



ELECTION 2019

## IT'S BALLOT TIME



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Mayoral candidates are, top row from left: Gery Chico, Bill Daley, Amara Enyia, Bob Fioretti, La Shawn Ford, Jeremiah Joyce Jr. and John Kozlar; and bottom row, from left: Lori Lightfoot, Garry McCarthy, Susana Mendoza, Toni Preckwinkle, Neal Sales-Griffin, Paul Vallas and Willie Wilson. The top two finishers will move on to an April 2 runoff.

**BY BILL RUTHHART  
 AND JOHN BYRNE**  
 Chicago Tribune

### Voters to pick from largest field of mayoral candidates in Chicago's 181-year history

Chicago voters will head to the polls Tuesday to pick from a record 14 contenders to become the city's next mayor, an exercise that almost certainly will narrow the field down to two finalists rather than decide an outright winner.

If no candidate eclipses 50 percent of the vote — a high likelihood given the sheer number of names on the ballot —

then the top two finishers will move on to an April 2 runoff to determine who will succeed eight-year incumbent Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Many of the campaigns privately have acknowledged they are hoping to surpass 20 percent of the vote to secure a spot in the runoff, with some believing a finish in the high teens may be enough

to get the job done.

"Chicago has never had an election like this," Chicago Board of Election Commissioners Chairwoman Marisel Hernandez said Monday. "And we may never see one like it again."

After several trips to a dusty warehouse to check records, election board spokesman Jim Allen confirmed Monday that

the 2019 field of mayoral candidates is the largest in Chicago's 181-year history. The record for the most candidates before this year dates to 1897, when Democrat Carter Harrison Jr. handily defeated seven other contenders to follow in his father's footsteps as mayor. The 1977 special primary following the death of Mayor Richard J.

Daley saw a total of nine candidates run, including six on the Democratic ballot and one each for the Republican, Socialist Workers and U.S. Labor parties.

Chicago's current baker's dozen plus one of candidates spent Monday scattered across the city to reach as many voters as possible before the city's 1,400 polling places open. Campaign operatives furiously filled the candidates' Twitter feeds

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## Campus assault may get tougher to prove

**BY DAWN RHODES**  
 Chicago Tribune

After a University of Chicago student reported to school officials last year that her former boyfriend sexually assaulted her, a school disciplinary board ruled in her favor and expelled the fellow student she accused.

But that wasn't the end of the story.

The student who was kicked out then sued the university, arguing he was denied a fair chance to defend himself.

In doing so, he joined a growing number of critics who say that university procedures for investigating sexual misconduct under Title IX — a 1972 law prohibiting

sex discrimination in federally funded educational programs — are themselves discriminatory against the accused.

Such policies, the pending federal lawsuit contends, "emphasize speed of resolution over due process."

Now the debate has taken on new urgency, as President Donald Trump's secretary of education, Betsy DeVos, seeks to undo Obama-era guidelines on how college officials handle sexual assault claims against students, which critics said were unfair to the accused.

Those leery of her proposals, however, fear an over-correction

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R. Kelly, right, accompanied by his attorney, Steven Greenberg, leaves the Cook County Jail on Monday.

## R. Kelly pleads not guilty; out of jail on \$100K bail

**BY MEGAN CREPEAU  
 AND JASON MEISNER**  
 Chicago Tribune

After three days in custody, R&B superstar R. Kelly walked out of Cook County Jail on Monday evening into a crush of reporters and onlookers — both apparent fans and detractors.

"R. Kelly! R. Kelly!" one young woman screamed as she tried to video-record the singer as he pushed through the crowd and into a waiting black van with

tinted windows.

"He's nasty!" another woman yelled. "He's a (expletive) pedophile!"

Hours earlier, Kelly, wearing a bright orange jail uniform, pleaded not guilty to charges he sexually abused four victims, three of them underage, over a span of a dozen years.

To win his freedom, Kelly needed to post \$100,000 — 10 percent of the \$1 million bond set by a judge on Saturday. He was unable to come up with the

money over the weekend, but court records indicate that on Monday a 47-year-old suburban Romeoville woman posted the bond for Kelly, identifying herself on the bond slip as "a friend" of the singer's.

Earlier Monday, during his second appearance in the Leighton Criminal Court Building in just three days, Kelly clasped his hands behind his back as his attorney, Steven Greenberg, en-

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ANALYSIS

## Trump trusts his 'great relationship' with Kim

**BY PHILIP RUCKER  
 AND JOSH DAWSEY**  
 The Washington Post

HANOI, Vietnam — His intelligence chiefs warn that North Korea is unlikely to surrender its nuclear weapons. His advisers fret that a breakthrough could prove elusive and that he might make an impulsive concession to score headlines. And his allies around the world worry he could get easily outmaneuvered.

Yet, President Donald Trump is steadfast in his determination to meet face-to-face here this week with Kim Jong Un, aides say, because he has an unwavering faith in the power of the pen-pal relationship he has cultivated

with the North Korean leader not only to bend the course of history, but to shape his own legacy.

"We have had such a great relationship," Trump said Friday. "If I were not elected president, you would have been in a war with North Korea."

The two men will enter their second summit together on Wednesday as unorthodox leaders who are both distrustful of the global establishment, eager to project dominance and determined to maximize their power.

They are worlds apart — Trump is a septuagenarian mogul who fancies himself capitalism's golden progeny; Kim is a millennial

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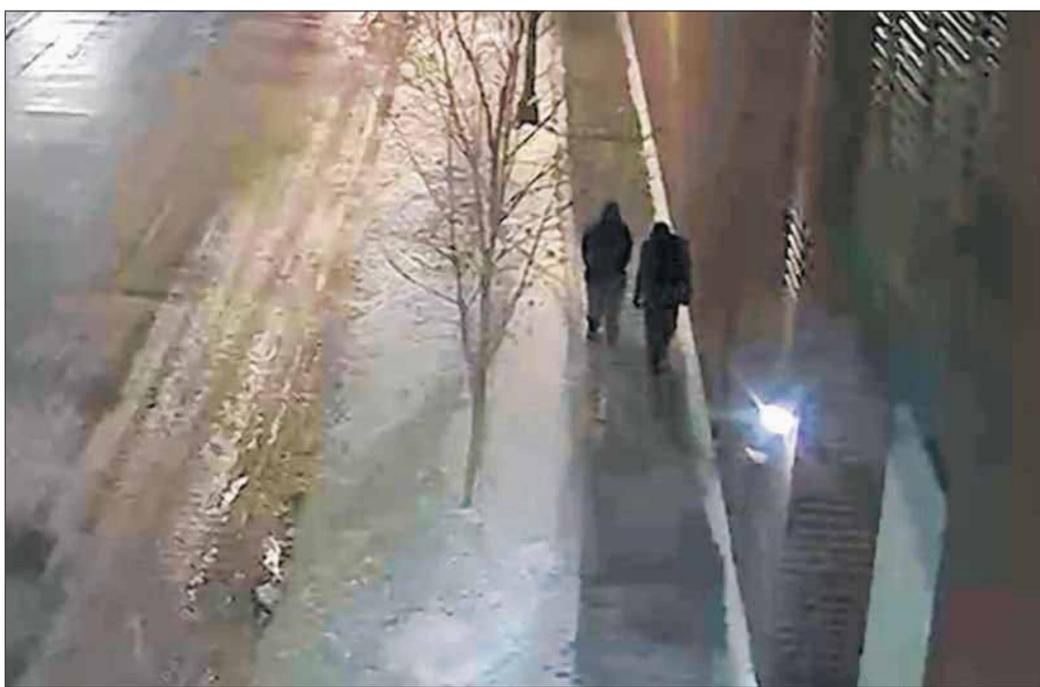
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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chicago police released a blurry surveillance image related to the alleged attack on actor Jussie Smollett in Streeterville.

# Being watched could be a good thing, even if done unequally



**DAHLEEN GLANTON**

One of the most embarrassing experiences of my life happened years ago on North Michigan Avenue in broad daylight.

I was running to catch a Chicago Transit Authority bus in front of the Tribune Tower and my skirt dropped down to my knees. The elastic waistband had broken, so I quickly pulled it back up, held it in place with my hand and kept going.

At the time, I considered myself lucky that no one on the street seemed to notice. But now I realize that somebody likely did get a quick glimpse of my bottom. In fact, someone is watching just about everything that happens on the streets of Chicago.

One thing we've learned from the Jussie Smollett investigation is that cameras are everywhere. They are perched in the air on utility poles, on top of buildings, in hotel and apartment lobbies, at movie theaters, restaurants and on CTA trains.

If you didn't know that taxicabs have cameras inside, you know it now. And who would have guessed that tiny video cameras could be embedded in doorbells? Furthermore, police can look at all of this video whenever they want it.

It turns out that Chicago has access to more than 32,000 video cameras that can feed directly to police

stations and even into officers' laptops while they're sitting in a squad car.

I supposed that should make us feel safer. But it's also a little creepy.

It's impressive, though, how quickly police were able to track down those two shadowy figures seen on videotape walking in the area where Smollett reported he had been attacked. As it turned out, police said, the men were Nigerian brothers who had worked with Smollett to orchestrate the 2 a.m. attack.

Viewing hours of footage from 35 police cameras and more than 20 privately installed cameras, detectives were able to put together a trail of the brothers' movements that early morning, from the moment they got into a taxicab in the Streeterville neighborhood to their arrival near their home on the North Side.

Videotape inside a store in Uptown actually showed them purchasing ski masks and other items allegedly used in the attack.

Don't think for a minute, though, that Smollett is the only person who has reported a crime, only to have it refuted by videotape.

In 2013, a 68-year-old suburban Chicago woman claimed a group of six to eight young men robbed her of more than \$135,000 in jewelry as she walked along North Michigan Avenue. Surveillance video showed that the woman wasn't wearing any jewelry when she left the Metra train station and headed to Michigan Avenue.

Two years ago, a couple from Minnesota reported

being robbed at knifepoint by three men in the Loop, who took a \$12,000 engagement ring, \$5,000 in cash and their Louis Vuitton suitcase carrying other valuables. Airport security footage showed the couple at O'Hare with no luggage with them.

At this point, you might wonder how, in a city with such advanced video camera technology could the murder clearance rate be as low as 17 percent.

The easiest answer is to blame the folks who live in the poor communities where the vast majority of crimes occur. We like to talk about how some people won't talk to police because snitches aren't looked upon favorably.

Sure, Chicago is dealing with a huge problem of lack of trust between its Police Department and minority communities. But that's not the only reason, and maybe not even the most important reason, that so many crimes go unsolved.

Perhaps it is simply because no one is watching.

In communities such as Englewood, North Lawndale and West Garfield Park — neighborhoods with the highest numbers of murders — such a vast network of cameras do not exist.

Part of the reason is that impoverished people don't have money to install cameras in their doorbells. There are no movie theaters, five-star restaurants, trendy clothing shops or glitzy high-rise apartments and office buildings in which to place cameras. Tourists don't visit those neighborhoods. Some taxicabs won't even go

there. What residents on the South and West sides of the city have plenty of, though, are red-light cameras and those flashing blue lights hanging from utility poles, signifying that it is a high-crime area. Those don't do anything to stop criminal activity.

In some South and West side neighborhoods, however, cameras do seem to be making a difference. In some high-crime districts, the city has installed new ShotSpotter technology that alerts officers via their smartphones where shots are being fired. Officials attribute a decline in the city's gun violence the last two years, in part, to the advanced video camera technology.

When it comes to video cameras, there always has been a fine line between safety and privacy. There seems to be no middle ground. Either we want to solve crimes or we don't.

It's embarrassing to think that someone might have seen my skirt fall down that afternoon. But if someone ever runs up behind me, knocks me to the ground and grabs my purse, it's comforting to know police might possibly see that, too.

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# Residents of 'Tent City' fear impending eviction

Intentions and source of posted cleaning in area were unclear

By ANNA KIM  
Chicago Tribune

When city and state officials posted notices that they would be cleaning "Tent City," a homeless encampment near the Dan Ryan Expressway, residents grew concerned that they would be kicked out of the area Monday.

But who actually claimed responsibility for removing debris and garbage from the area remained unclear, as various city and state agencies pointed fingers at each other.

By the end of the day, no one had been forced to leave.

"I don't know what's happening with the cleaning, and the problem is, no one ever knows what's going to happen with the cleaning," said Ruth Maciulis, an organizer with the Pilsen Alliance, an organization that has advocated for the residents.

"There's not clear communication with the residents here. They never know whether these signs are just to come and assist, or to evict."

At least four Illinois State Police vehicles and one from the Chicago Police Department pulled up to the encampment Monday morning, along with various city officials, homeless advocates and volunteers.

Crews from the Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation removed garbage but did not move anyone from the camp.

"We hope that it's just taking the garbage and leaving, but it's still a little early to tell," said Diane O'Connell, an attorney with the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless.

O'Connell and other advocates came to observe the cleaning and to assist residents in case they were displaced. O'Connell said in her experience, residents of encampments like this one aren't always given warning before government agencies evict them.

When people living in an encampment on Lower Wacker Drive had to move last year, similar signs were posted, she



Blankets hang on a fence covering "Tent City" near the Dan Ryan Expressway in Chicago in January.

said.

"They said there was going to be construction, but nobody really told the residents what was going to happen exactly," O'Connell said.

"Did they have to move? Did they not? Once you have multiple agencies telling you they don't know what's going on, you start to get concerned because you're like, well, maybe something else is going on."

As for which agency requested the cleaning, there is no clear answer.

Marjani Williams, a spokesperson for Streets and Sanitation, said her agency was contacted by the state and the Chicago Department of Family & Support Services. Williams said this was a coordinated effort among those agencies.

But Streets and Sanitation isn't "the enforcement body" for evicting residents, she said, and the department hadn't heard of any plans to do so.

One of the notices at the camp referred questions to the city's Family & Support Services department and the Illinois Department of Transportation. However, representatives of those agencies said the other oversees the encampment area.

Jennifer Rottner, spokesperson for Family & Support Services, directed questions to the state. Guy Tridgell, spokesman for the Department of Transportation, said the state has told the city the encampment is under the city's purview.

Williams, of Streets and Sanita-

tion, said Family & Support Services would be doing outreach for about a week and a half. Streets and Sanitation then would be asked to clean the area again, Williams said.

Maciulis, of the Pilsen Alliance, said she thinks the presence of the volunteers, advocates and media may have protected the residents from eviction.

"The officials can usually come through with bulldozers ... and displace a community without any accountability because people aren't watching," Maciulis said.

Jermaine Nelson, 39, a resident of the encampment, said residents are willing to work with government agencies, but urged them to communicate more and to show up consistently, like some of the volunteers and other advocates he pointed out in the crowd.

"The city gave us a lot of love, a lot of respect, when the polar vortex came along," Nelson said. "It's still cold out here. We've had nights since then that has been just as cold, nobody showed up."

As for shelters, Nelson said they do what they can for people, but that there's so many people with different needs, housing is the best solution.

"Look at the people out here, look at the tents," Nelson said. "This is the best some can do for right now. It's not what they want to do. Who wakes up and says, 'Hey, I'm going to go live on the side of the Dan Ryan? Nobody! Nobody!'"

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# Medical evaluations requested before pension ruling

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Pioneer Press

A former Rosemont police sergeant who requested his pension two months after he was charged with armed robbery must undergo three independent medical evaluations before officials rule on the request, attorneys said Monday.

The Rosemont Public Safety Officers Pension Fund board officially accepted the village's formal intervention in former Sgt. Edward Karas' request on Monday, but it cannot open the hearing until receiving results of the evaluations and any other relevant medical records, said Melissa Wolf, attorney for the board.

"The next step is for him to be evaluated," Wolf said. "The board can only open the hearing if he is evaluated by at least three physicians. He has to submit to the evaluations, and we will set a hearing."

Karas, 40, was on administrative leave after being stripped of his authority in June when he was charged with armed robbery for allegedly driving the getaway car in gas station robberies in Park Ridge and Norridge, police said. The robberies had been reported on the morning of Sept. 12 at a Shell station at 2301 W. Touhy Ave. in Park Ridge, and Fire King Exxon at 8500 W. Lawrence Ave. in Norridge, police said.

Public Safety Department officials declined to say why Karas had been on leave, but Public Safety Superintendent Donald E. Stephens III has filed a complaint accusing Karas of escorting a convicted felon and a dozen other people into an event at Allstate Arena without tickets or a security check in June.

On Nov. 21, three weeks before his scheduled termination hearing, Karas resigned, officials said. In December, Richard Blass, Karas' attorney at that time, called Karas' departure a "retirement" and said his client is seeking his pension due to a non-duty-related disability. Blass declined to comment on



Karas

the nature of Karas' disability or injury.

If awarded a non-duty-related disability pension, Karas could receive annual payments

of half of his last year's salary with the department, Blass said. According to village records, Karas' annual salary as a public safety sergeant was \$112,527 in 2018.

The pension board voted earlier in February to hire Inspec Associates medical-legal consultants of Chicago to find three doctors to examine Karas, said Matthew Rose, attorney for the village in the case.

"This ensures an independent process," Rose said. "In some of the pension boards in the area, you can identify your own doctors. That has been called into question. This makes the selection process one step removed."

Craig Mielke, an attorney Wolf said is now representing Karas in the case, could not be reached for comment.

Rose said the village has a fiduciary duty to oversee the pension funds it provides and to make sure they are properly expended. "We have to determine if there is evidence that he is not disabled or is ineligible for a pension benefit because of his pending indictment," he said. "If he is convicted, he would be ineligible."

Neither Karas nor Mielke attended Monday's meeting. However, Mielke told Wolf by email that his client did not object to the village's motion to intervene in his request, she said.

Wolf said she has no idea when the hearing on Karas' pension will be conducted, but the board's next meeting would be held in late April.

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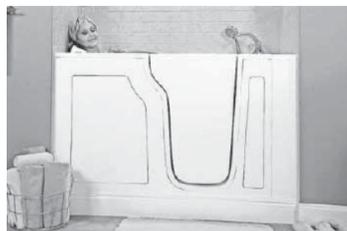
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## 'Not business as usual' at plant in Aurora

Back on job after attack; emergency audio released

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Chicago Tribune

As Ryan Scupin headed into work at Henry Pratt Co. on the near west side of Aurora, he knew it would not be a typical Monday morning.

"It's not business as usual," he said. "It's certainly been a long week, a tough few days. But we plan to get through it together."

Employees at the valve manufacturing plant started filing back into work at the building's main offices between 7 and 8 a.m. It was their first day of work since a mass shooting at the site took the lives of five of their co-workers on the afternoon of Feb. 15.

The workers returned on the same day officials released audio of 911 calls and emergency dispatches made the day of the shooting.

Officials also released the names of six police officers who responded to those calls and were injured, five of them by gunfire.

The shooter, employee Gary Martin, began firing either during or shortly after a meeting at which he was fired from the job he held for 15 years. He then retreated into the back of a 29,000-square-foot facility at 641 Archer Ave. and eventually was killed in a shootout with Aurora and Naperville police.

Martin killed Pratt employees Russell Beyer, Vicente Juarez, Clayton Parks, Josh Pinkard and Trevor Wehner, police said.

Emergency radio traffic of the incident details police response and rescue attempts.

In one of three 911 calls released, a warehouse supervisor tells the dispatcher that an employee was being fired when the shooting began and said the shooter was still inside the warehouse.

"Where are you at, sir?" the dispatcher asked.

"Inside the warehouse — hiding," the man replied.

"I heard shots. I don't know if anybody is hurt," he said while panting, stating that the shooter was talking to a manager when the shooting began.

"I'm hiding in a completely separate room right now," the caller said. "I can't see or hear anything. I'm not taking any chances here."

Two of the callers immediately identified the shooter as Martin and gave a suspect description.

The dispatcher said officers were staging outside.

"This is not secure," the dispatcher said. "This guy is not in custody. Nobody moves any further. Do not give him a target."

The names of the officers injured in the incident were released Monday. All were home from the hospital as of Thursday. Five officers were shot and a sixth received what police described as a "minor injury" while responding to the scene.

The officers and their length of service with the Aurora Police Department were identified as:

■ Diego Avila, who has two years



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Employees returned to work at the Henry Pratt Co. plant in Aurora on Monday, 10 days after a shooter killed 5.

of service. Aurora police previously said an officer with two years of service received a "minor injury" unrelated to gunfire while responding.

■ John Cebulski, who has 30 years of service.

■ Marco Gomez, with 13 years of service.

■ Adam Miller, with just under four years of service.

■ Reynaldo Rivera, with 24 years of service.

■ James Zegar, with 25 years of

service. Zegar also was shot while working undercover in late 2002 when a man opened fire at him and another officer and a bullet grazed his head.

Inside the Henry Pratt Co. building Monday, workers could be seen hugging and patting one another on the back.

A crew of counselors, along with comfort dogs, were on hand.

As they went back in, most workers had smiles on their faces, but one woman acknowledged

"It's a little odd" and a young man said, "It's going to be weird."

One man, who declined to give his name, said he was going in for his first day on the job, which had been delayed.

"I was supposed to start last week."

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## What to watch for as election unfolds

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Tuesday's election will be "chaotic."

That's the observation of one election law expert and some like-minded others who say the crowded race for mayor could create tension at the polls, no clear winner at day's end and trigger a new round of campaigning for the top vote-getters ahead of an April runoff. And, they say, Tuesday's election may result in some narrowly defeated mayoral and aldermanic candidates heading to court demanding a recount.

"This is going to be our most chaotic election in the city's history," said Burt Odelson, an attorney employed by former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas' campaign. "It will be one for the books."

The modern-day record number of mayoral candidates coupled with expected low voter turnout will make it tough for a single candidate to win more than 50 percent of the vote to claim victory. The campaigns know it, too, so the push is on to rake in every last vote to advance to the next round.

"I don't think there's any mathematical way, looking at the field and the number of candidates, that there wouldn't be a runoff," political strategist David Axelrod told the Tribune last week. Underscoring the slim possibility of a final decision Tuesday night, he said: "I mean, meteorologically there's a way to get hit by lightning, but that doesn't mean it's going to happen."

### The horse race

Axelrod, the architect of former President Barack Obama's political rise, said he thinks Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle likely will secure one of the two runoff spots with the backing of two powerful labor groups: the Chicago Teachers Union and Service Employees Union International. He recognizes, too, that she's been politically damaged during the campaign, without mentioning her connections to 14th Ward Ald. Edward Burke, whom federal prosecutors last month charged with attempted extortion as part of a public corruption investigation at City Hall.

"The thing about this race, all the margins and polling you've seen, no outcome would be surprising other than Neal Sales-Griffin being in the runoff," he



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Early voters prepare to cast ballots at lunchtime Monday in Chicago's Loop ahead of the Tuesday election.

said of the low-key tech entrepreneur who's been a virtual ghost in the campaign. Preckwinkle "has the best chance to get in the runoff," said Axelrod, who now runs the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics. He says former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley has a shot, as does Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza, ex-federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot, businessman Willie Wilson and public policy consultant Amara Enyia.

"We don't know what the Chance-the-Rapper effect will be with Enyia," Axelrod said of the Chicago-born-and-raised musician and activist who publicly backed Enyia's candidacy.

### Voter turnout

Many election experts say turnout is expected to be low. Jim Allen, a spokesman with the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners says it's too soon to predict.

Early voting numbers by Friday had reached 74,000 and by Monday were expected to exceed the 89,000 early votes cast in 2015. Vote-by-mail, once known as absentee voting, is up. Of the 63,000 who applied to vote by mail — nearly triple the requests made in the last two city elections — about 24,000 ballots had been returned.

One clue may come from Chicago's voter registration numbers. They're slightly up, which may add up to more voters heading to the polls. Right now, the city has 1.58 million registered voters on the rolls, up from 1.4 million in 2011 and 1.42 million in 2015 — the last two municipal election years. In 2011, 594,000 voters, or 42 percent of those registered, cast a ballot, while that number dipped to 438,700, or 34 percent of registered voters, in 2015, though the mayoral

runoff between incumbent Mayor Rahm Emanuel and challenger Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, now a congressman, drew a whopping 600,000 voters.

The weather could be a factor in Tuesday's turnout. Right now, forecasters are calling for gray skies and highs in the mid-20s on Tuesday, rather mild for this winter.

"Weather tends to make a slight difference, it only makes a big difference if it's extreme," Allen said.

Allen doesn't anticipate lines at the precincts, explaining that the short or "one-minute" ballot — featuring only four races — mayor, city clerk, city treasurer and local alderman, and in some parts of the city, a referendum question — means voters can get in and out quickly. But Odelson said that some of the polling shows up to 30 percent of voters are still undecided and that may lead to some voters lingering in the booth.

### Tuesday will set the stage

For those casting ballots on Tuesday, there could be a chance to see a little political theater, Odelson says.

"You've got 14 candidates, so at one polling place ... if there are eight people from the different campaigns handing out literature, someone's going to get in someone's face, somewhere," he said with a laugh.

The polls will close at 7 p.m., with some exceptions such as a location opening late, and by 10 p.m. 90 percent or more of the precincts will be reporting their results, Allen said.

And that's when things could get really interesting.

Like Axelrod, Odelson suspects one candidate may surge ahead enough to secure a spot in

the runoff, but the No. 2 vote-getter may not be decided for some time. If the race is tight enough, mail-in ballots could become a deciding factor. There's also the chance a candidate demands a recount.

If the results show a candidate within 5 percent of one of the top two vote-getters, they're entitled to what's known as a discovery recount in as many as 25 percent of the total precincts in Chicago. If the findings reveal enough voter irregularities, a candidate can take the case to court, appealing all the way to the Illinois Supreme Court for a full recount.

"I could see in this case where two or three candidates could claim that," Odelson, a veteran election and municipal law expert, said of the discovery recount.

"You've got six, eight candidates in the mix for the top two spots," he said. "You're going to win with 10, 12 or 14 percent of the vote."

While the two-person runoff is most often referenced, there are some "oddball" scenarios that could play out, per election law, Allen says.

"You could get two (candidates) claiming the No. 1 spot because they both get 100,000 votes even. That means the third place finisher is in 'the No. 2 spot,' and now you've got three people in the runoff," he said, noting that if the two top vote-getters tie and the next set of vote-getters tie, that would mean a field of four candidates in the runoff.

And that could mean it will take weeks before the voting public knows who will face off in the April election.

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## Johnson: 'A lot more evidence' on Smollett

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Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson on Monday batted down media reports that the thousands of dollars "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett paid two brothers was actually for personal training and nutrition, not for staging a phony racist and anti-gay attack against him as authorities allege.

Citing unnamed sources, entertainment website TMZ reported over the weekend that a \$3,500 check was for the brothers' help in getting Smollett more physically fit for the filming of a music video.

But in an interview on "Good Morning America" that aired Monday morning, Johnson stuck by police claims that the money was for the brothers' help in orchestrating the attack early in the morning on Jan. 29.

"They said that he paid them \$3,500 with a check," Johnson told co-host Robin Roberts.

"But did they say what it was for?" Roberts asked.

"Yeah, to carry out this incident," Johnson replied.

Smollett was charged Thursday with felony disorderly conduct after authorities said he filed a false report when he told Chicago police that two men shouted racial and homophobic slurs at him, hit him and wrapped a rope around his neck while yelling, "This is MAGA country!"

Johnson's appearance on "Good Morning America" comes almost two weeks after Smollett was interviewed on the same show and said he was angry that people were questioning his story.

The two brothers were taken into custody the night before the interview aired. They were held for two days, during which they told detectives they were paid thousands of dollars by the actor to stage the attack, authorities have said.

On Monday, Johnson told Roberts there is more evidence against Smollett that hasn't been disclosed.

"There's a lot more evidence that hasn't been presented yet that does not support the version that he gave," Johnson said. "There's still a lot of physical evidence, video evidence and testimony that just simply doesn't support his version of what happened."

While emphasizing the presumption of innocence, Johnson reiterated concerns he expressed last week that the case could discourage legitimate hate crime victims from coming forward.

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# State's attorney made plea for accusers

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tered the not guilty plea on 10 counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Kelly appeared before Associate Judge Lawrence Flood, who was randomly assigned Monday to oversee the case. He has been on the bench since 2001 and assigned to the criminal courts for more than a decade.

On Monday night, as reporters gathered outside the Southwest Side jail to await Kelly's release, a car idling nearby blasted his 1996 hit, "I Believe I Can Fly." A bystander on the corner sang along at the top of his lungs.

Omar Bey, 25, poked his head through the sunroof of the car and raised his phone to shoot video of the crowd at the jail's exit. While Bey said he was a lifelong fan of Kelly's music, he came to the jail Monday mostly to boost his social media profile. "I'm not too sure if he did it or not, but I know he'll beat the case."

Kelly, in the same bright blue coat he wore when he surrendered to police Friday night, walked out of jail just before 5:30 p.m. with a furrowed brow, greeted by shouts of "Free Kells!" Afterward, he and his entourage were spotted at a McDonald's in River North — a hangout of his in the 1990s formerly known as the Rock 'n' Roll McDonald's.

Meanwhile, high-profile attorney Michael Avenatti, who this month gave prosecutors a VHS tape purportedly depicting Kelly having sexual contact with a 14-year-old girl, told reporters Monday that he had turned over yet another videotape. The alleged victim on the new tape is connected to the charges brought Friday against Kelly, Avenatti said, but he did not provide further details.

Greenberg said after court Monday that he had not seen any of the evidence that Avenatti claimed to have compiled, adding that it would be inappropriate to try the case in the news media. "We're going to try the case in the courtroom," Greenberg said. "We're going to see what the evidence is, and we're not going to worry about some grandstanding."

The singer, 52, whose legal name is Robert Kelly, was separated from the general inmate population in the jail's medical wing, Greenberg said. "No one wants to be in jail," he said before Kelly's release. "But he's strong. He knows the fight he's going to be involved in. He was in it before."

In a sensational trial in 2008, six years after he was indicted, Kelly was acquitted of child pornography charges alleging he filmed himself having sex with his goddaughter, a girl estimated to have been as young as 13.

At Kelly's bond hearing Saturday, prosecutors alleged that Kelly tried to force oral sex on his 24-year-old hairdresser in 2003



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R. Kelly, center, leaves the Cook County Jail on Monday behind attorney Steven Greenberg.

## GoFundMe halts campaigns

By MORGAN GREENE  
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R&B singer R. Kelly posted a \$1 million bond Monday evening. But the dozens of campaigns popping up on GoFundMe to free him from Cook County Jail had nothing to do with it.

"These campaigns violate GoFundMe's terms of service and they've been removed from the platform," said a GoFundMe representative in an email. "Our team continuously monitors the platform and will take necessary action."

By Monday evening, the campaigns in support of Kelly appeared to have been removed. But a number were posted on the site earlier in the day.

"Innocent help bring the king home!" said one campaign.

"Need help freeing an innocent man," said another.

"Chicago let's bring R Kelly home this man is innocent," urged one campaign based out of Aurora that was seeking \$250,000 — \$150,000 more than Kelly's bond.

The GoFundMe representative did not respond to questions about the process for removing campaigns or whether more general campaigns created to support the singer would be allowed by the site.

As of Monday afternoon, one campaign to "free" Kelly had raised \$75 of its \$5,000 goal.

while he was free on bond on the then-pending child pornography charges.

Among the other allegations laid out by prosecutors: that Kelly solicited an under-

Kelly surrendered to Chicago police shortly after 8 p.m. Friday at the Central District Police Station and spent the night in lockup. He was ordered held Saturday on \$1 million bail, which was posted on Monday.

The Cook County clerk's office was receiving calls about helping out with Kelly's bond, according to officials in bond court over the weekend.

Kelly pleaded not guilty Monday to charges he sexually abused four victims, three of them underage.

The indictments follow the rise of the #MuteRKelly movement, hometown protests and the release of the Lifetime six-hour documentary series "Surviving R. Kelly," which brought decades of abuse allegations against Kelly to millions of viewers.

Kelly was acquitted of child pornography charges alleging he filmed himself having sex with his goddaughter, a girl estimated to have been as young as 13, in 2008. At Kelly's bond hearing Saturday, prosecutors alleged Kelly tried to force oral sex on his 24-year-old hairdresser in 2003 while he was free on bond on the then-pending child pornography charges.

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age girl outside his 2008 criminal trial and later sexually abused her; that he carried on a yearlong sexual relationship with a girl he had met in 1998 when she was celebrating

her 16th birthday; and that he videotaped himself having sex with a young girl at his home in Olympia Fields in the late 1990s.

After his indictment Friday, Kelly surrendered to Chicago police shortly after 8 p.m. at the Central District police station, where he spent that night in the lockup. On Saturday, he was ordered held on \$1 million — \$250,000 for each of the four indictments against him — by Judge John Fitzgerald Lyke Jr., who called the allegations "disturbing." The judge also barred him from contact with the alleged victims or any witnesses in the case and banned the singer from contact with anyone younger than 18.

Kelly, who has been dogged for years by accusations of sexual misconduct with underage girls and women, faces 10 Class 2 felony counts, each of which carries a maximum of seven years in prison upon conviction but also could result in probation.

Friday's charges came in the wake of reporting in BuzzFeed and the New Yorker by Chicago-based journalist Jim DeRogatis and after damning allegations in a recent Lifetime documentary series.

Citing the "deeply, deeply disturbing" allegations raised in the documentary, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx made an unusual public plea last month for any Kelly accusers to come forward.

Last week, Avenatti told reporters that earlier this month he gave Foxx a videotape he unearthed that depicted Kelly having sex with a 14-year-old girl. He said Friday that the VHS tape dating to about 1999 was more than 40 minutes long and showed Kelly on two separate days engaged in sexual acts with the girl. He said the audio was clear and the video of "far superior" quality than the grainy tape used at the 2008 trial.

The indictments come at a time of intensifying professional trouble for Kelly, who has been targeted by the social media movement #MuteRKelly that called on streaming services and radio stations to drop his music and promoters not to book any more concerts. Protesters have demonstrated outside Kelly's Chicago studio, and a scheduled performance in Chicago last year was canceled amid the uproar.

Greenberg, Kelly's lawyer, said he believes the alleged victim in the first tape Avenatti handed over to prosecutors is the same girl from the 2008 child pornography trial and that charging the singer again for that amounts to double jeopardy.

The six-hour documentary, "Surviving R. Kelly," aired on the Lifetime channel and alleged that he has manipulated young women into joining a "sex cult," forcing them to stay with him against their will and keeping them under his control.

In the days after Foxx's plea for help from alleged Kelly victims, her office was inundated with tips.

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## Campus sexual assault cases may get tougher to prove

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that will result in fewer protections for victims and lesser punishment for perpetrators.

DeVos rescinded her predecessor's policies in 2017, months after taking office, and released the proposed rules last November, saying they would ensure "due process rights for all."

Unlike the Obama administration, which issued guidelines, DeVos is proposing new regulations that will have the force of law once implemented.

Her office now is reviewing tens of thousands of public comments submitted during a recent 60-day review period.

Due process proponents have lauded the proposals, saying they will restore more fairness to accused students. But some sexual assault survivors and advocates fear the rules give the accused too much benefit of the doubt and will dissuade victims from reporting assault.

Among the proposed changes:

■ Hearings would be required at which representatives for the accused and the accuser would be able to cross-examine each other.

■ College disciplinary officials could have less power to address alleged misconduct that happens off-campus or outside an educational program.

■ Universities could choose to use a more stringent standard of proof — clear and convincing evidence — rather than the less rigorous standard of a preponderance of the evidence.

"We can, and must, condemn sexual violence and punish those who perpetrate it, while ensuring a fair grievance process," DeVos said when she unveiled her proposals. "Those are not mutually exclusive ideas. They are the very essence of how Americans understand justice to function."

How such changes might affect lawsuits like the one involving U. of C. is not clear. But the proposed rules are prompting Illinois universities to reassess their policies and confront conflicts between federal and state law.

Local experts said they appreciated DeVos' effort to clarify Title IX regulations and the chance to weigh in with formal comments. Some also say their school's current policies already align with many of the draft rules. But there's also concern that changes could create new bureaucratic challenges and could send mixed messages about a school's commitment to eliminating sexual misconduct.

"There was some sense under the Obama administration that the pendulum had swung a little far toward being potentially overprotective of victims' rights," said Jamie Ball, Title IX coordinator and director of the Office of Equal Opportunity Access at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

"My impression now is that it's maybe a little under-protective and we've gone a little too far in the other direction."

### An assault allegation, then an expulsion

In the University of Chicago case, the student who sued claims a woman he formerly dated falsely accused him of sexual assault because she was embarrassed when friends learned of their ongoing sexual relationship.

But besides challenging the allegation itself, attorneys for the male student also maintain he was given little opportunity to defend himself. For instance, he was not allowed to review details of the charges against him until two weeks before the disciplinary committee hearing took place, the lawsuit says.

"(These policies) stripped away an accused's right to cross-examination and right to legal counsel, lowered the burden of proof to preponderance of the evidence, and placed an emphasis on completing any disciplinary proceedings within 60 days over affording an accused due process," the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit also states the committee and an administrator ignored critical evidence that would have disproved the assault allegations.

The disciplinary committee unanimously sided with the female student last June. Officials concluded that the male student, among other violations, coerced her into sex, assaulted her while she was incapacitated, choked her and violated a prior no-contact order issued by the university, according to a copy of the decision included in the lawsuit.

The committee was emphatic in its decision, noting that, even though the accused student was close to graduation, the "gravity of the behavior" warranted the expulsion.

Attorneys representing both University of Chicago students, who are not identified in the suit, did not respond to requests for comment. The university and the female student are seeking to have the suit thrown out. A university spokesman declined to comment.

### Will justice be served with new rules?

Whatever the outcome of that lawsuit, the arguments of the expelled student dovetail with much of DeVos' rationale for changing Title IX guidelines.

DeVos herself has lamented the number of students "forced to go to court to ensure their rights."

Here's how local students and experts weighed in on some of the proposed rule changes:



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Betsy DeVos, secretary of education, seeks to undo guidelines on how college officials handle sex assault claims against students.

**Cross-examination and student representatives:** The Title IX rules apply only to potential campus disciplinary action against accused students, staff or faculty, separate from any possible criminal proceedings. But the proposed changes could make the college disciplinary procedures function more like courts of law.

One big example is that, under the proposed rule changes, the students' representatives would be able to cross-examine each other during disciplinary hearings. The current policy at several schools is for each party to submit questions in writing instead of allowing students to directly confront each other. Ball, of Southern Illinois, said this method had been effective in gathering facts without risking additional trauma to students involved.

Ball said she was concerned about the possibility of students hiring criminal defense attorneys to represent them.

"I know from my experience that being questioned by someone with that skill set could be even more painful than being questioned by the (accused student)," Ball said.

Sarah K. Wake, associate general counsel at Northwestern University, cited another issue for students who can't or don't hire an attorney.

"We'd have to train people how to conduct cross-examination and how to assess or attack credibility," Wake said. "I just cannot imagine how that would play out in a student disciplinary hearing."

**How far will a school's jurisdiction extend?** One of the proposed DeVos rule changes that has prompted much hand-wringing is the extent to which college disciplinary boards could address conduct that occurs off-campus.

According to the DeVos proposal, a school "is only responsible for responding to conduct that occurs within its 'education program or activity.'"

Experts say that, depending on interpretation, that could severely limit a disciplinary board's power.

"The way we look at it, that essentially could mean a student who experiences a sexual assault in our residence halls goes through one process, and a student who experiences a sexual assault in a private party across the street from that residence hall would have to go through an entirely

different process," said Timothy Love, executive director for equity and compliance and the Title IX coordinator at Loyola University Chicago.

Serene Singh, a Northwestern senior, said that policy not only would disadvantage people living off-campus but also students at community colleges or smaller schools that don't provide on-campus housing.

"That (policy) is missing a lot of where sexual assault actually takes place," said Singh, who directs the campus group Sexual Health and Assault Peer Educators. "It's ignoring the reality of where and how sexual assault happens."

**A stricter definition for harassment:** The Obama administration defined harassment as "unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature."

DeVos' proposal would change the definition of sexual harassment to mean unwelcome conduct "sufficiently severe and pervasive" that it interferes with a person's ability to access educational programs.

Wake, of Northwestern, said that drastically limits the scope of behavior that would violate such a policy.

"It's going to be a lot harder to prove that sexual harassment occurred under these regulations," Wake said.

**Conflicts between state and federal law:** Illinois' Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act, enacted in 2015, incorporates Obama-era standards that are now being revised under DeVos.

State law, for instance, forbids cross-examination between an accuser and an accused student and requires schools to use the preponderance of evidence standard of proof.

Local experts spotted those discrepancies and said it would be up to state legislators to address them.

"It would put us in a very difficult position and we would have to figure out how to walk the tightrope between complying with the state law and complying with federal regulations that have some serious consequences behind them," said Wake of Northwestern.

### What's next?

Local officials said it could take the Department of Education months to review the feedback — much of which came from students — and they hope the department will revise, clarify or even scrap some provisions.

"I hope the Department of Education will see that students really are passionate about the issue of gender-based violence," said Payton Neufelder, a Loyola University senior who leads a group called Challenging Antiquated Norms for Gender Equality.

"We also are the ones who have gone through these processes ourselves and have lived these experiences."

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# Reform, spoiled by a clown, landed city's mayoral election into February

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As you get ready to vote on a cold Tuesday in February, you might be wondering, why does Chicago hold its mayoral election in winter?

While some have speculated that political manipulation might be the reason — and there's some evidence for that — February party primaries originally were intended to make the democratic process more open, according to John Russick of the Chicago History Museum. But when viable Republican mayoral candidates became almost unheard of in Chicago in the 1990s, the party primaries were replaced with the nonpartisan elections we have today.

Reformers in the late 19th century and early 20th century wanted to hold open primary elections in February ahead of the spring mayoral elections, rather than having candidates chosen by party leaders, Russick said.

"In this era, there was really a seeking of what we would call today greater transparency ... to have a little more daylight shine into the process," Russick



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Ray Wardingley speaks as part of his 1982 campaign against then-Mayor Jane Byrne.

said. However, because Chicago's mayoral races since the 1930s centered so heavily on Democratic candidates without much opposition from other parties, it became a "de facto moment for the Democratic Party to identify the candidate who would thus become mayor," Russick said.

In the 1980s, a number of Chicago politicians voiced support for doing away with partisan primaries and going to the type of nonpartisan election we have today. But the idea didn't go anywhere.

Then in 1995, Democratic incumbent Mayor Richard M. Daley was op-

posed by Republican Ray Wardingley, a perennial candidate who won the February GOP primary with only 2,247 votes, and independent candidate Roland Burris. Daley won the election with more than 350,000 votes, versus more than 200,000 for Burris — and fewer than 20,000 for Wardingley, who was best known for his side job as Spanky the Clown.

After the election, Republican leaders in Springfield led the charge and changed the primary into a nonpartisan election, over the ostensible objection of Democratic leaders, who said the move was meant

to give Republican candidates a better chance in Chicago. (It doesn't seem to have.)

In 1996, the statute mandating that mayoral candidates would be chosen in a nonpartisan election went into effect, according to Harold Washington Library librarian Marc Conrad.

Russick said people often are interested in the topic because of their mistrust of the Chicago political process.

"In Chicago, anything that sort of smells like someone might have manipulated the system in order to have the result turn out the way it did ... we're always looking at that angle as a possible answer to the question of 'why,'" Russick said.

Dick Simpson, a University of Illinois at Chicago professor and a former Chicago alderman, said he thinks the February election is about voter suppression. He said it's difficult for those who go against the political "machine" to gather enough volunteers to campaign door-to-door.

"It's hard for candidates to be able to campaign on 'L' train platforms and bus stops and other outdoor

places," Simpson said. "It would be much easier if the election were held later in the spring when voters could have more contact with the candidates and the candidates could get their message directly to the voters."

But Pamela Freeman, a commuter on the CTA Purple Line, said Monday that the cold and potentially snowy weather won't dissuade her from voting. She doesn't have far to go to find her polling place.

"I'm spoiled because it's right across the street from me," Freeman said. Her polling place is in the lobby of an apartment complex.

Russick said he thinks holding elections in February was intended to improve the election process.

"February is a cold month and maybe a little inhospitable and challenging to get people out to the polls, but I don't think it was part of a corrupt intent," he said. "I think it was actually the opposite of that. People were seeking opportunities for greater political participation."

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## President calls out Pritzker at event

Calls him 'my friend,' says Illinois an 'easy state'

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker exchanged words with President Donald Trump on Monday morning during a White House event for governors from around the country.

But it probably wasn't the kind of exchange Pritzker's most ardent Democratic supporters would have hoped for.

Near the end of his address, Trump noted that there were 17 new governors at the event in the State Dining Room. "Very smart ones, like my friend," Trump said, turning to Pritzker, who has frequently criticized the president.

"Congratulations. It's a great — you're going to have — you have such an easy state. That's so easy. Great state of Illinois. What an easy state. I don't know. Huh? Have you found it to be easier or tougher than you thought?"

"Well, you're going to help us out," Pritzker responded, drawing a laugh from his fellow executives.

"I'll help you out. I help everybody out. I'm going to help you," Trump said.

In his speech to the governors, Trump ran through his list of accomplishments — including cutting taxes and regulations and signing a criminal justice reform bill — and offered his perspective on ongoing trade negotiations with China. He also thanked governors in the room who supported his administration's trade agreement with Canada and Mexico.

After his speech, the president left for Vietnam, where he is scheduled to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to discuss the Asian nation's nuclear program.

"I think we'll have a very tremendous summit," Trump told the governors. "We want denuclearization, and I think he'll have a country that will set a lot of records for speed in terms of an economy."

Pritzker's appearance at the White House event caught some by surprise because his public schedule for the day was not released. Spokeswoman Jordan Abudayeh said a technical glitch prevented Monday's schedule from being distributed. The governor has been in Washington since late last week for a meeting of the National Governors Association.

Trump on Thursday announced Pritzker as one of 10 appointees to the bipartisan Council of Governors, which coordinates across states on national security issues.

During the association's meeting, Pritzker and other governors advocated for undoing a change to the federal tax deduction for state and local taxes, Abudayeh said. As part of the Republican tax overhaul signed in late 2017, the deduction was capped at \$10,000, which has affected residents of states with high property taxes, including Illinois.

Monday's visit to the White House was Pritzker's second in three months. In December he and other newly elected governors from around the country accepted an invitation to meet with the president.

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## Record field for Chicago voters

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and Facebook timelines with posts of the candidates pressing the flesh.

The stream of posts included former CPS board President Gery Chico dropping by a Dunkin' Donuts, former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley picking up pastries for volunteers, Southwest Side attorney Jerry Joyce "looking for votes and pastrami" at Manny's Cafeteria & Delicatessen, former prosecutor Lori Lightfoot taking selfies with voters at a Loop Red Line stop, former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy posting a video of him pulling his campaign signs out of a trash bin at an early voting center in the 41st Ward as part of a last-minute appeal for volunteers to hand out his pamphlets, state Comptroller Susana Mendoza accepting an endorsement from United Auto Workers Local 551, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle phone banking and former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas meeting with union musicians.

Activist and policy consultant Amara Enyia, former Ald. Bob Fioretti, state Rep. La Shawn Ford, Bridgeport attorney John Kozlar, tech entrepreneur Neal Sales-Griffin and businessman Willie Wilson, also are on Tuesday's ballot. Eight of the candidates already had declared a run for mayor before Emanuel made the surprise announcement in September to drop his bid for a third term, while Preckwinkle, Daley, Chico, Ford, Mendoza and Fioretti got in the race afterward.

What little reliable polling that has emerged in the race has shown several



Early voters cast ballots Monday in Chicago's Loop.

candidates bunched together and none reaching 20 percent of the vote, leaving many of the candidates entering Tuesday believing they have a legitimate shot of making the runoff. The possibility of a runoff did not exist until state lawmakers passed legislation in 1995 switching Chicago to nonpartisan elections.

It took 20 years before Chicago had its first runoff in 2015, when Emanuel was held under 50 percent in the February election and forced to the second round by then-little-known Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia. Emanuel soundly defeated Garcia in April, collecting 56 percent of the vote. The only question four years ago wasn't who might force Emanuel to a runoff — it was obvious Garcia was the only hope to do so — but whether it would happen.

This time around, not only is the runoff near certain, but which two candidates will make it is largely up for grabs.

The February election in 2015 featured near record low turnout, with just 34 percent of the city's 14

million registered voters casting ballots, which was slightly higher than the record low turnout of 33 percent in 2007 when former Mayor Richard M. Daley won his sixth and final term in office. Thanks largely to enthusiasm around the November midterm elections, there are 11 percent more registered voters in Chicago for the 2019 election compared with four years ago, election board records show.

Early voting got off to a sluggish start this year, perhaps because voters had so many candidates to consider before making a final decision. But the number of early ballots picked up in the final days, with 25,705 voters casting ballots on Monday alone — more than double the amount of any other day.

All told, 125,600 Chicagoans voted early this year compared to 89,869 four years ago. Even with the higher number of registered voters, the early votes outpaced the 2015 election, with 8 percent of registered voters casting early ballots compared to 6 percent four years ago.

Still, based on the early

vote totals, a record low voter turnout remains a possibility, as the uptick in early voting numbers could be a measure of Chicagoans continuing to get more used to the practice than it is reflective of an increase in voter enthusiasm.

Another factor that affects turnout, of course, is weather. WGN veteran meteorologist Tom Skilling predicts morning temperatures in the teens to increase to a high in the mid-20s, which he said is 10 to 15 degrees lower than normal. Winds out of the east will make the air feel 5 to 15 degrees lower than the temperature. There also will be a chance of snow throughout the day, with the possibility of lake-effect accumulations ranging from a dusting to an inch and a half north of the Loop in the afternoon.

"We've had warmer election days to be sure, but it could be a whole lot worse," Skilling said. "Still, snows will fly sporadically."

If the race for the second spot in the runoff becomes tight, the number of vote-by-mail ballots that are still outstanding could become a factor, election officials said. Of the roughly 60,000

vote-by-mail ballots requested, 42 percent had been returned through Sunday. At the same point in 2015, 51.5 percent of early ballots had been returned.

So, if the margin is very tight, some campaigns could hold off on conceding defeat until the mail-in ballots have been counted. The election board will count mail-in ballots, which have to be mailed by Election Day, through the end of business on March 13. Most, however, are expected to come in a few days after the election.

"It could be very close, and we'll continue to count the vote-by-mail ballots as they come in, and certify the results," Hernandez said while also urging voters not to sit out the election. "I don't want a razor-thin margin between a second- and third-place candidate, and then people saying, 'Why is this person the second-place candidate and should be the third?' Well, did everyone come out and vote?"

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## Election Day forecast: 'Decent' weather likely

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The weather this winter comes close to matching the turbulence and wackiness of Chicago's mayoral race, and both are likely to go on well into April.

Still, the weather on Election Day isn't going to be too bad, said Matt Friedlein, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service.

"Not for this winter," he said with a laugh.

In honor of the crowded mayoral race, in which candidates love to compare themselves with their opponents, here's a comparative forecast that should have us chanting "not too bad," like a campaign slogan for the weather.

The temperature should be in the 20s, with a high of 25 degrees Tuesday.

There is a chance of snow Tuesday, Friedlein said, adding that Chicago might get "a light dusting." The greatest chance of snow was expected to be in the pre-dawn and early morning hours Tuesday, according to the weather service.

"The areas along and north of I-88 have the best chance for light accumulations of a dusting to several tenths of an inch, with perhaps a localized swath

with amounts up to one inch," the weather service said Monday afternoon in an update on its website.

Early Wednesday morning there is a chance of snow before 4 a.m., then a chance of snow and freezing rain before 5 a.m. and then a chance of a mixture of snow, freezing rain and sleet after 5 a.m., according to the National Weather Service. The chance of precipitation Wednesday is 40 percent.

Winds on Tuesday should be light. Although gusts of more than 50 mph were reported Sunday, by Tuesday the strongest wind gusts should be about 15 mph, forecasters said.

As Friedlein pointed out, it could definitely be worse. When is the last time you heard a politician be so upfront?

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# Calls grow to slam brakes on Brexit

U.K. opposition leader open to new vote; EU chief, PM May disagree on a delay

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Associated Press

LONDON — Prime Minister Theresa May returned from a seemingly unproductive meeting with European Union leaders Monday to a growing attempt by British lawmakers to stop her from taking Britain out of the EU on March 29 without a divorce deal.

With May and the EU at odds over not just how, but when Brexit should happen, her political opponents were getting increasingly desperate to take control of Britain's muddled departure from the bloc.

At an EU-Arab League summit in Egypt, the EU warned Britain it faces the prospect of delaying its planned March 29 departure or the consequences of a chaotic exit. European Council President Donald Tusk, who chairs meetings of EU nation leaders, said Monday it would be "rational" to postpone Brexit day.

May insisted she intends for Britain to leave as planned in a little more than a month. But her often divided opponents may be coalescing around a plan to prevent Britain crashing out of the EU with no agreement in place.

The main opposition Labour Party took a big step Monday toward backing a new referendum on the country's EU membership.

The party has previously said it would support a referendum as a last resort if it could not secure a new election or make changes to May's EU divorce deal. Brit-

ain's Parliament has so far rejected the deal struck between May's government and the bloc, and is due to hold a series of votes Wednesday on next steps in the Brexit process.

Labour has proposed its own withdrawal plan as an alternative to the government's deal with the EU. The party said Monday it would back a second public vote if the House of Commons rejects its plan this week, as is widely expected.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said the party is committed to "putting forward or supporting an amendment in favor of a public vote to prevent a damaging Tory Brexit being forced on the country."

The party did not specify what voters might be asked to consider in any future vote, though it has previously said the option of Britain remaining an EU member would be included.

Labour has previously said it would only support a second referendum as a last resort if it could not secure a new general election or make changes to May's divorce deal.

The change in approach follows the resignations of nine Labour lawmakers last week, partly over the party's failure to back another Brexit referendum. It is likely to cheer many party members, who have backed calls for a so-called "people's vote."

While there is little chance of a second referendum taking place without the support of Labour, the path to another Brexit vote is far from clear. It would



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The Labour Party's Jeremy Corbyn said he supports a second Brexit referendum if Parliament rejects the withdrawal plan.



May Tusk

require the support of numerous lawmakers from the governing Conservative Party, for example.

Since lawmakers rejected May's deal with the EU last month, the prime minister has sought to get changes from Brussels on a provision for the border between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland.

The mechanism, known as the backstop, is a safeguard that would keep the U.K. in a customs union with the EU to remove the need for checks along the

Irish border until a permanent new trading relationship is in place.

May wants to revise the deal to reassure opponents from her Conservative Party, as well as from a Northern Ireland party that props up her minority government, the backstop would only be temporary.

But EU leaders insist that the legally binding Brexit withdrawal agreement, which took a year and a half to negotiate, can't be reopened.

The impasse has raised concerns that Britain will leave the EU without a deal, a scenario that would likely mean new tariffs on British exports and serious disruption to trade between the two sides. The Bank of England has warned that the British economy could

shrink by 8 percent in the months after a disorderly Brexit.

May has said a new vote on any revised Brexit deal won't be held this week and could come as late as March 12.

A number of British lawmakers are seeking to wrest control of the process from the government and are looking to get support for an amendment that would require May to seek an extension to the Brexit date if Parliament fails to back her deal.

"I don't see how businesses can plan. I don't see how public services can plan, and I think it's just deeply damaging," Labour lawmaker Yvette Cooper, one of those behind the move, told the BBC.

On Monday, the EU's

Tusk warned that the chances of a withdrawal agreement being concluded in time are receding, and that sticking by the planned Brexit date would be too risky.

"I believe that in the situation we are in, an extension would be a rational solution," Tusk told reporters at an EU-Arab League summit in Egypt after talks with May that he said included discussions over extending the Brexit process.

May insisted a deal in time was still possible.

"It is within our grasp to leave with a deal on 29th of March and I think that that is where all of our energies should be focused," May said.

She said that "any delay is a delay. It doesn't address the issue."

# Pence: 'We hope for peaceful resolution'

Confirms U.S. commitment to Venezuela, announces new sanctions

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Los Angeles Times

BOGOTA, Colombia — Vice President Mike Pence promised Monday that the United States would continue to apply economic and diplomatic pressure to induce Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro to leave his country, but did not rule out the eventual use of military force.

Pence spoke in Bogota at a meeting of the Lima Group, a forum of 14 Latin American and Caribbean countries formed in 2017 to deal with the impact of the Venezuelan crisis, including millions of displaced migrants. A majority of members have joined the United States in demanding that Maduro resign and make way for self-declared interim President Juan Guaido and new elections.

"We hope for a peaceful resolution, but as President Trump has said, all options are on the table," Pence said. The vice president was seated next to Guaido, the Venezuelan National As-

sembly president who declared himself interim president on Jan. 23.

"We gather here to confirm our commitment to the freedom-loving people of Venezuela. Know that you are not alone. Stand firm," Pence said. "The day will arrive soon when the long nightmare of Venezuela will end."

Recognizing that Maduro's tenure in power depends on support from the Venezuelan military, Pence urged officers and soldiers to accept Guaido's offer of amnesty and defect to the opposition.

Although 167 members of the Venezuelan armed forces were reported to have left their posts and crossed over into Colombia over the weekend to accept Guaido as their commander in chief, the mass defection hoped for by U.S. officials so far has not occurred.

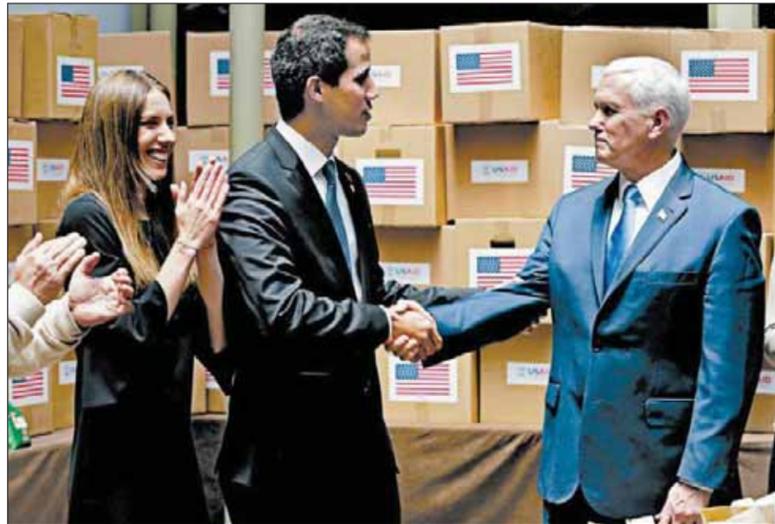
Pence arrived Monday in Colombia to meet with Guaido and other Latin American leaders to discuss a path forward to unseat Maduro.

The meeting comes after a weekend in which Guaido

and his supporters, which include Colombia, the United States and the European Union, failed to significantly breach the Venezuelan border with tons of humanitarian aid that had been stockpiled in the Colombian border city of Cucuta. The aid was given principally by the U.S., with other countries including Canada and members of the EU pitching in.

But aid-laden trucks were stopped and burned at the border Saturday. Clashes with Venezuelan national guard troops firing tear gas and rubber bullets claimed five lives and injured more than 300 at Colombian and Brazilian border crossings where protesters tried to enter with aid.

In his speech, Pence announced that new economic sanctions would be imposed soon against the Maduro government. The U.S. has already frozen Venezuelan assets, prohibited the purchase of Venezuelan oil and given Guaido exclusive access to certain government accounts. The vice president said the United



MARTIN MEJIA/AP

Mike Pence greets Venezuela's self-declared interim President Juan Guaido on Monday.

States was also providing \$56 million in additional aid to Venezuelan migrants, bringing this fiscal year's aid total to \$195 million.

Further intensifying economic pressure on the Caracas government, the Trump administration on Monday added four Venezuelan governors to a growing list of sanctioned officials loyal to Maduro, a socialist who has followed the path of his predecessor, Hugo Chavez.

The governors, from the states of Zulia, Apure, Vargas and Carabobo, will be blacklisted, banned from doing business with U.S. individuals or companies

and subject to the forfeit of any assets in U.S. banks.

Gov. Omar Jose Prieto Fernandez of oil-rich Zulia state is believed to have overseen drug trafficking and organized crime, the U.S. Treasury Department said. Gov. Ramon Alonso Carrizalez Rengifo of Apure, which borders Colombia, stands accused of massive repression of opposition activists.

All stood in the way of U.S. efforts to deliver humanitarian aid to Venezuelans from Colombia over the weekend, Treasury officials said.

In his speech to the Lima Group gathering, Guaido

said Maduro's "acts of barbarity were seen by the world" during Saturday's border disturbances.

"We saw the cruelty of this dictatorship shooting at its own citizens and blocking humanitarian aid. It was a sign of a moral disaster that must be condemned by us today," Guaido said.

Guaido has been recognized as interim president by 50 nations that consider Maduro's re-election in May to a six-year term fraudulent. Of the 14 members of the Lima Group, only Mexico and Uruguay have not recognized Guaido, calling for further negotiation with Maduro.

# Trump announces American captive freed in Yemen

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump announced Monday that American citizen Danny Burch has been freed after 18 months of captivity in Yemen in what the State Department suggested was a rescue operation.

In a statement, Trump thanked the United Arab Emirates for its role in reuniting Burch with his family.

"Danny's recovery re-

flects the best of what the United States and its partners can accomplish," Trump said.

He said freeing Americans held overseas "is a priority of my administration" and added that 20 American captives have been released since his victory in the 2016 presidential election.

"We maintain constant and intensive diplomatic, intelligence, and law enforcement cooperation within the United States

**"Today, he is safe and secure, and is reunited with his wife and children."**

— Secretary of State Mike Pompeo

government and with our foreign partners," Trump said in a statement that was echoed by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Pompeo thanked the Emiratis; Robert O'Brien, the special presidential envoy for hostage affairs; the U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi;

and the FBI's Hostage Recovery Fusion Cell for working to free Burch.

"Today, he is safe and secure and is reunited with his wife and children," Pompeo said.

The White House did not provide additional details on Burch's case, citing pri-

vacancy concerns. However Pompeo's statement was titled "On the Rescue of Danny Burch from Captivity."

Yemen has been riven by a deadly civil war since 2015, and Burch's abduction had been blamed on Iranian-backed Houthis rebels.

Burch, who is from eastern Texas and is married to a Yemeni national, had lived in the country for years working for an oil company. He was reportedly kidnapped by the rebels in

Sept. 2017. His wife told The New York Times at the time that Burch took had left their home in the capital of Sanaa to take their sons to a sports club but never returned.

She said police later told her that Burch had been stopped by five armed men in civilian clothes who took him away.

There had been reports of his release in January of last year but U.S. officials said Monday those had been erroneous.

# Ego-driven strategy to fuel 2nd summit

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strongman whose ruthless rule leaves his citizens impoverished and his adversaries off-balance.

But since their historic first meeting in Singapore last June, the two leaders have each adopted a strategy of playing to the other's ego with gushing and gratuitous adoration in pursuit of their aims: For Trump, North Korea's denuclearization; for Kim, its economic revival and respect on the world stage.

Trump gloats about the half dozen or so letters Kim has written him as if he were a smitten teenager in possession of valentines from a crush. White House officials refer to the diplomatic correspondence jokingly as "love letters." Kim addresses Trump as "Your Excellency" and employs flowery language to describe the president's energy and political smarts, according to people who have read them. Trump has shown the documents to dozens of Oval Office visitors and bragged about them in public.

"He wrote me beautiful letters — and they're great letters," Trump said in September at a rally in West Virginia. "We fell in love."

Trump has responded to Kim with his own enthusi-



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President Trump greets North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Singapore last summer.

astic notes, raving about how much he enjoys his company and vowing to make history together, according to White House officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Although they credit Trump with forging a warmer rapport with the North Korean leadership than any other American president, experts in U.S.-North Korea relations are

skeptical that the relationship will result in denuclearization or peace.

"Personal chemistry between leaders is clearly important," said Victor Cha, the top North Korea adviser in the George W. Bush administration.

But, he added, "Is that personal relationship enough to create success in the policy? We are so far apart that the notion that

the friendship alone would create a North Korean decision to give up all of their nuclear weapons is very hard to imagine."

Absent from Trump's messaging on North Korea over the past year has been any mention of human rights. The savagery of Kim and his government has been well documented and was once a rallying cry for Trump.

But over the past year, Trump has said little publicly about Kim's barbarism, and officials said that in private the president has told confidants that he considers human rights in North Korea largely inconsequential to striking a denuclearization deal.

Administration officials over the weekend played down the notion of any final breakthrough in this week's negotiations. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo called denuclearization "a long and difficult task" in an interview on NBC's "Today."

Rather, administration officials said they expect Trump's second summit with Kim will produce incremental progress, including, perhaps, arriving at an agreed upon definition of denuclearization and laying out a timetable for future negotiations for North Korea to freeze its nuclear weapons and missile programs.

"The president's not in a hurry, particularly as long as things continue to move forward in a positive manner," White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said on Fox News. "We'll see what happens. I think that the only one setting high expectations is probably the media because they're looking for reasons

to attack this president. They hate the idea that he's done so well on something his predecessors couldn't do anything on."

But some of Trump's staunchest allies are tempering their expectations for the Hanoi summit.

"Everybody is in a trust-but-verify mode," said Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., a confidant of the president. "It will be another summit with a list of to-dos. I think everybody is realizing it's a 60-year-old problem that's not going to be addressed in a year."

Trump's aides did not push for a second summit with Kim so immediately, though officials said Trump was partially interested in staging one in February as a distraction from the 35-day federal government shutdown, which turned out to be a political blow for the president.

"You can suck all the oxygen up out of the entire room and captivate the entire world," said one Trump adviser, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations, noting that Trump marveled at his relatively positive news coverage for days after the meeting in Singapore.

He sees his summits with Kim as television-ratings gold, aides said.



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Alva Johnson, left, works at a 2016 campaign event for Donald Trump in Tampa, Fla.

## Ex-campaign worker sues Trump over unwanted kiss

BY CURT ANDERSON  
Associated Press

MIAMI — A former worker on President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign claims in a lawsuit filed Monday that he abruptly grabbed her by the hand and kissed her face during a Florida meeting with staff and volunteers.

Alva Johnson, who lives near Huntsville, Ala., contends in the federal lawsuit that Trump made the non-consensual advance in August 2016 in Tampa, Fla. She claims he "grasped her hand and did not let go" and kissed her on the corner of her mouth as she turned slightly away.

"The forced and unwanted kiss was deeply offensive to Ms. Johnson," the lawsuit states, adding that she suffered "emotional distress, psychological trauma, humiliation, embarrassment, loss of dignity, invasion of privacy and other damages."

The lawsuit, first reported by The Washington Post, seeks unspecified money damages and an order preventing the president from "grabbing, kissing or otherwise assaulting or harassing women without prior express consent."

White House Press Sec-

retary Sarah Huckabee Sanders called Johnson's allegations fabricated and said other people who were there say it did not take place.

"This accusation is absurd on its face. This never happened and is directly contradicted by multiple highly credible eye-witness accounts," Sanders said.

Johnson's main job with the Trump campaign was to manage a fleet of recreational vehicles that served as traveling offices throughout Florida. According to the lawsuit, Trump visited one of these RVs in Tampa before a rally there when the unwanted kiss took place.

"He told her he knew she had been on the road for a long time and that she had been doing a great job. He also told Ms. Johnson that he would not forget about her, and that he was going to take care of her," Johnson claims in the lawsuit.

Among those who allegedly witnessed the incident was Pam Bondi, at the time Florida's attorney general. The lawsuit contends that Bondi "glanced at Ms. Johnson and smiled" after the alleged unwanted kiss.

Bondi did not respond Monday to an email seeking comment.

Johnson's lawsuit also

recounts at least a dozen similar allegations made by women against Trump and notes that she realized she was not alone after the infamous "Access Hollywood" tape emerged in October 2016 in which Trump brags about groping and kissing women without asking permission. Trump has denied any wrongdoing.

A Florida lawyer whom she contacted not long after the incident, Adam Horowitz, said Monday that "she was definitely in distress and not just about her job." She also told Horowitz she was seeing a therapist.

Johnson, who is African-American, also claims in the lawsuit that she was paid less than her Trump campaign counterparts because of her race and gender.

"The campaign knew that it was underpaying Ms. Johnson relative to her white counterparts," the lawsuit claims.

Trump campaign spokeswoman Kayleigh McEnany denied that claim.

"The Trump campaign has never discriminated based on race, ethnicity, gender, or any other basis. Any allegation suggesting otherwise is off-base and unfounded."

## Rosenstein: Info on uncharged suspects should not be released

BY MATT ZAPOTOSKY  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein said Monday that he believes the Justice Department should not reveal information about people it does not charge with crimes — an ominous sign for those hoping the department will soon disclose the closely held details of special counsel Robert Mueller's probe of President Donald Trump and his campaign.

Speaking at an event about the rule of law at the Center for Strategic & International Studies, Rosenstein said that in his time at the Justice Department, "The guidance I always gave my prosecutors and the agents that I worked with during my tenure on the front lines of law enforcement were if we aren't prepared to prove our case beyond a reasonable doubt in court, then we have no business making allegations against American citizens."

Though he asserted his comments were not about any particular case, he noted the issue was one "that we'll be discussing nationally."

For days, lawmakers and pundits in Washington have debated what should become public about Mueller's probe once it ends. On Sunday, House intelligence committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., said that Democrats plan to subpoena Mueller's report and would go to court if necessary.

Rosenstein conceded there "may be legitimate reasons for making exceptions," but he felt the Justice Department generally should be sensitive "to the rights of uncharged people."

"There's a knee-jerk reaction to suggest that we should be transparent about what we do in government, but there are a lot



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Rod Rosenstein speaks at a Center for Strategic and International Studies event Monday in Washington.

of reasons not to be transparent about what we do in government," Rosenstein said. "Just because the government collects information doesn't mean that information is accurate, and it can be really misleading if you're overly transparent about information that the government collects, so I think we do need to be really cautious about that."

The comments seem to foreshadow what could be a grueling legal battle between Congress and the Justice Department over what information about Mueller's work ultimately is released.

The regulations that govern Mueller's work require him to submit to the attorney general a confidential report detailing who he charged — as well as who was investigated and not charged. The attorney general is then to notify Congress that Mueller's investigation has ended. The regulations do not require the attorney general or Mueller to make significant details public, though they also do not forbid officials from doing so.

Lawmakers are pressing for significant investigative documents to be handed over, and recent precedent might work to their benefit. After the FBI concluded its investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of a private

email server while she was secretary of state, then-FBI Director James Comey made public the reports of agents' interviews with witnesses and gave public briefings to Congress.

Comey was widely criticized for that — including by Rosenstein, who wrote a memo that supported Comey's firing because of how he handled the Clinton case.

The decision on how much to release about Mueller's probe will ultimately fall to Attorney General William Barr, who vowed to his confirmation hearing to be as transparent as possible but notably declined to promise he would release Mueller's report. Rosenstein's view, though, is particularly important, as he appointed Mueller as special counsel in May 2017 and supervised much of his investigation. Rosenstein remains the No. 2 Justice Department official — though he expects to leave in mid-March. Trump has said he plans to nominate lawyer Jeffrey Rosen to replace him.

At the event Monday, Rosenstein said he believes that Americans will look back on this period in the Justice Department's history with pride, and he notably singled out Trump as warranting recognition for that.

## Trump warns GOP as Congress readies vote on wall declaration

BY JOHN WAGNER  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Monday cautioned fellow Republicans against falling into a Democratic "trap" as lawmakers prepare to vote this week on legislation rejecting his declaration of a national emergency at the U.S.-Mexico border.

A measure is expected to pass easily in the Democratic-controlled House on Tuesday, forcing a difficult vote for GOP senators, who

will have to weigh whether to support Trump on a move that even some in his party have criticized as circumventing the will of Congress.

"I hope our great Republican Senators don't get led down the path of weak and ineffective Border Security," Trump said in a tweet Monday. "Be strong and smart, don't fall into the Democrats 'trap' of Open Borders and Crime!"

Trump is attempting to use the emergency declaration to justify spending sig-



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President Trump called Democrats' opposition to his declaration a "trap."

nificantly more on barriers at the border than what Congress authorized in a compromise intended to

avert another partial government shutdown.

If Senate Democrats are united, they will need only four Republican defections to pass the rejection of Trump's emergency declaration and send it to his desk.

North Carolina's Thom Tillis on Monday became the second Republican to promise a vote to block Trump's declaration. The other GOP senator is Susan Collins of Maine.

On Friday, Trump said he would veto the measure

"100 percent" if that happened.

As the House vote approaches, Trump is facing fresh backlash from fellow Republicans.

A group of 25 former Republican members of Congress has written an open letter urging a termination of the emergency declaration.

The letter argues that Trump is encroaching on Congress' "power of the purse" and urges current lawmakers to stand up for its constitutional powers.

Its signers include former Sens. John Danforth of Missouri, Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, Gordon Humphrey of New Hampshire, Richard Lugar of Indiana, Olympia Snowe of Maine, and 18 former House members.

A bipartisan group of 58 former senior national security officials also plans to issue a statement Monday saying that "there is no factual basis" for Trump's proclamation of a national emergency on the U.S.-Mexico border.

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### Wisconsin governor orders troops to leave southern border

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin Democratic Gov. Tony Evers ordered the state's 112 National Guard troops to withdraw from the border with Mexico on Monday.

Former Republican Gov. Scott Walker ordered troops to Arizona in June to assist with administrative duties.

The governor said there's not enough evidence to support Republican President Donald Trump's declaration that a

national emergency exists. Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., a member of the Wisconsin National Guard, criticized Evers for his decision. In a series of tweets he said he had been deployed to the border and that he and his crew caught a man crossing from Mexico with 70 pounds of methamphetamine.

He also said his crew "captured a few coyotes, who prey on desperate migrants."



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**Children in a truck** are evacuated Monday from the Islamic State group's last enclave of Baghouz, Syria. The U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces say they are trying to extricate civilians from the sliver of territory before pressing a battle to conquer the militants.

### U.S.: Airstrike in Somalia killed 35 members of al-Shabab group

JOHANNESBURG — The United States military said Monday that its latest airstrike in Somalia killed 35 fighters with the al-Shabab extremist group near the Ethiopian border.

The U.S. military command for the African continent said Sunday's airstrike targeted the al-Qaida-linked fighters as they were traveling in a rural area about 23 miles east of Beledweyne in central Hiran region.

The U.S. has dramatically increased airstrikes against al-Shabab since President Donald Trump took office. Its military has carried out 22 such strikes this year, including four on Saturday that eliminated checkpoints used by al-Shabab to collect taxes to fund its deadly campaign to establish an Islamic state in the long-chaotic Horn of Africa nation. The U.S. carried out nearly 50 strikes in Somalia in 2018.

### Top court determines judges can't rule from beyond grave

WASHINGTON — Federal judges can't rule from beyond the grave, the Supreme Court said Monday.

The high court said in an unsigned opinion that a federal court can't count the vote of a judge who died in a decision issued after the judge's death. The justices said "federal judges are appointed for life, not for eternity."

The case involved a U.S. appeals court judge for the

Ninth Circuit, Stephen Reinhardt, 87, who died March 29, 2018. A decision issued 11 days later noted that Reinhardt's voting on it, his opinion and opinions written by other judges were completed and final before his death.

The court said that because Reinhardt was no longer a judge when the decision in the case was filed, "the Ninth Circuit erred in counting him as a member of the majority."

### Trump's company says it gave nearly \$200K to U.S. Treasury

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump's company said it donated nearly \$200,000 to the U.S. Treasury to make good on its promise to hand over profits from foreign governments using its properties.

The Trump Organization says the check for \$191,538 represents profits from embassy parties, hotel stays and other foreign government spending at the Washington, D.C., hotel and other properties last year. The voluntary donation is up from \$151,470 to cover his first year in office.

Trump announced the donation plan before his

inauguration two years ago in response to criticism that in refusing to sell off his business, people would suspect his decisions in office would be influenced by spending at his properties and not necessarily reflect the public interest.

Trump has been sued by groups alleging he is violating the emoluments clauses of the Constitution by opening his door to such business.

In response to the lawsuits, the president's lawyers argue the framers did not intend to ban payments in exchange for services such as hotel stays.

Meanwhile in a letter Monday to House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., Trump Organization lawyer Alan Futerfas objected to the committee's hiring of Berry Berke on the grounds that his law firm, Kramer Levin, has represented the Trump Organization on an array of issues and asked the panel cease any investigations related to the company.

Nadler announced Berke's hiring two weeks ago, calling him "a nationally prominent expert on federal criminal law, including public corruption."

### Iran's top diplomat resigns as his nuke deal teeters

TEHRAN, Iran — Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif resigned late Monday without warning, offering an "apology" to the nation as the nuclear deal he negotiated with world powers stands on the verge of collapse after the U.S. withdrawal from the accord.

The veteran diplomat first offered a vague Instagram post with an "apology" for his "inability to continue to his service."

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Abbas Mousavi, confirmed to the state-run IRNA news agency minutes later that Zarif had resigned but gave

no reason for his departure.

On Sunday, Zarif criticized Iranian hard-liners in a speech, saying: "We cannot hide behind imperialism's plot and blame them for our own incapability."

He added: "Independence does not mean isolation from the world."

### Iowa diocese IDs 28 priests accused of abusing kids

IOWA CITY, Iowa — At least 28 priests are credibly accused of having sexually abused more than 100 boys and girls while working for a Roman Catholic diocese in Iowa, church officials announced Monday.

The Diocese of Sioux City identified those 28 priests as it published a list of those who have been the subject of credible allegations of sexual abuse involving minors.

The list included about 5 percent of the priests who have worked for the diocese at some point since its inception in 1902. A 29th priest has been accused but his name is being withheld pending an appeal to the Vatican.

The diocese said the alleged abuse took place between 1948 and 1995 and involved 106 individuals who have come forward to make claims.

All but six of the priests on the list have died.

**In the UAE:** The government has announced that the first astronaut from a Gulf Arab nation will travel to the International Space Station on Sept. 25 aboard a Russian Soyuz rocket.

The United Arab Emirates' fledgling space program has big ambitions, with a goal of colonizing Mars by 2117.

**Easter Egg Roll:** The White House said its annual Easter Egg Roll will be April 22. Families with children age 13 and under are invited to request free tickets via an online lottery at the website [www.whitehouse.gov/eastereggroll](http://www.whitehouse.gov/eastereggroll) that will run from Thursday until March 4. Winners will be contacted by email.

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## EDITORIALS

# Extra nudges for Tuesday's election in Chicago



In the next four years, Chicago either charges forward on stronger footing or slips into decline. The difference comes down to how the next mayor manages pension and other financial crises and expands economic

growth. The candidate best prepared to fulfill those responsibilities is **William "Bill" Daley**, a lawyer and banker who served Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. Daley understands why Chicago matters globally and how its position as a business center can drive job growth. He wants to expand opportunity neighborhood-by-neighborhood. He knows finance. He would run an effective administration.

Daley has spent much of his career beyond the realm of local politics. Why is he the only candidate saying Illinois should amend its constitution's rigid pension clause? Because other candidates don't want to offend public employees unions. Tuesday's voters should put Chicago's future in the hands of someone they can trust to build Chicago. That's Daley. Other races in which we're offering extra nudges:



**5th Ward:** Ald. Leslie Hairston has represented this South Shore-based ward since 1999. Voters, has the ward improved during the last 20 years? Or declined? A better choice is former Hyde Park Herald editor **Gabriel Piemonte**, who would make crime-fighting and stability in the ward his top priorities. He supports strengthening the City Council by empowering aldermen, not the mayor's office, to draft the annual budget. He doesn't believe higher taxes should be the go-to answer to solving the city's fiscal crisis. Hairston has had 20 years to bring improvements to the ward. Piemonte is the better choice.



**14th Ward:** Will voters fire the dean of the Chicago City Council? Ald. Edward Burke is down but not out. He faces one federal charge of attempting to extort a Burger King franchisee into giving business to his law firm.

Voters have two alternatives: Tanya Patino, an engineer and local soccer coach, and **Jaime Guzman**, an attorney and former aide to U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia. Guzman is the stronger candidate with more government experience. His independence would allow him to pivot from old school, Burke-style politics. Southwest Side voters: Make a clean break. Vote for Guzman.

**25th Ward:** As Ald. Danny Solis departs (perhaps with federal wires dangling from his coat pocket), voters in this Near Southwest Side ward are guaranteed a new alderman. We urge them to choose **Troy Antonio Hernandez**, an executive architect for IBM. As the only candidate with a business



background, he understands that, "A healthy economy is essential to the success of the ward and city." Unlike his opponents, who want to raise taxes, Hernandez thinks doing that would evict more immigrant families and small employers from Chicago. We're also impressed that if Hernandez is elected, he'll take a pay cut to serve his constituents.



**30th Ward:** Ald. Ariel Reboyras is equally effective working locally and Chicago-wide. He's focused on serving longtime residents of his Northwest Side ward but welcomes real estate investment because it brings jobs. As chairman of the City Council Public Safety Committee, he played a key role in policing reforms. He understands the city must embrace the federal consent decree, which locks in the overhaul of Chicago Police Department training, supervision and accountability.



**43rd Ward:** Incumbent Ald. Michele Smith faces five challengers. Her ward's top issue is the Lincoln Yards project, which developer Sterling Bay wants to build in the neighboring 2nd Ward. Smith's ward is already claustrophobic with traffic congestion and density. Without community input and proper planning, Lincoln Yards could worsen the 43rd Ward's problems. Smith has fought to ensure, with all the redevelopment coming to Lincoln Park, that there's enough parkland to offset the influx of people, apartments and office space Lincoln Yards will bring. Smith's our pick.



**47th Ward:** This ward, with no incumbent running and a long list of hopefuls, offers a microcosm of the mayoral race. (Departing Ald. Ameya Pawar has our endorsement for city treasurer.) **Matt Martin**, a civil

rights attorney in the Illinois attorney general's office, is our choice of the nine candidates. He offers a strong mix of experiences: He helped write the Chicago Police Department's consent decree and he co-founded a neighborhood association. The Harvard Law graduate is a big-picture thinker who also is tapped into his ward's needs. The 47th includes Mayor Rahm Emanuel's Ravenswood neighborhood, so it's no surprise to see Emanuel-backed City Hall insider Michael Negron on the ballot. The ward also abuts Wrigleyville, so it's also no surprise former Cubs lobbyist Heather Way Kitzes is running. But influence like that should make voters nervous. Martin would be an independent addition to the City Council.

### The Chicago 2019 election

The **Chicago Tribune Editorial Board** endorses these candidates for contested races in the Feb. 26 city election.

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1st Ward: <b>Proco "Joe" Moreno</b>	25th Ward: <b>Troy Antonio Hernandez</b>
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12th Ward: <b>Jose Rico</b>	37th Ward: <b>Deondre Rutues</b>
13th Ward: <b>David J. Krupa</b>	39th Ward: <b>Samantha "Sam" Nugent</b>
14th Ward: <b>Jaime Guzman</b>	40th Ward: <b>Patrick J. O'Connor</b>
15th Ward: <b>Raymond A. Lopez</b>	41st Ward: <b>Tim Heneghan</b>
16th Ward: <b>Stephanie D. Coleman</b>	43rd Ward: <b>Michele Smith</b>
17th Ward: <b>David H. Moore</b>	44th Ward: <b>Tom Tunney</b>
18th Ward: <b>Chuks Onyezia</b>	45th Ward: <b>John S. Arena</b>
19th Ward: <b>Matthew J. O'Shea</b>	46th Ward: <b>James Cappleman</b>
20th Ward: <b>Maya Hodari</b>	47th Ward: <b>Matt Martin</b>
21st Ward: <b>Marvin McNeil</b>	48th Ward: <b>Harry Osterman</b>
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23rd Ward: <b>Paulino R. Villarreal Jr.</b>	50th Ward: <b>Debra L. Silverstein</b>
24th Ward: <b>Michael Scott Jr.</b>	

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Join us on election night — wherever you are. As the votes come in Tuesday, members of the Tribune Editorial Board and Tribune columnists will be following returns and live-blogging our observations and opinions about the races throughout the city. Which candidates for mayor and alderman look strong? What do the results portend for Chicago's future? Join us at **www.chicagotribune.com/opinion**.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Democrats claim they will pay for their cradle-to-grave welfare state by soaking the rich, but progressive states are now graciously showing that they will eventually try to dun everyone. Witness how Democrats are nickel-and-diming taxpayers like budget airlines without the service. ...

Speaking of the Land of Public Unions, retirement costs consume a quarter of Illinois' budget and would eat up half if the state were paying as much as it should. ...

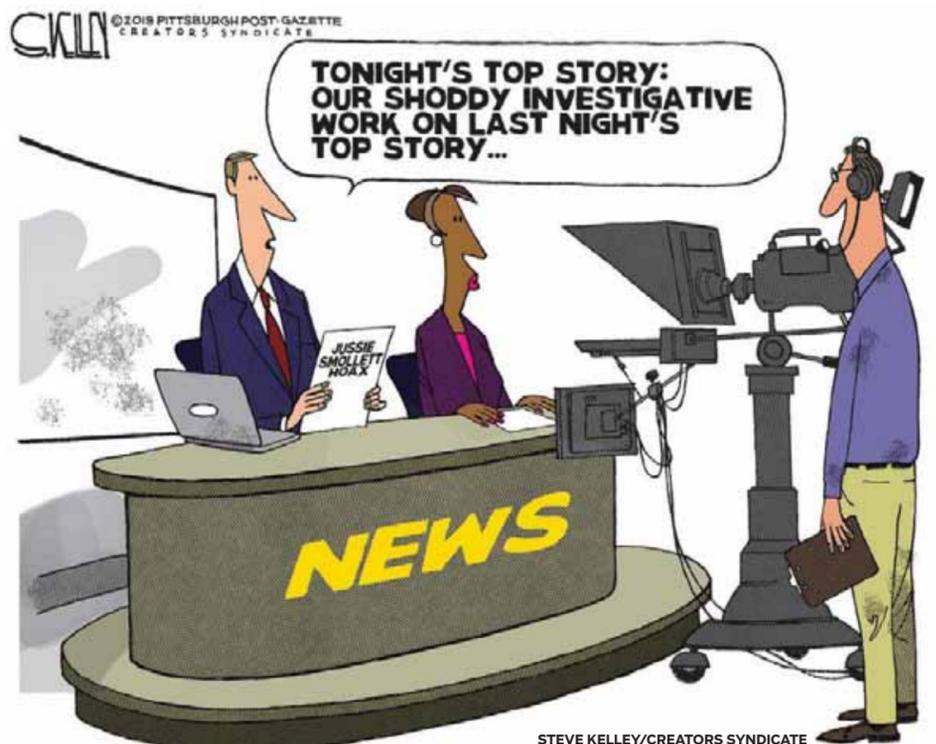
New Gov. J.B. Pritzker's plan? Refinance the pension debt and tax plastic bags, marijuana and sports betting, which will supposedly cover the shortfall until voters approve a referendum next year replacing the state's flat 4.95 percent income tax with a progressive tax. Mr. Pritzker says a progressive tax will spare the middle class, though there may be a reason he hasn't proposed a specific higher rate.

Research outfit Wirepoints calculates that the top rate would have to rise to 11.2 percent on millionaires and at least 8.5 percent on everyone earning more than \$50,000 to finance Mr. Pritzker's spending proposals. The progressive model is California, where individuals earning more than \$56,000 pay a top marginal rate of 9.3 percent.

Tax the rich? Right. The problem with progressive governance is that eventually Democrats run out of everyone's money.

**The Wall Street Journal**

### EDITORIAL CARTOON



# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



**Chicago needs a mayor who understands the city's DNA. All of it. Someone who grasps the dichotomy of North Side neighborhoods struggling with gentrification and West Side communities struggling with abandonment.**

## VOTE YOUR BETTER SELF, FOR THE GOOD OF CHICAGO

**C**hicago in winter is a grind. We're in it. Sideways sleet. Cracked skin. Biting wind. Winter tests Chicago's guts, its backbone, its resolve. Mine too. So desperate was I by mid-January, I bought one of those vitamin D light therapy lamps. Has it channeled positivity, optimism, motivation? I'll let you know once the mayoral election results roll in. I might need to quadruple the wattage.

Voters have a rare opportunity Tuesday to fill an open seat for mayor. To crack the status quo. The trouble is that in Chicago we usually do the opposite. We fortify with mortar. Why? Because voting is an exercise in self-interest. We all do it.

We vote for candidates promoting lower taxes in order to protect our own pocketbooks. We vote for candidates who promise to save government jobs because we have one. We vote for candidates who vow not to touch pensions because we want ours. We vote for candidates who will roll during labor contract negotiations because we want pay raises.

As a result, we get what we've always gotten — elected officials who act as caretakers rather than status quo-breakers. More spending, more borrowing, more debt.

Make no mistake, City Hall is the jobs engine of Chicago. Departments under the mayor employ more than 30,000 rank-and-file workers. That number doesn't include the Chicago Park District, the Chicago Board of

Education, the separately elected offices of clerk or treasurer or the Cook County agencies that overlap with the city.

Add to those employees the thousands of consultants, lobbyists, public relations firms, trade union workers and contractors who rely on City Hall and Cook County government for their livelihoods. They vote in their self-interests too. That's why nothing changes.

For a moment, change looked possible. After federal investigators papped the windows of Ald. Edward Burke's downtown office in November, voters seemed poked. Provoked. Ticked. If something so shoestring as a fast-food driveway permit could be leveraged for attempted extortion, it made you wonder. Is this Chicago or



**KRISTEN MCQUEARY**

Pyongyang?

Three months later, though, tempers seem to have cooled on corruption. If the opinion polls on the mayor's race are accurate, voters are less concerned with clout and insider deals and are reverting to self-interest.

Come on, Chicago. Can't we set it aside this one time?

Cast a vote for the candidate who will make every decision from the lens of a one-term mayor. Someone who will serve up the tough medicine on spending cuts and pension debts. Someone who can grow Chicago by finessing complex projects downtown and on the North Side — the \$6 billion Lincoln Yards mega-development, for example — while also pushing redevelopment of empty parcels on the South and West sides, such as the 440-acre long-abandoned U.S. Steel South Works site.

Chicago needs a mayor who understands the city's DNA. All of it. Someone who grasps the dichotomy of North Side neighborhoods struggling with gentrification and West Side communities struggling with abandonment.

It needs a mayor who will make bold decisions on finances and borrowing and schools. No more people-pleasing.

Voters have set aside their self-interests before. In the 2012 presidential election, for example, political

Early voters prepare to cast ballots during the lunch hour Monday at the Chicago Board of Elections' Loop Super Site a day before the election.

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scientists were surprised to learn that more than 40 percent of voters with incomes above \$200,000 voted Democratic and more than 30 percent of voters with incomes below \$25,000 voted Republican, according to a 2016 Gary Gutting opinion piece in The New York Times.

Voters in that election went with ideology, not necessarily the candidate who would benefit their own pocketbooks.

If Chicago voters do that on Tuesday and put policy positions they know might be painful ahead of their own self-interests, it could lead to a surprising result. They would be voting for what they know is best for the city overall, not necessarily what best suits them.

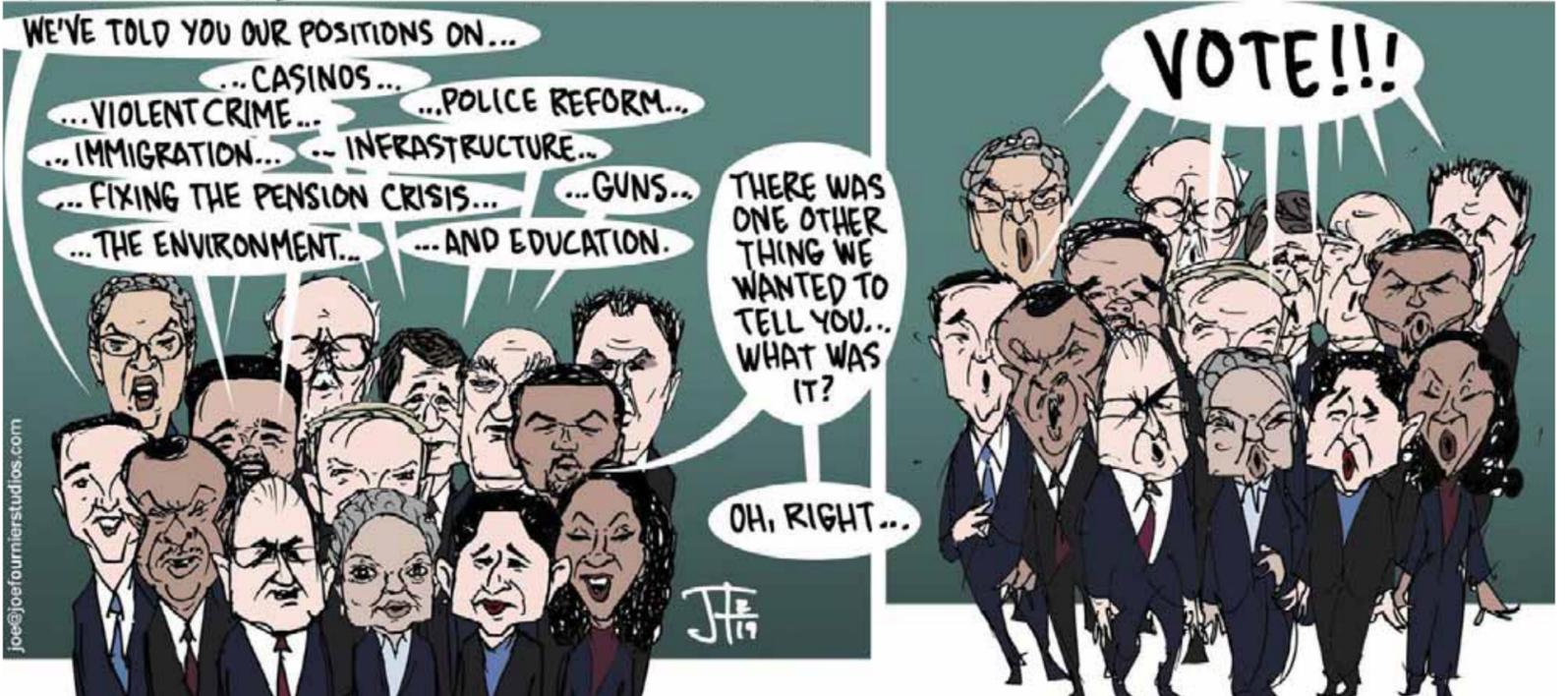
So, Chicago voters, you have a choice: You can once again show up at your polling places with mortar and a tuck pointer. Or you can show up with a sledgehammer.

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People attend a #MeToo Survivors' March in California in 2017. Some have been critical of so-called excesses in the movement.

## OUTRAGE CULTURE IS OUT OF CONTROL

Just look at the 'feminist' reaction to '#MeNeither' videos

BY NANCY ROMMELMANN

It was 9:30 p.m. when my husband slid his iPad across the bed to me. On it was an email an ex-employee had sent to current and former staff of his coffee-roasting company in Portland, Ore. The ex-employee explained that a new YouTube series I was hosting, "#MeNeither," in which another journalist and I discussed, among other topics, some excesses of the #MeToo movement, was "vile, dangerous and extremely misguided."

She considered the show hostile to assault survivors and felt it her duty to alert several newspapers that my opinions posed a potential threat to my husband's female employees and the community at large.

I told my husband it would blow over. After all, there was no suggestion in the email that he'd ever been inappropriate; only that my views were dangerous. And I hadn't worked in the business in anything but a supportive capacity for two years.

I couldn't have been more wrong. It blew up, and in less than a month, a 15-year-old business with a spotless track record is now in danger of collapse. Baristas quit and wholesale accounts fled, their unease fed by a local press that keeps banging the drum. This is the current pitch of outrage culture, where voicing an opinion someone says she sees as a threat qualifies you for instant annihilation, no questions asked. Why ask questions when it's more expedient, maybe more kick-ass, to turn anything you might disagree with into an emergency?

A sense of emergency is what people on all sides have developed an addiction to. Show us the next person to hate and we

are so there; we take an animalistic pleasure in destroying the kid in the MAGA hat, in fashioning a decades-old interview with John Wayne into a knife with which to posthumously eviscerate the actor. And then we look for the next target.

Because we need that next hit, we need it right now. Being in a constant state of emergency — a condition in which people notoriously make terrible decisions — is like having a fire raging inside the body, one that needs to be fed. It needs new fuel, and so we seek new enemies.

Meanwhile, some of us are watching from the sidelines, trying to stay out of the way, hoping not to be next. (Good luck with that.)

Maybe the fractiousness in which we are currently living, people sectioning themselves into smaller and smaller tribes, is a side effect of the addiction. It needs an unlimited supply of people to hate, and the smaller the in-group, the larger the potential enemy pool. That this creates rancor and instability for everyone is a price addicts are willing to pay; indeed, it may taste like victory.

While those engaging in these fights may be a tiny but vocal minority, they are nevertheless a contagion. They value feelings over facts. They reject direct confrontation, preferring to scrap it out online or letting the media do their work for them. Those of us who can still stomach cable news watch as opponents chew each other's faces off in prime time. Pundits and politicians who should wait for the truth to be revealed instead turn today's story into a cudgel and, when proved wrong, refuse to walk it back, and who cares anyway? There will be a new epi-

demic of hate-shredding in the morning, in an hour, and as soon as it's there, we engage. Or we don't, and are spattered with the blood regardless.

It can be enlivening, certainly, to get caught up in a fight. However, one should come armed with courage, rather than, say, surreptitiously taking photos of me in public and posting them on social media, or anonymously calling all my husband's vendors and telling them to stop working with a company that supports "rape culture." Yes, that's a quote. This campaign, led by so-called feminists, sees no irony in trying to drive a man out of business because his wife voices opinions of her own.

Still, I don't regard the people pitching this battle as evil. I see them as unwilling to confront the world beyond their small chosen groups. Humans are hugely nuanced and complex and fascinating, and they are great to talk to. Why anyone, especially young people, who in Portland are mainly the ones waging these campaigns, would want to experience less of humanity strikes me as profoundly sad.

I have been asked whether I hate the people who started this. The answer is I don't. I see them as afraid of the ideas of others. With this in mind, I have several times offered to have conversations about issues they evidently find dangerous enough to go to war over. No one has taken me up on the offer.

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## With Pritzker's fair tax on the wealthy, Illinois can rebuild

BY QUENTIN FULKS

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's budget address Feb. 20 was a welcome change for Illinois working families after years of being ignored by the previous administration. Under Gov. Bruce Rauner, Illinoisans had a government that refused to work across the aisle and played politics with our budget while hardworking families paid the price.

Pritzker's proposed budget would bring desperately needed stability and revenue to our state, while also increasing much-needed funding for our education system, from preschools to universities — an investment in our children's futures.

While this balanced budget is an important first step in a multiyear approach to fix the damage done by the devastating policies of the Rauner administration, Illinois can only improve so much with our current tax structure. The regressive tax structure Illinois currently has cannot fix the challenges we still face.

That's why it is time for Illinois to implement a fair tax.

A graduated income tax will help unburden millions of middle- and working-class families who have disproportionately shouldered the tax burden of our current system for too long. A fair tax will also help eliminate the structural deficit that has dragged this state down for the past two decades, a structural deficit that will only get worse if we continue to stand idly by.

About three-fourths of states nation-



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker speaks to a joint session of the Illinois House and Senate at the Capitol in Springfield during his first budget address last week.

wide currently have a fair tax because they understand a graduated income tax is the fairest way to support the state and boost the middle class. Implementing a graduated income tax in Illinois is the only way to fix our financial system without slashing necessary funding from the critical services our residents depend upon or imposing new taxes that will hurt a vast majority of Illinois residents.

Implementing a graduated income tax won't happen quickly, and it won't be easy. In the days since Pritzker's budget address we've already seen opposition from the wealthiest Illinoisans who have benefited

from our current unfair tax system.

The members of this opposition were some of former Gov. Rauner's most loyal supporters as he gutted our social services, held the budget hostage over ideological differences and attacked organized labor, and they'd be happy to go back to those days of irresponsible governance.

A graduated income tax for them would mean finally paying their fair share — something they've avoided with our current tax system. This threat to their bottom line means they'll do or say anything to stop a fair tax, even if it means abandoning their former ally, which they've already shown a willingness to do.

They want to keep in place a system that has helped only a few Illinoisans get ahead, while leaving middle-class and working families behind.

However, their attacks won't change the fact that a fair tax structure will modernize our tax code and help us build stronger communities where all Illinoisans can thrive.

In the coming days and weeks, as the opposition attempts to distort the graduated income tax, Think Big Illinois will continue to fight for policies that put our state back on the side of hardworking families.

It's what Illinois deserves.

Quentin Fulks, a former deputy campaign manager for Gov. J.B. Pritzker, is the executive director of Think Big Illinois, an advocacy organization.

### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Candidates are reformers in name only

Many of those in office and those running for mayor in Chicago are a part of the system that supports and condones politicians using the power of their positions for personal gain. Mayoral candidates like Toni Preckwinkle, Susana Mendoza and Bill Daley are not reformers. Despite what they say, they are complicit by not fighting or challenging the unwritten rules that allow their colleagues and many others to enrich themselves at the expense of the people they are elected to serve.

Suddenly, when the corruption of the system becomes public, we have a long list of willing reformers, including the mayor, who now want things changed. Where have they been? Did they not see or hear what is happening? Do they not read or watch the news? Is this a new revelation or is it something that has been going on for generations in Chicago and Illinois?

The big losers are the voters who repeatedly support the same politicians who have been in power for decades, the very same ones who take advantage of them. Who has really campaigned long and hard for reform? Not many.

— Jack Higgins, Oak Brook

#### A little late to sway this voter

Attention to politicians still announcing endorsements and political operatives pulling dirty tricks: I voted last week. Welcome to the 21st century!

— Craig Shutt, Chicago

#### Don't contribute to bag tax

Regarding Gov. J.B. Pritzker's plan for a 5-cent bag tax: These disingenuous politicians don't give a rat's patoot about the environment. They just want the revenue. Don't give it to them. Just save your plastic bags and bring them with you the next time you shop — and at the same time make the environmentalists happy. This "tax" can generate zero revenue if we work together.

— Joe Piombino, Wheaton

#### Change shopping habits

I cannot understand why people are so upset by the bag tax that is being imposed on many in the Chicago area and around the country. I've been bringing reusable bags to the grocery for years, and it's just not that hard. I also have a collection of plastic bags; I stuff a couple in each purse as well as in my car so that I always have one handy. It is one small thing we all can do to reduce the amount of plastic waste.

Come on, everyone ... let's do this thing and stop complaining!

— Judy Weik, Oak Park

#### Taxing all of us into utopia

Congratulations to the Democrats for winning the governor's office and supermajorities in both the House and Senate. We can finally return to the utopian Illinois we all knew and loved way back in ... 2015. I vow to do my part to help our leaders rebalance our budget:

I will restart smoking, which I selfishly quit in 2005 due to a heart attack, to contribute more cigarette taxes. I will mix in some e-cigarettes to contribute vaping taxes. I will buy my pot legally, so I can contribute marijuana taxes. When I shop, I will instruct the bagger to pack only one item per bag, so I can contribute as much plastic bag tax as possible. I will maximize my home equity loan so I have additional gambling funds, once sports betting becomes available.

I know it will require sacrifice, but it's a small price to pay to return Illinois to the great state it once was.

— Paul Kouba, La Grange

#### A pension fix is paramount

Here we go again: Let's nickel-and-dime people to death with bag, drug and gambling taxes to solve the state's financial problems. Until someone actually implements a big plan, which includes fixing the illegally administered pension plans, the state's financial crisis will continue.

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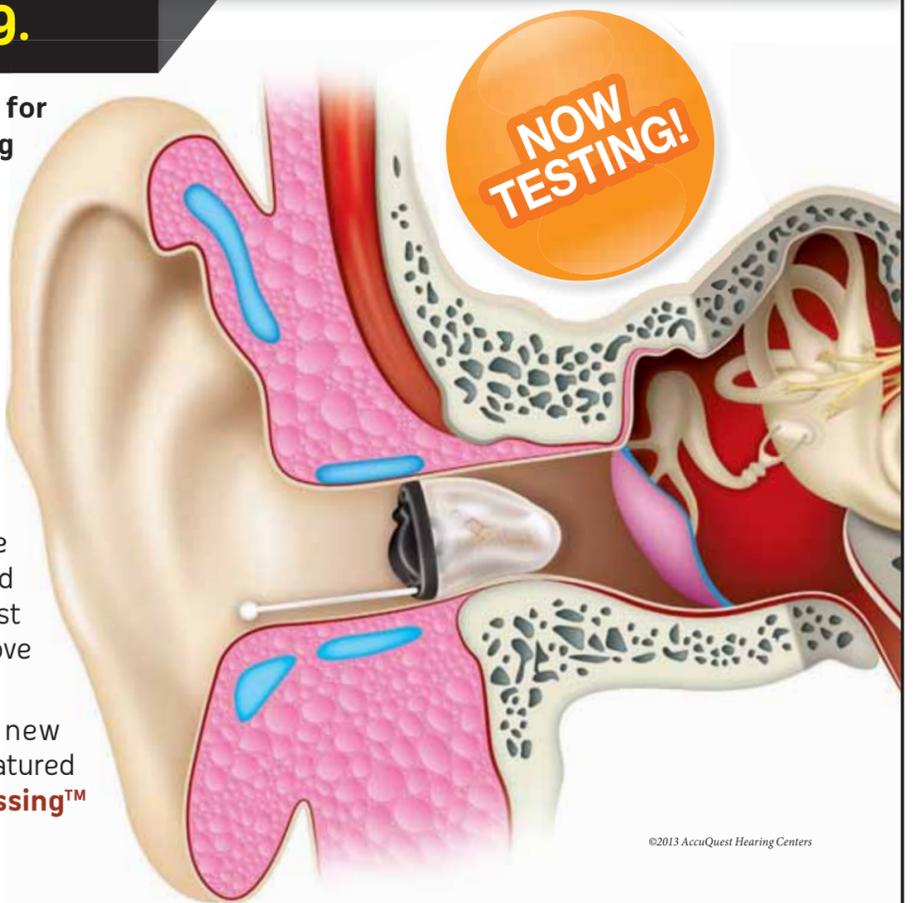
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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## Companies consider climate change

Many are responding to customers' growing concerns about global warming

BY FRANK JORDANS  
Associated Press

BERLIN — Companies behind some of the best-known consumer products — from soaps to sodas — are beginning to factor climate change into their business equation, according to a report published Monday.

The survey of 16 corporations by nonprofit group CDP found that many are working to lower their carbon emissions, prepare

for the effects of global warming on their supply chain and respond to growing environmental consciousness among customers.

Examples include brewer AB InBev's efforts to develop a variety of barley that needs less water and Unilever adjusting its detergent formulas so they work at the lower "eco" temperature settings on modern washing machines, the London-based group said.

"We were surprised how much these companies were aligning

themselves with changes in consumer preferences," said Carole Ferguson, the report's lead author.

This includes chasing trends such as veganism, a small but growing factor in the market that's driven by people who shun animal products for ethical or health reasons, but also because meat and dairy have a large carbon footprint. PepsiCo's recent acquisition of Health Warrior, a maker of plant-based

nutrition bars, is a typical example where a large company has snapped up a small brand to fill a niche it didn't yet cover.

Such purchases help companies bolster their green credentials at a time when they're beginning to feel the heat of climate activism. Consumer goods account for about a third of greenhouse gas emissions, meaning companies that make them

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Marijuana buds are trimmed at Cresco Labs medical marijuana cultivation facility in Joliet.

## Marijuana market isn't enough for Cresco Labs

Chicago company wants in on CBD trend

BY ALLY MAROTTI  
Chicago Tribune

Medical marijuana company Cresco Labs is getting into the quickly expanding CBD industry, allowing the Chicago-based company to extend its reach into states where weed is still outlawed.

CBD, short for cannabidiol, is a cannabis compound that does not get users high. Cresco formed a new subsidiary called Well Beings, under which it will sell hemp-derived CBD products. The company plans to launch a new product line through Well Beings, and produce CBD versions of the cannabis products Cresco already sells at dispensaries.

"It gives us the ability to get a new brand and our existing brands in front of customers outside of the regulated dispensary market," said Cresco spokesman Jason Erkes. "There's a lot of curiosity about CBD and the benefits, and being able to put Cresco's name and reputation for quality on this brand will help educate consumers."

Most often derived from hemp, another plant in the cannabis family, CBD is often touted for its relaxation benefits, and has been used in everything from honey and dog treats to lotions and creams.

The U.S. market for CBD products grew by more than 80 percent in 2018, to about \$591 million a year, according to Brightfield Group. That growth is expected to skyrocket to \$22 billion by 2022 under a law President Donald Trump signed in December legalizing industrial hemp farming.

Launching Well Beings is Cresco's latest in a long line of expansion moves. Last year, the company raised more than \$200 million in capital and went public on the Canadian Securities Exchange. It has been expanding its retail and cultivation operations in Illinois and other states where it operates. It now owns five dispensaries and three cultivation facilities in Illinois.

Cresco employs about 600 people, roughly 250 of whom are in Illinois, Erkes said.

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Heritage Bicycles General Store owner Michael Salvatore is growing a portfolio of businesses that take advantage of unusual real estate.

During his years as a trader, Michael Salvatore learned to hedge his bets.

So as the owner of Heritage Bicycles expands his coffee-and-bike shop concept into new neighborhoods, he is thinking big by aiming small.

Salvatore, who opened Heritage Bicycles General Store in Lakeview seven years ago with \$80,000 in savings and furniture from his parents' basement, is launching a new group, Fifth Generation Hospitality, to be the parent company of a growing portfolio of businesses that take advantage of unusual real estate.

In early spring he plans to open Heritage Bikes & Coffee in the bike room of an office building under construction

## Reimagining hospitality

Heritage Bicycles looks to expand its coffee-and-bike shop concept into Fulton Market and beyond

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ | Chicago Tribune

in Fulton Market, where bike commuters can get a latte and breakfast burrito while purchasing a new helmet or fixing a flat.

This summer he will open a bike-and-coffee "clubhouse" in the basement of an historic Loop office building undergoing conversion into resi-

dential apartments. That location, at 30 E. Adams St., will include a membership-based bike club featuring lockers, bike stands, showers and community-based rides.

"We take less desirable space or even negative space and activate that," Salvatore said, which allows for below-market rent and less risk if it doesn't pan out.

It is a strategy he has already employed with his cocktail lounge, Larry's, a 700-square-foot hideaway beside the lobby of Uptown apartment building The Lawrence House, plus the four small Heritage coffee outposts that serve up the company's branded coffee within building lobbies in

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**"A lot of bike shops have misconceptions as being cold places, and we wanted to fight that barrier to entry."**

— Michael Salvatore, owner of Heritage Bicycles

## Sprint's 5G wireless launch planned for May

BY BRIAN FUNG  
The Washington Post

Sprint customers in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas and Kansas City will be among the first to test the company's 5G wireless network when it launches in May, executives said Monday.

Expect an additional five markets — Houston, Los Angeles, New York, Phoenix and Washington, D.C. — to come online by the first half of the year, said Sprint Chief Executive Michel Combes.

The impending launch could make Sprint the first U.S. wireless carrier to offer a mass-market 5G service for smartphones in a global race to provide faster download speeds and support for new applications such as self-driving cars.

Customers of Google Fi, the wireless service run by Google on Sprint's network, will be able to connect to Sprint's 5G capabilities, as well, Combes said —

though it is unclear when Google Fi customers will gain access to 5G smartphones that can take advantage of the new technology. For Sprint's own customers, 5G service will launch on the LG V50 ThinQ 5G, LG's first 5G-capable smartphone.

Company officials declined to say how Sprint's 5G plans will be sold to consumers, or at what price.

"We are in a very competitive market, so we will keep that for when we launch," Combes told reporters on a conference call Monday.

Wireless carriers are engaged in a fierce battle to win over consumers with the promise of 5G service. Verizon has vowed to deploy 5G to wireless customers in as many as 30 cities by the end of the year. Meanwhile, AT&T has targeted "at least 21 major cities" for its rollout. And T-Mobile has said it plans a nationwide network by 2020, starting with



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Sprint CEO Michel Combes said how Sprint's 5G plans will be sold to consumers, and at what price, will be released upon launch.

low-frequency airwaves that can travel farther than the high-frequency technology being used by AT&T and Verizon.

Pressure to be the "first" to 5G has resulted in a massive marketing war. Last year, Verizon said it was the first to deliver a form of 5G to consumers but only as a replacement for in-home broadband. AT&T had also said it was switching on its 5G wireless network in certain markets but only for select customers — and accessing the network required the use of a mobile hotspot.

## MillerCoors exits beer maker alliance amid corn syrup war

BY ROBERT CHANNICK  
Chicago Tribune

The Corn Syrup War, launched with a snarky ad during this month's Super Bowl, may have destroyed an uneasy alliance between Anheuser-Busch and MillerCoors to reverse sliding beer sales with a broader industry campaign.

The commercial for Anheuser-Busch's Bud Light, which employed the brand's now-familiar medieval theme, fired a catapult over the castle walls at Miller Lite and Coors Light for using corn syrup in the brewing process.

MillerCoors was not amused, pulling out of a long-planned collaboration with Anheuser-Busch and other beer makers to win back drinkers, many of whom have drifted to wine and spirits.

"Obviously since Anheuser-Busch used the largest marketing platform in the United States

to demonize the beer category, we've decided to put that work on pause," Pete Marino, chief communications officer for Chicago-based MillerCoors, said Monday.

In the works for more than 18 months, the campaign was still in the planning stages, with Anheuser-Busch, Miller Coors, Heineken and Constellation Brands among the beer makers at the table, along with industry organizations such as the National Beer Wholesalers Association.

An ad agency had not yet been selected, but the campaign was likely to be in the "Got Milk?" mode of the dairy industry, trying to boost the broader beer category. Marino said he expected a test campaign to launch as early as this summer.

Cesar Vargas, vice president of legal and corporate affairs for Anheuser-Busch, said in an emailed statement Monday the

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# 'We're just trying to get to first base'

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Uptown, River North and the Loop. He has partnered with developers, including Cedar Street Cos., to identify spaces that might otherwise go unfilled.

"If you swing for the fences you might miss and get out," Salvatore, 37, said. "We're just trying to get to first base."

The shop at 172 N. Racine St. in Fulton Market, a neighborhood teeming with new development, is a model for what he hopes is a broader expansion into retail, restaurants, bars and other hospitality offerings.

Decorated with the help of high-end furnishings store Scout in Andersonville, it will have a more streamlined, "grown-up" look than the DIY décor of the Lakeview general store. The 2,000-square-foot space will have an open kitchen with a made-to-order menu alongside a coffee bar and bike shop that makes custom bikes, sells bike gear and performs repairs.

Salvatore intends for the vibe of the original location to follow it to its Fulton Market digs, where Coca-Cola and McCaffrey Interests, the developer of the office building, have also signed on as tenants. The risk is that the new Heritage polishes out the personality that made it successful in the first place, but Salvatore said he will be intimately involved to ensure that doesn't happen.

"Is it a new glass building? It is, and I was always scared of that," he said. "But authenticity runs through every aspect of the business."

Salvatore, who grew up in Chicago's Edgewater neighborhood, started designing bicycles with friends in a New York basement in 2008, when the economy tanked and took his career as a stock trader with it. Drawn by his own experience with city biking culture, he helped them launch a business venture called Bowery Lane Bicycles at a time when consumers were hungry for locally made goods.

Salvatore and his wife, Melissa, returned to Chicago after their first child was born and in 2012

opened Heritage Bicycles in Lakeview, incorporating a coffee shop into the bike repair and manufacturing shop to create a more comfortable, approachable environment.

"A lot of bike shops have misconceptions as being cold places, and we wanted to fight that barrier to entry," he said. Coffee also gives more people a reason to come in the doors during winter when biking slows, he said.

Though many retail stores now have food and beverage components — you can get an espresso while shopping for shoes at Tom's in Bucktown or a cocktail in the midst of the men's department at Nordstrom — it was more of a novelty when Heritage launched. The bike company partners with Chicago-based Intelligentsia to source and roast its craft coffee under the Heritage brand.

The concept was well received immediately, Salvatore said, and in 2017 the Lakeview general store doubled in size, to 2,800 square feet, and added a kitchen. The company — which employs 50 people across its general store, coffee outposts and cocktail bar — recorded just under \$2 million in sales last year, and is profitable, he said. He expects revenues to rise to at least \$3 million this year with the Fulton Market and Loop clubhouse expansions.

Salvatore, who lives in Chicago with his wife and their two children, is naming his new company Fifth Generation Hospitality in honor of his family's long history in Chicago, starting with his great-great grandfather, a German immigrant who owned a maple syrup company on Lake Street. How large his empire will become remains to be seen, but he is proceeding carefully amid huge competition for people's food and coffee dollars.

"I think we have positioned ourselves to the point where the risk is mitigated," he said. "Little by little we'll climb that hill and see what we can take on."

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Michael Salvatore, owner of Heritage Bicycles, is launching a parent company called Fifth Generation Hospitality.

# Companies considering climate change impact

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play a key role in efforts to keep global warming below 3.6 degrees by the end of the century.

But manufacturers like Nestle, Coca-Cola and Procter & Gamble also face growing scrutiny from investors who want to know what business risks they face from climate change before deciding whether to buy their stock, Ferguson said.

CDP ranked the companies surveyed according to how strongly their business is threatened by climate change, what they are doing to prepare for it and how much information they disclose to the market.

"Climate change is going to be disruptive to revenues and costs," Ferguson said. "What I would want to know as an investor is what kind of strategy they have going forward."

In general, CDP found that European makers of fast-moving consumer goods are ahead of U.S. rivals in preparing for climate change — a disparity also seen in other sectors, such as automotive or oil and gas. France's Danone

came first in the food and drinks sector, while Kraft Heinz came last out of nine; similarly Paris-based cosmetics company L'Oreal ranked second in the household and personal care sector, against New York-based rival Estee Lauder, which came last out of seven.

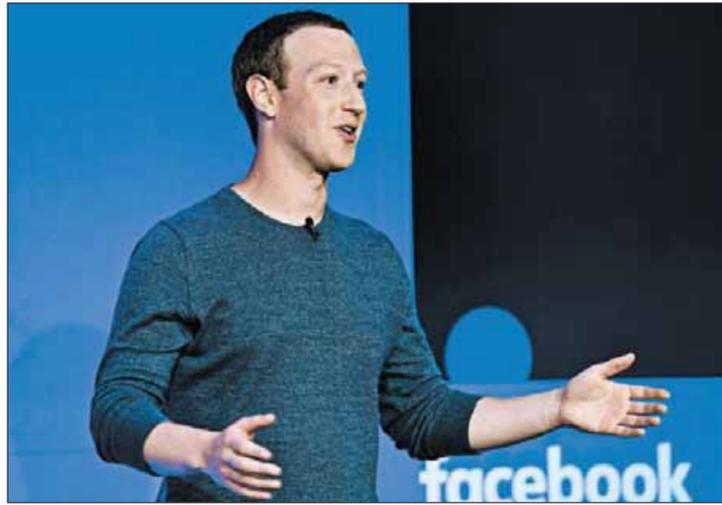
Possible reasons for this disparity include stricter regulation from the European Union, Ferguson said.

Consumer concern over plastic waste recently spurred strict new EU rules on packaging, the report noted.

"Product labeling and carbon footprinting is on the horizon," the authors added.

CDP, which was once described as "the most powerful green NGO you've never heard of" by Harvard Business Review, isn't alone in suggesting it's time for companies to publish data on climate risks.

The Economist recently proposed that voluntary climate-related guidelines for listed companies drawn up by the Financial Stability Board, an international body that monitors global financial system, should be made mandatory.



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Facebook, led by CEO Mark Zuckerberg, has endured several advertising scandals.

# Facebook ads targeted at Nazis

Review finds firm's oversight failed again

By SAM DEAN

Los Angeles Times

Facebook makes money by charging advertisers to reach just the right audience for their message — even when that audience is made up of people interested in the perpetrators of the Holocaust or explicitly neo-Nazi music.

Despite promises of greater oversight following past advertising scandals, a Los Angeles Times review shows that Facebook has continued to allow advertisers to target hundreds of thousands of users the social media firm believes are curious about topics such as "Joseph Goebbels," "Josef Mengele," "Heinrich Himmler," the neo-Nazi punk band Skrewdriver and Benito Mussolini's long-defunct National Fascist Party.

Experts say that this practice runs counter to the company's stated principles and can help fuel radicalization online.

"What you're describing, where a clear hateful idea or narrative can be amplified to reach more people, is exactly what they said they don't want to do and what they need to be held accountable for," said Oren Segal, director of the Anti-Defamation League's center on extremism.

After being contacted by The Times, Facebook said that it would remove many of the audience groupings from its ad platform.

"Most of these targeting options are against our policies and should have been caught and removed sooner," said Facebook spokesman Joe Osborne.

Facebook's broad reach and sophisticated advertising tools brought in a record \$55 billion in ad revenue in 2018.

Profit margins stayed above 40 percent, thanks to a high degree of automation, with algorithms sorting users into marketable subsets based on their behavior — then choosing which ads to show them.

But the lack of human oversight has also brought the company controversy.

In 2017, Pro Publica found that the company sold ads based on any user-generated phrase, including "Jew hater" and "Hitler did nothing wrong." Following the murder of 11 congregants at a synagogue in Pittsburgh in 2018, the Intercept found that Facebook gave advertisers the ability to target users interested in the anti-Semitic "white genocide conspiracy theory," which the suspected killer cited as inspiration before the attacks.

This month, the Guardian highlighted the ways that YouTube and Facebook boost anti-vaccine conspiracy theories, leading Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., to question whether the company was promoting misinformation.

Facebook has promised since 2017 that humans review every ad targeting category. It announced last fall the removal of 5,000 audience categories that risked enabling abuse or discrimination.

The Times decided to test the effectiveness of the company's efforts by seeing if Facebook would allow the sale of ads directed to certain segments of users.

Facebook allowed The Times to target ads to users the company has determined are interested in Goebbels, the Third Reich's chief propagandist, Himmler, the architect of the Holocaust and leader of the SS, and Mengele, the infamous concentration camp doctor who performed human experiments on prisoners. Each category included hundreds of thousands of users.

Collectively, the ads were seen by 4,153 users in 24 hours with The Times paying only \$25 to fuel the push.

Facebook admits its human moderators should have removed the Nazi-affiliated demographic categories. But it says the "ads" themselves would not have raised red flags for the separate team that looks over ad content.

The Times was tipped off by a Los Angeles musician who asked to remain anonymous for fear of re-

taliation from hate groups.

Earlier this year, he tried to promote a concert featuring his hardcore punk group and a black metal band on Facebook. When he typed "black metal" into Facebook's ad portal, he said he was disturbed to discover that the company suggested he also pay to target users interested in "National Socialist black metal" — a potential audience numbering in the hundreds of thousands.

The punk and metal music scenes, and black metal in particular, have long grappled with white supremacist undercurrents. Black metal grew out of the early Norwegian metal scene, which saw prominent members convicted of burning down churches, murdering fellow musicians and plotting bombings. Some bands and their fans have since combined anti-Semitism, neopaganism, and the promotion of violence into the distinct subgenre of National Socialist black metal, which the Southern Poverty Law Center described as a dangerous white supremacist recruiting tool nearly 20 years ago.

But punk and metal fans have long pushed back against hate. In 1981, the Dead Kennedys released an explicitly anti-Nazi song; last month 15 metal bands played at an anti-fascist festival in Brooklyn.

The musician saw himself as a part of that same tradition.

"I grew up in a punk scene in Miami where there were Nazis, they would kind of invade the concerts as a place where they knew they could get away with violence," he said.

So he saw it as his duty, he said, to contact Facebook and express his disgust.

Facebook subsequently removed the grouping from the platform, but the musician remains incredulous that "National Socialist black metal" was a category in the first place — let alone one the company specifically prompted him to pursue.

"Why is it my job to police their platform?" he said.

# Survey: Half of economists see recession by 2020

By TAYLOR TELFORD

The Washington Post

Most business economists predict the U.S. will fall into a recession within the next two years, a new survey finds.

About half of the 280 business economists polled said they expect a downturn by the end of next year. Roughly 75 percent say it will happen by 2021. Only 11 percent anticipate the U.S. avoiding a recession during that two-year window, according to a February survey from the National Association for Business Economics released Monday.

The U.S. is deep into an economic expansion, which began in summer 2009. If the expansion lasts until June, it would be the nation's longest. Though the economy has been robust — marked by strong consumer spending, climbing markets and the lowest unemployment rates in decades — signs of a slowdown have surfaced. Recent months have seen volatility in the markets. Trade tensions between the U.S. and China have taken a toll on economic growth in the U.S. and abroad.

Shadows of a slowdown have put pressure on the Federal Reserve as it tries to price out interest rate increases. In January, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said the economy has "good momentum" and that he didn't foresee a recession in 2019. But he signaled the Fed would be "patient" about raising rates, as economic growth is expected to fall from the roughly 3 percent of last year to 2.3 percent this year.

Although the Federal Reserve's rate hikes have been a source of ire for President Donald Trump, who has blamed the central bank for raising rates too quickly, most economists in the NABE endorse the Fed's actions.

"Business economists continue to approve of current monetary policy," NABE President Kevin Swift said in a summary. "Nearly three-quarters of panelists believe that the Federal Reserve's policy is 'about right.'"

Though the survey showed that most economists anticipate some rise in interest rates this year, the markets aren't bracing for impact.

"There is a schism between what the NABE panel and the markets think about the Fed's rate path and the shrinking of its balance sheet," said Megan Greene, economist at Manulife Asset Management and chair of the NABE survey. "The markets are pricing in no more interest rate hikes in 2019, whereas a majority of the NABE panel expects one or two rate hikes this year."

A lack of resolution between the U.S. and China on trade is a major source of concern, the survey found. More than 90 percent of economists surveyed said they anticipate existing tariffs to drag the U.S. GDP down by 25 basis points or more.

# MillerCoors exits beer maker alliance

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beer industry ad campaign is still on.

"We, along with other members of our industry, remain fully committed to strengthening the beer category and our joint efforts to highlight the very positive impact that beer has on our economy and in our communities will continue as planned," Vargas said.

Bjorn Trowery, director of communications for Heineken USA, said Monday that "it's too early to tell" what the impact of the feud between Anheuser-Busch and MillerCoors will mean to the campaign, but the beer maker remains "committed to growing the category."

Constellation Brands' beer division, based in Chicago, makes and imports Mexican beers like Corona and Modelo. The company did not respond to a request for comment Monday.

Both Anheuser-Busch and MillerCoors may have something to gain by working together, as the beer category loses ground.

Beer sales, which peaked at 214.7 million barrels in 2008, have fallen 4 percent since then to about 206 million barrels last year. The growth of wine and spirits has drained some of beer's market share, but demographic issues are in play as well.

"Younger drinkers drink less...and less beer," said Benj Steinman, president of Beer Marketer's Insights, a beer industry trade publication. "So that's a problem."

Bud Light, Coors Light and Miller Lite are the three largest-selling beer brands in the U.S., and all are losing market share faster than the industry.

Steinman said Bud Light sales dropped 6.7 percent last year, while Coors Light fell 6.2 percent and Miller

Lite dropped 3.8 percent.

Beer drinkers are shifting to craft beers, imported beers and hard seltzers, Steinman said.

"To a large extent, they are trading up," he said.

MillerCoors has been on the defensive since the Bud Light Super Bowl spot aired on Feb. 3. The beer maker has run full page newspaper ads, social media campaigns and even went to Iowa to buy beers for farmers in support of corn and other crops that contribute to making beer, Marino said.

Marino said many beers use corn syrup as a fermenting sugar in the brewing process and it has no effect on the final product. MillerCoors does not add high fructose corn syrup, which some consumers avoid as a potential health risk, to its beer, he said.

He considers the Bud Light campaign misleading, but Anheuser-Busch has no

intention of backing off.

"Consumers are demanding more transparency around the food and drink they consume and Bud Light is leading the transparency movement for beer," Vargas said. "We will continue to lead the effort toward increased transparency as it benefits the entire beer industry."

MillerCoors, meanwhile, did not rule out returning to the fold before the beer industry campaign rolls out — but only if Anheuser-Busch ceases its own campaign and calls an immediate truce in the Corn Syrup War.

"We're keeping the door open to coming back," Marino said. "We think the work on category health should be paused until there are concrete actions that correct AB's aberrant and reckless behavior."

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# Formerly war-torn Vietnam booms thanks to global trade

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BANGKOK — Vietnam, the location of President Donald Trump's next meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, has come a long way since the U.S. abandoned its war against communist North Vietnam in the 1970s.

United into a youthful nation that now numbers 95 million, beginning in the mid-1980s the country embraced global trade to become a production base for South Korea's Samsung and many other manufacturing giants. The "Doi Moi" reforms adopted by its communist rulers, modeled largely on China's transformation into the world's factory floor, could provide a model for North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

**Going for growth:** The Vietnamese economy expanded at an estimated annual rate of just above 7 percent in 2018, fueled by a double-digit increase in manufacturing output. At 5.54 quadrillion Vietnamese dong (\$238 billion in 2017), its GDP ranks in the world's top 50 economies. As the economy has grown, poverty rates have fallen and life expectancy has risen, to 76 years.

**Samsung factor:** Heavy investment by South Korea's Samsung Electronics, the world's biggest maker of computer chips and cellphones, led commitments by other big global manufacturers like Microsoft and Intel. Samsung opened Vietnam's first mobile phone plant in 2009 and now employs more than 100,000 people in its factories there. In 2017, the company accounted for more than a quarter of Vietnam's total exports. Samsung said it had no comment on speculation that Kim might visit one of



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Vietnam, the location of President Donald Trump's meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un this week, has come a long way since its war-torn days in the 1970s.

## Vietnam's GDP ranks in the world's top 50 economies.

its factories outside the capital Hanoi, where he is to meet with Trump.

**Export bonanza:** By joining the World Trade Organization and regional groupings including the Pacific Rim accord called the Trans-Pacific Partnership, Vietnam has leapfrogged its neighbors in taking advantage of lower tariffs, and its exports have soared. In the meantime, manufacturers from South Korea, Japan and China have crowded in to take advantage of lower costs and other incentives. Exports surged to \$214 billion in 2017, up by more than a fifth from the year before. The U.S. is Vietnam's largest export market, at nearly \$42 billion in 2017. It's not all cellphones: Vietnam's main exports also include electronics, shoes and apparel.

**Challenges:** Having just barely reached middle-in-

come status, Vietnam is struggling to raise productivity — the key to ensuring living standards will continue to improve. Economists say the country's productivity is only about a third of China's and much lower than in affluent countries. Heavy reliance on export-led growth leaves the country vulnerable to global downturns. Vietnamese leaders also have emulated China in keeping a tight grip on the media, political dissent and other freedoms. Rural poverty, pollution and corruption are serious concerns, and like its huge neighbor to the north, Vietnam is struggling to revamp state-dominated industries that are a legacy of the earlier era of central planning.

**The outlook:** After years of absorbing large flows of foreign investment Vietnam could see that flow taper off along with global cutbacks. To sustain growth and remain competitive, the country needs to give a freer rein to private businesses, the World Bank and other experts say, and encourage adoption of more advanced technologies.

# Buffett in on Kraft Heinz, but won't invest further

By KATHERINE CHIGLINSKY  
Bloomberg News

Warren Buffett isn't giving up on Kraft Heinz Co. after its \$15.4 billion write-down last week, but don't expect him to buy more of its shares.

"I have absolutely no intention of selling. I've got absolutely no intention of buying," Buffett said Monday in an interview with CNBC. He won't buy more of the packaged-food giant "because it isn't worth as much."

Buffett played a crucial role in the formation of Kraft Heinz, teaming up with 3G Capital to help create the merger of Kraft Foods Group and H.J. Heinz in 2015.

Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway took a \$2.7 billion hit in the fourth quarter from its stake in Kraft Heinz, which is co-headquartered in Chicago and Pittsburgh.

"We overpaid for Kraft and we wrote down \$15 billion of that," Buffett said. "The business does not earn more just because you pay more for it."

Buffett said while he thinks Kraft Heinz is a "wonderful business," he sees better places to deploy more money than buying the portion of the company he doesn't already own. Berkshire is Kraft Heinz's largest shareholder, with a 27 percent stake, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

Buffett said consumer brands' "ability to price has changed" as more retailers such as Costco Wholesale Corp. offer their own private-label goods, but doesn't think his partners at 3G have underinvested in Kraft Heinz's brands. He praised Jorge Paulo Lemann, a 3G founding partner, on Monday.

Here are some other topics Buffett touched on during the interview:

### Wealth taxes:

Buffett was asked about proposals from prominent Democrats, including Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who have advocated raising taxes on the rich.

"The wealthy are definitely undertaxed relative to the general population," Buffett said.

**Oracle:** Buffett quickly changed his mind on Oracle Corp. last year, buying shares of the software company in the third quarter before selling just months later. He drew on his time investing in IBM Corp. when he decided to reverse course on Larry Ellison's company. "Oracle is a great business, but I don't think, particularly after my experience with IBM, I don't think I understand exactly where the cloud is going," Buffett said Monday.

**Dealmaking:** Berkshire has struggled to find a massive, well-priced deal in recent years, but got close last quarter. Buffett said he was looking at a big deal late last year, which stopped him from buying more stocks as the market plunged, rounding out the S&P 500 Index's worst year since the financial crisis. Berkshire spent only \$39 million in net equity purchases in the fourth quarter. "We had at least one deal possibly that would have been very large," Buffett said. "I liked stocks in the fourth quarter, but I would like buying a business even better."

The deal fell through and is no longer on the table, he said.

**Investing deputies:** Buffett talked about the challenge of the investment landscape these days. Even his investing deputies, Todd



Buffett

Combs and Ted Weschler, have been having a rough time recently. The billionaire investor said both are trailing the broader market, a change from last year when they were slightly ahead of the S&P 500 in their Berkshire tenure.

"Overall, they are a tiny bit behind the S&P each by just almost the same margin over the same time," Buffett said Monday.

Still, Combs and Weschler, who manage about \$13 billion each, have done an "incredible" amount of work in terms of acquisitions and helping out on the Berkshire, Amazon.com and JPMorgan Chase & Co. health-care venture. And the pair have outperformed the Oracle of Omaha himself in recent years, he said.

"They've done better than I have," Buffett said.

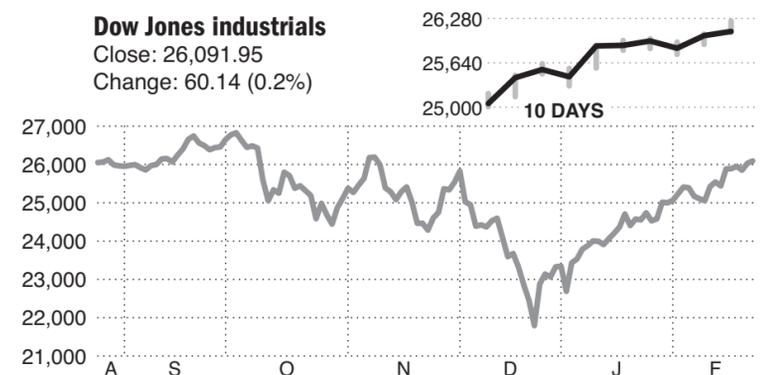
**Stock bets:** Buffett clarified that the reduction of Berkshire's Apple holding in the fourth quarter was done by an investing deputy, who trimmed the stake in order to have funds to buy shares of another company. He said Monday that he would add more Apple shares if the stock were cheaper.

Berkshire spent last year piling further into financial stocks, investments that Buffett called "very good" if they're done at sensible prices. Buffett praised Bank of America Corp. Chief Executive Officer Brian Moynihan, calling him one of the "most underestimated" bank executives in the U.S. Buffett also said he was dumb for not buying JPMorgan shares earlier. Berkshire disclosed a stake in the bank last year.

Bloomberg's Lananh Nguyen and Michelle Kim contributed.

## MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 26,241.42 Low: 26,080.66 Previous: 26,031.81



**Nasdaq**  
+26.92 (+.36%)

Close: 7,554.46  
High: 7,602.69  
Low: 7,551.61  
Previous: 7,527.54

**S&P 500**  
+3.44 (+.12%)

Close: 2,796.11  
High: 2,813.49  
Low: 2,794.99  
Previous: 2,792.67

**Russell 2000**  
-1.25 (-.08%)

Close: 1,588.81  
High: 1,602.10  
Low: 1,588.81  
Previous: 1,590.06

**10-yr T-note**  
+.02 to 2.67%

**Gold futures**  
-3.30 to \$1,325.90

**Yen**  
+.44 to 111.15/\$1

**Euro**  
-.0021 to .8800/\$1

**Crude Oil**  
-1.78 to \$55.48

### Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+0.81	+1.10	+0.74	+6.38	+6.62	+5.76	+1.49	+1.79	+0.59

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	489.75	490	466.25	466.75	-20.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	377.75	378.50	370	370.50	-4.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	918	921	910.25	911.75	+1.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 19	30.62	30.81	30.32	30.36	-.15
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	307.20	308.40	305.00	305.40	-.20
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Apr 19	57.17	57.53	55.08	55.48	-1.78
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 19	2.757	2.851	2.733	2.836	+1.19
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 19	1.5771	1.6151	1.5437	1.5452	-0.066
		Apr 19	1.7502	1.7708	1.7007	1.7037	-0.632

Source: The Associated Press

### LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	76.86	+73	Equity LifeStyle Prop	N	107.94	-1.75
AbbVie Inc	N	80.29	+27	Equity Residential	N	73.50	-73
Alphabet Inc	N	80.29	+27	Equity Residential	N	73.50	-73
Alstare Corp	N	94.90	+33	Exelon Corp	N	48.42	-.32
Alltagroup Inc	N	101.56	-.49	First Indl RT	N	34.07	-.12
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.43	-.06	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	48.40	-.25
Baxter Intl	N	74.79	+11	Gallagher AJ	N	80.34	-.26
Boneing Co	N	426.87	+2.82	Grainger WW	N	311.38	-.99
Brucor Inc	N	53.77	+94	GrubHub Inc	N	81.66	+1.69
CBOE Global Markets	N	95.40	-1.20	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	105.18	+64
CDK Global Inc	O	58.57	+39	IDEX Corp	N	144.83	+28
CDW Corp	O	95.57	-.18	ITW	N	145.02	+19
CF Industries	N	43.25	-.82	Ingredion Inc	N	93.07	-.59
CME Group	O	177.49	-.57	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	165.60	-1.59
CNA Financial	N	43.20	-.04	Kemper Corp	N	82.65	-.33
Caterpillar Inc	N	141.41	+2.73	Kraft Heinz Co	O	34.23	-.72
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	23.31	-.07	LKQ Corporation	O	27.52	+19
Deere Co	N	164.86	-1.11	Littelfuse Inc	O	195.47	+4.07
Discover Fin Svcs	N	71.03	-.43	MB Financial	O	45.65	-.16
Dover Corp	N	92.46	+13	McDonalds Corp	N	182.61	-.56
Equity Commonwth	N	32.58	-.20	Middleby Corp	O	118.71	-.52

### MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	10.82	+65
Bank of America	29.27	+19
Ford Motor	8.76	+05
Snap Inc A	10.12	+41
Chesapck Engy	2.64	+04
Nokia Corp	6.15	-.09
EnCana Corp	7.05	+16
Goldcorp Inc	11.06	-.07
Barrick Gold	12.61	-.43
Vale SA	12.55	+05
CocaCola Co	44.94	-.34
Pfizer Inc	43.08	+12
Alibaba Group Hldg	183.25	+6.33
Aurora Cannabis Inc	7.29	+33
AT&T Inc	31.13	-.02
Genworth Financial	4.02	-.28
Sprint Corp	6.44	...
Freeport McMoran	13.26	+04
Vipshop Hldgs Ltd	6.81	+17
McDermott Intl	8.00	+26
CenturyLink Inc	13.17	-.27
Wells Fargo & Co	49.66	+64
Petrobras	16.24	-.39
Avon Products	3.01	-.20

### LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	183.25	+6.33
Alphabet Inc C	1109.40	-.97
Alphabet Inc A	1117.33	+77
Amazon.com Inc	1633.00	+1.44
Apple Inc	174.23	+1.26
Bank of America	29.27	+19
Berkshire Hath B	202.31	+40
Exxon Mobil Corp	78.50	+08
Facebook Inc	164.62	+2.73
JPMorgan Chase	106.10	+1.10
Johnson & Johnson	136.20	+50
Microsoft Corp	111.59	+62
Pfizer Inc	43.08	+12
Procter & Gamble	99.57	-.68
Royal Dutch Shell B	64.03	+03
Royal Dutch Shell A	62.55	-.12
Unitedhealth Group	264.60	-2.51
Visa Inc	146.06	+19
WalMart Strs	99.12	-.43

### LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.04	+09	+4.1
American Funds AMRCBA m	26.60	...	+4.2
American Funds CptWldGrncA	m47.09	...	-3.7
American Funds CptWldGrncA	m59.82	...	+1
American Funds FdmIntInvSA m	58.24	+13	+1.9
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	48.03	+17	+3.7
American Funds IncAmrCA m	21.99	...	+2.0
American Funds InvCamrCA m	36.96	+06	-.4
American Funds NWPrspctVA m	42.22	+18	+1.1
American Funds WAMTInvSA m	45.14	+04	+5.8
DFA EMktCorEqnl	21.04	+11	-11.3
DFA IntlCorEqnl	12.93	+04	-10.3
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.51	...	+2.8
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	40.79	+25	-11.8
Dodge & Cox Stk	193.24	+56	+6
DoubleLine TtlRetBdl	10.46	...	+3.7
Fidelity 500IdxInPrm	97.46	+14	+3.8
Fidelity Contrafund	12.27	+03	+2.2
Fidelity ContrafundK	12.28	+04	+2.4
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInPrm	79.67	+10	+4.0
Fidelity USBdlIdxInPrm	11.36	-.01	+3.4
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.30	+01	+3.6
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdl	10.49	...	+3.8
PIMCO IncInstl	11.94	...	+3.5
PIMCO TtlRetIns	10.03	...	+3.1
Schwab SP500Idx	42.86	+06	+3.8
T. Rowe Price BCGR	110.27	+31	+6.9
T. Rowe Price GrStk	65.23	+12	+4.9
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	258.96	+36	+3.8
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.95	+02	+8.9
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	73.32	+10	+3.6
Vanguard GrIdAdmrl	78.34	+11	+4.3
Vanguard HCAmrl	88.28	+35	+9.5
Vanguard InTrnGdAdm	9.53	...	+3.6
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.03	...	+4.0
Vanguard InslIdxInsl	254.62	+35	+3.8
Vanguard InslIdxInslPlus	254.64	+35	+3.8
Vanguard InslTHSMLnPls	61.06	+08	+4.2
Vanguard MdCpldxAdmrl	197.59	+01	+3.0
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	135.91	+54	+5.0
Vanguard STInvGrdAdmrl	10.50	-.02	+2.6
Vanguard SmtCpldxAdmrl	74.70	+01	+6.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	30.52	+03	+1.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.31	+03	+1.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	33.42	+06	+7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.55	+04	+4
Vanguard TtlMktIdxAdmrl	10.52	-.01	+3.3
Vanguard TtlMktIdxInsl	10.52	-.01	+3.3
Vanguard TtlMktIdxAdmrl	21.95	-.05	+4.6
Vanguard TtlMktIdxInsl	32.93	-.08	+4.7
Vanguard TtlMktIdxInsl	27.91	+10	-7.9
Vanguard TtlMktIdxInsl	111.62	+42	-7.9
Vanguard TtlMktIdxInslPlus	111.64	+41	-7.9
Vanguard TtlMktIdxInsl	16.69	+07	-7.9
Vanguard TtlMktIdxAdmrl	70.07	+09	+4.2
Vanguard TtlMktIdxInsl	70.08	+08	+4.2
Vanguard WlghtnAdmrl	68.80	+06	+3.5
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# OBITUARIES

DAVID HOROWITZ 1937-2019

## 'Fight Back!' consumer reporter, Emmys winner

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — David Horowitz, whose "Fight Back!" syndicated program made him perhaps the best-known consumer reporter in the U.S., has died. He was 81.

Horowitz had dementia and died on Thursday in Los Angeles, a family spokesman said.

"Fight Back! With David Horowitz" won multiple Emmys and a huge audience as Horowitz investigated product defects, tested advertising claims and confronted companies with customer complaints.

A popular feature on "Fight Back!" were commercial challenges, which included "products being dropped from a helicopter or being smashed with wrecking balls to test claims of strength" and even durability tests featuring an elephant, according to a family biography.

"Fight Back!" aired on KNBC-TV, where Horowitz was a consumer reporter for more than 15 years.

At its peak, the program was syndicated on dozens of TV stations across the country. Horowitz also made regular appearances on KNBC newscasts and on NBC's "Today" show. He also had a popular radio program and a newspaper column and authored several best-selling books.

In 1993, Horowitz moved to KCBS-TV where he delivered "Fight Back!" segments during news broadcasts, according to the family biography.

"I don't consider myself a consumer advocate," Horowitz told the Los Angeles Times in 1988. "If you're on television you have to really be broadcasting in the pub-



NBC

Journalist David Horowitz was taken hostage by a man with a toy BB gun during a live broadcast in 1987.

lic interest, but you also have to be objective I do a lot of stories where the consumer's wrong — where they're trying to rip off companies, too."

In 1987, Horowitz was taken hostage during a KNBC-TV broadcast by a gunman with mental problems. The journalist read the man's statements on camera although the hostage-taker didn't realize the broadcast had been cut. The weapon turned out to be an empty BB gun.

The experience led Horowitz to join a successful campaign to outlaw realistic-looking toy guns in California and other states.

His reporting was criticized by some consumer advocates and reporters as being too concerned with showmanship and less-serious consumer concerns, such as whether a particular popcorn brand lived up to its advertising.

But the Chicago Tribune noted in 1987 that Horowitz waged successful campaigns to remove life-threatening sulfites from salad bars and to require

automakers to install rear window collision-avoidance lights. He was honored by consumer groups and in 1981 became the first newsman to receive the Chief U.S. Postal Inspector's Award for uncovering mail fraud, the Tribune reported.

Horowitz also took heat for his paid work for Better Books, which offered directories with ads, consumer tips and lists of Better Business Bureau members but collapsed into bankruptcy.

Horowitz was born on June 30, 1937, in the Bronx and held a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University. Before joining KNBC-TV in the 1970s, he worked for various newspapers and TV stations.

Horowitz also appeared as himself on episodes of "Silver Spoons," "ALF," "The Golden Girls" and "Saved by the Bell."

Horowitz worked "to make the world a better and more honest place," his family said in a statement.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne, two daughters and two grandchildren.

## Chicago Daily Tribune

ON FEBRUARY 26 ...

**In 1815** exiled Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from the island of Elba to begin his second conquest of France.

**In 1848** the Second French Republic was proclaimed. **Also in 1848** Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels published "The Communist Manifesto" in London.

**In 1919** Congress established Grand Canyon National Park in northern Arizona.

**In 1929** President Calvin Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park.

**In 1940** the U.S. Air Defense Command was created.

**In 1945** a midnight curfew on night clubs, bars and other places of entertainment was set to go into effect across the nation.

**In 1951** the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified.

**In 1952** Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had produced an atomic bomb.

**In 1979** a total solar eclipse cast a moving shadow 175 miles wide from Oregon to North Dakota before moving into Canada.

**In 1991**, after U.S.-led troops pushed Iraqi forces out of Kuwait, resistance leaders declared themselves in control of Kuwait City as the allied forces continued their drive toward Iraq.

**In 1993** a bomb built by Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

**In 1995** the United States and China averted a major trade war by signing a comprehensive agreement. **Also in 1995** Barings PLC, Britain's oldest investment-banking firm, collapsed after Nick Leeson, a 28-year-old securities dealer, lost more than \$1.4 billion by gambling on Tokyo stock prices.

**In 2000** Pope John Paul II visited Mount Sinai in Egypt, where he prayed for religious tolerance in a garden under the peak revered as the place where Moses received the Ten Commandments.

**In 2003**, in a victory for abortion foes, the Supreme Court ruled that federal racketeering and extortion laws had been wrongly used to try to stop blockades, harassment and violent protests outside clinics.

**In 2004** two church-san-

ctioned studies documenting sex abuse by U.S. Roman Catholic clergy said about 4 percent of clerics had been accused of molesting minors since 1950 and blamed bishops' "moral laxity" in disciplining offenders for letting the problem worsen. **Also in 2004** Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski was killed in a plane crash in southern Bosnia.

**In 2008** a power failure later blamed primarily on human error plunged large parts of Florida into darkness. **Also in 2008** the New York Philharmonic performed a historic concert in North Korea before the communist nation's elite.

**In 2012** Trayvon Martin, an unarmed black teenager, was shot and killed in a gated community in Sanford, Fla., igniting a national debate on racial profiling and civil rights. (Neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman, who was charged with second-degree murder and manslaughter, was later found not guilty.)

**In 2014** Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer vetoed a bill that would have bolstered a business owner's right to refuse service to gays and others on the basis of religion.

**In 2016** former GOP presidential rivals made peace when New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie endorsed Republican front-runner Donald Trump, calling the billionaire the best candidate to lead the country.

**In 2017** "Moonlight" — not, as it turned out, "La La Land" — won best picture in a historic Academy Awards upset and an unprecedented fiasco when presenters Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway were given the wrong envelope and announced the blockbuster Hollywood musical with 14 nominations as the winner, rather than the modest coming of age tale whose producers, after several minutes of confusion, were handed the Oscar.

**Chicago Tribune** Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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### Death Notices

#### Ahlgim, Wesley A.

Wesley A. Ahlgim, United States Army Veteran, of Lockport, IL, age 80, passed away February 22, 2019. Wesley was preceded in death by his parents Leroy and Marie (nee Radtke); and two brothers Ronald and Thomas. He is survived by his cherished wife Claudia (nee Shaw); his beloved children, Amy (Greg) Wofford, Brian (Amy), and Kevin (Theresa); loving grandchildren Taylor, Ryan, Allie, Jordan, and Anna; fond brother Larry (Linda); and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Wes was a loyal Chicago Cubs fan and was happy to see them win a World Series! He enjoyed his "meetings" with the Rovers and his card games at the club house. A memorial visitation will be held Wednesday, February 27, 2019 from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at O'NEIL FUNERAL HOME & HERITAGE CREMATORY, 1105 E. 9th Street, Lockport, 60441. A memorial service will be held Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Inurnment to follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Relatives and friends are invited to sign the online guestbook at: [www.oneilfuneralhome.com](http://www.oneilfuneralhome.com)



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#### Anderson, Barbara Spearman

Barbara Jean Spearman Anderson passed away on February 20, 2019. Born on March 13, 1933 in Lawrence, Kansas to Rose Ann Hutcherson and John Leland Spearman, she married the late Fred Anderson on May 2, 1954 and is survived by children Rosanne Smith, Ruth Miller, David Anderson, and Kristin Collins. An avid traveler, reader and gourmet cook, she loved her grandchildren. Visitation at Taylor Funeral Home on 1 March; wake and services begin Saturday, 2 March 2019 at 10 am, at St. James A M E Church, 9256 S Lafayette Ave., Chicago, IL.

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#### Battaglia, Nicola

Nicola Battaglia, age 73, born in Mola di Bari, Italy, passed away on February 21, 2019. Beloved husband of Maria (nee Ungolo). Loving father of Domenico (Maricor), Antonio, Vito, Gaetano (Jane) and Teresa Battaglia (Sean O'Donnell). Cherished Nonno of Fontina, Nicholas, Gaetano, Kimberlee and Kerie Battaglia. Fond uncle of Tommaso and Gaetano Conenna. Nicola was a member of the Maria SS.Addolorata Mola di Bari and was a retired union member of Local 1006. Visitation Wednesday, February 27, 2019 from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL. Funeral Thursday, beginning at the funeral home at 9:00 a.m. and then proceeding to St. Eugene Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Entombment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. Info 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com).



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#### Ciszek, Richard

Proud Veteran of the Korean War. Loving son, brother, uncle, and friend of many. Visitation Thursday 10:30am at **Carbonara Funeral Home**, 1515 N. 25th Avenue Melrose Park until time of Chapel Service 12:30pm. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated. 708-343-6161 or [CarbonaraFuneralHome.net](http://CarbonaraFuneralHome.net)



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#### Dajc, Henry J.

Henry J. Dajc, age 82, February 22, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Jeanette; loving father of Sharon (Glen) Weibaker and David (Jodie); cherished grandfather of Christopher, Nicholas, Emilie and Aimee; dear brother of Dolores (late Frank) Flaska; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services Friday 11a.m. Rev. Hassel Bullock officiating; at Woodlawn Funeral Home 7750 W. Cermak Road; Forest Park, IL Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3-8p.m. Donations to the American Stroke Assoc. (800) 242-8721 would be appreciated. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.woodlawnchicago.com](http://www.woodlawnchicago.com) for the Dajc family. (708) 442-8500

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#### DeGuido, Angelina

Angelina Lenora DeGuido nee Gallucci lived a beautiful life for 97 1/2 years and cherished her family above all. Adored wife of 72 years to the late Salvatore. Devoted mother to Sally Ann & Craig LaCrosse and the late Mary Catherine DeGuido. Beloved grandmother to Tracy & Craig Zoberis, Jeff & Danielle, Brian & Katy, and Scott & Kathryn LaCrosse.

Known as Pizza-Grandma to her 12 beautiful great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Natalie, Mackenzie, Mia, Gillian, Jacqueline, Brooklyn, Ashley, Sophia, Layne, Charlotte and Ally. Special aunt to Rosemary Alesia, Tony Argenti and Bobby Long. Great aunt and great-great aunt to many. She loved making pizza, shopping, finding a bargain, blush wine, Bingo and teaching her grandchildren to play poker. Retired school secretary for Chicago Board of Education. She was the consummate matriarch to her loving family. Visitation Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until time of mass 10:00 a.m. at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. 4th Street, Hinsdale. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. Kindly omit flowers. Arrangements entrusted to **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, 800-562-0082 or [www.hursen.com](http://www.hursen.com).



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#### Dunlap, Elizabeth Renee

Elizabeth Renee Dunlap; loving daughter of Randall and Jennifer (nee Brown) Dunlap; dear sister of Katherine Dunlap; dearest granddaughter of James and Rita Brown and Randall and Suzanne Dunlap; niece of James Brown, Julie (Paul) Heller, Dave (Jennifer) Dunlap, and Sarah Dunlap. Visitation Friday, March 1st, 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Adams-Winterfield and Sullivan Funeral Home, 4343 Main Street (1 Blk. So. of Ogdan Ave.), Downers Grove, Illinois 60515. Funeral Service Saturday, March 2nd, 1:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1032 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, a trust fund called the Beth Dunlap 18 Fund has been set up at Chase Bank (deposits can be made at any Chase location) all of the proceeds from the trust fund will be used to benefit First United Methodist Church, [www.dgfumc.org](http://www.dgfumc.org), and to launch a private charitable fund to benefit underprivileged youth volleyball players. The goal of the Beth Dunlap 18 Fund will be to accomplish 18 acts of kindness annually in the volleyball community to assist underprivileged youth volleyball players enjoy the game. 630-968-1000 or [www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com](http://www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com)



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#### Dzialo, Bernice J.

Bernice J. Dzialo, 96; beloved wife of the late Casimir; loving mother of Constance (John) Thullen, Alice Giovannetti, Peter (Linda) Dzialo and Annette Slingo; cherished grandmother of Matthew (Kelly), Brooke (fiance Krzysztof), Bethany (Brian), Kristen (Paul), Gabriel, Hillary, Eric and Casey; great-grandmother of Connor, Tyler, Maggie and Henry; dear "Auntie Bunnie" to many. Visitation Wednesday, February 27, 2019 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at COLONIAL-WOJECIHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME, 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services Thursday, February 28, starting with prayers at 8:45 a.m. from the funeral home, proceeding to St. Cornelius Church for 9:30 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles. In lieu of flowers donations to a charity of your choice are appreciated. Info (773) 774-0366 or [colonialfuneral.com](http://colonialfuneral.com)



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#### Falkner, Louis E.

On February 23rd, I was summoned by the Lord to appear in the High Court of Mercy (I hope) and Justice (I hope not). On August 13th, 1934 I was born of Louis and Molly (Mandi) Falkner, German immigrants, in their home, a third-floor walk-up, stone-faced apartment located on North Nelson Street in Chicago. My beloved wife Pat (Patsy Rickett Wilson) my sister Eleanor (Gene) Dorgan, and my parents preceded my appearance at the High Court. My teamster son, Kevin and professional daughter, Brigid (Gary) Schultz, five grand-daughters, and one great grandson continue their journey here on earth. I graduated from Quigley Preparatory Seminary (Chicago), University of St. Mary of the Lake (Mundelein, IL), and Loyola University Chicago. My professional life of 36 years in higher education was accomplished at Loyola University, St. Louis University, and Wright State University. I leave behind many relatives and friends to whom I owe much including Gene Dorgan, brother-in-law, who took such good care of my mother (Molly), to David and Norman Wilson and his spouse Lynelle for their regard to Pat, and to friend and physician Lawrence Meiczkowski. So many friends at QAC and WSU Retirees Association, I say "thank you." I hope you all remember me by my smile, my stories - a few factual and others foible and fable. You can tell of my German heritage, but you couldn't tell me much. Please remember to help each other and to help the stranger in the street, even if only with a smile. Visitation Wednesday 11 A.M. until time of Funeral Service at 1 P.M. at Lawn Fuenral Home 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park, IL 60462. Interment Private. Funeral info: (708) 429-3200



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#### FUDACZ, ELNA J.

ELNA J. FUDACZ, (nee Bouton); beloved wife of the late Richard J. "Pete" Fudacz; loving mother of Richard Jr. (Susan), Roxanne Rodgers, Peter (Paula) & Donald (Jeanne); dearest grandmother of Tyler, Alexis & Ryan Rodgers, Peter Jr., Patrick & Paige Fudacz; devoted daughter of the late Dorothy (late Joseph) Buchina & late Floyd Bouton II; dear sister of Lois (late Roger) Golden, Joseph Jr. (Cathy) Buchina & late Floyd (Arifis) Bouton; dearest aunt of many; fond sister-in-law of Matthew Fudacz. Visitation Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 3-9 p.m. at **Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd.**, 8999 S. Archer Ave., Willow Springs. Funeral Thursday, 9 a.m. from the funeral home to Peace Memorial Church, 10300 W. 131st St., Palos Park for a 10 a.m. service. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery. Member of the Archer Heights Civic Assc. (708) 839.8999 or [www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com](http://www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com).



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#### Janega, Rebecca Dianne

Rebecca Dianne Shifflett Janega, wife, mother, adventuress, who raised a family and raised her voice against injustice, died peacefully in her home surrounded by her children and grandchildren Sunday morning, Feb. 24, just after her 70th birthday. Fearless and beautiful, Dianne painted, traveled, flew planes and jumped out of them. She brought beauty to the world, fought for equality, and treated others with compassion and authenticity. Dianne is survived by her husband, Brian Ogrodowski, children James (Sarah) Janega and Jessica (Matt) Cassidy, and grandchildren Lily, Miranda, Quill, and Marian. There will be a wake from 3 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the Ahlgim & Sons Funeral Home, 330 W. Golf Rd., Schaumburg. There will be a memorial service Thursday, Feb. 28, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with a short visitation beforehand at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to [pathwayhouseyouthservices.com](http://pathwayhouseyouthservices.com). Funeral information or online condolences [www.ahlgimfuneral.com](http://www.ahlgimfuneral.com) or 847-882-5580.



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Feb. 25	
Lotto	37 29 34 25 13 44 / 3
Lotto jackpot: \$11M	
Pick 3 midday	951 / 7
Pick 4 midday	6504 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto midday	06 12 25 18 22
Pick 3 evening	825 / 0
Pick 4 evening	4139 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto evening	38 15 31 34 26
Feb. 26 Mega Millions: \$245M	
Feb. 27 Powerball: \$322M	
WISCONSIN	
Feb. 25	
Pick 3	822
Pick 4	6003
Badger 5	04 06 07 08 15
SuperCash	07 14 21 23 26 35

INDIANA	
Feb. 25	
Daily 3 midday	892 / 5
Daily 4 midday	0978 / 5
Daily 3 evening	663 / 6
Daily 4 evening	8220 / 6
Cash 5	03 04 28 39 45
MICHIGAN	
Feb. 25	
Daily 3 midday	156
Daily 4 midday	8535
Daily 3 evening	212
Daily 4 evening	5123
Fantasy 5	01 07 21 30 32
Keno	01 02 03 06 11 13
	15 18 21 22 30 37 41
	43 45 52 60 61 68 70 77

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## Janik, Catherine 'Cathy'

Catherine "Cathy" Janik; beloved wife of the late Frank J. for 54 years; loving Mom of Bill, Julie (Jimmy) Burns, and Carl (Karen); dear Gram of Nicholas (Patti), Katie (Dino) Kazas, Madie, and Olivia; fond Gigi of Eli, Sammy, and Evan; loving sister of the late Tony, late Fran, Mary, Elsie, and Theresa; Aunt of many. Visitation 3 to 9pm Wednesday, Feb. 27 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Will lie-in-state Thursday, Feb. 28 from 9am until time of service, 10am at Grace Lutheran Church, 200 N. Catherine Ave., LaGrange. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Rush Memory and Aging Project are appreciated. Funeral info: 708-352-6500 or [hjfunerals.com](http://hjfunerals.com)

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## Kosteck, Raymond Donald 'Bo'

Raymond "Bo" Kosteck, age 83, passed away on February 23, 2019. Loving husband to late Jackie Kosteck and brother late Leonard Kosteck. He is survived by daughter Pam (Eric) Hitzeman, FL; Elly (Doug) Dannewitz, Geneva, IL and their children Penny, Cesi and Colton; brother Paul and sister Carol; spouse Helen Augustine. Ray was a gentle soul who loved his family, the outdoors, animals, a good laugh, singing and helping anyone in need. He lived life to the fullest and will be missed by all of those he touched. Services private. Donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association or Best Friend's Animal Sanctuary.

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## Kowalik, Silva Anna Josepina

Silva Anna Josepina Kowalik nee Colonna, born in Rome, Italy. Beloved wife of the late Walter Kowalik. Cherished mother of the late Rossana (Marshall) O'Rourke. Adored daughter of the late Averardo & Annunziata Colonna. Treasured sister of Mario (Drava) Colonna & Franco (Franca) Colonna. Loving aunt of Andrea Colonna, Sofia Colonna, Patrizia (Fabio) Tomasoli, Alessio & Lavinia. Dearest friend of many, including family in America & Italy. Funeral Friday 9:00 am from Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Germaine Church for Mass at 10:30 am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Thursday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. [thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com](http://thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com) 708-425-0500

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## Krusinski, Richard Hillard

Richard Hillard Krusinski, age 89, passed away on February 21, 2019 in Lexington, KY.

Richard was born May 3, 1929 in Chicago, IL to the late Jack and Helen Rezeno Krusinski Butzen.

Aside from his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Raymond and sister in law.

Richard leaves behind his wife of 69 years, Lolita Kotarek Krusinski; son David (Eda Kacki) Krusinski; daughter Jane (Dale) Dvorak of Waco, TX, and daughter Gail (Hal) Harned of Lexington, KY; 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at 12:00pm followed by mass at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Nicholasville, KY on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 1:00 PM with burial immediately following at Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Nicholasville, KY at 2:30 PM.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers please make contributions in memory of Richard Hillard Krusinski to the Wounded Warriors Project or the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans.

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## Lev, Vernon J.

Vernon J. Lev, age 90, of Woodstock, at rest Feb. 23, 2019. Proud Korean War USA Army Veteran & true "Mr. Fix-It". Beloved husband of the late Joyce Lev nee Odeen. Loving father of Lynn (Jeff) Ostapczuk, Don (Patti) Lev, Dean (Rosemarie) Lev, and Dale (Lisa) Lev. Dear grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of 6. Visitation held Sat. March 2, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at **Justen's Wonder Lake Funeral Home**, 7611 Hancock Dr., Wonder Lake, IL 60097. Sharing of Memories to follow at 1:30 p.m. INFO: 815-728-0233 or [www.justenf.com](http://www.justenf.com)

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## Liss, Andrea Lee

Andrea Lee Liss, nee Riffkind. Beloved mother of Wendi Liss. Loving sister of the late Marcia Shapiro. Dear daughter of the late Maxwell and Celia Riffkind. She will be greatly missed by many dear friends and family. Service is private. For donation and shiva details please contact **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com).

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## Mahler, Michael N.

Michael Nicholas Mahler, 70, of Joliet, February 21, 2019. U. S. Army veteran and retired Operations Manager for Caterpillar, Inc., Aurora. Beloved father of Michelle (Milton) Karounos; proud grandfather of Miltiades, Michael and Melianna; loving son of Mary (Jacobs) Mahler and the late Michael P. Mahler. Visitation Tuesday, February 26, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with service at 1:00 p.m., at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black at Essington Roads, Joliet. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. For more information, please call (815) 741-5500 or to read his complete obituary visit his Memorial Tribute at [www.fredcdames.com](http://www.fredcdames.com)

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## McNelis, David Andrew

David A. McNelis, 44, of Colona, IL passed away at his home on Saturday, February 16, 2019. David was born on June 24, 1974, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of James and Florence C. (Ireland) McNelis. Full Obit: [www.esterdahl.com](http://www.esterdahl.com)

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## Messineo, Barbara A.

Barbara A. Messineo (nee Grego) age 75, beloved wife of Phillip J.; loving mother of Deborah (Thomas) Jones, Joseph (Deneen) and Michelle Messineo; cherished grandma of Lauren, Christy, Rachel, Gina, Mark, Jennifer, Matthew, Gwen, Brandon and the late Nicole; dear sister of Richard and Frank Grego. Visitation Tuesday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Wednesday 9:30 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park, IL 60462 to St. Julie Billiard Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Funeral Info: (708) 429-3200

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## Meyers, William F. 'Bill'

William F. "Bill" Meyers of the LaGrange Highlands; beloved husband of the late Beverly M. "Woozie" (nee Marks); loving father of Leslie Reid (Dennis Parent) and Mark (Joy) Meyers; devoted grandfather of Preston and Russell; dear uncle of many. Bill was a WWII Navy Veteran who served in the south Pacific. He was an active volunteer with the Computer Club at the Hinsdale Community House. Visitation 3 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Services and interment will be held privately. Funeral Info: 708-352-6500 or [hjfunerals.com](http://hjfunerals.com)

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## Moses, Irving

Irving Moses, age 93, beloved husband of Toby Moses, nee Kornfeld, happily married for 71 years; loving father of Barbara (Douglas) Tarr, Jack (Melissa Castaneda) Moses and Carol (Bruce Landgarten) Moses; cherished Papa of Rachel (Samuel) Nass, Jeffrey (Brittany) Tarr, Asia and Devin Moses; great grandfather of Hunter Nass; Irving was preceded in death by his sisters Ruth (Bernie) Steinberg and Marilyn Moses; treasured uncle to many nieces and nephews. Chapel service Wednesday, February 27, 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Highland Park Senior Center ([www.citypil.com](http://www.citypil.com)) or The Jewish Federation ([www.juf.org](http://www.juf.org)). For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com).

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## Nichiporuk, Eugenia

Eugenia Nichiporuk, age 89, of Mt. Prospect. Beloved wife of Boris Nichiporuk. Loving mother of Nonna (Joseph) Franzwa and Lily (Paul) Soldmann. Cherished grandmother of Kristina (Ryan) Westlund, Katherine (Beau-Michael) Parenti, Cynthia (Mark) Moser, Diana (Tom) Moran, Michael (Amanda Mitchell) Soldmann. Devoted great grandmother of Caleb, Natalie, Anika, Ellie, Nora, Owen and Jackson. Fond aunt and friend of many. Visitation Friday, 3:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd. at Northwest Highway, Mt. Prospect. Visitation Saturday, 9:30 A.M. until Funeral Service 10:00 A.M. at the funeral home. Interment Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 300 S Riverside Plaza, Chicago, IL 60606. Information call 847-255-7800 or [www.friedrichsfh.com](http://www.friedrichsfh.com)

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## Patinkin, Howard

Howard Phillip Patinkin, 86, devoted husband of Sheila Lopin Goode; cherished father-in-law of William Levy (Patrick Schwarz) and stepfather of Andrea (Christopher) Barber, and Steven (Ann) Goode; beloved grandfather of Daniel Levy, Rebecca Levy, Jack Barber, and Juliana, Ellis and Sam Goode; dear son of the late Morris and Gertrude; caring brother of the late Charlotte (the late Mitchell) Taibleson and Rachel (the late Loren) Grainer; fond brother-in-law of Melynda Lopin; father of Dawn Eve Patinkin Levy and Stacy Oliver; uncle, great uncle, and friend of many. Howard served proudly in the Chicago Police Department for 36 years, achieving the rank of Deputy Chief. Howard was also an attorney, and after retiring from the CPD, he served as an Administrative Law Judge for the City of Chicago. Howard was a proud veteran of the Korean War. Howard loved to spend time with his family, particularly his 6 grandchildren, friends, and was an avid reader, loved movies and all police themed television shows. Mr. Patinkin was a charter member of the Shomrim Society of Illinois, a member of Chicago Lodge 437 Masonic Temple, and Shriners. Chapel service Thursday 10:00 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America ([alzfdn.org](http://alzfdn.org)) or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS.org). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)

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## Pavnic, Stephanie Ellen

Survived by her devoted husband of 30 years, Mark Erickson, loving children Andrew John and Cassidy Erickson, beloved parents Andrew and Jeanie Pavnic, siblings, Janet (Brian) Casciari, Daniel (Lynn) Pavnic, Maria (Randy) Wright, Father in law, John (Dorothy) Erickson, Sisters in Law, Lynda (Craig) Ramsey, Julie Erickson, numerous nieces and nephews, and loving companions, Grizzly and Scotty. Stephanie was born in Joliet, Illinois, graduated from Dirksen Junior High School, Joliet Central High School (1979), University of Iowa, 1983 (BS Nursing), University of Illinois Chicago, 1991 (DDS). Stephanie's love and commitment to her family was her top priority. Stephanie established a private dental practice in Carol Stream, Illinois, Park Dental Care, where she practiced until June 2018. She touched many lives with her passion for dentistry and her personal attention to each patient. She started each day with an early morning run, no matter the weather conditions. She participated in many ½ and full marathons, often recruiting her family and friends to join her in her quest to complete another race. Stephanie was called home to our Lord, doing what she loved, cruising the seas with her family.

Funeral services for Stephanie Pavnic will be held Friday, February 22, 2019 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 701 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers memorials in her name can be made to: NET Research Foundation, (Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation), [netrf.org](http://netrf.org)

## Sachs, Eunice

Eunice Sachs, aged 79, of Flossmoor, IL, passed away on February 25, 2019. She is survived by two daughters: Mindy (Roy) McLean and Lynda "L.J." (Blair) Nicholas; four grandchildren: Kendall, Austin "Ozzie", Avery, and Reese; and one sister: Suzanne Harris. She is preceded in death by parents Paul and Jean Weiss; sister Carole Adams; and loving companion Patrick Angelo. The visitation will be held Wednesday, February 27, 2019, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Burns-Kish Funeral Home, 8415 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321, with a service at 3 p.m. Burial private. Shiva following service and also Thursday February 28, 2019 from 12-6 p.m. Please visit us at [www.burnskish.com](http://www.burnskish.com).

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## Shuttleworth, Antoinette 'Toni'

(nee Brieske) - beloved wife of the late Robert; loving mother of Robert Jr. (Susan), Keith (Robin), Kevin, Nancy (Edmundo) Escutia and Cheryl Shuttleworth; proud and cherished grandmother of Robb, Jillian, Aidan, Kevin (Denise), Michael, Jacob, Jackson (Michaela Wurl), Juliana, Alejandra, Clayton, Edmundo and Matthew; great grandmother of Allison, Khloe and Charlie. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. Funeral Thursday, lying in state from 9-10 a.m. at St. Joseph Village 4021 W. Belmont. Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Interment Maryhill. In lieu of flowers donations to the Alzheimer's Association or St. Joseph Village would be appreciated. Info 773-588-5850 [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com)

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## Simone, Ruth E.

Born September 22, 1921 went to be with her beloved Johnny on February 18, 2019. Married John P. Simone (deceased) on January 10, 1942. She is survived by her loving daughters Diane (Gary) Seymour of McHenry, IL and Donna J. Simone of Highlands Ranch, CO. Also surviving are her nieces Louise Bultman of Des Plaines and Joanne Herold of Midlothian and nephew Harold (Carole) Ulmer of Sun Lakes AZ. Predeceasing her were her husband John and her half-brother Emil Ulmer.

Ruth was a quiet, but determined, fiercely independent and feisty woman. After John's death she raised her daughters to the best of her ability. She was a dedicated and loyal employee and always did her best. Her wry sense of humor showed more often as she aged. Volunteering at Save-A-Pet for many years, she loved the cats and caring for them. No one could find a better friend than Ruth.

We wish to thank the caregivers from First Light in McHenry and Journey Care Hospice for their kind and loving care of Ruth.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, February 27 from 10 am to 12 pm at Colonial Funeral Home 591 Ridgeview Dr, McHenry, IL followed by a service at 12:30pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 4206 W. Elm St. McHenry. Interment will be private. Memorials can be made to Save-A-Pet (Grayslake, IL) or Journey Care of Barrington

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## Stack, Roman A.

Roman A. Stack, age 61, retired Detective Evergreen Park Police Dept. Beloved son of the late Roman J. and Helen Stack. Loving brother of Greg Stack, Connie (Ron) Beversdorf, Kristen Tullia, Kathy (Jim Sakola) Stack and the late Art Stack. Dear uncle and great-uncle of many. Avid fisherman, outdoorsman and lover of Labradors. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 PM. Funeral Thursday 10:30 a.m. from Colonial Chapel 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL to St. Alexander Church, 7025 W. 126th St., Palos Heights, IL. Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment private. Memorials to Ducks Unlimited, Memorial Contribution, One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120 are appreciated. Express your thoughts and condolences at [colonialchapel.com](http://colonialchapel.com) 708-532-5400

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## Stankus, Adele A.

Adele A. Stankus nee Oboikovitz. Beloved wife of Albert Stankus. Loving mother of John (Mary) Stankus, Robert (Donna) Stankus, Bill (Bernadette) Stankus, Barb (Steve) Crum, & Michael (Barb) Stankus. Cherished grandmother of 10 & great grandmother of 6. Dear sister of Mary, Agnes, James, Larry, & Kenneth. Funeral Thursday 8:45 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Gerald Church for Mass at 9:30 am. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Adele loved flowers, gardening and adored her grandchildren. She had exceptional luck at the casino. Adele worked at Holy Cross Hospital for 18 years and served as an Auxiliary volunteer with recognition for 10,000 hours of service [thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com](http://thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com) 708-425-0500

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## Swidergal, Mary

Mary Swidergal nee Kosciak, 92. Preceded in death by her loving husband, the late John Swidergal. Born March 25, 1926 to the late Andrew and the late Agatha Kosciak nee Pluta. Loving mother of John (Joyce), James and Mark. Adoring grandma to her pride and joys, John (Kim) and Jaclyn. Beloved sister to the late Frances (late Joseph) Krupa, late Stella (late William) Trzyna, late Sr. Mary Rosetta CSSF, late Val (late Matt) Swidergal, Helen (late Henry) Surdej, Susan (late Chester) Swidergal and Dolores (late John) McNamara. Beloved sister-in-law of the late Estelle Swidergal, late Sally (late Matty) Sekula, late Sr. Mary Odilia CSSF, late Ann (late Joseph) Matesovic and the late William (late Victoria) Swidergal. Dearest friend and in-law to the late Frank (late Victoria) Ledwon. A lifelong godmother, aunt, great-aunt and great-great aunt to many loving nieces and nephews. Dearest friend to many. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Felician Sisters Retirement Fund (3800 W. Peterson, Chicago, IL), Poor Hand Maids of Jesus Christ (Donaldson, IN) or Special Olympics of Northern Illinois appreciated. Funeral Thursday 9:30am from the WOLNIAK FUNERAL HOME 5700 S. Pulaski Rd. to St. Camillus Church (5426 S. Lockwood) for 10:30am Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 2-9pm. For info: (773) 767-4500 or [www.wolniakfuneralhome.com](http://www.wolniakfuneralhome.com)

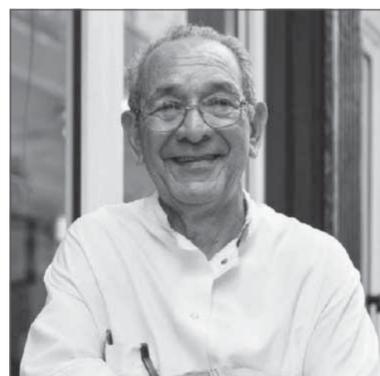
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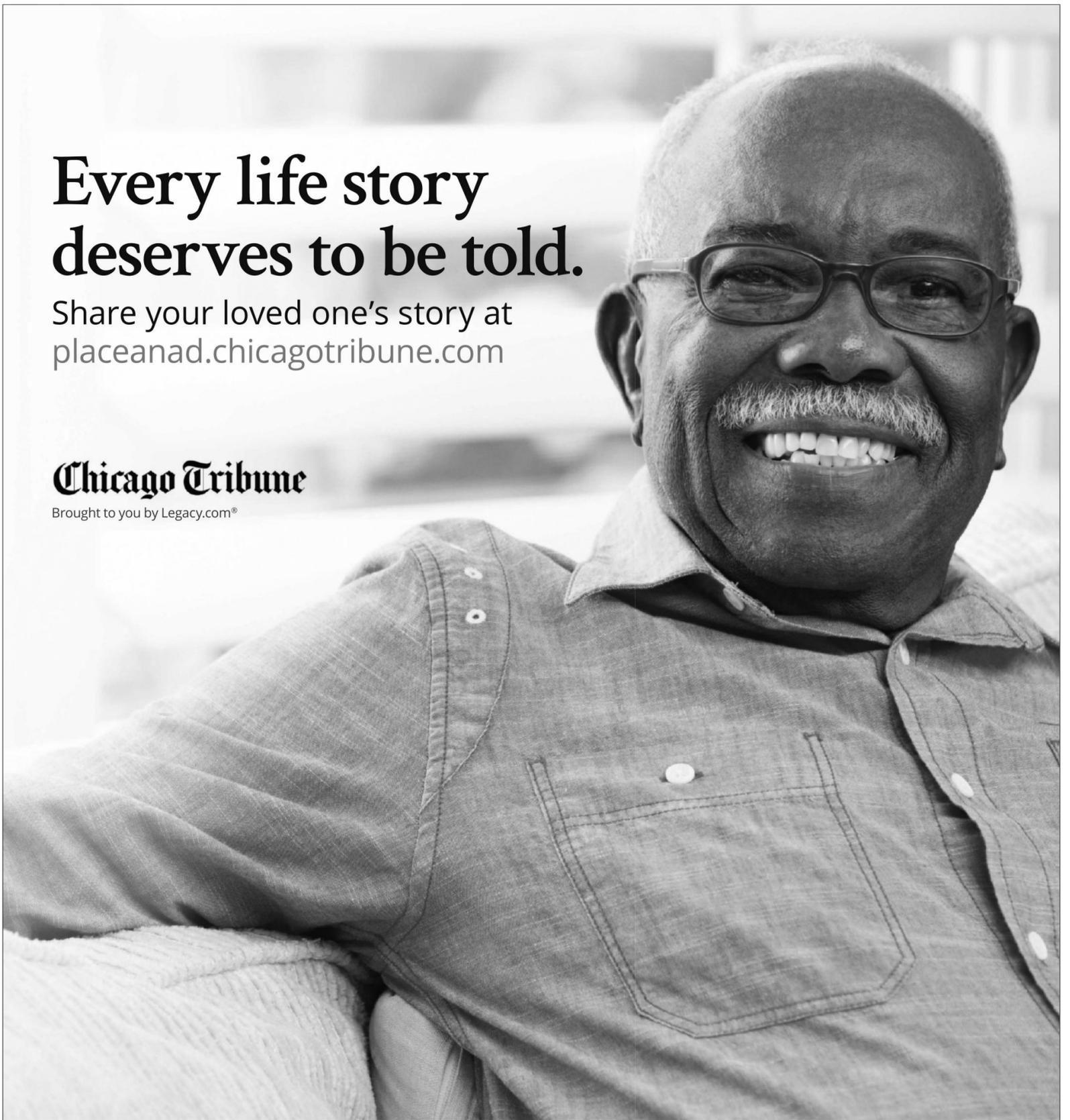
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**CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY**  
**INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) FOR FOOD SERVICE FOR JUDICIAL MEALS AT THE GEORGE N. LEIGHTON CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, 2600 SOUTH CALIFORNIA AVENUE. CONTRACT NO. 1953-17759**  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Mackenzie Ross**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Sierra Ross (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00685**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Kenneth Edwards (Father), AKA Kenneth Edward**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 13, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/19/2019 at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 8 COURTROOM H, 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  
**February 26, 2019**

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Trevor White**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Monique White (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA01010**

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## 2018 ... gone!

Bryant motivated to put injury-marred season behind him, give jolt to Cubs



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Kris Bryant, who missed 50 games in 2018 because of an injury, appears ready to again be the Cubs' offensive kingpin.



**DAVID HAUGH**  
*In the Wake of the News*

A reminder of the Cubs' biggest offseason investment came Saturday at Sloan Park courtesy of a deposit over the left-field wall.

By the time Kris Bryant's first-inning home run landed, hope had arrived back in Chicago for Cubs fans. Bryant uncorked a classic "KB" shot, completed by the one-handed flourish that was as pleasing aesthetically as it was

mechanically. This was the way Bryant used to launch homers before the shoulder injury that cost him 50 games.

This was merely one swing, Bryant's first of spring training, and the calendar says five weeks remain before the games count.

Saturday's Bryant barely resembled the one who managed a meager 13 home runs and 52 RBIs in 102 games last season because of the bum left shoulder that sapped his power. This Bryant looked like a workout warrior who rebuilt the strength in his shoulder over the winter before picking up a bat in Las Vegas.

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### WHITE SOX

Luis Robert, Eloy Jimenez and Yoan Moncada show what the Sox's future might look like in spring game. **Page 3**

## Dodgers landing Harper could slam Cubs' window



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
*On baseball*

GLENDALE, Ariz. — When a Brinks truck pulled up to the Dodgers offices at Camelback Ranch on Monday morning, it could've been a harbinger to the conclusion of the months-long Bryce Harper saga.

"Sometimes real life is simply too much," ESPN reporter Pedro Gomez tweeted with a video of the truck.

Harper, of course, was not here to collect his megamillions and join the two-time defending National League champions.

Sometimes a Brinks truck is just a Brinks truck.

But manager Dave Roberts confirmed reports he and Dodgers management made the quick flight to Las Vegas on Sunday to try to persuade the free-agent outfielder to take his talents to Chavez Ravine.

Most everyone had conceded Harper would wind up with the Phillies after Chairman John Middleton flew to Vegas on Friday to court Harper and agent Scott Boras, declining to bring Phillies President Andy MacPhail.

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## Bowman holds his trading cards, sticks to plan as deadline passes



**JIMMY GREENFIELD**  
*On the Blackhawks*

Zip. Zilch. Nada. Blackhawks general manager Stan Bowman didn't make a deal during the frenzied hours leading up to the NHL's trade deadline Monday, which will make it even more difficult for the Hawks to sneak into the postseason. And you know what? That's absolutely fine.

The Hawks aren't going to compete for the Stanley Cup this year even if they manage to get into the playoffs. That prospect became much less likely after they lost to the Avalanche and Stars over the weekend to drop five points out of the final Western Conference wild-card spot.

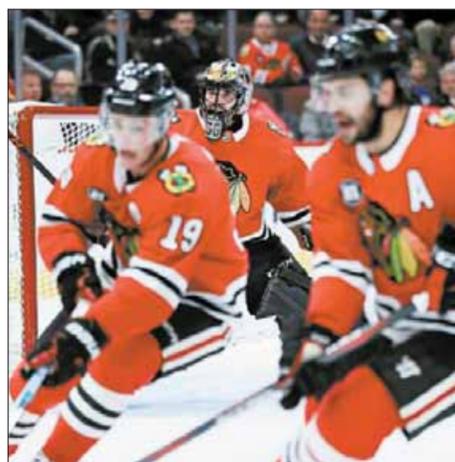
While the NHL's buyers and sellers swapped stars, role players and draft picks, the Hawks wisely ended up sitting this one out. Bowman took calls and made them, of course, but he was in search of deals similar to those he made earlier this season when he

landed Dylan Strome from the Coyotes and Drake Caggiula from the Oilers.

"We were never in that rental market where we were going to be trying to chase players that were (on) expiring contracts," Bowman said. "So we were always looking at real, potential trades where you're more filling one need by trading an area you maybe had a surplus. We had a lot of talk, but it just didn't come together."

The semantics of what the Hawks are in the process of doing is only relevant as it relates to public relations.

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## Hawks add a starting goalie

The Blackhawks activated Corey Crawford from injured reserve Monday and sent Collin Delia to Rockford. Crawford is expected to make a start on the upcoming three-game road trip. Story, **Page 5**

### BEARS

**"To become a legitimate Super Bowl contender, the Bears need to support a special defense with an offense that can score more. Much more."**

"Real Talk" with Rich Campbell and Dan Wiederer, **Back Page**

### BULLS

Ryan Arcidiacono, who made his 26th start in the Bulls' loss to the Bucks, has put in the effort all season. **Page 5**

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SAM MELLINGER

## Money can't buy what Weber has

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The multi-millionaire basketball coach is talking about clipping coupons. The key, you see, is persistence. You have to check the ads. You have to know prices. And when the right deal comes, you hit it hard. Volume shop.

Like, holidays. Bruce Weber waits until they're over. That's when the candy prices are slashed. Half off. Seventy percent off. The value skyrockets, so right now, a week after Valentine's Day, they have heart-shaped M&Ms in the Kansas State basketball office.

"Remember when they had the triple and double coupons?" Weber said. "My goal was to get money back from them. I got close sometimes."

This kind of thing fills Weber with pride. The search for a deal is a thrill. Some of this is simply the hunt — we all have our quirks, right? — and some the residue of a 40-year coaching career that began with a \$2,000 salary.

"I always tell our guys: 'Never buy anything full price,'" he said. "You're stupid if you do."

We came to this topic by accident, with Weber talking about the warmth he feels from K-State fans. These are high times for the Wildcats — ranked 16th nationally, 21-7 overall and most importantly 11-4 in the Big 12 after Monday night's 64-49 loss at Kansas. Despite the defeat, the Wildcats are still in position to end KU's 14-year run of league championships.

When K-State played its final home game in pursuit of a shared Big 12 championship in 2013, some seats at Bramlage Coliseum remained empty. Now Weber is buying tickets for friends and family (he gets an allotment, but, well, no coupons if he goes over).

But you know when he feels the love the most? At the grocery store, when he's deal hunting.

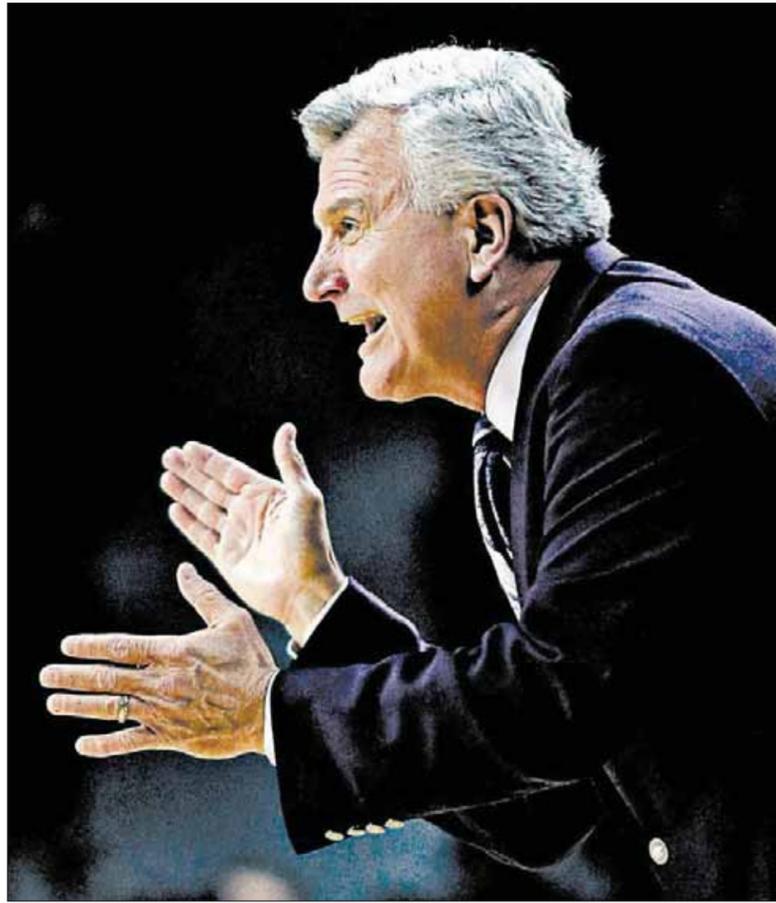
"At Illinois I had to go late at night, so nobody would be there," Weber said. "Here, now, I go whenever. It's great."

Weber has always had a complicated relationship with K-State fans. Frank Martin, the man he replaced, was wildly popular with fans and in consistent conflict with the administration. Weber is basically the opposite, on both ends.

That shared title in 2013 was the program's first since 1977, and Weber is the only current Big 12 coach other than Kansas' Bill Self to have a league trophy. But fans largely credited Martin, because the title was won with players he recruited, which had echoes of Weber's best years at Illinois being dismissed — he followed Self.

It was all nearly enough for Weber not to have this opportunity. He dismissed star Marcus Foster after the 2015 season, a program reboot that could have included a new coach.

That's what many fans wanted, too, but the administration gave Weber another



ORLIN WAGNER/AP

Kansas State coach Bruce Weber is taking advantage of a second chance in Manhattan.

chance. This is where the story shifts. Barry Brown, Dean Wade and Kamau Stokes made up the first recruiting class in Weber's new world. They were talented, diligent, hard-working — a coach's dream.

Brown worked himself into one of the best players in program history. Wade, at his best and most aggressive, is a problem without a solution for defenses. Stokes is an effective leader, shooter and defender.

They are now among the best senior classes in program history, which means this is the team Weber has been coaching toward since he arrived at K-State. This is the group that saved his career.

We mean that literally.

"I've told them that," Weber said. "I've told Barry many times: 'You saved all our jobs.' They believed in us, they bought in, they've worked at it."

Their time together is now measured in days. Their last game in Lawrence, then their last three regular-season games and their last Big 12 Tournament — all over 19 days.

College basketball is among the most cyclical of American sports. Programs are built on players, and players don't stay long. Brown, Wade and Stokes have stayed as long as they can. Everyone in and around the program knows it hasn't been this good in years, and isn't likely to be this good for years.

Weber's reputation at K-State will be disproportionately tilted by what happens now, in these next few weeks, because the memories of this group will stick one way or the other.

This is something every Big 12 coach dreams about. Weber is better positioned to help knock Kansas down than any coach in recent memory. He has a lead in the final weeks, a group of seniors he loves in the huddle, and finally a little more love around the arena and town.

Who needs coupons with a life like this?

Sam Mellinger is a columnist for the Kansas City Star.

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Though healthy, NU's Green quits



Northwestern football has lost a number of prominent players to injury-related retirements over the last few years, including Jeremy Larkin, Matt Harris and Tommy Vitale.

Another prominent player announced Monday on social media that he is hanging up his shoulder pads, but here's what's unusual: Superback **Cam Green** is healthy.

He is opting to pass up a fifth season because of concerns related to the health of his father, Mark Green, a running back who played for Notre Dame and then the Bears from 1989 to 1992.

Green wrote on social media: "It is with joy and pain that I am announcing my retirement from the sport of football. I am honored to say I played at Northwestern and privileged to represent this University on such a prestigious stage. Unfortunately, due to concussions and head injuries within my family, I have chosen to step away from the game. Though the love of the game will be everlasting for me, the love for family and health empowers all."

He also thanked head coach Pat Fitzgerald, NU staff and assistants, teammates, friends and family. Fitzgerald reacted to the news on Twitter: "Heck of a player and an even better young man. Can't wait to see what's next!"

A person close to the NU program said Green is "entirely healthy but lost the fire" and wants backup superbacks with NFL ambitions, such as Trey Pugh and Charlie Mangieri, to get more playing time.

Green was NU's No. 2 pass-catcher last season, snagging 57 balls for 483 yards and four scores.

He also was one of the brightest and most cheerful personalities on the team, jokingly calling himself a "pretty boy" who never fully transitioned from receiver to the more physically demanding superback (tight end/fullback) spot.

The 6-3, 230-pound Stevenson alumnus had good speed and great hands. He caught seven passes for 46 yards in the Holiday Bowl victory over Utah.

— Teddy Greenstein

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

## FSU hands Irish 4th straight loss

Associated Press

Freshman Devin Vassell scored 13 points, sparking a second-half charge with a dunk and a 3-pointer on consecutive possessions, and 18th-ranked Florida State held off visiting Notre Dame 68-61 on Monday night.

Trent Forrester made 4 of 6 six free-throw attempts in the final minute to help the Seminoles (22-6, 10-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) hang on.

D.J. Harvey scored 18 points and Prentiss Hubb had 17 for Notre Dame (13-15, 3-12), which has dropped four straight games.

The Fighting Irish went scoreless for nearly five minutes late in the game and made just one of their final 10 field-goal attempts.

John Mooney added 14 points and eight rebounds for Notre Dame, which had won three straight in the series — none of which were played in Tallahassee. The Seminoles are 44-3 at home in the last three seasons.

Florida State had the rebounding edge, 40-26.

**1 and done:** Gonzaga's first stay atop the AP Top 25 this season ended after a pair of losses to ranked nonconference opponents. Now back at No. 1, the Zags look like they could stay there the rest of the season.

Gonzaga moved up a spot Monday to begin a second stint at No. 1, both times replacing Duke at the top.

The Bulldogs spent two weeks at No. 1 after beating the Blue Devils to win the Maui Invitational in November, but Mark Few's team fell out after a December loss to Tennessee. Then came a loss at North Carolina, marking the first time the Bulldogs had lost back-to-back games since February 2014.

But Gonzaga (27-2, 14-0 West Coast Conference) hasn't lost since. The Zags have won 18 straight, with no opponent coming closer than a dozen points.

**Williamson still out:** Duke freshman Zion Williamson will miss a second straight game with a mild right knee sprain he suffered last week.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski said Williamson won't play Tuesday night when the third-ranked Blue Devils visit No. 20 Virginia Tech.

### STATE POWER RANKINGS

## Loyola looks to finish strong

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

None of the state's Division I basketball programs did much to impress last week. Losing streaks at Northwestern and Chicago State are reaching epic proportions, and no team won back-to-back games. Here are our weekly power rankings (last week's ranking in parentheses):



**1. Loyola (3)** 17-12, 10-6 Missouri Valley

The Ramblers remain in a three-way tie for first with Drake and Missouri State. The Valley's regular-season champ will have at least six conference losses for the first time. Loyola closes at Northern Iowa and home vs. Bradley.



**2. Illinois (1)** 10-17, 6-10 Big Ten

After an impressive four-game winning streak, the Illini have lost two straight to Wisconsin and Penn State. Illinois looked like its old frustrating self against the Nittany Lions, making 9 of 18 layups and 18 of 28 free throws.



**3. Southern Illinois (6)** 15-14, 8-8 Missouri Valley

Coach Barry Hinson called Sunday's 63-53 victory against Loyola a "signature win." The Salukis have won two of three and are tied for fifth in the Valley, two games out of first.



**4. Bradley (2)** 16-13, 8-8 Missouri Valley

The Braves have won five of six, rebounding from a loss Tuesday at Drake with a victory Saturday against Evansville. They've been one of the Valley's more consistent teams as of late.



**5. UIC (5)** 15-14, 9-7 Horizon

The Flames close the regular season on the road, where they are 3-10, against Oakland and Detroit. Kenpom.com gives them less than a 50 percent chance of winning either.



**6. Illinois State (8)** 15-14, 8-8 Missouri Valley

Trying to avoid a play-in game in the conference tournament appears to be a successful motivator as the Redbirds beat Valley co-leader Drake on Sunday to snap a five-game skid.



**7. DePaul (4)** 13-12, 5-9 Big East

Max Strus has made 9 of 19 3-pointers over the last three games after a 1-of-9 performance from long range Feb. 9 against Xavier. His offense is welcome, but the Blue Demons need more from the team on defense.



**8. Northwestern (7)** 12-15, 3-13 Big Ten

What a head-scratcher the Wildcats are. They rank last in the Big Ten in scoring with 66.2 points per game, and their losing streak, which dates to Jan. 22, reached eight games Saturday against Wisconsin.

**9. Northern Illinois (9)** 12-15, 5-9 Mid-American

The Huskies have dropped six straight and seven of eight since an upset of Buffalo.

**10. Western Illinois (12)** 9-18, 4-10 Summit

Ending a five-game losing streak to Oral Roberts was a morale boost.

**11. SIU-Edwardsville (11)** 9-19, 5-11 Ohio Valley

Thursday's one-point win at Tennessee State might have been the highlight of the season.

**12. Eastern Illinois (10)** 14-15, 7-9 Ohio Valley

Losses last week at Belmont and Tennessee State came by an average of 28 points.

**13. Chicago State (13)** 3-25, 0-13 WAC

The Cougars lost by 20 at Seattle for their 17th consecutive defeat.

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## 'Last Chance U' coach out of 'em



**Jason Brown**, the no-nonsense community college football coach tasked with turning around a team on the Netflix reality series "Last Chance U," resigned

Sunday after he allegedly texted a German player: "I'm your new Hitler."

Brown, the coach at Independence Community College in Kansas, had talked about his future last summer before the show's Season 3 premiere.

"I'll either be at Independence next year, I'll be at Alabama or I'll be fired," he told SB Nation then. "It's probably going to get ratings, I guess."

On Sunday night, the third possibility became reality. Brown posted a statement that "it would be nearly impossible to stay" at the southeastern Kansas school after the Montgomery County Chronicle reported his exchange with freshman Alexandros Alexiou, who had posted the profanity-laced texts on social media.

In the Feb. 12 texts, Brown threatened to take away Alexiou's scholarship and referred to disciplinary points Alexiou had accrued. According to the alleged texts, published on Alexiou's Facebook page and then by Kansas radio station KGGF, Brown wrote: "410pm on field u German (expletive) u have 17 points toward your 25 points ... u got an extra point for not hanging the lion poster as instructed I'm your new Hitler figure out your life."

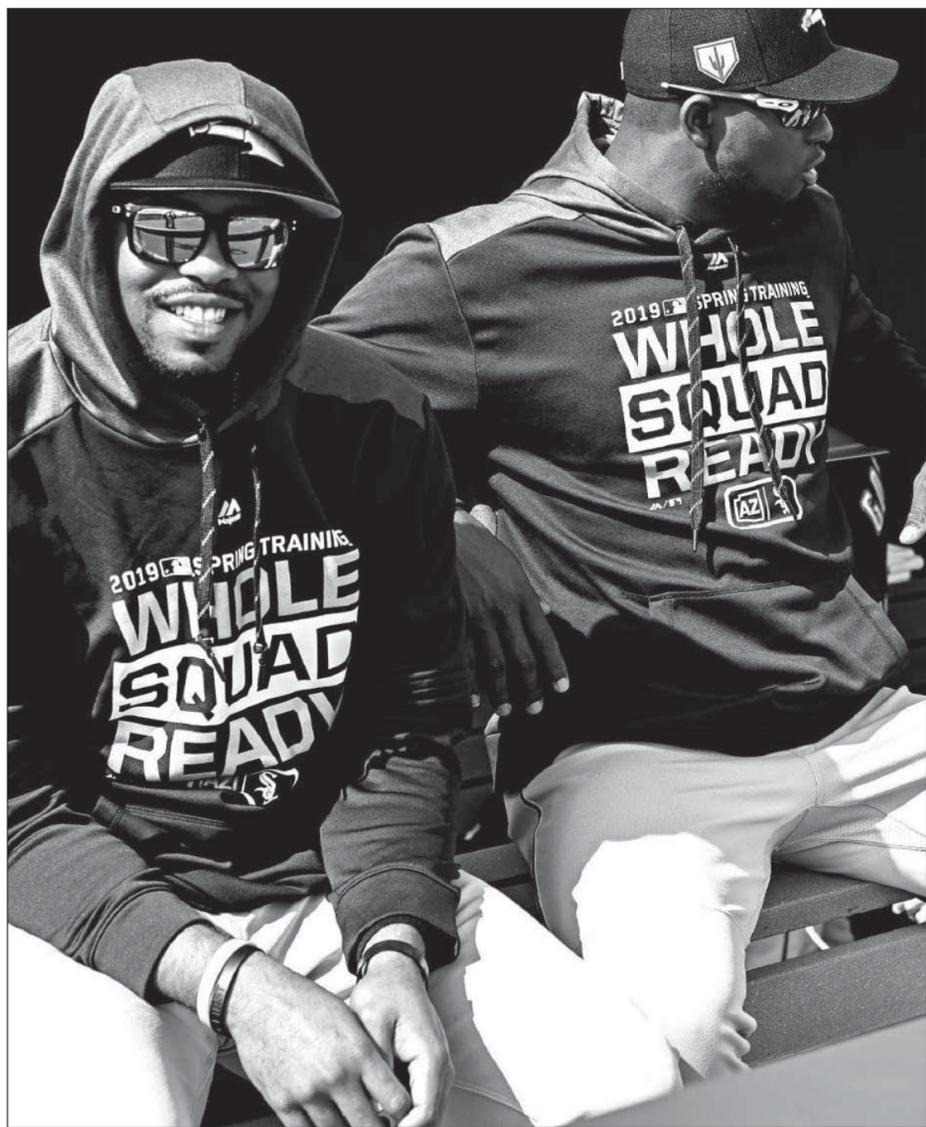
Alexiou asked why he had so many disciplinary points, at which point Brown told him: "You are now cut from the team, go yell somewhere else. Don't come around here anymore. You obviously have (issues) and now won't be a part of this program disturbing dorms and classes and teachers and basketball coaches and every other thing."

Brown and his team were featured on "Last Chance U" during the 2017 season, Brown's second as coach. The 2018 season, in which ICC went 9-2 and won the Midwest Bowl Classic, is scheduled to be shown later this year.

According to SB Nation, Brown, of Compton, Calif., "is a juco lifer. He was an All-America quarterback at Compton Community College before finishing at Fort Hays State. Four years after completing his degree, he became the head coach at Compton. After a stint as a high school coach and an assistant at Garden City CC, he took over moribund Independence." ICC finished 5-4 in his first season and landing on "Last Chance U."

— Washington Post

## WHITE SOX



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Eloy Jimenez, left, and Luis Robert had big days in Monday's Cactus League game against the Giants.

## Peek at the future

Youngsters Jimenez, Robert, Moncada look set to fulfill potential

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN  
Chicago Tribune

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The Future Sox came through for the White Sox.

Luis Robert drove in two runs with a triple to left. Eloy Jimenez singled, stole a base and scored. Yoan Moncada, entering his second full season on the South Side, went 2-for-3 with an RBI triple. Both hits came from the right side, the switch hitter's weaker side.

The Sox needed all of it Monday to avoid starting 0-4 in the Cactus League. A 4-4 tie with the Giants left them 0-3-1. Not that winning and losing matters in spring training. Or in 2019, for that matter.

Realistically, the franchise hopes to compete in 2020 and beyond.

"The future," Jimenez said, "is going to be awesome."

Jimenez batted cleanup, and manager Rick Renteria said Sox fans can probably get used to it.

"He's ultimately going to be possibly a No. 3 or 4 hitter," Renteria said. "That's what he profiles out to be. Will he do that immediately in the big leagues? I don't know. It will depend on the roster makeup when he joins us."

Jimenez struck out swinging in the first but smashed a single off the derriere of lefty Derek Holland in his next plate appearance. He stole second but said of his speed: "Eh ... it's OK."

Better was his overall take on playing with other talented youth.

"It's really fun," he said, "when you play in the same lineup with the guys you will play with in the future."

One of those guys is Robert, whom Jimenez calls "La Panthera," aka "The Panther."

Robert showed why. Down 0-2

after whiffing on two breaking balls, he pulled one down the left-field line and hit the jets, motoring into third with a slide.

"Ridiculous," Jimenez said of Robert's speed. "He is super-fast."

Robert said the pitch he hit was a hanging curveball, "and when I turned to second, I realized that the ball was far enough for me to get to third."

Robert went 1-for-3, grounding out and getting caught looking on a fastball on the inner half.

Playing in center field alongside Jimenez in left, he said, is "good for me because he's always having fun and picking you up."

"The young guys have talent and everybody is talking about us," Robert said. "For us, it's always good to have good games and just to think about what we can do when we reach the majors all together. It will be very special for us."

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## CUBS

## Schwarber doing squats in the box

Returning to old form, bending knees in effort to raise his numbers

BY MARK GONZALES  
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — A 41-point improvement in on-base percentage and a 27-point climb in batting average last season wasn't good enough for Kyle Schwarber.

The Cubs slugger has reverted to his old batting stance, which features him in more of a crouch with his knees bent in a style somewhat reminiscent of former Tigers great Kirk Gibson.

"I finally said, 'screw this,'" Schwarber said Monday about his decision to abandon a more vertical batting stance. "I'm going to go back to being simple. Squat, put the foot down and go hit."

The switch shouldn't be seen as radical for those who have followed Schwarber since his college days tearing up Big Ten pitching while at Indiana. That's what prompted the Cubs to select him with the fourth pick in the 2013 draft.

"That's actually how I used to hit," Schwarber said. "I used to be very squatty, way more squatty than (now). I was like that in high school through college and somewhat through the minor leagues. It's transformed to where I stood up more and more."

This marks the latest in a series of changes Schwarber has made to improve his game.

In 2017, he returned from a knee injury and batted only .211 with a .315 on-base percentage with 150 strikeouts in 422 at-bats. In response, Schwarber adopted a healthier diet and began an agility program that helped him drop at least 30 pounds and improve his quickness and range.

He boosted his average to .238 and on-base percentage to .356 while cutting down his strikeout rate in 2018. But he knows he can do better, which is why he sought the comfort of his new old stance.

"The great (former Angels scout) Gary Sutherland once showed me videotapes of guys like Troy Glaus at UCLA and in high school," said Cubs manager Joe Maddon, a former Angels minor-league hitting coordinator. "In that era, if you looked at a really good hitter when he was in high school, junior college, college and in the pros, if he looks anything differently in the pros, you have to go back to see what he looked like because that's what works for him. Your body works in a certain way."

"I'd prefer guys to go to tried-and-true methods as opposed to try to invent something new. It almost never works to try something new."

Cubs teammate Kris Bryant



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Kyle Schwarber is bending his knees more and squatting in the batter's box in a bid to become more of a complete hitter.

said he can understand why Schwarber would revert to his old stance.

"I've been hitting the same way since I was 8," Bryant said. "I don't believe in changing too much in my swing, because up to this point it's worked for me."

In the final month of last season Bryant reluctantly made a change to his swing. He employed a two-handed finish to alleviate shoulder pain, even though it felt unnatural.

"I was just trying to find a way so that I could get through certain situations and games," Bryant said. "But I hate going into seasons and trying to worry about my mechanics. I've got to worry about the pitcher trying to get me out. That's hard enough."

Schwarber, 25, has hit 56 home runs over the last two seasons but said he wants to become a more complete hitter and take a shorter approach with his swing. In his first exhibition game Sunday against Giants ace Madison Bumgarner, Schwarber poked an opposite-field double to left-center and drew a walk.

Reverting to his old stance is "something I wanted to do," he said.

"I've just got to get back to being myself and go out there and hit," Schwarber said. "I've just got to stop worrying about the different kinds of pitches and just try to get there. I couldn't get to that pitch (with the last batting stance). So I'm going back to doing what I used to do."

"It feels good."

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## WHITE SOX NOTES

## Nice outing speaks well of Banuelos

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN  
Chicago Tribune

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Manny Banuelos used an interpreter for every answer but one.

What was the pitch Giants shortstop Yangervis Solarte deposited over the left-field fence in Monday's 4-4 tie?

"A cutter," the White Sox left-hander replied with a grin. "Right down the middle, man."

Banuelos could smile about it because the rest of his outing went so well. Excluding the homer, he gave up one hit in two innings while striking out four. He drew confidence after glancing up at the radar gun and seeing readings of 92 to 93 mph.

"I am very happy," he said via interpreter Billy Russo, "because one of my goals the last couple of years was to stay healthy, and today was a big step forward in that."

Banuelos, 27, was once a top Yankees prospect. He underwent Tommy John elbow reconstruction surgery in 2012, and elbow issues resurfaced in 2017. Last season he posted a 3.73 ERA in 31 appearances for Triple-A Oklahoma City in the Dodgers system. The Sox acquired him for infield prospect Justin Yurchak in November.

"When that happened, I felt like, wow, they are really, really into me," said Banuelos, who is competing with Ervin Santana and Dylan Covey for the fifth starter's spot. "I like the team; I like the colors."



JENNIFER STEWART/GETTY

Fifth-starter candidate Manny Banuelos, warming up Monday, struck out four in two innings and allowed two hits, one of them a home run.

**No. 1 priority:** Carlos Rodon fired 40 pitches in a simulated game at Camelback Ranch before the team left for Scottsdale. He got off to a slow start while warming up in the bullpen, and first-year Sox catcher James McCann told him: "You're an ace, man. I figured you have a routine."

Asked how it felt to be called an ace, Rodon replied: "Pretty cool. I just want to prove it."

Rodon is slated to throw every five days, but it's yet to be determined whether his next outing will come in Saturday's Cactus League game against the Rockies or live batting practice on a back field.

"The advantages (of live BP) are that you can truly get your work in and manipulate the situation," he said. "You do not have to worry about results. The disadvantage is that you don't get that adrenaline rush (without) competition. Which is not to say I'm not competing out there."

Rodon, who pitched spectacularly in July and August (5-0, 1.84 ERA) but brutally in September (0-5, 9.22), worked on his slider and his "front-hip" and "back-door" sinkers.

"Just getting back into it, man," he said. "Gradually getting back into it."

**In the field:** The tie game featured one terrific defensive play. And one ugly throw.

The good: Yolmer Sanchez, who has moved to second base to allow Yoan Moncada to claim third, reached across the bag to receive a throw from catcher Wellington Castillo and put a quick tag on Breyvic Valera.

Zack Collins replaced Castillo and made an errant, looping throw on a steal attempt. But he made up for it by unleashing a cannon to cut down a would-be base stealer in the eighth. At the plate Collins took a four-pitch walk ... and got caught stealing.

## CUBS TAKEAWAYS

## Lester schools Padres — and then goes old school

BY MARK GONZALES  
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Here are three takeaways from Cubs spring training Monday:

### 1. Jon Lester is old school when it comes to baseball.

After throwing two scoreless innings against the Padres in his spring debut, the left-hander expressed his opposition to proposed changes and trends.

For instance, Lester is no fan of the National League adopting the designated hitter.

"Would you rather face David Ortiz or a pitcher?" Lester replied.

Nor does Lester endorse the use of an "opener," in which a reliever starts the game for one or two innings before turning the game over to a starter or long reliever.

"You're not going to not start LeBron James because you want him at the end of the game?" Lester said.

Lester rejected the notion of Major League Baseball enforcing a 20-second clock for pitchers.

"I think we need to get over the whole mindset of changing the pace of play, as opposed to the product on the field," Lester said. "If you have a product on the field, fans show up for the three hours."

"I get the nonsense meetings of changing signs. I get cutting that out of the game. ... But whatever makes people feel better."

Lester, 35, also took note of some forecasting a last-place finish for the Cubs because of the age of the rotation.

"Apparently we're just old and ready to be on the back side of our career, so I'll let a computer program tell me whether or not I'm going to be good this year," Lester quipped.

Lester is adamant that 200 innings remains his goal in an era of specialization, and he still believes he can get better.

"Why not?" he said. "I'm not dead."

"I'm sure you can go back to Hall of Fame pitchers and break down barrel rates, hard contact, and FIPs (fielding independent pitching) and all this other stuff. At the end of the year, 18-6 with a 3.32 ERA is still pretty good."

### 2. David Bote could return by Wednesday.

After getting beamed Sunday by Giants ace Madison Bumgarner, the infielder could resume baseball activities Tuesday with the chance to return to game action Wednesday.

"Nothing seems to be awful," manager Joe Maddon said before Bote was to be examined.

### 3. Ben Zobrist is thinking only about this season.

Zobrist, 37, emphasized Friday he hasn't thought about his future beyond this season, and Maddon said he has yet to talk to the veteran infielder about his plans.

"I would bet the season would tell him exactly what he wants to do, meaning 'am I still able to catch up to a fastball?'" Maddon said. "'Am I able to react like I've always reacted? That's why I've loved to do this every day in the past.'"

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Motivated Bryant ready to put difficult season behind

Haugh, from Page 1
This Bryant is the version Cubs President Theo Epstein envisioned when deciding to reinvest in a championship core rather than chase \$300 million free agents or make a blockbuster trade.

season. One day, perhaps Eloy Jimenez of the White Sox could fit the same description, but Jimenez has yet to make his major-league debut.
Meanwhile, Bryant reported for his fifth major-league season fully healed but sounding a bit sore from getting roughed up on social media last season.

Dodgers landing Harper

Sullivan, from Page 1
But the Dodgers swooped in out of the blue, like one of those romcoms where the guy runs through the airport and stops the woman just as she's about to board her flight, persuading her to ditch her fiancé and instead marry him.

too much stock in the meeting.
'I'm not too hopeful or anything,' he said. 'This is just talk, just conversation.'
The Cubs should be worried that the conversation might lead to an actual deal.

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## BULLS



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE  
What the Bulls called a "severe" migraine kept Kris Dunn out of Monday's game.

## BULLS NOTES

## Dunn stays home with migraine

By K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

Monday turned into an injury update day for the Bulls, who, after disastrous luck earlier in the season, had hoped to put such days behind them.

Kris Dunn stayed home all day for what coach Jim Boylen called a "severe" migraine. Otto Porter Jr. sat with the lower left leg strain that sidelined him for the second half of Saturday's victory over the Celtics.

And in positive news, rookie Chandler Hutchison took 150 shots for his first on-court activity since a Jan. 26 MRI exam revealed a fracture of the sesamoid bone in his right foot.

Dunn's situation is the most troubling. He got benched for all but the final 42.9 seconds of the fourth quarter Saturday as Boylen closed with Ryan Arcidiacono at point guard. The Bulls were concerned enough when he didn't show up for the morning shootaround that they sent a team staffer to Dunn's house with medicine.

"When you know a guy is a tough guy and he handles pain pretty well and feels he needs to stay home, that means he's not feeling well," Boylen said. "He likes being around the team. He's usually the first one in the meal room every morning, eating at 9:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m. We figured something was up."

Porter said his injury isn't serious and expressed optimism he'd play Wednesday in Memphis.

Hutchison shed his walking boot "about a week ago" and said there's no timetable for his return to game action. But he sounded upbeat.

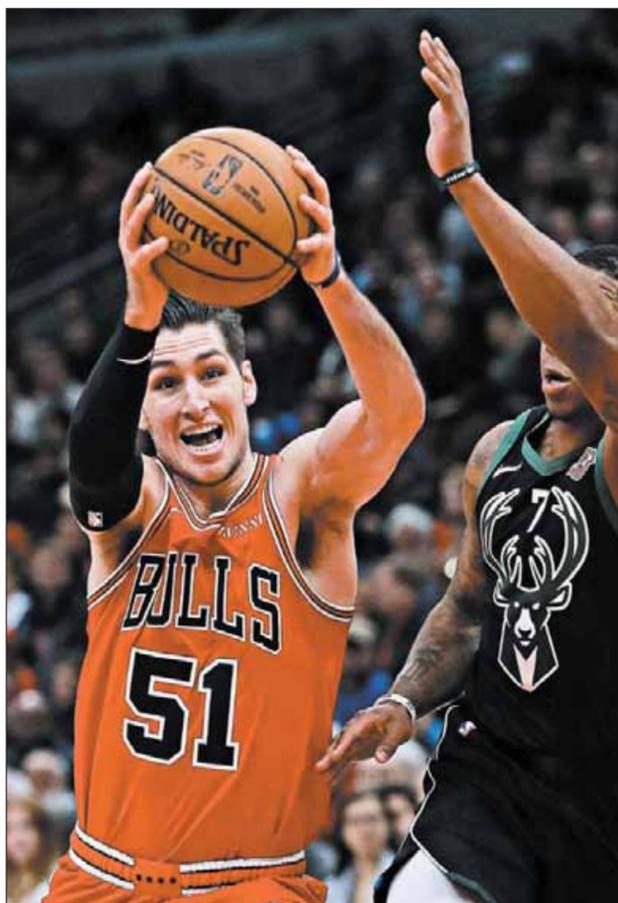
"I'm just trying to get pain free. That's optimism from all of us that I'll be back this season," Hutchison said. "It felt good to progress to (shooting). Kind of lightened the mood a bit to see some shots go in after not being able to do that for a while."

**Familiar face:** Nikola Mirotic finally played at the United Center as a visitor. He had missed three previous games — two with the Pelicans, including one exhibition, and one with the Bucks — with injuries. The Bulls aired a video tribute to Mirotic during the first quarter.

It marked Mirotic's third game in a Bucks uniform, who acquired him at the Feb. 7 deadline.

"It has worked out great," Mirotic said.

**Layups:** Before the game, the Bucks signed former Bull Isaiah Canaan to a 10-day contract. ... Joakim Noah, whom the Bulls will see Wednesday in Memphis, turned 34 on Monday. Bulls Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf celebrated his 83rd birthday. ... Boylen said the Bulls will visit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital after they land in Memphis on Tuesday. "I just think it's a good trip," Boylen said. "Support St. Jude's and the children there and maybe help us understand how fortunate we really are."



JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY  
Bulls guard Ryan Arcidiacono drives against Isiah Canaan of the Bucks on Monday night. Arcidiacono had no turnovers in 30-plus minutes.

## BUCKS 117, BULLS 106

## Gutsy 'Arch' brings a spark

Energetic Arcidiacono's hustle can't stop Bucks from running past Bulls

By K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

Ryan Arcidiacono started for the ill Kris Dunn as the Bucks rallied from an early 14-point deficit to bolster their league-best record with a 117-106 victory over the Bulls on Monday night.

The Bulls played without Giannis Antetokounmpo, who sat with right knee soreness, George Hill, out with a strained left groin, and Sterling Brown, who has a sore right wrist.

It marked Arcidiacono's 26th start this season. And while one gets the impression that it might take a serious wound to sideline him, starting one game after getting the call to close Saturday's victory over Dunn offered a chance to pause for perspective.

"I was just trying to make the team back in October," Arcidiacono said.

Remember then? The scrappy guard arrived at training camp on a non-guaranteed contract and, at one point, appeared he could be the odd man out in a numbers game.

Instead, he entered the game against the Bucks ranked third in the NBA in assist-to-turnover ratio, has drawn a team-high 10 charges and treats floor burns like they're part of the job.

"Coach (Jim Boylen) has confidence in me and that just gives me more confidence to play my game, do what I do," Arcidiacono said. "I'm not worried about the offensive end. Take what the defense gives me but make plays on the defensive end and bring energy off the bench."

Malcolm Brogdon and Khriston Middleton both scored 22 points to lead six Bucks in double figures.

Nikola Mirotic, in his first game at the United Center as a visitor, scored eight of his 13 in the fourth quarter as the Bucks pulled away.

For the Bulls, Lauri Markkanen posted his seventh game of at least 20 points and 10 rebounds over his last eight, finishing with 26 points and 12 rebounds. Robin Lopez had a season-high 26 points. And Zach LaVine flirted with his first triple-double, finishing with 11 points — just one after the first quarter — nine assists and eight rebounds.

"Lauri started off hot and I was

just reading the game," LaVine said. "I felt I was making the right plays to get us baskets."

LaVine took just six shots over the final three quarters.

"I think I should've been a little more aggressive in the second half," LaVine said. "I'll go back and watch the film. I felt good in the pick-and-roll and facilitating. Whatever they need me to do to help the offense."

Arcidiacono finished with seven points, six assists and zero turnovers in 30-plus minutes.

After a torrid start under former coach Fred Hoiberg in which he shot 44 percent from 3-point range over the first two months, he shot 26.5 percent in December, 30.3 percent in January and just 23.1 percent this month.

"I don't judge my game on making shots. I try to bring energy and effort," Arcidiacono said. "I haven't changed anything about my shooting routine. It's a matter of finding the right looks and shooting them with confidence. I guess everyone can look at the numbers. But if I'm affecting the game in other ways and I make shots, great. If I'm affecting the game and not making shots but doing little things to help us win, that's all I judge myself on. When I make shots, it's just gravy."

Arcidiacono hit two 3-pointers on Saturday against the Celtics, increasing his impact. And he sank his first attempt from that range on Monday against the Bucks, finishing 1-for-3.

"There's been a progression with Arch," Boylen said. "When he first got here, he wouldn't even look at the rim. So what we talked about was for him to be effective and become a two-way player, he needed to start focusing on making plays in the paint when he's at the rim or around the rim and improve his three-point shooting. He has done that."

"I think maybe there's still a perception in the league that he's just kind of a playmaker and a driver. But we want him to try to look at the rim and score the ball when he can. It makes us better. We need him to shoot it."

With Otto Porter Jr. also sidelined, the Bulls used their 17th different lineup of the season and started Timothe Luwawu-Cabarot at small forward. They also only dressed nine.

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## BLACKHAWKS

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## After 2 months, Crawford returns

Veteran goaltender back from concussion; Delia sent to Rockford

By JIMMY GREENFIELD  
Chicago Tribune

The Blackhawks didn't make any trades Monday, but they made one huge addition.

Goaltender Corey Crawford, who has been out since suffering a concussion Dec. 16, was activated from injured reserve and is expected to make his first start during the three-game trip to California that begins Wednesday night against the Ducks.

Crawford has been practicing since Feb. 11 but wasn't medically cleared to play until Monday.

"When you talk to him, he's excited, he wants to get back on the ice," general manager Stan Bowman said. "I know he's been pushing for us to get him back there even sooner. But you've got to do things the right way and follow the protocols and listen to the doctors, and that's how we got to this point."

To make room for Crawford, the Hawks reassigned rookie goalie Collin Delia to Rockford. Delia was called up to replace Crawford and performed well enough that the Hawks gave him a three-year, \$3 million contract extension two weeks ago.

Delia had a .947 save percentage in his first five starts before experiencing some bumps.

Overall, he went 6-4-3 with a 3.48 goals-against average and .909 save percentage in 15 appearances.

"Once you're up here for five, 10, 20 games, you get scouted more," Bowman said. "So then your job as a goalie is to step up your preparation and work on your technical part of your game."

"And that's what I really love about Collin, he's a student of the game. If you talk to him, he wants to get better. He's always trying to push himself to expand his game. The future's bright for him, so we're excited he's part of it."

**Futures game:** Two of the Hawks' biggest bright spots have been Alex DeBrincat and Dylan Strome, each averaging just under a point per game. Both have a year left on their entry-level deals and likely will require large raises before the 2020-21 season.

Bowman said the Hawks will take into account those upcoming deals when considering trades and free agency this summer.

"We have things modeled out many years in the future," Bowman said. "So it's no different than it's been in the past. The fact that they're both thriving is a great thing. They've made a big difference to our team. Look at our offensive production. We're a pretty potent team as far as scoring goals, and they're a big part of it."



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
Goalie Corey Crawford, celebrating a Dec. 12 win with defenseman Connor Murphy, has been activated and should play soon.

## Bowman sticks to plan as trade deadline passes

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Whether it's a "retooling," as the Hawks have called it, or a rebuild, the point is that this Hawks season has always been in service of a longer end game.

The lure of making a deal or two just to nab a playoff berth was not a siren call enticing Bowman to stray from his plan.

"I don't think it was difficult," he said. "We're trying to build back to be an elite team, and this is all part of the process. You know, there are steps involved. To make a trade just to say you made a trade, that's never been a great strategy for long-term success."

If the goal was simply to make the playoffs, then maybe a classic deadline deal would have made sense to get the Hawks over the top. But the Hawks weren't going to trade any of their top prospects, and most of their players were either unattractive to buyers or not available because of exorbitant contracts or no-movement clauses.

Bowman said he never asked Brent Seabrook, Duncan Keith or any of the other players with no-movement clauses if they would be willing to waive them

to facilitate a deal.

A few weeks ago, the Hawks were nicely ensconced in the NHL's basement and they appeared to be in good position to get at least a top-five pick in the June draft. But then they went and damaged their chances by winning a whole bunch of games.

That hasn't pleased a decent part of the fan base who would have preferred they tank, but Bowman doesn't view it that way.

"Where you end up is where you end up," Bowman said. "But we've got to keep pushing here. We like the strides we've taken and we've liked the fact that some of these young players are playing in really important games. It's just a different feel. If you think back to a game in November, and you think back to the game on Friday night, it was a different feel. It was a different atmosphere in the building, and that's something. There's no proxy for that."

"You have to go through it. And in order to do it, you've got to put yourself in position to experience it."

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## IN BRIEF

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL:** The public will be able to get a peek at Washington State coach Mike Leach roaming the classroom this spring. Leach will team up with a county official to teach a non-credit course called Leadership Lessons in Insurgent Warfare and Football Strategies. The final session on April 23 will be livestreamed. Leach led the Cougars to a school-record 11 victories last season.

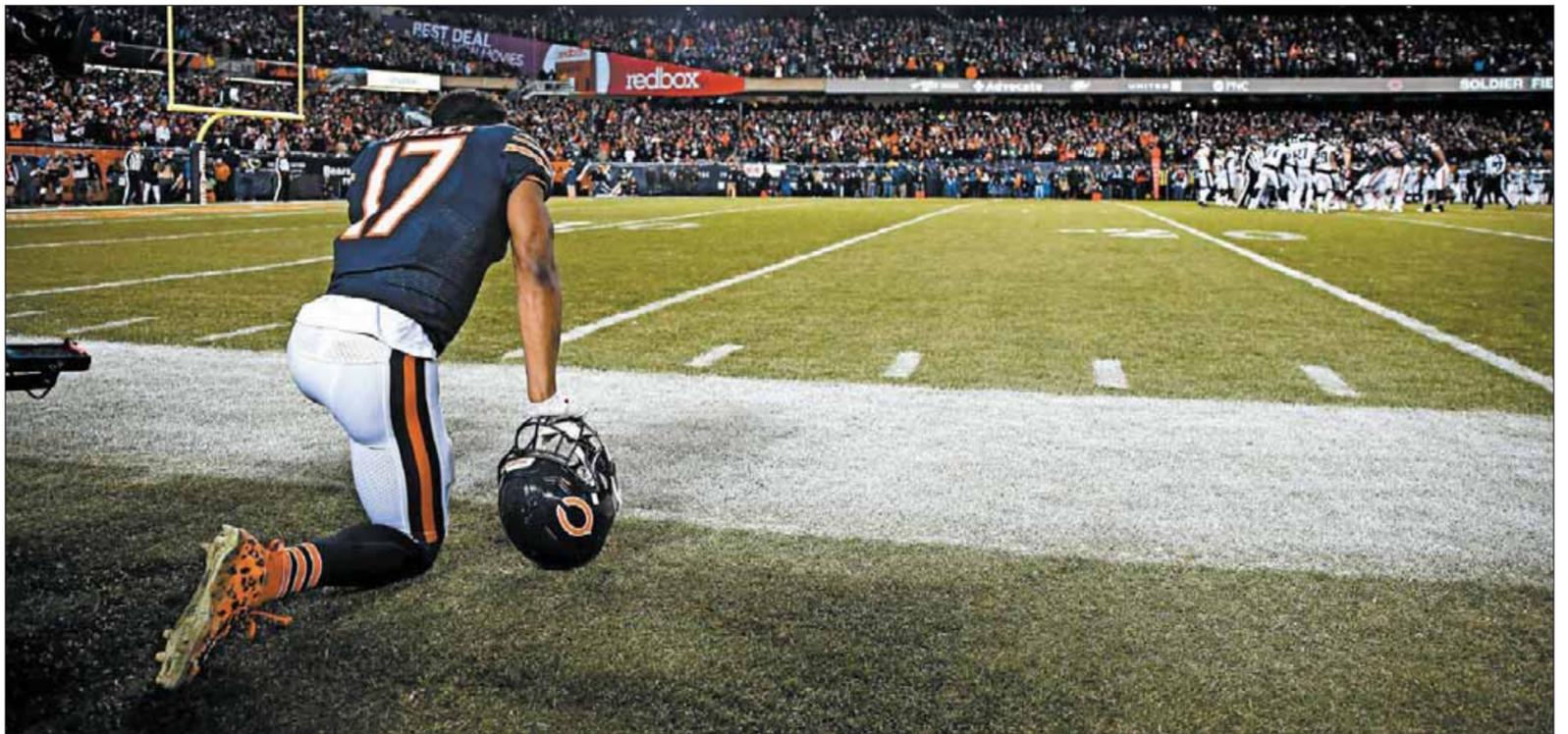
**FOOTBALL:** Former NFL head coach Jim Zorn will be the coach and general manager of Seattle's franchise in the new NFL, league Commissioner Oliver Luck announced. Zorn was head coach of the Redskins for two seasons, but has been out of coaching since 2012. He has strong Seattle ties as a Seahawks quarterback from 1976 to 1984.

**NFL:** The Raiders are making progress toward completing a lease to keep the team at the Oakland Coliseum for at least one more season. Coliseum Authority director Scott McKibben said the two sides are having "good, constructive talks" for finalizing a new lease for 2019 with an option for 2020. The Raiders have been searching for a home for 2019 before they move to Las Vegas to play in a new \$1.8 billion, 65,000-seat stadium. ... The Browns re-signed left tackle Greg Robinson after he played in all 16 games for them last season, starting the final eight. ... Patriots owner Robert Kraft visited a Florida massage parlor for sex acts the night before and the morning of last month's AFC Championship Game, authorities said in documents charging him with two misdemeanor counts of soliciting prostitution.

**SOCCER:** With potential legal and insurance claims at stake, air accident investigators called into question the circumstances of the flight that crashed in the English Channel while taking soccer player Emiliano Sala to Cardiff, Wales. Investigators said the pilot and plane were not licensed by authorities for commercial flights. ... Spain's refusal to respect the flag and anthem of Kosovo has forced UEFA to move qualifying games in soccer's Under-17 European Championship. The latest hostility from Spain toward athletes from Kosovo seems to break a promise its government made to the International Olympic Committee to respect athlete rights.

— Edited from news services

## BEARS



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Wide receiver Anthony Miller awaits Cody Parkey's final field goal attempt of the season against the Eagles in a playoff game at Soldier Field on Jan. 6. In case anyone forgot, he missed.

REAL TALK NFL SCOUTING COMBINE EDITION

# For GM Pace, this offseason might require heavy lifting

BY DAN WIEDERER AND RICH CAMPBELL  
Chicago Tribune

The Bears' offseason will shift into another gear this week when their talent evaluators and coaching staff trek to Indianapolis for the NFL scouting combine.

General manager Ryan Pace and coach Matt Nagy are scheduled to meet with reporters Wednesday. Then both will turn their focus toward evaluating the 300-plus prospects who were invited to the combine.

So what are the Bears' biggest priorities as they look to build on last season's impressive resurgence? With combine workouts beginning Thursday and free agency opening in two weeks, Tribune reporters Dan Wiederer and Rich Campbell discuss what's ahead.

**Wiederer:** What will be different for the Bears this offseason? Well, that's easy. When they set up shop at the combine this week, they will do so with far more cachet than they've had in many years. The Bears are, after all, the reigning NFC North champions, a position they haven't held in eight years. And Nagy — who just a year ago was a relative unknown — now has Coach of the Year credibility backing everything he does.

There's a belief across the league that these Bears are a well-built team on the rise, that their 2018 success was not a flash in the pan. And within the organization, there's a genuine confidence that the team can make a run at the Super Bowl next season.

In the past, such grand visions would have prompted an eye roll or laughter. Now? Seems perfectly realistic.

Pace's first four visits to the combine as Bears GM came under far different circumstances. On each of those trips, he was the overseer of a last-place team. He had a top-10 pick in each of those drafts.

This year? The Bears are a first-place group whose first selection is scheduled at No. 87.

**Campbell:** The urgency to capitalize on this championship window must feel so much more comfortable than the pressure Pace felt in past years to spark the rebuilding effort. With 20 of 22 starters from last season under contract for 2019, there's an element of stability that should help Pace and Nagy sharpen their focus.

"We're going to challenge ourselves," Pace said Jan. 14 in a nod to the Bears' limited resources for acquiring players during the upcoming cycle.

You mentioned the first of five draft picks, one each in the third, fourth and fifth rounds plus two seventh-rounders. Also, the Bears are approaching free agency with about \$12 million in salary-cap space. That amount is fluid, but currently the Bears aren't positioned to make major headlines at the start of free agency.

The upside is Nagy emerges from his first year with a detailed understanding of what his offense needs. More speed. More versatility and dynamic playmaking at running back. More electricity at receiver. A "Y" tight end who's a reliable blocker.

**Wiederer:** That all speaks to a push for more points. Plain and simple. To become a legitimate Super Bowl contender, the Bears need to support a special defense with an offense that can score more. Much more.

As promising as the 2018 season was, the Bears can't escape the reality their offense failed to reach 20 points in eight of 17 games. As brutal as Cody Parkey's season-ending 43-yard field-goal miss was against the Eagles, Nagy and his troops must own that they scored only one touchdown in 11 possessions in that playoff game.

The wish list you detailed above is perfectly fair. If the Bears are honest with themselves, they'll understand that while last season's climb was impressive, they are a long way from the mountaintop. And they need much more to push them upward.



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Coach Matt Nagy, left, and GM Ryan Pace speak to the media at Halas Hall on Jan. 14 and offer their season review and look ahead.

**Campbell:** I think we agree the Bears' greatest needs are on offense (including kicker). But their big internal questions in free agency are in the secondary. Pace has decisions to make about re-signing the two starters who are out of contract: slot cornerback Bryce Callahan and strong safety Adrian Amos.

Callahan earned the trust of the previous defensive coaching staff with his intelligence, toughness, ball skills and ability to tackle and change directions quickly. He's a valuable part of the defense, a fact too often highlighted by his injuries. In four seasons, he has never played 16 games. On the other hand, maybe that will depress his price on the open market.

Amos proved to be a very good fit for the Bears defense, a capable box safety and cover guy whose play elevated as the talent level around him increased. But the Bears believe there's a plentiful supply of box safeties to choose from. I don't see it as a position Pace will sink significant money into, so I would not be surprised if Amos has to find his payday elsewhere.

**Wiederer:** Or maybe he comes back to the Bears on a more team-friendly deal. Regardless, Pace has to stay in attack mode, squeezing whatever juice he can out of free agency and the draft.

But making necessary improvements to the roster will be a greater challenge this year. As we alluded to, the Bears will be spectators for the first 2½ rounds of the draft. And they'll march into free agency in a couple of weeks with much more limited spending power than they've had in recent years. For Bears fans, that means March and April figure to be far less exciting this year.

For Pace and his staff, there will also be a thinner margin for error. Which, in some ways, accentuates the need to discover a few diamonds in the rough.

Sure, the depth chart is as stable as it has been since Pace arrived. This is a first-place group with obvious talent and admirable depth. But it's important to understand how much heavy lifting is still required.

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## ON THE CLOCK

**58** Days until the first round of the NFL draft. Barring a trade, the Bears won't pick until the following day with a third-round selection.

**Campbell:** It's a significant amount, for sure. I look at it through the lens of getting a first-round bye in the playoffs. Since 2012, every Super Bowl representative from the NFC has had a first-round bye. Of course, the Bears missed that last season by one game. That goes to show how negligible the margin for error is against conference foes such as the Rams, Saints and Eagles.

You can't afford to lose games because the kicker stinks. Or because your young special teams fall flat one Sunday. Every one of the machine's bolts must be tightened every week. The 2018 Bears didn't have many weaknesses, but they had too many. I'm certain Pace understands this.

**Wiederer:** Well said. But that was what was most impressive to me about the season wrap-up news conference Pace and Nagy held last month at Halas Hall. It wasn't a victory lap.

After winning a dozen games, capturing the division title and obliterating the malaise of the previous four last-place seasons, the Bears leaders could have taken a bow and spent an hour patting themselves on the back. Instead, Nagy seemed to be seething at how the season ended, still extremely agitated by the abrupt finality of the playoff loss.

Pace, meanwhile, piped up with this: "We're proud of what we accomplished. But we're not satisfied. If anything I feel like it drives us more as we go forward."

In the short term — at the combine, during free agency and until the draft ends — Pace has to find practical ways to turn a division championship team into a conference championship favorite. To do so, he'll have to be brutally honest about the holes he has to fill. One major starting point? Get A. Dependable. Kicker.

It's fair to presume that over the past month and a half, Pace has woken up with visions of a football donking off the left upright then donking off the crossbar. That's all it took to give a dream season a nightmare ending. So now what?

**Campbell:** Well, three kickers were invited to Indianapolis this week. With Cody Parkey set to be released March 13, the search continues for participants in this summer's competition.

We're going to hear a lot about the benefits of Year 2 in Nagy's offense. Those are real, starting with Mitch Trubisky's command of it. But under the directive to score more, it's unnecessary and unwise to rely only on natural gains in Year 2. Expect Pace to be calculated in pursuing personnel upgrades with his typical conviction.

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# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



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Rockies third baseman Nolan Arenado, a potential free agent this offseason, bats against the Diamondbacks during a spring training game Sunday in Scottsdale, Ariz..

## As a free agent or with Rockies, Arenado is going to break bank

By **ANDY McCULLOUGH**

Los Angeles Times

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — On the morning that Manny Machado agreed to a 10-year, \$300-million contract with the San Diego Padres, Nolan Arenado pondered the next decade of his life. The thought did not trouble him. He burst into a smile outside the Colorado Rockies' clubhouse at Salt River Fields, and shrugged at the questions that could follow him for the duration of 2019.

"I'm 27. That means I'll play until I'm 37?" Arenado said. "I don't know if they're going to be giving that away to me."

He may be right. If Arenado enters free agency after this season, he will be two years older than Machado was this winter, and baseball executives treat actuarial tables as sacrosanct.

Arenado also could be wrong. He is one of few baseball players who can stake a claim to being more valuable than Machado, or Bryce Harper, the other unsigned star on the market. Some people in baseball believe his availability could incite the bidding war between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the New York Yankees that never materialized for Machado and Harper.

In a sport overflowing with elite third basemen — Justin Turner with the Dodgers, Jose Ramirez with the Cleveland Indians, Kris Bryant with the Chicago Cubs — Arenado might be the best. He has won six consecutive Gold Gloves and four consecutive Silver Sluggers. He has led the National League in home runs in three of the last four seasons. He has missed only 16 games in the last four seasons. He is durable and reliable, sure-handed and rocket-armed in the field, potent and unpredictable at the plate.

"He doesn't ever give away a pitch, offensively or defensively," Rockies infielder Daniel Murphy said. "So when you take someone who is as physically gifted as he is, and they have the mentality of never wanting to check out, then you get special things."

Arenado is also facing a choice as the season approaches. He boiled it down to a binary decision.

Behind Door No. 1: "I don't know what it's like out there," Arenado said. "Part of me wants to find out."

Behind Door No. 2: "But part of me is like, 'Hey, I want to be one of the best Rockies players of all time.'"

Arenado insisted the debate did not weigh on him, even as speculation swirls. Earlier this month, Rockies chairman Dick Monfort suggested the discussions regard-



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Colorado Rockies third baseman Nolan Arenado (28) reacts after hitting a two-run home run, one of his 37 last season, against Washington Nationals relief pitcher Erick Fedde (23) in the first inning at Coors Field in September.

ing an extension had reached "the crescendo." There has been speculation a new contract could last eight seasons and cost \$250 million. But no deal has been struck, and people familiar with the situation indicated there was nothing imminent.

Arenado met with his agent, Joel Wolfe, before he reported to camp. Arenado asked for a few weeks of space so he could focus on his craft. Any contract talks could wait until he felt comfortable at the plate and ready for the season. Arenado measures himself against contemporaries such as Turner, Ramirez, Bryant, Machado and Washington Nationals third baseman Anthony Rendon, and "I don't want to get left behind," he said.

Which is why he gave up cheese when he returned to his home outside Los Angeles this winter. Arenado had marauded through 2018 with his typical results. He launched 38 home runs and posted a .935 on-base-plus-slugging percentage, the second-highest of his career. Yet as the year progressed, he struggled

to keep his legs loose. "I felt heavy and bad," he said. "I just felt terrible, man."

Late in the season, Arenado fell into a conversation with teammate Matt Holliday and Dodgers veteran Chase Utley. Both vouched for the perks of eliminating dairy. So Arenado replaced cheese with eggs and reported to Scottsdale at 215 pounds, an 11-pound decrease from the year before.

A more refreshed, pliable version of Arenado would be a terror for opposing pitchers. Murphy ran through the checklist of his teammate's elevated skills: hand-eye coordination, balance, strength and attentiveness.

"It's just impressive how well he consistently gets into good positions and stays in them," Dodgers shortstop Corey Seager said. "He's never off base. He's never in between. It's a hard thing to do, and he makes it look very easy."

Arenado combines his gifts with an element of surprise at the plate. Dodgers pitcher Ross Stripling noted that he had learned

how to think along with other sluggers like St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Paul Goldschmidt and Cincinnati Reds first baseman Joey Votto. Stripling might not always disarm those hitters, but he understood their intentions. Arenado offers a different challenge.

"With Arenado, it's just high energy in the box, crazy eyes, a lot of movement," Stripling said. "There's sometimes no rhyme or reason. He'll swing at something at his neck sometimes. It's one of those guys that when you're going pitch for pitch with him, you don't know what he's thinking."

In a sense, the rest of the industry also desires to know what's on Arenado's mind. An extension with Colorado might materialize this spring. Or he could enter the market and see if he fares as well as Machado. The Yankees are likely to view Arenado as an upgrade over third baseman Miguel Andujar. The Dodgers will enter 2020 with Turner in the final year of his contract at age 35.

In camp, Arenado has vowed to

keep those issues in the distance. He pivoted his focus toward the National League West title, which the Rockies have never won. Arenado acknowledged he had grown tired of living beneath the boot of the Dodgers, who have won the division six years in a row.

"It's frustrating," Arenado said. "There's no question about it. But you have to respect it. They go out there, they compete and they win. You can only get so upset about it."

His potential free agency added a new wrinkle to his winter talks with friends. Arenado starred at El Toro High in Lake Forest and still lives in the area. For years, he heard trash talk about how he and the Rockies couldn't beat the Dodgers. Now he hears the occasional plea to come join them.

"I hear it all the time. It's cool, man. I love it," Arenado said. "Listen, man: Playing in LA is my favorite place to play on the road. It's a lot of fun. It's just a great place. A lot of history there. I've known them as a kid, me and my family. I love it. But I can't predict the future."

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



JOHN SLEEZER/TNS

Kyle Zimmer, who is among the Royals pitchers using new technology in an attempt to fine-tune their games, throws during a spring training workout in Surprise, Ariz.

## Royals are counting on stats from pitch tracking

BY LYNN WORTHY  
Kansas City Star

SURPRISE, Ariz. — For coaches, managers and front-office personnel, data represents answers to questions, a means to make important decisions and assess performance. For Kyle Zimmer, data represents a path to fulfilling his dream of pitching in the majors.

Zimmer has spoken candidly about how that dream has been tested and even faded at times amid numerous injuries throughout his professional career. The Royals took him off the roster last year following his body's most recent breakdown.

He spent six months working with the staff at Driveline Baseball trying to calibrate his body again, and cameras, motion-capture equipment and a small triangular contraption called the Rapsodo were his guides.

"Usually, different guys have different tendencies, so you try to sort of narrow down one or two things to look at because you know if you're doing those things right then everything is on time and sequenced up," Zimmer said. "If they're off, then you've got to evaluate sort of what you're doing. It's just a great other avenue that we have with all the tech that's getting introduced to the game to be able to analyze at a more scientific level than the eye test."

This spring, the Royals have implemented the Rapsodo pitch-tracking system throughout camp. That small portable triangular device — 7.1 inches tall, 15.1 inches long and 7.9 inches wide and priced between \$4,000 and \$4,500 each — includes a camera and sits on the ground between home plate and the pitcher's mound. It's present just about every time a pitcher throws off a mound.

The Rapsodo uses a camera and radar system to measure things like velocity, spin rate and pitch break. It can also produce three-dimensional trajectory imaging and be used to analyze things like the spin axis of a pitch and release points.

Yes. This is baseball in 2019, a mix of athletics and aerodynamics.

If Zimmer wants to look at his spin rate or spin efficiency on his fastball, study where he's consistently releasing the ball or find out



JOHN SLEEZER/TNS

Royals pitching coach Cal Eldred, who views pitch-tracking information as just another teaching tool, talks with his pitchers.

exactly what happens when he throws a cut fastball as opposed to a two-seamer or four-seamer, that information is available.

"It's interesting to me that you heard about Boston's success with Brian Bannister as their kind of analytical guy that is the go-between the analytics and the pitching coaches," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "Then Dave Bush, who pitched for me in Milwaukee, is under Bannister and he's doing the same thing in the minor leagues."

For an old-school manager like Yost, the data-driven analysis certainly isn't his focus, but the Rapsodo is ever-present and the information it gathers will quickly become a part of the daily conversation for members of his coaching staff.

"They understand all that crap," Yost said. "I just want to make sure they understand it. If they understand it and I need to understand it, they can explain it to me so at least we're not missing the information. (Bullpen coach Vance Wilson) can tell you, he likes that stuff. (Quality control/catching

coach) Pedro (Grifol), they love that stuff. Me, I'm just like, can you get somebody out?"

Wilson and pitching coach Cal Eldred have been charged with making use of the data. Wilson said so far they've simply been collecting data to provide a starting point for each pitcher.

"Then I think where we'll use it the most is who is having issues," Wilson said. "So it's almost like we use it like a triage. For example, hypothetically, if they're not swinging at Brad Keller's slider and by the eye test they should be, let's look at the numbers in Rapsodo."

Wilson, a former major-league catcher, is in his first spring training working full time with the Rapsodo. He spent part of the offseason learning the equipment and familiarizing himself with the data.

Rapsodo focuses on movement and how the air influences movement, Wilson explained. Measurements, such as spin efficiency, convey how the ball is getting its movement from the air.

"Our analytics department does

a really good job of explaining it," Wilson said. "It's actually kind of a hard concept to grasp at first. They'll tell you that sliders actually don't move. In my mind I'm like I've swung at a lot of sliders that move — I can promise you that — and missed them. I think it has more to do with the fact that it doesn't use the air to move. So it really takes a while to grasp what it is, what they're telling you."

The Royals hired former minor-league pitcher Malcom Culver, who Wilson managed at Class A and Class AA, as an assistant to player development. Culver will serve as the go-between for the Royals similarly to Bannister's position with the Red Sox.

Eldred views the information collected by Rapsodo as another statistic to be used in the evaluation and coaching process, just like walks or strikeouts.

"You say you're getting underneath your slider," Eldred said. "I can see that with my naked eye, and a lot of times the video or the Rapsodo information will help you say OK, yeah this is what I'm seeing. This is numbers that prove

that, plus a slower video that will show you exactly what a player is doing. Some players respond to that, some players don't. Being in education, you realize people learn a lot of different ways."

Despite all the information pitchers like Zimmer love to devour, it's not a replacement for traditional methods.

Wilson will tell you the information about pitches mimics the types of observations you get from good old-school scouts. Eldred considers it just another tool at the disposal of coaches and players.

Even Zimmer admits in the early stages of his rehab with Driveline, the staff were the ones closely monitoring the data. His job was simply to focus on making pitches.

"I still don't try to lose myself in any of that stuff too much," Zimmer said. "The hitter is the ultimate decider of how you're doing. If they're not making firm contact consistently, then you're doing something right. If they're squaring you up, you probably need to evaluate something."

91ST ACADEMY AWARDS

# Oscar outrages and triumphs

Winds of social change ran into middle-of-the-road familiarity in show without host or dominating film

This year's results were the most feminist yet — which, unfortunately, involved a pretty low bar



**MICHAEL PHILLIPS**  
*Tribune movie critic*

So what just happened?  
 The winds of change slammed headlong into a wall called “Green Book.” That’s what happened.  
 Also, Sunday night at the 91st Academy Awards, “Bohemian Rhapsody” won more Oscars (four) than “The Godfather” has to its name (three).  
 The host-less show was actually pretty good. For better or worse, no one nominated picture dominated the evening. There were outrages, and disappointments, and a few hearty, heartening triumphs. But they left a few awards out.

**Most sobering statistic award:** According to the 8,000-plus members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, “Green Book” was the finest film of 2018. It is now officially more Oscar-worthy than any of the other 246 eligible



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Mahershala Ali wins best supporting actor for his role in “Green Book.”

features released last year.  
**Best host:** No one! There wasn’t one. The show in many ways improved because of it. Somehow academy President John Bailey’s long road of mishaps paid off with a looser, less shticky ceremony than usual, clocking

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**HEIDI STEVENS**  
*Balancing Act*

Six years ago, Daniel Day-Lewis took home the best actor Oscar for “Lincoln,” Jennifer Lawrence won best actress for “Silver Linings Playbook,” “Argo” nabbed best picture ... and Seth MacFarlane opened the whole shebang with a loathsome little ditty called “We Saw Your Boobs.”

Actresses, many called out by name (Kristen Stewart we saw your boobs in “On the Road,” and in “Monster” we saw Charlize Theron’s), sat in the audience looking appalled as MacFarlane cheerfully belted out his song-and-dance number.

Critics panned it. “This wasn’t an awards ceremony so much as a black-tie celebration of the straight white male gaze,” Margaret Lyons wrote for Vulture at the time.  
 And, according to MacFarlane, the



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Serena Williams speaks onstage during the 91st annual Academy Awards on Sunday.

academy invited him back to host the following year. (He told the WTF podcast that he was filming “A Million Ways to Die in the West” at the time and was unable to work the Oscars into his schedule.)

I bring this up to illustrate two points.

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## In ‘Chi-town,’ the ball keeps bouncing

Basketball doc provides insight into Chicago life



**RICK KOGAN**  
*Sidewalks*

A movie titled “Chi-Town” came to the city last summer as part of the 24th annual Black Harvest Film Festival where it won the Audience Award for best feature film.

Now showing and winning more awards at film festivals around the country it is, on the surface, a documentary about a high school basketball player. But it is also, profoundly and engagingly, about life and death in this precarious city, where hope and heart-break coexist so restlessly.

Naturally, any film focused on local high school basketball lives in the shadow of “Hoop Dreams,” that extraordinary 1994 documentary which told of William Gates and Arthur Agee, two African-American inner city kids playing ball for predominantly white basketball powerhouse St. Joseph High School in Westchester.

“Hoop Dreams” was directed by Steve James and Simon Schumann of Chicago-based Kartemquin Films such arresting potency that it became a box office hit and had many critics ranking it among the greatest documentary ever made. Roger Ebert called it “one of the best films about American life that I have ever seen.”

“I love ‘Hoop Dreams,’” says Nick Budabin, who is the director and one of the producers of “Chi-Town” (chitown-themovie.com). “It was an inspiration to me as a passionate basketball fan but also as a filmmaker.”

Born and raised and still living in New York City, Budabin was already an accomplished television director when he came to Chicago in the fall of 2010 to work for nearly a year on a TV series called “Season 25: Oprah Behind the Scenes” about the final season of Oprah Winfrey’s successful talk show.

“I was spending most of my time at Oprah’s Harpo Studios and I didn’t know a lot of people in town. But I knew there was a vibrant and exciting high school basketball scene here and so I started going to games with some friends from the production crew,” says Budabin, who recently turned 40.

There were then — always have been — a great many talented high school basketball players here and Budabin saw plenty of them, including those at an All-Star game in support of a group called “Purpose Over Pain,” comprised of parents who had lost children to gun violence. He also came to understand the city and began to see a possible

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## Want to meet Luna?



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For an additional fee, visitors will be able to interact with sea otter Luna at the Shedd Aquarium.

## Chicago’s Shedd Aquarium announces a new, \$110 otter experience

By **STEVE JOHNSON** | Chicago Tribune

A sea otter’s fur is much softer than you might expect. It looks sleek in the water, or just out of it, and you hear about them having a dense pelt and skin oils that help with the waterproofing. So you expect something akin to human hair before the conditioner is rinsed out.

But what you get is fuzzier than a plush toy, as Luna sticks her paw through a cut-out in the Plexiglas backstage at the Shedd Aquarium to allow first her trainer, then a visitor, to stroke the backside of the forelimbs.

Luna, you might recall, is the aquarium’s one-time viral sensation. Discovered as a two-pound orphaned baby on a California beach, rescued and brought to the Shedd, the one-time adorable fuzzleball is now four and a 40-or-so-pound adult. She’s still cute by the standards of humans judging other mammals, but she no longer looks like a borderline-helpless figure out of anime.

Luna is back in the news because Shedd Aquarium wants people to know it is offering a new sea otter “Extraordinary Experience” that the institution is set to announce Tuesday. It will provide opportunities to see the — let’s not deny it — charming animals in their off-exhibit environments, to feed them in a couple of different ways, to photograph them in what look like runway poses and, yes, if the animal is feeling cooperative that day, to pet them a bit.

“We’re always looking to make their sessions fun and engaging,” says Christy Sterling, a supervisor on the otters and penguins team. “So by participating in those encounters, they are getting different enrichment, seeing different people, and also at the same time we monitor them very closely and we make sure ... they’re all having equal exposure to it and doing things that are very enjoyable for them.”

This special access does not come cheap. When the program opens to members of the public March 3, people will be asked to pony up \$110 each (\$95 for children; \$65 for

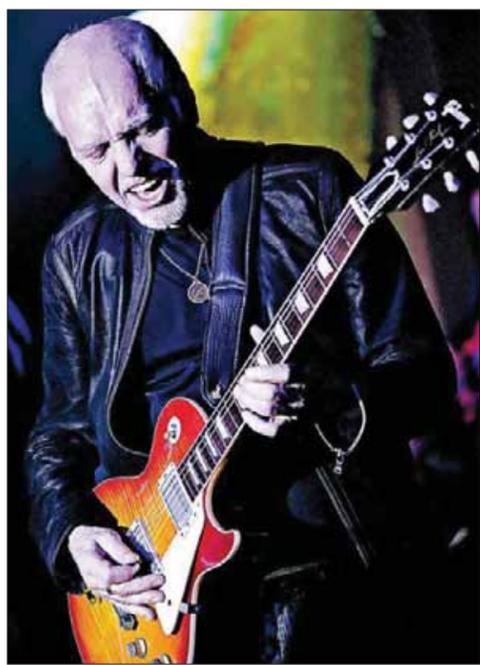


Shedd Aquarium assistant animal care specialist Corine Gilbert works with Luna on Monday.

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# CELEBRITIES

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Peter Frampton told CBS that the disease was diagnosed in 2015 but has recently been speeding up.

## Frampton reveals degenerative disease

When Peter Frampton put out a news release announcing his “farewell tour,” there was cause for cynicism, given the rash of rockers putting that tag on their outings to goose ticket sales for what may or may not turn out to be their last go-round. But although the initial alert didn’t mention it, the singer-guitarist had a better reason than most for warning fans that this is probably it. Frampton wants to get his last licks in ahead of the progression of a rare degenerative disease he says is bound to affect his playing.

He told “CBS This Morning: Saturday” that he suffers from a rare and incurable condition called inclusion body myositis, which causes muscles to slowly weaken over time. Although the disease was first diagnosed 3½ years ago after he had a tumble on stage, it was only this past fall that he noticed the effects speeding up, so he decided it was time to tell fans that this was their last shot at seeing him in peak form.

“The reason I’m calling it the ‘farewell tour,’ again, is because I know that I will be at the top of my game for this tour and I will make it through this,” he told co-host Anthony Mason. “I’ve been playing guitar for 60 years. Started when I was 8 and now I’m 68. So I’ve had a very good run.”

The tour begins June 18 in Tulsa, Okla., and is scheduled to wrap up Oct. 12 in San Francisco.

— Variety



MATT SAYLES/INVISION

**Swift’s surprise serenade:** It’s an engagement that was Taylor-made. Alex Goldschmidt posted video on Instagram of a surprise Taylor Swift appearance as he got engaged to Ross Girard in Los Angeles on Saturday. Swift came into the room with an acoustic guitar. The singer told the crowd Alex had emailed her and said “there was a song that was very special to you two called ‘King of My Heart.’” Swift said, “This is from Alex, but sung by me.”

**Grant writing picture book:** Psychologist and best-selling author Adam Grant has a picture book coming out in October. Dial Books for Young Readers announced Monday that Grant teamed with his wife, Allison Sweet Grant, and illustrator Diana Schoenbrun on “The Gift Inside the Box.” The book is a lesson in altruism and giving.

**‘Fixer Upper’ couple buys castle:** Chip and Joanna Gaines’ latest home project is quite the fixer-upper. The Texas couple made famous by HGTV’s “Fixer Upper” home improvement show closed last week on the historic but rundown Cottonland Castle in Waco, Texas. Spokesman John Marsicano says the couple has not yet determined specific plans for the property but that they plan to complete the castle’s restoration. Construction on the stone castle began in 1890 and was completed in 1913. It has been vacant for about 20 years despite efforts to renovate it.

**Feb. 26 birthdays:** Singer Michael Bolton is 66. Actress Jennifer Grant is 53. Singer Erykah Badu is 48. Singer Corinne Bailey Rae is 40. Singer Nate Ruess is 37.



# ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Future in-law withholds ‘blessing’

**Dear Readers:** I’ve briefly stepped away from my column to work on a new writing project. This week, I’m rerunning topical Q&A’s from 10 years ago. Today’s topic is: boundary-crossing in-laws. I’ll be back next week.

**Dear Amy:** I will be getting married to a wonderful man in a few months. My future mother-in-law refuses to give her blessing until she meets my family. My father died when I was 8. My mother married a monster when I was 12. He sexually abused me, and my mother turned a blind eye to it and disowned me when I was 16, claiming that I had seduced him.

My future mother-in-law has said she will meet my mother one way or another, and that “things will go a lot smoother if I just cooperate.” I do not have a relationship with any of my biological family, and that is a painful reality that I have to live with.

My fiancé has been unable to convince his mother that this is a bad idea, so I’m at a loss. What can I do?

— Frustrated Fiancee

**Dear Frustrated:** Your future mother-in-law sounds like a menace. “Things will go a lot smoother if you cooperate” is what the cops on “Law & Order” say just before they go ballistic.

When faced with such a threat, the best response is to ask, “Really? Can you explain exactly what you are saying, and why?”

Forcing this bully to articulate her intentions might compel her to back off. It will also establish

that you are calm, collected and not intimidated. In short, call her bluff, refuse to cooperate and don’t pursue her “blessing.”

You have some big decisions to make. If you and your fiancé can’t handle his mother well enough to insist that she respect you, then you two should think seriously about your plans. The last thing you need is another abusive woman in your life. (September 2009)

**Dear Amy:** When my son and his fiancée told the family they were planning to get married, my mother-in-law suggested sending announcements to those not invited to the wedding. Without my knowledge, she and my sister-in-law decided to mail out formal announcements of our son’s wedding. I’m most upset with my husband, who was in on this so as not to make waves with his mother and sister.

I’m spitting and sputtering over this. I will move past it, but I am curious to hear your thoughts. Am I overreacting, or was this simply beyond the pale?

— Mother of the Groom

**Dear Mother of the Groom:** Your husband and his mother and sister did an end run around you because they disagreed with your views. I’m not surprised at your reaction, but I am somewhat surprised that the bride and groom didn’t mind this.

Normally brides and grooms like to be in charge of their weddings, but in your family, it seems everyone is in charge. This attitude could make for an eventful wedding. While I agree with your

reaction to this, I also agree with your very important decision not to let this ruin or further affect your enjoyment of this day.

**Dear Amy:** My friend’s daughter is expecting her second child. My friend’s mother-in-law has sent out a bizarre email “inviting” me to an online baby shower. Although I embrace technology, I am appalled by the idea of an “online shower.” To me, part of the enjoyment of a wedding or baby shower is getting together and watching the honoree open their gifts.

This seems like a blatant — and tacky — demand for gifts. My friend believes she is an expert on proper etiquette, so I am at a loss for how to handle this.

— Baffled in Baton Rouge

**Dear Baffled:** I agree with you that online showers seem to be little more than a demand for gifts.

In-person showers are also a demand for gifts, but at least participants can eat a sandwich and visit with the honoree while she buries herself in her haul.

The best reason for an online shower is if the honoree lives too far away for people to gather in person, such as happens with a military deployment. In this case, organizers sometimes set up a webcam so participants can gather virtually.

If you don’t care to participate, you should feel free to RSVP that you can’t make it. (January 2009)

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- 1 Occupation
- 4 Throbbled painfully
- 9 Up in \_\_\_; irate
- 13 Regrets
- 15 Transparent
- 16 Ooze out
- 17 Part of a wineglass
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- 26 1950s teen idol Frankie
- 29 Clear broth
- 34 Book leaves
- 35 Damp
- 36 Lamb’s mother
- 37 Elderly
- 38 Cries
- 39 Window glass
- 40 Gallop
- 41 Bodies of water
- 42 Didn’t throw away
- 43 Restrained with a rope
- 45 Foyt & Unser
- 46 Ending for harp or ball
- 47 Kimono fabric

**DOWN**

- 1 Yrkb. section
- 2 Pitcher’s delights
- 3 Toot the horn
- 4 “Lights, camera, \_\_\_!”
- 5 Shoe bottom ridge
- 6 Make well
- 7 Vane direction
- 8 Actor Richard
- 9 Attack
- 10 Virginia \_\_\_; lively dance
- 11 Lunch or dinner
- 12 Agile
- 14 Reeked
- 21 Pigeon cries
- 25 In just a \_\_\_; soon
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- 27 Obscure; unclear
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- 33 Has to have
- 35 “\_\_\_ hay with the sun shines”
- 38 Tiny sea creature with a hard shell
- 39 Parcel
- 41 Zodiac sign
- 42 Table seasoning
- 44 Stockpiles
- 45 Took a chance with
- 47 Prolonged attack
- 48 Commotion
- 49 Enthusiastic
- 50 \_\_\_ off; angry
- 52 Have nothing to do with
- 53 \_\_\_-off; going-away party
- 54 “Cool!” in past decades
- 55 \_\_\_ on; attach
- 59 Letter from Greece



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Pianist Beatrice Rana performs at the Hollywood Bowl in 2017.

**IN PERFORMANCE:** Beatrice Rana

## Beatrice Rana partly successful in Symphony Center debut

By HOWARD REICH  
Chicago Tribune

Surely the two composers who did more than anyone to redefine what a piano could achieve were Chopin and Ravel.

Pianist Beatrice Rana, who made her Symphony Center debut on Sunday afternoon, proved persuasive in one of them.

Ravel's "Miroirs" stands among the composer's most mercurial piano works, its individual components more stylistically elusive and structurally unpredictable than, say, "Le Tombeau de Couperin" or "Gaspard de la Nuit." Still, they require considerable virtuosity, control and interpretive imagination, which Rana exhibited in her Orchestra Hall recital.

The delicacy of her touch and silvery quality of her tone well suited the opening "Noctuelles" ("Night Moths"), the pianist meticulously observing the score's indications on dynamics, phrasing and articulation. Better still, she captured the ephemeral character of this music, which repeatedly shifts direction without warning or preparation — much like its title subject.

"Oiseaux Tristes" ("Sad Birds") is a still more evanescent work contingent on a pianist's grasp of its idiosyncratic ebb and flow. Rana alternated exquisitely fragile textures with abrupt

bursts of color, while conjuring poetic expression in the final bars.

The wash of sound and fluidity of gesture she produced in "Une Barque sur l'Océan" ("A Boat on the Ocean") beautifully captured the scene Ravel painted, not least in the sensuousness of Rana's glissandi and the surging character of her phrases. And her reading of "La Vallée des Cloches" ("The Valley of the Bells") showed her sensitivity to layers of tonal shading.

Only her account of "Alborada del Gracioso" ("The Morning Song of the Jester") was wanting, the profundities of its lyrical moments eluding her, while her fortissimo playing lacked depth of sound.

The latter was a recurring problem in Rana's traversal of Chopin's Etudes, Op. 25, but not the only one. Though Rana offered a lovely tone in the first etude (A-flat Major) and hypersensitive playing in the second (F Minor), she relied far too heavily on the sustaining pedal in many of the vignettes that followed. Her reading of the sixth etude (G-sharp Minor), which pianists call a study in thirds, devolved into a blur of sound; ditto her account of the eighth (D-flat Major), her right-hand passages utterly lacking in clarity.

By the time she reached

the 10th etude (B Minor), for octaves, listeners were assaulted with a tidal wave of overpedaled noise. And in the 11th etude, "Winter Wind" (A Minor), Rana showed little insight into the meaning of this music, instead plowing through it as if it were a mere technical exercise. Chopin's etudes, of course, are much more than that.

Unfortunately, Rana followed this onslaught with Guido Agosti's transcription of portions of Stravinsky's "The Firebird." Its thunderous opening passages again brought forth the harshness and shallowness of Rana's fortissimo playing. She made up for it, in part, during more mysterious sections of the work, but ultimately the performance descended into more piano pounding.

Rana needs either to learn to play deeply into the keys in high-decibel, high-energy music or stay away from scores that demand a sound she cannot yet produce.

Audience ovations prompted Rana to extend her short program with two Chopin Preludes from Op. 28: No. 13 in F-sharp Major and No. 16 in B-flat Minor.

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movie, "that would be a film about the intersection of violence and basketball."

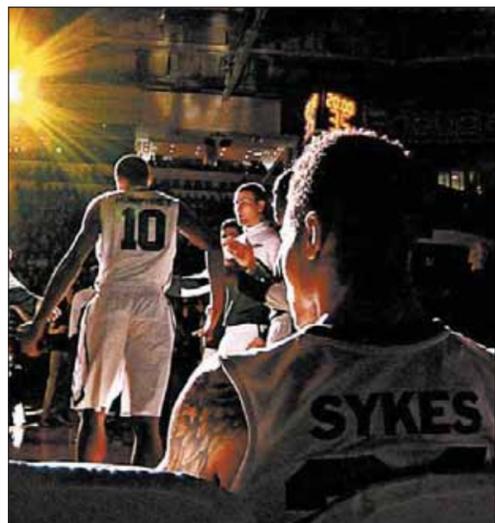
He and some of his film-making colleagues began to shoot some games and one of the players who grabbed their attention was Keifer Sykes, then a senior who played point guard for Marshall High School.

"The initial idea was to focus on a number of players, to try to tell the story of how basketball can help save lives," says Budabin. "We met so many good, interesting kids but eventually realized we were casting too wide a net and we figured we could have a more powerful linear drive by focusing on one player and that player was Keifer."

It was a wise choice, for Sykes is not only a thrilling ballplayer — though listed at 5 feet, 11 inches, he's a savvy court general and, with a 45-inch vertical leap, capable of some sports-highlight dunks — but a substantive, introspective and charismatic young man. He also had a compelling personal life, as the youngest of eight children and the father of a lively young son named Keifer Jr. with a charming woman named Allayne Scott with whom he seems lovingly close.

"Keifer was able to express what he was feeling with a compelling and true honesty," says Budabin, who financed much of the early stages of the film himself. "It took us five years of filming and two years of editing and throughout that Keifer, through all sort of unexpected ups and downs and twists, handled it with nothing less than a rare maturity and an almost infectious optimism."

And so the film grabs Sykes during his senior year at Marshall, follows him through four scholarship years at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, where he gained a degree in communications and became one of the greatest players in the history of the



MATT ELKIND PHOTO

Keifer Sykes in the movie "Chi-town," which follows him from Marshall High School to his shot at the NBA.

NCAA Division I Horizon League, and takes the first steps on the road to possibly playing in the NBA.

But for all of his accomplishments, there is misery too. Sykes often travels from college back to the harsh streets of Chicago, to his family and friends and the worries that shadow their lives and their every move.

Here he finds real nightmares, in the form of the shooting death of one friend, the heart attack death of his father James in 2012, the incarceration of former teammate/best friend for armed robbery, and the shooting of another friend that has left him paralyzed in a wheelchair.

Also wheelchair-bound is Shawn Harrington, another star of the film. Harrington, who had tasted a tiny bit of film fame as a player for the Marshall team featured in "Hoop Dreams," had been one of Sykes' coaches and a mentor. But in 2014, while Sykes was away at college, Harrington was shot while protecting his daughter when they were involved in a mistaken identity gang shooting.

We see Harrington in the film. He is now a restorative justice counselor in the public schools and the subject of a compelling and important book, "All the Dreams We've Dreamed: A Story of Hoops and Handguns on Chicago's West Side" (Chicago Review Press / Lawrence Hill Books) by Rus Bradburd, a former

Chicago public high school basketball coach and now a teacher and author.

On Saturday night Harrington and Bradburd were in New Mexico where they watched "Chi-Town" win the Grand Jury Prize and see Budabin win as best director at the Las Cruces International Film Festival. Soon there will be other festivals and a possible theatrical release and the filmmakers are committed to collaborating with organizations around the country to hold what they call "impact screenings" for students, coaches and players.

You can watch the film now on iTunes and starting Thursday on Amazon Prime. And do watch it. You will find it exciting, emotional, painful and ultimately inspirational — and hopeful. Beautifully filmed, it makes its important points without pandering or preaching. It is a great movie.

Know that since the film was completed, Sykes and Allayne Scott have had another child (a daughter named Kennedy). Know too that the young ballplayer has been tearing it up as a pro playing on the foreign courts in Korea, Turkey and currently in Italy. The ball keeps falling. NBA scouts are noticing. The dream lives.

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## Otter

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members) to be part of a morning group of six who get to visit where the Shedd's four sea otters spend their offstage hours, instead of just seeing them in their exhibit like everybody else. (The fee for all extraordinary encounters, which can be booked through www.sheddaquarium.org, includes aquarium admission and express entry, a \$40 value.)

Such extra animal offerings are a burgeoning part of the menu at zoos and aquariums, especially at the Chicago aquarium that is Chicago's top paid cultural attraction, with 1.9 million visitors in 2018. Even before adding sea otters, Shedd hosted some 11,500 visitors last year in extraordinary experiences that included beluga and penguin encounters, shark feeding and more. The most expensive of these is a four-hour Trainer for a Day program, at \$360; the cheapest is a \$60 behind-the-scenes tour.

These are in addition to less exclusive animal-touch experiences Shedd has added in recent years, a sting-ray petting area in warmer months and a sturgeon touch pool in the Great Lakes area inside.

Lincoln Park Zoo, otherwise free, recently added a \$60 penguin encounter following the 2016 opening of its new penguin exhibit. And Brookfield Zoo in 2017 put penguin encounters (\$40, admission not included) and giraffe feeding (\$10) on its menu.

You could argue that such bonus access is equivalent to amusement parks offering visitors shorter waits for rides in exchange for extra money, a way for people of means to buy a more special experience. Shedd and the other animal

institutions see such additions as a means of boosting revenue, yes, but also of improving educational outreach, and the aquarium stresses that the money helps support the Animal Response Team which aids wild animals in crisis. (Then again, so does your regular \$40 admission ticket.)

There is no denying that you get something special for that extra money. Before being ready for prime-time, Shedd went through many sea otter-encounter practice sessions with staffers and their kids, testing what worked for people and the animals.

"We wanted to kind of desensitize them to all aspects to working with up to six people, and to having children there, because that can always be a little unpredictable factor," Sterling explains. "So we've gotten a lot of practice."

At one session, she recalls, an employee wept, overcome with emotion, after stroking an otter's fur.

I didn't go so far as crying when I was able to touch this largest member of the weasel family Monday morning, but I was impressed with how well thought-out the experience seems to be. First the otter encounterers meet outside the sea otters' public tank, observe the animals and talk with a specialist about some of their stories and behaviors.

(The three females are all rescued from the wild, and there are so many animals in need of such rescue that North American zoos and aquariums no longer breed them. At Shedd, this means the lone male is on birth control, Sterling explains.)

From the two-story public tank, you walk around the corner, through a nondescript corridor and a door guarded by security-card access, and into the realm where staffers care



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Sea otter Luna will interact with guests at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago.

for the sea otters. At the rooms' threshold you step into a shallow tray of disinfectant liquid to minimize the risk to the animals.

In the prep room, the white board lists each otter by name and some characteristics of it and the species. "Fun fact!" it says. "Sea otters have a 'pocket' under their armpits. They often hide foods or tools in them for safe keeping!"

A set of shelves holds their enrichment toys, a collection not dissimilar to what you might find on a school playground after recess: rubber and plastic balls, snow saucers, some foam sticks. (Granted, the frond-like car-wash brushes and ropes of braided fire-hose material would not be seen at a typical school.)

Sterling or another trainer will lay out on a tray the variety of foods otters eat, an array that lacks only white paper portion cups to look like a particularly exotic sample offering at

Costco.

Sterling describes what she says is the costliest diet eaten by any aquarium animal: "So here you can see we've got some Jell-O, some capelin, krill cubes — so just ice cubes with minced krill — some shrimp, different types of shellfish, clams and mussels, and pollock. And these green treats right here, it's just clam and water; we blend it up and we put it in a mold and freeze it."

Visitors wash their hands and stuff this DIY sashimi into plastic soft-balls, and the resultant appetizer/toy is put into the freezer to be a treat for later. For the otters.

From there, you do another quick shoe bath and enter the suite of otter pools, an area that might make veteran Chicagoans flash back to the Division Street bathhouse. Via a channel that can be gated, these pools are connected to the main display pool. But this area, sur-

rounded by Plexiglas walls with cut-outs at which the animals are trained to present arms, snouts and flanks, allows staff to separate the animals for medical care, individual training or just rest.

The routine developed for the otter experience includes holding up a plastic shape that the animals are trained to recognize as their silent call. The 19-year-old Yaku, Shedd's only male, swims right over to try to touch a blue square held against the clear barrier. Hold it and a yellow star, Luna's signal, and Yaku again will go to the blue square.

A photo opportunity includes holding up of the tank and given treats through a cut-out that she has to go on hind legs to reach. She looks statuesque for a generally horizontal creature.

And then comes a newly trained behavior, sticking two little paws through a hole so that guests can

hand an otter food directly. Having Luna grab half a shrimp from your fingers is even more satisfying, in a dominion-over-nature way, than having your dog snarf a peanut butter-filled pretzel off your palm.

What follows is another new behavior, hands out and facing down to allow for a quick stroke or two. Some otters may present their flanks at a different window, and some on some days, staffers caution, may not feel up to the touching interaction.

The last part of the experience, which might last 45 minutes in all, involves fetching the treat ball from the freezer. You drop it into a kind of maze Northwestern University engineering students built just outside a tank wall and watch a very enthusiastic otter roll it along shelves with its paws via holes in the wall. The goal is to coax it to a hole at the bottom big enough for the ball to come through. "Sometimes Luna will actually bring her empty ball and set it back here" at the egress hole, Sterling says. "You can refill this now." She makes her own little games.

On this day, the youngster Ellie is in the tank with the treat ball, and it sounds like a particularly energetic nutcracker is at work.

"She's, like, getting every last morsel," says Sterling. "You can hear the cracking because there wasn't a mussel in there. You can see how she eats it, just like potato chips. She's got those super strong teeth."

"So this is just a lot more detail than you would get. And it's really nice to hear those unique individual stories. I think people like to learn that, and then they go away feeling that they know something that maybe other guests wouldn't know."

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**IN PERFORMANCE:** 'The Abuelas' ★★★

# Aftermath of 'Dirty War' comes to Chicago

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In her play "The Madres," seen last year at Chicago's Teatro Vista, the fine writer Stephanie Alison Walker wrote about the so-called Dirty War, the U.S.-backed Argentine purge that last from 1974 to 1983 and involved the "disappearance" of some 30,000 people (many journalists, teachers, writers and artists) whom the right-wing military junta saw as a potential threat. The Madres were a group of mothers protesting the loss of their own children.

In her new play "The Abuelas," now premiering at Teatro Vista and a similarly compelling piece of work, Walker deals with the same piece of Argentine history, but focuses on the experience of one of the disappeared.

It's 2016 in Chicago. Concert cellist Gabriela (Cruz Gonzalez-Cadel) is so talented as to be occupying the first seat at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. She lives with her architect



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Alba Guerra plays Carolina and Cruz Gonzalez Cadel is Gabriela in Teatro Vista's world premiere of Stephanie Allen Walker's "The Abuelas."

husband, Marty (Nate Santana), and the couple's new baby in a high-rise with a view of Lake Michigan. Gabriela has always believed her mother to be Soledad (Katie Barberi), a woman who enjoys visiting Chicago except during the winter. But before long, Gabriela's personal history begins to unravel, upending all of her assumptions about herself.

Ricardo Gutierrez's production is a simple affair — based on the evidence on the stage, I suspect budgets presently are challenged at Teatro Vista. And the decision to have Gabriela always play her cello only with her back to the audience was a terrible idea. There were other solutions that would have better honored Walker's clear intent to tie her central character's musical gifts to

the beginnings of her life. But if you can get past the lack of a set and some stiff staging, you'll find a very moving play. If you saw "The Madres," this will not be a total surprise. Walker is a powerful and compassionate writer: both of these plays explore how ordinary people can and do become caught up in political horrors, even as they somehow have to keep living their

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lives. In the case of "The Abuelas," Walker has not just penned an origin mystery in the face of a totalitarian regime, its oppression ricocheting around the world, but the play also offers up a portrait of an ordinary marriage in Chicago, following the birth of a child. The characters are far more than mere positions; they are regular humans, trying to survive impossibly difficult circumstances, rendered so by events over which they had no control.

Gabriela is a great role for Gonzalez-Cadel, one of the Chicago theater's most exciting young talents, and she's well matched by San-

tana, a very live actor. I also liked Eddie Martinez, Ilse Zacharias and Alba Guerra, all of whom play characters who are part of a personal past which Gabriela only is now discovering.

Another fascinating thing about this play is, of course, its Chicago setting. Throughout the action — and, truly, this is a very involving story — you find yourself thinking about all of the pasts of Chicago's massive population of persons born somewhere other than the United States. Walker is, of course, writing about how our beginnings still nag away at us, even if we have moved thousands of miles away, for one reason or another.

Her thesis is that there is no escape without resolution; I kept thinking about how well she makes the point that merely local news doesn't well serve so international a city.

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## Stevens

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One: The Oscars have set an extremely low bar for programming that is, if not exactly feminist, at least not outwardly hostile toward women.

Two: In 2019, they finally cleared it. Sunday night's Oscars show may, in fact, have been the most feminist Academy Awards in recent memory. (Again, low bar.)

Still... A record number of female nominees took home Oscars on Sunday night — 15, up from the previous record of 12 in 2014 and 2016.

Ruth E. Carter and Hannah Beachler, two of the 15, were the first black nominees to win Oscars in their categories. Carter won the costume design Oscar for "Black Panther" (and appeared to have coordinated her note cards with her stunning gown).

"This has been a long time coming," Carter said in her acceptance speech. (She was nominated for "Amistad" in 1997 and "Malcolm X" in 1992.)

Beachler took home the Oscar for production design, also for her work on "Black Panther."

Comedy dream team Maya Rudolph, Tina Fey and Amy Poehler opened the show and were pitch-perfect doing so. ("Good evening and welcome to the 1 millionth Academy Awards," Fey said. "We are not your hosts, but we're going to stand here a little too long, so the people who get USA Today tomorrow will think that we hosted.")

A movie about menstruation won an Oscar. "Period. End Of Sentence," about Indian women's fight for accessible hy-

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giene products, won the award for best documentary short.

"I'm not crying because I'm on my period, or anything," 25-year-old director Rayka Zehtabchi said as she accepted the Oscar, surrounded by an all-female crew. Even the commercials were fierce, from Charlize Theron's Budweiser spot that shows the actress handily defeating a bar full of dudes at pool, darts, video boxing, and arm wrestling, to the Serena Williams-narrated Nike commercial titled "Dream Crazier."

"If we show emotion, we're called dramatic," Williams says in the ad, as clips of gymnast Simone Biles, fencer Ibtihaj Muhammad, snowboarder Chloe Kim and other female athletes flash across the screen.

"If we want to play against men, we're nuts. And if we dream of equal opportunity, we're delusional. When we stand for something, we're unhinged. When we're too good, there's something wrong with us. And if we get angry, we're hysterical, irrational or just being crazy."

"But a woman running a marathon was crazy," Williams continues. "A woman boxing was crazy."

A woman dunking, crazy. Coaching an NBA team, crazy. A woman competing in a hijab; changing her sport; landing a double-cork 1080; or winning 23 grand slams, having a baby and then coming back for more, crazy, crazy, crazy and crazy. ... So if they want to call you crazy, fine. Show them what crazy can do."

The Cut called the commercial "the best thing about the Oscars."

It may have been, during a different Oscars. This year, though? This year was different. Better. Less like the women were there as decorations and foils, more like the women were there to be honored for their formidable talents and culture-shaping, zeitgeist-reflecting achievements.

"When we're young, we all have dreams of what we can accomplish in life," Williams said from the Oscars stage, introducing a clip from best picture-nominated "A Star Is Born."

"Having the dream is easy," she said. "Making it come true is hard. Whether that dream is becoming an actor, a tennis player or a singer, like Ali in 'A Star Is Born.' ... There's the rush of fame, the pressure of success — and the heartache that comes with sacrificing love for career, or career for love."

A much fairer, friendlier assessment of the female experience, both on-screen and off-, than, say, "We Saw Your Boobs."

We've come a long-ish way in six years, baby. Let's keep going.

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## Phillips

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in at three hours and 18 minutes. There were, however, weird hiccups, such as ...

**Worst oversight, "In Memoriam" division:** The great director Stanley Donen died Thursday. News of his death broke Saturday. Was it really too late to add one photo and the words "Stanley" and "Donen" to the admittedly incomplete honor roll of recently deceased film industry names?

**Best reason to bring back the host:** Come to think of it, a traditional Oscars host, backed by quick-thinking producers and a writer or two at the ready, could've honored Donen somewhere in the show. And that would've made the Oscars look like today's news.

**Best Grammys highlight, Oscars division:** Opening the show with a Queen medley, tied to the massively popular "Bohemian Rhapsody," pleased just about everybody except die-hard traditionalists. Still, once Mike Myers and Dana Carvey took the stage later on, and merrily revived their Wayne and Garth routine from "Wayne's World," it all tied together and became one. Before you knew it, "Bohemian Rhapsody" had more Oscars to its name than "The Godfather."

**Winds of change, part one:** Many firsts at the 91st Oscars. Rami Malek: best actor, "Bohemian Rhapsody," and the first Egyptian-American to win. Ruth E. Carter, an honoree at the 2018 Chicago International Film Festival: first African-American woman to win for costume design. Hannah Beachler of the "Black Panther" team: first African-American for production design. Yalitza Aparicio, first indigenous actress nominee. And so on.

**The push/pull double header award:** "BlackKkKlansman" won for adapted screenplay, giving director and co-writer Spike Lee his first Oscar. "Green Book" won for original screenplay. These movies aren't merely polar opposites; if they were polar opposites, that would imply they exist on the same planet. They're practically enemies.

**Best Oscar speech** from a producer of a documentary short subject about the menstruation stigma in rural India: "I can't believe a film about menstruation just won an Oscar!" (Rayka Zehtabchi)

**Best "first" for Mexico:** "Roma," winner of three Oscars, took home Mexico's first foreign-language film award.

**Best "Roma" double duty:** Alfonso Cuarón became the first filmmaker



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Spike Lee wins best adapted screenplay for "BlackKkKlansman."

to win for both direction and cinematography.

**Best evidence that Mexico's just killing it at the Oscars:** Five out of the last six directing awards have gone to Cuarón, Guillermo del Toro and Alejandro González Inarritu. Cuarón won for "Roma" and "Gravity"; del Toro, for last year's "The Shape of Water"; and Inarritu, for "Birdman" and "The Revenant."

**Most ardent reminder of the imminent 2020 presidential election:** "Let's all mobilize," Spike Lee said, upon winning the adapted screenplay award with three colleagues for "BlackKkKlansman." "Let's be on the right side of history ... let's do the right thing! You knew I hadda get that in there!" Backstage, Lee was asked about his feelings regarding "Green Book." Although "Do the Right Thing" failed to get a best picture nomination the year "Driving Miss Daisy" rolled home the winner, Lee said: "Every time somebody's driving somebody, I lose."

**The bittersweet perspective award:** Lee now has one more Oscar than Stanley Kubrick, Charlie Chaplin or Alfred Hitchcock ever received.

**Best non-verbal jousting on the red carpet:** The winner is Glenn Close, even though she's now the most nominated actress yet to win an Oscar. On the red carpet outside the Dolby Theatre, Close messed with fellow actress nominee Melissa McCarthy, giving her the full Norma Desmond routine with the side-eye, followed by the front-eye.

**Best host prospects for 2019, never-thought-of-them-before division:** Tessa Thompson and Michael B. Jordan, the "Creed" and "Creed II" costars. Super-smooth, not entirely unsightly and able to get laughs off medium-grade material, their presentation of the original score Oscar to "Black Panther" composer Ludwig Göransson was impressive enough to take your mind off the music (Nicholas Britell's, for "If Beale Street Could Talk") that should've won.

Best evidence that ABC might have made a suggestion or two about including some zero-nomination hits

in the opening montage: "The Mule," "Venom," "Mamma Mia 2."

**Most strident reminder that nothing could possibly go wrong with the envelopes:** Viewers were treated to a backstage close-up of a well-dressed PriceWaterhouseCoopers-designated flunky, making very, very sure the big red BEST PICTURE envelope got safely into the hands of presenter Julia Roberts. Nobody wanted another "Moonlight"/"La La Land"/Faye Dunaway/Warren Beatty situation.

**Biggest stealth achiever Sunday night:** Participant Media, major financial backer of both "Green Book" and "Roma," among others. Talk about diversifying your portfolio.

**Clearest reminder of Toronto's crystal ball:** Last September, "Green Book" surprised a lot of moviegoers and critics when it won the coveted "people's choice" audience award at the Toronto International Film Festival. Four of the last 11 years, a win in Toronto serves as a harbinger of the Oscars. This was one of those years.

**The retro genius award goes to:** Whoever chose Henry Mancini's "Pink Panther" theme as the playoff music accompanying the best director award. Seeing Alfonso Cuarón strolling into the wings with his friend and comrade Guillermo del Toro to Mancini's deathless music was one of the evening's sweetest moments.

**The disarming honesty prize goes to:** Olivia Colman, winner of the best actress Oscar, for her witty, quicksilver portrayal of Queen Anne in "The Favourite." The favorite in that category was Glenn Close, of "The Wife." "This is not how I wanted it to be," Colman said, statuette in hand, grinning, winning over countless millions. She called Close her "idol," and basically apologized to her for winning.

**Best way to look at the "Green Book" win:** Remember when "Moonlight" won two years ago? It's not going to be like that every year.

**Winds of change, part two:** Last year 928 new members joined the academy, diversifying the ranks to a considerable degree.

**The glass-half-full award goes to:** Me. I scored my worst-ever percentage with the Oscar ballot: 12 out of 24. At the last minute I changed my "Green Book" prediction to "Roma," based on the odds-makers affiliated with the state of New Jersey's first-ever (legal) Oscar betting. So I blame New Jersey for everything.

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## WATCH THIS: TUESDAY



Lily Cowles

**“Roswell, New Mexico”** (8 p.m., CW): Flashbacks to 2008 uncover secrets about Isobel’s (Lily Cowles) mysterious blackouts, Rosa’s final day and the high school relationship between Michael and Alex (Michael Vlamis, Tyler Blackburn) in a new episode entitled “Smells Like Teen Spirit.” Jeanine Mason, Nathan Parsons, Michael Trevino and Trevor St. John also star.

**“NCIS”** (7 p.m., CBS): Gibbs (Mark Harmon) and the NCIS team investigate a fatality aboard a Navy destroyer while the vessel was at sea in the new episode “Crossing the Line.” The dead man apparently fell or was swept overboard, but the investigators must try to discern whether it was an accident, suicide or foul play. Meanwhile, Torres (Wilmer Valderrama) has trouble hiding his frustration after Vance (Rocky Carroll) assigns him to mentor three high school students.

**“Good Trouble”** (7 p.m., FREE): In an unconventional attempt to deal with workplace sexism, Mariana (Cierra Ramirez) forms a women-in-tech “fight club” for other like-minded females in her office in the new episode “Byte Club.” Elsewhere, although Callie and Rebecca (Maia Mitchell, Molly McCook) have done some recent bonding, they still can’t seem to see eye-to-eye when it comes to addressing a colleague’s potential workplace harassment situation.

**“World of Dance”** (8 p.m., NBC): Scott Evans (“Access Hollywood”) takes over as host as this reality competition series opens Season 3. Executive producer Jennifer Lopez returns in her on-camera capacity as a judge, along with fellow returnees Ne-Yo and Derek Hough. The show, in which dancers compete for a \$1 million grand prize, has made some tweaks for the new season.

**“I Am Jazz”** (8 p.m., 12 a.m., TLC): In a new episode called “I Want to Meet Your (Transphobic) Mom,” Jazz’s relationship with boyfriend Ahmir Steward is put to a serious test when she learns that his mother is ferociously transphobic. Dr. Bowers comes to Florida to perform a follow-up examination to see if Jazz needs a more extensive surgical procedure. ri they should become roommates.

**“NCIS: New Orleans”** (9 p.m., CBS): Pride (Scott Bakula) and his team are stretched thin to investigate multiple murders, all of which share a connection to a construction company working on creating an experimental chemical that strengthens sea walls in a new episode called “Crab Mentality.” Meanwhile, Hannah (Necar Zadegan) finds herself being blackmailed by evidence from her previous mission in Oman. Lucas Black and Vanessa Ferlito also star.

## TALK SHOWS

**“Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Deon Cole.\*

**“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Filmmaker Tyler Perry; actress Sarah Hyland; Tonight Showbotics; Weezer performs.\*

**“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): TV host Conan O’Brien; James Taylor performs; surprise guests.\*

**“Jimmy Kimmel Live”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.\*

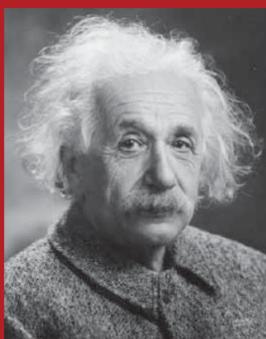
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	<b>FREE</b>	Good Trouble (N) ©		(8:01) Happy Gilmore (PG-13, ’96) **	Adam Sandler.			700 Club ♦
	<b>FX</b>	Now You See Me 2 (PG-13, ’16) **	Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo. ©					Now You ♦
	<b>HALL</b>	Stranded in Paradise (NR, ’14)	Vanessa Marcil. ©			Sun, Sand & Romance (NR, ’17) © ♦		
	<b>HGTV</b>	Windy City Rehab ©	Windy City Rehab (N) ©			Hunters (N)   Hunt Intl (N)		Hunters
	<b>HIST</b>	Digging Deeper (N)	The Curse of (N)			Project Blue Book (N)		Project ♦
	<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	<b>IFC</b>	♦ (5:45) The Sandlot **	The Hangover Part III (R, ’13) **	Bradley Cooper. ©		Hngover 3 ♦		
	<b>LIFE</b>	Married (N)   Married (N)				Live Wedding (N)		Married ♦
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)			The Last Word (N)		11th Hour ♦
	<b>MTV</b>	Teen Mom 2 ©	Siesta Key (N) ©			Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish ♦
	<b>NBCSCH</b>	♦ NHL Hockey: Senators at Capitals (N)		Bensinger		Girls High School Basketball ♦		
	<b>NICK</b>	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends ©
	<b>OVATION</b>	♦ (6) Young Guns (R, ’88) **		Panic Room (R, ’02) ***	Jodie Foster. ♦			
	<b>OWN</b>	The Haves, Nots		The Haves, Nots (N)		The Haves, Nots		The Haves ♦
<b>ODY</b>	Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped ©		In Ice Cold Blood		A Killer ♦	
<b>PARMT</b>	Four Brothers (R, ’05) **	Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson. ©			Four Brothers (’05) ***			
<b>SYFY</b>	♦ Fifth	Blade: Trinity (R, ’04) **	Wesley Snipes, Kris Kristofferson. ©				Futurama ♦	
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Miracle (N)	Conan (N) ♦	
<b>TCM</b>	Gaslight (NR, ’44) ***	Charles Boyer. ©			(9:15) Anastasia (NR, ’56) ****	© ♦		
<b>TLC</b>	Fat Fabulous (N)	I Am Jazz (N)			Seeking Sister Wife		Fabulous ♦	
<b>TLN</b>	Let Think	Wealth	Focus on	Difference	Life Today	Insights	Convoc. ♦	
<b>TNT</b>	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Raptors (N Subject to Blackout)						Basketball (N Subject to	
<b>TOON</b>	Samur. Jack	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	
<b>TRAV</b>	Expedition Unknown ©	Expedition Unknown (N)			Expedition Unknown (N)		Expedition ♦	
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Teachers (N)	Two Men	King	
<b>USA</b>	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live) ©				Temptation Island (N)		Law-SVU ♦	
<b>VH1</b>	Love & Hip Hop Miami		Love & Hip Hop ©		Love & Hip Hop ©		Ink ♦	
<b>WE</b>	Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law ♦	
<b>WGN America</b>	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	Deadpool 2 (R, ’18) ***	Ryan Reynolds. ©			REAL Sports Gumbel (N)		High Main.
	<b>HBO2</b>	It’s a Hard Truth, Ain’t It	(8:15) True Detective ©			High Main.		Last Week ♦
	<b>MAX</b>	It’s Complicated (R, ’09) **	Meryl Streep. ©			(9:05) Bridget Jones’s Diary (R) ***		
	<b>SHO</b>	♦ Knight Tie	Midnight Sun (PG-13, ’18) *			SMILF ©		Black Mon
	<b>STARZ</b>	♦ (6:28) Duplex (’03) **		Blood Father (R, ’16) ***	Mel Gibson.		(9:31) Cutthroat Island ♦	
<b>STZENC</b>	♦ Shaun of the Dead ***		Grown Ups (PG-13, ’10) *	Adam Sandler.		(9:45) Say Anything... ♦		

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Feb. 26): This is your professional year to shine. Teamwork is your secret strength. Maintain flexibility with changing news. Your heart flutters with another's this summer, before your crew shifts direction. Winter brings satisfying results for shared efforts, leading to a family fork in the road.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 6. Things may not go as planned. Avoid travel. A hidden danger could arise. Transportation and action could get tangled. Explore locally. Study your own backyard.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 7. You can see what wasn't working with shared finances. Work with someone who sees your blind spot. Don't get sidetracked. Collaborate for common gain.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 7. Have patience with a partner. Breakdowns or obstacles could arise. Avoid silly arguments over miscommunications. Travel frustrations would make things worse. Handle practical priorities.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 7. Slow to avoid accidents. Use gentle pressure rather than force. Hidden obstacles lie out of view. Stick to practical goals. Take care of your health.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. A sense of humor lightens a romantic misunderstanding. Remember what's really important. Take a walk to cool down if needed. Let go of the small stuff.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Mistakes or misunderstandings can arise at home. Abandon expectations, and you may win better results than originally planned. Keep an open mind and heart.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Communication and action could clash. Make sure everyone knows what's going on. Avoid provoking jealousies or upsets. Provide stability, reliability and a calm presence.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. You won't need to defer gratification forever. Stay frugal until financial obstacles or obligations are past. Prioritize practicalities. You're gaining.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Illusions and mirages could distort the view. Things may not go as planned. Wait for better conditions. Keep a flexible outlook and a sense of humor.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 5. Rest, and consider what's ahead. Refine plans for new circumstances. Discover crucial holes, and repair them. Find a quiet space to review.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Friends can get through where you're stuck. Miscommunications could make things worse; take the time to unravel tangles as soon as they occur.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Discover a hidden mess at work. An illusion could get shattered. Allow extra time to clean things up and resolve misunderstandings. You've got this.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

North-South vulnerable, North deals

**North**  
 ♠ 743  
 ♥ A53  
 ♦ KQ76  
 ♣ KJ10

**East**  
 ♠ AJ109852  
 ♥ Q76  
 ♦ 10  
 ♣ 87

**South**  
 ♠ Q6  
 ♥ KJ842  
 ♦ 95  
 ♣ AQ43

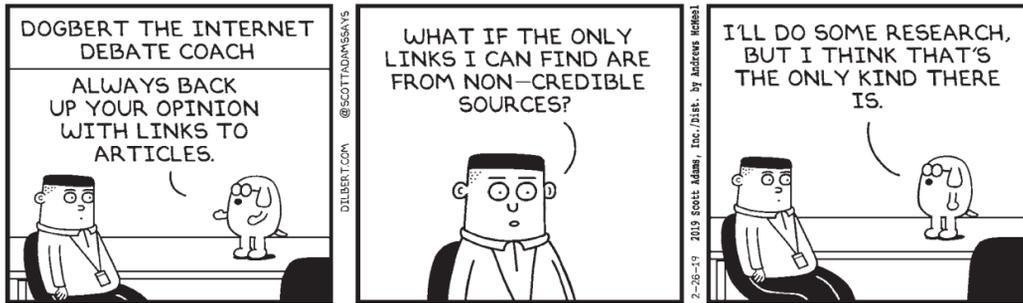
Today's deal is from a match between world-class experts representing England and Poland. What would you have bid as North over partner's negative double? There is no comfortable bid, so an expert will choose the bid that is least uncomfortable.

My grandmother, sitting West, would have defeated four hearts by leading the king of spades — her singleton in partner's suit. She would surely have shifted to the ace of diamonds and led another diamond, giving her partner a ruff and an entry to cash the ace of spades. But these were world-class experts, remember. West led the ace of diamonds and continued with the eight of diamonds as a suit-preference signal for spades. East was no guppy, reading the situation perfectly. East ruffed the diamond and under-led his ace of spades to West's king. West, on lead with the king of spades, could no longer defeat the contract. This would have been a great defense had West started with a doubleton king of spades and only five diamonds, but it wasn't the right defense here.

What happened at the other table? North decided to pass his partner's negative double and the defense prevailed by one trick. This was a good decision, in theory, as four hearts can be beaten, but it didn't work out that way. North had bragging rights in the postmortem, but his team lost a game swing despite his "good" decision.

— Bob Jones  
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### Dilbert



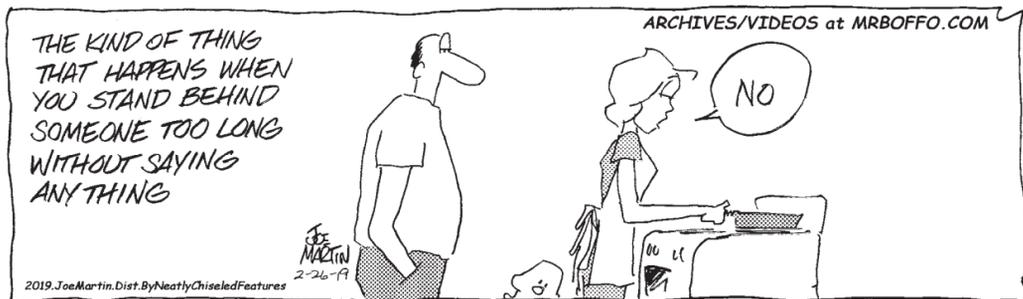
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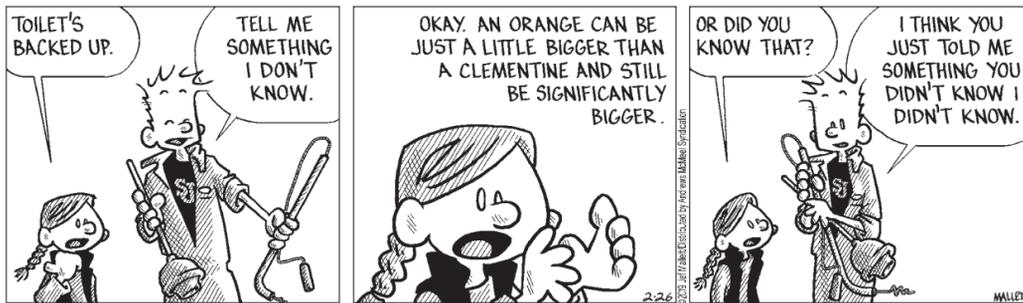
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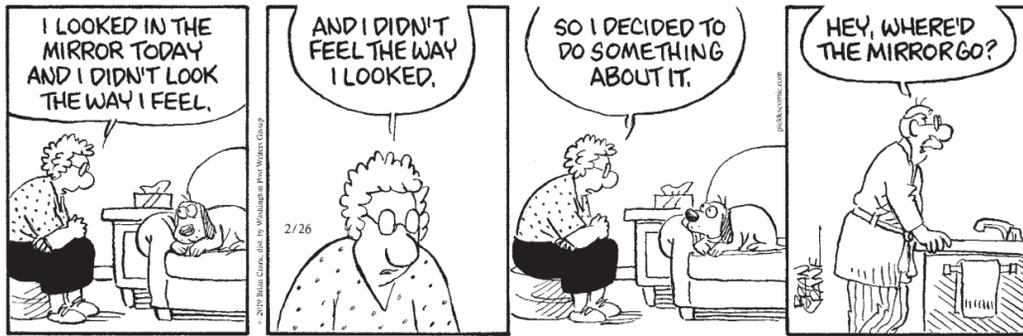
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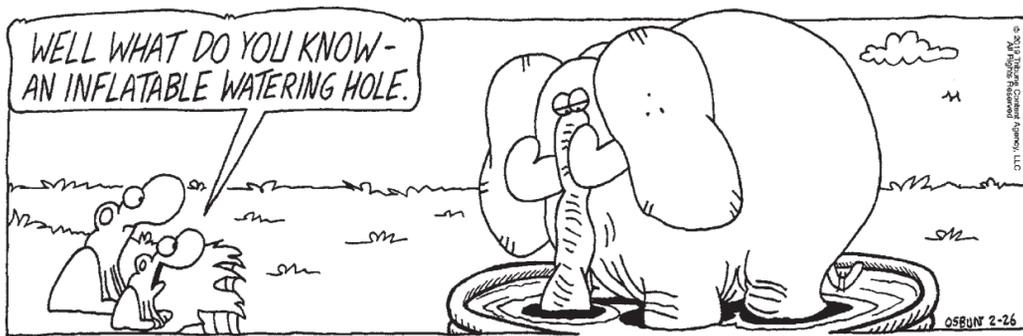
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### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City





