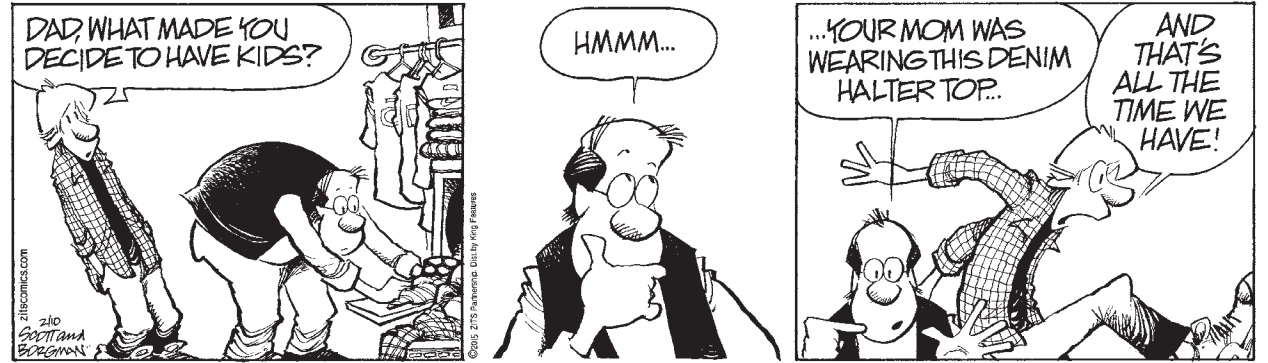
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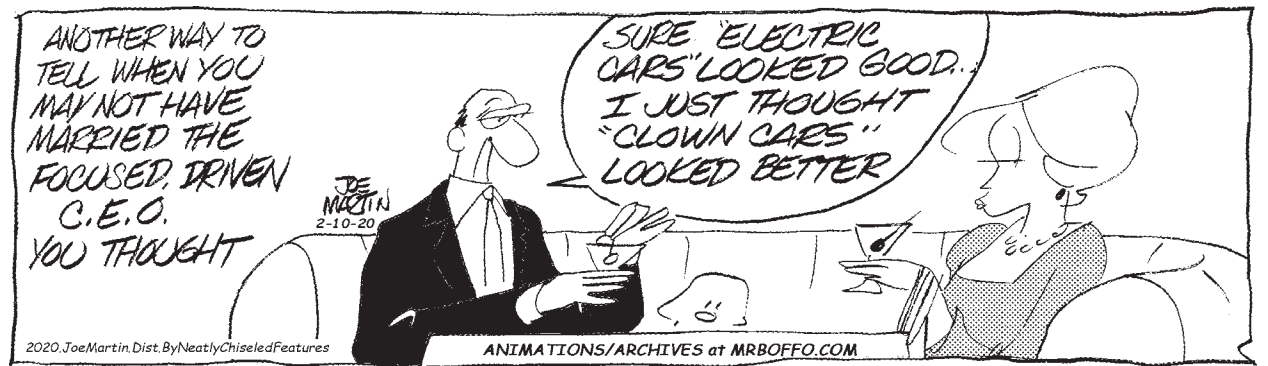
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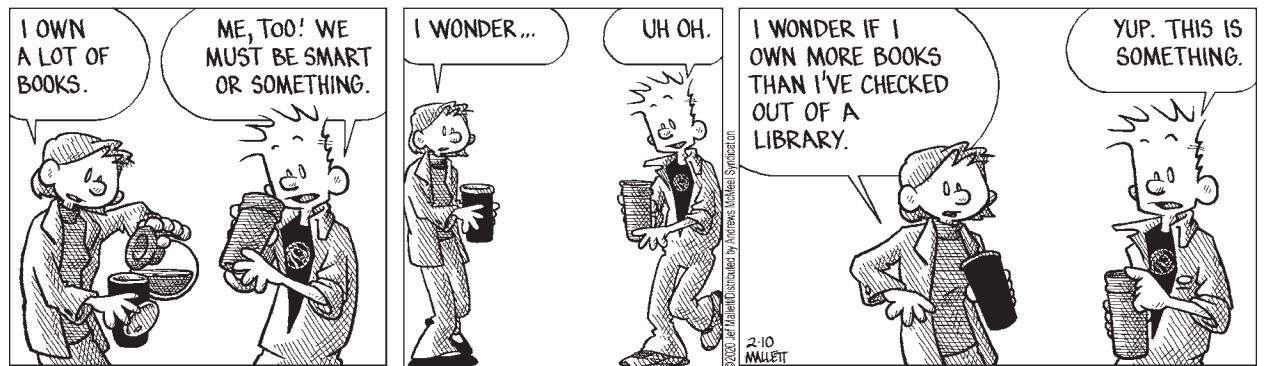
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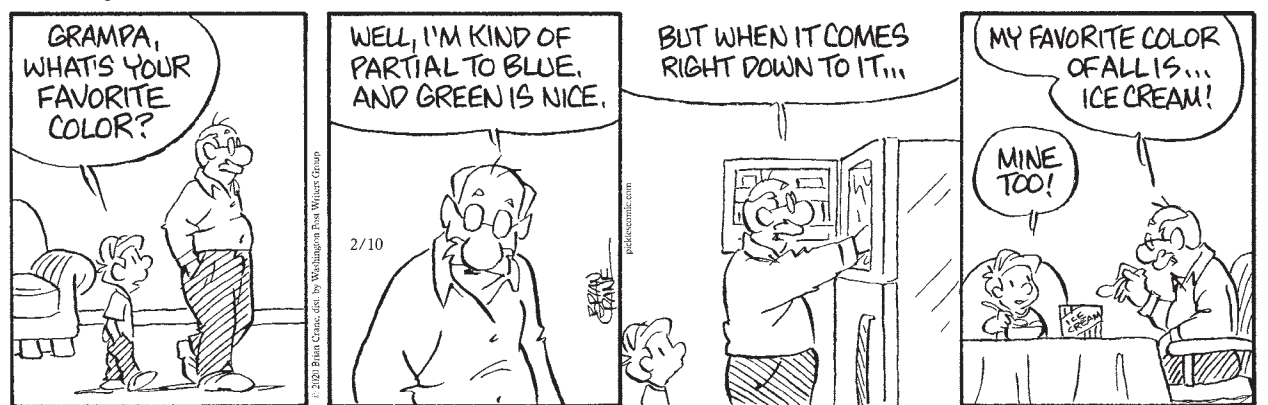
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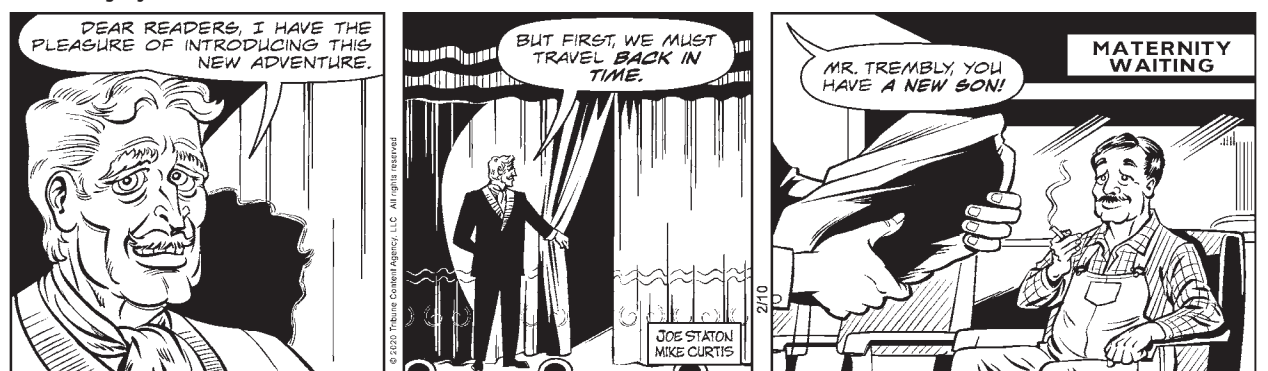
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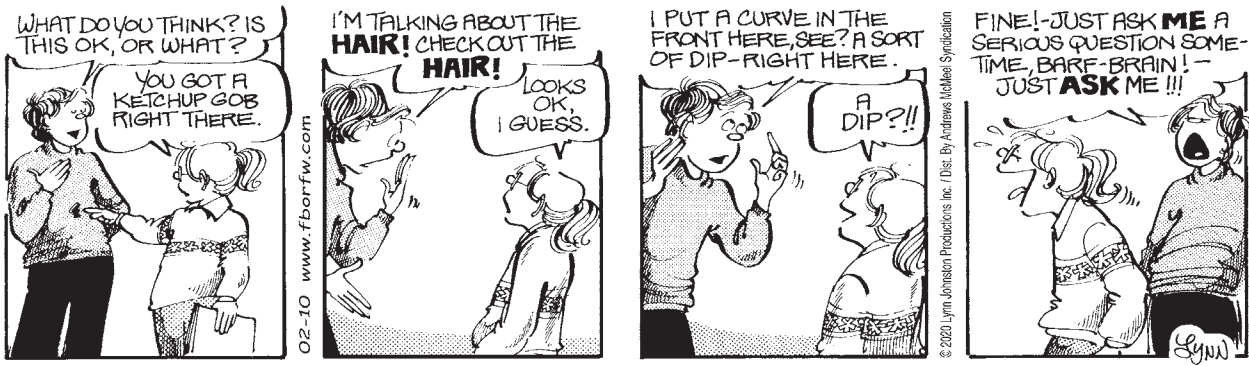


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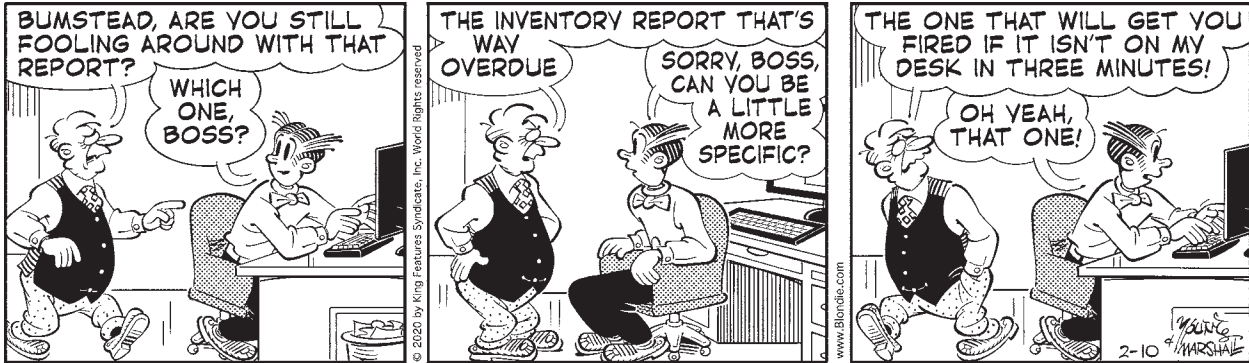
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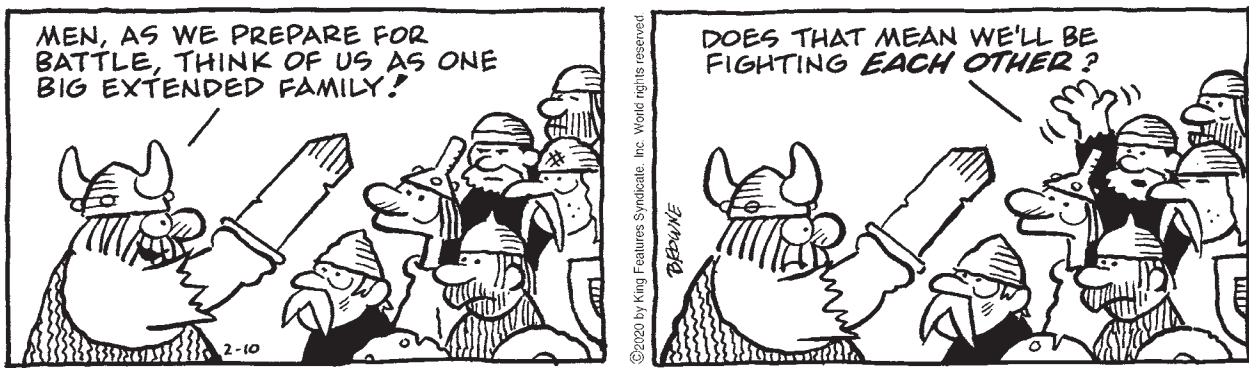
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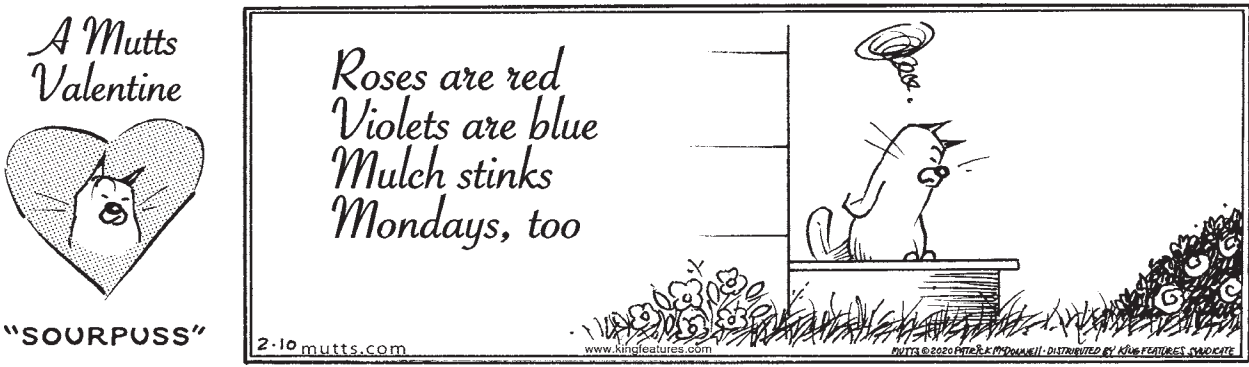
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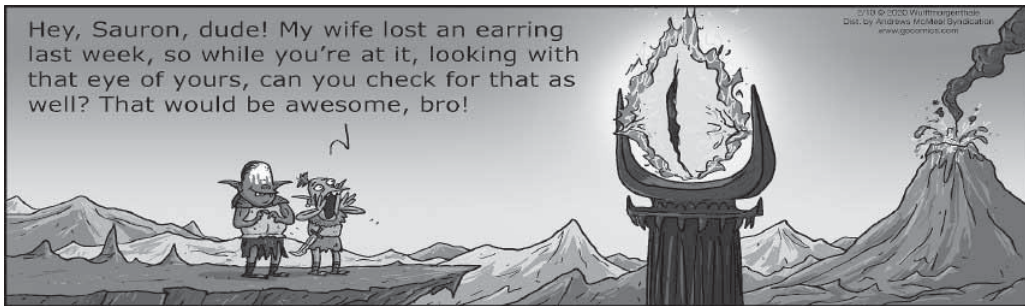
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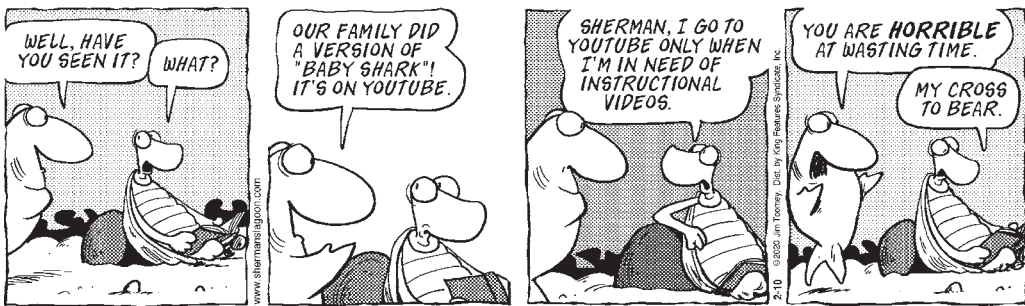
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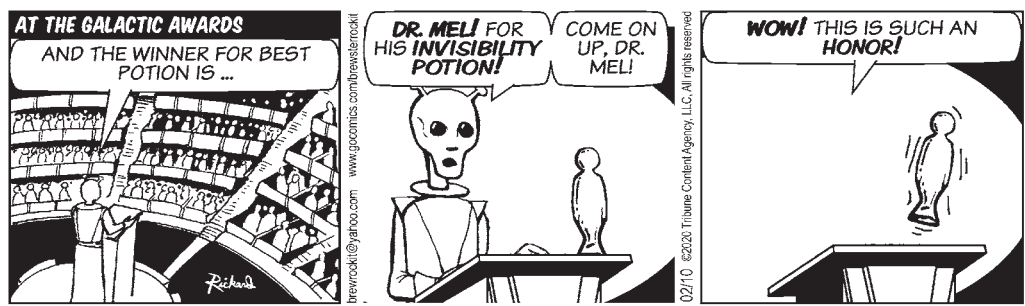
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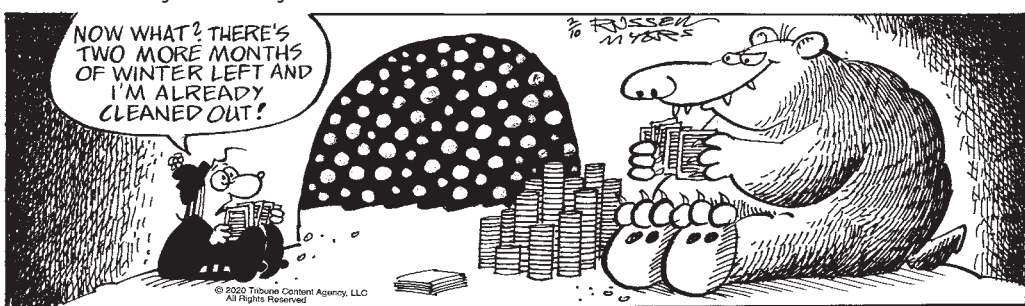
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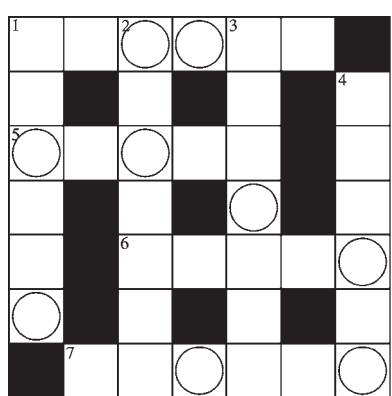
What is a paladin?

- A) A medieval French knight
- B) A religious headdress
- C) A spotted sheep
- D) A type of pancake

Saturday's answer: In 1952, Cecil B. De-Mille received the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's first Cecil B. DeMille award.

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Jumble Crossword



CLUE: This actor became a U.S. citizen in 1942.

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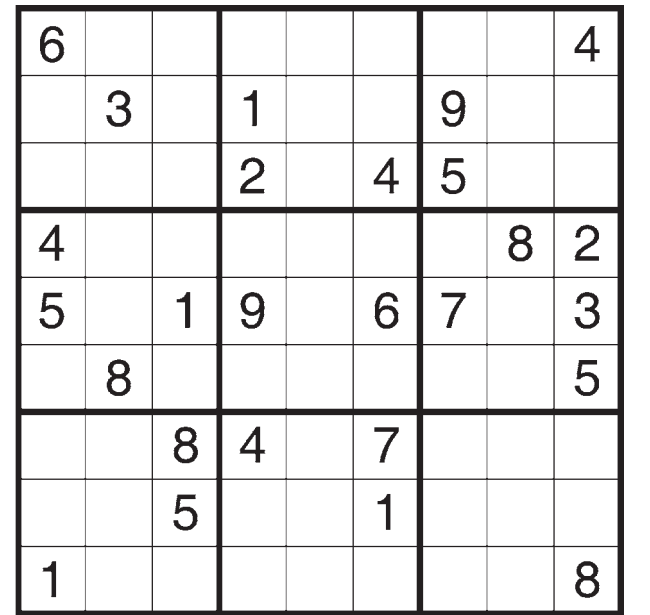
- ACROSS**
- 1. Pants measure
 - 5. Small bit
 - 6. ___ Fudd
 - 7. Slanted typeface
- DOWN**
- 1. Recently
 - 2. Closest
 - 3. British ___ unit
 - 4. ___ softener

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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8	6	3	4	7	5	2	1	9
9	2	7	1	8	6	5	4	3
1	4	5	9	3	2	6	8	7
5	7	1	3	6	4	9	2	8
2	3	9	8	5	1	7	6	4
6	8	4	2	9	7	3	5	1
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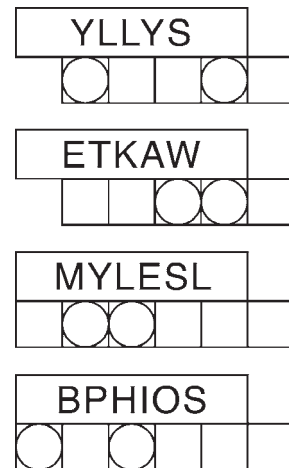
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday's solutions

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Jumble

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



Answer here



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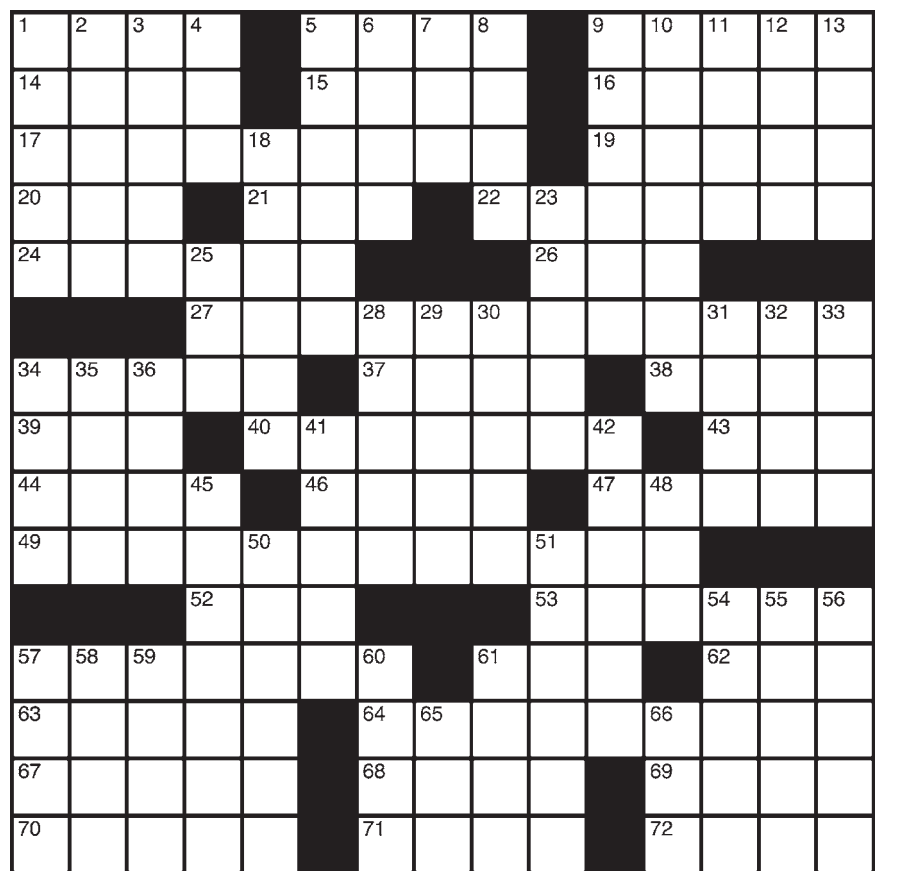
Jumbles: MATCH TULIP HUMMUS SICKLE
Answer: Recalling stories from her youth was one of their grandmother's favorite — "PAST-TIMES"

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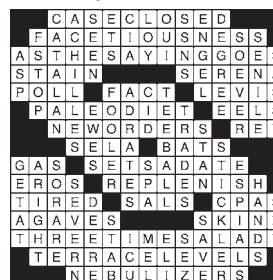
Across

- 1 Depletes, with "up"
- 5 Pod in Creole cuisine
- 9 Theme park that retired its IllumiNations show in 2019
- 14 Tall and skinny
- 15 Empire's call
- 16 Greek played by Anthony Quinn
- 17 Bit of insurance paperwork
- 19 Earlier offense
- 20 Series-ending abbr.
- 21 Set as a price
- 22 Accumulates
- 24 Letters shown in the "Wheel of Fortune" bonus round
- 26 PC panic key
- 27 No longer in style
- 34 Public tantrum
- 37 Hydroplaned
- 38 Writer Ferber

- 39 Novelist Levin
- 40 Charge card charge
- 43 Tarzan player Ron
- 44 Owl's home
- 46 With everything in place
- 47 ER images
- 49 Work out regularly at the gym
- 52 ___ ring: foot jewelry
- 53 Postgame rundowns
- 57 Domed hall
- 61 Watergate pres.
- 62 Sigma follower
- 63 Soft palate part
- 64 Fungus on an old loaf
- 67 Latish wake-up hr.
- 68 James of "Elf"
- 69 Charitable offerings
- 70 Catch by trickery
- 71 Prefix with formal or final
- 72 Potter's material associated with the end of 17-, 27-, 49- and 64-Across

- 11 NFL analyst Collinsworth
- 12 Slender wind
- 13 Seasoned sailors
- 18 "Hamilton" creator Lin— Miranda
- 23 Victor at Gettysburg
- 25 Chaney of silents
- 28 Bone: Pref.
- 29 Pet peeves?
- 30 Saks ___ Avenue
- 31 Mental flash
- 32 "I'm ___ human"
- 33 Negative votes
- 34 Act the fink
- 35 First Nations tribe
- 36 "___ of Eden"
- 41 Paid for a hand
- 42 Use, as energy
- 45 In name only
- 48 DVR button
- 50 Like a generic brand
- 51 Designer Giorgio
- 54 Ring-shaped reef
- 55 Director Brian De ___
- 56 Like dishwater
- 57 Boring routines
- 58 Baking appliance
- 59 Fish in cat food
- 60 Preschool basics
- 61 Paper quantity
- 65 Grammy winner Corinne Bailey ___
- 66 PC alternative

Saturday's solution



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Down

- 1 Worrier's stomach woe
- 2 Seasons with crystals
- 3 Make official
- 4 Tackle moguls
- 5 Cancel out
- 6 Eccentric sort
- 7 Capek play about automatons
- 8 ___ mater
- 9 Toll-paying convenience
- 10 Sports car that has two syllables in German

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MONDAY, FEB. 10

NORMAL HIGH: 34°

NORMAL LOW: 19°

RECORD HIGH: 63° (1876)

RECORD LOW: -18° (1899)

Week starts dry then single digit lows by Friday

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 33 **LOW** 23

- Cloudy early morning skies become partly cloudy helping with snow melt. Seasonable high in the low 30s.
- NW morning winds 5-10 mph become light and variable in the afternoon as high pressure moves across the Great Lakes.
- Partly cloudy overnight.
- Low in the low 20s, a few degrees above normal.
- Overnight wind chills in the teens.
- Light and variable nighttime winds become light from the west by sunrise.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Dry conditions and seasonable high temperatures should be in place to start the workweek Monday and Tuesday. A mix of rain and snow is possible late Wednesday and early Thursday. High pressure approaches the Midwest overnight Thursday night bringing some of the coldest air of the season Friday morning with temperatures in the single digits and below zero wind chills. Friday's high will be in the low 20s, quickly rebounding to near normal by Saturday. The outlook for the middle of February is below normal temperatures and above normal precipitation. Flash flood watches extend from northwest Texas to southeast Tennessee. Flood warnings are also in effect for some locations in the southeast. Winter storm watches are in effect in New Mexico and northwest Texas through Tuesday.

TUESDAY, FEB. 11

HIGH 32 **LOW** 19

Mostly sunny with a seasonable high in the low 30s. West winds increase to 10-16 mph in the afternoon. Winds decrease overnight and turn SSW. Increasing clouds after midnight. A near normal low in the upper teens.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

HIGH 36 **LOW** 20

Mostly cloudy with a chance for a rain/snow mix in the afternoon. A little warmer with a high in the mid 30s. SW winds 8-14 mph. Cloudy overnight with light snow or flurries. Nighttime winds turn NW. Low near 20°.

THURSDAY, FEB. 13

HIGH 25 **LOW** 5

Chance for early snow showers or flurries, ending by late morning. Much colder. Afternoon temps in the mid 20s. NW winds 15-20 mph with gusts to 25 mph. Nighttime skies clear. Very cold overnight.

FRIDAY, FEB. 14

HIGH 21 **LOW** 13

Sunny and quite cold as high pressure moves across the Great Lakes. NW morning winds 6-10 mph become light and variable in the afternoon. High near 20. Partly cloudy overnight. Low in the low teens.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

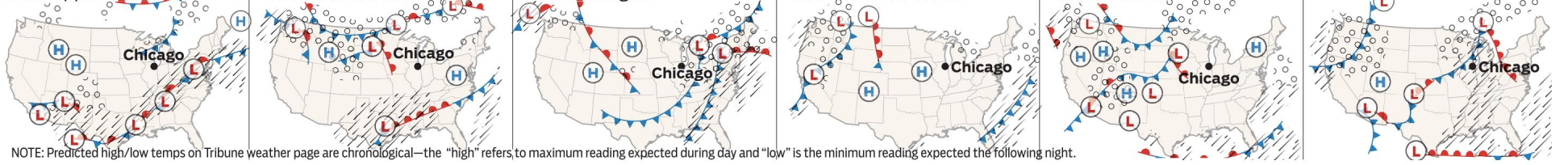
HIGH 35 **LOW** 29

A chance for an afternoon rain/snow mix. Breezy SW winds 12-18 mph. Warmer with a seasonable high in the mid 30s. Increasing nighttime clouds and a continued chance for rain or snow. Low near 30°.

SUNDAY, FEB. 16

HIGH 37 **LOW** 28

Cloudy with an early rain/snow mix possible. South winds 10-20 mph early turn SW and diminish. Mostly cloudy overnight. Light west winds with a low in the upper 20s.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Has there ever been a Chicago winter with no subzero temperatures?
Greg Kaye, Westchester

Dear Greg,
While the city is no stranger to subzero weather and, on average, Chicagoans can expect the thermometer to plunge below zero on eight days in any winter. However, the intensity of winter's chill can vary considerably from one cold season to the next. In most winters, the lowest temperature drops well below zero—but in some, the low point is only in the single-digits. At least one subzero day has occurred in about 90% of Chicago winters since 1870-71. The most recent winter that failed to record a below zero temperature was 2011-12, when the lowest reading was 5 degrees. In contrast, the greatest number was 25 days in the winter of 1884-85 and recently the city logged 23 in 2013-14.

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Hear Demetrius
Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Days lengthen, normal temps increase—Mid Feb Outlook

SUNDAY SNOW START TIMES

At local airports:

Wheeling	7:15 a.m.	Joliet	11:15 a.m.
Waukegan	7:57 a.m.	Kankakee*	11:15 a.m.
Aurora	10:36 a.m.	O'Hare	11:30 a.m.
W. Chicago	10:51 a.m.	Midway	11:34 a.m.
Romeoville	10:55 a.m.	Lansing	12:15 p.m.

*Kankakee precip started as drizzle and changed to rain

INCREASING DAYLIGHT

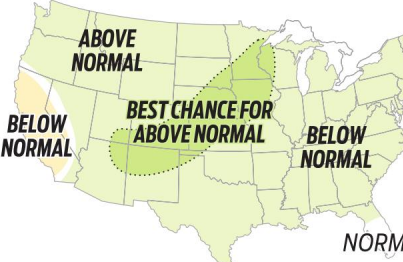
Daylength increase through the remainder of February

Nearly an hour of daylight will be gained by the end of February

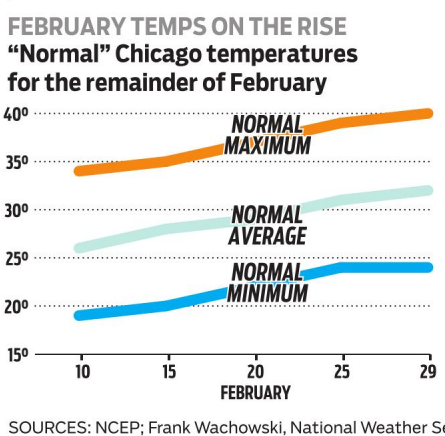
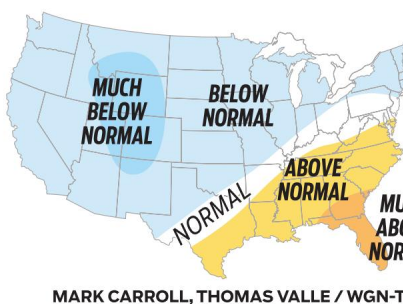
DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Feb. 10	6:55 a.m.	5:18 p.m.
		10 hrs. 23 min
Feb. 15	6:47 a.m.	5:23 p.m.
		10 hrs. 36 min
Feb. 20	6:40 a.m.	5:29 p.m.
		10 hrs. 49 min
Feb. 25	6:32 a.m.	5:36 p.m.
		11 hrs. 4 min
Feb. 29	6:26 a.m.	5:40 p.m.
		11 hrs. 14 min

MID-FEBRUARY OUTLOOK

Precipitation probability (Feb. 14-18)



Temperature probability (Feb. 14-18)



CHICAGO DIGEST

SUNDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	35	22	Midway	37	23
Gary	37	26	O'Hare	67	25
Kankakee	35	23	Romeoville	36	29
Lakefront	36	24	Valparaiso	35	24
Lansing	35	21	Waukegan	35	21

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Sun. (through 4 p.m.)	0.14"	0.06"
February to date	Trace	0.24"
Year to date	2.60"	1.61"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sun. (through 4 p.m.)	1.0"	0.5"
Season to date	21.7"	19.9"
Normal to date	23.6"	24.8"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY
Wind NW 10-15 kts.	W 10-15 kts.
Waves 2-4 feet	1-3 feet
Sun. shore/creeper water temps 44°/40°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

PERIOD	2020	2019
Area covered by snow	40.3%	43.4%
Average snow depth	4.7"	5.0"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	19 days	16 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Sunday's reading: **Good**
Monday's forecast: **Good**
Critical pollutant: **Particulates**

MONDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:53 a.m.	5:16 p.m.
Moon	7:08 p.m.	8:03 a.m.

Feb. 9 Feb. 15 Feb. 23 Mar. 2

MONDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:40 a.m.	6:49 p.m.
Venus	8:38 a.m.	8:48 p.m.
Mars	3:42 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
Jupiter	5:06 a.m.	2:17 p.m.
Saturn	5:44 a.m.	3:08 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME

MERCURY	DIRECTION
Mercury	6:15 p.m. 4.5° WSW
Venus	6:15 p.m. 26° WSW
Mars	5:30 a.m. 14.5° SE
Jupiter	6:15 a.m. 9° SE
Saturn	Not visible

Source: Dan Joyce, Chicago Astronomical Society

MIDWEST CITIES				OTHER U.S. CITIES				WORLD CITIES							
MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	MONDAY	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	sh	41	32	cl	45	34		Albany	rn	41	35	sh	38	33	
Carbondale	sh	36	26	cl	38	24		Albuquerque	sh	52	33	ss	36	25	
Champaign	sh	36	26	cl	38	24		Amarillo	sh	43	26	ss	32	24	
Decatur	cl	35	28	pc	37	27		Anchorage	pc	28	6	cl	14	12	
Peoria	cl	35	28	pc	37	27		Asheville	ss	53	59	rs	59	25	
Moline	pc	36	23	pc	34	23		Aspen	ss	31	8	pc	30	10	
Quincy	pc	31	20	pc	30	15		Atlanta	sh	61	56	rs	66	54	
Rockford	pc	31	20	pc	30	15		Atlantic City	sh	49	45	rs	53	36	
Springfield	cl	35	28	pc	38	26		Austin	ts	64	47	sh	51	46	
Stirling	cl	34	21	pc	32	21		Baltimore	rn	49	47	rs	57	37	
Indiana	rn	43	32	pc	44	30		Billings	pc	30	16	pc	35	23	
Bloomington	sh	46	34	cl	44	30		Birmingham	rn	64	62	rs	65	54	
Evansville	sh	46	34	cl	44	30		Bismarck	pc	30	18	pc	36	14	
Fort Wayne	sh	36	29	pc	37	24		Boise	su	46	26	pc	47	30	
Indianapolis	sh	41	30	pc	41	28		Boston	sh	46	37	rs	44	34	
Lafayette	sh	38	27	pc	39	24		Brownsville	pc	82	70	sh	81	64	
South Bend	sh	35	27	pc	33	21		Buffalo	rs	39	24	cl	35	24	
Wisconsin	su	25	17	pc	29	15		Burlington	rs	39	25	ss	36	26	
Green Bay	su	25	17	pc	29	15		Charlotte	sh	58	53	rs	67	49	
Kenosha	su	34	22	pc	32	18		Charlottesville	pc	69	62	cl	70	60	
La Crosse	su	32	21	pc	28	18		Charlottesville WV	rn	50	47	rs	49	33	
Madison	su	30	18	pc	29	15		Chattanooga	su	55	53	rs	61	47	
Milwaukee	pc	32	20	pc	30	17		Cheyenne	sh	52	6	pc	30	20	
Wausau	pc	27	19	pc	25	16		Cincinnati	sh	48	34	cl	45	30	
Michigan	cl	40	32	pc	35	28		Cleveland	rn	43	32	pc	35	28	
Detroit	sh	35	26	cl	38	25		Colorado Spgs	ss	31	13	pc	28	17	
Grand Rapids	pc	34	22	cl	31	24		Columbia MO	sh	39	28	pc	42	31	
Marquette	pc	34	21	pc	31	21		Columbia SC	pc	72	62	sh	73	57	
St. Ste. Marie	pc	30	20	sh	29	22		Columbus	rn	45	32	pc	42	27	
Traverse City	pc	34	22	sh	32	24		Concord	cl	0	16	pc	28	23	
Iowa	pc	31	19	pc	30	21		Corps Christi	ts	50	60	ts	67	59	
Ames	pc	31	19	pc	30	21		Dallas	sh	51	42	rs	47	44	
Cedar Rapids	pc	28	16	pc	28	18		Daytona Bch.	sh	78	64	rs	84	61	
Des Moines	pc	34	21	pc	33	24		Denver	su	31	14	pc	34	21	
Dubuque	pc	32	18	pc	27	17		Duluth	cl	0	16	pc	31	22	
								El Paso	rn	65	47	rs	57	37	

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