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**From poison to a pie worth slicing up**

A witness to how drugs ravaged his community seeks legal dispensary

BY ANNIE SWEENEY

Emone Moore, a 28-year-old resident of Chicago's Austin neighborhood, knows too well the consequences of the illegal drug trade.

He lost a brother to gun violence and watched family members suffer addiction or go to prison. Others he knew spiraled into a treacherous gang existence that they couldn't shake, even as they grew resentful of the life.

The impact, he said over the sound of sizzling turkey burgers at the Turkey Chop Gourmet Grill on West Chicago Avenue, has been lasting and tragic, particularly for the men in the community whose criminal histories kept them from gaining a foothold in life.

"It's like you're here, but you're not here," he said in a soft-spoken voice.

Now with the sale of marijuana legal in Illinois, Moore is hoping that this legitimate

drug trade can be a source of renewal for him, his family and community. He is among hundreds seeking licenses to operate a recreational marijuana dispensary.

"I watched my own father struggle... feeling like he had a lack of options," the rapper who also produces music explained between bites of his turkey wrap. "My mother (was) working two jobs. My brother fell victim to gun violence and that crippled my father even more. I'm doing what I'm doing to break generational curses."

Moore's vision might seem hopelessly unrealistic, except it is backed by a Los Angeles-based entrepreneur who launched a for-profit company that is providing much-needed financial and logistical support to 30 applicants seeking licenses in Illinois under the so-called social equity requirement.

Illinois' legalization law was written to give a distinct advantage to these social equity applicants as a way to provide an economic boon to minority communities and residents hurt by mass incarceration and over-policing as a result of the nation's decadeslong war on drugs.

It's far from clear, though, if the law will work as intended and social equity applicants can gain a share of a highly regulated market

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Supporters cheer for President Donald Trump during a campaign rally Tuesday at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panther Arena. Trump defended his decision to kill a top Iranian general and slammed Democrats as weak on national security. **Nation & World, Page 13**

**Next step to historic trial**

Pelosi sets House vote to send impeachment articles against Trump to Senate

BY LISA MASCARO,  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House is set to vote Wednesday to send the articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump to the Senate for a landmark trial on whether the charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress are grounds for removal.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced the next steps after meeting privately with House Democrats at the Capitol, ending

her blockade Tuesday a month after they voted to impeach Trump.

It will be only the third presidential impeachment trial in American history, a serious moment coming amid the backdrop of a politically divided nation and an election year.

"The President and the Senators will be held accountable," Pelosi said in a statement. "The American people deserve the truth, and the Constitution demands a trial."

The Senate is expected to transform into an impeachment court as early as Thursday. The

Constitution calls for the chief justice to preside over senators, who serve as jurors, to swear an oath to deliver "impartial justice."

The House managers will walk the articles across the Capitol in a dramatic procession after the vote.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Tuesday the chief justice would open the trial this week, but that the significant proceedings would launch next Tuesday, after the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Trump was impeached by the Democratic-led House last

month on charges of abuse of power over pushing Ukraine to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden as the president withheld aid from the country, and obstructing Congress' ensuing probe.

McConnell met behind closed doors Tuesday with GOP senators who are under pressure from Democrats to call new witnesses and testimony. He urged them to hold together on the next steps, according to a person unauthorized to discuss the private session and granted

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**Sanders, Warren clash over gender at debate**

Democratic field also tackles war just weeks before Iowa caucuses

BY ALEXANDRA JAFFE,  
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Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Elizabeth Warren made a vigorous case for a female president and stood behind her accusation suggesting sexism by progressive rival Bernie Sanders on Tuesday night in a tense Demo-

catic debate that raised gender as a key issue in the sprint to Iowa's presidential caucuses next month.

Sanders denied Warren's accusation, which threatened to split the Democratic Party's far-left flank — and a longtime liberal alliance — at a critical moment in the 2020 contest.

"Look at the men on this stage. Collectively they have lost 10 elections," Warren exclaimed. "The only people on this stage who have won every single election that they've been in are the women."

A seemingly incredulous Sanders responded: "Does anybody in their right mind think a woman can't be elected president?" he asked. "Of course a woman can win."

He added: "I don't know that that's the major issue of the day."

The drama unfolded 20 days before Iowa's kick-off caucuses with four candidates tangled at the top of the shifting field.

Longtime allies Warren and Sanders are icons in the party's left wing.

Former Vice President Joe Biden, considered the centrist in

the race, has maintained his place as an establishment favorite thanks to relationships with Democratic officials that have spanned decades. And Pete Buttigieg, a virtual unknown a year ago, is trying to carve his own path as a 37-year-old openly gay military veteran from the Midwest.

Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar and businessman Tom Steyer joined them on stage.

The race until now has been

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**Trans man who gave birth to be listed as dad**

Designation on birth certificate is first for state

BY NARA SCHOENBERG

Myles Brady Davis was about 20 weeks pregnant when he learned that he would be listed as the mother on his baby's birth certificate.

Although Myles, who is transgender, identifies as masculine, he was the one carrying the baby — and according to the state of Illinois, that made him the mom. To make matters worse, Myles' wife, Precious, who is also transgender, would be listed as the

father.

"It was so crazy," said Myles, 38, of Chicago. "I never even thought the birth certificate would have to misgender us in that way."

Precious and Myles, the communications director for Equality Illinois, reported the problem to his employer and reached out to the LGBTQ rights group Lambda Legal, which sent the state an advocacy letter, explain-

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Myles Brady Davis and his wife, Precious, had a baby in December. Both the Brady Davises are transgender.

**Affordable housing along The 606?**

A DePaul report says affordable housing can still be saved along western portions of The 606, but time is running out. It's already too late to stop gentrification near the trail's eastern half. **Business**

**Hazel Crest honors soldier killed in Kenya**

The south suburban village distributes hundreds of yellow ribbons to commemorate the sacrifice of Army Spc. Henry "Mitch" Mayfield Jr. **Chicagoland, Page 4**

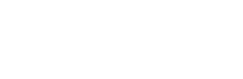


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Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan at the State Capitol in Springfield in November.



## JOHN KASS

# If Mike Madigan were a Republican, he'd be gone

If only Illinois House Speaker Michael J. Madigan, the Democratic boss of Illinois, were a Republican.

He'd already be gone, perhaps wandering in a castle in Ireland, laughing mirthlessly and sitting on piles of his gold.

The gold is real. Madigan made a fortune leveraging his political power against his other career, as a property tax reduction attorney representing most of the wealthy real estate interests in downtown Chicago. Many got tax breaks.

And Illinois homeowners? They see their property taxes rise, and their property assessments increase, as the value of their homes keeps falling. Illinois drowns in debt, causing businesses and taxpayers to flee in the Illinois Exodus.

If Madigan were a Republican, his opponents may have likely invoked House Rule 91, to form a legislative commission to examine charges of obstruction of the legislature.

Why? Because Madigan just squashed a legislative investigation of Michael McClain, his closest confidant and a retired lobbyist who's under a federal criminal investigation. That legislative inquiry would have examined McClain's email defending a politically connected worker who "kept his mouth shut" about "that rape in Champaign."

Legislators, both Democrats and Republicans, wanted to know more about McClain's email. House Minority Leader Jim Durkin asked Madigan to assign a House committee to investigate. But Madigan said no, and the boss is the boss.

In a 2012 email, with Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn in office, McClain pressured Quinn's political servants to protect Forrest Ashby, a loyal Democrat facing disciplinary procedures, who according to that email had kept quiet about a rape.

Over the weekend, the Chicago Tribune's Ray Long and David Heinzmann reported that the rape victim may have been a girl assaulted by a convict who benefited from an early prison release program.

"For God's sake do not let this disciplinary meeting get out of hand. This man is a good compliance person, as I told you. The (attorney general's) office and the Sheriffs love working with him," McClain wrote to Quinn's top aides in an email obtained by

WBEZ. "He has kept his mouth shut on Jones' ghost workers, the rape in Champaign and other items. He is loyal to the Administration."

And who was the Illinois Attorney General in 2012, at the time of McClain's email?

Madigan's daughter, Lisa Madigan. If Mike Madigan were a Republican, #MeToo advocates would demand his head, especially after he squashed the legislative inquiry on McClain and that email about rape.

The #MeToo crowd would use all the national political leverage at their command. Democrats running for the presidency, such as Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Amy Klobuchar, would condemn Madigan. Pundits who supported #MeToo tactics against Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh would denounce Madigan.

The pressure would build and build. And Madigan would be gone.

If he were a Republican, those few of us who've been advocating for years (perhaps more like decades now) for Boss Madigan to be pushed out of office wouldn't have felt like lonely voices in the wilderness.

Even now, with the water warm, with many jumping in late to announce that the best thing would be to push Madigan's political head under water, Madigan remains.

Why? Because Madigan isn't a Republican.

He's a Democrat, the longest serving state house speaker in the history of the United States and the boss of the Illinois Democratic Party.

Illinois is a blue state and Boss Madigan pulls the strings.

And even with Madigan's hold on things weakening and taxpayers primed for revolt, hapless Republicans are unable to offer a legitimate counterargument. Their leaders are inept.

In a few days, the Illinois Senate, once run by Madigan's mini-me, the retiring state Senate President Johnny Cullerton, D-DeLo, is scheduled to select new leadership.

The Democratic majority will choose a president. And the Republican minority will choose a minority leader.

Republican state Sen. Bill Brady, of Bloomington, who has run for governor several times and lost, wants to keep his post as minority leader.

But Brady has seriously compro-

mised himself ethically. In another story reported by WBEZ, Brady is personally cashing in on the electronic gaming business, an industry that is regulated by the state.

State gaming makes profits by betting on the people of Illinois to lose. With his fingers sticky from that gaming pie, Brady isn't the least bit credible.

The Democrats have long made Republicans look like fools. If the GOP maintains Brady as their leader, they'd be adding the trappings of a clown.

Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker, the billionaire who bought the governor's office, has his billions in offshore accounts and lusts for the power to heap income taxes on the rich. But believe this, the middle class will not be spared.

Pritzker's problem? He wants to be liked. Eventually, he'll get over it and assume control of the Democratic Party he's already bought, when Madigan finally goes.

At 77, Madigan can't live forever. The politics line up against him now.

Illinois politicians, like Springfield influencers who help keep them in line, are craven invertebrates, jellyfish in suits.

But those who survive have an excellent sense of smell. They know Pritzker has a pocket of treats waiting when Madigan goes. And they can smell Madigan's weakness.

Eventually, Pritzker will release his hounds, but not yet. Not yet.

What makes Madigan weak is that federal investigation into statewide Democratic corruption. Madigan hasn't been charged with a thing, but the foundational argument of the investigation is this: Illinois politics is a criminal enterprise.

And RICO — the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act — drives that big federal bus.

And Madigan?

If he were Republican, you wouldn't remember his name.

But as a Democrat, he's the boss. For now.

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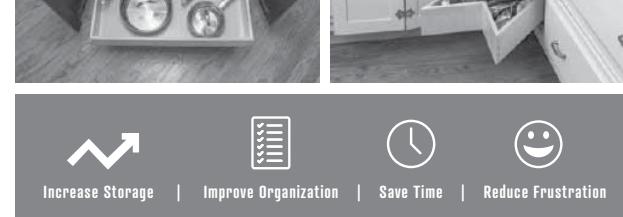
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# Stop telling us which Dem candidate is 'electable'



MARY SCHMICH

Stop telling me who's electable and who's not.

Tell me why you like the presidential candidate you like or why you hate the one you loathe. Tell me why you love or hate their policy platforms, their histories and, oh, if you must, talk about their hair.

But please, stop telling me who's electable.

We all play the electability game sometimes. Guessing is essential to human thought and conversation, and we all want to back a candidate who can win. A candidate's wide appeal is part of what we try to measure.

But the great electability guessing game over which Democratic candidate can beat Donald Trump? That's as fruitless as predicting the weather for Nov. 3, 2020.

So, please, stop it.

Electability is a buzzword that sometimes covers for racism, sexism and ageism.

Well, she's not electable (because she's a woman).

He's not electable (because he's black, or Latino, or Asian).

They're not electable (because they're too old, or too young).

But electability talk isn't always a reflection of bigotry. It often manifests something less ugly but just as pernicious: a lack of imagination.

Even people who are ready for a candidate different from most previous presidents — one who isn't necessarily male or white, who believes in universal health care — may have trouble believing that enough other people are ready.

The doubters may be right, of course. Or they may be miscalculating their fellow Americans because, let's face it: Most of us have a limited range of experience and acquaintances. We have trouble imagining how other people think. Looking toward the past, we have trouble imagining a future that looks different.

Barack Obama. Donald Trump. In the eyes of many pundits, neither of them was electable, remember?



JOSHUA LOTT/GETTY

**Even people who are ready for a candidate different from most previous presidents — one who isn't necessarily male or white, who believes in universal health care — may have trouble believing that enough other people are ready.**

Nobody plays the electability game more fervently than what I call the resident scholars at the prestigious School of Punditry, a bipartisan institution made up chiefly of college professors, newspaper and magazine columnists, TV talking heads and former campaign staffers who have turned to podcasting.

The pundits' pronouncements are called "predictions," a word that offers guessing with a veneer of expertise.

Most of these scholars make their case based on varied factors, including electoral history, the latest poll numbers, gut feeling or Twitter likes. They couple their arguments with a talent for shar-

ing their opinions VERY FORCEFULLY.

Consider just a few headlines from resident scholars at the prestigious School of Punditry:

"Why Obama Cannot Win in 2012" (Forbes, April 2011)

"Relax, Donald Trump Can't Win" (The Nation, June 2016)

"Why Kamala Harris Will Win the Democratic Nomination" (RealClearPolitics, January 2019)

Wrong, wrong, wrong. Again.

As a lesser member of the School of Punditry, I understand the temptation to pronounce loudly on a candidate's electability. Electability matters. Political predictions are fun. But they're wrong as often as they're right.

Reams have been written on the electability of the various Democratic candidates. Bernie Sanders is the most electable. Or not electable at all. Amy Klobuchar is surging. Oh, wait, not anymore. Elizabeth Warren, Michael Bloomberg, Andrew Yang, Pete Buttigieg, Tom whathisname — they've all been subjected to the electability guessing game.

And, oh, right. Joe Biden. I inadvertently left him off the list above — I'm not kidding — even though we're often told he's the most electable of all.

Contrary to some predictions, Kamala Harris is no longer in the race, but before she dropped out she talked about how the obsession with electability can warp the discussion.

"There has been a conversation by pundits about 'electability' and 'who can speak to the Midwest,'" she said at an appearance in Detroit. "But when they say that, they usually put the Midwest in a simplistic box and a narrow narrative. And too often their definition of the Midwest leaves people out."

A few months later, after Harris

dropped out of the race, Kelly Dittmar and Glynda Carr wrote a provocative piece in Ms. Magazine under the headline, "Kamala Harris' Liability Was Not Electability."

After noting that there were various explanations for her departure, they wrote: "When it comes to talk about electability, though, it's vital to remember that Harris' electability as a Black woman was not the problem in the 2020 race. Instead, doubts of that electability — whether from voters, donors, media or political elites — were an added burden to her campaign."

And that's why the electability obsession isn't just innocent fun. Pundits who have no special insight or fortunetelling skills are seeding doubt in voters, not about the candidates' essential worth but about this elusive thing called electability. Remember that the next time you're told who can or can't win.

For the record, I still think Elizabeth Warren could beat Donald Trump.

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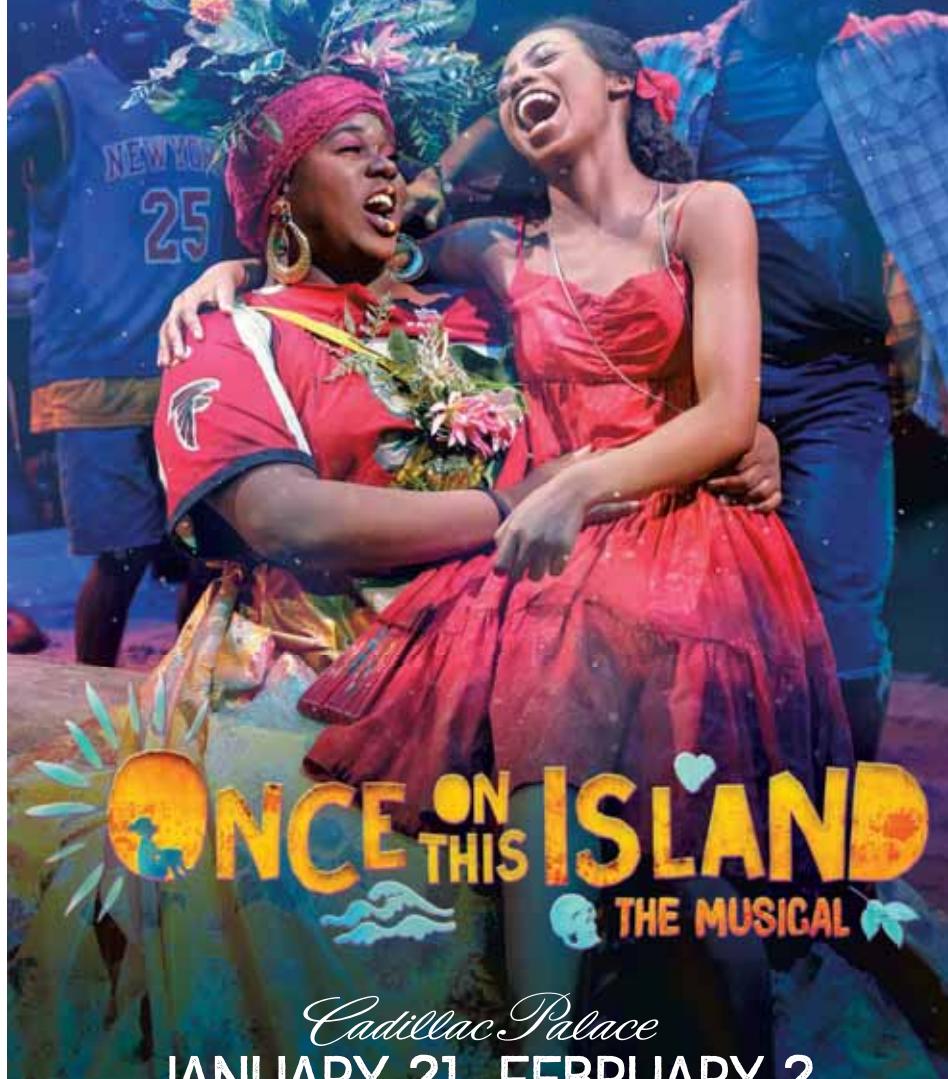
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# CHICAGOLAND

## Hazel Crest salutes a fallen soldier

Hundreds of yellow ribbons help mark his death in Kenya

BY ZAK KOESKE

Family, friends and supporters of fallen Army Spc. Henry "Mitch" Mayfield Jr. gathered Tuesday at Hazel Crest Village Hall to honor the local soldier who was killed in a Jan. 5 attack at an airfield in Kenya.

The village distributed yellow ribbons to hundreds of attendees with instructions to wrap them around trees throughout the community to commemorate Mayfield's sacrifice.

"This day will always be Henry Mayfield Jr. Day in the village of Hazel Crest," Mayor Vernard Alsberry said of Jan. 14.

He said the yellow ribbons, which historically have represented support for the homecoming of military troops, were intended as a "welcome home" gesture for Mayfield Jr., whose remains are expected to arrive Wednesday at O'Hare International Airport.

The approximately 5,000 ribbons will cloak the trees that line Mayfield Jr.'s block and a number of major village thoroughfares, including 175th Street, 183rd Street and Kedzie Avenue.

Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144 and Bremer High School District 228, which both observed a moment of silence for Mayfield Jr. on Tuesday morning, are also asking stakeholders to tie ribbons to trees within the districts' boundaries, Alsberry said.

"It's a sad day," the mayor, an Air Force veteran, said. "Freedom isn't free. Every time something like this happens, it makes us recognize that we have young men and young women out there sacrificing their lives for the freedom that we enjoy every day."

Alsberry said he and Mayfield Jr.'s family were still mostly in the dark about the circumstances of the 23-year-old's death earlier this month.

Al-Shabab, an Islamic extremist group based in Somalia, has claimed responsibility for the assault at Manda Bay Airfield in southeastern Kenya that killed Mayfield Jr. and two American defense contractors.

Anthony Mayfield, the soldier's uncle, said the circumstances didn't much



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Henry Mayfield Sr. and Carmoneta Horton-Mayfield pray Tuesday to honor their son, U.S. Army Specialist Henry "Mitch" Mayfield Jr., in Hazel Crest.



U.S. ARMY

Army Spc. Henry J. Mayfield Jr. was killed Jan. 5 in Kenya.

matter to him. His nephew, a role model for his younger brothers and cousins, was gone.

"He was just an all around great kid," said Anthony Mayfield, one of about 40 of the young soldier's family members on hand for Tuesday's memorial.

"He was all about his family. Very family oriented.

His family was everything to him. His little brothers, all his cousins, everybody. They were his heart."

Anthony Mayfield said what stood out most to him about his nephew was the

young man's drive and motivation.

"He was motivated to do different," Mayfield said. "He wanted to do something different and he wanted to see the world, and that's what he was trying to do."

A 2014 Hillcrest High School graduate who enjoyed playing sports and spending time with family, Mayfield Jr. joined the Army in August 2017 after struggling to afford college tuition, his father, Henry Mayfield Sr., said.

Mayfield Sr. declined to speak at Tuesday's memorial, but told the Southtown previously that his son joined the Army after much thought and hoped his service would help put him on the path to a successful future.

"He couldn't really afford college, so he figured that the Army would help him through that," Mayfield Sr. said last week.

Mayfield Jr., who worked fueling and deicing planes at O'Hare airport before enlisting, served as an air traffic services mechanic with the 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group of

the Army's 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Army officials said.

He had been stationed at Fort Rucker in Alabama prior to deploying to Kenya in October where he worked installing, maintaining and repairing heating and cooling systems, his father said.

Mayfield Sr. said his son remained in frequent contact with his family throughout his first Army deployment, and that they had spoken just two days before his death.

"He wasn't scared, nervous, upset," Mayfield Sr. said of his final conversation with his son. "He felt good."

Mayfield Jr. once had talked of starting a trucking business after getting out of the service, but his father said that recently it seemed like a lengthy armed forces career was not out of the question.

State Sen. Michael Hastings, a former Army captain who saw combat in Operation Iraqi Freedom, said the state legislature planned to honor Mayfield Jr. with a proclamation later this month.

"The way things are going right now in our country, it's a very dangerous time, and I'm proud that we have soldiers like Mitch,

and his family who supported him, serving our country," said Hastings, D-Tinley Park, who attended Tuesdays' memorial event in Hazel Crest.

"It's unfortunate that we lost him, but I know he had a love for his country. His family reflects that. It's just awesome seeing everybody here today."

Hastings, who was among a handful of local and state elected officials at Tuesday's event, said he'd thanked Mayfield Jr.'s family for allowing their son to serve and for his sacrifice to the country.

"Kids these days who serve in the military are a special breed," Hastings said. "I think it takes a unique person to serve or want to serve in this time because you know what you're getting yourself into."

Before 2001, you didn't know if you were going to war or not. It's an open book now."

Mayfield's body is expected to arrive shortly af-

ter noon at O'Hare airport on Wednesday. There will be an escort/procession from O'Hare to Hazel Crest via Interstate 294 to Interstate 57, south to 167th Street and then east to Pulaski Road. The procession will go south on Pulaski, passing Hillcrest High School, where students are expected outside. It will then continue east on 175th Street to Kedzie Avenue, then south to 183rd Street to the Village Hall.

A visitation will be held from noon to 8 p.m. Friday at Doty Nash Funeral Home, 8620 S. Stony Island Ave., Chicago.

A wake for Mayfield Jr. begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the House of Hope, 752 E. 114th St., in Chicago, followed by a Purple Heart Service at 10:30 a.m. and the funeral at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

A fund to support the Mayfield family has been established at BankFinancial in Hazel Crest, the mayor said.

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## As Smollett's Google data perused, search your feelings



DAHLEEN GLANTON

It's hard to find anyone who doesn't despise Jussie Smollett. In the unjust court of public opinion, he has been convicted of being a lying race-baiter and sentenced to eternal damnation.

But it's time for a reality check. Now that a judge has ordered Google to turn over Smollett's emails, photos, location data and private messages to investigators, we need to think about how far we're willing to go to see to it that he ends up behind bars.

To our knowledge, State's Attorney Kim Foxx didn't do anything wrong by dropping the charges against Smollett for allegedly making up a story about being attacked by Donald Trump-loving bigots. But Chicago — and the nation for that matter — demanded an investigation.

Months into his probe, special prosecutor Dan Webb seems to be signaling that he isn't just delving

into how Foxx handled the case, he's going to crack it open in a way that police couldn't. He's going to get to the bottom of the entire mess once and for all.

Most Chicagoans welcome the idea of a thorough investigation. For skeptics, including me, it seemed ridiculous that police would base 16 counts of disorderly conduct on the word of the two men who allegedly helped stage the phony attack.

But at what cost? This isn't supposed to be a criminal investigation, after all. The police already did that. Exactly what is Webb looking for, and should he be using tools normally reserved for criminal activity?

As far as we know, Smollett isn't charged with anything right now.

It's perfectly fine for Webb to seek emails, texts and other sensitive documents between Foxx and top members of her staff.

But was it really necessary to cross over into that shady area of personal privacy by tapping into Smollett's Google accounts?

The debate over what Google should be allowed to do with our personal information isn't new. Webb was within his legal

right to request the data, but not every case warrants such harsh measures. Getting to the bottom of Smollett's alleged hoax doesn't have the gravity of a murder investigation, human trafficking or drug smuggling case that would allow us to feel more comfortable forfeiting privacy.

The idea of Google turning over an entire year of Smollett's emails, photos, location data and private messages, the idea of it makes me uneasy. Investigators will be getting files from Google Drive cloud storage, voice texts, calls, contacts and search and web browsing history as well.

Not only will the prosecutor get to see Smollett's data, he'll get his manager's too. And the manager has never been implicated or charged with a crime related to the alleged hoax.

A prosecutor combing through every angry email you wrote and decided not to send, knowing the location of every building you went into, even accidentally, and every personal message you sent to your spouse should make you nervous too.

But that's the world we live in. Google knows every



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Does the idea of Google turning over an entire year of actor Jussie Smollett's emails, photos, location data and private messages make anyone uneasy?

Despite how despicable they might find Smollett, this doesn't seem fair. Nothing about the Smollett case, however, has been viewed through a lens of logic.

The idea that a black man could get away with lying about being the victim of a racial attack has gotten deep under the skin of even those who consider themselves to be extremely racially tolerant. The implication that his politically-connected celebrity status somehow gave him favor with the state's attorney has only heightened the angst.

Some people have convinced themselves that

their disdain for Smollett and their anger toward Foxx for dropping the charges are solely about seeking justice and holding people accountable.

That may or may not be true but for the purpose of this column, let's take them at their word.

In the end, we might know for sure whether Smollett staged his own attack. But we will have given up another piece of our right to privacy in the process.

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# Missing woman found dead in trunk of car on W. Side

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

Before her body was found in the trunk of her Lexus sedan on Chicago's West Side late Monday, Sureel Dabawala, 34, had gone to work out at a gym not far from the Schaumburg home she shared with her parents.

She never came home and wasn't seen alive again by loved ones, her sister said Tuesday morning.

Dabawala's sister said Dabawala wasn't just outgoing and bubbly but also a highly educated woman who worked for her parents' medical practice.

"This is someone who had her MBA from Loyola (University Chicago). I feel like it's important for people to know that something like this could happen to anybody, not just people living in a dangerous neighborhood or anything like that," said her sister, who



Dabawala

asked not to be named for safety reasons. "It could happen to anyone's sister, mom, kid. She was a very smart girl, a very lively person. It's just devastating."

Dabawala had been listed as an endangered missing person after failing to return to her family home Dec. 30, according to an alert issued by the Schaumburg Police Department. She was considered endangered because of "a medical condition," according to the alert.

Around 8:30 p.m. Monday, Chicago police officers were called to the 200 block of North Kilpatrick Avenue in West Garfield Park after private investigators hired by the missing woman's family located her white 2011 Lexus sedan parked there, according to Chicago police spokeswoman Kellie Bartoli.

The private investigators phoned Dabawala's father, who had hired them, as

well as Chicago police, police sources said. Dabawala's father arrived with the keys to the car and opened the trunk, where his daughter was found wrapped in a blanket and later pronounced dead.

The medical examiner's office released Dabawala's identification Tuesday morning. Although results from an autopsy had been expected later in the day, it could not be completed Tuesday, a spokeswoman for the office said.

Dabawala's sister said her family was going to the medical examiner's office to make their own identification Tuesday and that they would spend the day making arrangements for her sister's services.

"She was a very bubbly person and a very good-spirited person. Just ... she didn't have a single enemy in her life type of person," Dabawala's sister said.

Dabawala's sister said her family was not yet sure what happened to her sister, and they were awaiting updates from police and information from the autopsy before speculating about Dabawala's final moments.

"One of the worst parts of this is knowing that the car sat there as long as it did and knowing we could've possibly found her sooner. There's a lot of what-ifs," her sister said.

In an email, Bartoli said it wasn't clear how long the Lexus had been parked at the location, and she could not say whether it had collected parking violation citations. A public city database doesn't indicate any parking tickets for the car since Dec. 30.

"There's no information about the car or how long it may have been there. It was towed for further processing," Bartoli said.

Her sister described Dabawala as someone who enjoyed shopping and so-

cializing. She loved to dine out with her friends and especially enjoyed Asian cuisine. She was also an animal lover, and she had a dog who was "near and dear to her heart," her sister said.

Dabawala often spent time with friends and family in the city and in nearby suburbs, which is why the Schaumburg alert noted it was possible Dabawala might be in Chicago or nearby, her sister said.

"I don't know who those friends are, but everyone's going to be questioned," Dabawala's sister said. "We just know very little right now."

Her family filed a missing person report with Schaumburg on Jan. 1.

Bartoli could not release details about whether Dabawala had visible injuries but said until the autopsy is completed, the case was being treated as a death investigation rather than a homicide.

Chicago police were expected to review surveillance cameras in the immediate area.

Authorities from Schaumburg did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday.

Her sister said she was talking about Dabawala's death because she wants people to know something this tragic could happen to anyone, at any time. Her family has been shocked by the news that the "extremely outgoing" woman they love so much is gone so suddenly.

"You couldn't not like her after meeting her; that's how friendly and outgoing she was. She's just a very likable person," her sister said. "I do think it's very important for the public to know, because we're totally shocked."

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Marijuana joints are assembled at Cresco Labs in Joliet on Dec. 17 of last year.

## On-site weed smoking plan stalled after some potholes

BY JOHN BYRNE

Despite previously saying she had the City Council votes and wanted to move forward on a plan to allow people to smoke weed in Chicago tobacco shops, Mayor Lori Lightfoot will not present the ordinance to the City Council this week, her administration said Tuesday.

The mayor's team will head to Springfield to try to get state lawmakers to make several changes to the laws governing where people can publicly smoke cannabis, which could delay the implementation for several months or longer as the amendments make their way through the legislature.

That will leave many Chicagoans without anywhere to legally smoke weed they purchase in dispensaries, since landlords can prohibit tenants from smoking in the apartments they rent and smoking is not legal on sidewalks or in cars.

Lightfoot on Friday told reporters she wanted to act immediately to create public spots where Chicagoans can legally smoke weed. And she announced then she had the aldermanic support to enact her plan despite concerns from council members about the rules.

"We're going to take this step by step. But I think the first place to start, the obvious place to start, is with the tobacco places. These will be separate rooms with separate ventilation," Lightfoot said at a City Hall news conference.

"The votes are there, and we'll bring it back up next week and get it done."

After aldermen did not vote on the mayor's ordinance last week, the License Committee scheduled a Tuesday meeting to reconsider the proposal. That won't happen, however.

"We continue to receive helpful feedback on our proposed consumption ordinance, and in order to take that into account we have opted for a short delay in moving our proposed ordinance forward," mayoral spokeswoman Anel Ruiz said in a statement.

Lightfoot's City Council floor leader, Ald. Gilbert Villegas, 36th, said aldermen raised "a whole bunch of concerns" about the way the state rules and the mayor's plan were designed.

It could take until February or March at the earliest before state lawmakers act on those changes, Villegas said.

"People were saying the licenses are too expensive, why would anyone pay that much? How's the store go-

ing to make money?" Villegas said. "And then there's the rule that 80% of the store's revenue has to come from tobacco sales (in order to qualify for an on-site cannabis consumption license)."

During debate last week, some aldermen said there are too few tobacco shops on the South and West sides that would fork over \$4,400 under Lightfoot's plan for a license that would allow them simply to host people who want to smoke cannabis. And others said residents are worried the owners of marijuana dispensaries will open tobacco shops nearby that will turn into de facto party houses for people to smoke the product they've just purchased.

Villegas stopped short of saying whether the city will ask state lawmakers to lower the cost of the license, remove the rule about revenue coming from tobacco sales or argue there should be separate cannabis cafe licenses. "(Aldermen) would have voted for the plan, but there were so many questions and people asking for more time, we said, 'Sure, let's get it right,'" he said.

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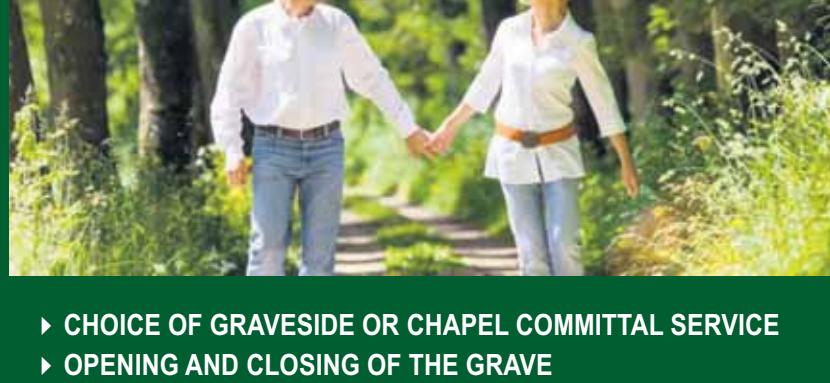
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# Pritzker says Madigan confidant should cooperate in federal probe

Language in 'rape' email likened to 'crime syndicate'

BY GREGORY PRATT

Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Tuesday that a powerful lobbyist and close confidant of Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan should cooperate with federal investigators, and compared the language the man used in an email lauding an official for keeping quiet about a "rape in Champaign" to that of a "crime syndicate."

In his first public comments since top agriculture official John Sullivan resigned amid fallout over the email, Pritzker criticized Mike McClain for shrugging off a question about whether he was cooperating with federal investigators in a sweeping probe that reaches from Chicago to Springfield.

"This McClain email is emblematic of a culture that has been poisonous in Springfield for far too long," said Pritzker, speaking on the first-year anniversary of his inauguration. "Those who protect the culture, those who tolerate it, those who promote it, will have to answer for their role in it."

He added: "Anyone who thinks that it's OK to talk

about these things like they're in a crime syndicate doesn't belong in Springfield anymore. We need change."

The July 2012 email McClain, a former lobbyist for Commonwealth Edison and a close adviser to Madigan, sent to two officials in the administration of then-Gov. Pat Quinn was first reported by WBEZ. In it, McClain sought leniency for Forrest Ashby, a long-time state worker who was facing a disciplinary hearing.

"For God's sake do not let this disciplinary meeting get out of hand," wrote McClain, who like Ashby is from Quincy. "He has kept his mouth shut on Jones' ghost workers, the rape in Champaign and other items. He is loyal to the Administration."

Investigators are examining whether the "rape in Champaign" remark referred to the case of a man who sexually assaulted a young girl after being released early from prison, the Tribune has reported.

A source told the Tribune that investigators are looking at the case of Scott Wayne Thompson, who is being held at a state facility for sex crime offenders in Rushville, Sullivan's hometown.

Thompson received early release from prison in

May 2010 and was subsequently charged with sex abuse, records show. He pleaded guilty in February 2011, records show. At the time Thompson was placed in the Rushville facility, Ashby was working there as a hospital manager, according to McClain's email to state officials. Ashby declined to comment Saturday.

Over the weekend, Sullivan resigned as the Pritzker administration's agriculture secretary after it was discovered that he knew of McClain's email at around the time it was sent but did not report it.

During a news conference at the downtown Thompson Center, Pritzker did not directly address a question on whether McClain recommended Sullivan for the top agriculture job, saying he does not know whether the powerful lobbyist weighed in.

"I do know that I received a lot of recommendations about John Sullivan," Pritzker said. "There were a lot of people who think very highly of him and I want to add that as the director of the Department of Agriculture he did terrific work for me."

A source has told the Tribune that federal investigators have asked McClain to cooperate. Pritzker

was critical of McClain's response when he was asked last week by a WBEZ reporter whether he is cooperating. In a video, McClain said, "They've asked" when asked about the feds approaching him, then appears to grin.

McClain did not directly say that he has declined to cooperate, fueling speculation that he is not.

"If an investigator contacts someone and asks them to cooperate, they should cooperate and not to put a smug grin on their face and to laugh about not cooperating like Mike McClain did," Pritzker said.

Asked whether he believes McClain should cooperate against Madigan if asked to, Pritzker said, "Oh, I think anybody that is interviewed by an investigatory body should be forthcoming with information that they have."

Pritzker also ripped the broader political culture in Springfield, which has been roiled by a string of high-profile criminal investigations.

"Whether you're a leader or a member or a lobbyist or anybody engaged in that Springfield culture, you've got to ask yourself what direction you're taking things or what you've done to contribute to it or what you're doing to alleviate the con-

cerns that voters and the rest of us have about this culture and the corruption," Pritzker said. "I've insisted that to everybody, to all the leaders and chairs of committees as well as to the members themselves."

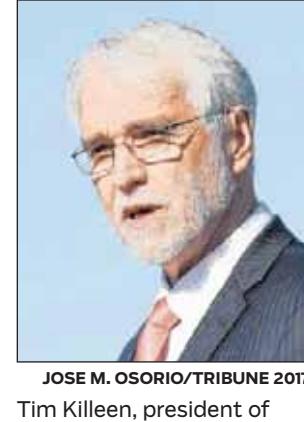
Pritzker did not directly criticize Madigan, even though McClain was his close ally for years, and did not directly answer whether he believes Madigan's denial that he did not know anything about the rape email.

"The investigations have to proceed here, and that's how we're going to discover who knew what and hold accountable people that deserve to be held accountable," Pritzker said.

McClain's email is being reviewed by the Illinois State Police, the Illinois attorney general's office, the U.S. attorney's office in central Illinois and the inspector general's office.

The ongoing federal probe involves lobbying practices of ComEd and allegations of government corruption. The Tribune has previously reported that federal investigators raided McClain's Quincy home in May and have recorded some of his phone conversations.

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Tim Killeen, president of the University of Illinois, has led the state's largest public university since 2015.

## U. of I. president primed for raise

Killeen would earn \$835K a year with 4-year extension

BY DAWN RHODES

The president of the state's largest public university could receive a big pay raise as trustees try to keep him in the post for four more years.

A pending contract proposal for Tim Killeen, who leads the three-campus University of Illinois system, would continue his contract as president for four more years, until July 2024 — the longest extension allowed under state law. Killeen first assumed the job in 2015, overseeing universities in Urbana-Champaign, Chicago and Springfield.

His base pay would jump from \$600,000 to \$835,000, according to a summary of the contract, giving him about a 40% raise.

From 2015 until now, Killeen has received a \$100,000 performance bonus each year, bringing his regular pay to \$700,000. University officials said that extra compensation would be folded into his base salary instead of being paid separately.

University trustees are scheduled to meet Thursday to review Killeen's new proposed contract.

Officials noted in a news release that enrollment among the campuses has spiked since Killeen took over as president, driven in part by a goal to top 93,600 by fall 2021.

Since 2016, following Killeen's first full year at the helm, system enrollment has grown 9.5%, from 81,499 to 89,270 last fall. Much of that increase has come at UIC, where burgeoning freshman classes have helped boost enrollment by nearly 15% in four years.

Urbana-Champaign's enrollment increased by 10% since 2016, bringing more than 50,000 students to the flagship campus for the first time in history.

Springfield, by contrast, has suffered big drops, from about 5,400 students enrolled in 2016 to less than 4,300 in the fall.

Killeen also has implemented tuition freezes for in-state students for the past several years, though university trustees have raised mandatory student fees primarily at Urbana-Champaign and Chicago.

Killeen also was to receive a \$225,000 bonus for serving the entirety of his original five-year contract. But in the wake of several state scandals involving pay for college presidents, the board rescinded that perk at Killeen's request in 2015.

Should he continue in the job until 2024, however, he would get a \$400,000 bonus. That bonus money will not be paid if he resigns or is fired before 2024.

Killeen's new contract would make him about the fifth-highest paid university president in the Big Ten, according to a salary database maintained by the Chronicle of Higher Education, putting him behind the leaders of Penn State, Ohio State, Indiana and Michigan.

"This action reflects the trust of the board in President Killeen's leadership, and signifies endorsement in him to continue to lift the world-class university system closer to the ambitious goals set by the board to expand impact on students, society, and the State of Illinois," board members wrote in the proposal.



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## A vigil for victims

A woman is held while reacting during a vigil for victims of Flight PS752 that was shot down by Iran last week, killing all 176 people aboard. The vigil took place at Northeastern Illinois University's Alumni Hall on Tuesday. President Hassan Rouhani of Iran called for a special court to examine the downing of the plane as protests flared in several cities over the disaster. **Nation & World, Page 11**

## Birth

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ing the need for an accurate birth certificate. It was the first time the state had been informed of a transgender live birth, and officials agreed that the Brady Davises should not be misgendered on the birth certificate, according to Illinois Department of Public Health spokesperson Melaney Arnold.

Two weeks after their healthy baby girl, Zayn, was born in early December, the Brady Davises learned that they would get the birth certificate they wanted — with Myles listed as the father and Precious as the mother. Arnold said via email that the birth certificate will be a first for Illinois, and the state is working to make accurate gender identification a permanent option easily available to all transgender parents.

"I feel so relieved," said Myles. "I'd gone through

two years of (in vitro fertilization) and nine months of a very difficult pregnancy just to be misgendered at the end. It was really breaking my heart."

A misgendered birth certificate can threaten a transgender person's safety, according to Lambda Legal staff attorney Kara Ingelhart. Birth certificates are routinely used as identity documents during childhood, and bringing a misgendered one to preschool enrollment or baseball registration can cut out the parents as transgender, potentially exposing them to hostility, discrimination or even violence.

"It also just removes the choice to decide when or how to disclose their transgender status," Ingelhart said. "That's private medical and personal information that they should have control over."

Myles and Precious, a communications manager for the Sierra Club, met in 2014, started dating a year later and got married in 2016. To have biological

children, they had to go off their gender-reinforcing hormones, which was difficult for both of them. An egg from Myles' body was fertilized with sperm from Precious and implanted in Myles' uterus via IVF. Myles is one of maybe a few thousand transgender men worldwide who have gotten pregnant.

Myles gave birth to Zayn in early December at Prentice Women's Hospital in Chicago.

"It was the most beautiful thing I've seen in my life," Precious, 34, said of the birth of her daughter.

Myles and Precious said that they're thrilled to be parents and that Zayn is, for the most part, an easy baby. She's vocal when she needs something, but otherwise she's very contented and mellow.

"I've literally been floating on cloud nine," said Myles. "I can't stop holding my baby. I can't stop staring at her. It's such a great feeling."

Myles and Precious are already talking about hav-

ing more children, and Myles is looking forward to another milestone as well:

"I can't wait to tell my daughter the story of how we went about getting her birth certificate," he said. "That Precious and I were the first ones to bring this to (the state's) attention,

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BELLA BABY

Myles and Precious Brady Davis cuddle daughter Zayn.

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# Cops who foiled robbery, freed hostages hailed

Officers honored for Dec. actions at West Side store

BY LAURA RODRÍGUEZ AND SOPHIE SHERRY

A group of Chicago police officers and a sergeant from the Near West District were honored Tuesday by the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation for helping stop a robbery and free three hostages being held at gunpoint at a dollar store on Chicago's West Side last month.

The robbery and standoff began about 8 p.m. Dec. 29 at a Dollar Tree, 3146 W. Madison St., near Kedzie Avenue.

"This is a small representation of the officers who played a role on that specific day," said Sgt. Jose Lule after a small ceremony honoring the group as officers of the month and held in the lobby of the Chicago Patrolmen's Federal Credit Union, 1407 W. Washington Blvd.

At the ceremony, the director of operations, Frank Gross, and William Condon, president of the board of the foundation, presented Lule and seven other officers with a certificate of recog-



Chicago police Officer Jacob German, second from right, chats with Officer Corwin Lasenby after a group of officers were honored Tuesday.

nition saying they acted "without the regard of their own safety."

"Being at the ceremony makes me feel proud because it means my husband and the rest of the officers were able to create a little peace in a city like Chicago," said Delisia Lule, the sergeant's wife.

The foundation saluted officers Jonathan Carroll, Modesto Castellon, Jacob

German, Hector Rodriguez, Jesse Santillan, Corwin Lasenby and Zachary Kuta for helping to arrest the three suspects and rescue the victims "without an incident."

A man alerted officers Castellon and Rodriguez of the robbery after overhearing it while he was on the phone with his girlfriend, who was an employee at the store. The man directed the

officers to the store, and they promptly contacted Lule, who began an immediate collaboration with the Chicago Fire Department and the store general manager.

"I worked to make sure that we kept our officers safe, but also made sure that we rescued the victims," said Lule, who added that officers surrounded the store to prevent all possible

escape routes for the robbers. Initially, police did not know how many people were inside the store and how many victims were in danger.

Lule said the standoff lasted about an hour.

"It is definitely not a day-to-day incident, and it could have gone wrong pretty quickly," Lule added.

Police were able to enter the store using the manager's keys and discovered three people in the security office with their hands zip tied. They then found two masked men hiding on top of a refrigeration unit and another under cardboard boxes. The cash taken during the robbery and the loaded handgun police believe was used to threaten the victims were also discovered at the scene.

Mabiti Collins, 46, Herman George, 50, and Jammie King, 44, were placed under arrest. Each man was charged with armed robbery and aggravated unlawful restraint, according to police.

Video surveillance shows the three robbers entering the store and hiding in the backroom for more than an hour before closing time, according to police. After

the employees closed the doors, the three, armed with a handgun and a knife, announced a robbery, police said.

"As soon as you get to the scene, there is so much stuff going on that you don't have time to worry about anything. You just revert back to what you know and things you've practiced and hope that it's enough," said Lasenby, who led the entry to the store with a ballistic protective shield.

The three people rescued, two women and a man, were employees at the Dollar Tree store, confirmed Lule. Aside from "mild shock," the three were unharmed, he said.

The general manager of the store said she was not allowed to give a statement or allow any of the victims to speak regarding the incident until someone higher up in the company gave permission.

"I'm very proud of my son because he faces the risk of getting hurt every day when he goes out to work," said Silvia Villagomez, Lule's mother. "But he chose this profession and this mission to protect others and save lives."

## Drugs

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with significant startup costs — especially given the access and control that white-owned dispensaries already hold.

"Most cannabis operators across the country had no idea what diversity or social equity looks like," said Ron Holmes, the co-founder of a Chicago consulting firm helping Moore and other minorities through the process. "... The key is making sure that any economic partnership matches the spirit of the law."

### A point system

On Jan. 1, recreational sales of marijuana launched to fanfare and long lines across Illinois at 37 dispensaries that had already been selling medical cannabis. During the first 12 days alone, the businesses reported a booming \$20 million in sales statewide despite supply woes.

The state will award an additional 75 licenses statewide by May 1 to among some 700 applicants vying to operate a dispensary to sell recreational marijuana. Up to 47 of those will be in the Chicago area.

The state has set up a point system — up to a maximum 250 — to decide which applicants will win the potentially lucrative licenses, adding up everything from knowledge and experience in the field to the strength of an environmental plan for the dispensary.

Some experts have lauded the Illinois law for also giving a strong advantage — up to 50 points — to social equity applicants who live in neighborhoods hurt for decades by illegal drug sales — as well as the violence, blight and other social ills they bring.

Candidates must meet one of three criteria: They live in neighborhoods, such as Austin, designated to have been disproportionately affected by the war on drugs; they, their parent or dependent have been arrested or convicted of a marijuana charge that is eligible to be expunged under the law; or they employ at least 10 people — half of whom meet the first two criteria.

The law also requires that social equity applicants own at least a 51% share of a dispensary to ensure that minorities maintain control over the business — and that more minorities have an ownership stake in the marijuana-selling business.

Breaking into the industry, though, requires millions of dollars as well as business savvy. Determined to take advantage of the life-changing opportunity, Moore had a vision for how legal cannabis sales could help rejuvenate Austin, especially Chicago Avenue, one of its main arteries. He also had some limited business experience in the music industry. And he definitely had the right ZIP code.

What he lacked, he said,



Emone Moore, 27, a rapper who is looking to get a marijuana license as a social equity candidate, is seen at his recording studio in Chicago last month.

was anyone "willing to take a gamble" on the business venture.

Then last August, Moore saw a post on social media about a meeting on marijuana legalization at a West Side art gallery. He decided to go to gather tips about the industry.

It was one of four information sessions for social equity candidates organized by Holmes through his consulting firm, The Majority-Minority Group.

Holmes had contracted with Karim Webb, a Los Angeles restaurateur and entrepreneur whose company — 4thMVT, pronounced Fourth Movement — is partnering with more than a dozen social equity applicants in LA and was seeking to make similar arrangements in Chicago.

Moore and other candidates took part in a six-week "boot camp" to help ready them to run a dispensary — from writing a community impact plan to weekend training on self-development.

"It's not just business. We are trying to help with ... things that stop people, that make them feel like they can't participate in our society in an impactful way," said Ralina Shaw, 4thMVT's spokeswoman.

The firm will also provide cash investment and follow-up support to get the dispensaries up and running.

Such agreements are not unusual in the emerging legal cannabis business considering the capital it demands and the support that social equity candidates will need, said Bryna Dahlin, a Chicago attorney who specializes in the field.

**'Like hitting the lottery'**

By early last month, the Chicago 4thMVT appli-

cants had been meeting on weekends on the second floor of the trendy Lacuna Lofts, a former macaroni factory with exposed brick, working feverishly to finish their applications before the Jan. 2 deadline. They had gone through a resume-writing session, fine-tuned their community engagement plans and that day were making their way through paperwork on labor issues and background checks.

A woman wearing rubber gloves sat nearby waiting to fingerprint the applicants — a requirement of the state law.

A lot was at stake, but the mood was upbeat.

As part of the deal, 4thMVT agreed to pay the \$2,500 application fee for all 30 applicants. More importantly, if any secured a license, the firm would provide a start-up loan estimated at \$1.5 million.

For the financial assistance, the license holder gives up a 40% ownership stake to 4thMVT, which in return would continue to provide help with hiring, securing product and other logistical issues.

The 30 applicants — who hail from Chicago and the suburbs — had formed close bonds, often greeting each other with smiles and hugs.

They included a teacher, a coffee shop owner and a couple of barbers who ran their own shops. Some had once been drug dealers.

They were all African American or Hispanic, split equally among men and women.

Moore, clad in a gray knit cap and warmup jacket, breezed in to fill out his paperwork and be fingerprinted.

Even this far into the process, Moore, who had struggled to break into the rap business, still had trou-

ble believing he was on the cusp of making a serious bid for a dispensary license to sell legal marijuana.

"Like hitting the lottery," he said with wide eyes and a small smile spreading across his face.

Later, Moore acknowledged just how strong his doubts were.

"I am like, do I really belong here? Seriously?" he said. "... I am the youngest guy here and on paper I am the least qualified."

But Moore also realized that if lawmakers sought to repair neighborhoods damaged by illegal drug dealing, he deserved to be there.

"From the spirit of the law, I am the guy they should give this to," he said.

### 'Casualty of war'

Behind the soundproof walls of a low-lit booth at a West Side recording studio, Moore bounced and swayed last month with headphones on, rapping with a deep, confident voice.

*"No lie. I gotta speak the truth."*

*"Sorry I can't cry, but RIP The Juice."*

*"I'm bout to blank, I'm bout to bleach the booth."*

*"If I die today, I pray I reach the youth."*

The lyrics that day were spontaneous for Moore, a father of two who like scores of young people growing up in tough Chicago neighborhoods rap and write about their lives, including the grim realities.

On the drive to the studio, Moore had been talking to his producer and lifelong friend about the recent death of Juice Wrld, a 21-year-old rising rapper from Chicago whom he referred to in his song "Bleach the Booth" — slang for giving it all.

Moore has met with far more moderate success. He

said he has sold one of his own tracks but mostly writes music and produces and helps other artists, bringing in enough to cover his living expenses. He found a backer through a friend, providing him with the financial means to professionalize and rent space, Moore said.

He credits his parents, both lifelong West Siders, for their guidance and sacrifice. His mother worked as many as two jobs to support him and three siblings, he said, while his father remained a fixture in his life despite his involvement for a time in a street gang.

"I definitely wouldn't be where I am at without my father," who "talked about consequences," Moore said. "Never rush into anything. Take your time and make the right decisions."

His father struggled for years before finding a good job that paid benefits, Moore said.

But too many people in his neighborhood seem relegated to the criminal life, unable to find their way out, he said. This has taken an emotional toll on the community, he said. Meantime, the illegal drug and gang life they were left with also created a climate in which no one, it seemed, could stand down in a conflict.

In late 2002, Moore lost his older brother, then 21, after a drug dispute flared into retaliatory shootings. To this day, he said, he can still hear the wail of his father on learning of the shooting.

Moore, just 11 at the time, still raps about the loss, including in "Bleach the Booth."

*"Man o man they took him Casualty of war."*

*"Was down to pull it every time they pushed him."*

*"He was part of that*

lifestyle," Moore said. "The push and pull of the street. If they pushed him, he pulled. If they pulled, he pushed."

### 'Color in Cannabis'

Moore sat with the other 4thMVT applicants traveling on a chartered bus on Jan. 2 to the Thompson Center to submit their applications. They wore black T-shirts emblazoned with thick block letters reading: "Color in Cannabis."

The group was quiet, perhaps filled with a sense of relief after weeks of intense prepping.

"These guys have held up their end of the bargain," said Holmes, the consultant who also acted as a lobbyist for the state's cannabis trade association, as the bus neared the Loop.

Holmes found it noteworthy that the group included people who once sold illegal marijuana.

"There are folks on this bus with black market experience" who have been "arrested over doing the exact same thing we are having press conferences about now," he said.

For Moore, the moment was bittersweet. He will miss the regular meetups with the other applicants. The process — no matter what happens — has been fulfilling, and he expects to benefit from the experience. If he falls short of owning a dispensary, he might seek a license to become a marijuana grower or transporter.

Meantime, Moore will continue with his music. The day before he filed his paperwork with the state, Moore released "Bleach the Booth" on YouTube and SoundCloud.

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# Suspected serial killer is not tied to '72 Naperville murder

BY ERIN HEGARTY

The suspected serial killer who died while committing a fatal stabbing in Naperville in 1981 has been ruled out as the person responsible for the murder of a 16-year-old Naperville girl in 1972, Police Chief Robert Marshall said.

A DNA check was conducted when Bruce Lindahl's body was exhumed in connection with the 1976 murder of a teenage girl in Lisle, but it was not a positive match for Julie Ann Hanson, said Marshall, one of the first officers on the scene when Lindahl died while fatally stabbing an 18-year-old man in a Naperville apartment.

Hanson's murder has gone unsolved since her body was found 47 years ago in a cornfield near 87th Street and Modaff Road. She had been sexually assaulted and stabbed 36 times after last being seen leaving her home on her bike, police said.

Lindahl's murder of Pamela Maurer, of Woodridge, was similar to that of Hanson. The 16-year-old girl was sexually assaulted, strangled and left along College Road near Maple Avenue after she left friends she was visiting in Lisle and went by herself to a McDonald's, Lisle police said.

"(Lindahl) has been eliminated as a suspect in the Julie Hanson case by our detectives," Marshall said. Officials took "DNA from the Julie Hanson case and compared it with Lindahl, and it was not a match."

Marshall said the scene of Lindahl's death is something he "will forever remember."

He was a rookie police officer, he said, when he was called to an apartment near Ogden Avenue and Royal St. George Drive where Lindahl had stabbed 18-year-old Charles Huber more than two dozen times with a knife. During the struggle, Lindahl cut the femoral artery in his own leg and

bled to death, police said.

The bodies were in the apartment of a woman with whom Lindahl was in a relationship, Marshall said.

"When I got there, it was clear when I looked at both bodies and checked for vital signs on the bodies they were both deceased," he said.

The crime scene was "perplexing," and at first police thought a third person had murdered Huber and Lindahl, he said.

It was only after autopsy results showed Lindahl had died from a self-inflicted stab wound that they realized he was the killer.

"We put the puzzle pieces together to find in his rage he had stabbed his own femoral artery," Marshall said.

"All of us in police work, we know we have these images in our brain that never go away, and that's something we in law enforcement have to deal with — being exposed to traumatic events," Marshall said of his memory of the case.

Being at the press conference Monday where it was announced that Lindahl was Maurer's killer gave Marshall an opportunity to reflect on what happened that night in 1981, he said.

It made him proud to be "in a profession where we never give up on these cases that go unsolved and resolved," he said.

"Justice is delivered in a variety of ways," Marshall said. "It was justice because in 1981 Lindahl's raping and killing rampage stopped due to a self-inflicted stab wound, which is a better outcome for society."

Police had kept Maurer's case open and ended it up using genetic genealogy to verify Lindahl was her killer. Investigators took a DNA sample from Maurer's body and used the genetic traits of her assailant to come up with an image of what he might look like.

Investigators said they built a family tree of people of interest after searching public genealogy databases

and were lead to Lindahl as a possible suspect in Maurer's murder. Lindahl's body was exhumed late last year and DNA samples collected were found to be a match to those taken from Maurer.

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin said a sketch produced from the initial DNA sample had an "uncanny resemblance" a high school yearbook photo of Lindahl.

"Today that mystery has finally been solved," Berlin said Monday at a news conference.

Lindahl had multiple victims, and Berlin said he believes he was a serial killer.

Lindahl may be linked to the 1979 disappearance of Deb McCall who was a Downers Grove North High School student, he said. Police found a photograph of McCall in Lindahl's Aurora apartment after his death in 1981, Berlin said.

Lindahl is also believed to have killed Deb Colliander, who was last seen leaving work at Copley Hospital in October 1980. Prior to that, Lindahl faced charges in Kane County for kidnapping and sexually assaulting Colliander.

When Colliander disappeared, Lindahl was out on bond. Charges against him were eventually dismissed following Colliander's disappearance, Berlin said. Colliander's body was found in a farm field in Oswego Township in 1982, a year after Lindahl died.

Officials are investigating if Lindahl may have been involved in killings between 1974 and 1981 in the Lisle, Woodridge, Downers Grove and Aurora areas.

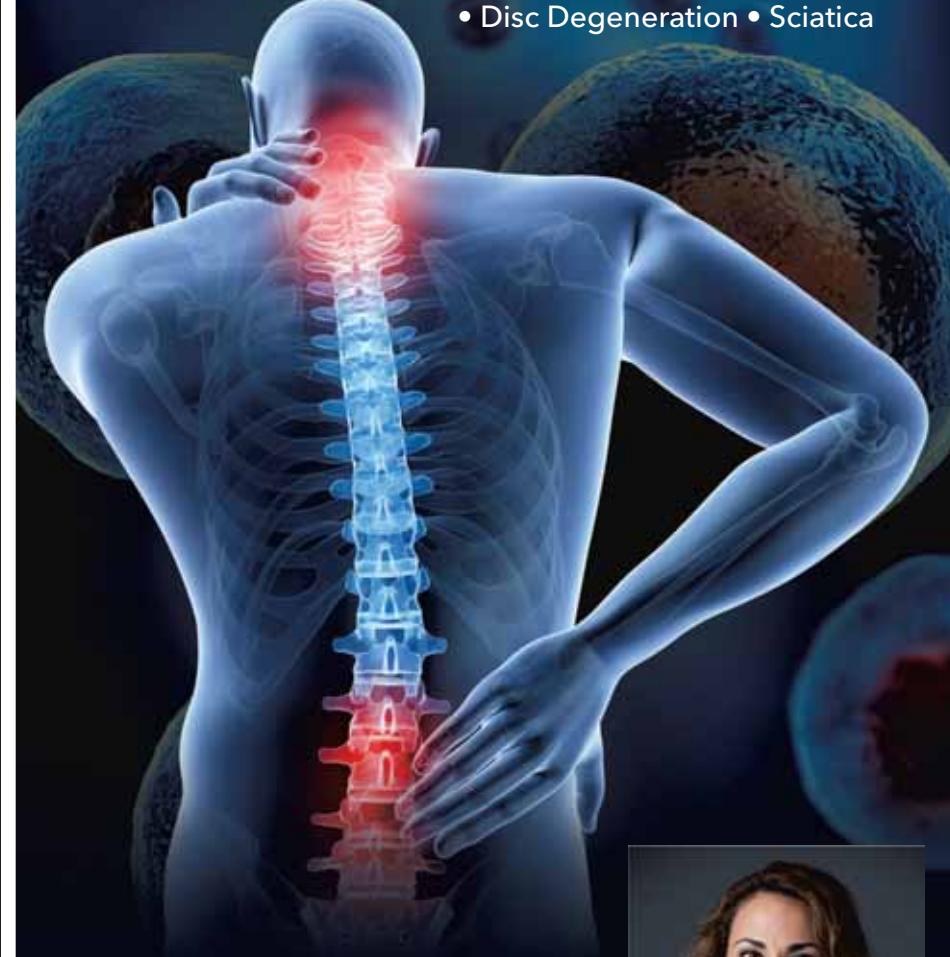
Anyone with information about unsolved crimes that may involve Lindahl are asked to call the DuPage County State's Attorney's office at 630-407-8107 or Lisle police at 630-271-4252.

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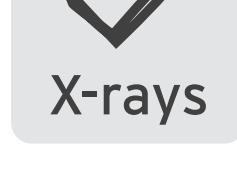


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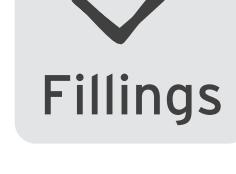
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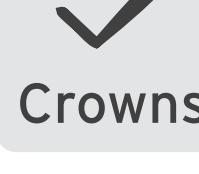
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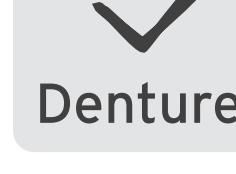
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## No DUI for ex-priest in fatal Orland Park hit-and-run

He still faces other charges in female educator's death

BY MIKE NOLAN

A retired priest no longer faces a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol in connection with a Dec. 4 hit-and-run crash that killed an Orland Park teacher.

The family of Margaret "Rone" Leja was told Tuesday following an arraignment for Paul Burak that Burak no longer faced alcohol-related charges.

Burak is still charged with leaving the scene of a fatal accident and pleaded not guilty during a brief appearance before Circuit Judge Kerry Kennedy at the Bridgeview courthouse. Burak had also initially been charged with aggravated driving under the influence.

In a statement, the state's attorney's office said that following "a thorough review of the case, we did not seek an indictment for the offense of aggravated DUI as the evidence and facts were insufficient to support that charge."

Wearing a gray jacket, blue dress shirt and blue tie, Burak stood just a few feet from Leja's family members in the courtroom. He is due back at the courthouse March 18.

Burak, 73, is the former

pastor of St. Michael Catholic Church in Orland Park. Leja was a technology coach at St. Michael School and was leaving a school holiday party at an Orland Park restaurant when she and another teacher were struck by a car allegedly driven by Burak.

Leja, 61, of Tinley Park, and teacher Elizabeth Kosteck were walking away from the Square Celt Ale House & Grill, near Orland Square Mall, when they were struck, authorities said.

Burak returned to the Square Celt a few minutes after the crash but didn't tell anyone what happened, and later told authorities he did not recall hitting the women with his car, prosecutors said at a December bond hearing. Burak was driven to his home in Palos Heights by another St. Michael priest.

Burak was taken into custody the following day.

He retired from St. Michael Church in 2018 after a long and celebrated career.

Burak told authorities he had consumed two alcoholic beverages at the party but assured others who attended the holiday party that he was OK to drive home after they had expressed concern, prosecutors said.

Burak's attorneys said he takes medication for glaucoma and Parkinson's. At

the time charges were initially announced, three days after the crash, police said that health issues were not a factor but declined to say how it was determined that Burak was under the influence when he allegedly struck the women.

Leja's family filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Burak on Dec. 20. A recent statement released on the family's behalf said the lawsuit is "an attempt to get truthful, forthcoming and honest answers to the many unanswered questions" the family has regarding Leja's death.

Along with leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident involving death, Burak is charged with leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident involving injury and two counts of causing an accident involving injury or death, according to the state's attorney's office.

Leja had taught for 1½ years at St. Michael and previously taught at Mount Assisi Academy in Lemont, Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights and Crete-Monee High School in Crete.

Before getting her teaching degree and making a career change in her 40s, she had a long career as a forensic analyst and worked for the Cook County medical examiner's office, according to a 2005 Chicago Tribune profile.

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## US experts: Gas firm key to impeachment hacked

Russians blamed in email breach of Ukraine's Burisma

BY FRANK BAJAK

Associated Press

BOSTON — A U.S. cybersecurity company says Russian military agents have successfully hacked the Ukrainian gas company at the center of the scandal that led to President Donald Trump's impeachment.

Russian agents launched a phishing campaign in early November to steal the login credentials of employees of Burisma Holdings, the gas company, according to Area 1 Security, a Silicon Valley company that specializes in email security.

Hunter Biden, son of former vice president and Democratic presidential hopeful Joe Biden, previously served on Burisma's board.

It was not clear what the hackers were looking for or may have obtained, said Area 1's CEO, Oren Falkowitz, who called the findings "incontrovertible" and posted an eight-page report. The timing of the operation raises the possibility that Russian agents could be searching for material damaging to the Bidens or scheming to plant forged data and sow misinformation online.

The House of Representatives impeached Trump in December for abusing the power of his office by enlisting the Ukrainian government to investigate Biden, a political rival, ahead of the 2020 election. A second charge accused Trump of obstructing a congressional investigation into the matter.

"Our report doesn't make any claims as to what the



Hackers attacked Burisma Holdings, which owns this building in Kyiv, Ukraine. Hunter Biden, son of presidential contender Joe Biden, previously served on Burisma's board.

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intent of the hackers were, what they might have been looking for, what they are going to do with their success. We just point out that this is a campaign that's going on," said Falkowitz, a former National Security Agency offensive hacker whose company's clients include candidates for U.S. federal elected offices.

In an earlier interview, he said the campaigns of top candidates for the U.S. presidency and House and Senate races in 2020 have in the past few months each been

targeted by about a thousand phishing emails. Falkowitz did not name the candidates. Nor would he name any of his company's clients.

Burisma did not respond to a request for comment. A spokesman for Biden said in a statement that the incident shows that not just Trump but also Russian President Vladimir Putin "sees Joe Biden as a threat."

Some cybersecurity experts cautioned against blaming Russian military agents without more evi-

dence, however, saying the report indicates Area 1 investigators didn't have access to Burisma's internal logs and compromised email accounts in making the determination.

"That's problematic," tweeted Thomas Rid of Johns Hopkins. "Caution advised based on what we currently know."

And while many experts said it's a good bet the phishing amounts to a Kremlin attempt to smear the Bidens, there are other possibilities.

Michael Connell, a former Army intelligence officer and researcher at the government-funded Center for Naval Analyses, notes that Russian agents have previously attacked energy-related computer systems in other countries, most notably Germany.

"The goal of the hackers was probably information gathering, but it also likely included creating backdoors to allow future access (for intel or destructive cyberattacks)," he wrote in an email.

Russian hackers from the GRU, the same military unit that Area 1 said was behind the operation targeting Burisma, have been indicted on a charge of hacking emails from the Democratic National Committee and the chairman of Hillary Clinton's campaign during the 2016 presidential race.

Stolen emails were released online at the time by Russian agents and WikiLeaks in an effort to favor Trump, special counsel Robert Mueller determined in his investigation.

Area 1 discovered the phishing campaign by the Russian military intelligence unit on New Year's Eve, said Falkowitz, who would not discuss whom he notified before going public or whether Burisma shared information with his company. He said he followed the industry standard process of responsible disclosure, which would include notifying Burisma.

Joan Donovan, a Harvard University disinformation expert, said one of the most dangerous possibilities would be data theft spiced with forgeries — and subsequently leaked. That reportedly happened in 2017 when emails related to the campaign of President Emmanuel Macron of France were stolen and published online — with some fakes included — just ahead of his election.

She called the Burisma incident "testament to the fact that we have not paid enough attention to email security" when the consequences of a leak are so high for businesses, politicians and journalists in particular.

"Email is unfortunately the way that we've come to do business but email has become a serious, serious vulnerability," she said.

## Questions of UK racism surfacing amid royal rift

BY JILL LAWLESS AND LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press

LONDON — When American actress Meghan Markle married Prince Harry in 2018, she was hailed as a breath of fresh air for Britain's royal family. That honeymoon didn't last.

Now the couple wants independence, saying the pressure of life as full-time royals is unbearable. And a debate is raging: Did racism drive Meghan away?

When Prince Harry, who is sixth in line to the throne, began dating the "Suits" actress — daughter of a white father and African American mother — the media called it a sign that Britain had entered a "post-racial" era in which skin color and background no longer mattered, even to the royal family.

U.K. Labour Party lawmaker Clive Lewis, who like Meghan has biracial heritage, says the royal rift shows that Britain still has a problem with "structural racism."

"We can see it with Meghan Markle and the way that she's been treated in the media, we know that this is a reality of the 21st century, still," Lewis told Sky News. "After 400 years of racism you can't just overturn it overnight."

From the start, some in the media wrote about Meghan using racially loaded terms. One tabloid columnist referred to her "exotic" DNA. A TV host described her as "uppity."

Meghan was criticized for everything from eating avocados — which the Daily Mail claimed fuel "human rights abuses, drought and murder" — to wearing dark nail polish, apparently an etiquette faux pas.

Morgan Jerkins, a senior editor at Zora, a Medium.com site for women of color, said that because



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Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan, duchess of Sussex, are seeking more independence from the royal family.

Meghan was "an outsider, culturally, racially and socioeconomically, she has been the royal family's scapegoat."

Others point out that Meghan is hardly the first royal to get a rough ride in the media. The media and the royal family have an intense and often toxic relationship going back decades.

Harry's mother, Princess Diana, was snapped by paparazzi wherever she went. When she and Prince Charles admitted that their marriage was in trouble, her private life became public property.

Diana was killed in a Paris car crash in 1997 while being pursued by photographers. Prince Harry, who was 12 when his mother died, said in October he feared "history repeating itself."

After Diana's death, the media left young William and Harry alone in exchange for staged interviews and photo opportunities as they grew up. That practice has continued with the three children of William and his wife, Kate.

Younger female royals are routinely judged on appearance, demeanor and habits.

Still, Meghan's treatment has sometimes seemed harsher.

Last year the Daily Mail ran photos of a pregnant

Meghan cradling her bump under the headline: "Why can't Meghan Markle keep her hands off her bump?" Months earlier the same paper had described a pregnant Kate as "tenderly" cradling her bump.

British Home Secretary Priti Patel denied Meghan has suffered from racist media coverage.

"I'm not in that category at all where I believe there's racism at all," Patel, who is of Indian heritage and whose parents emigrated to Britain from Uganda, told the BBC. "I think we live in a great country, a great society, full of opportunity, where people of any background can get on in life."

But others say the media double standard Meghan faced is evidence that talk of "post-racial" Britain is premature.

"Her treatment has proved what many of us have always known: No matter how beautiful you are, whom you marry, what palaces you occupy, charities you support, how faithful you are, how much money you accumulate or what good deeds you perform, in this society racism will still follow you," writer Afua Hirsch, author of the book "Brit(ish): On Race, Identity and Belonging," wrote in The New York Times.

## Rouhani calls for special court to probe jet crash

BY MUJIB MASHAL

The New York Times

President Hassan Rouhani of Iran called Tuesday for a special court to examine the downing of a passenger plane that killed 176 people, as protests flared in several cities over the disaster and officials' shifting explanations for it.

But even as the president made the announcement, Iran's Revolutionary Guard, a powerful arm of the Iranian military, said it had arrested the person it identified as having filmed the video of a missile attacking the plane, which undercut the military's initial denials that Iran was responsible.

The announcement was released by Iranian media outlets affiliated with the Guard.

For three days after the crash of a Ukraine International Airlines jetliner, the military blamed mechanical failure. It eventually acknowledged that it had mistakenly shot the jet down with a missile, but insisted that "human error" was to blame, not any systemic problem.

In an apparent criticism of the military, Rouhani, a moderate, urged that an official inquiry be candid about its findings. But some hard-line lawmakers have lashed out at his administration, demanding resignations.

Gholamhossein Ismaili, a spokesman for Iran's judiciary, said "arrests have been" made in the case but did not provide any details, leaving it unclear how many people had been detained or how senior they were.

"It would have been better if they had announced from the beginning that commissions are investigating," Ismaili said, in an apparent criticism of the military and the government for the initial misleading statements.



Anti-government protesters rally Tuesday in Tehran amid demonstrations in several cities after the plane disaster.

Ismaili said the flight data recorders recovered from the Ukrainian plane would be sent to France for analysis.

Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, is expected to deliver a Friday Prayer sermon this week, a role he plays at times of major crisis; the last was eight years ago.

The plane was shot down Jan. 8, shortly after takeoff from Tehran, as hostilities between Iran and the United States had escalated after a U.S. airstrike killed Gen. Qassem Soleimani. Hours before the airliner crashed, Iran had fired missiles at U.S. forces in Iraq in response to the general's killing, and Iranian forces were on guard for retaliation.

After three days of denying any role in the crash, Iran's military admitted the plane had been hit by at least one of its missiles.

Rouhani, a former commander of Iran's air defense forces, said Tuesday that he wanted the issue "to be addressed to the people with honesty."

Rouhani asked the judiciary to create a "special court, with a high-ranking judge and tens of experts," to look into the downing of the airliner.

"The whole world will watch this trial," he said.

Amid a heavy security

presence in Tehran, protests broke out on several university campuses Tuesday, as they have daily since the government admitted that the plane had been shot down. At Tehran University, where Khamenei had prayed over the coffin of Soleimani days earlier, students chanted about the ayatollah, "our shame, our shame is our supreme leader."

Officials in Tehran said 61 of the 176 victims had been identified through DNA testing, and that their remains could be turned over to their families.

Tensions have been building in the region since President Donald Trump pulled the U.S. out of Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, then reimposed sanctions, which had been lifted under the accord, that have devastated Iran's economy.

The deal has unraveled since then, with Iran steadily breaking away from limits on its nuclear program and Europe unable to find ways to keep Tehran committed.

On Tuesday, Britain, France and Germany triggered the so-called dispute mechanism action that paves way for possible further sanctions in response to Iran's moves.

Associated Press contributed.

## ANALYSIS

# Presidential hopefuls' love for Iowa rekindled

Hawkeye State is ground zero ahead of first caucuses

BY JORDAN GALE  
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DES MOINES, Iowa — Every four years, Iowa is the top prize in politics, the first and perhaps most important jewel in the crown.

Before every presidential election, candidates sprint across the first-in-the-nation nominating state to pitch themselves to voters as the best person to lead their party. But the 2020 Democratic primary, with its historically crowded field, has turned the quadrennial footrace into a hectic stampede.

There are the candidates who descend on the state in their painted buses and black SUVs, racing from middle school gymnasiums to coffee shops to senior centers to make their case to any heartland voter looking for a viable candidate.

But with them comes a storm of campaign staffers, strategists, the political press, even voters from neighboring states eager to catch a glimpse of the next potential White House occupant.

Every four years, Iowa plays host to them all.



Des Moines is home of the Iowa State Capitol building. Iowa will hold its caucuses Feb. 3, preceded by a resumption of the fanfare that arrives with them every four years.

JOE RAEDLE/GETTY

Iowa becomes a destination — no, the destination — in politics, leading to the first caucuses that will begin the process of selecting the next president. This year they will be held Feb. 3.

Some Iowans love it. Suddenly, Iowa is not just a flyover state but a political mecca with the vaunted reputation of being able to predict a party's eventual nominee (though it often doesn't — ask Rick Santorum).

Some Iowans come dressed for the part, dusting off their caucus uniforms like retired superheroes donning their capes: American flag suits, Abraham Lincoln top hats, Uncle Sam

Halloween costumes.

Reporters fly into Des Moines and Cedar Rapids, then rent cars that they fill with remnants of Jimmy John's sandwiches and pizza from Casey's General Store. Driving back and forth on I-80, they can put 500 miles or more on these cars in a two-day span.

Money flows in. Hotels are booked. Restaurants are full. Towns with less than 1,000 people, less than 500 people, are, briefly, the center of attention.

Brew pubs and high schools become must-stops on the campaign trail. Local parades and picnics draw national coverage. The an-

nual state fair becomes a political summit. Potluck dinners hold the same weight as closed-door meetings on Capitol Hill. There are rallies and marches. There are drum lines and rock bands.

There comes a point when the race takes over. The candidates' names are everywhere: On signs planted in yards. Blaring from billboards by the highway. Peering out of coffee shop windows.

Phones ring nonstop, with polls, with pleas. "Who is your top choice?" "Am I your top choice?" So many calls that Iowans stop picking up.

People start to hear. Cheers fill the room. The candidates, too, are all trying to hear, to speak. Mostly, though, they strut — on makeshift stages, set up to be torn down; through downtowns; right up to Iowans' doors.

There are also moments of stillness: A local union hall before anyone arrives. A campaign office at dawn. A gym after a rally, when everyone has left.

But every four years, the rest of the nation watches as cornfields decay into barren horizon lines. The days become shorter, the weather colder, while at the same time the presence of each campaign only seems to become more and more permanent for each local resident.

It can be exhausting. The campaigning is, in the end, a performance, and Iowans see it as such.

Iowa matters, but it is also being used. Vans filled with reporters clog the streets. Campaign events take over the sandwich shop, the college auditorium, the convention hall. Personal stories become source material for candidates' plans and ideas.

Many Iowans don't want to seem invested, but they are all giving up their Saturday nights. Some bring their kids to events and

ignore the pleas to go home. They bring their parents and friends. They wait in line for selfies.

Campaigns begin to mark the time in weeks instead of months, days instead of weeks. Weekdays in Iowa are, mostly, a respite: Many of the candidates have jobs in Washington and return to the state on the weekends.

Some campaigns, beleaguered by money problems or low polling numbers, end before the caucuses. Their staffers move back home because home isn't Iowa.

As the caucuses approach, the pressure of choosing a preferred candidate rises. Everyone is under scrutiny: the candidates but also the farmers, the teachers, the out-of-work factory workers.

Then an unsettling feeling creeps in. What happens when everyone leaves? When the store owners wave goodbye to the White House hopefuls because they have provided all their hope?

Every four years, Iowa is the belle of the ball. Everyone cares about Iowa.

Then it ends.

By sunrise after caucus night, everyone is gone. The hotel rooms are empty but the airport is full, everyone flying out.

But they always come back.

## Debate

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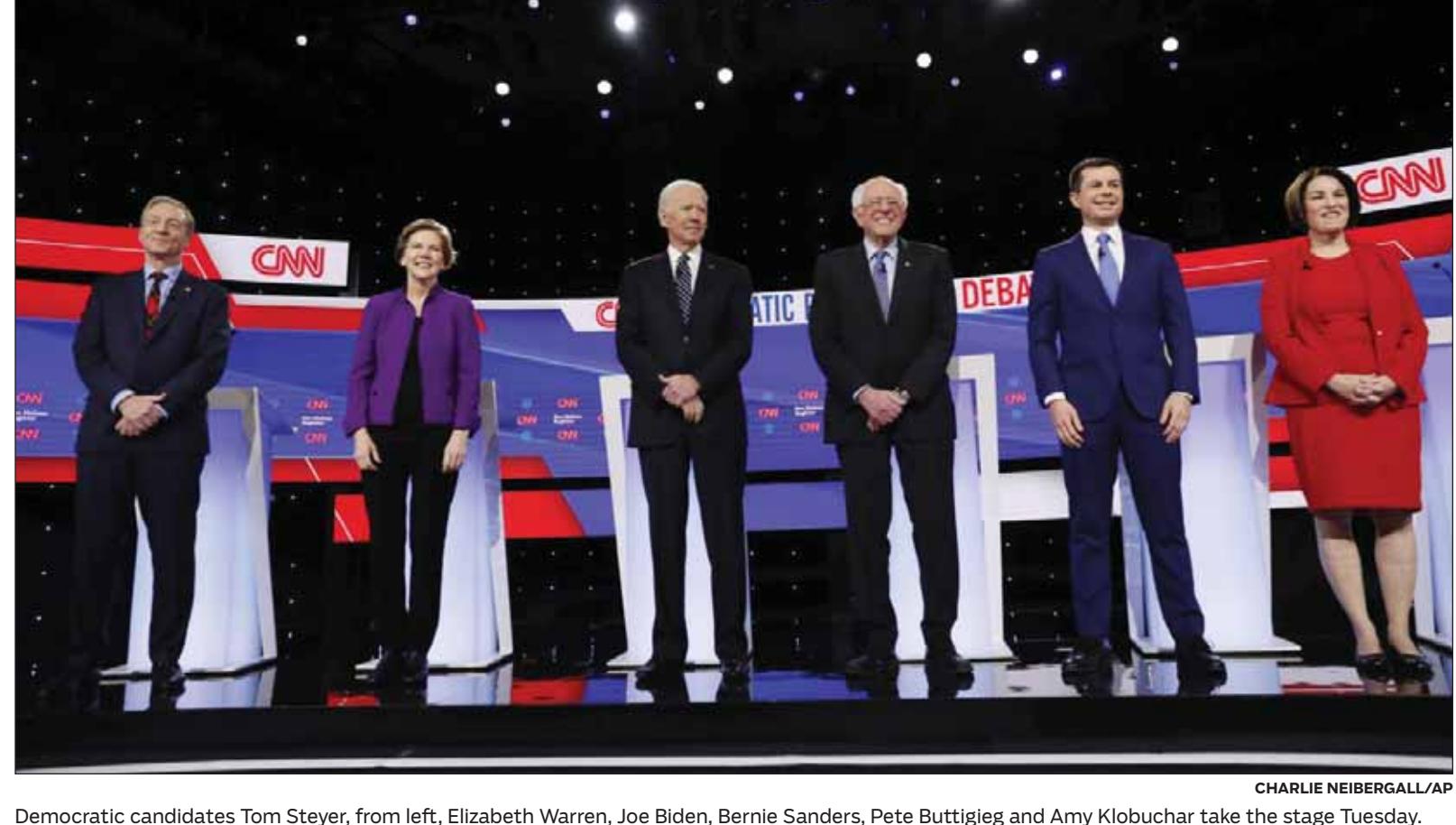
defined by respectful policy differences and urgent opposition to President Donald Trump's reelection. But Tuesday night, the simmering feud between Warren and Sanders — literally a "he-said, she-said" clash between the progressive movement's two biggest stars — sometimes overshadowed criticism of Trump and the left wing's desire to attack Biden and Buttigieg.

Just six candidates gathered in Des Moines, each eager to seize a dose of final-days momentum on national television before Iowa's Feb. 3 caucuses.

Tuesday's debate showcased differences between the candidates on a number of issues.

Sanders stepped up his attacks on Biden over the former vice president's past support of the Iraq War and broad free-trade agreements. Klobuchar, who has had several strong debates, looked for opportunities as she remained mired in the middle of the pack in polling. Billionaire Steyer faced criticism that he's trying to buy his way to the White House.

With surveys showing Buttigieg losing support in Iowa, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, struggled for attention in a debate that often featured



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

Democratic candidates Tom Steyer, from left, Elizabeth Warren, Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Pete Buttigieg and Amy Klobuchar take the stage Tuesday.

points of conflict among his rivals.

The evening began with the candidates clashing over Iraq, war and foreign policy, although they were largely united against Trump's leadership on such issues.

Sanders drew a sharp

contrast with Biden by noting that Sanders fought against a 2002 measure to authorize military action against Iraq.

Sanders called the Iraq invasion "the worst foreign policy blunder in the modern history of this country."

Biden acknowledged that

his 2002 vote to authorize military action was "a mistake," but highlighted his role in the Obama administration helping to draw down the U.S. military presence in the region.

Several candidates condemned Trump's recent move to kill Iran's top gen-

eral and his decision to keep U.S. troops in the region.

"We have to get combat troops out," declared Warren, who also called for reducing the military budget.

Others, including Buttigieg, Biden and Klobuchar, said they fa-

vored a small military presence in the Middle East.

"I bring a different perspective," said Buttigieg, who was a military intelligence officer in Afghanistan. "We can continue to remain engaged without having an endless commitment to ground troops."

## House

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anonymity.

Late Tuesday, House investigators announced they were turning over a "trove" of new records of phone calls, text messages and other information from Lev Parnas, an associate of Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani. Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff said the information shows Trump's effort "to coerce Ukraine into helping the President's reelection campaign."

He said this and other new testimony must be included in the Senate trial.

McConnell, who is negotiating rules for the trial proceedings, said all 53 GOP senators are on board with his plan to start the session and consider the issue of witnesses later.

Senate Republicans also signaled they would reject the idea of simply voting to dismiss the articles of impeachment against Trump, as the president has suggested. McConnell agreed he does not have the votes to do that.

"There is little or no sentiment in the Republican conference for a motion to dismiss," McConnell



BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/GETTY/AP

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said "the American people deserve the truth, and the Constitution demands a trial."

peachment trials the Senate called witnesses. "Do Senate Republicans want to break the lengthy historical precedent?"

Republicans are all but certain to acquit Trump. It takes 51 votes during the impeachment trial to approve rules or call witnesses. Just four GOP senators could form a majority with Democrats to insist on new testimony. It also would take 51 senators to vote to dismiss the charges against Trump.

At the private GOP lunch, Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky warned that if witnesses are allowed, defense witnesses could also

be called. He and other Republicans want to subpoena Biden and his son, Hunter, who served on the board of Burisma, a gas company in Ukraine, while his father was vice president.

McConnell is drafting an organizing resolution that will outline the steps ahead. Approving it will be among their first votes of the trial, likely next Tuesday.

He prefers to model Trump's trial partly on the process used for then-President Bill Clinton's trial in 1999. It, too, contained motions for dismissal or calling new witnesses.

## Kaine: Votes in hand to limit Trump on Iran

BY MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia said that he has at least 51 votes to support a bipartisan resolution asserting that President Donald Trump must seek approval from Congress before engaging in further military action against Iran.

Kaine said the Senate could vote as soon as next week on the measure, which is co-sponsored by Republican Sens. Mike Lee of Utah and Rand Paul of Kentucky. GOP Sens. Todd Young of Indiana and Susan Collins of Maine said Tuesday that they will support it.

The bipartisan resolution "clearly states that America can always defend itself" against attack from Iran or any other country, Kaine said, "but we don't think that this president — or any president — should send our troops into war without a vote of Congress."

Kaine has long pushed for congressional action re-

asserting congressional power to declare war, but he said Tuesday he has received renewed support after the Trump administration killed Iran's top general earlier this month.

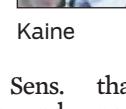
Iran responded to the U.S. attack by launching missiles at two military bases in Iraq that house American troops. No serious casualties were reported.

Kaine said he has removed, at Republicans' request, language that targeted Trump.

Instead the measure is a general statement declaring that Congress has the sole power to declare war and directing the president to terminate use of military force against Iran or any part of its government without approval from Congress.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell opposes the resolution, saying it would send the wrong message to U.S. allies.

The Democratic-controlled House passed a separate resolution last week.



Kaine

# The newest swing state? Try Florida

Drive to increase Hispanic voter rolls picks up steam

BY TAMARA LUSH  
Associated Press

DAVENPORT, Fla. — When Martha Santiago moved to Polk County, Florida, from Puerto Rico in 1979 to teach in one of the county's first bilingual schools, there were two certainties.

One was that oranges were an economic engine in the county wedged between Tampa and Orlando. The other was that orange picking and other agricultural labor was done mostly by workers from Mexico.

Forty years later, Santiago is Polk's first Hispanic county commissioner. The fragrant citrus blossoms have been replaced by sprawling stucco subdivisions, and the Hispanic registered voter population in Polk County has boomed, with Puerto Ricans — who are U.S. citizens — driving the increase.

That transformation is a clear measure of the change in number, and the change in character of Florida's Hispanic vote. One of the most important issues in the 2020 election will be whether those changes will ratify Florida's status as a swing state and show the power of the Hispanic vote in Democratic politics or affirm the presidency of Donald Trump.

"In Puerto Rico, politics are very important for the people. It's the number one thing people talk about," said Santiago, a Republican who supports Trump.

In Polk County, the Hispanic registered voter population has grown from 19,000 in 2006 to 65,000 in 2018 — 15% of the total and up from only 3% in 1980. By 2018, Hispanics made up 23% of the county's 700,000 residents — which means the number of potential voters is likely to increase in 2020.

Traditionally, Puerto Ricans on the mainland have



Members of the Hispanic Federation celebrate after officially opening their first field office in December in Davenport, Fla. CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

been considered stalwart Democrats. But as Santiago proves — and as shown by the unexpected Puerto Rican support of Rick Scott in the 2016 U.S. Senate race — such generalizations may not hold in 2020.

"That's one of the big questions that everyone wonders about Florida: what impact will the Hispanic vote have?" said Jens Manuel Krogstad, an analyst at the Pew Research Center who studies the political engagement of Latinos in the U.S. "What is the Hispanic vote and is there a Hispanic vote? I say that because Hispanics are diverse in a lot of ways, including in their political views. Especially in Florida."

The Trump campaign is aggressively courting the Hispanic vote, especially religious conservatives, in Florida. Vice President Mike Pence will visit central Florida on Thursday, and Trump held a rally Jan. 3 at a

Latino megachurch in the state.

Democratic candidates have been focused on early voting states and have not campaigned heavily yet in Florida. But Democratic-aligned voter registration group have been blanketing Polk County, and the Interstate 4 corridor, hoping to sign up tens of thousands of new voters.

In December, Maria Jose Chapa of the Hispanic Federation stood inside an old arcade mall in downtown Haines City, holding one end of a red ribbon. Her team of a half-dozen people clustered around the ribbon, with another organizer from the group holding the opposite end of the ribbon.

"Cortalo," she said, to applause, and a woman snipped the ribbon with scissors.

It was the opening of the Hispanic Federation's Polk County voter outreach office, but they'd already been

there. Between Nov. 18 and Dec. 10, the group had registered 915 voters at bodegas, libraries and outside of government offices. Their goal: 1,500 by the end of the year.

Chapa, who is Mexican, commutes west to Polk from Orlando. She's taken note of Puerto Ricans who have registered recently — many have moved to Florida since Hurricane Maria devastated the island in 2017. Some first moved to the Orlando area, but are headed to Polk to settle down. An estimated 400,000 Puerto Ricans moved to the mainland after Hurricane Maria ripped through the island.

"It makes sense because housing's cheaper," she said, grabbing an orange clipboard and a stack of voter registration forms.

An hour later, she stood outside the Polk County Tax Collector's office.

With a big smile, she

asked those walking out of the office if they were registered to vote in both English and Spanish.

More often than not, people responded in Spanish. Many said they'd already registered to vote, while others paused and reached for the clipboard, saying they needed to update their address.

Chapa signed up another Puerto Rican on the day she opened the federation's field office. David Serrano, a 49-year-old laborer, grinned when asked about Trump while filling out his change of address form.

"I hate people who hate people," he said. "He's not my type of person."

He said he will be voting in the 2020 election, and Chapa pointed out that he was registered as NPA — no party affiliation, which means that because Florida's a closed primary state, he won't be able to vote in the primary unless he

changes his party affiliation. NPA voters can cast ballots in the general election.

Serrano said he'd deal with it later and walked off.

According to the Florida Secretary of State, there were about 107,600 newly registered Hispanic voters in 2019.

A plurality — 46% — were registered as NPA. Thirty-three percent registered as Democrats, and 18% as Republicans.

Chapa is concerned about those voters; she said she sees lots of Puerto Ricans registering as NPAs, which means predicting which way those voters will lean in a hotly contested year is virtually impossible.

"They can't fully participate in the process," she said, shaking her head. "That affects the election."

Maria Morales, a 56-year-old teacher, was one of those who changed her address with Chapa. Morales recently moved from Orlando to the small Polk County community of Davenport. She's Puerto Rican, and came to the mainland four years ago. When she speaks of the hurricane and what her grown son went through in the aftermath, her voice cracks.

"He said, 'Mom, get me out of here,'" she recounted. Many settled in Florida, including Morales' son.

When asked about Trump's handling of the hurricane — he was highly critical of Puerto Rico's government, saying it was corrupt — and whether it would affect her vote in 2020, Morales shrugged.

"I really don't know yet," she said.

Morales voted for Trump in 2016, and thinks he's done a good job with the economy. She also "kind of agrees with him" on the issue of Puerto Rican corruption. However, she's open to voting for a Democratic candidate. Trouble is, she can't quite identify who's who in the crowded field.

"Biden?" she mused. "Is that the old man with the gray hair?"



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Former Pope Benedict XVI, right, has publicly urged Pope Francis not to open the priesthood up to married men.

## 2 popes — 1 reigning, 1 retired — cause furor

BY NICOLE WINFIELD  
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Ever since Benedict XVI announced he would become the first pope in 600 years to resign, Catholic theologians, canon lawyers and others warned of the potential confusion in having two popes living side by side in the Vatican, one reigning, the other retired but calling himself "emeritus pope" and still wearing the white cassock of the papacy.

Their worst fears came true this week.

In a saga befitting the Oscar-nominated movie "The Two Popes," Benedict co-wrote a book reaffirming the "necessity" of a celibate priesthood. There was nothing novel with his position, but the book is coming out at the same time Pope Francis is weighing whether to ordain married men in the Amazon because of a priest shortage

there.

The implications of Benedict's intervention were grave, since the issue of priestly celibacy is perhaps the most consequential and controversial decision on the current pope's agenda.

It raised the specter of a parallel official church teaching at a time when the church is polarized between conservatives longing for the orthodox purity of Benedict and progressives cheering Francis' liberalizing reforms.

"It's one thing to publish, as a private citizen, a book about Jesus as Benedict did before he resigned," the Rev. Jean-Francois Chiron, a theologian at the University of Lyon, wrote in the French Catholic daily *La Croix*.

"It's another thing to take sides in important, current questions."

On Tuesday, Benedict distanced himself from the publication and asked to be removed as the co-author

of the book, "From the Depths of Our Hearts," which is coming out in English next month.

The book's English-language publisher, Ignatius Press said the book would carry Benedict's name as co-author.

In a statement, the San Francisco-based Ignatius said it had worked from the text provided by French publisher Fayard, which listed two authors contributing a chapter apiece and a jointly written introduction and conclusion.

Benedict's association with the book was surprising, given that he had vowed to live "hidden from the world" when he stepped down in 2013, precisely to avoid any suggestion that he still wielded papal authority.

But the controversy

## Trump rallies supporters, looks to hang on to Wis.

BY JILL COLVIN  
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Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — President Donald Trump defended his decision to kill a top Iranian general and slammed Democrats as weak on national security as the Democratic presidential candidates prepared to take the stage for their final debate before primary voting commences.

Offering his own counterprogramming to Tuesday night's debate, Trump appeared in battleground Wisconsin as Democrats gathered next door in Iowa, which holds its kickoff caucuses in less than three weeks on Feb. 3.

In front of a crowd of thousands in downtown Milwaukee — not far from where Democrats will hold their convention this summer — Trump took on the leading Democratic candidates, including Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

"Bernie and the radical left cannot protect your family, nor can they protect our country," Trump told supporters at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panther Arena.

He criticized former Vice President Joe Biden's tendency to mix up locations, including recently confusing Iran with Iraq.

"When you do that you can't really recover," Trump said.

While Democratic voters try to decide who is their best candidate to take on Trump, the president has been contending with the House vote to impeach him.

After weeks of delay, the House will vote Wednesday to send its articles of impeachment to the Senate. Republicans hold the majority in the Senate and there is nowhere near the 67 votes needed for Trump's removal.

In Milwaukee, Trump



President Donald Trump appears in battleground Wisconsin as Democrats gathered next door for a debate in Iowa. EVAN VUCCI/AP

### Flynn seeks to withdraw plea

WASHINGTON —

Former Trump administration national security adviser Michael Flynn filed court papers Tuesday to withdraw his guilty plea, saying federal prosecutors had acted in "bad faith" and breached their deal with him.

The request comes one week after the Justice Department changed its position on Flynn's punishment by recommending that he serve up to six months in prison for lying to the FBI during its investigation into ties between the Trump campaign and Russia.

Prosecutors had earlier said Flynn was entitled to avoid prison time because of his extensive cooperation, but they changed their view after he hired new lawyers, who leveled accusations of misconduct against the government that a judge has since rejected.

Trump spent much of the rally defending his record, including his decision to order the strike that killed top Iranian General Qassem Soleimani, whom he labeled the "world's No. 1 terrorist."

Trump's decision came under intense criticism from Democrats and raised questions about whether it really prevented an imminent attack, as some Trump administration officials have claimed.

## NEWS BRIEFING

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### Wisconsin appeals court puts voter rolls purge on hold

MADISON, Wis. — A Wisconsin appeals court on Tuesday put on hold an order to immediately remove up to 209,000 names from the state's voter registration rolls, handing Democrats who had fought the move a victory in the battleground state.

The appeals court sided with the bipartisan state elections commission in putting the brakes on removing any voters while the court fight continues. It also put on hold a ruling

from Monday in which a judge found the commission and its three Democratic members in contempt for not proceeding with removing the voters.

The issue is unlikely to be resolved in court before the presidential election.

The lawsuit argued that the state elections commission broke the law when it did not remove voters who did not respond within 30 days to an October mailing indicating they may have moved.

### Harsh weather kills 70 more people in Pakistan, Afghanistan

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan — Severe winter weather has claimed more lives as avalanches triggered by heavy snowfall killed 55 people in Pakistan-administered Kashmir while 15 died in neighboring Afghanistan, officials said Tuesday.

The latest deaths raise the two countries' overall death toll from the severe weather to 126 since Sunday.

Ahmad Raza Qadri, the

minister for the disaster management authority in Kashmir, said Tuesday they had declared a state of emergency in the affected areas.

So far, about 300 houses have been damaged across Afghanistan because of snowfall, floods and landslides, Afghanistan's disaster agency said. On Monday, residents of the Afghan capital, Kabul, struggled to get to work on snow-covered roads.

### Philippine volcano trembles, spews lava half-mile high

TAGAYTAY, Philippines — A volcano near the Philippine capital spewed lava into the sky and trembled constantly Tuesday, possibly portending a bigger and more dangerous eruption, as tens of thousands of people fled villages darkened and blanketed by heavy ash.

Hundreds of flights were canceled or delayed, affecting tens of thousands of passengers.

The alert level since the eruption began Sunday has been 4, indicating a hazardous eruption is possible in hours to days. Level 5, the highest, means such an eruption is underway.

The picturesque volcano set in a lake in Batangas province south of Manila rumbled to life Sunday in a powerful explosion that released 9-mile column of ash, steam and rock into the sky.



An anti-government demonstrator, flag in hand, jumps through ignited tires blocking a main highway. Following a brief lull, Lebanese protesters returned to the streets Tuesday in renewed rallies against a ruling elite they say has ignored the economic crisis.

### St. Louis prosecutor invokes 'Ku Klux Klan Act' in lawsuit

CHICAGO — St. Louis elected top prosecutor says the city, its police union and others violated a Civil War-era law by allegedly engaging in a racist conspiracy to force her from office and prevent her from reforming racist practices.

In a lawsuit filed Monday, Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner said the defendants violated the Civil Rights Act of 1871, also known as the Ku Klux Klan Act. Gardner is black; the named defendants are white.

The act was signed by President Ulysses S. Grant in April 1871 to help enforce

the 14th Amendment, which had been ratified three years earlier.

The act was one of a series of actions designed to eliminate violence and protect the rights of 4 million freed slaves.

Today, it is invoked frequently in lawsuits involving police brutality or voting act violations, said Jack Beermann a Boston University law professor. He said Gardner's claim also is unusual because it involves a public official suing other public officials.

To win a case alleging a conspiracy, he said, the plaintiff must show that

public officials were involved in a racially motivated conspiracy to deprive someone of their constitutional rights.

In St. Louis, Gardner's lawsuit cited racist Facebook posts by St. Louis police officers, which led to the firing of two veteran officers. The suit also says the police union went "out of its way" to support white officers accused of violence and excessive force against blacks, including posting bond for an officer who was charged with murder. The union said it considered the lawsuit "frivolous and without merit."

### Officials: Jet dumps fuel on LA school playground

CUDAHY, Calif. — Jet fuel dumped by an aircraft returning to Los Angeles International Airport fell onto an elementary school playground where children were playing Tuesday, fire officials said.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department said firefighters assessed 17 chil-

dren and nine adults who complained of minor injuries and none needed to be taken to a hospital.

The Los Angeles Unified School District said that the incident happened at Park Avenue Elementary just before noon.

"Students and staff were on the playground at the

time and may have been sprayed by fuel or inhaled fumes," the district said.

Delta Air Lines said in a statement that Flight 89 "experienced an engine issue requiring the aircraft to return to LAX. The aircraft landed safely after an emergency fuel release to reduce landing weight."

### Senate GOP to hold vote Thursday on trade pact

WASHINGTON — Republicans controlling the Senate are taking advantage of delays in President Donald Trump's impeachment trial to speed up a vote on a modified North American trade pact.

Thursday's expected vote promises sweeping bipartisan support for legislation implementing the terms of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. It would replace the 25-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement.

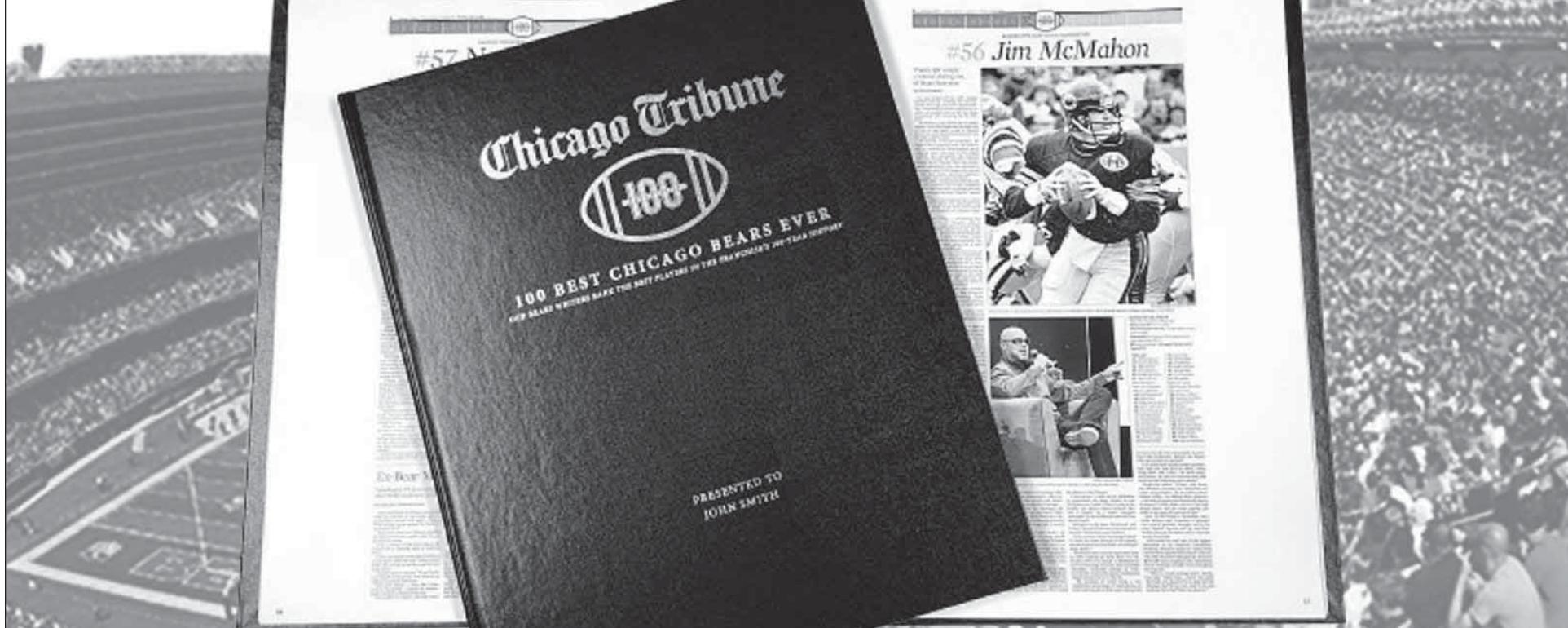
Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., announced the vote at his weekly news conference Tuesday.

The new pact is designed to return manufacturing to the U.S. For example, it requires that 40% to 45% of cars eventually be made in countries that pay autoworkers at least \$16 an hour — that is, in the United States and Canada and not in Mexico.

**In the European Union:** The European Union plans to dedicate a quarter of its budget to tackling climate change and to work to shift \$1.1 trillion in investment toward making the EU's economy more environmentally friendly over the next 10 years.

Aiming to deliver on European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen's Green Deal, EU officials said the Europe Investment Plan unveiled Tuesday will be funded by the bloc's budget and by the private sector.

Von der Leyen took office Dec. 1 and is making the fight against climate change as president of the EU's executive arm. Her Green Deal is aimed at making Europe the world's first carbon-neutral continent by 2050.



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## EDITORIALS

# Europe puts the squeeze on Iran — finally

One danger Iran presents to the world is ideological, but the greatest threat it poses is nuclear. If Iran, a regime with ties to terrorism, were to develop weapons of mass destruction, then global security would be imperiled.

**The United States recognizes the risks.** That's why President Donald Trump is using sanctions to compel Iran to renegotiate the 2015 nuclear agreement. He saw the deal as too weak and too narrow. So how about America's European allies who also were signatories? Where do they stand on strengthening the accord? For more than a year, we've supported U.S. calls for the United Kingdom, Germany and France to step up. They've equivocated — partly for fear of confrontation, partly to maintain business relationships.

On Tuesday, however, those three countries finally made an important move against Iran. While the trio didn't accede to Trump's wishes and join the U.S. in withdrawing from the deal, they did take action: The Europeans warned Iran that it must abide by terms of the deal or face reinstatement of United Nations sanctions. This shifts Europe closer to the U.S. position and turns up the pressure on the mullahs in Tehran.

**Why is Iran so dangerous?** Iran has never stopped seeking to become a regional power through disruptive force and proxy attacks. It supports Hezbollah, the terrorist army based in Lebanon, and Shiite militias in Iraq. The nuclear deal, signed by President Barack Obama, sought to put a cap in the weapons bottle, but it contained sunset clauses on development and failed to address Iran's support of terrorism and pursuit of ballistic missiles.

We reluctantly supported the 2015 deal, yet we see what Trump sees: a continual threat that must be addressed. We believe that with Europe's help, the United States has the opportunity to bring Iran to heel and then support its growth as a peaceful state. There's plenty of reason to both mistrust Iran and seek a negotiated settlement with this menacing foe. U.S. sanctions have bitten hard. In response, Iran has been pulling away from the deal, which the Europeans still want to save — and now expand.

At the same time, Iranian aggression has been on the rise. Iran shot down a U.S. surveillance drone and is believed to be responsible for attacks on oil tankers moving through the Strait of Hormuz. After Iranian-backed



JEAN-FRANCOIS BADIAS/AP

European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell is surrounded by reporters at the European parliament on Tuesday in Strasbourg, France.

## 'Step up, Europe, and help the US defang Iran'

*The Tribune Editorial Board supports U.S. sanctions to compel Iran to renegotiate the 2015 nuclear agreement. In numerous editorials we've said Europe needs to help rein in Iran. From a July 8, 2019, editorial:*

Iran is a deadly menace with an unlikely enabler: Europe.

President Donald Trump pulled the U.S. out of the nuclear pact in 2018, opting to double down on sanctions to drag Iran back to the table to negotiate a better deal — one that addresses Tehran's support of terrorism and pursuit of ballistic missiles.

Europe balked. It wants to keep the old deal going. Europe doesn't want to violate American economic sanctions imposed on Iran ...

Iran is still feeling the crunch of American penalties, and Tehran has become increasingly frustrated with Europe's half-way support of the 2015 pact. The result: Iran's latest nuclear provocations ...

The Trump administration is just as frustrated with Europe as Tehran is. Iran's aggressive behavior over the last few weeks has included the shooting down of an American surveillance drone. ... Europe's

response was anything but forceful ...

European leaders are missing the bigger picture. Europe's play-both-sides approach isn't working. The way to compel Iran to renegotiate a more responsible nuclear deal isn't through meek diplomacy. The way forward is for Europe to maximize pressure by matching U.S. sanctions with its own ramped-up punishments. U.S.-led sanctions are biting. Iran will recognize that continued defiance comes with too high a cost — but Europe has to get on board.

militias organized violent demonstrations at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Trump ordered a drone attack that killed Iranian Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani. He was commander of the Revolutionary Guards' Quds Force and the master of Iranian mayhem.

**Tensions between the U.S.**

**and Iran** appear to have cooled — at least temporarily. That gives the Europeans a window to start their own talks with Tehran, backed by the threat of sanctions. Technically, the Europeans initiated a dispute mechanism contained in the 2015 accord to force Iran back into compliance. But they also want to start negotia-

tions over Iran's missiles and regional adventurism.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson took Trump's side in a television interview Tuesday, supporting a full renegotiation of the nuclear agreement. "If we're going to get rid of it, let's replace it, and let's replace it with the Trump deal," Johnson said.

**U.S. sanctions are punishing,** but Europe is a lot closer to Iran and has its own economic ties.

The U.K., Germany and France also remain committed to the nuclear deal.

The tougher Europe gets on Iran, the more likely it is the U.S. strategy will work.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"The most common form of lottery advertisement encourages 'magical thinking' by highlighting potentially life-changing effects of winning the lottery," writes Andrew Clott, a Chicago attorney who has served as managing editor of the Loyola University Chicago Consumer Law Journal. "Typical advertisements focus on hard-working, blue-collar individuals who took a chance on buying a ticket and won big." These messages downplay or avoid discussion of the long odds. "Someone's gotta win," a Massachusetts ad declares ...

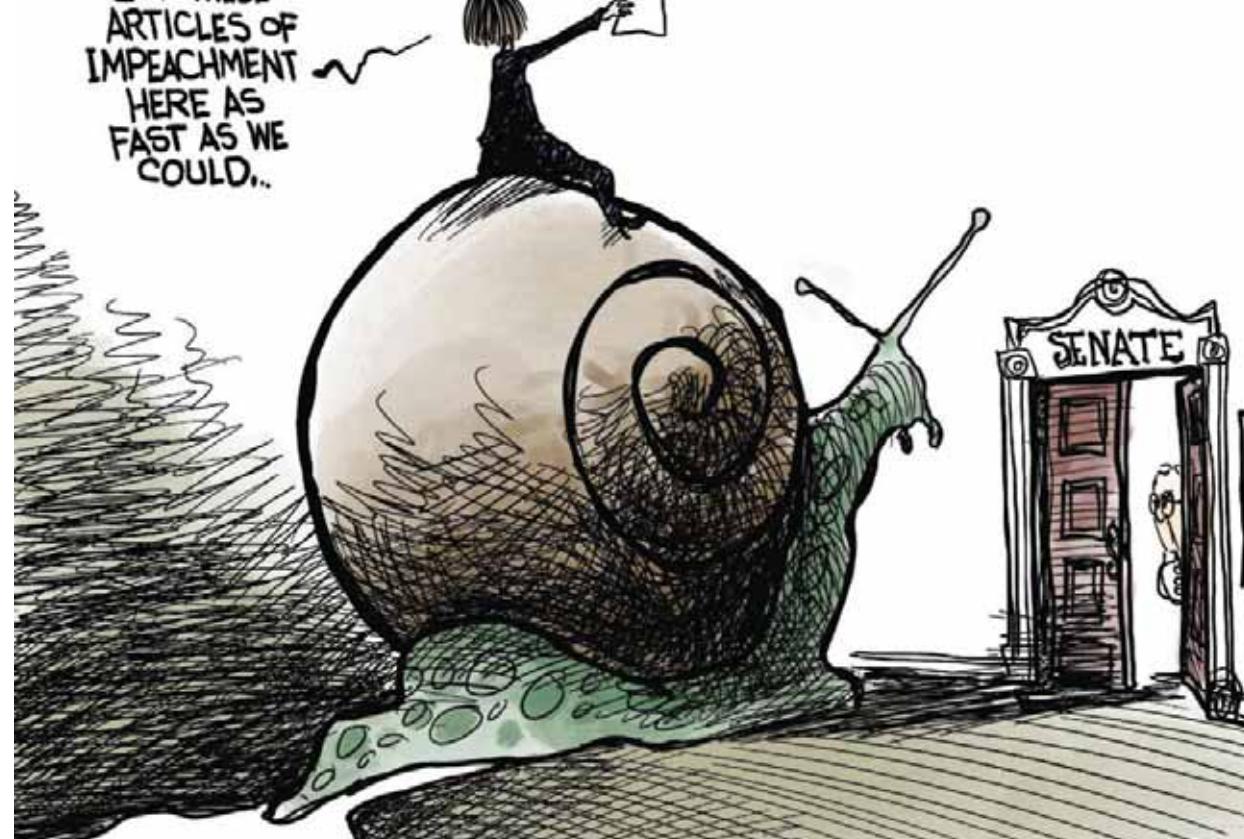
In a culture ripe with gambling opportunities, casino advertising, and internet betting, one can't blame state lottery advertising alone for problem gambling. But the state's seal of approval carries special weight: Here, the government is not offering help in solving problems, as it typically does, but actively promoting an activity that causes problems ...

The ads promote the theme that work is not a source of purpose but an obstacle standing in the way of happiness. One is better off making a one-in-a-million bet than saving his money. These messages not only undermine the work ethic but also misrepresent how one finds fulfillment — through healthy personal habits, thrift, and striking a balance between work and family. Instead, millions hear that they're chumps for taking such a path and would be wiser to play games of chance.

It's time for states to ban lottery advertising. Sure, let people play, post the winning numbers — but stop selling the dream.

Howard Husock, City Journal

### SCOTT STANTIS



# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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Attorney Jennifer Bonjean and private investigator Paul Ciolino are determined to uncover the entire story behind a 1982 murder and who was responsible for it.

## Glimmers of hope for more truth in two high-profile Chicago murder cases



ERIC ZORN

A pair of legal developments Monday have the potential to shine rays of sunshine into otherwise dark and dormant cases.

The first was an Illinois Appellate Court ruling that paves the way for reopening the search for truth in what the 32-page opinion referred to as "one of the most famous murder cases in the history of our state" — the 1982 slaying of Jerry Hillard and Marilyn Green in Chicago's Washington Park.

The second was the decision of the Chicago City Council's Finance Committee to reject a proposed financial settlement with a witness to the October 2014 fatal police shooting of Laquan McDonald — a murder that rocked the nation and transformed our political landscape. That witness, Alma Benitez, alleges that investigators took her to a station house in the immediate aftermath and badgered her for hours in an attempt to get her to change her story.

Both developments hold out the promise that the courts will now help us learn more about cases that had seemed to be all but closed.

The Hillard/Green murder played a pivotal role in the elimination of the death penalty in Illinois. Here's how:

Witnesses quickly fingered Anthony Porter, a local hoodlum, as the gunman. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to death at a trial that got almost no media attention. Porter was just two days from receiving a lethal injection in 1998 when the Illinois Supreme Court granted him a stay based on claims he was mentally unfit for execution. This inspired a thorough reinvestigation of his case by a Northwestern University team that ended a little more than four months later when another man, Alstoy Simon, confessed to the murders in a video recorded by Paul Ciolino, a volunteer private detective assisting NU. Porter then walked out of prison into the arms of his supporters.

Simon pleaded guilty and offered an emotional apology to the victims' families at the hearing where he was sentenced to 37 years in prison.

Then-Gov. George Ryan was alarmed at how close the state had come to killing Porter. His soul-searching led him to declare a moratorium on executions and then to commute every state death sentence to life in prison. This led the way to legislative abolition of the death penalty in Illinois in 2011.

Meanwhile, however, Simon had recanted his confession, his plea and his apology. He said he'd been intimidated and hoodwinked by a devious cabal that promised him fame, riches and a very light sentence if he'd take the fall for Porter. Lawyers friendly to law enforcement and critical of what they scornfully refer to as "the inno-

cence industry" took up his cause. They filed unsuccessful appeals and helped fund a feature-length documentary that accused now former Northwestern journalism professor David Protess and Ciolino of masterminding a wicked, highly convoluted plot to frame an innocent man and free a stone-cold killer in order to enhance their reputations and end the death penalty.

In 2014, a reinvestigation of the case by the Cook County state's attorney's office concluded "there is not sufficient evidence to seek to vacate Simon's convictions." But then-State's Attorney Anita Alvarez ignored that conclusion and sprang Simon from prison, implying at a news conference that she'd prosecute Protess and Ciolino if only the statute of limitations would allow.

Simon then filed a \$40 million federal lawsuit against Northwestern, Protess and Ciolino, an action that promised for the first time to put many of the key players on both sides through rigorous cross-examination under oath. But in June 2018, before most of the key depositions had been taken, Northwestern and Protess announced they'd reached a confidential settlement with Simon.

Records were sealed and the story seemed to be over. Yet Ciolino, who had been dismissed from Simon's suit, fought back. He filed a defamation action of his own against Simon and his backers, and, long story short, Monday's unanimous ruling by a three-judge panel held that the statute

of limitations didn't prevent him from suing, so the case can now go forward against all defendants except Alvarez.

Ciolino and his New York-based attorney, Jennifer Bonjean, are both bulldogs who vowed not to settle until the entire story is exposed, which it really should be after 38 years.

I received no such assurance from the lawyers representing Benitez. She claims police repeatedly tried to browbeat her into changing her story by telling her that the dashcam video of Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke gunning down McDonald in the middle of Pulaski Road contradicted her account that the shooting was necessary. It did not.

Her lawyers didn't return my request for comment Tuesday. Finance Committee chief of staff Anne Emerson said negotiations are still ongoing even though some aldermen are skeptical of Benitez's claims that she suffered emotional distress from the experience. They also are balking at her request for a payout, even though the settlement would not include admissions of wrongdoing by police.

Good. Fight on. Let this case go to trial and see what else the witnesses can tell us about the alleged attempted cover-up and ways in which police enforce their code of silence.

Shine more light on both cases.

Enough with the settlements that throw a shroud over the search for truth.

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## End the cover-ups in the Illinois General Assembly

BY DAVID MCSWEENEY

"We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions."

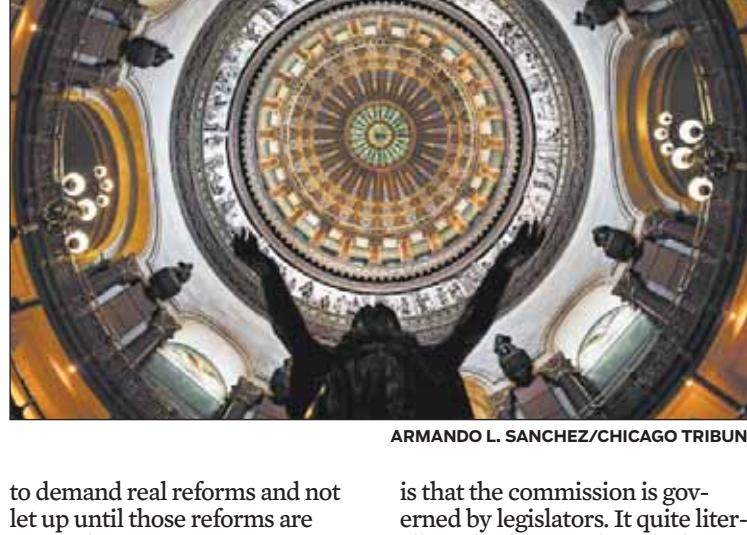
— Ronald Reagan

Most people are probably not aware that every Illinois legislator is required to have ethics training. Anyone who has read the news lately has probably surmised that some legislators likely slept through the training. The number of legislators being forced to resign is growing at a frightening pace.

Real leaders lead by example. Unfortunately, in Springfield there is a culture of "Do as I say, not as I do."

I applaud the great work of the FBI and the U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Illinois in leading investigations on Illinois corruption. But the only way to truly change the culture is to immediately adopt sweeping ethics reforms.

We need meaningful, substantive reforms — not symbolic gestures that accomplish little. We also need the public to continue



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to demand real reforms and not let up until those reforms are enacted.

The first place to start is to make sure that corrupt members are not shielded from public exposure by their colleagues. Specifically, the legislative inspector general currently does not have the authority to release information about suspected wrongdoing by legislators without the approval of the Legislative Ethics Commission. The problem

is that the commission is governed by legislators. It quite literally is the fox guarding the henhouse.

Former Inspector General Julie Porter developed a founded summary report about member misconduct. However, the Legislative Ethics Commission refused to allow her to expose the legislator involved by preventing her from making the report public.

Porter stated in an op-ed published by the Chicago Tribune on

April 23, "I issued a founded summary report — a report where I found that a legislator engaged in wrongdoing — that was not published. I requested publication, and the commission refused."

I have been extremely vocal about releasing the report, but there has been no action. I will not be silenced.

We need to enact bold legislation to address cover-ups in Springfield. I have introduced legislation (House Bill 3962) to require the public release of any founded reports from the legislative inspector general alleging a member of the General Assembly has engaged in unethical conduct. This legislation prevents the Legislative Ethics Commission from hiding reports to protect fellow legislators.

We still don't know who the legislator in Porter's report is, but we do know that career politician, municipal bond attorney and House Republican leader Jim Durkin, who has been in Springfield since 1995, is refusing to tell the public what he knows about the buried report. I have requested multiple times that he publicly call on the two Republican House members of the Legis-

lative Ethics Commission, both of whom are part of his leadership team, to support the release of the report. My requests have been met with silence.

In addition to enacting my bill to halt cover-ups, a meaningful ethics reform package would at the minimum include:

- prohibiting legislators from being lobbyists;
- enhanced financial disclosure requirements for members;
- and enacting my bill to enhance penalties for members convicted of committing a state felony related to their service.

We need real ethics reform that gets to the heart of the problems facing our state. We know what needs to be done. What we need now is for our political leaders to have the moral courage to get it done.

Corrupt politicians must be held accountable for their actions.

The culture in Springfield must be changed. It is indeed time to restore the precept that each individual — especially those who are in positions of power — is accountable for his or her actions.

David McSweeney, a Republican, represents the 52nd District in the Illinois General Assembly.

# PERSPECTIVE



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Then-Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Cory Booker, right, speaks with an attendee at an event last month in Des Moines, Iowa.

## Democrats need to show they're up for a fight — without falling apart



CLARENCE PAGE

Now that Cory Booker has dropped out of the Democratic presidential race, it must come as a relief to some of his critics that white people still have an opportunity to be president.

I'm referring, with my sarcastic tongue firmly in cheek, to the critics who thought the New Jersey senator was being a bit too candid when he complained a few days before Christmas about dwindling racial diversity on the Democratic debate stage.

"I'm a little angry," he said on MSNBC. "I have to say that we started with one of the most diverse fields in our history, giving people pride, and it's a damn shame now that the only African American woman in this race, who has been speaking to issues that need to be brought up, is now no longer in it."

He was referring to Sen. Kamala Harris of California, who had just dropped out on Dec. 3. Former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro dropped out Jan. 2. When Booker failed to qualify for the December debate, businessman Andrew Yang echoed Booker, perhaps a bit more tactfully: "It's both an honor and disappointment to be the lone candidate of color on this stage tonight."

Booker dropped out Monday, and Yang, polling at about 3%, fell short of the mark

to qualify for Tuesday's debate stage.

How ironic that, during a week in which the hashtag #OscarsTooWhite has been trending, the party most concerned with racial and gender diversity has sparked hashtags like #DemSoWhite. Sarcasm always trends.

But, when you think about it, racial and gender diversity in a party's outreach makes sense, even if it usually is couched euphemistically with such phrases as Bill Clinton's "looks like America." Democrats learned that the hard way when Hillary Clinton's black voter turnout in 2016 dropped to what it usually had been before President Barack Obama's two elections, in which black turnout broke previous records.

But as Booker's candidacy shows, merely being a young and promising Rhodes scholar with appealing ideas is not enough, regardless of one's gender or color. Obama's victories might look easy in hindsight, but he, too, had to strike the delicate balance between the expectations of various groups as he pitched his own agenda of "hope" and "change."

That's why Booker's withdrawal leaves a lot of people, whether they supported or opposed him, scratching their heads, wondering why he flamed out so quickly, before he ever really launched.

Several reasons easily come to mind:

One, timing. How Booker must wish he had made a presidential run sooner in his career. I first met Booker when he was beginning to gain national attention on his way to being elected mayor of Newark, New Jersey. I can only imagine how much he wishes that he had made his presidential bid before Obama, then a promising Illinois state senator, did. At least, he

wouldn't have to put up with inevitable — and confining — comparisons to Obama.

Second and more important, Booker's campaign lacked a memorable theme to separate him from the rest of the teeming Democratic herd — as Obama did, pardon the painfully inevitable comparison, when he offered "hope" and "change."

Witness the mileage that Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders gained from bringing universal health care into the mainstream — or Andrew Yang's surprising success with his universal basic income idea.

But, third, a candidate has to get out and fight for his or her idea with a passion. We saw some of that break out this past weekend between Sanders and his rival in the party's progressive wing, Elizabeth Warren. The Massachusetts senator confirmed reports that Sanders, contrary to his denials, told her that he didn't think a woman could win this year's election.

A lot of Democrats and their allies bemoaned this revival of factional feuding in the progressive family. If it gets out of hand, the divisions could spill over into the general election campaign and the party's eventual nominee.

But as Donald Trump showed, for better or worse, voters want to see how passionately you care about the issues you raise. After all, as one Trump supporter told me in 2016, "if you won't fight for your own beliefs, how do I know you're going to fight for me?"

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## If it's coming down to Biden and Sanders, keep an eye on Bloomberg



JONAH GOLDBERG

As of this writing, the Democratic presidential contest looks very fluid, with four candidates bunched up in Iowa and New Hampshire. But the sudden relevance of foreign policy, thanks to the confrontation with Iran, has made it look more and more like a two-person race between Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders.

Both candidates think the issue helps them, and they're probably right. Biden's foreign policy experience and comparative hawkishness reinforce support from moderate voters, and Sanders' long record of dovishness helps him among more progressive voters. Both candidates are trying to use the issue to freeze out their nearest competitors, Pete Buttigieg and Elizabeth Warren.

If it does become a two-way contest, we could be shaping up for a kind of replay of the 2004 Democratic battle between former Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean. And that might be good for Michael Bloomberg.

Biden's ace in the hole is his support from African American voters, which hinges on their belief that Biden is the most likely candidate to defeat President Donald Trump. A new Washington Post-Ipsos poll has Biden capturing 48% of black votes, and 57% of black voters say the thing they're looking for most in a candidate is the ability to beat Trump. Only a third say their main consideration is how closely a candidate aligns with them on the issues. These "issues" voters skew younger, which might partially explain why Sanders comes in second among black voters with 20%.

The whole dynamic is somewhat reminiscent of the 2004 primaries. Kerry was the establishment candidate, Dean was the firebrand outsider with a lot of support from young progressives.

It's largely forgotten now, but Kerry won the early contests not because voters liked him best, but because they thought other voters would prefer him down the road.

"There were a lot of people out there who really liked Gov. Dean's message of standing up to the Republicans and President (George W.) Bush, and his strong antiwar stance," Gordon Fischer, the Iowa Democratic Party chairman in 2004, told New York magazine, "but they ultimately felt that Sen. Kerry was close enough to those principles and was more electable in 2004. They chose their head over their heart."

In New Hampshire, Kerry won by 12 points. Kerry beat Dean 4-to-1 among voters whose top motivation was selecting a candidate who could "defeat George W. Bush in November." Kerry and Dean were even among voters who picked their candidate because "he agrees with you on the major issues." And Kerry's early successes helped fuel the electability argument in later contests.

The prevailing logic of the "dated Dean, married Kerry" voters was that given the war in Iraq and the war on terror generally, Kerry's status as a decorated veteran would nullify Bush's advantage as a wartime president. That's why Kerry showed up at the Democratic National Convention announcing he was "reporting for duty" with a smart salute. Of course, Kerry's military record later came under scrutiny, as did his antiwar activism, both of which undercut the advantage voters assumed his war record would give him.

Biden is positioned somewhat differently from Kerry — he's more likable, if wackier, for starters. And Sanders has a much more robust organization than Dean

had. But the similarities are real. It raises an interesting question: What if voters at the time had a better understanding of Kerry's weaknesses as a "war hero" candidate — the main rationale for his electability claims?

Clearly, the White House (the real Trump campaign headquarters) is trying to test the question by muddying up Biden before the first primary votes are even cast. So far it's not working very well.

But what if Biden stumbles?

The problem with campaigning on electability is that it's a brittle rationale for a candidacy compared with organic support from the grassroots. Sanders had a heart attack (!), yet he's gained support since then. It's hard to imagine Biden's candidacy surviving a similar setback or a major stumble.

If Biden loses in Iowa and New Hampshire — a very real possibility — will pragmatic voters, including Biden's firewall of black voters, stand by him?

If they don't, that would be billionaire Bloomberg's opportunity. Sanders' support is deep, but it isn't wide. Many Democratic insiders and voters believe that the avowed socialist would lose to Trump. Whether that's true matters less than the belief. Bloomberg's "break glass in case of emergency" candidacy could do surprisingly well on Super Tuesday (and that's clearly Bloomberg's plan).

Of course, it's not obvious that Bloomberg could seize the nomination or beat Trump. Having Sanders' socialist dreams dashed by one of the very plutocrats he detests could divide the Democrats and help fuel the Democratic nightmare of a brokered convention. But for those of us with no favorites in this race, it would be fun to watch.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Red-light cameras are succeeding

As the Tribune Editorial Board noted this week ("Politicians exploit red-light cameras. But the cams do make travel safer," Jan. 13), red-light cameras work to prevent fatal crashes, even if the implementation may not have been ideal. As a Vision Zero city, Chicago is already committed to eliminating roadway deaths. Automated enforcement is a proven solution when implemented with crash reduction in mind.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration analysis shows that automated enforcement reduces the number of crashes near red-light camera sites. Additionally, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports that when red-light camera programs are suspended, fatal red-light-running crashes per capita increase 30%. This technology not only monitors red-light running, but it also helps monitor speeding and other risky driving behaviors, making roads safer and allowing police to focus on more serious crimes.

Chicago may not have had a smooth red-light camera rollout, but we can still embrace the benefits of this technology locally and in other municipalities, as long as the focus remains on saving lives.

*— Lorraine M. Martin, president and CEO of the National Safety Council, Itasca*

#### Village relies on devices as a deterrent

When I drop my daughter off for kindergarten at River Grove School, I almost always notice the red-light camera at Thatcher and Grand avenues because it reminds me — and every other driver — to slow down, come to a complete stop and pay attention. With 700 kids walking or getting a ride to school, our small community with a modest Police Department relies on the red-light camera as a deterrent to unsafe driving, just like the Jan. 13 editorial describes.

I agree with you that red-light cameras are too important for the well-being of our residents to abandon. In fact, accidents at that intersection have declined 36% since we installed the traffic safety system. We cannot lose track of the safety benefits provided by intersection cameras, nor should we assume every community's red-light program is somehow tainted. While I would welcome reforming the laws governing the operations of red-light cameras, removal is simply irresponsible.

*— David B. Guerin, village president, River Grove*

#### CPD could learn from Astros scandal

Although baseball is an entirely different industry and it's only a sport, the Chicago Police Department should take a good look at how baseball handled a scandal. The lords of baseball got it right when they suspended the Houston Astros' general manager and field manager for one year because of sign-stealing conducted during the Astros' 2017 World Series run.

Although it was the players who executed the cheating, the leadership was held accountable and rightly so. Baseball's decision-makers ultimately cost both men their jobs when the Houston owner went a step further and fired them. Leadership starts at the top, and the lords of baseball's example should be noted by Chicago's police leadership. For far too long, the police brass and supervisors have been allowed to let the low-hanging fruit take the fall for far too many scandals. How many supervisors above the rank of sergeant have ever been disciplined for one scandal after another? It's always the rank and file who are left out to dry. Nothing will ever change until those in charge pay a price; only then by example will things begin to change, and my guess it will change drastically.

The men and women of the Chicago Police Department deserve the best leadership possible, and it's time to realize top leadership needs to be held accountable. Baseball got it right.

*— Bob Angone, retired Chicago police lieutenant, Miramar Beach, Florida*

#### Don't treat pot use so casually

I'm not happy about pot being legal for recreational use. I understand it has its medical value. However, the Tribune did not need to tell users how to consume it. They already know.

How many underage kids are now going to access it and spread it around in one of these various forms?

I was saddled with being married to a pot addict before all his bad choices ended his life. Let's not encourage more people to partake just because it's legal.

*— Cheryl Bachman, Streamwood*

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# BUSINESS

## Sears settles with retailer's bankrupt estate



A 2011 file photo shows the entrance to Sears Holdings Corp. in Hoffman Estates.

Struggling retail chain pays \$18M, still faces layoffs and closures

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

The estate of bankrupt Sears Holdings has agreed to settle a lawsuit over the \$5.2 billion sale of its Sears and Kmart chains to former chairman and CEO Edward Lampert for about \$18.3 million.

Lampert and his hedge fund formed a new company, Transform Holdco, to buy most of Sears' remaining assets, including 425 stores, last year. Disputes between Sears and Transform over certain terms of the sale "arose before the ink even dried

on the contract," according to a motion filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of New York on Friday.

Sears claimed Transform failed to turn over about \$57.5 million while Transform alleged Sears didn't deliver inventory it was promised as part of the sale, among other disputes, according to a court filing describing the settlement.

Transform, the current owner of the Sears and Kmart chains, agreed to pay the department store's estate about \$18.3 million, including about \$13 million in cash. Those funds could go to creditors who weren't fully repaid after the company's bankruptcy.

The iconic Hoffman Estates-

based retailer sought bankruptcy protection in October 2018 and has continued to struggle since its sale to Transform. The company announced plans to close about a third of its remaining Sears and Kmart stores in November and told the state it planned to lay off 195 employees in its headquarters and other field offices by Jan. 25, according to the filing with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

There were 278 Sears and Kmart stores at the start of the holiday season, but 96 are expected to close by February, including Sears stores in West Dundee and Peoria.

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New construction along The 606 trail at North Campbell Avenue in Chicago on Tuesday.

## Saving affordable housing

DePaul report: Housing prices along western part of The 606 are skyrocketing but time is running out to keep them economical



**RYAN ORI**

*On Real Estate*

Affordable housing still can be saved along western portions of The 606, but time is running out amid soaring property values. It's already too late to stop gentrification near the eastern half of the elevated trail.

Those are among the findings of a new report by the Institute for Housing Studies at DePaul

University, which updates 2016 research on The 606.

The research released Wednesday shows eye-popping rates of property appreciation and comes amid an effort by Northwest Side aldermen to legislate a slowdown of gentrification near the western portion of the trail — an effort initially held up by Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

The aldermen initially proposed a 14-month halt to all demolition and building permits and zoning changes to residential buildings. A revised version, proposing a six-month moratorium only for demolitions, is headed for a vote Wednesday by

the City Council's Committee on Housing and Real Estate.

DePaul's research found that the median sales price of buildings with four or fewer units, including single-family homes, along the westernmost part of The 606 rose 344% in seven years — from \$97,000 in 2012, when construction of The 606 began, to \$430,500 in 2018. The trail opened in 2015.

The increase was far more dramatic than sale prices along the middle area of the trail, which rose from \$407,000 to \$605,500 in the same time period, and to the east, which went from \$661,250 to \$960,000.

For all of Chicago, the median sales price rose from \$136,000 in 2012 during a real estate downturn to \$222,000 in 2018.

DePaul's study also looked at the supply of only two- to four-

flat buildings in a wider area near the trail, highlighting potential strategies for preserving affordable homes in the Logan Square, Humboldt Park and Hermosa neighborhoods.

For those buildings, prices in the westernmost area rose from \$97,000 in 2012 to \$462,000 in 2018, compared with a jump from \$155,500 to \$570,000 in the middle area and an increase from \$575,000 to \$833,000 on the eastern edge.

The greatest opportunity for preservation of lower-cost housing is around the western areas of the trail, while there's little chance of reversing the trend around the middle and east parts of the 2.7-mile trail, said Geoff Smith, the institute's executive director.

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## Should genetic testing be part of routine care?

NorthShore health system thinks so, and is ramping up efforts

BY LISA SCHENCKER

More patients of NorthShore University HealthSystem will soon be able to get genetic testing through their primary care doctors, the health system said this week, after wrapping up a year-long pilot project that was considered one of the largest of its kind in the country.

Over the past year, NorthShore partnered with health care technology company Color to test nearly 10,000 primary care patients at about half of the system's 30 primary care sites, located mostly in the north suburbs. NorthShore now plans to expand the availability of testing to all its primary care practices starting Jan. 22, includ-



Starting Jan. 22, Swedish Hospital and other NorthShore University HealthSystem sites will offer genetic testing to primary care patients.

ing at its newly acquired Swedish Hospital in Ravenswood.

The testing is meant to help patients determine whether they're at higher risk of developing certain conditions such as

breast cancer, colorectal cancer and heart disease. The test results can also be used to help patients find the most effective pain and depression medications based on their genetics. The test sequences a person's whole ge-

nome, or complete set of DNA. During the pilot program, the tests were free to patients. Now that the pilot is over, patients will pay \$175 for the optional testing, unless their health insurance plans cover it. Many plans do not. The testing is available to patients ages 18 and older.

Though a number of hospital systems perform genetic testing on certain patients, such as those with cancer, the idea of offering broad testing as a part of routine primary care is still relatively new. NorthShore is one of at least a handful of hospital systems across the country that have seized on the idea. Unlike many popular, direct-to-consumer tests such as 23andMe, the Color tests offered by NorthShore can be used in medical decision-making.

Color, based in California, is

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### ILLINOIS

## Cannabis sales top \$19.7M in 12 days

Recreational marijuana dispensaries sales figures highest on Jan. 1

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Marijuana shops sold more than \$19.7 million in recreational weed the first 12 days of sales in Illinois.

The state said consumers made more than 495,000 purchases during that time.

Sales figures were highest on the first day, Jan. 1, at almost \$3.2 million, and dropped off steadily in the following days.

Friday, Jan. 10, and Saturday, Jan. 11, each brought in more than \$1.6 million in sales. But sales were roughly half of that on Sunday, Jan. 12, when some marijuana shops were closed.

The first day of sales was one of the strongest in the history of legal weed, and the superlatives continued.

Illinois' first week of recreational sales, which saw nearly \$12.9 million in purchases, topped all other states. Oregon came the closest, with \$11 million worth of legal weed sold the first week, said Bethany Gomez, managing director of cannabis research firm Brightfield Group. Colorado stores did \$5 million their first week.

"\$19 million in less than two weeks is really strong, especially given all the challenges that Illinois faces in terms of supply shortages," Gomez said. "It is a really strong indication that the market is going to be very, very healthy here."

Dispensaries are battling long-expected product shortages, and many stores have had to halt recreational sales at times. When sales are underway, products are limited, especially the dried marijuana flower that consumers smoke.

Illinois regulators warned dispensary operators in an email Friday that they are required by law to keep enough product on hand for medical patients.

Despite the shortages, long lines have continued to form at dispensaries. At around noon on Saturday, a customer at the front of the line at MedMen dispensary in Evanston said he had been waiting about two hours.

Recreational sales at Thrive dispensaries in Anna and Harrisburg have been off and on over the past week. Principal officer Gorgi Naumovski said the shops have used social media and text alerts to keep potential customers updated on what products are available, or if recreational sales are on.

Still, customers show up, even if what they want isn't available, Naumovski said.

"If you look at all the sales and you're thinking this is great, this is great, imagine if we had flower," he said. "People are happy to get what they can get."

The state said tax revenue figures are expected by the end of February.

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# Commissioner: O'Hare rehab is on schedule

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

Chicago's aviation commissioner is promising that the massive \$8.5 billion rehabilitation of O'Hare International Airport will get done on time, and with minimal disruption for both travelers and airlines.

"My No. 1 goal is to have someone come through Chicago and not even know we're under construction," Commissioner Jamie Rhee said. "We want to bring this in on time and on budget, and we want to make sure that we're doing it in a way that's the least disruptive to the traveling public as possible."

The pledge comes despite a major delay on an ongoing airport project — the reconstruction of the "people mover" light rail system.

Rhee was appointed head of aviation by Mayor Rahm Emanuel in 2018, after serving nine years as the city's chief procurement officer

under Emanuel and former Mayor Richard M. Daley. She was kept on by Mayor Lori Lightfoot to oversee the largest and most expensive expansion in the airport's almost 76-year history.

The O'Hare revamp, which is supposed to be finished by the end of 2028, will include the addition of a new Global Terminal and three new concourses.

The city already has started a \$1.2 billion expansion of Terminal 5, which by 2021 will have 10 new gates and 75% more space for passenger amenities. To make way for that, the Chicago Police Department is moving its airport headquarters just west of its current location.

The city also is working on the Runway 9R extension, and finishing a new 11,245-foot east-west runway, known as 9C/27C, which will open before the end of this year.

Rhee said O'Hare passen-

gers will see a lot of amenities coming into the airport over the next few years, including pop-up food and retail concessions from the city's many neighborhoods.

The \$8.5 billion expansion is starting with the selection of design and engineering firms and the signing of major contracts.

In March, Emanuel announced the selection of the "Studio ORD" design team for the new Global Terminal, headed by Chicago architect Jeanne Gang. The city signed a contract with Gang in May worth up to \$160 million.

In July, the city picked Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, best known as the architects of Willis Tower, to design two satellite concourses that will connect with the new Global Terminal, but will be built first.

The contract with Skidmore has not yet been signed, but Rhee said the city is "very close" to getting

it done. The city also is close to selecting a lead engineer to design the tunnel to connect the concourses and the Global Terminal, she said.

Ground is scheduled to be broken on the two satellite concourses, which will cost about \$1.4 billion, in January 2022. Construction of these satellite concourses will start before the existing Terminal 2 can be torn down and building begins on the Global Terminal and concourse, a Y-shaped, 2.2 million-square-foot structure.

Rhee said that she is not concerned that waiting to finalize the contract with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill will delay work on the Global Terminal. She said the city focused on Studio ORD first because it will set the "tone and palette" for the satellite concourses and tunnel.

Another big part of the expansion is an employee parking garage to be built on

the western end of the airport, which will eventually be accessible through an Illinois Tollway "beltway" around O'Hare, with new entrance and exit ramps.

As part of the Terminal 5 expansion, Rhee said the city will solicit proposals on concessions in the next few months. Westfield Concession Management currently oversees food and merchandise concessions at the terminal.

One significant project that's been behind schedule at O'Hare has been the renovation of the "people mover," a light rail system that runs between the airport's terminals and parking facilities. The project was supposed to be mostly finished by December 2018, but the city pushed back that date until late spring of this year. Passengers have made do with shuttle buses. Parsons Construction is being assessed penalties over the delay, Rhee said.

Rhee said the train is running on the tracks and being tested.

"We're not going to put people on there until I know it's safe ..." said Rhee, noting that the train is automated, rather than driven by engineers. "It is obviously a very critical piece of our airport that we want to bring on as soon as we possibly can."

Emanuel had picked billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk to build a high-speed, underground express transit link from downtown to O'Hare. But Lightfoot was critical of the plan, which now appears dead.

In addition to the work at O'Hare, the city is continuing its modernization program at Midway Airport, with a new security platform over Cicero Avenue that will double screening capacity, plus 70 new concessions, Rhee said.

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## Testing

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working on a similar program with South Dakota-based Sanford Health, and, separately, Pennsylvania-based Geisinger health system also offers genetic testing to primary care patients.

Some have criticized broad genetic testing, questioning the usefulness of information gleaned from such tests and saying they could lead to unnecessary care and costs. It's still unknown how much certain genetic mutations might boost a person's risk of getting a disease.

But others say it's the future of primary care.

"Our goal with all of this is to be able to identify and proactively intervene and prevent illness in a way that delivers better care to our patients, allows them to more actively participate in their care and have better peace of mind," said Kristen Murtos, chief administrative and strategy officer at NorthShore.

During the pilot phase,

about 30% of patients who were offered testing tried it, she said.

Patients had blood samples sent to Color and received the results a few weeks later. Patients were offered the chance to speak with genetic counselors and were connected with specialists, if they had certain genetic mutations. The test results were integrated into patients' electronic medical records, so all their NorthShore doctors could take them into consideration when providing care.

About 10% of patients who took the tests had results showing genetic mutations that could put them at higher risk of developing cancer, according to NorthShore. About 99% of patients had results indicating that one type of medication might be better than another for certain conditions.

Elyse Azriel, 27, of Bucktown, learned through NorthShore's testing that she had Lynch syndrome, an inherited condition that increases a person's risk of developing several types of cancers. At first she was hesitant to take the test

because she had already done a direct-to-consumer genetic test. But her primary care doctor brought up the Color test during her annual physical exam last year and recommended she get it because of a family history of cancer.

When her results came back positive for Lynch syndrome, she received genetic counseling and her doctor helped connect her to specialists throughout NorthShore. She's already undergone several cancer screenings and will continue to be screened regularly.

"I feel fortunate I found this out so early in life, because if I had awaited too late to do some of these screenings, I might have already had cancer," Azriel said. She works as a rehabilitation counselor for people with disabilities, but is interested in a career in genetic counseling after her experience.

The NorthShore program is helping to answer some of the questions that remain about broad genetic testing, said Caroline Savello, vice president of commercial for Color.

Some, for example, have wondered about the emotional impact of telling patients they're at higher risk of certain diseases and whether it's fair to place another task upon already-busy primary care doctors.

But about 82% of about 1,500 patients who underwent testing through NorthShore said they'd recommend it to others, according to Color.

"I think programs like NorthShore's prove those are all manageable questions," Savello said.

Some experts say they expect to see more primary care doctors offering genetic counseling in the future. It might take some time because there aren't enough trained medical experts to analyze and communicate genetic results to patients, said Dr. Maximilian Muenke, CEO of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics. But he believes that once it does become more widely available, it will improve patient care.

"Eventually, all of us will have, somewhere in a database, our own genomes," Muenke said.

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Potential solutions include using land banks and philanthropic groups to acquire properties that come available for sale, Smith said. Quick action will be needed, though, to keep up with the fast-moving private development sector.

Preliminary research, which is not included in DePaul's 606 report, indicates there have been almost 150 two-, three- and four-unit residential buildings lost to redevelopment along the trail between 2013 and 2018, Smith said.

Most of them were converted to or replaced by single-family homes.

"It's not just that those buildings go away, it's that there's no mechanism to replace them as affordable units," Smith said. "Once you lose those family-sized rental units, they're really not being replaced."

Smith said DePaul's study can support efforts by city officials, affordable housing advocates and

neighborhood groups to preserve affordable housing along The 606 as well as to anticipate, and help prevent, similar displacement of lower-income residents near other proposed projects in Chicago, such as the 4-mile El Paseo trail through Pilsen and Little Village and the Obama Presidential Center in Jackson Park.

"We hope the lesson learned from The 606 process is that it's important to align affordable housing strategies with these types of large, place-based public investments," Smith said.

Larger developments than single-family homes have created new apartments, but they tend to be smaller, luxury units not suitable for lower-income families, Smith said.

The loss of smaller, multi-unit buildings is part of a broader trend in several Chicago neighborhoods, according to DePaul.

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## MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 29,054.16 Low: 28,872.27 Previous: 28,907.05

### Dow Jones industrials

Close: 28,939.67 Change: 32.62 (0.1%)

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# Study: Dating apps share personal details far, wide

Spreading some of that data may violate privacy laws

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Popular dating services like Grindr, OkCupid and Tinder are spreading user information like dating choices and precise location to advertising and marketing companies in ways that may violate privacy laws, according to a new report that examined some of the world's most downloaded Android apps.

Grindr, the world's most popular gay dating app, transmitted user-tracking codes and the app's name to more than a dozen companies, essentially tagging individuals with their sexual orientation, according to the report, which was released Tuesday by the Norwegian Consumer Council, a government-funded non-profit organization in Oslo.

Grindr also sent a user's location to multiple companies, which may then share that data with many other businesses, the report said. When The New York Times tested Grindr's Android app, it shared precise latitude and longitude

information with five companies.

The researchers also reported that the OkCupid app sent a user's ethnicity and answers to personal profile questions — like "Have you used psychedelic drugs?" — to a firm that helps companies tailor marketing messages to users. The Times found that the OkCupid site had recently posted a list of more than 300 advertising and analytics "partners" with which it may share users' information.

"Any consumer with an average number of apps on their phone — anywhere between 40 and 80 apps — will have their data shared with hundreds or perhaps thousands of actors online," said Finn Myrstad, the digital policy director for the Norwegian Consumer Council, who oversaw the report.

The report, "Out of Control: How Consumers Are Exploited by the Online Advertising Industry," adds to a growing body of research exposing a vast ecosystem of companies that freely track hundreds of millions of people and peddle their personal information. This surveillance system enables scores of businesses,

whose names are unknown to many consumers, to quietly profile individuals, target them with ads and try to sway their behavior.

The report appears two weeks after California enacted a broad new consumer privacy law. Among other things, the law requires many companies that trade consumers' personal details for money or other compensation to allow people to easily stop the spread of their information.

In addition, regulators in the European Union are stepping up enforcement of their own data protection law, which prohibits companies from collecting personal information without a person's explicit consent.

The Norwegian group said it planned to file complaints Tuesday asking regulators in Oslo to investigate Grindr and five ad tech companies for possible violations of the European data protection law. A coalition of consumer groups in the U.S. said it was also sending letters to American regulators, urging them to investigate whether the companies' practices violated federal and state laws.

## NSA finds Windows 10 security flaw; fix available

BY MATT O'BRIEN  
Associated Press

The National Security Agency has discovered a major security flaw in Microsoft's Windows 10 operating system that could allow hackers to intercept seemingly secure communications.

But rather than exploit the flaw for its own intelligence needs, the NSA tipped off Microsoft so that it can fix the system for everyone.

Microsoft released a free software patch to fix the flaw Tuesday and credited the agency for discovering it. The company said it has not seen any evidence that hackers have used the technique found by the NSA.

Amit Yoran, CEO of security firm Tenable, said it is "exceptionally rare if not unprecedented" for the U.S. government to share its discovery of such a critical vulnerability with a company.

Yoran, who was a founding director of the Department of Homeland Security's computer emergency readiness team, urged all organizations to prioritize patching their systems quickly.

An advisory sent by the NSA on Tuesday said "the consequences of not patching the vulnerability are severe and widespread."

Microsoft said an attacker could exploit the vulnerability by spoofing a code-signing certificate so it looked like a file came from a trusted source.

"The user would have no way of knowing the file was malicious, because the digital signature would appear to be from a trusted provider," the company said.

If successfully exploited, an attacker would have been able to conduct "man-in-the-middle attacks" and decrypt confidential information on user connections, the company said.

Some computers will get the fix automatically if they have the automatic update option turned on. Others can get it manually by going to Windows Update in the computer's settings.

## BUSINESS BRIEFING

### Energy costs lift prices last month

WASHINGTON — Rising energy costs drove U.S. consumer prices higher in December, and American workers' earnings couldn't keep up.

The Labor Department said Tuesday that its consumer price index rose 0.2% last month, lifted by a 2.8% increase in gasoline prices. Over the past year, consumer inflation is up 2.3%. Excluding volatile food and energy prices, so-called core consumer inflation rose just 0.1% in December and 2.3% over the past year.

Inflation is running close to the Federal Reserve's 2% annual target.

The Labor Department also reported that workers' hourly earnings, adjusted for inflation, fell 0.1% in December after rising 0.1% in November.

### 6 more charged in scandal at VW

FRANKFURT, Germany — Prosecutors in Germany have filed charges against six more individuals in connection with Volkswagen's diesel emissions scandal, bringing the total to 11.

Prosecutors in the town of Braunschweig said Tuesday that the suspects — all Volkswagen executives at the time — were responsible for cars that had software that let them pass emissions tests in labs but then turned off pollution controls. It said the illegal actions involved took place at different times between 2006 and 2015.

The prosecutors' statement did not name the individuals charged.

The company has paid more than \$33 billion in fines, settlements and recall costs.



Zachariah Mohammed, left, Pete Mancilla, and their dog Remy pose in their apartment in New York. Most of their furniture is rented.

## Renting sofa a month at time

Startups see market, enable rental culture for millennial generation

BY JOSEPH PISANI  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Zachariah Mohammed's living room is filled with stuff he doesn't own.

He pays \$200 a month for the sofa, side table, bar cart, dining table and four chairs in his living room.

It's worth it, the 27-year-old New Yorker says. If he needs to move, which he's done twice in the last 12 months, he won't need to lug a sofa across the city or worry if it will fit in a new place. The furniture-rental startup, Feather, will swap out items for something else.

"We don't want to be stuck with a giant couch," says Mohammed, a social media manager at a software company, who lives with his partner and their dog, Remy.

Feather, Furnish and other companies aim to rent furniture to millennials who don't want to commit to big purchases or move heavy furniture and are willing to pay for the convenience. It's part of a wave of rental culture that includes Rent the Runway, focused on women's designer

clothing, and even Netflix and Spotify, which let you stream from a huge catalog rather than buy individual TV show episodes, movies or songs.

"They're moving a lot. They're changing jobs a lot," says Thomas Robertson, a marketing professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, describing the types of people who would use the services. "Why would you want to be saddled with furniture?"

The furniture-rental companies target high-income city dwellers who want a \$1,100 orange love seat (\$46 a month) or \$980 leather bench (\$41 a month) — but only temporarily. The furniture itself is a step up from Ikea.

"I'm 32 years old and have lived in 25 different places, five different countries, 12 different cities," says Chan Park, who co-founded online furniture rental company Oliver Space last year.

He constantly bought and discarded cheap furniture. Then he moved to a furnished rental apartment in Singapore.

"It was probably the first time my adult life that I felt like I was truly at home," Park says.

These startups are in just a handful of coastal cities, with few users, but seek to grow. They offer furniture from Crate & Barrel, West Elm and smaller brands.

Others are renting out home goods, too.

Rent the Runway recently added West Elm pillows and quilts. Ikea is testing a rental service in several countries outside the U.S., including Switzerland and Belgium.

Renting may make sense for a generation that sees "life as transient," says Hana Ben-Shabat, the founder of Gen Z Planet, a research and advisory firm that focuses on the generation born between the late 1990s and 2016.

Young people today get married and buy homes later than they used to, and young people move more than older people do. Still, millennials are moving less than previous generations did at their age, and Americans overall are moving less.

Moving her furniture from New York to Los Angeles would have cost Clarissa Wright \$3,000. Instead, she gave away most of what she owned, traveled in Europe for two months and then rented a couch, bed, mattress, bar stools and other furniture in her new place, for \$255 a month.

Feather delivered and assembled everything in one day.

Wright, a 28-year-old marketing consultant for fashion and beauty brands, says she can switch out the furniture, add more stuff, move to a new apartment or city.

But right now, she doesn't know what the future holds.

"I don't think too far ahead," she says.

## US, China to sign initial phase of trade pact

BY PAUL WISEMAN  
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WASHINGTON — After 18 months of economic combat, the United States and China are set to take a step toward peace Wednesday. At least for now.

President Donald Trump and China's chief negotiator, Liu He, are scheduled to sign a modest trade agreement in which the administration will ease some sanctions on China, and Beijing will step up its purchases of U.S. farm products and other goods. Above all, the deal will defuse a conflict that has slowed global growth, hurt American manufacturers and weighed on the Chinese economy.

But the so-called Phase 1 pact does little

to force China to make the major economic changes — such as reducing unfair subsidies for its own companies — that the Trump administration sought when it started the trade war by imposing tariffs on Chinese imports in July 2018. The U.S. has yet to reveal details of the agreement, though U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer has said they would be made public Wednesday.

Most analysts say any meaningful resolution of the key U.S. allegation — that Beijing uses predatory tactics in its drive to supplant America's technological supremacy — could require years of contentious talks. And skeptics say a satisfactory resolution may be next to impossible given China's ambitions to become the global leader in such advanced technologies as

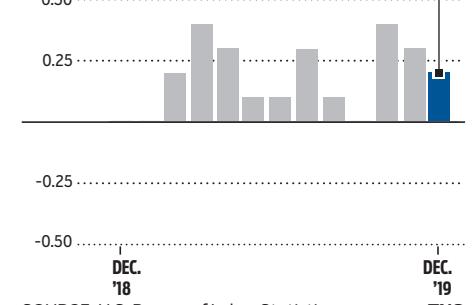
self-driving cars and artificial intelligence. "The signing of the Phase 1 deal would represent a welcome, even if modest, de-escalation of trade hostilities between China and the U.S.," said Eswar Prasad, a Cornell University economist and former head of the International Monetary Fund's China division.

In a letter to Trump on Monday, the top Senate Democrat, Chuck Schumer of New York, complained that the Phase 1 deal appeared to make "very little progress in reforming China's rapacious trade behaviors and seems like it could send a signal ... that the U.S. can be steamrolled."

The thornier issues are expected to be taken up in future rounds of negotiations. But it's unclear when they will begin. Few expect much progress before the election.

## CPI

Consumer Price Index percent change, by month, seasonally adjusted



## OBITUARIES

**J. DAVID PEPPER** 1960-2019

# Construction CEO renovated Wrigley Field, Palmer House

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

J. David Pepper was the longtime chairman and CEO of his family's construction firm, whose projects include renovations of Wrigley Field and the Palmer House Hilton Hotel.

Pepper, 59, died of natural causes Dec. 28 at his Barrington home, said his brother, Scot, president of Pepper Construction Group.

James David Pepper was born in Evanston and grew up in Barrington, graduating from Barrington High School. He received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Iowa State University in 1985.

Right after college, Pepper joined his family's construction firm, Pepper Construction, which had been founded in 1927 by his grandfather, Stanley Pepper. Pepper's father, Richard S. Pepper, was the firm's chairman and president and Pepper's first job at the firm was as an assistant project engineer, working on interior projects. Over time, he grew that specialty into its own division within the company.

Pepper enjoyed managing people and building teams, his brother said.

"Dave was passionate about teaching and encouraging others, so it's no surprise that his favorite aspect of the construction business was building effective teams," Scot Pepper said. "Dave brought people together and fostered an atmosphere of transparency and collaboration. And Dave cared about people as individuals, which led to authentic relationships with his teams and with his clients."

In 1993, Pepper was promoted to vice president, and in 1998, he was named Pepper Construction's president and chief operating officer. Then, in 2003, he ascended to CEO of Pepper Construction.



PEPPER CONSTRUCTION PHOTO

J. David Pepper

Under Pepper's leadership, the privately held company, which has about 1,000 employees and \$1.25 billion in revenues, handled numerous projects for major corporate and nonprofit clients. The company constructed a wildlife center, an ape house and a penguin cove as well as other projects for Lincoln Park Zoo, and a \$103 million expansion and renovation of Loyola University Medical Center's campus in Maywood.

Recent high-profile work has included renovating the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park in unincorporated Wheaton, a host of suburban school expansion and renovation projects, the Starbucks Reserve Roastery at 646 N. Michigan Ave. and the \$750 million renovation of Wrigley Field, known as the 1060 Project.

Pepper's brother credited him with creating an honest and open culture within Pepper Construction.

"Dave believed that values shape our lives, particularly through unexpected turns," Scot Pepper said.

Some of the company's projects were deeply personal for Pepper, including a 2001 addition that the firm built at Pepper's own church, St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Barrington.

Pepper also served on the board of trustees of Dominican University in River Forest from 2008 until 2017,

and his firm oversaw a number of construction projects at the university as well.

"We've done quite a bit of building with Pepper, and he was honest, straightforward and creative in his solutions, and he took time to understand the mission of the institution," said Dominican's president, Donna Carroll. "When you build a building with David Pepper, you build it together as partners. He also was a very decent man, who was full of energy, easy to work with and enjoyable to be with."

Dave Pepper was such a person of integrity," said Mary Ann Cronin, a Chicago owner's representative for construction clients and a longtime friend and fellow board member at Dominican University in River Forest. "People at Pepper are like a family and take good care of their clients, and Dave was always the first to encourage them to go the extra step."

Pepper also served on the boards of Providence St. Mel School and Junior Achievement of Chicago, and he was a management trustee to the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters.

Pepper enjoyed cooking, boating, traveling and sporting clays, which is a form of clay pigeon shooting.

"He ... spent a lot of time with friends and family at the Max McGraw Wildlife preserve (in Dundee Township), where he enjoyed sporting clays in particular," Scot Pepper said.

In addition to his brother, Pepper is survived by his wife of 32 years, Katy; two daughters, Ali and Lauren; a son, Collin; two other brothers, Stan and Dick; two sisters, Lynda Bollman and Lisa; and his parents, Richard and Roxelyn.

Services were held.

*Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.*

## Chicago Daily Tribune

ON JANUARY 15 ...

**In 1559**, England's Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

**In 1777**, the people of New Connecticut declared their independence. (The republic later became the state of Vermont.)

**In 1844**, the University of Notre Dame received its charter from the state of Indiana.

**In 1870**, the Democratic Party was represented as a donkey for the first time, in a cartoon by Thomas Nast in Harper's Weekly.

**In 1892**, the original rules of basketball, devised by James Naismith, were published for the first time in Springfield, Mass., where the game originated.

**In 1942**, Jawaharlal Nehru succeeded Mohandas Gandhi as head of India's National Congress Party.

**In 1943**, work was completed on the Pentagon, now the headquarters of the U.S. Defense Department.

**In 1947**, a grizzly, still-un-

solved homicide came to light in Los Angeles as the mutilated remains of 22-year-old aspiring actress Elizabeth Short, known as the "Black Dahlia" for her dark outfits, were found in a vacant lot.

**In 1967**, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League in the first Super Bowl, 35-10.

**In 1973**, President Richard Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

**In 1976**, Sara Jane Moore was sentenced to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Gerald Ford in San Francisco.

**In 1992**, the Yugoslav federation, founded in 1918, effectively collapsed as the European Community recognized the republics of Croatia and Slovenia.

**In 1995**, Pope John Paul II celebrated a final Mass during his visit to the Philippines, drawing millions of people. **Also in 1995** the

San Francisco 49ers defeated the Dallas Cowboys 38-28 in the National Football Conference title game, while the San Diego Chargers upset the Pittsburgh Steelers 17-13 in the American Football Conference championship.

**In 2000**, masked gunmen opened fire in a hotel lobby in Belgrade, killing Serbian warlord Zeljko Raznatovic, better known as Arkan, who had been indicted by the U.N. war crimes tribunal for alleged atrocities in Bosnia and Croatia.

**In 2004**, the NASA Spirit rover rolled onto the surface of Mars for the first time since the vehicle bounced to a landing nearly two weeks earlier.

**In 2006**, after a seven-year journey, a NASA space capsule, Stardust, returned safely to Earth with the first dust ever fetched from a comet. **Also in 2006** Michelle Bachelet was elected Chile's first female president. **Also in 2006** Kuwait's longtime ruler, Sheik Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, died; he was replaced by the crown prince, Sheik Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

**In 2009**, US Airways flight 1549 collided with a flock of geese, killing power in both engines minutes after takeoff from LaGuardia Airport in New York. Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger piloted the Airbus A320 to an emergency water landing on the Hudson River. All 155 people on the plane survived. The incident became known as "The Miracle on the Hudson."

**In 2013**, NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced the average global temperature of 58.3 degrees Fahrenheit in 2012 was among the 10 hottest years on record.

## WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

### ILLINOIS

Jan. 14

Mega Millions ..... **09 11 13 31 47 / 11**

Mega Millions jackpot: \$91M

Pick 3 midday ..... **891 / 7**

Pick 4 midday ..... **7984 / 1**

Lucky Day Lotto midday ..... **14 17 29 38 45**

Pick 3 evening ..... **632 / 7**

Pick 4 evening ..... **0193 / 8**

Lucky Day Lotto evening ..... **01 13 20 24 38**

Jan. 15 Powerball: \$296M

Jan. 16 Lotto: \$3.5M

**WISCONSIN**

Jan. 14

Pick 3 ..... **648**

Pick 4 ..... **1993**

Badger 5 ..... **10 11 15 17 20**

SuperCash ..... **08 20 22 35 38 39**

### INDIANA

Jan. 14

Daily 3 midday ..... **396 / 1**

Daily 4 midday ..... **6619 / 1**

Daily 3 evening ..... **692 / 6**

Daily 4 evening ..... **3362 / 6**

Cash 5 ..... **07 11 22 38 40**

# Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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

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## HEDBORN, KATHRYN "KAY"

KATHRYN "KAY" HEDBORN age 99 of Downers Grove, IL. Beloved wife of the late Edward (1979); loving mother of Edward (Linda) Hedborn, the late Donna (Gary) Schechter, Linnea Hedborn and Mark (Sarah) Hedborn; devoted grandmother of Edward, Joseph, Rebecca, William and Livia; Cherished great-grandmother of Aubrey and Jolene also numerous nieces and nephews. She was a "Founding Mother" and first female board member of Christ Lutheran Church of Clarendon Hills, IL where memorials in her memory would be appreciated. Kathryn was a nurse's aide during WW II, an avid golfer and was passionate about Morton Arboretum. Formerly employed with Underwriters Laboratories and Sears. Visitation will be Friday Jan. 17, 2020 from 3-9PM Service 7PM at Toon Funeral Home 4920 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Private Family Interment. For additional information [www.toonfuneralhome.com](http://www.toonfuneralhome.com) OR 630-968-0408

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## Johnson, Jeffrey Lee "Jeff"

Beloved husband of Paula Johnson (nee Arnett). Proud and loving father of Connor, Zachary and Elizabeth. Dear brother of Gary (Lynn) Johnson. Cherished son of Wendell and Lois Johnson. Adored son-in-law and brother-in-law. Loving uncle of Ashley, Anna, Abbie and Garret. Chick Evans Scholar Alumnus University of Illinois, proud member of Knights of Columbus (4th degree), founder of Cub Scout Pack 400, Committee Chair of Troop 380, biked for many charities. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. from the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Evans Scholars Foundation wgaest.org. [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878

Robert J.

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## Koslow, Maria F.

Maria F. "Mia" Koslow age 47 of Glen Ellyn. Dearest wife of Stephen. Loving mother of Madeline Marirae & Tyler Stephen. Loving daughter of Rachelle & the late Fred Zito. Dear sister of Candice (Jack) Zito - Gilhooly. Beloved daughter-in-law of Donald & Marilee Koslow. Fond sister-in-law of Jodi (Michael) Koslow Martin and loving Aunt of Meghan, Jack & Claire Gilhooly and Lyla Martin. Mia was tenacious & fearless. She was team captain of "Mia's Angels" for multiple Avon breast cancer walks. She was very loving, always giving and had a heart of gold. She LOVED her kids, family & friends and would do anything for them. Mostly, she enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. Visitation for her will be Thursday, January 16th from 3-9 PM at Leonard Memorial Funeral Home, 565 Duane St. Glen Ellyn. ([www.leonardmemorialhome.com](http://www.leonardmemorialhome.com) or 630-469-0032). Funeral Mass Friday January 17th, 11:30 AM at St. James the Apostle Church, 480 S. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL. Interment to follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. 60137. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Care of Maria Koslow, Maggie Daley Women's Cancer Fund, 420 East Superior Street, Rubloff Building, 9th Floor, Chicago, IL 60611. Please visit <https://www.cancer.northwestern.edu/about/donate/volunteer/> click "Donate Now." Please designate "Other" and type "Maggie Daley Women's Cancer Fund." Under "Your Honorary/Memorial Gift Options" donors note "Maria Koslow" as the honoree.

**Leonard**

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## Mazzini, Anthony E. 'Tony'

Anthony "Tony" E. Mazzini, 83, of Des Plaines, IL passed away in his home on Sunday, January 5, 2020. Tony is survived by his wife Pamela A. Mazzini; son Anthony (Korri) Anderson; grandchildren Brady, Colby and Acey; brother-in-law Stephen (Lorrie) Bailey; nieces and nephews Briana (Peter) Singer, Brigitte; sister-in-law, Mary Beth (Randy) Williams; brother-in-law Greg Olson; nieces and nephews Taylor and Bailey; and countless friends. Tony was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws; Ed and Ann Bailey and his sister-in-law Barbara Olson. Memorial mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:00am on Saturday, January 18, 2020, at St Raymond of Peñafont Catholic Church 301 S I Oka Ave. Mount Prospect, IL 60056. The Very Reverend Dr. Scott Hebdon will officiate. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:00 am until the time of the Mass. For info 847-823-5122 or [www.nelsonfunerals.com](http://www.nelsonfunerals.com). In lieu of flowers it is respectfully requested a donation be made to the Kellogg Cancer Center in Evanston, IL.

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## Minota, Margaret J.

Margaret J. Minota (née Sokolowski), age 87, late of South Holland, formerly of West Pullman and Avondale. Beloved wife of Thomas S. (Linda) Minota Jr.; devoted mother of Thomas S. (Linda) Minota III, Catherine Minota, and Susan (Kevin) Robey; Proud grandma / nana of Timothy (Lauren) McEniff Jr., Brooke (Jared) Gierke, Meredith McEniff, Dale Robey, and Mallory Robey. Visitation Thursday 8:30 a.m., until the time of prayers at 10:45 a.m., from **Thornridge Funeral Home (Janus Family Funeral Service)** 15801 S. Cottage Grove Ave., four blocks North of 162nd St. (Rte. 6) Dolton / South Holland to Christ Our Savior Church Mass, 11:30 a.m. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. (708) 841-2300

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## Nickele, John A.

John A. Nickele, long-time Glenview resident, passed away on January 13, 2020 at 65 years old after battling cancer for several years. Cherished husband of Mary Astor Gomez; beloved father of Katherine (Elliot Luke), Jimmy & Jack Nickele; loving son of Joan T. and Albert J. Nickele; dear brother of Mary (Larry Wand), Margaret (Peter Sitkowsky), Patricia (David Ott), and Joseph Nickele; fond son-in-law of Lou and Pilar Gomez. He will be missed by his many sisters- and brothers-in-law; as well as cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation, Wednesday, January 15, 2020 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass, Thursday, January 16, 2020, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to the Patrick Stein Fund, <https://www.thepatricksteinfund.com/donate-1> or Patricia Astor Gomez Foundations, 903 Lenox Road, Glenview, IL 60025 would be greatly appreciated. Info: (847) 675-1990 or [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com)

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## Parolin, Catherine 'Jeanie'

Visitation Thursday January 16, 2020 from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence, Norridge, IL 60706. Funeral services begin Friday 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to St. Francis Borgia Church in Chicago for Mass at 10 a.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. For complete obituary and service info [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com).

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## Perry, Hope K.

Hope K. Perry - Age 94 passed away on January 9, 2020. She was the loving mother and best friend of Barbara Hermann (Dennis Layton), and had a very loving and special bond with Dennis. Born in Chicago, IL on June 26, 1925 she was the devoted daughter of the late William and late Beatrice (Nee Fidler) Kaplan, Fond sister of Maynard Kaplan and the late Morton Kaplan. Dearest and always loving, fun Grandmother of Michael (Julie) Hermann, Tracey (Mike) Roess, Juliana (Sean) McBride and Eric (Jenny) Arvia. Dear Great Grandmother of Annie and Jack Hermann, Brianna and Kylie Roess, Audrey and Scarlett McBride and Charlie Arvia. Hope joined the WAC (Women's Army Corp) on her 20th birthday in 1945 and after basic training in Fort Riley, KS she was deployed to Munich Germany where she met and married her husband Roy Perry. Hope returned to Fort Riley, KS to finish her tour of duty before coming back home to Chicago, IL. Hope and Roy divorced but remained lifelong friends. Hope loved to travel both local and abroad. Her favorite local travel of choice was always Door County, WI, where she once had a vacation home and continued to visit there three to four times a year well into her 90's. Hope was a very social person who loved spending time with her family and friends and loved meeting new people. Hope's smile was genuine and warm and people tended to gravitate towards her, constantly commenting on her smile and her beautiful name that fit her so well.

Visitation for Hope will be Friday, January 17th from 4-9 PM at Leonard Memorial Funeral Home, 565 Duane St., Glen Ellyn, IL. 60137 ([www.leonardmemorialhome.com](http://www.leonardmemorialhome.com) or 630-469-0032). Funeral service Saturday, 10 AM at the Funeral Home to Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie, IL.

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## Rattin, Tony

It is with great sadness that the family of Tony Rattin announces his passing on Saturday January 11, 2020. Funeral services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday the 18th at McMurrough Chapel, 101 Park Place, Libertyville and proceed to St. Joseph Church, 121 E. Maple Street, Libertyville, where a Mass will be celebrated at noon. Entombment will be at Ascension Cemetery Mausoleum following the Mass.

Born November 10, 1933 in Bassano, Italy, Tony will forever be remembered as the bedrock of Christian faith and family values in his children's lives. His sons, Dean (Eileen) of Libertyville IL, Frank (Aly) of Villa Park IL and Paul (Heather) of Prosper TX. will never be able to refill the hole left in our hearts with his passing. His grandchildren, Justin, Brendan, Maeve, Kevin, Lexi, Kate and Taylor will forever remember the best "Nonno" anyone could ever have and his teachings will also forever continue in their lives. Tony leaves behind his eldest brother fondly known in the family as "Zio Paul" and youngest sister also fondly known as "Zia Fellia". Our loving mother went to prepare a place for him in 2003 as did our uncle Luciano. I'm sure they have prepared the polenta for his arrival. Funeral info (847) 362-2626 and [libertyvillefuneralhome.com](http://www.libertyvillefuneralhome.com)

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## Smith, Ronald P.

Age 66; Suddenly; Cherished son of the late Valma and Cornelius; Loving twin brother of Donald (late Rose Ann) Smith; Beloved uncle of Natalie (Pete) Rodriguez, and Nicholas Smith (fiancé Brie Pugh); Proud great-uncle of Jacob and Alyssa; Fond friend of many; Former DJ, radio host, and music director for WCCO, Joliet, Q101, Magic 104 WJMK, and Real oldies 1690; Author of five books, including "Eight Days a Week"; Executive Producer of several movies; Longtime investigator of paranormal activity;

Visitation Friday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. with Orthodox Memorial Service at 7:00 p.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge; Funeral Saturday, all family and friends will meet directly at St. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 6980 S. County Line Rd. Burr Ridge, IL; Service 10:00 a.m.

Interment Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park; In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Luke Orthodox Church, 10700 S. Kean Ave. Palos Hills, IL 60465 would be appreciated; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)

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## Stimatz, Lisa Marie (Janachowski)

She was born on September 22nd, 1961, to the parents of Richard and Nancy Janachowski, and passed on January 11th, 2020. Survived by husband Joseph Stimatz, brothers Stephen (Sandra) Janachowski, Marc Janachowski, and Michael (Mary) Janachowski. Sisters Linda Ceno and Laura Davis. Loving aunt to Ashley Ceno, Elise (Joe) Lang, Michael (Tiffany) Janakowski, Lindsay (Michael) Psolla, and Candida Janachowski. Great-aunt to Joshua and Caleb Lang. Step-mom to Joe Jr. and Jamie Stimatz. Fond and loving "mummu" (grandmother) to Isabella, Hailey, Audrey, Emilia, and Nora, one aunt Olga Voelker, cousins Chuck (Kelly) Voelker, Denise (Paul) Burke, and Amy Voelker, plus other cousins. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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## Tobias, George R.

George R. Tobias, 79, of Fort Wayne, IN passed away Monday, January 6, 2020 at Parkview Hospital Randallia in Fort Wayne, IN. George was born May 25, 1940 in Chicago, IL to the late George Tobias and Goldie (Carlson) Wilson. George retired from R. H. Sheppard as an account manager. Surviving is his daughter, Tammy (Michael) Rohde of Norridge; grandchildren, James Christopher Rohde and Alexis Lynn Rohde; and sister, Shirley Melander of Chicago. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by daughter, Noreen Tobias and brother, James Tobias. D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home 1140 Lake Avenue Fort Wayne, IN 46805 handled arrangements.

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## Waldmann, Marion P.

Waldmann, née Anderson, Marion Patricia, 89, of Chicago passed away surrounded by family. She was the loving wife of the late James; loving mother of Kenneth, Lisa (John) Pometta and Patricia (Eric) Turunen; cherished grandmother of nine and treasured great grandmother of four. Visitation is Friday, January 17, 2020 from 4pm to 9pm at Drake and Son Funeral Home, 5303 N. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60625. Funeral mass at St. Matthias Church, 2310 W. Ainslie St., on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 10am. Prayers at the funeral home at 9am. Interment to follow at Irving Park Cemetery. Info 773-561-6874 or [www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com)

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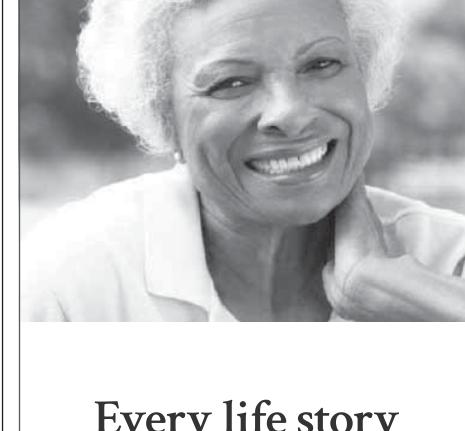
## Walton, Marilyn

Marilyn Walton nee Mullins, age 78, was taken suddenly and unexpectedly. She was the loving wife and friend of Thomas Walton for 55 wonderful years. Marilyn was preceded in death by her beloved daughter Kimberly Sue Walton Zalinski. Marilyn's treasure was her family. Proud mother of Matthew (Rocio) Walton. Loving grandmother of Hannah, Logan, Anna, and Nancy. She loved helping them and spending time with them. Marilyn was a gifted pianist, great cook, and an avid golfer. She was a devoted friend to many. A visitation will be held Wednesday January 15, at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, IL from 3:00-8:00PM. Services will be held Thursday January 16, at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home** at 10:00AM. Interment Maryhill Cemetery, Niles IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) would be appreciated. For more information please call 773-736-3833 or visit Marilyn's memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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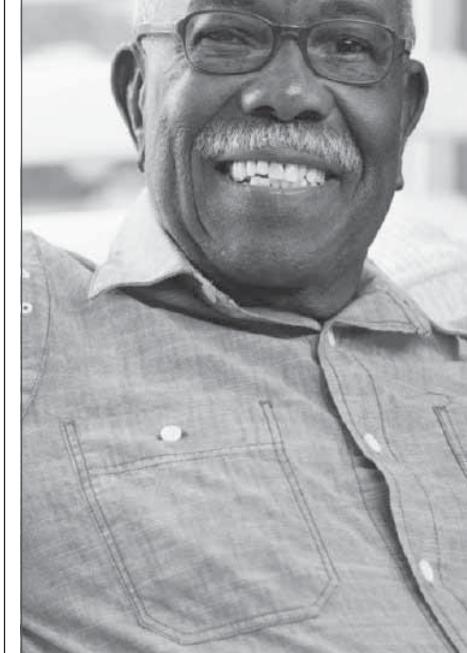


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JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION**

IN THE INTEREST OF  
Angel M Robinson AKA Angel Miguel  
Robinson

A MINOR  
NO. 2019JD01947

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Notice is given you, Royce Grant (Father),  
respondents, and to All Whom It May  
Concern, that on December 11, 2019, a  
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Act by KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY  
OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant  
State's Attorney in this court and that in  
the courtroom of Judge Darryl Jones in the  
1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on  
01/29/2020 at 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 57  
COURTROOM 7,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be  
heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held  
upon the petition to have the minor declared  
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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT  
January 7, 2020

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:  
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ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT:  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

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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  
Chiann Little

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Gavriella  
Henderson

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00611

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Devin Warnick  
(Father), Gavriella Henderson (Mother),  
respondents, and to All Whom It May  
Concern, that on May 09, 2019, a petition  
was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by  
KIM FOXX in this court and that in  
the courtroom of Judge Nicholas Geanopoulos  
in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building,  
1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,  
on 02/05/2020, at 10:30 AM IN CALENDAR  
17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as  
this case may be heard, a hearing will be held  
upon the petition to terminate your  
parental rights and appoint a guardian with  
power to consent to adoption.

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

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show  
cause against the petition, the court may enter  
against you for the relief asked in the petition.

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against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
December 13, 2019 6562513

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
Dexter Davis

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Ramona Stewart  
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00011

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Darrel Alexander  
(Father), respondents, and to All Whom It  
May Concern, that on October 08, 2019,  
a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court  
Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in  
the courtroom of Judge Patrick Murphy in  
the Cook County Juvenile Court Building,  
1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,  
on 02/05/2020, at 10:30 AM IN CALENDAR  
1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as  
this case may be heard, a hearing will be held  
upon the petition to terminate your  
parental rights and appoint a guardian with  
power to consent to adoption.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
December 24, 2019 6564514

**LEGAL NOTICES  
GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION**

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
Nicholas Milt-Matthew AKA Nicholas  
Miles-Matthew

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Karen Miles  
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA01129

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father),  
respondents, and to All Whom It May  
Concern, that on May 03, 2018, a petition  
was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by  
KIM FOXX in this court and that in the  
courtroom of Judge Nicholas Geanopoulos  
in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building,  
1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,  
on 02/05/2020, at 11:00 AM IN CALENDAR  
17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as  
this case may be heard, a hearing will be held  
upon the petition to terminate your  
parental rights and appoint a guardian with  
power to consent to adoption.

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AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO  
TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND  
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PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF  
YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT  
OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT  
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RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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to further written notices or publication  
notices of the proceedings in this case,  
including the filing of an amended petition  
or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
November 21, 2019 6538897

**LEGAL NOTICES  
GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION**

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
Rogelio Garcia, Jr

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Luz Garcia  
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00773

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Rogelio Garcia, Sr  
(Father), Unknown (Father), respondents,  
and to All Whom It May Concern, that on  
July 22, 2019, a petition was filed under the  
Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court  
and that in the courtroom of Judge Nicholas  
Geanopoulos in the Cook County Juvenile Court  
Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago,  
Illinois, on 02/05/2020, at 11:00 AM IN CALENDAR  
17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as  
this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing  
will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared  
to be a ward of the court and for other relief  
under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS  
CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY  
AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO  
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TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO  
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PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF  
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OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT  
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RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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to further written notices or publication  
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including the filing of an amended petition  
or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
December 6, 2019 6562082

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
Sophia Wilton

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Articia Thomas  
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00395

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father),  
respondents, and to All Whom It May  
Concern, that on April 18, 2019, a petition  
was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by  
KIM FOXX in this court and that in the  
courtroom of Judge Demetrios Kottaras in  
the Cook County Juvenile Court Building,  
1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,  
on 02/05/2020, at 1:30 PM IN CALENDAR 7  
COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as  
this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing  
will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared  
to be a ward of the court and for other relief  
under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS  
CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY  
AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO  
TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND  
TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO  
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UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled  
to further written notices or publication  
notices of the proceedings in this case,  
including the filing of an amended petition  
or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
November 6, 2019 6562532

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**CITY OF NAPERVILLE  
Bid and Requests for Proposals  
Available Online**

All City of Naperville solicitations will be  
advertised on our web site:  
<http://www.naperville.il.us/bidrfps.aspx>

You are invited to review all bid or  
proposal requests for any upcoming  
projects. All projects are available for  
download or pick-up. Please contact the  
Procurement Services Team office at  
630-420-6064 if you have any questions.



**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA, FOR THE COUNTY OF  
LAOS, CASE NO. 19STCV16928  
SUMMONS**

NOTICE TO PLAINTIFF: ICOMBINED CO.,  
an individual, BURUNDI PARTLOW, an  
individual, MALIK YUSEF JONES, INC., an  
illinois corporation, BURUNDI PARTLOW  
CONSULTING, INC., an illinois corporation;  
SONIA NUTTALL, an individual; JYAKUEN  
GLOBAL, LLC, a new jersey limited liability  
corporation; and DOES 1-10, inclusive. YOU  
ARE SUED BY PLAINTIFF: ICOMBINED  
CO., d/b/a Gentle Monster, a korean  
corporation; ICOMBINED U.S.A., Inc., d/b/a  
Gentle Monster, a new york corporation.  
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may  
decide against you without your being heard  
unless you respond within 30 days. Read the  
information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this  
summons and legal papers are served on you  
to file a written response at this place.  
A letter or note will not suffice. Your  
written response must be in proper  
legal form if you want the court to hear  
you. There may be a court form that you can  
use for your response. You can find  
these court forms and more information  
at the California Courts Online Self-Help  
Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)).  
your county law library, or the courthouse  
nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee,  
ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If  
you do not file your response on time, you  
may lose the case by default, and your  
wages, money, and property may be taken  
without further warning from the court.  
There are other legal requirements. You may  
want to call an attorney for advice. If you  
cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible  
for free legal services from a nonprofit legal  
services program. You can locate these  
nonprofit groups at the California Legal  
Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)),  
the California Courts Online Self-Help  
Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or  
your county law library, or the courthouse  
nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee,  
ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If  
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There are other legal requirements. You may  
want to call an attorney for advice. If you  
cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible  
for free legal services from a nonprofit legal  
services program. You can locate these  
nonprofit groups at the California Legal  
Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)),  
the California Courts Online Self-Help  
Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or  
your county law library, or the courthouse  
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may lose the case by default, and your  
wages, money, and property may be taken  
without further warning from the court.  
There are other legal requirements. You may  
want to call

**TAKE NOTICES****TAKE NOTICES****TAKE NOTICES****TAKE NOTICES****TAKE NOTICES**

TO: Silas J. Anderson; Leana Anderson; Judgment Creditors; And Decree Creditors; If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough; Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO: 2019 COTD 004931 FILED: December 19, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 11, 2019 Certificate No. 195-0000424 Sold for General Taxes of: 2019 Scavenger Sale (2007-2017) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 2800 W. 140th St., Blue Island, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-01-319-030-0000 Vol. 023 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 04, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 04, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on May 15, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will expire at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 04, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on May 15, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will expire at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 04, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 JASON DAVIS, purchaser or assignee Dated: January 2, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 1/13, 14, 15/2020 6561958

TO: Burel D. Edison; Nona R. Edison; Judgment Creditors; And Decree Creditors; If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough; Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO: 2019 COTD 004931 FILED: December 19, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 11, 2019 Certificate No. 195-0000424 Sold for General Taxes of: 2019 Scavenger Sale (2007-2017) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 2801 W. 140th St., Blue Island, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-01-319-030-0000 Vol. 023 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 04, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 04, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/20/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 04, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 30th day of December, 2019. 1/13, 14, 15/2020 6560334

TO: Susan Mathis; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors; If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough; Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO: 2019 COTD 004934 FILED: December 19, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 11, 2019 Certificate No. 195-0000426 Sold for General Taxes of: 2019 Scavenger Sale (2010-2017) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 2808 W. 141st St., Blue Island, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-01-322-031-0000 Vol. 023 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 04, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 04, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/20/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 04, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 30th day of December, 2019. 1/13, 14, 15/2020 6561947

TO: Helen Mae Harrison; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors; If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough; Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO: 2019 COTD 004939 FILED: December 19, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 11, 2019 Certificate No. 195-0000427 Sold for General Taxes of: 2019 Scavenger Sale (2009-2016) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 2928 W. 141st St., Blue Island, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-01-322-041-0000 Vol. 023 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 04, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 04, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/20/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 04, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 30th day of December, 2019. 1/13, 14, 15/2020 6561952

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TO: OCCUPANT; ANTONIO SABINO; RENE SABINO; DANA DANIELSON; STACEY TERRY A/K/A TERRY STACEY; ZAYNA TERRA A/K/A TERRY ZAYNA; SHAWN BRIDGES; LOUIS SAVINO A/K/A LOUIS SABINO; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO: 2019COTD004120 FILED: 10/30/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/22/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011175 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and/or special assessment number Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 339 SERENA DR. CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-08-115-010-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/30/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possess of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/30/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois on May 15, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will expire at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/30/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 30th day of December, 2019. 1/13, 14, 15/2020 6560334

TO: OCCUPANT; FREDRICK CHRISTIAN; City of Chicago; CHARLES ALLEN; DENNIS HOLLIE; ACFC MANAGEMENT LLC; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO: 2019COTD004121 FILED: 10/30/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/22/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011083 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and/or special assessment number Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 19128 S. ST. LAWRENCE AVE GLENWOOD, IL 60425 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-10-204-009-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 04, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/30/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/20/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/30/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 30th day of December, 2019. 1/13, 14, 15/2020 6560341

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TO: OCCUPANT; U.S. BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE TRUST 1996-5; Village of Sauk Village; JACINTO, SCAROCENO; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD004144 Filed: 10/30/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/22/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011218 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable) Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2215 RUSH ST SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-24-00-057-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/30/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/30/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/20/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/30/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 30th day of December, 2019. 1/13, 14, 15/2020 6560591

TO: OCCUPANT; KIMBERLY HUBBARD; KIMBERLY HUBBARD A/K/A KYM HUBBARD; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FREIGHT INVESTMENT & LOAN, PHM MORTGAGE CORPORATION/O LITTON CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY; Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC F/K/A LITTON LOAN SERVICING F/K/A FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN SERVICING; Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT, DATED AS OF JANUARY 1, 2007, GSAMP TRUST 2007-FM1; DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD004145 Filed: 10/30/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/22/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011221 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable) Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2229 ASTOR ST SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-24-00-098-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/30/2020, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/30/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 30th day of December, 2019. 1/13, 14, 15/2020 6560603

TO: OCCUPANT; GEORGE VEALS; JOYCE VEALS; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.; CAVALRY PORTFOLIO SERVICES, LLC; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD004150 Filed: 10/30/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/22/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011235 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable) Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1623 216TH ST SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-25-109-0000 and 32-25-413-019-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/30/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/30/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/20/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/30/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 30th day of December, 2019. 1/13, 14, 15/2020 6560642

TO: OCCUPANT; NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DEBT EDUCATION & ASSISTANCE B/D/A AAA COOK COUNTY CONSOLIDATED NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DEBT EDUCATION & ASSISTANCE; Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; City of Chicago; OCCUPANT; Village of Sauk Village; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD004164 Filed: 10/30/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/22/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011235 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable) Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2229 ASTOR ST SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-24-00-098-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/30/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/30/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/20/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/30/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 30th day of December, 2019. 1/13, 14, 15/2020 6560643

TO: OCCUPANT; DANNY HAMMOND; BARBARA HAMMOND; GAN C LLC; DOMESTIC LINEN SUPPLY CO., INC.; KENNETH NEAL; KEVIN TURNER; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD004146 Filed: 10/30/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/22/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011224 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable) Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 21641 GALENNE AVE SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-25-109-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/30/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/30/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/20/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/30/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 30th day of December, 2019. 1/13, 14, 15/2020 6560641

TO: OCCUPANT; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO NORTH STAR TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO FIRST BANK, UTA/UTA DATED 10/05/2006 AND/ OR UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND/OR LEGATEES OF GEORGE CARSON; MARLENE CARSON; GEORGE CARSON; FIRST SAVINGS BANK OF HEWIGEVISCH; BURTON NELSON; Village of Sauk Village; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD004153 Filed: 10/30/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/22/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011241 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable) Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2106 216TH ST SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-25-109-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/30/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/30/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/20/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/30/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 30th day of December, 2019. 1/13, 14, 15/2020 6560651

TO: OCCUPANT; UNIT 1; UNIT 2; CHICAGO HEIGHTS REALTY LLC; LEONID BELLOVSKY; JURGIS PLAITAS; DLM SCHOOL BUS LINES; JURGIS PLAITAS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD004153 Filed: 10/30/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/22/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011241 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable) Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2106 216TH ST SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-25-109-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/30/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/30/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/20/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/30/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 30th day of December, 2019. 1/13, 14, 15/2020 6560652

TO: OCCUPANT; MARY LEARY; Village of Park Forest; MARY LEARY; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD004168 Filed: 10/30/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/22/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011235 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable) Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1901 END AVE CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-25-019-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/30/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/30/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/20/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/30/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 30th day of December, 2019. 1/13, 14, 15/2020 6560653

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TO: OCCUPANT; NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DEBT EDUCATION & ASSISTANCE B/D/A AAA COOK COUNTY CONSOLIDATED NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DEBT EDUCATION & ASSISTANCE; Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; City of Chicago; OCCUPANT; Village of Sauk Village; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD004165 Filed: 10/30/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/22/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011235 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable) Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1946 BEACON BVD, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-30-122-039-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/30/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/30/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/20/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/30/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 30th day of December, 2019. 1/13, 14, 15/2020 6560655

TO: OCCUPANT; LATASHA MILLER; SHELBY WASH; MARILYN O MARSHALL, CHAPTER 13 TRUSTEE; LATASHA MILLER; SHELBY WASH; SHALIEKA ALBRITTON; AMONDRI FOSTER; AMONDRI FOSTER; JANIESHA PETERSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD004152 Filed: 10/30/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/22/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011236 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable) Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2106 221ST ST SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-25-412-015-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/30/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales

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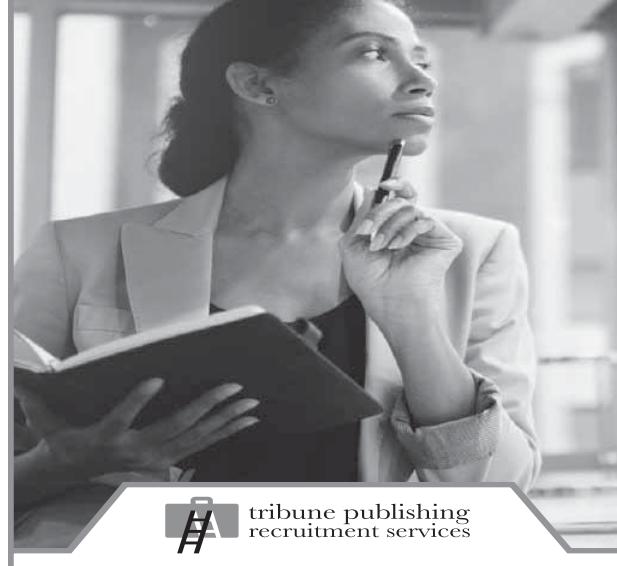
TO: OCCUPANT; JAMES GAUGER; JENNIFER GAUGER; Village of Evergreen Park; CITIMORTGAGE, INC.; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD004183 FILED: 10/30/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/22/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011368 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1838 S. SCHERTZ AVE., SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411 Legal Description of Property Index No. 32-36-104-039-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/30/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/30/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/20/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/30/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 30th day of December, 2019. 1/13, 14, 15/2020 6560766

TO: OCCUPANT; JAMES HARPER; Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services f/a Illinois Department of Public Aid; Illinois Attorney General; Village of Sauk Village; City of Chicago; JAMES HARPER; GAN LLC; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD004185 FILED: 10/30/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Premises Sold 05/22/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011378 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 22342 YATES AVE SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-36-203-043-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/30/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/30/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/20/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/30/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 30th day of December, 2019. 1/13, 14, 15/2020 6560770

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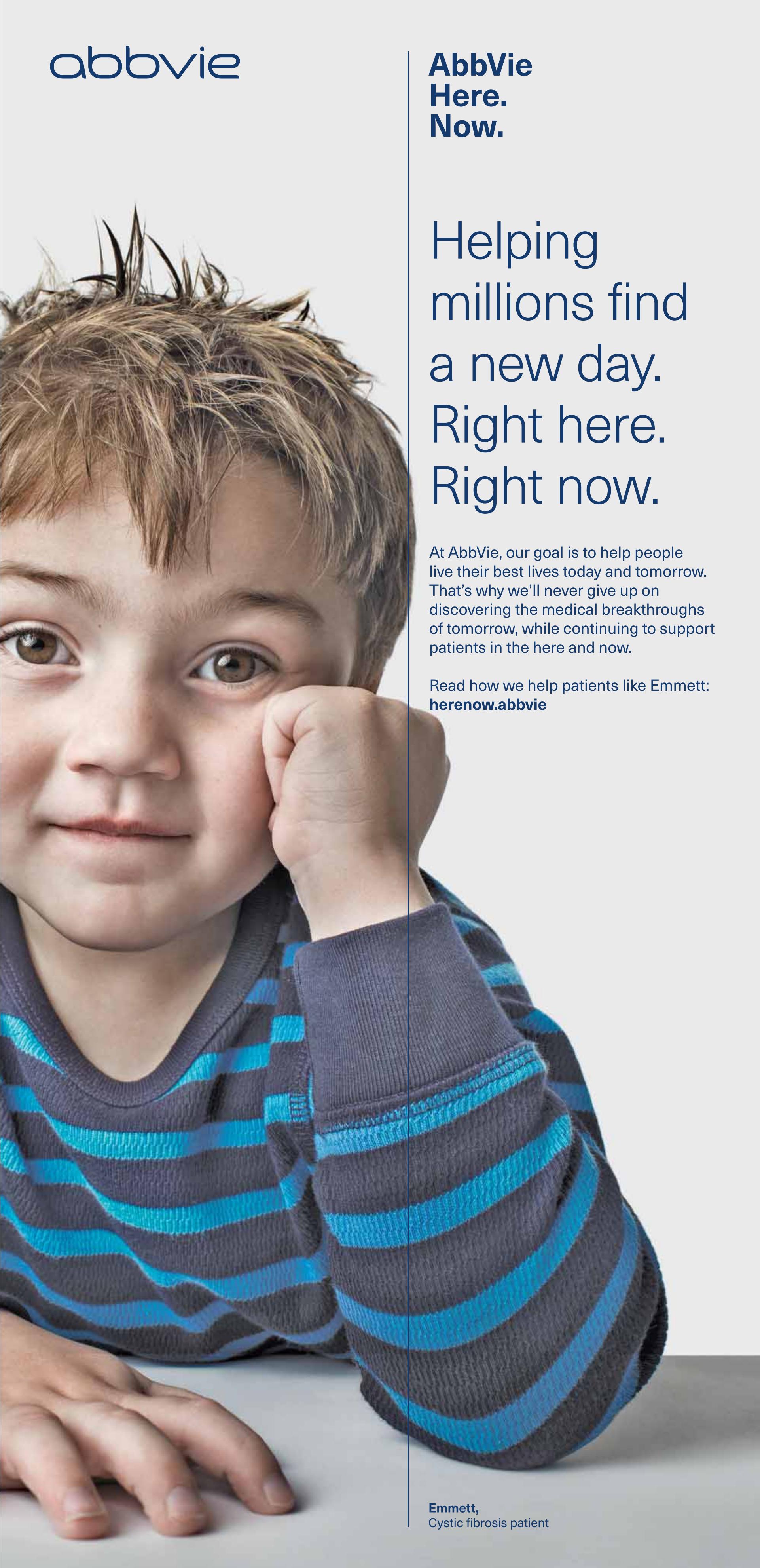
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## North Siders

Bourbonnais takes a back seat: Bears are moving their training camp to Halas Hall, ending an 18-year run at Olivet Nazarene University

BY COLLEEN KANE

The Bears will move their entire training camp to Halas Hall in Lake Forest starting this summer, the team announced Tuesday.

The training camp schedule and more information about free public tickets for camp will be released later this spring.

The move after 18 years at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais comes on the heels of a major Halas Hall expansion project, which included a 162,500-square-foot football operations

addition to the existing 143,000-square-foot facility.

The project created a new weight room, locker room and cafeteria for the players and new offices and meetings rooms for coaches and staff.

Another project included the addition of two new practice fields and more parking spaces. Halas Hall sits at the end of the Conway Park business complex, off Interstate 94 and Route 60.

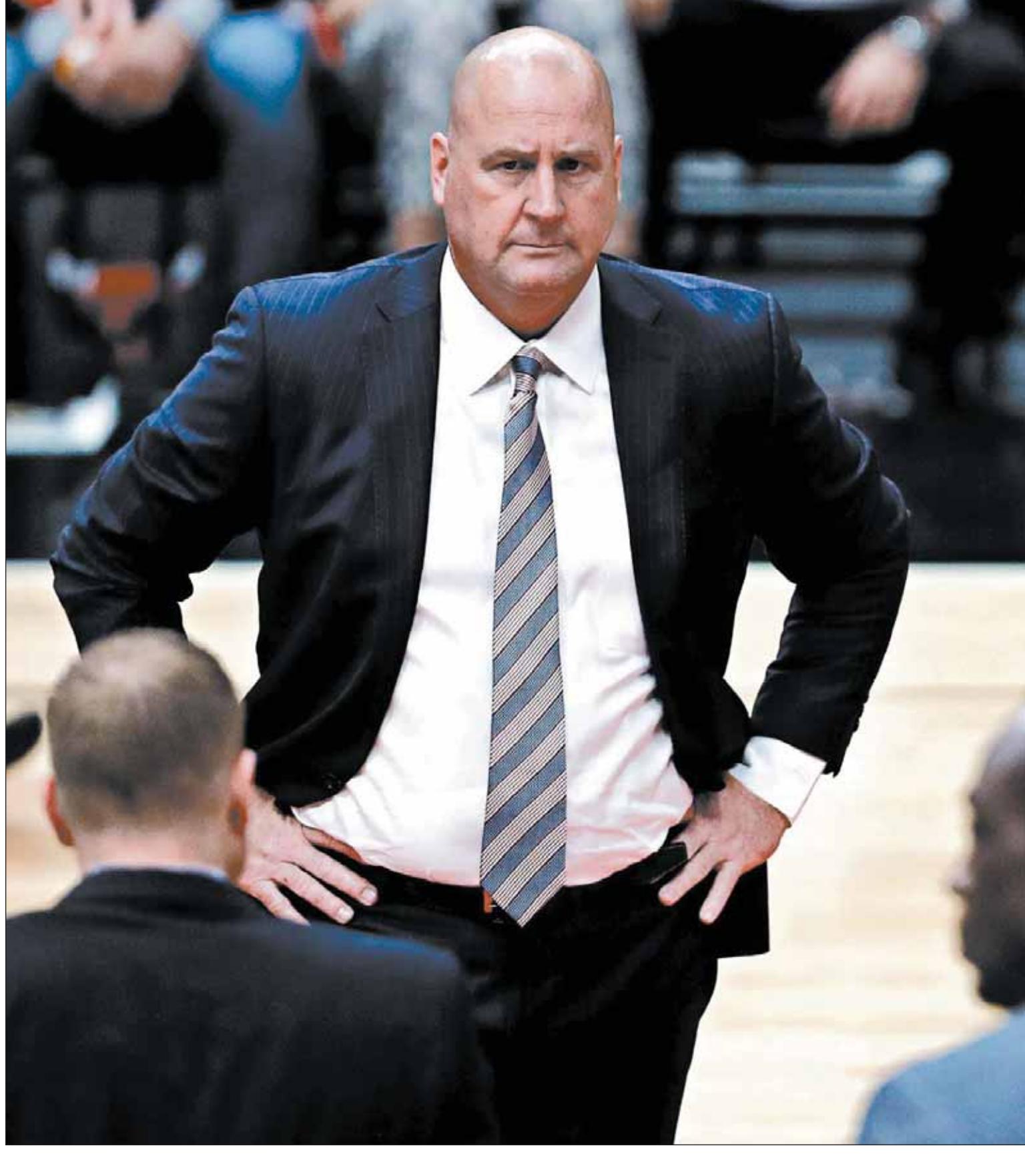
The Bears did not provide details about how limited attendance will be, but they will main-

### MORE BEARS

Roster breakdown concludes with defense and special teams,  
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tain "a public component to many of the sessions to incorporate our loyal and passionate fans," Bears President and CEO Ted Phillips said in a statement. In 2019 the Bears had eight practices open to the public in Bourbonnais and one at Soldier Field.

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### MLB CHEATING SCANDAL

## Cora latest to feel the ax

Red Sox fire manager after Manfred implicated him

BY JIMMY GOLEN  
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Red Sox fired manager Alex Cora on Tuesday, a day after baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred implicated him in the sport's sign-stealing scandal.

Cora was the bench coach for the Astros when they illicitly stole signs and won the 2017 World Series. Manfred mentioned Cora by name 11 times in a nine-page report Monday, describing him as a key person in the planning and execution of the cheating scheme.



The Astros fired manager AJ Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow an hour after Manfred suspended them for the 2020 season for their role in the cheating scheme.

Cora met Tuesday with Red Sox management, less than a month before the start of spring training. Bench coach Ron Roenicke and former Red Sox star Jason Varitek may be considered for the role.

"Given the findings and the commissioner's ruling, we collectively decided that it would not be possible for Alex to effectively lead the club going forward and we mutually agreed to part ways," the team said in a statement attributed to owner John Henry, chairman Tom Werner, CEO Sam Kennedy and Cora.

Manfred said Cora was among those who "originated and executed" aspects of the cheating scheme, in which the team used a center field camera to decode catchers' signals to pitchers and banged on a trash can with a bat or massage gun near the dugout to let hitters know which pitch was coming.

Manfred announced he was withholding punishment of Cora until completing a separate investigation of accusations the Red Sox stole signs in 2018. Indications were the penalty would be equal or greater than what Hinch and Luhnow received.

Baseball says that investigation will continue. Cora is still likely to be suspended, and it's unclear if MLB will also punish the Red Sox franchise, pending findings in the investigation.

"We agreed today that parting ways was the best thing for the organization," Cora said in a statement released by the Red Sox.

"I do not want to be a distraction to the Red Sox as they move forward."

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## The halftime woe

Bulls falling short of expectations, but there's still time to make move

BY JAMAL COLLIER

The Bulls expected to see steps forward. The building blocks were established, and they entered the season in position to make a leap. Not only did the Bulls anticipate a move toward competitiveness, they even dared to dream of a return to the playoffs. ■ Those aspirations have fallen flat as the Bulls limped to the finish of the first half of the season by dropping seven of their last eight games. Their record through 41 games is 14-27, tied for 10th place in the Eastern Conference and 5 1/2 games back from a playoff spot. Their record is the same as at the halfway point of the 2017-18 season, the beginning of this rebuilding process that now appears stagnant. ■ "Obviously, we came into the season with bigger and higher expectations and haven't lived up to it so far," Bulls forward Thaddeus Young said. "But there's still time to try to make up some games and try to get some wins." ■ There's still time left in the season and no shortage of storylines remaining for the Bulls' second half, which begins Wednesday night against the Wizards — one of the few teams behind the Bulls in the East. ■ Inside: Ten questions to consider during the next 41 games.

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Wendell Carter, from left, Zach LaVine, and Shaquille Harrison are part of Jim Boylen's underperforming Bulls.

# TOP OF THE SECOND



By PHIL ROSENTHAL

## ESPN's MegaCast a success

If ESPN wants to improve "Sunday Night Baseball," "Monday Night Football" or any other game it hopes to showcase, here's a word of advice:

### MegaCast.

Give the audience options the way it did for LSU's 42-25 victory Monday over Clemson for the college football national championship.

Chris Fowler and Kirk Herbstreit were fine on the regular call of the game, but it was nice to know there were 14 — yes, 14 — other variants available as part of its MegaCast coverage.

I can't say I checked them all out, so I can't say whether they all were all necessary. My suspicion is they were not.

Someone out there might love the idea of the Refcast, for example. But the gathering of former referees on the ESPN app sounded like the premise of a Rob Riddle bit on Fox's NFL pregame show, and I have no great interest in that either.

Still, it would be great if every game had the option of pairing coverage with the competing teams' home radio feeds, a Sounds of the Game channel with no announcers and the Command Center offering as many as four simultaneous vantage points with statistics.

What Cubs fan wouldn't prefer the choice of hearing Pat Hughes and Ron Coomer with ESPN's "Sunday Night Baseball" video rather than Alex Rodriguez?

Ditto for Bears fans and audio from Jeff Joniak with Tom Thayer instead of the regular "Monday Night Football" TV crew.

It's probably too much to expect a Coaches Film Room, Field Pass coverage, Skycast, Techcast or many of the other "casts" on a regular basis, but someday maybe if everyone crosses their fingers.

### This just might be the future.

The loose, free-wheeling Field Pass approach on ESPN2, in particular, proved a welcome relief to the serious approach of Fowler and Herbstreit as the game stretched toward 11 p.m.

With Adam Amin and Dan Orlovsky on one sideline and Steve Levy and Pat McAfee on the other, it was like hanging out with a bunch of sportscasters and a lot of fun, which is not a bad thing most of the time.

But the Field Pass and LSU were hardly the only winners Monday, just as Clemson was not the only loser fans saw. Let's review.



ESPN provided blanket coverage of Monday's night national championship game.

### Loser: ESPN streaming.

Demand for big events always seems to pose problems. Some fans who tried streaming the national championship game reported problems on social media. Cutting the cord wasn't supposed to be the equivalent of pulling the plug. Come on, be better.

### Winner: Lee Corso.

The coach-turned-analyst went for LSU's tiger head rather than Clemson's before kickoff, correctly predicting the winner. He scored an LSU jersey with his name spelled "Corseaux" on the back for his trouble.

### Loser: Nick Saban.

Saban offered excellent analysis with Rece Davis and company, but the Alabama coach was sorely tested by all the talk of how great LSU and Clemson were. He had a big smile pasted on his face as Corso showed off his LSU jersey, but the grin vanished into a stony glare once he believed he was no longer on camera. (Spoiler: He was still on camera.) Can't really blame him. He's a proud guy.

### Winner: Aflac.

The blue jacket Saban wore Monday was a tad darker than the one he wears alongside the duck in his insurance ads, but it was close enough for the company to enjoy subliminal subconscious association.

### Loser: Dodgeball.

Did we need an animated graphic showing Joe Burrow playing dodgeball against other quarterbacks? We did not. No one did. Not even with Vince Vaughn of 2004's "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" in attendance.

### Winner: University of Illinois.

Capping a season-long 150th anniversary celebration of college football, the top 11 all-time player selections were revealed at halftime. The Illini were the only team with two reps to make the cut with No. 6 Red Grange and No. 8 Dick Butkus. Of course, Grange and Butkus played for the Bears, as did No. 10 Gale Sayers from Kansas. But Chicago also could claim a tie to former White Sox star Bo Jackson of Auburn at No. 3 on the list topped by Syracuse alumnus Jim Brown.

### Loser: College Football 150 organizers.

Nine of the top 11 players or proxies were in attendance. Conspicuously absent without explanation were Butkus and Jackson.

### Winner: Cameras.

No one will ever accuse ESPN of shorting the audience on the camera front. ESPN boasted it had 100 or so on hand. Its Pylon Cameras in particular seemed to get quite a workout, but there were multiple Skycams, cameras on officials' hats and the AllCam which showed the entire field.

### LET'S PLAY 2



Wednesday  
@Canadiens  
6:30 p.m.  
NBCSCH

Saturday  
@Leafs  
6 p.m.  
NBCSCH



Wednesday  
Wizards  
7 p.m.  
NBCSCH+

Friday  
@76ers  
6 p.m.  
NBCSCH

### WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

#### NBA

6 p.m. Nets at 76ers  
7 p.m. Wizards at Bulls  
WSCR-AM 670

8:30 p.m. Trail Blazers at Rockets ESPN

#### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

4 p.m. St. Francis at F. Dickinson ESPNU

5:30 p.m. Seton Hall at Butler FS1

6 p.m. Indiana at Rutgers BTN

6 p.m. Virginia at Florida State ESPNU

6 p.m. Tennessee at Georgia CBSSN

6 p.m. Creighton at Georgetown FS1

7:30 p.m. St. John's at Providence FS1

8 p.m. Penn State at Minnesota BTN

8 p.m. Auburn at Alabama ESPN2

8 p.m. Wichita State at Temple ESPNU

8 p.m. SMU at Houston CBSSN

#### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

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#### GOLF

12:30 p.m. Korn Ferry: Exuma Classic Golf

7 p.m. Asian: Singapore Open Golf

11 p.m. Euro: Abu Dhabi Champ. Golf

#### NHL

6:30 p.m. Hawks at Canadiens NBCSCH

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7 p.m. Flyers at Blues NBCSN

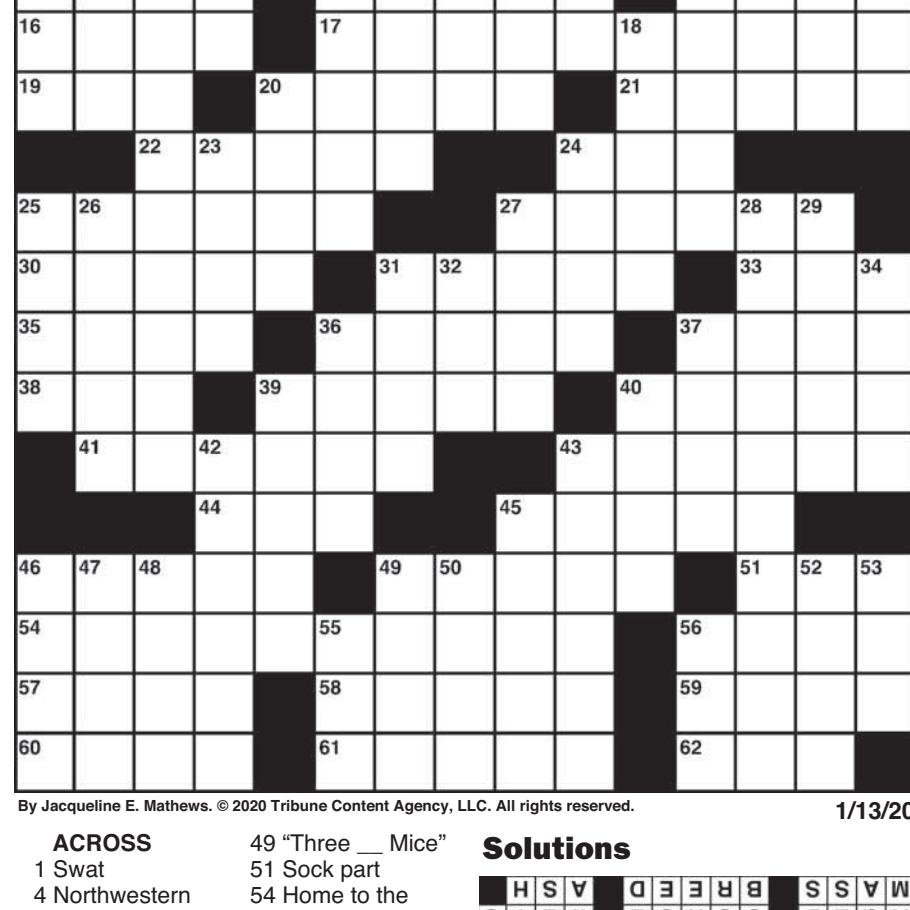
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### BRAD DOESN'T ASK BACK: CHILDRESS LEAVING BEARS

Brad Childress has made it known he will not be returning to Halas Hall as part of Matt Nagy's staff in 2020. Childress told the Cleveland Plain Dealer this week he will not be back. Childress was a senior offensive assistant last season after serving in a consultant's role for the Bears in 2018. He and Nagy grew close during their time together on Andy Reid's staff with the Chiefs from 2013-17. Nagy has considered Childress a mentor.

## Crossword



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### ACROSS

- 1 Swat
- 4 Northwestern U.S. state
- 9 Nauseated
- 13 Glass rectangle
- 14 Large fruit
- 15 Eyelet
- 16 more; again
- 17 Hall
- 19 Bout result, for short
- 20 Delta employee
- 21 Jumps
- 22 Holdup
- 24 Fast plane
- 25 Case for a blade
- 27 Hoses off
- 30 Singer Como
- 31 Make straight
- 33 a moment too soon; just in time
- 35 Wood splinters
- 36 Lumbars along
- 37 Engrave
- 38 Bill denomination
- 39 Hernia
- 40 Hooded jacket
- 41 -eyed; unrealistic
- 43 Most resentful
- 44 Even score
- 45 Food for Israelites in the desert
- 46 up for; defended

### DOWN

- 1 Baseball's Aaron
- 2 Unable to speak clearly
- 3 Follower of ess
- 4 Mischievous
- 5 Passed out cards
- 6 In addition
- 7 Emcee
- 8 "Cat \_\_\_ Hot Tin Roof"
- 9 Mattress toppers
- 10 Dubuque's state
- 11 Applaud
- 12 Islets off Florida
- 13 Cauldron
- 18 Ford or Close
- 20 Compassion
- 23 "It's music to my \_\_\_!"
- 24 Irish dances
- 25 Argument

### Solutions

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26 Witch's spells

43 Made wood smooth

27 Hitchhiker's hope

45 Chop finely

28 Pleas

46 Did the breaststroke

29 Punches

47 Gown for Caesar

30 Journal

48 Dollar bills

31 Supportive nation

49 Make indistinct

32 Journal

50 Pathway

33 Been there, done \_\_\_

51 Gown for Caesar

34 Unslued

52 Sworn statement

35 Be a breadwinner

53 Suffix for count or govern

36 Wedding party member

54 Steal from

37 Small body of water

55 Airline of past decades

38 "It's music to my \_\_\_!"

56 Steal from

39 "It's music to my \_\_\_!"

57 Steal from

40 "It's music to my \_\_\_!"

58 Steal from

41 "It's music to my \_\_\_!"

59 Steal from

42 with; not speaking to

60 up for; defended

### NOTRE DAME

## Rees promoted to offensive coordinator

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

In the end, Tom Rees might not have needed to sell himself too hard to land the Notre Dame offensive coordinator job.

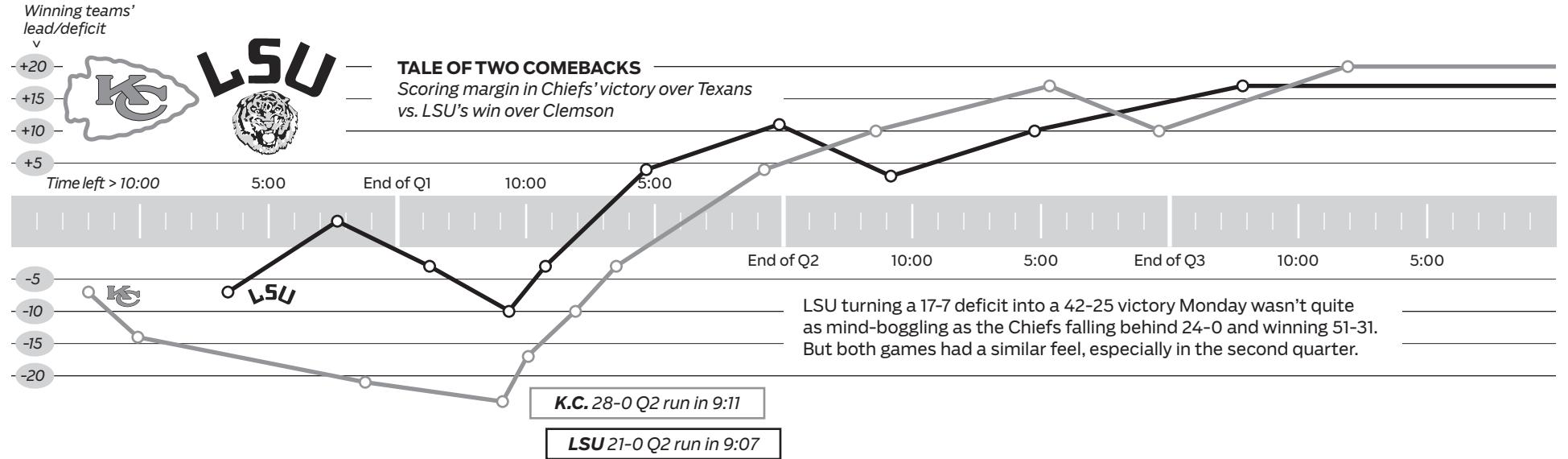
His work was on display for all to see.

Rees — who was promoted from quarterbacks coach Tuesday — called plays in Notre Dame's 33-9 demolition of Iowa State in the Dec. 28 Camping World Bowl. Quarterback Ian Book completed 20 of 28 passes without an interception, and the Irish rushed for 208 yards (5.6 per carry).

A performance like that against an above-average defense can help a guy overcome the fact he's only 27 years old.

Also helping Rees' cause: He starred as a Notre Dame quarterback under Brian Kelly in 2010-13; he earned a glowing assessment from Northwestern officials after his work in 2015 as an offensive graduate assistant; and he spent a season with the

## FOOTBALL



### COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

# Party just beginning?

Despite departures, LSU sets sights on more national titles

By PETE IACOBELLI  
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — LSU coach Ed Orgeron is already thinking about what comes next for his national champions. More specifically, who comes next.

Orgeron and the top-ranked Tigers completed a 15-0 season with a dominating and decisive win over No. 3 Clemson, 42-25, on Monday night.

Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow threw five touchdown passes and ran for another. But Burrow, as a senior and the likely No. 1 pick in April's NFL draft, won't return for another championship run.

And he's not the only one.

Receiver Justin Jefferson, tailback Clyde Edwards-Hilfiker, safety Grant Delpit and tight end Thaddeus Moss are among several seniors with decisions to make about whether they want to come back for another college season or head to the pros.

"It will be difficult to replace these guys, but you're at LSU so you should be able to do it," Orgeron said Tuesday, about 10 hours after celebrating amid the falling confetti at the Superdome.

Orgeron knows he can't expect Burrow's successor (most likely talented sophomore Myles Brennan) to immediately play at Burrow's record-setting level.

Burrow finished with an NCAA record 60 touchdown passes and capped his career by riddling the country's best defense in Clemson, which gave up a season-worst 628 yards. Clemson had allowed only 245 yards a game through the Atlantic Coast Conference championship.

Orgeron would love to have this team back for the 2020 season. But the Tigers go after the nation's best prospects and Orgeron lets them know before signing they probably won't stay more than three years.

"It's something we have to accept," he said. "But this is going to be a tough group to replace."

Patrick Queen, a junior middle linebacker, led LSU with eight tackles (2½ of them behind the line of scrimmage) against Clemson. He has until Friday to decide if he'll enter the draft.



Joe Burrow (9) is on to the NFL, but coach Ed Orgeron, left, is confident about the future.

Queen said he needs time to talk with his family and his coach before choosing. No matter what he does, Queen is confident this title, the fourth for LSU, is just a starting point.

"LSU is always going to be capable of doing what we did this year," he said. "We've got great fans, great coaches and as long as we believe in each other, we can accomplish anything."

Orgeron called his group a team "for the ages."

"We didn't have a bad game," he said. "We played 15 good football games and this is going to be hard to beat."

While the parties stretched from the French Quarter to Baton Rouge and Orgeron's home base in predominantly Cajun south Louisiana, the coach himself said he spent his national championship night eating some Popeye's chicken in the hotel.

Queen, too, stayed in and relished the national title win: "I didn't even party. I was still in shock."

Not everyone will be gone.

Biltenikoff Award winner Ja'Marr Chase, who finished the title game with a College Football Playoff record eight receptions for 218 yards and two touchdowns, is just a sophomore.

Freshman Chris Curry is a tailback who filled in when Edwards-Hilfiker got hurt in the SEC championship game and didn't play much in the CFP semifinal win against Oklahoma.

Freshman cornerback Derek Stingley, an AP All-American and the SEC newcomer of the year, should lead another fiery, nasty group of Tigers on defense.

Expect LSU to be in the mix next for another playoff berth next season.

For now, Orgeron wants his coaches, players and fans to celebrate LSU's first national championship in 12 years. Classes were canceled Tuesday and a parade is set for Saturday in Baton Rouge.

"We're going to enjoy this," Orgeron said.

"But it's a recruiting weekend this weekend, we'll start recruiting and get on to next year."

### NFL

## Mahomes, Chiefs eye bigger things

After stunning rally, rout, Super Bowl next on the list

News services

Late in the Chiefs' demolition of the Texans on Sunday, the team posted a note on the video screen at Arrowhead Stadium telling fans that thanks to Chiefs' 51-point outburst, all the fireworks used to celebrate scores were gone.

"Chiefs fans, we are sorry to report, but due to your support and the Chiefs continually finding the end zone, we have run out of touchdown fireworks," the announcement said.

Indeed, the Chiefs engineered a historic offensive performance, led by their quarterback, Patrick Mahomes. After falling behind, 24-0, in the second quarter, Mahomes threw four touchdowns before the end of the first half to put the Chiefs in front. The barrage continued in the second half as the Chiefs scored touchdowns on a record seven consecutive possessions to put the game out of reach.

The Chiefs became the first team to win a playoff game by 20 or more points after being behind by 20 or more points.

The 51-31 victory lifted the No. 2 seed Chiefs into the AFC championship game for the second consecutive season. They will host the No. 6 seed Titans, who beat the Chiefs earlier in the season.

With a victory next Sunday afternoon at home, the Chiefs will return to the Super Bowl for the first time in a half-century.

For now, though, Chiefs fans can savor Mahomes' feats, which, even in his third season, have at times become remarkably routine.

Mahomes was more than a scoring machine against the Texans. He was the instigator. When the Texans were ahead, he ran up and down the bench encouraging his teammates, "Let's do something special." After one touchdown, he sprinted across the field exhorting the crowd to cheer.

His five-touchdown performance barely in the rearview mirror, Mahomes was looking forward to next week. Last season at this time, the Chiefs absorbed a heartbreaking loss to the Patriots in overtime, ending Mahomes' MVP season with a thud.

The drive to vanquish last season's disappointment is strong.

"When you fall that short last year, the next step is to get to the Super Bowl," Mahomes said. "We understood that going into the season."

**Chargers great Gates retires:** Antonio Gates, who became one of the most prolific tight ends in the NFL without playing a down of college football, announced his retirement Tuesday.

Gates, 39, spent his entire 16-year career with the Chargers. His 116 TD catches are the most by a tight end in league history.

Gates, who didn't play this season, will join the Chargers front office as a legends ambassador. He's the franchise leader in receptions (955), receiving yards (11,841) and TDs.

Among tight ends, Gates' receptions and yards are third, and his games rank fourth. He was a three-time All-Pro pick and eight-time Pro Bowler.

He will be eligible for consideration for the Hall of Fame beginning with the Class of 2024.

**Panthers hire LSU assistant Brady:** The Panthers hired LSU assistant coach Joe Brady as the team's offensive coordinator, ESPN reported Tuesday.

Brady, 30, was LSU's passing game coordinator/wide receivers coach for this season's championship run. He previously served two seasons as an offensive assistant with the Saints.

The Panthers hired Baylor's Matt Rhule as head coach last week.

### NFL PLAYOFFS: CHAMPIONSHIPS

**#6 Titans at #2 Chiefs**  
2:05 p.m. Sunday  
CBS-2

**#2 Packers at #1 49ers**  
5:40 p.m. Sunday  
FOX-32

**Super Bowl LIV**  
Miami Gardens, Florida  
Feb. 2  
5:30 p.m.  
FOX-32

News services

If there's any consolation for Clemson after Monday night's loss to LSU, it's that it could very well be back in the national championship next season.

Westgate Sportsbook released its odds for next season — and Clemson is at the top. The Tigers are given 9/4 odds to take their second national title in three years, and third since the 2016 season.

The Tigers are the favorite, followed by

Ohio State (3-1), Alabama (6-1), Georgia (8-1) and LSU (8-1).

Reasons for continued success for Dabo Swinney's program starts with the return of quarterback Trevor Lawrence.

Lawrence boasts a career record of 25-1. He's the early Heisman Trophy favorite, according to sportsbetting.ag, ahead of Ohio State quarterback Justin Fields, Southern Cal quarterback Kedon Slovis and Oklahoma State running back Chuba Hubbard.

Lawrence threw for 3,665 yards, 36 TDs

and eight interceptions this season as a sophomore.

"We're going to be fine," Lawrence said Monday. "We'll be back."

**Final poll:** LSU finished No. 1 in the AP Top 25 for the third time in school history, with Clemson No. 2 and Ohio State No. 3.

LSU (15-0) received all 62 first-place votes.

The Tigers also won AP titles in 2007 and 1958.

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# Wildcats' winning run ends at one

BY MATT CARLSON

Associated Press

Northwestern followed its first Big Ten win with a 75-62 loss to Iowa on Tuesday night at Welsh-Ryan Arena.

Luka Garza scored 27 points — all but one of them in two spurts — to lead Iowa past the Wildcats, who had lost their first four Big Ten games but defeated Nebraska on Saturday at home to end a five-game losing streak.

C.J. Fredrick and Joe Wieskamp each added 11 as the Hawkeyes (12-5, 3-3 Big Ten) won their second straight.

Miller Kopp scored 15 and Peter Nance had 11 for the cold-shooting Wildcats (6-10, 1-5), who connected at just 36% from the floor. Northwestern has won consecutive games once this season, on Nov. 22 and 27 against Norfolk State and Bradley. The Wildcats will play at Illinois on Saturday afternoon.

Garza, the Big Ten scoring leader, hit his first four shots to account for Iowa's first 10 points — and all of his in the first half — but didn't connect again until hitting a layup 8:54 into the second. The junior center then scored the next 16 straight for Iowa to help the Hawkeyes break open a tight, often plodding game.

Garza finished 10 for 14 from the floor, hit two of three 3-pointers and helped buoy Iowa's 47% shooting for the game. He entered averaging 22 points.

Iowa led 41-35 following a mostly back-and-forth and close first half. The Hawkeyes' seven-point lead with 1:53 left was the biggest by either team in the opening 20 minutes.

Iowa shot 54% from the floor and was 8 of 15 on 3-point attempts in first half. Northwestern went through cold stretches and shot just 36%. Kopp, who led with 14 points after 20 minutes, was the notable exception going 5 of 11 from the floor, including two 3's.

Garza was 4-for-4 from the floor, including two 3s, in the opening 3:50 in to give Iowa a 10-9 lead. He missed his next three shots and was quiet for the rest of the period as he played 14 minutes in the half and 24 for the game.

The pace didn't pick up early in the second half. Neither team scored until Northwestern's Robbie Beran hit a 3-point jumper 3:15 in.



MATT SLOCUM/AP

**VILLANOVA 79, DEPAUL 75**

# No luck vs. Nova: Demons' skid at 4

Charlie Moore and DePaul forced overtime with a late rally but lost to Villanova 79-75 in Philadelphia to fall to 0-4 in Big East play. Moore scored 11 of his game-high 29 points in the final four minutes of regulation, and his layup with nine seconds left forced overtime after the Blue Demons had fallen behind 61-49 with 4:13 left in the second half. Four free throws by Collin Gillespie, above, gave Villanova (13-3, 4-1) a lead it did not relinquish in overtime, although the Demons (12-5, 0-4) pulled within a point twice. DePaul raced to a 21-8 lead before Villanova clawed back for a 30-28 halftime advantage and increased their lead to 12 points before the Demons' comeback. Paul Reed had 18 points and 15 rebounds for DePaul, and Jaylen Butz added 16 points and six rebounds. Gillespie led Villanova with 21 points. For more, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

**FIRE**

# Klopas returning as assistant

Former Fire player, head coach back to sideline

BY JEREMY MIKULA

Frank Klopas never seems far from the Chicago Fire, and now one of the team's original players is returning to the coaching staff.

The Fire on Tuesday announced Klopas will serve as an assistant coach on Raphael Wicky's staff. Klopas spent the last four seasons as the team's TV analyst.

"I'm very pleased to have Frank join our coaching staff," Wicky said in a statement. "He has been an integral part of the Fire since its very beginning. His passion for the club and his knowledge of the league will be extremely valuable for our staff and players."

The Fire declined to release terms.

Klopas, 53, has served a variety of roles with the Fire since the team's inaugural season in 1998, first as a player, then as assistant coach, technical director, head coach and broadcaster.

"My heart has always been with the Fire," Klopas said in a statement.

The Greece-born Klopas, 53, has been a fixture on the Chicago soccer landscape since leading Mather to the Chicago Public League title in 1983. He signed with the Chicago Sting out of high school before spending nearly a decade playing in Greece.

Klopas, who made 39 appearances for the U.S. men's national team, joined the Fire in 1998, helping the team win the MLS Cup and U.S. Open Cup, the latter with an extra-time goal against the Columbus Crew.

Klopas joined the coaching staff in 2000 and served as the Fire's technical director in 2008-11. He was named interim head coach in May 2011 after the Fire got off to a 1-4-6 start under Carlos de los Cobos.

■ The Fire also announced they agreed to buyout defender Marcelo's contract. The move is mutually beneficial: Marcelo can pursue more playing time elsewhere, and the Fire cleared significant salary-cap space and opened an international slot. According to the MLS players union, Marcelo made \$774,999.96 last season.

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**WHITE SOX**

# Cishek, Sox make it official

BY LAMOND POPE

Reliever Steve Cishek officially joined the White Sox on a one-year, \$6 million deal, the team announced Tuesday.

The contract includes a club option for 2021.

Cishek will receive \$5.25 million in 2020, while the Sox hold a \$6.75 million option for 2021 with a \$750,000 buyout.

"We believe Steve is a solid addition to our bullpen," Sox general manager Rick Hahn said in a statement. "He complements our other relievers well, provides a different look to opposing hitters later in games, and has consistently proven to be both durable and successful throughout his career."

Reports of the deal first surfaced Jan. 7.

Cishek, 33, spent the last two seasons

with the Cubs, going 8-9 with a 2.55 ERA and 11 saves in 150 appearances. He was 4-6 with a 2.95 ERA and seven saves in 70 appearances in 2019. He had 57 strikeouts and 29 walks in 64 innings.

Overall, Cishek is 32-37 with a 2.69 ERA, 132 saves and 84 holds in 572 career outings — all in relief — with the Marlins (2010-15), Cardinals ('15), Mariners ('16-17), Rays ('17) and Cubs ('18-19).

He has made at least 60 relief appearances in a season six times and has had three seasons with at least 25 saves, including a career-high 39 with the Mariners in 2014.

To make room for Cishek on the 40-man roster, the Sox designated pitcher Dylan Covey for assignment. The 40-man roster remains at 40.

**Cora**

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New Mets manager and former Astros player Carlos Beltrán also was implicated by Manfred in his report Monday, the only player mentioned. Manfred decided that no players would be disciplined for breaking rules prohibiting the use of electronics to steal catcher's signs in 2017 after levying penalties against the Red Sox and Yankees.

The Mets declined comment on Beltrán's status.

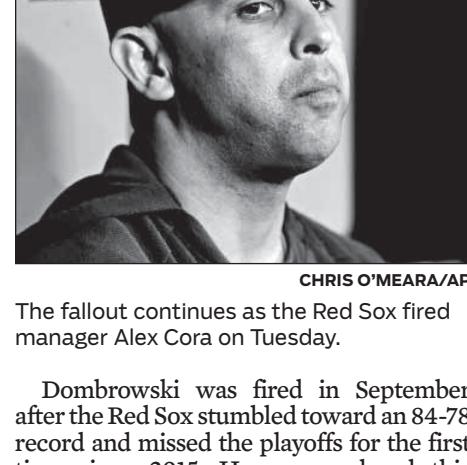
The Dodgers lost the 2017 World Series to the Astros and again in 2018 to the Red Sox.

"All clubs have been asked by Major League Baseball not to comment on today's punishment of the Houston Astros as it's inappropriate to comment on discipline imposed on another club," the Dodgers said in a statement Monday night. "The Dodgers have also been asked not to comment on any wrongdoing during the 2017 World Series and will have no further comment at this time."

A member of the Red Sox's 2007 championship club, Cora was hired in November to take over a team that won back-to-back AL East titles in 2016-17 but failed to advance in the postseason under John Farrell.

Cora guided the team to a franchise-record 108 regular-season victories in 2018 and its fourth World Series title in 15 years. The Red Sox beat a pair of 100-win teams in the Yankees and Astros in the AL playoffs, then defeated the Dodgers in a five-game World Series to make Cora the first Puerto Rican manager to win a championship and the fifth manager to guide a team to a title in his first season.

He was rewarded by president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski with a new contract adding an extra guaranteed season in 2021, a deal that included a club option for 2022.

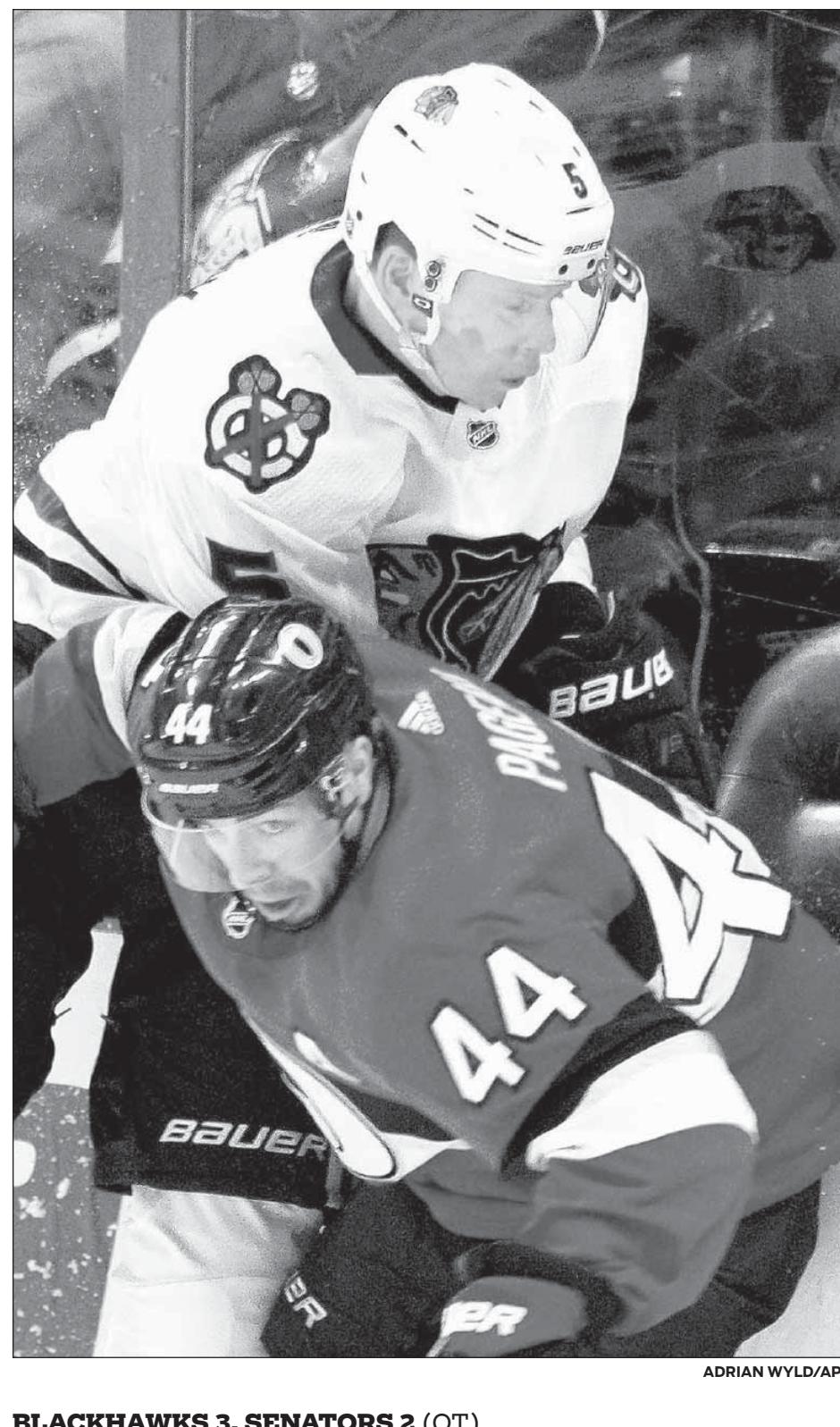
CHRIS O'MEARA/AP  
The fallout continues as the Red Sox fired manager Alex Cora on Tuesday.

Dombrowski was fired in September after the Red Sox stumbled toward an 84-78 record and missed the playoffs for the first time since 2015. He was replaced this offseason by former Rays executive Chaim Bloom, who will lead the search for a new manager.

"This is a sad day for us," Henry, Werner and Kennedy said in a statement. "Alex is a special person and a beloved member of the Red Sox. We are grateful for his impact on our franchise. We will miss his passion, his energy and his significant contributions to the communities of New England and Puerto Rico."

The scandal — but not the severity of the punishment — is reminiscent of the New England Patriots' sign-stealing scheme in 2007, in which the team videotaped opposing coaches to decipher their signals. The NFL fined the Patriots \$250,000 and docked them a first-round draft pick, and also fined coach Bill Belichick \$500,000.

Cora's departure means 10 of the 30 MLB teams will start the 2020 season with a new manager. The Red Sox's new manager will be their fifth in 10 seasons.

**BLACKHAWKS**

ADRIAN WYLD/AP

**BLACKHAWKS 3, SENATORS 2 (OT)**

## Hawks hit back for overtime win

Jonathan Toews scored 42 seconds into overtime to spearhead a comeback and give the Blackhawks a sorely needed 3-2 win over the Senators on Tuesday night in Ottawa, Ontario. Dominik Kubalik scored two goals for the second consecutive game while extending his goal-scoring streak to five games. Robin Lehner allowed two first-period goals but stopped 20 shots for his eighth win in his last nine starts. Patrick Kane assisted on Kubalik's first goal for his 996th career point. For more, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

## Crawford wants to play

Now Lehner's backup, veteran goalie still feels competitive fire

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

OTTAWA, Ontario — By a stroke of scheduling luck, Blackhawks coach Jere My Colliton won't have to make what could have been a very difficult decision.

While it's hard to imagine Corey Crawford not starting when the Hawks come to his hometown of Montreal to face the Canadiens, the current situation is different than in years past.

Crawford is no longer the Hawks' starting goalie, and with the team desperate for points, it's not clear if he'll do more the rest of the season than spot Robin Lehner when the Hawks play on back-to-back nights.

That's where the luck of the schedule comes in. The Hawks face the Canadiens on Wednesday in the second of back-to-back road games, and Crawford is likely to take the net as he has each time they have played in Montreal since 2009. Lehner started Tuesday night against the Senators.

Despite being out with concussions for huge chunks of the last two seasons, Crawford hasn't missed a game in Montreal, where he always plays before a throng of family.

"I always get a little nervous there," Crawford said. "I was a big fan of that team when I was younger. Having all the family and friends and a lot of people watching from back home, it's a game that I enjoy and it's pretty special anytime I go there."

Crawford has had remarkable success in Montreal, allowing just eight goals in seven starts and going 5-0-2 with a .971 save percentage. But it's possible Wednesday's game could be his last there with the Hawks.

At 35, Crawford knows he's drawing close to the end of his career. He and Lehner are scheduled to be unrestricted free agents after the season, and it's hard to see how the Hawks could afford to bring both of them back.

Crawford said Tuesday he plans to sign another contract and play somewhere next season. Where that will be, he isn't so sure, but he hopes it can be with the Hawks.

"We'll see what the situation is," Crawford said after the morning skate in Ottawa. "We haven't talked to (Hawks general manager Stan Bowman), really. I would still love to have a chance here to win another (Stanley) Cup. We have a really good young group of players, and guys get



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Blackhawks goaltender Corey Crawford still feels he can contribute.

to the next level pretty quick, I find. Once you get over that learning curve, we could be competitive quickly.

"We'll see what management wants to do. I would love to be in Chicago and have another chance."

Crawford's contract situation might depend largely on what happens with Lehner, who is 6 1/2 years younger than Crawford and this season has a significantly better save percentage (.923 to .906).

Lehner said last week he would be happy to stay with the Hawks and is willing to sign a contract extension before free agency begins in July. But he also said he doesn't plan to give the Hawks or any possible suitor a discount.

With the Hawks also needing to re-sign restricted free agents Dylan Strome and Dominik Kubalik, and with Alex DeBrincat's new contract kicking in next season, they won't be able to spend \$11 million on goaltending as they did this season.

Market value for Lehner is probably about \$7 million per year. If he returns to the Hawks at that amount, it would require Crawford, who has a \$6 million salary-cap hit, to take a sizable pay cut. That's something he'll probably have to accept whether he ends up with the Hawks or elsewhere.

While Crawford hasn't complained about his reduced role, it's not something he seems to have accepted. He said Tuesday he's not sure if he's ready to head into a season as a backup.

"We'll have to see what the situation is," he said. "I'm a pretty competitive guy, feel like I could still make a difference on a team, to make a run at a championship. That's where my head's at. Never really had a role of sitting on the bench and being part of that situation. So I don't know."

**BULLS**

## Halftime

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### 1. What else can we expect from Zach LaVine as a scorer?

The Bulls have underachieved as a whole this season, but Zach LaVine is holding up his end of the bargain. He's averaging a career-best 24.5 points per game while shooting a career-high 39.5% from 3-point range. He's shown the kind of high-end scoring performances only a handful of players in the league are capable of when they get hot, setting a Bulls record by hitting 13 3s during his 49-point performance on Nov. 23.

The Bulls rank near the bottom of the league in offense (28th), but with LaVine on the floor they're closer to below average. He does have career highs in usage rate and field-goal attempts, which opens up questions about empty scoring, but consider where this offense would be without him. That alone should earn him All-Star consideration — although that will depend on how much team success means to voters — and he's even turned his production up a notch since the start of December.

As much as LaVine is worth watching as a scorer, it's also worth paying attention to whether he can take steps forward in his defense and playmaking, both of which still could use some work.

■ 1B. And will LaVine do the dunk contest next month? Because he totally should.

### 2. What to make of Lauri Markkanen's third season?

For those optimistic about the Bulls, the presumed improvement from Lauri Markkanen was among the top reasons.

Instead of a player on the rise, Markkanen's minutes (30.2), usage rate (21.0) and scoring (15.1 ppg) all closely mirror his rookie season and are a step back from last year. It's made his season among the most difficult to assess on this roster.

Is Markkanen's dip in production part of a slow start that he nearly erased in December, only to be hampered by a sprained left ankle? Is this a product of a system not putting him in the best position to succeed, which includes baffling stretches of game action when he sits on the bench? Or are these signs of larger concern for perhaps the most important player for the Bulls' future?

### 3. What exactly do the Bulls have in Coby White?

This question might not be answered for a few years considering rookie guard Coby White does not turn 20 until next month. But that makes the flashes he's already shown in his rookie season among the most encouraging developments of the team's first half. He has taken over fourth quarters, catching fire by hitting seven 3s in one of them (the youngest player ever to do so) and already recording five 20-point games, the second most for any teenager in Bulls history.

The latest addition to the Bulls' collection of seventh overall draft picks looks to have a bright future and has proven a capable scoring threat, even if he is still inconsistent on a nightly basis. That should be expected from a 19-year-old rookie, but the scoring spurts give the Bulls reasons for optimism that White will be a factor on the franchise's next playoff team.

### 4. Is Jim Boylen the right coach for the Bulls?

Teams who underperform often put their coach directly on the hot seat, and although the organization continues to express confidence in coach Jim Boylen, his tenure as Bulls coach has been rocky from the beginning.

Boylen has spent this season committed to installing his system no matter the growing pains. So when Wendell Carter Jr. goes down, Daniel Gafford and Luke Kornet have been asked to fill his role even though they are not as skilled. Maybe it'll make Gafford and the rest of the young players better in the long run, but there's an interesting line between maximizing the strengths of your personnel and fitting them into a system that could pay off in the long run.

The rotation pattern has been puzzling at times, the latest examples including Denzel Valentine being reportedly unhappy with his lack of playing time and Markkanen's prolonged stretches on the bench. The first-year head coach remains committed to implementing his system and culture, which has been a difficult sell when the team is not having success.

Maybe Boylen has gone too far in some ways, and he has acknowledged that in the future the Bulls might have to adjust. But how quickly he makes those adjustments and how the team responds to them will be worth watching.

### 5. How will the Bulls survive without Wendell Carter Jr.?

Carter had been one of the Bulls' biggest bright spots, increasing his points and rebounds per game while the centerpiece of the team's defensive scheme. That's what made his injury a bummer — he's aiming for a return around the All-Star break — and a potential nightmare for the Bulls, who struggled defensively when Carter got hurt last season.

Rookie center Daniel Gafford has filled in the starting lineup nicely, but the depth behind him is thin, especially if Boylen continues to show a reluctance to play Young and Markkanen together. But the Bulls will be piecing things together until Carter returns to the lineup.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bulls coach Jim Boylen walks off the court after Friday's 116-105 loss.

### 6. When will Otto Porter Jr. return?

Otto Porter Jr. has not played since Nov. 9 because of a fractured left foot that has limited him to nine games. He seems to be on track to return sometime around the All-Star break. Trading for Porter last February was supposed to be a sign that this team was ready to take the next step, and he certainly has been missed.

This Bulls offense could use a spark, and Porter's return could provide that, especially if he can get back to being the player he looked like last season after the trade — 17.5 points, 5.5 rebounds and 2.7 assists per game.

### 7. What's Kris Dunn's ceiling in his new role?

Credit to Kris Dunn for the way he has accepted his role change, becoming a reserve and playing on the wing instead of as the main ball handler and focusing on being an elite defender and ballhawk. He leads the NBA in steals per 36 minutes and is only three behind Ben Simmons for the most in the NBA despite playing 380 fewer minutes than the 76ers guard. Before the Bulls played the Celtics on Monday, Boylen compared Dunn's contributions to Celtics guard Marcus Smart, who plays a key role as a reserve in Boston.

"His name has come up," Boylen said. "The greatest comparison of those two guys is they're team guys. They do whatever it takes to win, role acceptance to help the team play better. Smart has the ability to start, come off the bench, can play (point guard) through (power forward) and help you win. I think they are maybe kindred spirits, in a way."

### 8. What will the Bulls do at the trade deadline?

With the Feb. 6 trade deadline weeks away, the Bulls have a few players who could be attractive to opposing teams if they decide to sell. Valentine seems like an easy trade candidate if he has fallen out of the rotation completely. Perhaps Young, who is playing fewer minutes and scoring fewer points than any season since his rookie year, also could be enticing to a contending team.

It seems unlikely the Bulls would make a drastic move similar to last season's trade for Porter or dealing one of the centerpieces of their core, but they have some trade chips should they chose to make a move in the next few weeks.

### 9. How good is this team defensively?

The Bulls aggressively trap their opponents and generate the most turnovers in the league, making them a top-10 overall defense for most of the season, which Boylen has pointed to as one of the team's strengths.

But the Bulls are falling down the defensive rankings this month, accelerated a bit by Carter's absence but mostly by the skilled, experienced playmakers who easily have picked apart their scheme during a tougher schedule this month. That should continue as the Bulls face further tests for the next month.

### 10. What's the future of the front office?

Rumors and speculation already are circling the Bulls' offseason and whether they could make some major changes to their front office. That would be welcomed and applauded by a vocal portion of Bulls fans, and if the team cannot improve in important ways, it would be hard to justify staying the course.

Vice President John Paxson appears likely to remain as one of the key decision makers, according to a report by NBC Sports Chicago, but perhaps the Bulls could explore additions to their front office, someone with "fresh eyes and insights from outside the organization."

A breakup to the front office would be a drastic change, but after a season falling below everyone's expectations, changes could be on the horizon.

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## SCOREBOARD

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	27	11	.711	—
Toronto	25	14	.641	2½
Philadelphia	25	16	.610	3½
Brooklyn	18	21	.462	9½
New York	11	30	.268	17½
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	27	12	.692	-
Orlando	19	21	.475	8½
Charlotte	15	28	.349	14
Washington	13	26	.333	14
Atlanta	9	32	.220	19
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	36	6	.857	—
Indiana	25	15	.625	10
Chicago	14	27	.341	21½
Detroit	14	27	.341	21½
Cleveland	12	29	.293	23½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST				
Houston	26	13	.667	—
Dallas	25	15	.625	1½
Memphis	19	22	.463	8
San Antonio	17	21	.447	8½
New Orleans	15	26	.366	12
NORTHWEST				
Utah	28	12	.700	-
Denver	27	12	.692	½
Oklahoma City	23	17	.575	5
Portland	17	24	.415	11½
Minnesota	15	24	.385	12½
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	33	7	.825	—
L.A. Clippers	28	13	.683	5½
Phoenix	16	24	.400	17
Sacramento	15	25	.375	18
Golden State	9	33	.214	25

### TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Atlanta 123, Phoenix 110  
Utah 118, Brooklyn 107  
Memphis 121, Houston 110  
Milwaukee 128, New York 102  
L.A. Clippers 128, Cleveland 103  
Dallas 124, Golden State 97  
**WEDNESDAY'S GAMES**  
Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.  
Detroit at Boston, 6 p.m.  
San Antonio at Miami, 6:30 p.m.  
Indiana at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.  
Washington at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
Charlotte at Denver, 8 p.m.  
Portland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Sacramento, 9 p.m.  
Orlando at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

### BUCKS 128, KNICKS 102

**NEW YORK:** Bullock 0-8-33, Randle 10-20 2-25, Gibson 0-2 0-0, Barrett 6-15 5-6, Payton 1-6 0-2, Knoll 3-7 3-2 10, Portis 8-14 3-4 20, Robinson 3-5 1-4, Allen 3-9-4 9, Dotson 0-7 0-0, Ellington 1-2 0-2 0, Trier 1-7 0-2, Totals 36-101 19-26 102.

**MILWAUKEE:** G.Antetokounmpo 12-17 10-12 37, Middleton 6-9 4-4 17, B.Lopez 2-3 2-2, Bledsoe 3-9 3-4 11, Matthews 2-9 1-2 6, Bender 0-3 0-0, Brown 3-7 0-0 7, Connaughton 1-0 2-0, Ilyasova 6-10 0-14, Kover 3-6 0-0 8, Wilson 1-4 2-2 4, DiVincenzo 4-8 0-0 9, Hill 4-2 1-2 6, Totals 45-92 23-28 128.

**New York** 23 17 36 26 — 102  
**Milwaukee** 29 36 43 20 — 128

**3-Point Goals** — New York 11-37 (Barrett 5-7, Randle 2-6, Knoll 2-4, Portis 1-4, Allen 0-3, Bullock 0-4, Dotson 0-4, Trier 0-4), Milwaukee 15-36 (G.Antetokounmpo 3-5, Korver 2-3, Bledsoe 2-4, Ilyasova 2-4, B.Lopez 1-2, Hill 1-2, Middleton 1-2, Brown 1-3, Matthews 1-3, DiVincenzo 1-5). **Rebounds** — New York 49 (Randle 15), Milwaukee 59 (G.Antetokounmpo 26), Milwaukee 27 (DiVincenzo, G.Antetokounmpo 4). A—17,590 (17,500)

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

3 PT% MADE	Tm	3P	3PA	3P%
James Harden	Hou	189	498	.380
Devonte' Graham	Char	157	404	.389
Buddy Hield	Sac	134	389	.347
Damian Lillard	Por	138	368	.364
Zach LaVine	Chi	128	324	.395
Duncan Robinson	Mia	128	286	.434
Trae Young	Atl	124	338	.367
Kemba Walker	Bos	119	300	.397
J.J. Redick	No	117	232	.464
Bojan Bogdanovic	Utah	114	275	.415

2-PT% MADE	Tm	2P	2PA	2P%
DeMar DeRozan	SA	316	581	.544
Gi. Antetokounmpo	Mil	354	642	.568
Russ Westbrook	Hou	267	546	.489
Anthony Davis	LAL	292	527	.554
LeBron James	LAL	290	520	.558
Montrezl Harrell	LAC	306	518	.591
Donovan Mitchell	Utah	262	516	.508
Collin Sexton	Cle	248	510	.486
Andre Drummond	Det	277	509	.544

through Monday

### NHL

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	27	9	12	66	159	128
Tampa Bay	28	14	4	66	166	133
Toronto	25	16	6	56	173	157
Florida	24	15	5	53	166	152
Buffalo	21	19	7	49	140	149
Montreal	20	20	7	47	145	148
Ottawa	16	22	8	40	123	157
Detroit	12	32	3	27	101	183

#### METRO.

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	31	11	5	67	166	138
Pittsburgh	29	12	5	63	161	125
N.Y. Islanders	28	13	4	60	132	119
Carolina	27	17	2	58	150	125
Philadelphia	24	16	6	54	146	142
Columbus	23	16	8	54	124	124
N.Y. Rangers	22	19	4	48	152	151
New Jersey	17	22	7	41	124	163

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	30	10	7	67	152	125
Dallas	27	15	4	58	124	109
Colorado	25	15	6	58	144	137
Winnipeg	25	18	4	54	145	140
Nashville	21	17	7	49	125	149
Chicago	21	20	6	48	137	152
Minnesota	20	20	6	45	121	150
Anaheim	17	24	5	39	116	147

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

### TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Buffalo 4, Vegas 2

Columbus 3, Boston 0

N.Y. Islanders 2, Detroit 2

Pittsburgh 7, Minnesota 3

Tampa Bay 4, Los Angeles 3 (SO)

Toronto 7, New Jersey 4

Chicago 3, Ottawa 2 (OT)

Winnipeg 4, Vancouver 0

Arizona 6, San Jose 3

Dallas 3, Colorado 2 (OT)

Edmonton 4, Nashville 2

### WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

### BLACKHAWKS 3, SENATORS 2 (OT)

Chicago	0	1	1	1	3


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**BEARS****ROSTER BREAKDOWN**

# Defense/Special teams

BY COLLEEN KANE

How did every Bears player fare this season? And what is their contract status for 2020 — and beyond?

Our position-by-position look at the 2019 roster concludes with the defense and special teams.

**Akiem Hicks, DL**

After starting every game in his first three seasons with the Bears, Hicks played in only five in 2019 because of a serious left elbow injury suffered against the Raiders. He returned for one December game — as the Bears tried to keep their playoff hopes alive against the Packers — but then sat out the remaining two. He finished with 10 tackles, a sack, five quarterback hits and a fumble recovery.

■ Contract status: Signed through 2021.

**Eddie Goldman, DL**

The Bears nose tackle was named a Pro Bowl alternate, finishing with 29 tackles, a sack, two tackles for a loss and two quarterback hits. He played 44% of the Bears' defensive snaps over 15 starts. He missed the finale with a concussion.

■ Signed through 2022.

**Bilal Nichols, DL**

Nichols had a slow start to his second season after breaking his right hand in Week 2 against the Broncos. The 2018 fifth-round draft pick missed the next three games. He finished with 27 tackles, including one for a loss, two quarterback hits, a fumble recovery and a pass defensed. But he didn't record a sack after having three in 2018.

■ Signed through 2021.

**Nick Williams, DL**

Williams made the most of his opportunity when the line was hit hard with injuries. In his seventh season, he recorded his first career sack in Week 2 against the Broncos, and he finished with six — second on the team behind Khalil Mack. The versatile linemen also had 42 tackles — five for a loss — nine quarterback hits, two passes defensed and two fumble recoveries.

■ Unrestricted free agent.

**Roy Robertson-Harris, DL**

Another of the players asked to step up because of injuries, Robertson-Harris had 2½ sacks, which is his career average over three seasons. He also had 10 quarterback hits, three passes defensed and a career-high 30 tackles in 15 games, including seven starts.

■ Restricted free agent.

**Brent Urban, DL**

Urban played four games for the Titans before they cut him, and the Bears signed him in late October as depth. The six-year NFL veteran, who spent his first five years with the Ravens, played in nine games for the Bears, totaling 16 tackles, one for a loss, two passes defensed and a quarterback hit.

■ Unrestricted free agent.

**Abdullah Anderson, DL**

After spending 2018 on the practice squad, Anderson played in six games, totaling two tackles and his first career sack against the Saints. He finished with four tackles.

■ Signed through 2020.

**Khalil Mack, OLB**

Mack played in 16 games for the fifth season of his career, totaling 8½ sacks, 14 quarterback hits, 47 tackles, eight for a loss, five forced fumbles, four passes defensed and one fumble recovery. Under new defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano, facing opponents' double and triple teams, his sacks total was the lowest since his rookie season in 2014. He had 4½ sacks and four forced fumbles in the first four games but just four sacks and one forced fumble over the remaining 12, starting with the game against the Raiders, his former team. But he still had 45 quarterback pressures, down only two from 47 in 2018.

■ Signed through 2024.

**Leonard Floyd, OLB**

Floyd registered a career-low three sacks to go with 40 tackles, 12 quarterback hits and one pass defensed in 16 games. He failed to register a sack over the final eight games. General manager Ryan Pace said at his season-ending news conference that while the Bears would like to see more production from Floyd, they also like his versatility and ability to play in coverage. The Bears must decide whether Floyd does enough good things to warrant his option at a cost of about \$13.2 million.

■ Bears picked up his fifth-year option for 2020.

**Aaron Lynch, OLB**

Lynch recorded two sacks, six tackles, three tackles for a loss, nine quarterback hits and two passes defensed in 23% of the snaps over 16 games. He had a career-high six penalties — four neutral-zone infractions and two defensive off-sides — in his second season in Chicago and sixth in the NFL.

■ Unrestricted free agent.

**Isaiah Irving, OLB**

Irving served a limited role on defense and special teams and had 10 tackles and one quarterback hit. He missed three games with a quad injury.

■ Restricted free agent.

**Roquan Smith, ILB**

Smith had highs and lows in his second season, during which he totaled a team-high 100 tackles, two sacks, five tackles for a loss, two passes defensed and an interception. He missed the first game against the Vikings for personal reasons and had a short downturn in his play after that. But he came on stronger in November and recorded 16 tackles and two sacks to help the Bears pull off a Thanksgiving win over the Lions. His season ended after 12 games when he tore a pectoral muscle and needed surgery.

■ Signed through 2021, with a fifth-year option for 2022.

■ Unrestricted free agent.

**Danny Trevathan, ILB**

Trevathan's final season of a four-year contract with the Bears ended prematurely when he suffered a left elbow injury in the Nov. 10 game against the Lions. Before that, he was having a good year with 70 tackles, a sack, a forced fumble, four quarterback hits and a pass defensed. He will look to begin his ninth year in the NFL on a new contract.

■ Unrestricted free agent.

**Nick Kwiatkoski, ILB**

Kwiatkoski showed how to make the most of an opportunity when he was asked to jump in for Smith and Trevathan. In the nine games he was asked to fill in, he had 67 tackles, three sacks, an interception, a safety, a forced fumble, eight tackles for a loss and four passes defensed. All were career highs in his fourth season, his last before seeking a new contract.

■ Unrestricted free agent.

**Kevin Pierre-Louis, ILB**

Pierre-Louis was another of the nice stories among defensive backups. He had made one career start over his first five seasons. But he was called upon to start after Smith tore his pec and finished with 32 tackles, two for a loss, two quarterback hits, his first career interception and three passes defensed.

■ Unrestricted free agent.

The Bears signed an agreement in 2013 to

Bears linebacker Roquan Smith made a team-high 100 tackles in just 12 games. His season ended after 12 games when he tore a pectoral muscle and needed surgery.

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**Joel Iyiegbuniwe, ILB**

The 2018 fourth-round draft pick played 15 games, primarily on special teams. He didn't record any stats.

■ Signed through 2021.

**Josh Woods, ILB**

After the undrafted free agent spent 2018 on the practice squad, he played in nine games on special teams this season. He didn't record any stats.

■ Signed through 2020.

**Devante Bond, LB**

Bond, who played two-plus seasons with the Buccaneers, signed with the Bears after they put Smith on injured reserve. He played three games on special teams.

■ Restricted free agent.

**Kyle Fuller, CB**

Fuller, who was named to the Pro Bowl for the second straight season, had three interceptions, 12 passes defensed and a career-high 82 tackles, second most on the team behind Smith's 100. After he had seven interceptions and 21 passes defensed in an All-Pro season in 2018, his three interceptions led the Bears in 2019, with all three coming in the first half of the season.

■ Signed through 2021.

**Buster Skrine, CB**

Skrine joined the Bears last offseason to replace slot cornerback Bryce Callahan and played 68% of the snaps over 16 games. In his ninth NFL season and with his third team, he finished with 47 tackles, one for a loss, two forced fumbles, two quarterback hits, five passes defensed and no interceptions or sacks. He went without an interception for the second straight season, and he had a team-high 13 missed tackles.

■ Signed through 2021.

**Prince Amukamara, CB**

Amukamara was one of many on the defense whose stats decreased from 2018 in their first season not playing under Vic Fangio. After making three interceptions in 2018, he didn't get a pick this season. In his ninth NFL season — and third in Chicago — he had 53 tackles, 10 passes defensed, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery in 15 games. He was slowed by a hamstring injury during most of December.

■ Signed through 2020.

The Bears signed an agreement in 2013 to

**Kevin Toliver, CB**

The second-year cornerback, who was undrafted out of LSU in 2018, saw a boost in his playing time when Amukamara was limited by a hamstring injury. Toliver had seven tackles and a pass defensed in his lone start against the Cowboys and had 12 tackles and two passes defensed in four December games.

■ Signed through 2020.

**Duke Shelley, CB**

The Bears' sixth-round pick out of Kansas State was active for nine games, in which he played mostly on special teams. The Bears gave him a two-month break after he was called for three holding penalties in the first four games.

■ Signed through 2022.

**Eddie Jackson, S**

After a second straight Pro Bowl season, the Bears rewarded Jackson with a four-year, \$58.4 million contract extension this month. Jackson followed his six interceptions and three touchdowns in a 2018 All-Pro season with two interceptions on late-game throws against the Lions and Vikings and no touchdowns in 2019. But he had five passes defensed, a forced fumble, 60 tackles and a career-high five tackles for a loss as he was asked to play in the box more.

■ Signed through 2024.

**Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, S**

The former Packers safety fit in well enough during his one-year, prove-it deal for the Bears. He had two interceptions — including his first career pick-six — 78 tackles, five passes defensed and two fumble recoveries, falling just a little short of his career averages. He started 16 games for his fifth straight season and potentially could search for a longer deal this time around.

■ Unrestricted free agent.

**Sherrick McManis, S**

In his 10th season, McManis was again the dean of Bears special teams before a groin injury sidelined him for the final five games. But his most memorable play was on defense, when he forced a fumble near the goal line in the fourth quarter against the Raiders.

■ Unrestricted free agent.

**Deon Bush, S**

In his fourth season with the Bears, Bush played in 15 games but had limited opportunities on defense, playing just 5% of snaps, the fewest of his career. He finished with six tackles and two passes defensed.

■ Unrestricted free agent.

**DeAndre Houston-Carson, S**

A special teams mainstay over four seasons in Chicago, he played in 16 games but didn't record stats.

■ Restricted free agent.

**Eddy Pineiro, K**

The rookie hit two game-winners — in Week 2 against the Broncos and Week 17 against the Vikings. In between, Pineiro had good and bad moments — including missing the potential winner against the Chargers — but he finished with a vote of confidence from the Bears, who would be happy to put to bed their kicking drama. He made 23 of 28 field-goal attempts and 27 of 29 extra-point attempts. That included making his final 11 field-goal tries and final nine extra-point attempts.

■ Signed through 2020.

**Pat O'Donnell, P**

O'Donnell finished his season with the highest net average of his six-year career: 40.7 yards. He landed 26 punts inside the 20-yard line. Special teams coordinator Chris Tabor also credited O'Donnell and long snapper Patrick Scales with helping Pineiro through his first NFL season.

■ Signed through 2020.

**Patrick Scales, LS**

In his sixth season, he played in 16 games and was lauded for his work with Pineiro.

■ Unrestricted free agent.

*Stats via Pro Football Reference; contract status via Spotrac. Players profiled played at least one game for the Bears and ended the year on the active roster or injured reserve.*

## Halas Hall

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"Olivet Nazarene University continues to be a valued and committed partner, but with the recent investment in our campus expansion and state-of-the-art facilities in Lake Forest, we feel it is important to stay home for training camp," Phillips said. "We would like to thank Olivet Nazarene

University, including President John Bowling, and the Bourbonnais community for their 18 years of partnership and hospitality."

Olivet Nazarene is about 60 miles south of Chicago, and players and coaches bunked for parts of three weeks in late July and early August on the campus, which included four practice fields. On the final day of camp in 2019, more than 9,000 fans showed up to the campus as Super Bowl expectations swelled.

The Bears signed an agreement in 2013 to

extend training camp at Olivet Nazarene through 2022, but it was noted at the time of the announcement that the agreement was a series of one-year, rollover contracts that would give the Bears an out if so desired.

Offensive lineman Kyle Long tweeted

"it's time to put to use that amazing facility"

According to the NFL, 22 of 32 teams stayed home in 2019, meaning they practiced at their own facility or stadium or a site within 10 miles of team headquarters.

That number was up from 10 in 2000.

**BEARS TRAINING CAMP HISTORY**

1930: Mills Stadium

1931: Loyola University

1932: Logan Square Ballpark

1933: University of Notre Dame (Ind.)

1934: Lane Tech High School, Chicago

1944-45: St. John's Military Acad. (Wis.)

1944-74: St. Joseph's College (Ind.)

1975-83: Lake Forest College

1984-2001: University of Wis.-Platteville

2002-2019: Olivet Nazarene University

2020: Halas Hall

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# Feeling stronger every day

**Brooks Koepka is slowly coming back from a left knee injury as he tries to get back to an elite level**

JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

Brooks Koepka, who has been hampered by a left knee injury, will return to PGA Tour action at the Abu Dhabi Championship, but says he still doesn't feel 100 percent.



**BY DOUG FERGUSON**

Associated Press

HONOLULU — Brooks Koepka hasn't been the same since he tied for third in the FedEx Cup final in August, and hasn't felt entirely healthy since last March.

He wouldn't rate himself full strength now.

Koepka returns to competition this week in the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, his first tournament since he reinjured his left knee in South Korea at the CJ Cup. He said Tuesday his left knee "doesn't feel the same as my right."

"It probably won't for a while, but it does feel stable," Koepka said. "Leaving Korea and all the way up to about a month ago, it just didn't feel stable. It felt like it could either way. It could go left, out, back."

Koepka says he's had issues since March and just dealt with them. He still managed to win the PGA Championship for the second straight year and pick up his first World Golf Championship. During his short offseason, Koepka had stem cell treatment on his left knee because the patella tendon was partially torn.

Then, he was walking off a tee when he slipped on a wet piece of cement, went to brace himself from falling and reinjured the knee. He said his knee cap moved into the fat pad, which he described as "excruciating."

He had physical therapy in San Diego for most of December and says he started hitting balls right before Christmas.

Koepka said he wouldn't have flown to the United Arab Emirates if he didn't feel healthy, and that his speed and everything else about his game were the same as before he was hurt at the CJ Cup.

"From that moment on, after a couple days of hitting balls and not feeling pain, it was like, 'OK, I could get back here and do this and finally play,'" he said.

## Name from the past

The first player of note from an emerging golf nation is not always the best one. As Li Haotong of China was making his debut at the Presidents Cup, Guan Tianlang was preparing to qualify for the PGA Tour Series-China.

Guan, who won the Asia-Pacific Amateur and then made the cut at the Masters and Zurich Classic when he was 14, made it through. Despite closing with a 79, he tied for 10th last week to earn full



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

Koepka kissed the Wanamaker trophy after winning the PGA Championship last May at Bethpage Black, but he's struggled since with left knee pain.

status for the season in China.

Guan is a sophomore at Arizona and is still an amateur.

"I think I will turn pro soon," he said, adding there was a "good chance" he would play China's opening tournament. "But I still need some time to think about everything. I might also balance school and play professional events."

Guan says he expected some highs and lows after his Masters performance. "I think that I'm trending in the right direction now," he said.

## G-Mac style

Graeme McDowell can add his name to the list of players who went searching for distance and lost sight of their game.

McDowell was enthusiastic at the Sony Open, and that was before he closed with rounds of 67-64 for the best weekend score at wet Waialae. It gave him a tie for fourth, his best finish since winning in the Dominican Republic last spring.

He attributes that to getting back to his normal flight with irons.

McDowell started working in August with Kevin Kirk, also the

swing coach for Patrick Reed.

"The first thing I said was I've got to start hitting it lower again," McDowell said. "I'm not playing the wind anymore. That was my bread and butter."

He still works with Pete Cowen, but McDowell said their schedules didn't mesh as much with McDowell out of the top 50 and not playing in all the majors or World Golf Championships.

Where did he lose his way?

"It probably came from trying to launch the drive too high in a little search for a wee bit of distance," he said. "I got an iron in my hand, it was vertical. That's not me. I need to hit the ball back down to a good window."

For two weeks in the Hawaii wind, he said he was "back to G-Mac style."

## Short road, long shot

For the host country of the Tokyo Olympics, Hideki Matsuyama (No. 21) and Shugo Imahira (No. 33) are the leading candidates to represent Japan.

Next in line is Ryo Ishikawa at No. 83. Ishikawa showed signs of getting back to form last year when he won three times on the Japan Golf Tour, his first titles

since 2016 and his biggest year in Japan since 2010. The problem facing him now is a schedule.

Ishikawa is part of a solid field this week in the Singapore Open, co-sanctioned by Japan. Among those playing are Justin Rose, Henrik Stenson and Matt Kuchar. Otherwise, the Japan Golf Tour season doesn't start until a week after the Masters. That would leave Ishikawa only six events on his home tour before the cutoff for the Olympics.

Ishikawa is looking for sponsor exemptions, with his eye on the Genesis Invitational at Riviera and perhaps the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill. He made his U.S. debut at Riviera in 2009 when he was 17.

## Policy board

Six new players were selected for the 16-member Player Advisory Council this year, the group tasked with listening to players and conveying their thoughts to the four members of the PGA Tour's policy board. The newcomers include Russell Knox and Harry Higgs.

More telling was who was put up for election as PAC chairman, who next year would join the

policy board — Justin Thomas, Charley Hoffman and Peter Malnati. That assures a streak that probably should have ended long ago. No foreign-born player has ever been on the policy board.

Last year, 48 of the 125 players who qualified for the FedEx Cup postseason were international players, including 12 of the 30 who reached the Tour Championship.

The others on the PAC: Ryan Armour, Paul Casey, Zach Johnson, Anirban Lahiri, Rory McIlroy, Jon Rahm and Harold Varner III all served last year. Also new for this year are David Hearn, Billy Horschel, Ryan Palmer and Kevin Streelman.

Missing from the list is Bryson DeChambeau. Last year at The Northern Trust, when he was criticized for how long it took him to play a shot, DeChambeau said, "I've asked to be on the PAC committee for three years, and it takes time to get on there."

Higgs is a rookie, although the PAC is evenly populated by players young and old, high and low in the FedEx Cup.

The election for PAC Chairman ends on Feb. 7.

## Divots

Collin Morikawa's three-putt from 4 feet on the final hole of the Sony Open took him from a potential four-way tie for ninth to a seven-way tie for 21st. Perhaps more than a difference of \$108,900 if he had made the short birdie, Morikawa would have moved to No. 50 in the world. He's No. 53. Morikawa needs to be in the top 50 a week before the Masters to get an invitation. ... Inbee Park is returning to Australia for the first time in six years. Park, voted the LPGA Tour's best player of the last decade, plans to play the Vic Open and the Australian Ladies Masters in February. ... The last seven rounds on the PGA Tour in Hawaii were played under lift, clean and place rules.

## Stat of the week

Lanto Griffin was 7-under par on the 18th hole of the Sony Open. He played the other 68 holes in 1 under.

## Final word

"I think we know all four tournaments that I'm looking forward to. I think that's pretty obvious." — Brooks Koepka. Four of his seven victories since 2017 have been majors.

**"Leaving Korea and all the way up to about a month ago, (my left knee) just didn't feel stable."**

— Brooks Koepka, defending PGA Champion

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Rockets star James Harden is averaging 37.7 points per game, putting him on pace for the fifth-highest mark in NBA history.

# It's halftime in the NBA

Time to look at some trends going on this season

## It's halftime.

The midway point of the NBA regular season arrives this week — there are 1,230 games between October and April, and after Thursday night's slate goes into the books 618 games will have been played with 612 left to go.

Making statistical judgments after a few games, or even a few weeks, isn't the wisest thing. But with 50% of the season done, it seems like appropriate enough of a sample size to point out a few trends.

## 3-pointers, again

The league records for 3-pointers made and attempted are going to get broken for the eighth consecutive year.

But the growth rate in that department seems to be slowing down.

First, the numbers: NBA teams combined to make 27,955 3-pointers last season and attempt 78,742, both of which are records. That was an increase of 8.3% on makes from 2017-18 and an increase of 10.4% on attempts.

This year, the league is on pace to make more than 29,000 3-pointers and attempt nearly 83,000 of them. Both would be records, of course, but the increases over last season are on pace to be only 4.7% on makes and 5.1% on attempts.

And while the league's love affair with the 3-pointer is nothing new, it's still a bit mindboggling to put it in perspective. When this soon-to-be-eight-year run of record-setting began, NBA teams made 17,603 3's and attempted 49,067 of them.

How much has it changed? This year's projected final numbers, compared to those — up 66% percent on makes, up 69% on attempts.

## Scoring down (sort of)

Maybe defenses have caught up to the offense-friendly officiating emphasis that went into place at the start of last season.

Scoring is down a tiny bit from last year. In 2018-19, teams averaged 111.2 points per game. This year, it's down to 110.4 per game.

But that is still on pace to be the 15th-highest scoring season in the NBA's 74-year history — and the second-highest in the last 35 years.

## James Harden

Any look at numbers must include what Houston guard James Harden is doing.

He's averaging 37.7 points per game, putting him on pace for the fifth-highest mark in NBA history. Wilt Chamberlain



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Lakers LeBron James entered Monday leading the NBA with 10.7 per game entering — more than one assist per game ahead of the Suns' Ricky Rubio..

owns the top three (50.4 in 1961-62, 44.8 in 1962-63 and 38.4 in 1960-61). Elgin Baylor is fourth, at 38.3 per game in 1961-62.

Harden's scoring will be (and already has been) a rallying cry for his MVP candidacy, just as it was last season when he averaged 36.1 points per game — and Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo won the award.

Precedent is not in Harden's MVP favor. Chamberlain didn't win MVP in his three

highest-scoring seasons, nor did Baylor when he had his best scoring year. In all three cases, Boston's Bill Russell won the award — without averaging more than 18.9 points per game in that stretch. He did average nearly 24 rebounds in each of those seasons, and the Celtics won the NBA championship in all three of those years as well.

Harden, however, could seriously chal-

lenge the 3-point single-season record. Golden State's Stephen Curry made 402 in his unanimous MVP season of 2015-16; Harden is on pace for 414 this season, provided he plays in every Houston game the rest of the way.

## LeBron's assists

LeBron James is well on his way to winning his first assist crown, leading the NBA with 10.7 per game entering Monday — more than one assist per game ahead of Phoenix's Ricky Rubio.

Like so many other things James does, an assist crown would be historic.

James is 35. He would become the second-oldest assist champion in NBA history; Steve Nash was 37 when he won that title for the final time.

As far as first-time winners, James would become the oldest.

Jerry West won his lone assist title when he was 33. Lenny Wilkens and Mark Jackson were both 32. Wilt Chamberlain and Rod Strickland were both 31.

Even Utah's John Stockton — the king of assists — was 34 when he won his final assist title.

## A lot of good...

There is a chance that there could be as many 50-win teams as the league has ever seen.

At the midway mark, there are 12 teams with realistic chances of getting to 50 wins this season. If they all get there — and it's not exactly improbable, either — it would tie the record for most teams reaching that standard in a single season.

The mark is 12 set in 2009-10. That season, Boston, Oklahoma City, San Antonio, Cleveland, Phoenix, Dallas, the Los Angeles Lakers, Utah, Portland, Orlando, Denver and Atlanta all won between 50 and 61 games.

## ... And a lot of bad

Meanwhile, there are 17 teams on pace to finish with losing records.

As of now, there are the 12 teams with a great shot at 50 or more wins.

Then there's Oklahoma City, the lone team in the middle, on pace for about 46 wins.

And then there is everyone else, all with records below .500 at this point.

Call it an erosion of the NBA's middle class. The last time the league had only one team finish between 41 and 49 wins — including adjustments for labor-issue-related shortened seasons — was 1966-67. Of course, the NBA only had 10 teams then, with two (Philadelphia and Boston) having winning percentages of .741 or better, the San Francisco Warriors at .44-37, and then the other seven teams all with losing records.



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Joe Pesci, left, and Robert De Niro star in Martin Scorsese's "The Irishman." The underworld epic received 10 Oscar nominations.

**92ND ACADEMY AWARDS**

# Where to watch best picture nominees

Get your scorecards ready: Here's a guide on how to see all 9 movies vying for the top Oscar

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Patience is a virtue, as some pious so-and-so with too much time on his hands once said. Five of this year's nine Academy Award best picture nominees, announced Monday to a fair amount of controversy, have entered the streaming, downloading and DVD/Blu-ray phase. Those, you can see right now.

The other four require a little patience, because they're either still in the prime of their theatrical runs ("Little Women," "1917") or not yet streaming but will be very soon ("Ford v Ferrari," Jan. 28; "Jojo Rabbit," Feb. 4).

Here's your Tribune guide to where to find them all. In the Chicago area, at the Landmark Renaissance Place in Highland Park, all nine best picture nominees will return for a 10-day, big-screen show-

case leading up to the Feb. 9 Oscars ceremony.

Happy catching-up, and may be the best picture winner truly be best.

**'The Irishman'** Martin Scorsese's grandly ruminative underworld epic received 10 nominations. With this picture and "Marriage Story," Netflix became the most-nominated studio (or, "studio") of the calendar year

2019. Now streaming on Netflix.

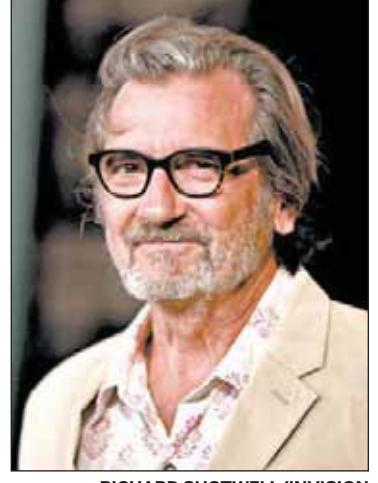
**'Joker'** Topping this year's Oscars field with 11 nominations, director and co-writer Todd Phillips showcases Joaquin Phoenix every second. Now available on iTunes, Amazon, Vudu, Google Play, YouTube, DVD and Blu-ray.

**'Marriage Story'** With six nominations, writer-director Noah Baumbach's superb marital and divorce dissection (with laughs!) is now streaming on Netflix.

**'Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood'**

"I love that stuff, with the killing," as Al Pacino says early on in Quentin Tarantino's ritzy valentine to 1969 Hollywood and movie star bromance. The killing's just icing on the cake in the filmmaker's latest, recipient of 10 Oscar nominations.

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Griffin Dunne has become a regular on the current season of "This Is Us."

**MY WORST MOMENT**

An unusual reaction to receiving a rejection

Noisy return to audition room alarmed Simon but gave Dunne peace

**BY NINA METZ**

Joining NBC's "This Is Us" as a regular cast member this season, Griffin Dunne plays the older (present-day) version of Jack's once-presumed-dead brother Nicky. The younger version of Nicky was played last year by actor Michael Angarano and, ironically, this isn't the first time producers have seen a resemblance between the actors; the pair were cast as father and son in the 2007 film "Snow Angels."

"It's just a weird coincidence," said Dunne, who is playing a character well over a decade older than he is in real life.

"I'm afraid that part comes to me very easily. I thought about the way my own father moved toward the end of his life — he was robust but had some physical limitations — and it came way too easily (laughs)."

Dunne is from a family of writers — notably his father Dominic Dunne as well as his aunt Joan Didion, the latter of whom is the subject of a documentary he directed that's available on Netflix — and his career as both an actor ("After Hours") and director ("Practical Magic") has been consistently interesting and varied.

When asked to share a worst moment, Dunne recalled a discombobulating period in the early 1990s.

"I was in a gray area where I wasn't acting quite as much as I had been, and this was before I started directing. I was in Los Angeles to get work and I was a father to a young child and sadly her mother and I were breaking up, so it was an odd, very mixed time in my life. So my plan was to drive across country by myself to New York and just sort of reevaluate my life. I get a lot of thinking done on the road, so it was a trip that I needed to take."

**My worst moment ...**

"So three days or so before I'm going to leave on this road trip, I get a call from my agent and he's very excited. It was a tone in his voice I had never heard before, and he said Neil Simon wanted to meet me for a new play he had written called 'Laughter on the 23rd Floor,' which was based on his time in the writers room on

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"The Real Housewives of Orange County" alum Alexis Bellino, left, introduces her boyfriend, 1998 Palatine High School graduate Andrew Bohn, on Monday's episode of "Below Deck."

network at 8 p.m. Mondays. "I've done that, and then I met him and I'm like, 'When are we getting married?'"

Bellino, who recently appeared on "Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars Family Edition," revealed her relationship with Bohn on Instagram in February 2019. She was married to Jim Bellino, and their relationship was featured on "The Real Housewives" for several seasons. Bohn works at a technology company that serves water utilities, according to his LinkedIn profile. He played basketball for Palatine High and North Central College in Naperville.

Bellino is not the only reality TV alum to be recently linked romantically to a non-celeb

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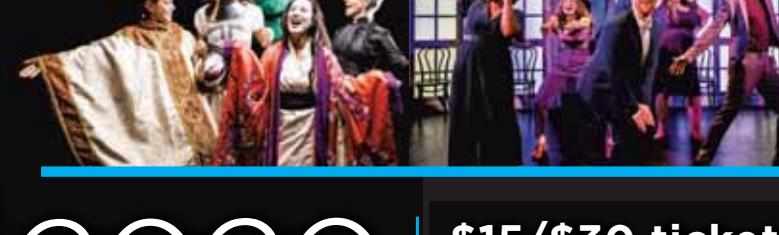
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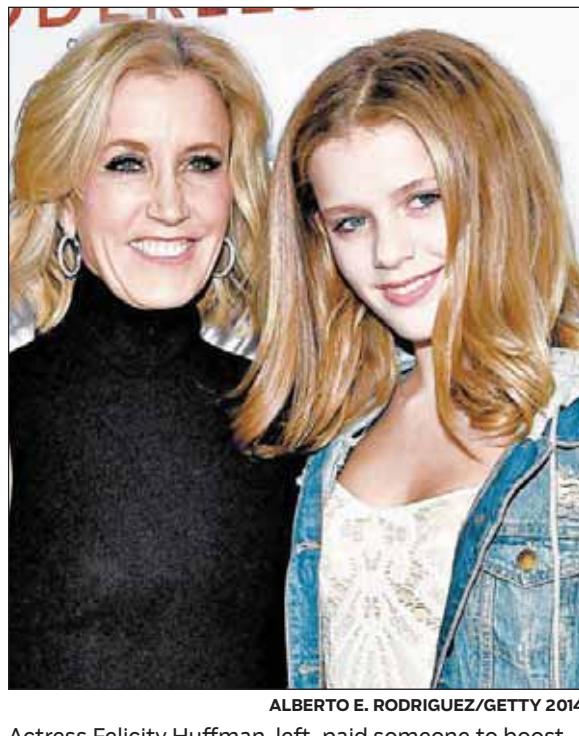
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Actress Felicity Huffman, left, paid someone to boost daughter Sophia Macy's SAT score.

### Actors' daughter moves beyond scandal — into 'The Twilight Zone'

Sophia Macy, the elder daughter of Felicity Huffman and William H. Macy, will appear in an episode of Jordan Peele's anthology series.

The 19-year-old Macy will star in a "Twilight Zone" episode titled "Among the Untrdden," according to an announcement on Season 2 casting for the CBS All Access series. No story details or release date were provided.

Sophia Macy was at the center of her mother's involvement in the college admissions scandal. "Desperate Housewives" star Huffman was sentenced to two weeks in prison for paying \$15,000 to have a test proctor correct her daughter's SAT answers.

In a letter last fall seeking leniency from the court, Huffman said she engaged in the scheme after her daughter's dreams of going to college and pursuing an acting career were jeopardized by her low math score. Sophia Macy was unaware of her mother's actions and confronted her after it emerged, saying, "Why didn't you believe in me?" Huffman said in her letter.

— Associated Press

**Jan. 15 birthdays:** Actress Andrea Martin is 73. Actor-director Mario Van Peebles is 63. Actor James Nesbitt is 55. Actor Chad Lowe is 52. Actress Regina King is 49. Actor Eddie Cahill is 42. Rapper Pitbull is 39. Actor Victor Rasuk is 36. Actress Jessy Schram is 34. Electronic dance musician Skrillex is 32. Actress Dove Cameron is 24.



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

**Record found:** Actor Mark Hamill is praising workers at Bookmans Entertainment Exchange in Flagstaff, Arizona, for returning the "Star Wars: A New Hope" soundtrack that had been a gift from film composer John Williams. Hamill said in a tweet that it felt "totally unexpected & positively surreal" to get back the record he hadn't seen since the early 1990s. He commended the store for being honest and not selling it. "I happily offered to sign any ('Star Wars') items they sent me," the actor wrote. Williams had written on the vinyl's sleeve: "Dear Mark Hamill, May the force always be with us."

**Record deal:** Universal Music Group Nashville waited just a few hours after the Chrissy Metz-sung "I'm Standing With You" was nominated for an Oscar to announce that they'd signed the "This Is Us" star to a record deal. Metz's full-length country debut album is planned for a 2020 release, label reps said. "I'm Standing With You" was written by perennial Academy favorite Diane Warren and appeared in the faith-based film "Breakthrough," in which Metz also starred.

**All Greek:** Greece's government has offered citizenship to Tom Hanks, his wife, Rita Wilson, and their two children, in recognition of the family's help in assisting victims of a deadly wildfire near Athens in which more than 100 people were killed. In a post on Instagram last week, Hanks wrote: "Starting 2020 as an Honorary citizen of all of Greece! Kronia pola! (more or less, 'Many years to you!'). Hanx" The post shows the shadow of Hanks against an ancient Greek statue.

Illinois Racing Board and a delegate to the 1970 Illinois Constitutional Convention. Reum attended Elgin Academy, played soccer for Glenbard South and graduated from Columbia University. Hilton was previously engaged to "The Leftovers" star Chris Zylka.

Caila Quinn, who competed on Ben Higgins' season of "The Bachelor" and searched for love on "Bachelor in Paradise," revealed this month she is engaged to 2011 Glenbard West High School graduate Nick Burrello. They started dating in 2017.

Burrello, who hails from Glen Ellyn, played football for Glenbard West and Harvard University. He's now a vice president of a private equity and real estate firm in New York City, according to his LinkedIn profile.

"The Real Housewives of New York City" star Tinsley Mortimer, mean-

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## Reality

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from the Chicago area. Paris Hilton — of "The Simple Life," "Paris Hilton's My New BFF" and "The World According to Paris" — was spotted walking hand-in-hand with 1999 Glenbard South High School graduate Carter Reum last week outside of a Golden Globe Awards after-party in Beverly Hills, California.

Reum — an entrepreneur who co-founded a liquor company with his brother, Courtney — has deep roots in Illinois. His father, W. Robert Reum, was the chairman, president and CEO of Chicago-based Amsted Industries, a manufacturer of industrial components. His grandfather, Walter Reum, was an Illinois House representative; and his grandmother, Lucy Reum, served as chairman of the

while, got engaged to 1995 Hoffman Estates High School graduate Scott Kluth in Chicago in November after an on-again, off-again relationship that began in 2017. Kluth, who lives in Streeterville, attended Northern Illinois University and founded the online coupon company CouponCabin.

Back to "The Bachelor": Show host Chris Harrison is dating 2005 Elgin High School graduate Lauren Zima, who attended the University of Missouri at Columbia and covers "The Bachelor" for "Entertainment Tonight."

But sometimes love doesn't always work out. "The Real Housewives of Atlanta" alum Phaedra Parks and 1991 Rich Central High School graduate Tone Kapone, a WGCI-FM 107.5 host, split last year. She has since moved on to an actor — but he's from New Jersey.

"The Real Housewives of New York City" star Tinsley Mortimer, mean-



## ASK AMY

BY AMY DICKINSON

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### Enjoy lunch, but hold private details

**Dear Amy:** I will be turning 60 this year and have noticed a sort of trend among many of my friends, acquaintances, and co-workers. It seems like every time we get together, someone starts to talk about a loved one who is very ill, dying or has died.

This often sets off a morbid competition of who can come up with the most heartbreaking — and graphic — details.

Obviously, we're all at an age where we've experienced this type of loss. Both my parents and three of my siblings have passed on, but I would never reveal details of their deaths in a casual, mixed-company setting.

If we're out, I'd rather not hear about a beloved aunt's courageous but losing battle with cancer.

I'm not an unsympathetic person — quite the opposite. But there is a time and place to reveal this personal information. My question is: How would you handle this tricky social situation without coming across as a callous jerk?

My next question: Am I being a callous jerk?

— Buzz-killed in Boston

**Dear Buzz-killed:** I don't know if I would call you a callous jerk, mainly because you got there before me. I exaggerate, but I do believe you sound ... intolerant.

Perhaps you remember your own life about three decades ago, when your peers (and possibly you) were all talking about pregnancy, childbirth, the terrible twos or your terrible bosses.

Yes, back then there were probably people who

laid on too much graphic detail in recounting their childbirth stories. I'd venture these might be the same people who offer up too much detail (for you) regarding their loved-ones' illness or death stories.

However, what your cohorts are doing is not tactless talk. They are narrating their lives. What you describe as a "morbid competition" might otherwise be seen as "relating."

You may declare that reporting on, recounting and remembering your loved ones is bad form, but (in my view) this is a matter of opinion. I agree that going on and on in a larger social setting and describing (private) medical details about a perfect stranger is not polite or pro-social behavior. But, anyone who wants to talk about or remember a loved one is welcome to sit by me (and that includes you).

If someone is engaged in a topic that makes you genuinely uncomfortable, you can gently try to change the subject by saying, "I'm so sorry to hear all of this. I seem to remember that you are planning a long trip this summer. Will you still be able to do that?" Or, you could pull the person off of sharing medical details by asking pointed questions about the subject's life, such as how they lived, versus how they are dying.

**Dear Amy:** My sister-in-law had minor surgery.

I made a few frozen casserole "comfort food" dishes for her and my brother-in-law. When I next saw them, they returned one of the casseroles, saying that it is a dish that they don't care

for. I know that it is something they eat.

Am I wrong to think it would have been kinder to simply regift the dish, or simply dispose of it, rather than returning it to me?

— Casserolle

**Dear Casserolle:** Because a casserole is a word describing both a baked dish and also the dish it is baked in, I take it that this dish was returned to you, food intact.

I agree with you that this is strange and rude. When receiving gifts of food, there is no rule that this food must be consumed and enjoyed, but the dish (sans food) should be returned, clean, and the giver should be thanked.

**Dear Amy:** This is for "Disappointed," your reader who thinks that a man grabbing a woman's crotch is a minor infraction.

Any form of sexual misconduct should be called out. Public cases show how long an abuser gets away with this behavior when it is not reported.

Reporting an event can help to prevent this conduct from being forced onto others.

— Upset

**Dear Upset:** Many readers have reacted to the question similarly. If this sort of behavior goes unchallenged, then it continues. In a worst-case scenario, this sort of drunken groping could escalate into a more serious assault.

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Leonardo DiCaprio in a scene from "Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood," directed by Quentin Tarantino. The movie is about 1969 Hollywood and movie star bromance.

## Oscars

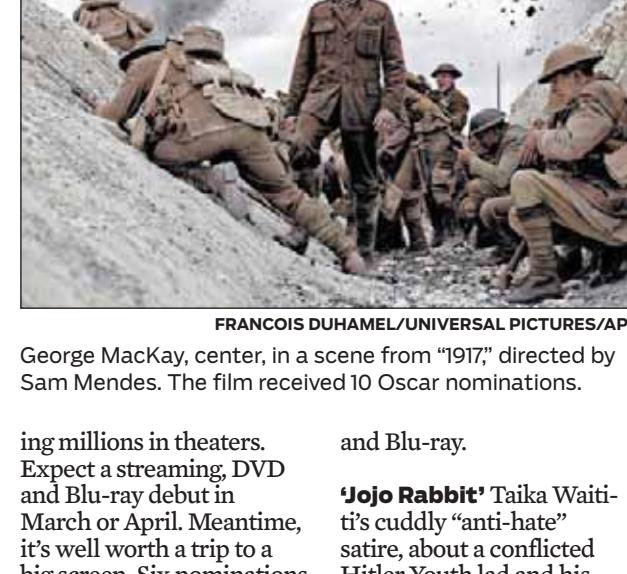
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Now streaming on iTunes, Amazon, Vudu, Google Play, YouTube, DVD and Blu-Ray.

**'Parasite'** Now you can see what everyone's not arguing about. Bong Joon Ho's South Korean masterwork — a black comedy, a mystery, a thriller and, in its finale, a splatter film about the class divide — appeals to almost every sort of adventurous filmgoer. Now streaming on iTunes, Amazon, Vudu and Google Play. Also on DVD and Blu-Ray.

**'1917'** Now laden with 10 Oscar nominations, director Sam Mendes' flamboyant World War I drama has only lately opened in wide release. So see it in a real theater, why don't you? Expect a streaming, DVD and Blu-Ray debut in April.

**'Little Women'** From her own script, Greta Gerwig's freewheeling adaptation of the Louisa May Alcott classic is still happily mak-



George MacKay, center, in a scene from "1917," directed by Sam Mendes. The film received 10 Oscar nominations.

ing millions in theaters.

Expect a streaming, DVD and Blu-Ray debut in March or April. Meantime, it's well worth a trip to a big screen. Six nominations in all.

**'Ford v Ferrari'** The mid-1960s story of Ford ingenuity, Ferrari arrogance and the thrill of fossil fuel at high speed

stars Matt Damon and Christian Bale, and racked up four nominations.

Available Jan. 28 on various streaming platforms as well as on DVD and Blu-Ray.

**'Jojo Rabbit'** Taika Waititi's cuddly "anti-hate" satire, about a conflicted Hitler Youth lad and his imaginary best friend, scored six nominations.

Available Feb. 4 on various streaming platforms as well as on DVD and Blu-Ray.

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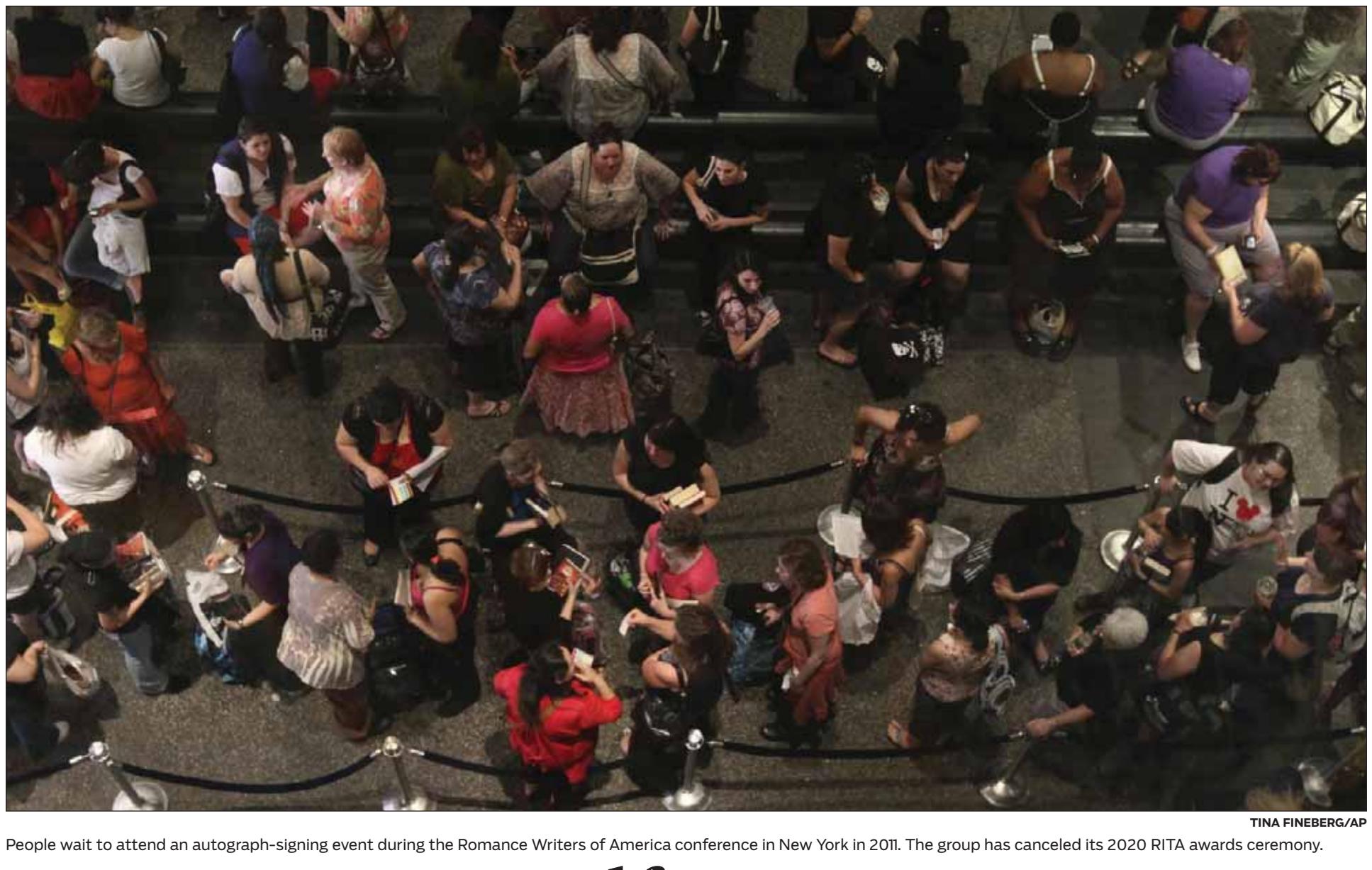
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People wait to attend an autograph-signing event during the Romance Writers of America conference in New York in 2011. The group has canceled its 2020 RITA awards ceremony.

## 'Firestorm' engulfs romance writers

Criticism forces group to cancel its awards ceremony

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

If there are soap opera fans out there who aren't romance novel fans, the events surrounding the Romance Writers of America over the last several weeks could very well convert you.

The public callouts and calls for resignations, and the scale in which it unfolded, caught the attention of publishers, had people choosing sides, and made writers hopeful that the narrative on inclusion, diversity and equity in the genre would change.

The series of events led to the cancellation of RWA's 2020 RITA awards ceremony this week. And when the nonprofit trade association, whose mission is to advance the professional and business interests of career-focused romance writers through networking and advocacy, canceled its annual version of the Academy Awards, the move brought the complaints about a lack of diversity in the genre to a head on a global platform.

And while this may seem jarring for those who don't read romance, it's not so shocking when you understand that authors, fans and professionals have been advocating for more diversity for years. "The State of Racial Diversity in Romance Publishing" tracks the genre's publications written by authors of color annually, and the needle isn't moving dra-

matically from year to year in the billion-dollar industry.

That's not to say there aren't authors out there doing the work, but critics say racism and discrimination remain despite efforts to level the playing field for marginalized writers. Before 2019, no black author had ever won a RITA, the Academy Award of romance novels. As reasons for the canceling of the RITAs, RWA cited on its website "the romance community losing faith in RWA's ability to administer the 2020 RITA contest fairly" and the contest not reflecting "the breadth and diversity of 2019 romance novels/novellas."

But let's look at how the cancellation came to be and why it matters.

If you want the abridged version, the Twitter thread below puts it in context. But if you want the unabridged version. Keep reading.

Chinese American au-

thor Courtney Milan in August called out Kathryn Lynn Davis' 1999 book "Somewhere Lies the Moon," saying on Twitter that it was a "racist mess," highlighting sections that she said depict 19th-century Chinese women as submissive and demure.

Davis, who is white, then filed an ethics complaint with the RWA (one of two against Milan, the other by author Suzan Tisdale) alleging "repeatedly or intentionally engaging in any other acts of a violent, harassing or intimidating conduct that objectively threaten a member's career, reputation, safety or well-

being." Davis went on to say, in the complaint, that the consequence of Milan's alleged ethics violations was the loss of a three-book contract with a publisher.

According to an RWA statement, at the time of the complaint, Milan served as chair of the ethics committee and was subject to review by the committee. "Milan was asked to voluntarily step down as the Ethics Committee Chair to eliminate any conflict of interest, which she did, and the Board appointed additional Committee members and a new Chair."

The RWA Ethics Committee then recommended that Milan be censured, be suspended from RWA membership for one year and receive a lifetime ban on holding any position of leadership on the RWA, National Board, or on an RWA Chapter Board. Fellow writers and RWA members spoke out.

But then the RWA's executive deputy director Carol Ritter rescinded the vote on sanctions for Milan.

Ritter sent Milan an email saying: "Dear Courtney, at a meeting today that identified a gap between policy and progress, RWA's Board of Directors rescinded its vote accepting the findings of the Ethics Committee report and its consequent penalties against Courtney Milan pending a legal opinion. RWA reiterates its support for diversity, inclusivity and equity and its commitment to provide an open environment for all members."

Publishing houses like Avon and Harlequin said Wednesday that they will

not attend or sponsor this year's RWA conference, where the RITAs are awarded. Avon's statement:

"In support of inclusive publishing, Avon Books will not invest in a promotional sponsorship nor have a presence at the Romance Writers of America national conference."

Numerous RWA members have resigned, including Ritter and RWA's president, Damon Suede, after a petition to recall him was sent to RWA. Suede had served on the RWA board of directors since 2015 and as president-elect from September 2019 through December 2019.

Author Sonali Dev, of Naperville, whose work has been referred to as Bollywood-style love stories, has been a member of RWA since 2010. She said in an email that the backlash around RWA's moves is a positive thing.

"I'm personally impressed and heartened by the fact that publishers (including Avon and Kensington, my publishers) have pulled support from the national conference," she said. "In terms of what it means to the romance industry, any exposure of bigotry is a good thing. It gives voice to those of us who feel marginalized, and it exposes systemic problems for those who've been in denial. I can only hope that translates into publishers and readers responding with their wallets."

Author Beverly Jenkins wrote in an email that she "no longer has confidence in RWA leadership, due to the seemingly unethical methods undertaken in its

treatment of Courtney Milan."

As the president of the RWA NYC chapter, writer Adriana Herrera said in an email, this is a pivotal moment for romance as a genre.

"The issue of diversity has been at the forefront for years, and yet, as we have seen over the last couple of weeks, our largest professional organization is so plagued with systemic racism, the leadership seems to prefer to see it collapse than confront these issues," she said. "I am encouraged by the response of the industry and hope this means we will see publishers invest more in marginalized voices."

The fallout from the callout has been referred to by the RWA as "the most painful and tumultuous in its history." The RWA, in a statement, on its website now acknowledges the "significant failures of RWA over the course of several years to meaningfully address issues of diversity, equity and inclusion, and deficiencies in our communications and transparency with membership."

The organization has since hired an independent law firm to conduct an audit of the ethics matter that will include interviews with key individuals as well as findings and recommendations on improving its process and sharing findings with members; vowed to bring on a diversity, equity and inclusion consultant who could assist RWA with diversifying board and staff recruit-

ment, as well as design and structure future membership programming and events; and launched an evaluation and potential revamping of RWA awards programs with the help of experts and members.

"The last few weeks have brought to the forefront issues within RWA that many marginalized members have been alternately whispering and screaming about for years," said Laurel Cremant, president of the Cultural, Interracial and Multicultural Special Interest Chapter of Romance Writers of America (CIMRWA), in an email. "The CIMRWA chapter's very existence is evidence of systemic issues within the organization and publishing, as a whole. The fact that a chapter had to be created focused on promoting diversity and inclusion, and advocating for (our) own voices, works, and authors to be treated fairly and equally is, I think, the best indication of the issues that led up to this recent firestorm. I believe some of the root causes have been a lack of transparency, accountability, empathy, and sincerity."

"For years we've had discussions about what needs to be done, but given platitudes when the real work needed to be done. Accountability was always swept aside for some random deadline or event, and we were stuck in an endless cycle. If RWA actually takes the time to address and implement true change, then I see a path forward."

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## Moment

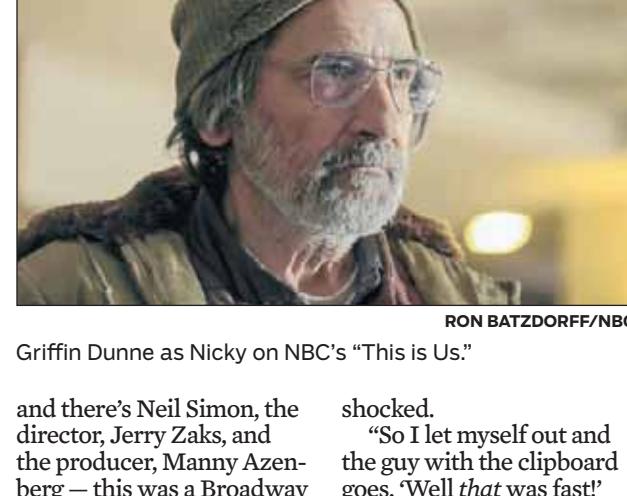
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'Your Show of Shows' (Sid Caesar's 1950s-era comedy and variety series).

"I was told they wanted me to read for two parts — one guy is kind of pretentious and wears a beret (the character Milt), and the other part, which is the one I really wanted, was for this guy named Irvin Stone, a hypochondriac who goes, 'I'm having a heart attack!' He gives all these instructions and it's a hilarious monologue: 'Call Columbia Presbyterian Hospital! Ask for Dr. Bruckman! If he's not available, call Dr. Stone-and-Son' and on and on it goes. It's this whole thing and it's very funny. The character was based on Mel Brooks."

"The audition was in New York, so my plan was to fly to New York — out of my own pocket — do the audition, and then fly back to LA and take my road trip."

"I get to the audition and a guy with a clipboard said, 'They're expecting you. Go right in.' I walk in the room



RON BATZDORFF/NBC

Griffin Dunne as Nicky on NBC's "This Is Us."

and there's Neil Simon, the director, Jerry Zaks, and the producer, Manny Azenberg — this was a Broadway powerhouse sitting at the table in this rehearsal hall.

"I get about five lines into my into my audition for the first character — the guy with the beret — and the director stops me: 'Thank you! That was great.' And I said, 'Well, I didn't finish.' And he goes, 'No, no, we've seen enough.'

That's great! I've flown all this way and this guy gives me a 'thank you' five lines into my audition? I'm shell-

shocked.

"So I let myself out and the guy with the clipboard goes, 'Well that was fast!' And I realized this is all I'm going to be thinking about during the two weeks that I'm driving cross-country. I'm going to be muttering behind the wheel for two weeks: 'Woulda, shoulda, coulda, why I oughta ...'

"And suddenly I looked at the doorknob that led back into the audition room, and I grabbed it and I throw the door open with such force — I didn't mean to — but it banged against the wall. And by this time

Neil Simon and the other guys, they're all standing up talking about my audition going, 'Huh, whatever happened to Griffin? Jesus, that was weird.' And all of a sudden I come in and I go, 'I'm having a heart attack! Call Columbia Presbyterian Hospital! Ask for Dr. Bruckman!' And I do the whole monologue.

"And they just stared at me open-mouthed — needless to say, I didn't get one laugh. And I do the whole thing (laugh). Don't call my wife! No, maybe you should call her, but don't tell her what's wrong because she'll call my mother and I don't have time to talk to my mother. She drives me crazy!"

"So I finish the monologue and I go, 'OK, that was all. I had to get that out of my system. Thank you.' And I walked out. They were just shocked, but when I walked out, I can't tell you how good I felt."

"Even though I knew it was a really weird thing I did, I felt really good. And I flew back, got in my car, started driving cross-country and didn't call my agent until I reached Arizona."

"I called from a phone booth and I said, 'So, uh, did you get any feedback?' And my agent said, 'Neil Simon said that was the most terrifying moment he's ever had in his life. He thought you had a gun. He said it was like Travis Bickle auditioning for a comedy.' (Laughs)

"And I went, 'Uh, well, OK, I'll take that. So I'm not going to get the part, I guess?' He said, 'No, you are not getting the part.'"

**It's surprising that Simon and Co. didn't respond better since Dunne's neurosis and spontaneity kind of embodied the mentality of the writers room depicted in the play.**

"Absolutely! I thought the same thing. But I think the problem was, first the door banging really hard — it was scary (laughs). And I think I was so on the precipice of thinking, 'Am I going to do this? This is crazy!' I think the intensity of how I did it was not conducive to laughter, but it was honest!"

"But yeah, I would have thought they would have

responded more positively to that. Like, 'You know what? Let's try that again, only this time calm down.'

"But even though that didn't happen, I felt elated after I did it. And it kind of changed my life in a small way. That emotional boldness you feel toward getting the acceptance of someone else? It really diminished."

"And it led to me becoming a director — and a very self-assured director — not much later. I don't know, it just changed my inner life in a very positive way."

## The takeaway ...

"Follow your gut no matter how crazy it is telling you to be — you will feel worse if you don't do something than if you do it and you fall on your (rear)."

"Had I not burst back into the audition to deliver that monologue, I know it sounds silly, but the memory of it would still give me those needles in my armpit and I'd have a groan that would go with it — a groan of regret."

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# To Erivo, Oscar nomination 'bittersweet'

'*Harriet*' star would like other actors of color recognized

BY SONAIYA KELLEY  
Los Angeles Times

British actress Cynthia Erivo received her first two Oscar nominations Monday morning for her performance as the iconic freedom fighter and abolitionist Harriet Tubman in Kasi Lemmons' "*Harriet*" and for co-writing that film's anthemic original song "Stand Up" (with Joshua Brian Campbell).

In the wake of notable snubs for the likes of Jennifer Lopez ("*Hustlers*"), Jamie Foxx ("*Just Mercy*") and Lupita Nyong'o ("*Us*"), Erivo was the only person of color nominated for an acting Oscar this year.

Hours after the nominations announcement, Erivo got on the phone from Japan, where she'd just landed to discuss her nominations and the legacy of #OscarsSoWhite.

**Q: First of all, congratulations! What were you doing when you got the news?**

**Cynthia Erivo:** Thank you. I was however many feet and miles in the air on the way to Japan on a plane.

**Q: Who gave you the news?**

**A:** I found out that I had WiFi on the plane, hooked up my phone to the WiFi, and I think this was like an hour or so after it had been announced. And many people gave me the news because a bunch of tweets, messages, texts, voicemails and DMs started coming through.

I can't remember which was the first text message I got; it just all happened.

**Q: Who was the first person to whom you responded?**

**A:** I have no idea. I can't even remember. I think I probably messaged my



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Cynthia Erivo, seen at the Golden Globe Awards in January, has been nominated for an Oscar in two categories.

mother first because I don't know that she realized it was happening. She's in London, so it wasn't in the news until much later.

I must've messaged my mother and my sister first and then I probably messaged my agent and my PR because we had to have conversations. I may be wrong because I can't even remember.

**Q: Do you mind me asking what you're doing in Japan?**

**A:** I've got a concert. I'm singing at three concerts that I'm going to be doing with two other artists.

**Q: How are you going to celebrate? Are you going to do it there or wait until you come back?**

**A:** I think I'm going to wait until I come back so I can do it with my friends and family. Here, I'm going to be working. I may pur-

chase something nice for myself [laughs].

**Q: How does it feel to be the sole acting nominee of color?**

**A:** It is bittersweet really and truly because while I worked very hard for what was happening, I also would have loved to be able to celebrate with other people of color who worked really hard this year also.

I believe there has been incredible work this year and beautiful pieces that have come out not just by people of color but women directors as well. I'm hoping I can represent us well once that celebration happens.

**Q: Did you know that if you win you'll become the youngest and fastest EGOT (performer who has won an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony award) winner in**

**A:** It was a no, really, because I just felt like it was indicative of what they thought of performers [of

**I do hope that that changes at some point. I hope it stops becoming an anomaly when it happens."**

— Oscar nominee Cynthia Erivo on being only the 11th black woman ever nominated in the lead-actress category

**history?**

**A:** I have been told that, yes, which is crazy. But no I didn't think that it would be at this point [in my career] because I didn't even know it was possible to do all those things with a Broadway musical.

So it's just wonderful to even have it discussed in this way.

**Q: What was your reaction when BAFTA asked you to perform despite failing to nominate any actors of color?**

**A:** It was a no, really, because I just felt like it was indicative of what they thought of performers [of

color] like myself. I just thought it didn't make sense to go and perform when there were literally none — none, at all.

**Q: How does it feel to achieve this recognition for playing such an iconic historical figure?**

**A:** It feels great because hopefully it means that people will start learning about her and wanting to be interested in the work that Harriet did. I hope that it makes her proud, I hope it makes her family proud.

I hope that people see this and want to know more about her, and I'm glad to be one of the repre-

sentsatives of her history. And I hope that it encourages more people to tell the story.

**Q: You're just the 11th black woman to be nominated for a lead-actress trophy in the Oscars' history. Does that create pressure being in such a potentially history-making position so early in your career?**

**A:** I don't think it creates pressure, [but] I do think it's sad that there's only one woman of color who has won that award. I do hope that that changes at some point. I hope it stops becoming an anomaly when it happens.

There are so many women of color, black women, who have been working in this industry who deserve and have deserved to be celebrated in that way and I hope it starts becoming more of the norm, to be honest. To be only the 11th is staggering, and so I'm hoping that changes at some point.

**Q: Since the academy so often overlooks artists of color, do you think that we should continue to take stock in their opinions of the best movies and performances of the year?**

**A:** Yes and no. It's a hard question to answer because I do think that there are people in it that do believe in good moviemaking and good actors. But I think that sometimes it's subjective. I think it's also up to us to celebrate the pieces that don't necessarily get celebrated at award ceremonies in our own way because not being nominated does not make it not a good movie.

Something can be beautiful and not be celebrated, but that is then up to us to make sure that it is. That's what I think. Yes, it highlights some of the movies of the year that are great, but if it misses some of these films I think our job is then to highlight those movies to make sure people see them.



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Home at 2308 W. Giddings St. in the Lincoln Square neighborhood involved in a lawsuit related to the team behind the popular HGTV series "Windy City Rehab."

## 'Windy City Rehab' host seeks dismissal of lawsuit

Gramenos lawyers urge homeowners to try mediation

BY TRACY SWARTZ

Attorneys for "Windy City Rehab" host Alison Victoria Gramenos are asking a Cook County judge to dismiss a lawsuit brought by a North Side couple unhappy with their home purchase so the issues can be worked out with a mediator. Gramenos has also expressed interest in buying back the home herself.

Gramenos' attorney Daniel Lynch and an attorney for homebuyers James and Anna Morrissey appeared briefly in court Tuesday to set a schedule for the case. The Morrisseys' attorney declined to comment.

Gramenos' attorneys argue that the purchase and sale agreement for the home at 2308 W. Giddings St. in the Lincoln Square neighborhood require the Morrisseys to bring any disputes "to mediation as a

condition precedent to bringing litigation," according to paperwork filed last week. The Morrisseys did not engage a mediator before suing Gramenos and her contractors Donovan Eckhardt and Ermin Pajazetovic last month over alleged problems with their roof, windows, exterior wall masonry and an upstairs hallway bathroom, according to Gramenos' attorneys.

"As you learned from reviewing the Motion to Dismiss, the parties' contract required the Morrisseys to seek the formal assistance of a mediator before going to court. The Morrisseys disregarded their contractual promise and filed a lawsuit anyway. We have asked the Court to enforce the contract," Lynch said in an email Tuesday.

Lynch also said that he told the Morrisseys' attorney Tuesday that Gramenos has expressed interest in buying back the Giddings home "because she loves the house and the neighborhood and would

be happy to live in the house herself." In their lawsuit, the Morrisseys said they wanted to return the home for \$1.44 million to cover the cost of the home plus fixes they said they paid for.

The home, which sold for \$1.36 million, was featured on the first season of "Windy City Rehab," an HGTV show that follows Gramenos and her team as they flip homes around Chicago. The show has been popular since Season 1 premiered in January 2019, and a second season is expected to premiere this summer even as Gramenos and her team ran into trouble with the city over a slew of alleged permit violations.

Work was temporarily stopped at some properties, and the city is bringing civil action over four properties it deemed had "dangerous and unsafe conditions." A hearing on those four cases is scheduled for next month in Cook County court.

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**IN PERFORMANCE** 'Thirst' ★★ 1/2

## Strawdog Theatre imagines a future where water = power

BY CHRIS JONES

Are we all soon to devolve into warring tribes, sharing a grim, post-apocalyptic world where power means controlling the water supply?

Such is the grim human future imagined by the emerging writer C.A. Johnson, whose bleak dystopian drama "Thirst" is the newest offering at the Strawdog Theatre, where it's not exactly a happy new year.

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Water, as the title suggests, is one of the play's central preoccupations; it's worth noting that in many parts of the world, people travel for hours every day to gain access to something clean and healthy to drink. But it turns out here that Terrance used to be married to Samira, and he has



JESUS J. MONTERO PHOTO

Saniyah As-Salaam as Kalil in Strawdog Theatre Company's production of "Thirst."

**When:** Through Feb. 15

**Where:** Strawdog Theatre, 1802 W. Berenice Ave.

**Running time:** 1 hour, 30 minutes

**Tickets:** \$35 at 773-644-1380 or [www.strawdog.org](http://www.strawdog.org)

not found peace with her decision to make a home with Greta, a white woman. And thus Johnson explores another side of thirsting: the patriarchal need for power.

Much of "Thirst" involves conversation between Terrance, his brother Bankhead (Johnard Washington) and his sidekick Coolie (Tamarus Harvell); Johnson is, I think, mostly probing the complexities of an oppressed people trying to navigate the sectarian challenges of finally achieving agency. With a world in flames, presumably as a consequence of race-fueled division, it is a chilling vision of the only well.

"Thirst," frankly, is not an easy play to watch or, in this production, to follow. And one issue with this staging, directed with passion by Andrea J. Dymond, is that it sometimes

struggles to allow one scene to build upon another in such a way as to generate energy and theatrical propulsion.

There are many — far too many — blackouts and breaks and pauses, and that staccato influence often works against the kinetic intensity of Johnson's crisis-building writing. The performances are all very solid, but somehow the stakes of the emotional engagement we feel in the theater don't fully match the highly intense situation we are being asked to believe.

The core of the work here has yet to be found. We don't yet see the crucial contrast between people trying to live normal lives and the horrific world beyond.

For all of its relentless, "Thirst" is a very ambitious and interesting piece of writing. If you don't know Johnson's name, there is an argument made here that you surely will, hopefully in a near future preferable to the one she imagines here.

Chris Jones is a Tribune critic.

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## WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Sam Keeley (left) and Jeremy Tardy

**"68 Whiskey"** (9 p.m., 1 a.m., PARMT; 10 p.m., CMT): Brian Grazer and Ron Howard's Imagine Entertainment Television Studios comes forth with this dramedy that blends intensely dramatic moments with flashes of irreverent humor and revolves around a multicultural band of Army medics stationed in Afghanistan on a base nicknamed, with typical gallows humor, The Orphanage. Sam Keeley, Jeremy Tardy, Gage Golightly and Derek Theler star.

**"The CW Dog Honors"** (7 p.m., CW): Mario Lopez hosts this new one-hour special that essentially is a big old lovefest for our canine companions. The presentation features dog-loving Hollywood celebrities and their four-legged furkids, who will be singled out for honors in categories ranging from Celebrity Dog Selfie to Pawpular and Top TV Dog, among several others. Lopez also will interview and recognize the honorees during a segment that features some of the winners.

**"Party of Five"** (8 p.m., FREE): In a new episode called "Long Distance," Emilio (Brandon Larracuente) faces a challenging decision after discovering that the owner of a restaurant across the street had been taking advantage of his father. Beto (Niko Guardado) struggles with his frustration over Emilio's new relationship, and Lucia (Emily Tosta) tries to help a new friend get a job ... which proves challenging after she discovers he hasn't renewed his DACA status.

**"S.W.A.T."** (9 p.m., CBS): Jim Street (Alex Russell) confronts a seemingly impossible decision when he is caught between his professional duty and his filial commitment to his foster brother, Nate (recurring guest star Cory Hardick), after the latter is caught up in a criminal enterprise that could wind up utterly ruining both of them in the new episode "Bad Cop."

**"Listing Impossible"** (9 p.m., CNBC): When the elite of Los Angeles put their multi-million-dollar properties up for sale, they're often stunned to discover that their dream home isn't necessarily as irresistible to others, which means these — um — one-of-a-kind residences can sit on the market for years. Unless, of course, the seller elects to hire superstar real estate agent Aaron Kirman and his team.

**"Good Trouble"** (9 p.m., FREE): As the drama returns with new episodes starting with "Clapback," Callie (Maia Mitchell) seeks help from an old friend after Malika (Zuri Adele) gets in trouble following the BLM disruption. Elsewhere, Mariana (Cierra Ramirez) deals with the "fixer" at the office, Alice (Sherry Cola) finds herself in a full-blown love triangle, and Gael (Tommy Martinez) lends a hand to Davia (Emma Hunton) on a music video.

### TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Larry David.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Robert Downey Jr.; actress Aidy Bryant; Little Big Town performs.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Democratic presidential hopeful Andrew Yang; actress Abby McEnany.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live!"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Brian Cox; comic Todd Glass.\*

\*Subject to change

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### WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 15

Movies

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
<b>BROADCAST</b>	<b>CBS</b> 2	Undercover Boss: "Any-time Fitness." (N) ©	Criminal Minds: "Spectator Slowing." (N) ©	S.W.A.T.: "Bad Cop." (N) ©	News (N) ♦			
	<b>NBC</b> 5	Chicago Med (N) © HD	Chicago Fire: "Where We End Up." (N) ©	Chicago P.D.: "43rd and Normal." (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♦			
	<b>ABC</b> 7	Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time (N) ©	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Stumptown: "The Past and the Furious." (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦		
	<b>WGN</b> 9	black-ish: "In-black-ish © heritance."	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) © HD	WGN News at Ten (N)		
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	It's a Living	3's Comp.	Family Ties	Growing	Designing	Murphy	Carson ♦
	<b>Court</b> 9.3	• Closing Arguments (N)			Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan © ♦			
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Nature: "Hippos: Africa's River Giants." (N) ©	NOVA: "The Planets: Jupiter." (N) © (Part 3 of 5)	Expedition with (Series Premiere) (N) ♦			
	<b>CW</b> 26.1	The CW Dog Honors (N)	Nancy Drew (N) ©	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©		
	<b>The U</b> 26.2	Dr. Phil ©	Tamron Hall (N) ©	The Steve Wilkos Show	Cops ©			
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith Gomer Pyle Green Acres	Hogan Hero Hogan Hero	C. Burnett			
<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek ©	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦				
<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	The Glimmer Man (R,'96) * Steven Seagal. ©			Judgment Day (R,'99) ** Ice-T. © ♦				
<b>FOX</b> 32	Flirty Dancing: "Episode 4: Almost Family: "Generational AF." (N) ©			Fox 32 News at Nine (N) Modern Family ©				
<b>Ion</b> 38	Blue Bloods © HD	Blue Bloods © HD	Blue Bloods © HD	Blue Blood ♦				
<b>TeleM</b> 44	Decisions: unos (N)	La Doña (N) ©	El señor de los cielos (N)	Chicago (N)				
<b>MNT</b> 50	Chicago P.D. ©	Dateline HD	Dateline HD	Chicago ♦				
<b>UniMas</b> 60	Enamorándonos			Noticiero	Esta historia me suena			
<b>WJYS</b> 62	Salem Baptist Church	Joyce Meyer Robison	Coach's Cor.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.			
<b>Univ</b> 66	Ringo (N)	Amor eterno	El dragón (N)	Noticias (N)				
<b>AE</b>	Live PD (N) (Live) ©	America's Top Dog (N)	Live PD (N) (Live) ©	Live PD (N) (Live) ©	Live PD ♦			
<b>AMC</b>	Ghostbusters (PG-'84) *** Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd. ©			Ghostbusters II ('89) ***				
<b>ANIM</b>	(7:01) I Was Prey: Under Attack (N)			(9:01) I Was Prey ©	I Was Prey ♦			
<b>BBCA</b>	Planet Earth: Life ©	Planet Earth: Life ©	Planet Earth: Life ©	Planet Earth: Life ©	Earth ♦			
<b>BET</b>	• The Best Man Holiday ** Tyler Perry's The Oval (N)	Tyler Perry's Sistas (N)	Tyler Perry's The Oval	The Oval ♦				
<b>BIGTEN</b>	• College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Penn State at Minnesota. (N) ©		Postgame				
<b>BRAVO</b>	Housewives/NJ (N)	Watch (N)	Housewives/NJ	Housewives-Atlanta				
<b>CLTV</b>	Sign-off			Sign-off				
<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦				
<b>COM</b>	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily (N) ♦			
<b>DISC</b>	Alaskan Bush People (N)	(8:01) To Be announced		(9:01) To Be announced	Alaskan ♦			
<b>DISN</b>	Bunk'd © Gabby	Sydney-Max	Roll With It	Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk'd ©		
<b>E!</b>	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	The Frasers	The Frasers		
<b>ESPN</b>	• NBA Basketball: Nets at 76ers (N)	NBA Basketball: Trail Blazers at Rockets (N) ♦						
<b>ESPN2</b>	• College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Auburn at Alabama. (N) (Live)						
<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News				
<b>FOOD</b>	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games	Grocery ♦				
<b>FREE</b>	• (5:30) Grown Ups ('10) * Party of Five (N) ©	Party of Five (N) ©	Good Trouble (N) ©	700 Club ♦				
<b>FX</b>	Despicable Me 3 (PG,'17) ** Voices of Steve Carell.		Despicable Me 3 (PG,'17) **					
<b>HALL</b>	A Winter Princess (NR,'19) Natalie Hall. ©			Love in Winterland (NR,'20) © ♦				
<b>HGTV</b>	Property Brothers	Property Brothers (N)	Hunt Int'l (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l			
<b>HIST</b>	Forged in Fire (N)	Forged in Fire (N)	Vikings (N) ©	Forged	♦			
<b>HLN</b>	How It Really Happened	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic			
<b>IFC</b>	• Night at the Museum: Smithsonian	Coming to America (R,'88) *** Eddie Murphy. ©						
<b>LIFE</b>	Married at First Sight: "I Married a Stranger." (N) ©	Supernanny (N) ©						
<b>MSNBC</b>	All in With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)				
<b>MTV</b>	Catfish: The TV Show (N)	True Life Crime (N) ©	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.				
<b>NBCSCH</b>	• NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Canadiens (N)		Blackhawks Postgame (N)	All Access				
<b>NICK</b>	SpongeBob	SpongeBob Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♦		
<b>Ovation</b>	• (6) Along Came a Spider (R,'01) **	Double Jeopardy (R,'99) *** Tommy Lee Jones. ♦						
<b>OWN</b>	20/20 on OWN: "NXIVM."	20/20 on OWN	20/20 on OWN ©	20/20	20/20 ♦			
<b>OXY</b>	Snapped ©	Snapped ©						
<b>PARMT</b>	• (6) John Wick: Chapter 2 (R,'17) *** Keanu Reeves.	68 Whiskey (Series Premiere) (N) © John Wick ♦						
<b>SYFY</b>	• (6:08) Captain America: Civil War (PG-13,'16) ***	The Magicians (Season Premiere) (N) © Magicians ♦						
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan (N)		
<b>TCM</b>	The Wet Parade (NR,'32) ** Walter Huston. ©			Once Upon a Time in America	★★★★			
<b>TLC</b>	My 600-Lb. Life: "Bethany's Story." (N)			1000-lb Sisters (N)	My Feet ♦			
<b>TLN</b>	Baptist	King	Faithwire	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanit ♦	
<b>TNT</b>	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©			Pain & Gain (R,'13) ★★ © ♦				
<b>TOON</b>	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Family Guy	Rick, Morty			
<b>TRAV</b>	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca. (N)	Ghosts-Camera (N)	Paranorm. ♦			
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King		
<b>USA</b>	WWE NXT (N) (Live) ©			Miz & Mrs	Miz & Mrs	Miz & Mrs ♦		
<b>VH1</b>	Black Ink: Chicago (N)	Potluck	Black Ink Crew: Chicago					
<b>WE</b>	Law & Order ©	Law & Order ©	Law & Order: "Darkness."	Law ♦				
<b>WGN America</b>	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©		
<b>HBO</b>	The New Pope ©	(8:05) John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum ('19) ***						
<b>HBO2</b>	• (6:20) The Nun ('18) **	The Outsider ©	The Outsider: "Roanoke."	Bad Times ♦				
<b>MAX</b>	Crazy Rich Asians (PG-13,'18) *** Constance Wu.							
<b>SHO</b>	• The Hunt for Red October	Platoon (R,'86) **** Tom Berenger. ©						
<b>STARZ</b>	• (6:17) Escape Room **	Stockholm (R,'18) Ethan Hawke.		(9:34) King Kong ***				
<b>STZENC</b>	• Johnson Family Vacation	Lethal Weapon 2 (R,'89) *** Mel Gibson. ©		Tron Lgy ©				

Premium

## Best picture may be decided this weekend



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Joaquin Phoenix in a scene from "Joker." Phoenix was nominated Monday for an Oscar for best actor for his role in the film.

war film, "Braveheart.") A movie can win without a screenplay nod. (Remember when "Titanic" was king of the world?) But if it's shut out in both areas, you can forget about writing that acceptance speech. You won't need it.

So "1917" bagged that screenplay nomination. And it doesn't really need the acting noms because everyone loves George MacKay and Dean-Charles Chapman playing the two British soldiers on a mission to deliver a crucial warning message to comrades about to fall into a trap set by the Germans. Not enough to nominate them, no, but they arrived late to stacked acting categories that didn't even have room for Robert De Niro ("The Irishman"), Christian Bale ("Ford v Ferrari"), Taron Egerton ("Rocketman"), Eddie Murphy ("Dolemite Is My Name") and (hold on, I'm wiping away a tear) Adam Sandler's live-wire turn in "Uncut Gems."

Mendes' war movie has accrued unstoppable momentum in a brief window of time. The biggest Oscar nomination wasn't Todd Phillips' nod for directing "Joker" or Kathy Bates slipping in ahead of Jennifer Lopez in the supporting actress category. (Did you not cry along with Bates in "Richard Jewell" when the FBI returned her Tupperware and it was ruined?)

No, the most significant nomination was "1917" earning a spot in the original screenplay category, making Mendes a triple nominee (he produced, directed and co-wrote, with Krysty Wilson-Cairns, the script) and keeping the film safe from some daunting Oscar history.

A movie can win the best picture Oscar without earning any acting nominations. (The list includes "Slumdog Millionaire," "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" and another

well because its voters apparently respond mostly to manically cut movies ("Beelzebub has a devil put aside for me, for me, for meeeeeee!"), and "1917" was constructed to appear as if it takes place in a single shot.

Another movie that came up empty with the editors was Quentin Tarantino's "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood," the one film I think that could wrest the best picture Oscar from "1917," even though only 10 movies have won that top award without an editing nomination. ("Birdman," designed, like "1917," to look like it was shot in one take, was the last.)

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**Horoscopes**

**Today's birthday** (Jan. 15): Imagine a purpose to dedicate yourself to this year. You can have anything that you're willing to work for persistently. Winter personal glory inspires solutions for a challenge with a partner.

Changing conditions require plan edits next summer before creativity animates your partnership.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Collaborative efforts flower. Romance is in the air; align your forces for a common goal and realize a beautiful dream.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 9. Get moving! Physical action gets outsize results. A genius friend has a solution to a tech problem. Follow full speed ahead with good food and rest.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 9. Take advantage of a spontaneous opportunity to express your admiration, love and respect. You can advance a romance! Create beautiful music together.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 7. Commit and take action for beautiful domestic results. Discover a pleasant surprise, an unexpected synchronicity or hidden treasure revealed. Enjoy results with family and friends.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Make your move. Launch a creative project or message for unexpected positive response. Write, broadcast or blog. Refine your pitch. Words can get extra results.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Lucrative rewards follow your quick actions. Work the numbers. Get your team involved. Use good equipment for best results. Stash away extra loot.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. You're especially charming and attractive. Advance a personal cause with help from friends and get farther than expected. Talk about what you love.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Your creative imagination blossoms. Listen to your muses. Capture your thoughts into words and images. What you create today can have long-term benefit.

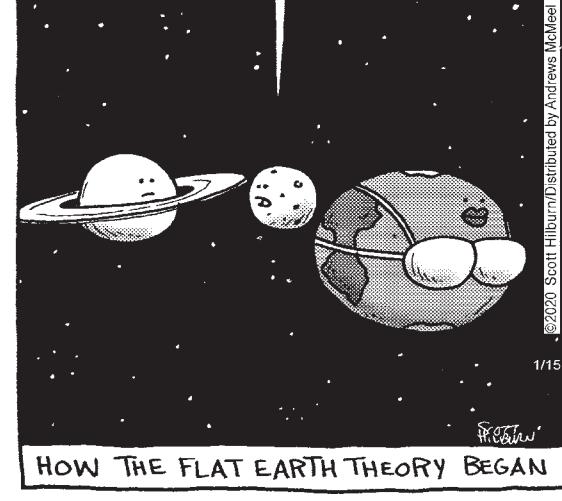
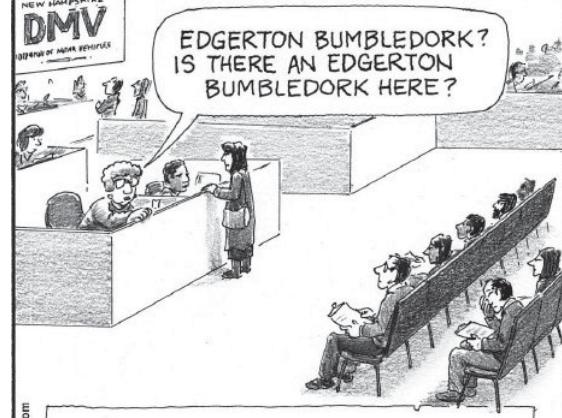
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. You have more friends than you realized. Share what you're learning. A chance opportunity presents the perfect connection. Enjoy a moment of social synchronicity.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Discover a golden opportunity to resolve a professional challenge or advance in your career. Listen to loved ones. Follow the work that stirs your heart.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Things fall into place with an educational exploration. Grab a lucky chance. Get out and go! Discover hidden treasure.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Monitor shared finances and discover favorable conditions for growth. Made adjustments to suit. Collaborate with your team to take advantage of a lucky break.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

**The Argyle Sweater** By Scott Hilburn**Bliss** By Harry Bliss**Bridge**

East-West vulnerable, North deals

**North**

♠ A K 9 8 7 6  
♥ Void  
♦ 10 7 5 4 3  
♣ K 3

**West**

♠ Q

♥ A Q J 10 7 6 5 4 2

♦ Void

♣ Q 9 6

**East**

♠ J 3 2

♥ K 9 8 3

♦ Q

♣ J 8 7 4 2

**South**

♠ 10 5 4

♥ Void

♦ A K J 9 8 6 2

♣ A 10 5

Freak deals are often fun to watch, although they may not be much fun to play. This freak is from a European Team Championship last year that attracted many of the top players from Europe. East-West were able to buy the contract at a high number of hearts at a few tables. Declarer could hold his losses to three tricks provided he didn't lose a trick to the 10 of clubs. You may think that North-South might arrange a club ruff for a

fourth defensive trick but note the appalling lack of trumps for North-South against a heart contract.

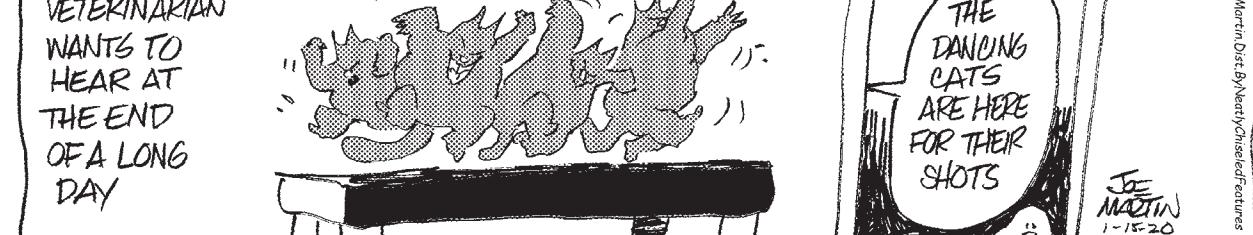
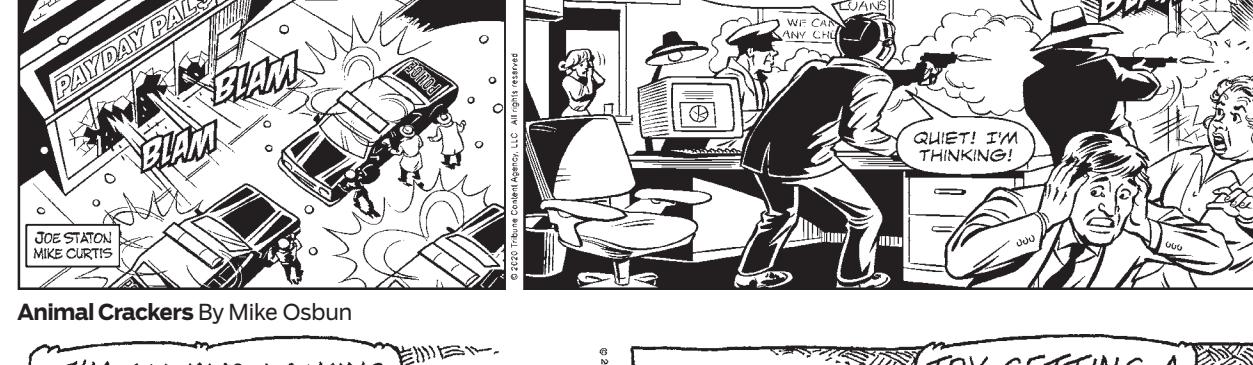
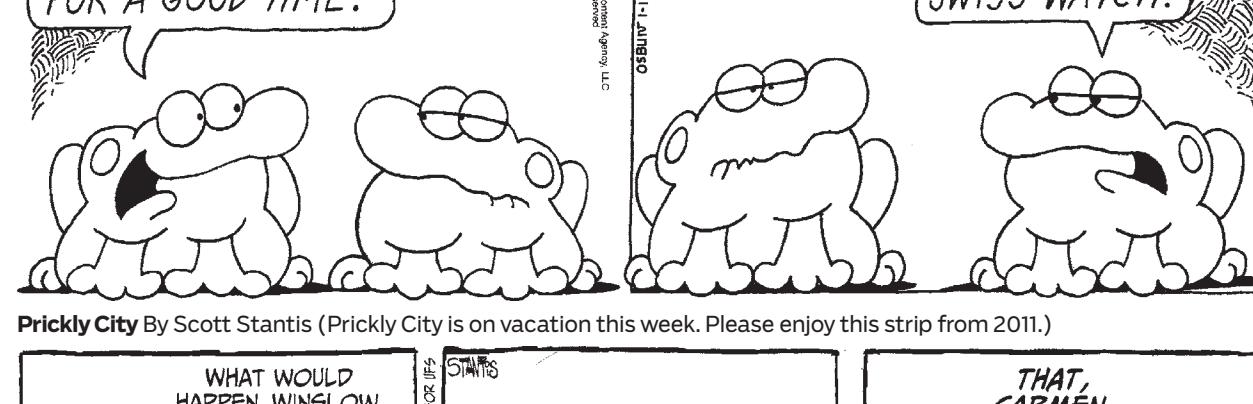
More often, North-South ended up in either seven diamonds or six spades. The play in seven diamonds needed declarer to bring home the spades for no losers. This would be impossible on this layout without a little help. That help was forthcoming when West led the ace of hearts, giving a ruff-sluff at trick one. South was able to ruff in dummy and discard a spade from his hand. There was a club ruff available to North-South in a diamond contract and the grand slam sailed home. Some players did find the winning queen of spades lead to defeat the contract.

The real curiosity was in the defense to six spades. The only way for the defense to succeed was for East to lead his singleton queen of diamonds to give West a ruff with his singleton queen of spades! Not one you see every day.

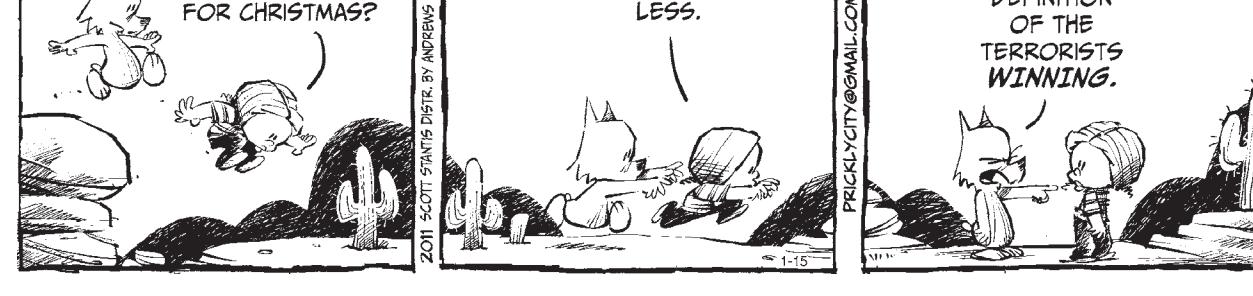
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**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

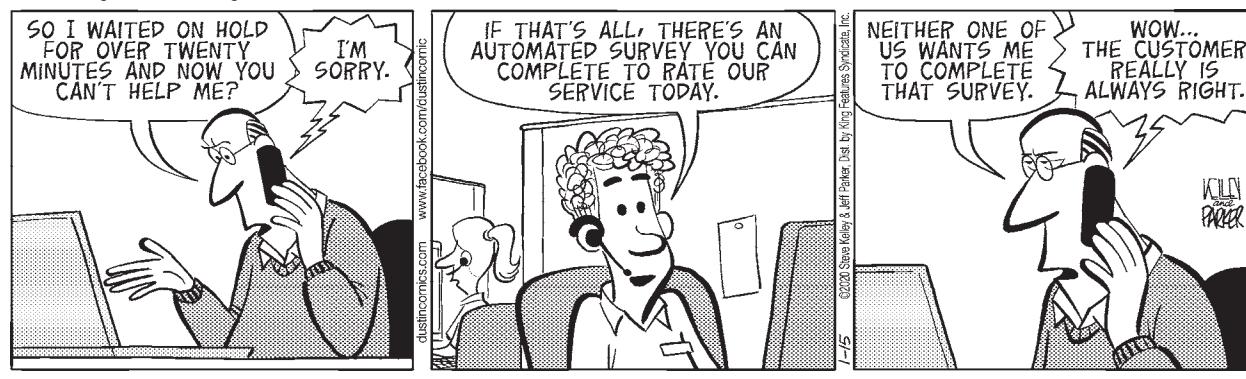
**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott (Baby Blues is on vacation until Jan. 27. Please enjoy this strip from 2016.)

**Zits** By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman**Mr. Boffo** By Joe Martin**Frazz** By Jef Mallett**Classic Peanuts** By Charles Schulz**Pickles** By Brian Crane**Dick Tracy** By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis**Animal Crackers** By Mike Osburn

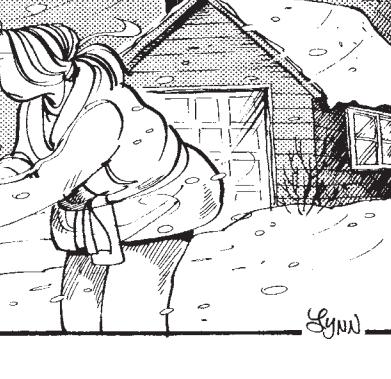
**Prickly City** By Scott Stantis (Prickly City is on vacation this week. Please enjoy this strip from 2011.)



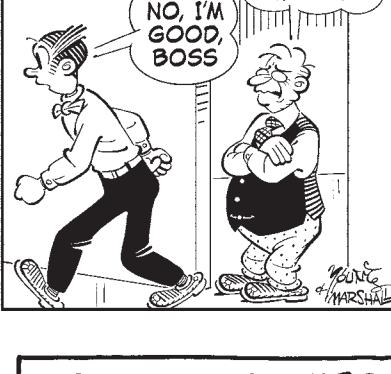
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For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



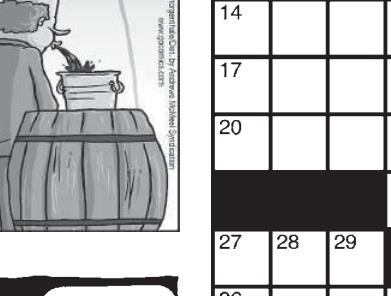
Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne



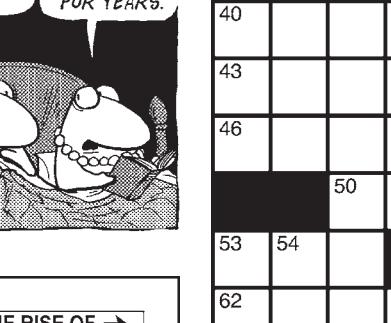
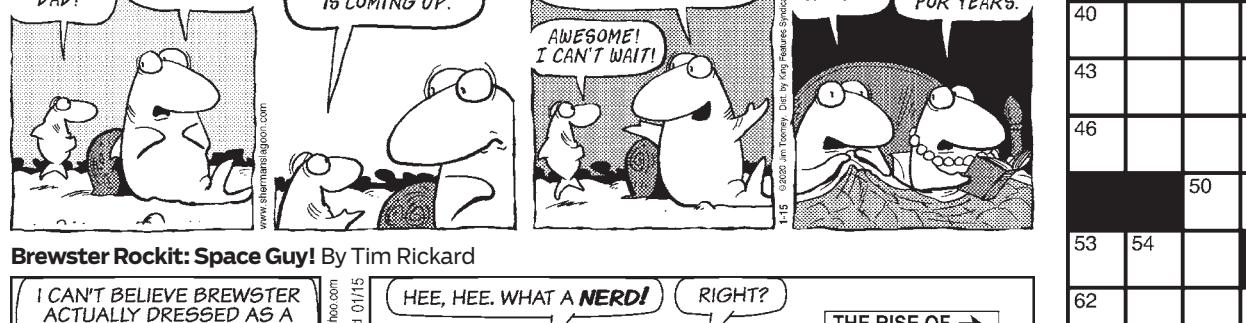
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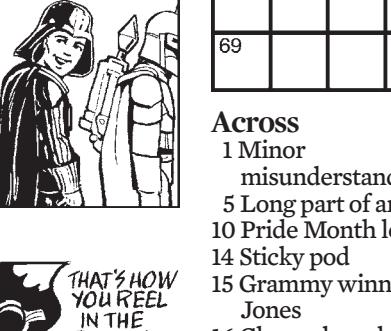
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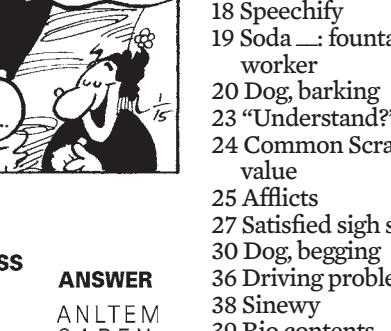
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Trivia Bits

Which water bird figures prominently in Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poem "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"?

A) Albatross

B) Auk

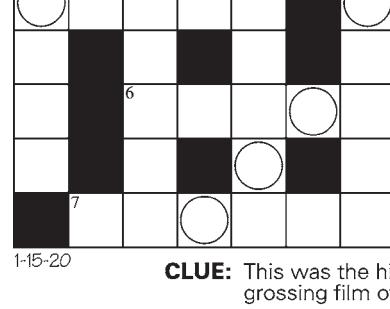
C) Cormorant

D) Seagull

Tuesday's answer: Sometimes called "smell blindness," anosmia is the lack or loss of the sense of smell.

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Jumble Crossword



## ACROSS

1. Bemoan  
5. Extent  
6. Chocolate \_\_\_  
7. Ted \_\_\_

## DOWN

1. Lasso  
2. Large house  
3. Requiring  
4. Contraption

## ANSWER

ANLTEM  
GAREN  
INGIC  
THINKG

## CLUE

IRLTAA  
IAMNNNS  
DGNIENEN  
TADGGE

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

**BONUS**

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## Across

- 1 Minor  
misunderstanding  
5 Long part of an arrow  
10 Pride Month letters

- 14 Sticky pod

- 15 Grammy winner Jones

- 16 Channel marker

- 17 Letter starter

- 18 Speechify

- 19 Soda \_\_\_ fountain worker

- 20 Dog, barking

- 23 "Understand?"

- 24 Common Scrabble tile value

- 25 Afflicts

- 27 Satisfied sigh sound

- 30 Dog, begging

- 36 Driving problem

- 38 Sinewy

- 39 Rio contents

- 40 Burton of "Star Trek: TNG"

- 41 Rhea cousin

## Tuesday's solution

BAR BANTU SATUP  
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CURLS MCING LET

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SEEPS TWEED AWS

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- 42 Harry's mom Lily \_\_\_  
Potter

- 21 Go in

- 22 Up to, briefly

- 26 Split

- 27 Luminous

- 28 First Hebrew letter

- 29 Enjoy oneself immensely

- 31 Fancy pitchers

- 32 Focus on, as a bull's eye

- 33 Alternative to dare

- 34 Branch of Islam

- 35 Watercolor prop

- 37 Totaled, as costs

- 42 First name in beauty products

- 44 Went out with someone wealthier, say

- 47 Amaze

- 48 The same number

- 52 \_\_\_ dog

- 53 Teal relative

- 54 Go bad

- 56 Legal thriller writer

- Scottoline

- 57 Scott of "Hawaii Five-O"

- 58 Tending to the matter

- 59 Exclude

- 60 Puzzle with dead ends

- 61 Checkup

- 63 Prosecutors, briefly

## Sudoku 1 2 3 4

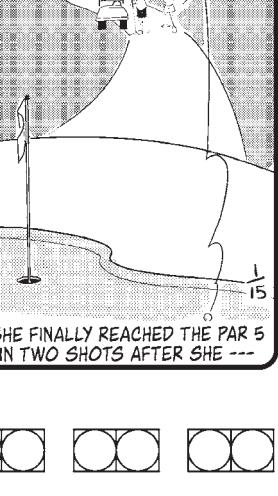
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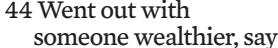
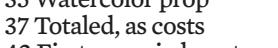
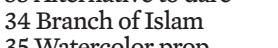
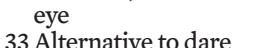
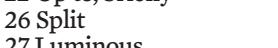
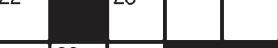
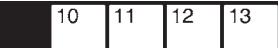
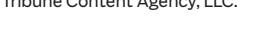
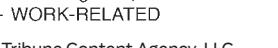
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

## Tuesday's solutions

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## Answer here



# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15

NORMAL HIGH: 31°

NORMAL LOW: 16°

RECORD HIGH: 60° (1949)

RECORD LOW: -19° (1979)

## Freezing drizzle set to reign early Wednesday

### LOCAL FORECAST



HIGH 39

LOW 17

■ Winter Weather Advisory until noon for light ice accumulations, especially NW suburbs.

■ Extensive cloudiness. Patchy light freezing drizzle in the morning. Precipitation changes to drizzle by lunchtime as temperatures rise above freezing.

■ High temperatures in the upper 30s, about 8 degrees above normal.

■ Partly cloudy, blustery and much colder Wednesday night. West to northwest winds 15-25 mph and gusty. Lows in the mid teens. Wind chills drop to near 0 degrees by Thursday morning.

THURSDAY, JAN. 16



HIGH 24

LOW 15

Mostly sunny but markedly colder. Initially gusty winds subside in the afternoon. Highs in the low to middle 20s. Morning wind chills around zero moderate to near 10 degrees in the afternoon.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



FRIDAY, JAN. 17



HIGH 32

LOW Steady or rising at night

Increasing cloudiness, not as cold. Growing prospects for snow developing in the afternoon. Snow may mix with freezing rain or rain overnight into Saturday morning. Some accumulation is likely.



SATURDAY, JAN. 18



HIGH 38

LOW 9

Cloudy, blustery, turning colder. Precipitation changes to a period of snow as temperatures crash. Highs in the upper 30s but falling into the teens by evening. Wind chills as low as -20 to -25 degrees by Sunday morning.



SUNDAY, JAN. 19



HIGH 19

LOW 8

Sun/cloud mix. Colder. The chilliest daytime highs in nearly 5 weeks, and among the coldest of the season! Highs struggle to make it out of the teens. Wind chills from -20 in the morning to near zero in the afternoon.



MONDAY, JAN. 20



HIGH 18

LOW 6

Partly cloudy and continued quite cold with highs again in the upper teens. A few flurries lakeside flurries possible, heavier lake effect snow likely in the Michigan snow belt. Wind chills: -10 to +5.



Freezing drizzle is likely Wednesday morning, especially in the northwest suburbs, but the precipitation changes to drizzle or light rain by afternoon as temperatures rise into the middle and upper 30s. Much colder air arrives by late in the day and readings plunge to the middle teens by early Thursday with wind chill temperatures falling to zero degrees. Temperatures recover to the lower or middle 20s in the afternoon Thursday.

A vigorous low pressure system develops in the central Great Plains on Friday and moves to northern Illinois by Saturday morning, bringing snow that may mix with freezing rain or rain Friday night and Saturday morning. Much colder air follows behind the low pressure system on Saturday, and the chill will be with us Sunday through Tuesday.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21



HIGH 20

LOW 10

Arctic air continues to dominate Chicago's weather scene. Afternoon highs near 20 degrees, about 10 degrees below normal despite mostly sunny skies. Wind chills: -10 to +10.



### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
"Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it," said Mark Twain. Why is that?

Janice Arvaloric

Dear Janice,  
It's a complex question. "Doing something about the weather" implies "weather control" of some sort, and unfortunately, weather-control and weather-modification experiments have all yielded results that are in varying degrees unsuccessful, unsatisfactory, cost-inefficient or overly controversial.

Atmospheric weather processes utilize massive amounts of energy. To modify those processes requires intervention in the atmosphere with a precision that is beyond our technological ability. "Designing around the weather" has proven to be more efficient and more reliable: irrigation rather than rain making, for example.

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Hear Demetrios Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

### Freezing drizzle Wednesday morning; colder pattern ahead

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Estimated ice totals



## STORM TRACK AND PRECIPITATION

## Best chances for snow or sleet

● A few inches of snow/sleet  
● Mixed precipitation changing to rain

## TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK

## Predicted 14-day temp departures

How far from normal?

FORECAST NEXT 7 DAYS

+7° +4° 0° +4°

SU MO TU

## A COLDER PATTERN LOCKING IN

Jan. 8-14 Average temp (the past week): 32.5°

Forecast next 7 days: 20.3°

FORECAST DAYS 8-14

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-90° -110° -110° -60° -70° -70° -60°

## PATTERN SHIFT TO BRING COLDER AIR

## Southwest winds aloft shift to northwest

Wednesday's upper winds (15,500ft.-level winds)

## FORECAST

Strongest winds 70 mph

45 mph winds over Chicago

## WEDNESDAY WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY

## Freezing drizzle, hazardous travel

Advisory is in effect north of I-80 Wed. (Jan. 15)

■ Starts early WED.

morning—ending around 9 a.m. (as temps rise above freezing)

■ Possible slippery surfaces on sidewalks and less-traveled roads.

Next Tuesday (Jan. 21) (15,500ft.-level winds)

## FORECAST

Strongest winds 85 mph

Int'l Falls

SS 8° -16° PC 2° -10°

Sacramento

Sh 53° 44° RR 49° 40°

Salem, Ore.

Salt Lake City

PC 41° 30° PC 47° 34°

Providence

PC 43° 33° PC 47° 17°

Raleigh

PC 55° 57° PC 61° 32°

Reno

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Richmond

PC 59° 51° PC 57° 29°

Rochester

PC 40° 31° SS 34° 12°

Jackson

PC 73° 67° SH 74° 64°

Little Rock

PC 68° 49° PC 47° 39°

Fairbanks

PC 55° 42° PC 46° 24°

Fargo

PC 45° 33° PC 37° 26°

Abilene

PC 45° 33° PC 43° 14°

Albuquerque

PC 45° 33° PC 37° 26°

Billings

PC 40° 28° PC 33° 17°

Bismarck

PC 44° 19° PC 37° 11°

Cheyenne

PC 40° 19° PC 33° 11°

Des Moines

PC 31° 12° PC 23° 11°

Duluth

PC 20° 5° PC 6° 2°

Green Bay

PC 29° 11° PC 13° 5°

Milwaukee

PC 32° 6° PC 21° 8°

Madison

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Ottawa

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Phoenix

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Portland

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Seattle

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Spokane

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St. Louis

PC 37° 10° PC 21° 13°

Tampa

PC 73° 63° PC 66° 46°

Topeka

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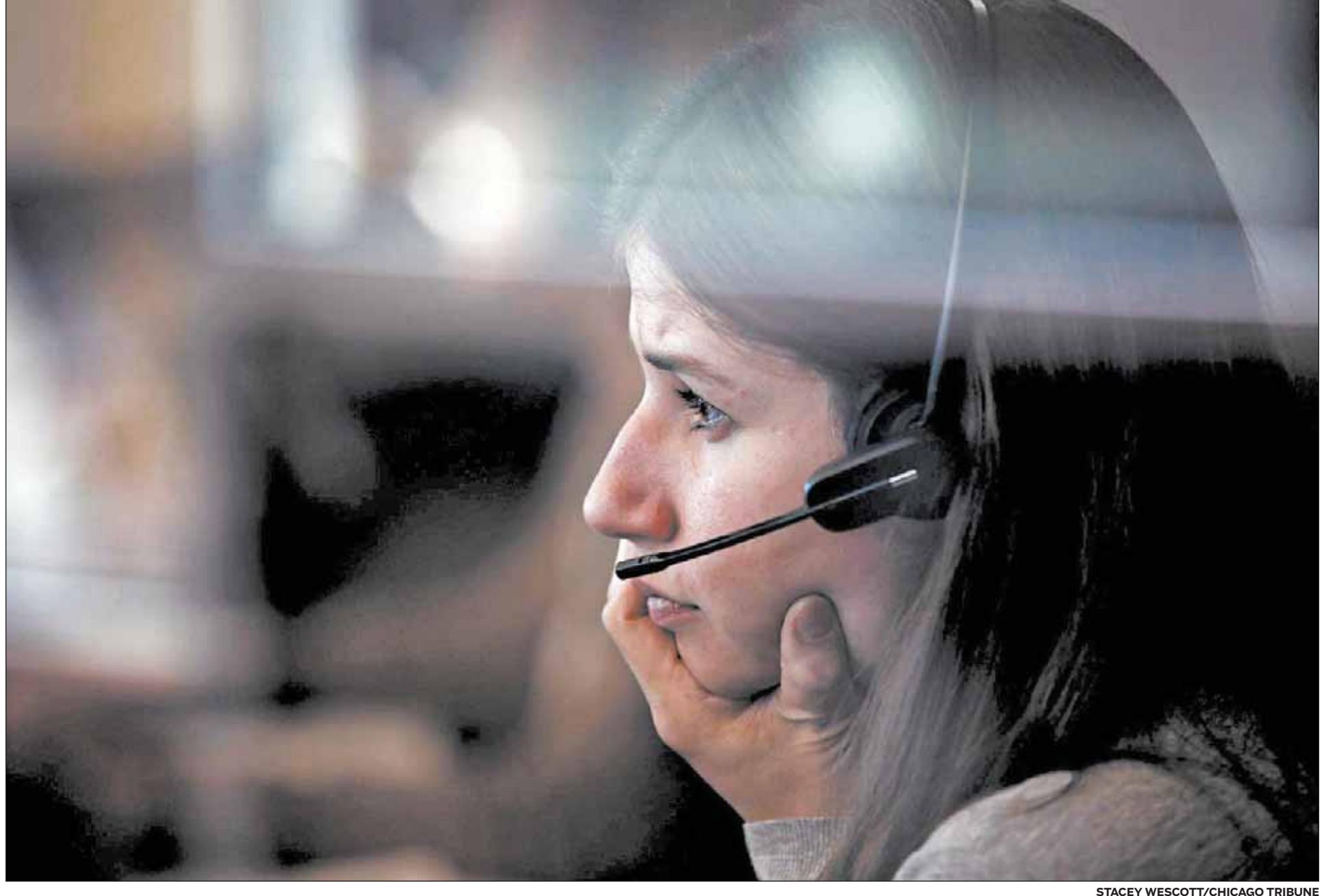
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# •— HEALTH & FAMILY —•



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Kathryn Haeffner, an emergency service counselor, provides guidance this month during a follow-up call at the crisis call center in the DuPage County Health Department in Wheaton.

## The 911 for suicide help

By KATE THAYER

An easy-to-remember, three-digit number similar to 911 for those contemplating suicide could save lives, experts say, but it also represents a symbolic shift in a still stigmatized world — that mental health emergencies are just as important as physical ones.

But the ease of the new number and improved access should also come with additional funding for mental health services, according to mental health advocates. Both concepts are represented in pending federal legislation that would eventually establish 988 as the number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which currently is longer: 800-273-TALK (800-273-8255).

"This is one step — making it easier to find help if you need it," said Colleen Creighton, executive direc-

### Experts say a 3-digit hotline number would reduce stigma, save lives

tator of the American Association of Suicidology. "It's one step in the right direction, but not the full solution."

The Federal Communications Commission began studying the creation of a new three-digit emergency number for mental health crises after the passage of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018.

And in a report released last summer, the FCC recommended the switch, saying it would improve access to lifesaving resources. Last month, the FCC formally began the process of establishing 988, also referencing a need to remove the stigma surrounding mental illness.

But that process could take 18 months or longer, given necessary communica-

tion infrastructure work, as well as the need for a public information campaign.

Bipartisan federal legislation, if passed, would also establish 988, but it would allow states to collect fees, akin to existing 911 charges on phone bills, to fund local lifeline and mental health resources.

The 988 number is "a game changer," said John Draper, executive director of the national lifeline, referencing the significance of treating mental health crises with the same urgency as 911 medical crises. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Establishing 988 as another emergency number sends

the message that mental health crises are on par with physical medical issues, he said.

It also will improve care for those who can't think of the national lifeline's current 800 number in the midst of a crisis and instead dial 911, Draper said.

"A police officer and ambulance shows up at their door. If that's how our society treats mental health

emergencies, people aren't as likely to report," he said. The proposed 988 number "would not only give them the right care, but it won't give them the wrong care."

The FCC report estimated calls to the lifeline (which surpassed 2 million in 2018 and were expected to have totaled about 2.5 million last

year, according to Draper) could double once the easy-to-memorize 988 is in place.

That means increased volume to local call centers, as well as a strain on the already under-resourced mental health care system across the country, Creighton said.

The national lifeline routes calls based on a caller's area code to about 160 local crisis centers staffed with trained counselors.

Those centers, for the most part, are not run with federal dollars, but with state, local and private grants, she said. Additional state revenue through the proposed phone bill fees could fund additional centers, staff, training and other resources.

"Our concern overall ... as this moves forward, is that we need to ensure the (mental health support) systems ... get more funding," Creigh-

*ton said.*

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## Book examines miscarriage misunderstandings



HEIDI STEVENS

Balancing Act

Miscarriage is relatively common (experts estimate at least 1 in 4 recognized pregnancies end in miscarriage), largely misunderstood and emotionally devas-

tating.

A new book, "The Myth of the Perfect Pregnancy: A History of Miscarriage in America," takes all of those truths and puts them in historical and contemporary context. The result is an important and fascinating book that I think will resonate with, and maybe bring a measure of relief to, countless families.

Author Lara Freidenfelds, a Harvard-educated health, reproduction and parenting historian,

dives into historical texts, decades-old diary entries, scholarly research and parenting websites to better understand the cultural shift that has taken place around miscarriage over the past few centuries.

"Two months into pregnancy, at a stage when women in the not-so-distant past would have been just beginning to trust their suspicions and intuitions that they might be pregnant, and waiting cautiously for the confir-

mation provided by a second missed menstrual period, women in America today have often already spent weeks celebrating, caring for, and growing attached to their expected children," Freidenfelds writes.

This is, to be sure, cause for much celebration. The joy and responsibilities of pregnancy and parenthood begin earlier than ever, she writes. Women have safer, healthier pregnancies and babies, and more control over

their fertility than ever.

But it also has a downside.

"Too often it has given women a false sense of control over the outcomes of pregnancies that cannot come to fruition no matter how conscientiously a woman cared for her expected child," Freidenfelds writes.

Women can be left with feelings of shame or guilt, even when the miscarriage was utterly out of

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DON'T MISS OUT—THERE IS STILL TIME!

## THE STEADFAST TIN SOLDIER

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# Marathon running may be good for your knees

**Study: Middle-aged novices can benefit**

**BY GRETCHEN REYNOLDS**  
The New York Times

Could it be that marathon training and racing are actually good for our knees?

A myth-toppling new study of novice, middle-aged runners suggests that the answer is a qualified yes. The study finds that taking up distance running rebuilds the health of certain essential components of middle-aged knees, even if the joints start off somewhat tattered and worn.

But the results also contain a caution. Marathon mileage could erode one vulnerable area within the knee, the study finds, if runners are not careful.

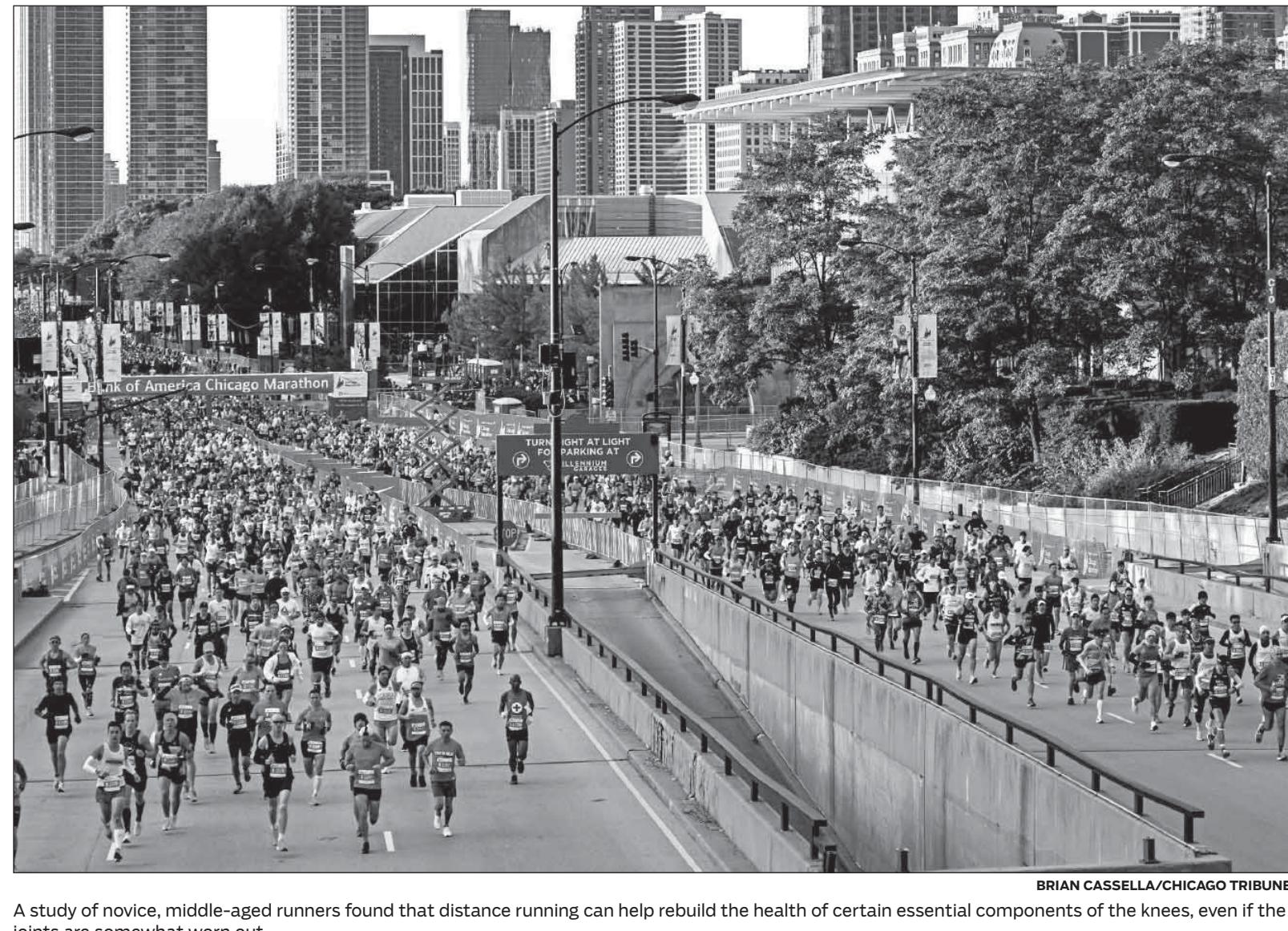
Those of us who run can almost be assured of hearing from concerned friends and relatives that we are ruining our knees. This notion is so entrenched that it discourages some people from trying the sport and worries those of us who continue.

But little of the available research about knees in motion supports that idea. Most past experiments indicate that running generally is not harmful for healthy knees. In one much-cited study, elderly runners developed knee arthritis at lower rates than sedentary people. And in another, more recent study, young people's knees grew less inflamed after a run than after a long stretch of sitting.

But most of this science has focused on whether running actively harms knees, not whether it might somehow refurbish and spiff up joints beginning to show signs of wear and tear.

That question became personal in 2012 for Dr. Alister Hart, an orthopedic surgeon and research professor at University College London, who oversaw the new study. That year, he says, he ran his first marathon.

"For two weeks afterward, I needed a handrail to do stairs," he says. "My quads were agony. My hip-



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A study of novice, middle-aged runners found that distance running can help rebuild the health of certain essential components of the knees, even if the joints are somewhat worn out.

and knee-replacement colleagues told me that I was mad."

He, too, was a bit concerned on behalf of his knees, and decided that it would be a service to all runners to look closely at what marathon training might be doing to those joints. So, for the new study, which was published in October in *BMJ Open Sport & Exercise Medicine* (with funding primarily from voluntary contributions by Hart's patients), he and his research associate Laura Maria Horga and other colleagues turned to the entry rolls of an upcoming London Marathon.

There, they identified and contacted middle-aged entrants who had listed themselves as first-time marathon runners. They wound up with more than 80 novice racers, most in their mid-40s and few of

whom had run or exercised much in the past.

The researchers asked these men and women about their knees. At this point, the marathon was still six months distant, and their joints were those of middle-aged adults and not yet those of runners. All of the soon-to-be marathoners responded that the joints were in good shape, with no creaks or pains.

The researchers then gathered the volunteers at a university facility and scanned everyone's knees, using a sophisticated, high-resolution type of MRI that reveals even minor damage in the joint's tissues.

A few months later, the men and women began the same, four-month marathon-training program. Eventually, 71 of them finished the race, in an average time of 5 hours and 20 minutes. Two weeks later, they returned to the

lab to have their knees rescanned.

The scientists then compared their hundreds of before-and-after scans and turned up some surprises. For one, while the participants had reported at the start of the study that their knees felt fine, many, in fact, harbored damage. About half of the pretraining knees contained frayed or torn cartilage, and others showed lesions in the joint's bone marrow. Similar patterns of tears and lesions can signal incipient bone erosion and arthritis, the researchers knew.

The postrace scans held other, new and unexpected results. "I expected to see additional damage" in runners' knees, Hart said.

Instead, many of the existing bone-marrow lesions had shrunk, as had some of the damage in the runners' cartilage. At the same time, some racers had

developed new tears and strains in the cartilage and other tissues at the front of their knees, around the kneecap, a part of the joint known to be stressed during running. That area also, though, tends to be less prone to arthritis than other portions of the knee.

Overall, "the main weight-bearing knee compartments showed beneficial effects from the marathon," says Horga, meaning that, in general, the knees were healthier.

Just how running remade the marathoners' knees remains uncertain, she says, but it most likely involved strengthening of the muscles surrounding the joint, helping to stabilize it and reduce or even reverse tissue damage there. Meanwhile, the unfamiliar pounding of the running focused large forces on the kneecap area, overtaxing it.

Training on softer surfaces, such as trails or grass, might lessen the buffeting around the kneecap, she says, as could tinkering with shoes, mileage or running form, although any changes to training routines should be feathered in gradually.

Of course, this study was short term and focused on middle-aged marathon newcomers with no history of knee problems. Whether running would be constructive for the knees of older runners or people whose joints ache is not certain. The scientists also do not know if changes in knee health linger or what the effects are on other joints, such as the hips. They are planning a six-month follow-up study of their participants' knees, though, and a study of hips. The results will be posted at runningfor-science.org.



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Kathryn Haeffner, left, and Jeanne Kirby, emergency service counselors, at the crisis call center at the DuPage County Health Department in January.

## Hotline

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ton said. "This is not a sustainable model at the funding level it has."

"That is the crux," said Karen Ayala, executive director of the DuPage County Health Department, which runs one of the Chicago region's call centers that accepts lifeline calls. "If we're going to expand access, then do we have the capacity to meet that?"

Ayala added that it's not only having enough staff to answer the calls and immediate treatment resources, but also long-term care for those who need it.

At the DuPage County call center, which operates 24/7 and is staffed with up to six master's-level counselors or social workers, callers are immediately assessed for their risk, said Lori Carnahan, director of behavioral health at the DuPage County Health Department.

That assessment determines if the caller needs an emergency response or

hospitalization, or referral to other services, she said. Sometimes follow-up is also necessary.

In DuPage County, a federal grant provides extensive follow-up efforts that include a mobile crisis unit and an in-house, 12-bed unit, Carnahan said. But most funding for services provided by the DuPage call center is through state dollars.

If call volume increases, Ayala said, she'd hope there would be ways for the state to increase funding streams, "especially during these lean times in Illinois."

Community Counseling Centers of Chicago is the only lifeline call center in the city of Chicago, said President Chris Carroll. The center, which provides many other services, only answers lifeline calls during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

The creation of a 988 number would likely mean it would increase its hours, Carroll said, given that there'd be funding available. While the center offers other 24/7 crisis intervention, it does not

answer lifeline calls daily as some other Illinois centers do because there's not as much of a need in Chicago, given the other suicide hotlines available through hospitals or other nonprofits, he said.

But 988 would likely become the go-to number for those in crisis and is likely to bring in scores more calls, Carroll said.

"You can only imagine the level of distress where you're ready to take your own life," he said. "Can you imagine if you needed to call more numbers (than 911) to reach police? People would be frustrated about that."

"Across the country, everybody as a kid is trained to dial 911," he added.

"That's been in our brains for anything and everything that may be a problem. But I do think that having (988) for suicide is really great. It's really about the people on the other end of that phone. What's the quickest way to get help?"

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## Stevens

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their control to prevent, simply because increased medical attention and advancements have made pregnancy feel like something women can excel at if they just arm themselves with the right information.

But, as Freidenfelds points out, the majority of miscarriages are caused by chromosomal abnormalities that render them incompatible with life.

"They are largely random and unpredictable," she writes. "Physicians understand early pregnancy losses to be a natural and normal part of a healthy woman's childbearing."

By looking at the way our understanding of and response to miscarriage has changed and shifted since colonial times, Freidenfelds hopes to alleviate some of the impossible burden women feel to carry out perfect pregnancies, regardless of the ways biology is working against them.

"This book shows how we came to expect we might achieve childbearing and parenting perfection, if we only plan carefully enough, try hard enough, and love ardently enough," she writes. "Understanding this history is a first step toward shaping a more realistic, forgiving, and ultimately more satisfying culture of childbearing for future parents and their children."

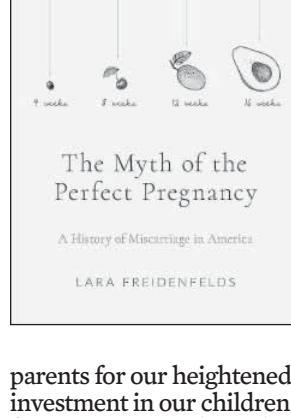
There are parenting lessons here as well.

"Parents increasingly strive for perfect control," Freidenfelds writes, "not just over the spacing of pregnancies but over the entire process of childbearing and over the education and development of their children as well."

The book isn't scolding. It doesn't set out to shame



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"The Myth of the Perfect Pregnancy" was written by Lara Freidenfelds.



parents for our heightened investment in our children from conception through college and beyond. It makes room for the joy and bliss of parenting, even as it takes a clear-eyed look at the risks of emotionally yoking yourself so completely to an endeavor over which you have limited control.

It's not an easy needle to

thread. Freidenfelds does it beautifully.

"One of the most critical historical lessons of this book is that we need to give ourselves reasonable leeway for imperfection across the entire enterprise of bearing and raising children," she writes. "Our history of ever-increasing success in controlling reproduction has led us to mistakenly assume that this trajectory can culminate in perfect control."

The book is a much-needed counternarrative. I hope it brings comfort to those who most need it.

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# Heart device data under radar

Reports of patients' deaths linked to medical devices can remain hidden in FDA records

BY CHRISTINA JEWETT  
Kaiser Health

The Food and Drug Administration continues to file thousands of reports of patients' deaths related to medical devices through a reporting system that keeps the safety data out of the public eye.

The system is similar to a vast program exposed in 2019 by Kaiser Health News that kept device-injury reports effectively hidden within the agency. The FDA shuttered the program after the article about it was published and it released millions of records.

The result of this remaining so-called "registry exemption program" is that key death data about heart devices sits in inaccessible FDA reports that can take up to two years for the public to see under open-records laws. Device-related death reports are typically open, allowing researchers to track and alert their peers about safety concerns.

The FDA carved out the exemption in 2010 and it covers six devices, a spokeswoman said. Doctors tend to report extensive data on patients for certain medical devices that are closely monitored in registries. Private medical societies tend to administer the registries and act as gatekeepers to the data.

The registry leaders, in turn, have reported data to device makers, who sent the FDA spreadsheets detailing what they know about more than 8,000 patient deaths. Those spreadsheets are also inaccessible to the public.

Under standard FDA reporting rules, the device maker is bound to investigate and send the agency a detailed public report about each patient death believed to be device-re-



Key death data about heart devices remain in Food and Drug Administration reports that can take up to two years for the public to see.

lated.

Device makers say the registries strip key data they need to fully investigate each death, most of them related to heart valves threaded through a catheter and implanted in faulty hearts.

"It's crazy," said Diana Zuckerman, president of the National Center for Health Research. "I have to say, there's not a particular reason I can think of why you put (summary reports) behind some kind of firewall where no one can see it."

An FDA spokeswoman said the agency just got additional funding from Congress that it plans to use to make "more information readily available and easier to access."

"We agree that the public should have access to

more information about reports of adverse events for medical devices," the agency said in an email, noting that its current public device database called MAUDE is outdated and "has limited functionalities."

In 2019, the FDA shut down other so-called exemptions to its device-reporting rules that put millions of device harm or malfunction reports out of public reach. Doctors, researchers and even device-safety experts were unaware that for 20 years the FDA accepted 5.7 million reports through its "alternative summary reporting" program.

The FDA released the data — and the identity of 108 devices that had been quietly "exempted" from public reporting — in June

after Kaiser Health News reported on the scope of the program. The FDA also said in December that it is no longer accepting "litigation" summary reports, also highlighted in the KHN report, which makers of pelvic mesh and surgical robots used to file thousands of reports on spreadsheets straight to the agency.

The FDA said it left the registry exemption in place to support the massive datasets being built around certain devices. The registry data help the agency "act quickly with manufacturers and health care professionals to make more timely, evidence-based decisions to mitigate device problems and keep patients safe," the statement said.

The FDA accepts hundreds of death reports on

spreadsheets kept within the agency from the TVT Registry, which tracks valves threaded through a patient's vessel in a catheter and implanted in the heart. The devices have been hailed as lifesaving for patients too fragile for open-heart surgery. They have also been controversial because they have created a need in some patients for an additional device — a pacemaker — compounding their risk.

Experts have also questioned whether the devices will be durable, particularly as they're increasingly implanted in younger patients.

Such a heart valve made by Medtronic called "CoreValve" amassed the most reports, with more than 5,800 death incidents reported since 2014, according to Medtronic. The device was initially approved for patients too sick for open-heart surgery.

The device helped boost survival in fragile, elderly heart patients, with nearly three-quarters still alive and free of major strokes a year after the valve was implanted. It and a competing, similar valve have since been approved for use in younger, healthier patients.

The quarterly summary reports filed with the FDA note hundreds of deaths and thousands of injuries. They say the "anonymized" registry data did not have enough information for Medtronic to determine whether the event was reported to the company or the FDA's public device-injury database called MAUDE. The spreadsheet sent straight to the FDA includes "observations related to patient deaths."

Medtronic filed far fewer stand-alone public device-death reports, about 900, many summarizing valve-related deaths mentioned in published research.

While device companies are required to report patient deaths to the FDA if they have enough information to investigate, doctors are not — explaining some of the reporting gap.

Medtronic said in a statement that it strives to eliminate malfunctions in all of its devices, but when they occur "we make every effort to inform regulators, the healthcare community and the public in a timely ... manner." The company said about 40% of deaths reported from the registry data list no cause, so it's unclear if they were related to the device.

The maker of the competing device approved in 2011, the Sapien 3 Transcatheter valve, also files death reports under the registry exemption. Edwards Lifesciences filed spreadsheets since 2016 reflecting 2,400 death incidents and individual reports on about 400 deaths.

Edwards' reports describe possible device-related deaths in patients who had too little or too much calcification in their hearts or whose deaths were attributed to fragility and age. Edwards also notes in its summary filings that "device information is not included in the data received from the registry."

Edwards spokeswoman Sarah Huoh said 600,000 patients have benefited from transcatheter valve surgery. She noted that the Sapien 3 valve used in healthier, younger patients showed a 1% death or disabling stroke rate a year after surgery.

Dr. Steven Nissen, chief academic officer at the Cleveland Clinic, said the number of deaths is not alarming, given the frailty of the patients undergoing the procedures. But he said the underlying data sent to the FDA should be open.

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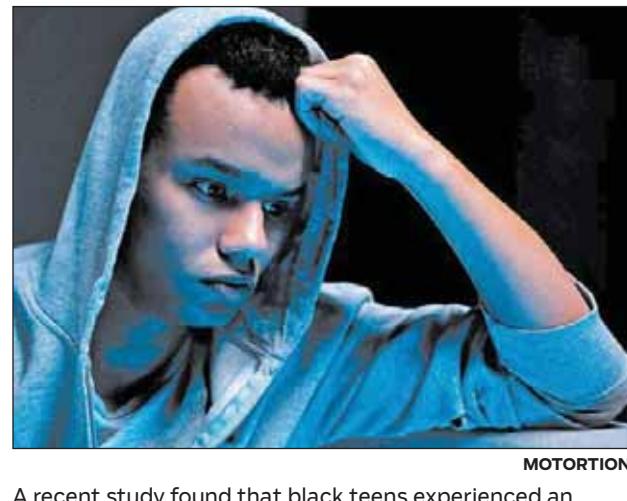
## Discrimination tied to depressive symptoms among black teens

BY BETHANY AO  
Philadelphia Inquirer

Black teens experience several forms of racial discrimination every day, which leads to increased short-term depressive symptoms, according to a study by researchers at Rutgers University.

The study, which was published in December in the Journal of Applied Development Psychology, surveyed 101 black teens between ages 13 and 17 in neighborhoods in southeast and northeast Washington, D.C. The teens completed daily surveys on racial discrimination and their mental health over a period of 15 days.

In total, participants reported 5,606 experiences of racial discrimination — both online and offline. Each teen experienced an average of five incidents of discrimination a day. The teens' depressive symp-



A recent study found that black teens experienced an average of five incidents of discrimination a day.

toms increased with the number of racial discrimination experiences they reported.

The results join a growing body of evidence on how racism negatively affects the health of black communities, both mentally and physically.

"We were hoping to

highlight the causes of racial health inequities for black adolescents," said Devin English, an assistant professor at the Rutgers School of Public Health and the first author of the paper. "We showed that several forms of discrimination are happening every day, multiple times a day,

and that's contributing to mental health symptoms black adolescents are having in the short term."

English added that these forms of discrimination are likely contributing to existing health inequities.

For years, scientists have connected health disparities in the U.S. to racism and discrimination. African Americans are more likely than whites to die from diabetes and suffer from hypertension and heart disease. Black mothers who experience discrimination give birth to babies with lower birth weights, studies have shown.

These disparities are particularly concerning for black youth. Black children who are exposed to racism have a higher risk of depression and obesity.

One form of discrimination English focused on was racial teasing — negative messages characterized by humor — because

it's one of the most common ways that adolescents talk about race. But English pointed out that adults and kids alike see racial teasing as "innocuous, and rather harmless."

"We know that teachers choose not to address racial teasing," he said. "As a result, it's one of the most frequent forms of racial discrimination."

The study found that the most frequent form of discrimination experienced by the teens was through secondhand exposure to racial discrimination against another individual. English said it was particularly alarming to see how often that kind of discrimination took place online, where people don't face "the same set of social consequences they would face outside of the internet."

Holly Sawyer, who owns Life First Therapy in Philadelphia, said that when teens encounter racial

discrimination, they might struggle with knowing where to look for help. She said that while adults often search for mental health resources online, or talk to other people in their lives receiving help, teens might not be as open to share, because they feel they must appear strong to their peers.

"Systematically, schools are not set up for psychological care," Sawyer said. "A student might experience microaggressions from a white teacher, but they can't access resources. Or they might not be able to talk about these things at home, so they find an unhealthy way to cope."

Examples of microaggressions by teachers might include mispronouncing a student's name, and then substituting an easier name, or giving students of color easier work, which can communicate doubts about their ability.

### PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

## Ginger root can help to stave off motion sickness

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON  
King Features Syndicate



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Ginger is known for settling the stomach.

**Q:** I have gotten car-sick for as long as I can remember. I used to take Dramamine or wear the patch behind my ear, but those medications made me so drowsy I couldn't enjoy my trip. Now I use ginger for every road trip. Once I started taking ginger capsules, I haven't had to take Dramamine anymore.

A: Ginger has a long-standing reputation for settling the stomach and warding off motion sickness. Chinese sailors used to eat ginger to prevent seasickness thousands of years ago. Some controlled studies confirm its usefulness (Food Science & Nutrition, Nov. 5, 2018).

Medicinal chemists have determined that it works through activating TRPV1 ion channels (British Journal of Pharmacology, September 2019).

**Q:** Two decades ago, my mother's orthopedic surgeon said rheumatologists are good for their business. The arthritis doctors often inject joints with corticosteroids. Then their patients find themselves consulting an orthopedic surgeon for joint replacement due to the destruction of cartilage in the injected joint.

I too have osteoarthritis, but for the past 10 years I've opted to treat mine with daily curcumin supplements.

Annual X-rays show the destruction of cartilage in my joints has been arrested, and I am pain-free with full mobility.

**A:** Your mother's orthopedic surgeon was ahead of the curve. Just last June,

a study demonstrated that corticosteroid injections

be reduced or eliminated by eating homemade soup with cabbage, crushed tomatoes, chiles, carrots, onions, celery and spices? My wife made two series of such soups, and I have not had leg cramps while we were eating them.

I take a potassium pill daily. I've tried a commercial pill that is supposed to stop leg cramps, to no avail.

**A:** Scientific evidence supports the idea that certain strong flavors, such as hot peppers and other spices, can relieve muscle cramps quickly (Muscle & Nerve, September 2017).

They activate ion channels associated with nerves

and can override the misfiring that causes muscle cramps.

**Q:** Sometimes I get what I call midnight motor mind. I wake up in the middle of the night and can't get back to sleep because my mind insists on churning over thoughts from the day.

I grow lemon balm, aka Melissa, a member of the mint family, in my garden. I take equal parts lemon balm leaves and boiling water. After steeping it for 15 minutes and straining it, I add the same volume of sugar and boil the concoction to make a syrup. Then if I wake up at night, I take a spoonful. It usually does the trick.

**A:** Thank you for this suggestion. A pilot study found that people having trouble sleeping due to anxiety did better when they took Melissa officinalis (Mediterranean Journal of Nutrition and Metabolism, December 2011).

In a more recent pilot trial, people with mild insomnia slept better when they took lemon balm in combination with melatonin, vitamin B6, California poppy and passionflower (Complementary Therapies in Medicine, August 2019).

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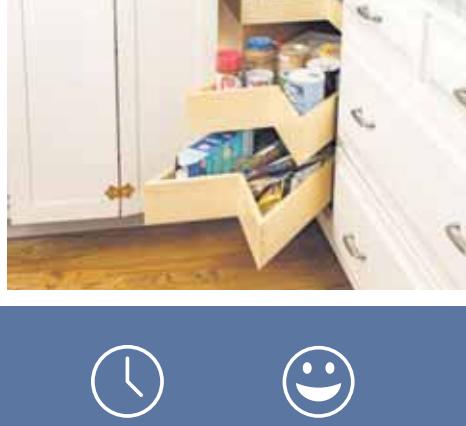
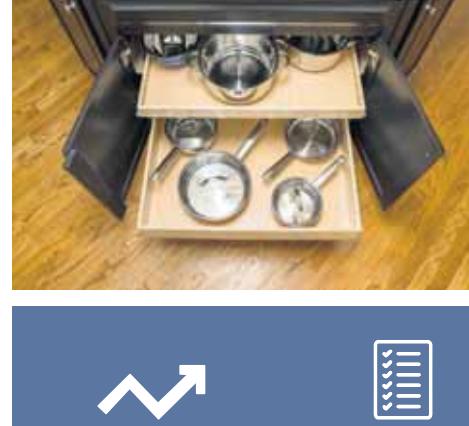
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# Late-night snack hacks

Doritos popovers and fried chicken scones inspired by our favorite munchies

**Craveable pancakes:** Mix in French onion soup dip, and you'll be in heaven. Find the recipe at [chicagotribune.com/recipes](http://chicagotribune.com/recipes).

BY STACEY BALLIS

There is a certain air of public dismissiveness around the types of foods that seem to always be associated with "the munchies." Movies and television promote images of teenagers face-planted in bags of chips, bros stuffing whole tacos blindly into their mouths between fits of uncontrollable laughter, or a stoner spouting deeply incoherent philosophical ramblings punctuated with consuming sweets like a strange Socratic Cookie Monster.

The easy joke is not only that most control is lost, but also that the food sought in these times of enjoyment or impairment is automatically on the lowest end of the quality scale. Cheech and Chong never went in search of an organic, locavore acai smoothie bowl.

While I suppose there is a whiff of truth in this, and many a Cheeto and Oreo have disappeared in some lost hour of a late night or early morning, I would like to point out that some of the reasons that

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Avanzare partners chef Gabriel Hernandez, from left, Jose Estrada and Riccardo Brizuela, de facto general manager and wine director, met as their careers crossed paths.

**REVIEW** Avanzare ★★

## West suburban spot boasts first-rate Italian cooking

BY PHIL VETTEL

Three first-time restaurateurs with deep Chicago dining roots are making a stir in the western suburbs at Avanzare, which opened Oct. 7 in Lombard.

The partners' resumes are encouraging. Riccardo Brizuela, the de facto general manager and wine director, started as a high schooler at the legendary Como Inn, followed by years at Topo Gigio, Rosebud on Rush and Piccolo Sogno. Gabriel Hernandez, the chef, worked for Tony Priolo at Coco Pazzo and other restaurants. And Jose Estrada worked at the Italian Village, Bice, Vong's Thai Kitchen and Shaw's Crab House.

The three met as their careers overlapped, and their shared dream of becoming owners became a reality when Brizuela found a 200-seater along Roosevelt Road. "I was looking for a place with parking and

150 to 200 seats," he said. "This was perfect."

The space, formerly Santino's Steak and Pasta House (and Jonathan's Italian Steakhouse for many years before that) needed back-of-the-house updating (ventilation, plumbing, all the hidden money-eaters), but the dining area, done in dark wood with arched windows and nonstructural ceiling beams, is relatively unchanged since its days as Jonathan's. The space is large with an attractive Mediterranean look, and thanks to carpeting and acoustic ceiling tiles, blissfully quiet.

The menu is comfortably familiar; nothing jumps out at you in a this-is-new sort of way. The proof is in the eating, where it ought to be, and Hernandez's kitchen routinely churns out one soul-satisfying dish after another. Standard menu; high-stand-

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Chef Mindy Segal, at Mindy's HotChocolate in Bucktown, teamed with the Illinois-based cannabis company Cresco Labs several years ago and is updating her line of gummies.

# The original cannabis chef

Chicago's Mindy Segal on her newest edibles line, creating flavors and being a groundbreaker

BY ADAM LUKACH

Since marijuana became legal in Illinois on Jan. 1 — recreationally speaking — people have been lining up by the block, waiting for a chance to enjoy the fruits of legal green.

Of course, as in any fledgling industry, business-minded folks have been looking for openings in the market — ways to make their own green.

When it comes to cannabis-infused edibles, however, Chicago already has an accomplished chef who has been turning cannabis into candy for years. Veteran chef Mindy Segal of Mindy's HotChocolate teamed up with Illinois-based cannabis company Cresco Labs in 2014 to create her own brand of chef-driven edibles called Mindy's. Segal had already made her name in hospitality, working in kitchens such as MK and Charlie Trotter's before opening Mindy's HotChocolate, the Bucktown restaurant she has operated for the better part of two decades, along with her two HotChocolate bakery locations, plus winning a James Beard Award for Outstanding Pastry Chef in 2012.

At the time, her collaboration with Cresco was a pioneering partnership in Illinois, which had only legalized the medicinal use of cannabis in 2013. It was also a bold play for Segal, who was fresh off her James Beard victory and still had a brand to maintain. Casual cannabis use is common in the hospitality industry, but from a strictly business perspective, Segal said she was unsure how aligning herself with cannabis would affect her culinary brand long term.

"It was a big risk," she said. "I wasn't really sure four years ago how (this move) would be interpreted."

Nearly four full years later, the gamble has proved to be a good bet. The Mindy's product line now includes chocolates, gummies, hard candies and fruit chews. In addition to Illinois, the treats have recently entered new markets in California and Massachusetts. Also, Segal just finished updating her line-up of gummies, adding a completely new flavor collection and altering the dosing options, a move that helps tap into a new customer base in Illinois.

All of Segal's products use a cannabis distillate instead of the flowers themselves, which mitigates earthy cannabis flavors that don't play well with sweets.



To develop flavors like those in the new line, Segal invites teams into the restaurant and does tastings.

All the candies include cannabis, but some now include both CBD and THC, plus lower amounts overall — as low as 2-milligram microdosing options.

"I'm very excited to go into recreational because I can reach more people," Segal said. "We talked about microdosing four years ago when we started the line ... but medical patients have a high tolerance to cannabis, and they don't want to have to eat a bunch of sugar or carbs. So, you know, it's different; but now ... how we are transitioning into (recreational sales) was the right way to do it."

Throughout working on her Mindy's line, Segal has maintained her HotChocolate location in Wicker Park, and hopes to expand her bakery locations in 2020 as well. With her edibles, her storefronts and her two dogs — Nelson Algren and Bill Burroughs (for William S. Burroughs)

— the singular Segal has plenty on her plate. She spoke to the Tribune about what's next for her in a newly legal Illinois recreational marijuana market, as well as her ride during the past four years, from being an industry groundbreaker to her rigorous flavor development process to what the jump from kitchens to conference rooms has taught her. This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

#### On her new product line

"I'm knee deep in development on new products and improving products that I have on the shelf now. We just redid gummies. They're out in California

now and in Massachusetts.

"I'm super, super proud of the new gummies. I really feel like they speak to me. They're much more my personality — better flavors, deeper flavors, like real on the money. And smaller dosages so that you can eat more than one, and with the same efficacy as last time. I've tried the gummies without cannabis, and I've tasted them with cannabis. And I mean, you want to eat them.

"I went back and looked at my history of going to the Santa Monica farmers market, you know, being in California, and how lush all the fruits are there, and I came up with flavors that I felt were pretty rich and deep. So there's a cherry, an orange, a key-lime kiwi, honey melon, a botanical grapefruit — but it's not just like that. More like a lush black cherry. It's like cherries that are poached in kriek (lambic beer), that kind of rich, deep, intense cherry flavor. The orange is like a candied clementine orange. The key-lime kiwi, it's got little banana notes to it.

"I did everything by sorbet flavors, because when you taste the sorbet, it's super intense. It's that flavor, you know? If you make it right."

#### On her thorough creative process

"The process that we do — or how I actually have chosen to do it — is that Cresco will say to me, 'We're going to reconfigure the gummies, the hard sweets and the fruit chews, and we want you to come up with core flavors.' But instead of writing down



The Glazed Clementine Orange gummies are among Segal's new line of cannabis edibles that she said features deeper flavors.

flavors and flavor descriptions, I actually have teams come — including a food scientist — to HotChocolate, and I do a tasting for them.

"For instance, I would poach cherries in kriek and have them taste it. I want them to understand the intensity of the flavor that I want, and I think the best way to do that is to just taste it in a dessert that reminds me of the flavors I want, you know? So that's how we do it. They're gonna sit at a table, and I'm going to present to them the flavors and how I want them to taste it and how I want them to think about it.

"(After the tasting), the food scientist works with a natural flavor company. They come up with, like, four ideas in each category, then I test those, then I tell them which I like. It took a really, really, really long time to get to these gummies, because I'm really picky. But I basically signed off on all the flavors.

"I do love the process. Everything is chef-driven for the brand. It's all crea-

tively through me. Thirty-five years of experience as a flavor technician, I'm just doing what I do."

#### On the most rewarding part of her edibles company

"Well, being a business owner, and having a restaurant, you know, I'm going on my 15th year this year. It's a little bit of the gambling aspect of it. I took a gamble four years ago when I announced that I was going to go into cannabis. It was a big risk. I do have a James Beard Award, and I wasn't really sure four years ago how (this move) would be interpreted.

"I gamble, and how it plays out — like the roll of the dice — is a really fun thing for me. Seeing how I evolve as a business owner and as a part-owner (and) for an edible company, seeing how I've evolved as a human and as a leader and a boss has been a really interesting thing for me.

"Obviously, the product is great and everything, and I like how I've been received, but the growth that

I've done in the past four years has been the most rewarding for me."

#### On being a "ground-breaker," but still learning

"I'm very proud. This has been a really fun project. Ups and downs, but I'm super excited to be in it, and to be like — I mean, I'm definitely a groundbreaker. Definitely. There's really nobody else out in the industry.

I'm sure there's gonna be, but I mean, I've got four years under my belt. And I'm in California now, which is a big one.

"I'm not 100% a leader (in the industry), but I'm one of them. You know, I'm not saying it in an egotistical way. I'm saying it takes a team. I'm proud of the team. I'm proud that I work with the team. I've learned how to work with the team.

"I've learned how to integrate my qualities and be an effective leader. And it's helped me in my restaurant. It's helped me as a human. You know, chefs, we're ornery. We're opinionated, and we're cocky. We're headstrong. And sometimes taking it down a notch is not a bad thing."

#### On the difference between kitchens and corporate environs

"Being part of a restaurant or a bakery, you work with a lot of chefs and cooks who speak the same language. We're scrappy. You know, we're al minute. Working for a company like Cresco, I'm working more with food scientists, marketing people, corporate people, so it's different. I like the balance, and I like the change. I like working with people who are great in their own field. I've learned a lot, and it's a good team of people. I think the balance of having somebody kooky like me behind the brand is an experience for them, I'm sure."

"I learned how to work with a corporate environment and a publicly traded company. You know, I'm a rule breaker; and sometimes you can't break the rules. Sometimes you just can't say everything that you mean. (laughs)"

"And so I've learned to use my talents, or my expertise, I guess, in a very positive way. I think I've helped change (customers') lives, and I've helped them feel good, and I feel real good about that. At first (saying that) felt weird, but I'm happy with where it's going."

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# Trump's tariff plan leaves industry reeling

BY ERIC ASIMOV  
The New York Times

Most years, January is a time for the wine trade to pause and congratulate itself.

It has weathered the lucrative deluge of the holidays and should be well into the planning for the next six months, having placed orders for the summer's supply of rosé and whatever else it expects will be in demand.

Instead, the last month has passed in a blur of fear and dread as the industry contemplates the Trump administration's threat to impose 100% tariffs on all wines imported from the European Union, along with a variety of other goods including foods, spirits and clothing.

Make no mistake: A tariff of that size, or any number close to that, would be catastrophic for Americans in the beverage and hospitality industry. A 100% tariff would double the price of wines in shops and restaurants, with disastrous ripple effects.

Consumers may be furious if confronted with a \$25 bottle of Fleurie that has doubled in price to \$50. They will have to adapt, or drink wines from somewhere else. But that hardly matters when compared with the U.S. jobs that may be lost and the businesses that could be threatened if the tariffs go into effect.

Nobody knows exactly what the outcome will be, or when it will be decided. The administration has a pattern of issuing dire threats and not always following up. Even so, the prospect has conjured up a pervasive feeling of fragility.

Some importers have postponed orders, fearing what will happen if, having calculated sales according to the price paid, a tariff is imposed while the shipment is in transit, requiring a huge lump payment on arrival and the prospect of not being able to sell the



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The wine list at Il Posto Accanto in New York is almost entirely Italian. Its owners and others in the wine industry are fearful about the Trump administration's threat to impose 100% tariffs on wines imported from the European Union.

goods.

The fear does not stop with importers. An entire chain of businesses are built around the acquisition and sale of European wines and foods, from distributors to retail shops and restaurants, and all the associated workers — not to mention dock labor, forklift drivers and others.

"We hope this doesn't happen," said Beatrice Tosti di Valminuta, who, with her husband, Julio Pena, owns Il Posto Accanto, an Italian wine bar and trattoria that opened 21 years ago in New York City's East Village, and whose wine list is almost entirely Italian. "We're not a big company that can absorb this kind of thing."

We are a local restaurant with workers who have been with us forever and neighbors who have supported us for years. This will be the end of us."

The new tariff threat comes on top of a 25% tariff imposed in October on certain European foods, drinks and products — a fee

that so far has largely been absorbed by importers, distributors and producers.

"The 25% was already really, really tough," said Jon-David Headrick, who imports French wines exclusively, focusing on small family estates. "I was really proud that the growers almost to a one stepped up and helped, and prices in the market haven't risen by a significant amount yet."

The new rate will be another matter entirely.

"This changes the game completely," said Harry Root, who, with his wife, Nicki Root, owns Grassroots Wine in Charleston, South Carolina, which distributes wine throughout the Southeast. "It would affect 60% of what we sell. These products are irreplaceable."

The tariffs are part of an American retaliation against the European Union over subsidies it gives to the European aerospace company Airbus. In September, the World

Trade Organization ruled that the company had violated global trade rules.

The Trump administration is also considering a separate 100% tariff on Champagne and other products in retaliation for a new tax it said unfairly targets U.S. technology companies.

The Trump administration has not said why it has singled out wine and food in a dispute over industry and technology. Heavy machinery, aircraft and pharmaceutical products, for example, accounted for more than 40% of France's exports to the United States in 2018, while beverages, spirits and vinegar make up about 9% of the French exports, according to Trading Economics, a statistical website.

"From a political standpoint, it's completely ludicrous to have these trade wars somehow connect airplanes to wine," said Danny Meyer, whose restaurants, including Marta, Maialino and Gra-

mercy Tavern, depend on European wines. "It's the one time I'm happy we have so many wines in reserve."

The potential tariffs may be damaging as well to small producers in Europe whose businesses are focused on the U.S. market. Luxury goods corporations, with wine divisions and big wine companies, have the resources to adapt and find other markets. But tiny family estates as well as the small importers who work with them will be in trouble.

"Yes, they can find other markets, but that can take many months," Headrick said. "The Europeans will recover, but Americans will be crushed by this."

Good wine is the product of a culture and a place. If, for example, the already sky-high price of Burgundy doubles, consumers will not be able to replace it by switching to, say, Oregon pinot noir. It's a different wine. Similarly, Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon may

have been inspired by Bordeaux, but the wines are not interchangeable. Without European options, Americans will be drinking differently.

Nor will high tariffs on European wines necessarily be a boon, as some have suggested, for the U.S. wine industry, especially for small U.S. producers who depend on their distributors to explain their wines to customers.

"The short-term impact is likely to be pretty serious and pretty negative," said Jason Haas, general manager of Tablas Creek Vineyard, an excellent producer in Paso Robles, California. "All wines rely on the same distribution network. If the prices double on European wines, it will have an immediate negative impact on all those distributors."

Small businesses are left trying to imagine how they will cope if the products they depend on become prohibitively expensive. Shelley Lindgren is the proprietor and wine director of Al16, a southern Italian restaurant in San Francisco that since 2004 has been a showcase for little-known Italian wine regions and producers. She is concerned for her restaurant and the producers from whom she buys wine.

"We work with a lot of microproducers from Italy," she said. "It's punitive to the wrong people for the wrong reasons."

Still she is optimistic, partly because of the hardships the restaurants have already endured in San Francisco, where rents have risen drastically over the last 15 years, the minimum wage has increased and new taxes have been imposed. Tariffs will be one more burden, but she is confident she will be able to adapt.

"Maybe we'll have to have a smaller menu, or less wines to offer," she said. "I feel optimistic because there is so much wine in Italy, so much still to discover."

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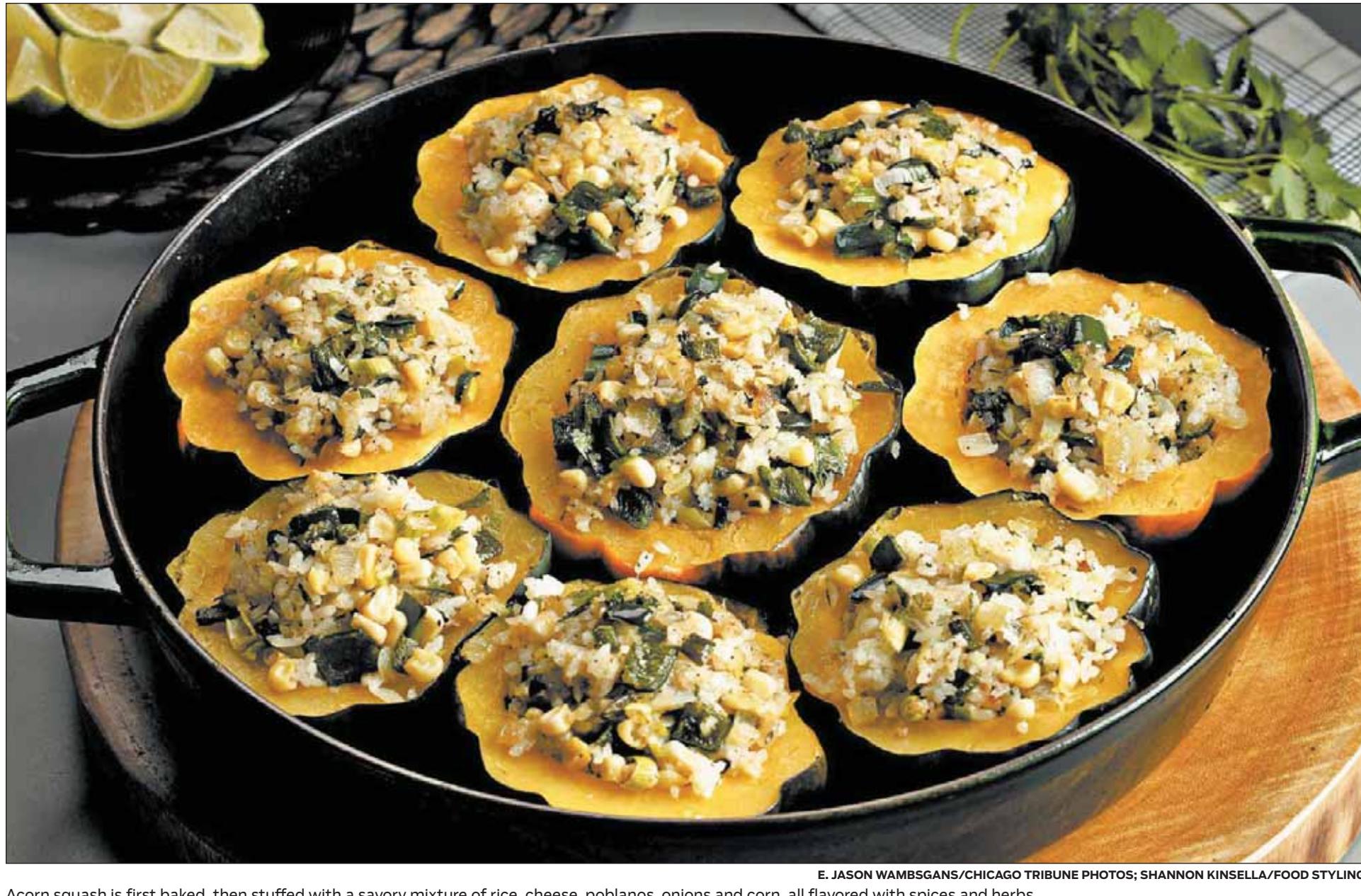
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Acorn squash is first baked, then stuffed with a savory mixture of rice, cheese, poblanos, onions and corn, all flavored with spices and herbs.

# Rethink squash

Try these winter dishes that are dressed up for company — but easy enough for weeknights



**JEANMARIE BROWNSON**  
*Dinner at Home*

Winter squash, in all shapes, colors and sizes, fill the market bins at this time of the year. I like to display a variety on my kitchen counter like pieces of art. All too often, I skip cooking these hard beauties because the task feels daunting.

However, a beautiful tower of golden roasted, sliced delicata squash at St. Lou's Assembly in Chicago jolted me out of my kitchen laziness. Fantastic. As we gobbled up the tender, slightly sweet squash, skin and all, I vowed to rethink squash at home. Especially since the squash in my display basket clearly mocked me.

Looking for insight, I turned to Deborah Madison's stunningly beautiful tome "Vegetable Literacy" (Ten Speed Press, \$40, 2013). In her chapter on the cucurbit family she says there's no apparent reason to avoid, shun or fear this plant family. Winter squash sports more nutritive value, loads of fiber and vitamins than summer squash. They also prove a great value for the dollar, in part, because they keep well for weeks. Most squash — winter and summer alike — make fine soups, add texture to stews, bronze beautifully on a grill or in the oven and take to savory seasonings as well as acid and sweet additions.

OK, that's enough of a sales pitch. I say let's cook 'em while we can!

Acorn squash are everywhere, but these days, butternut, spaghetti, delicata, blue Hubbard and sweet dumpling appear regularly at supermarkets and produce stores. I chose small specimens, free of blemishes and soft spots. Look at the stem end — where it was attached to the vine — it should not be too dried out or bruised.

Most winter squash enjoys a steamy environment for cooking. So, cook them whole (pierced to allow steam to escape) in the oven or microwave, or speed up the cooking by cutting them into pieces and adding moisture (water, broth, oil) during cooking. Cooked squash keeps several days in the refrigerator and can be frozen. This means it's now a weeknight option.

The simple roasted squash recipe below can be made with nearly any winter squash. Butternut is relatively easy to peel and

## Simple roasted butternut squash

**Prep:** 20 minutes

**Cook:** 25 minutes

**Makes:** 4 servings

Wedges of acorn squash, sweet dumpling or blue Hubbard (peel on) can be substituted; after roasting, scoop the soft flesh away from the peel.

1 medium-large butternut squash, about 2 pounds OR 2 packages (12 ounces each) diced butternut squash  
1/4 cup expeller-pressed canola oil, safflower oil or olive oil  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Chopped fresh or dried herbs

**1. Heat** oven to 450 degrees. Trim top (stem end) off the butternut. Cut butternut crosswise in 2 pieces — one the long skinny "neck" and the other the bulbous bottom. Peel each of the pieces. Cut each in half; scoop out the seeds and fibrous pulp. Cut the flesh into 1 to 1 1/2 inches pieces.

**2. Transfer** squash to a rimmed baking sheet. Add oil; toss to coat well. Sprinkle with salt.

**3. Roast** squash, stirring once or twice, until tender and golden, 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from oven. Serve sprinkled with herbs.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 201 calories, 14 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 20 g carbohydrates, 4 g sugar, 2 g protein, 298 mg sodium, 6 g fiber

dice. You can roast other squash with the peel still on, but I like to cut it into wedges so I can easily scoop the soft flesh away from the peel. When roasting squash, don't skimp on the oil — it works to retain the moisture in the flesh.

Stuffed squash makes a great meatless main course or elegant side to a roast chicken dinner. My favorite combination of rice, green chile, corn and cheese makes a terrific stuffing for acorn or delicata squash. I like the dark green vegetable flavor of poblano chiles in contrast to the sweet flavor of winter squash.

When stuffing squash (or bell peppers for that matter), the trick is to cook the squash to tenderness first. Then, season the squash and the filling mixture. A few minutes in the oven will blend the flavors together. Alternatively, skip stuffing the squash. Instead, stir 3 or 4 cups of the simple roasted butternut into the rice filling for a hearty side dish.

## Acorn squash with cheesy rice and poblanos

**Prep:** 30 minutes **Cook:** 55 minutes **Makes:** 4 servings

Instead of using the microwave oven, you can bake squash in a 350-degree oven until tender, about 40 minutes. You also can use sweet dumpling or delicata squash. After halving the squash, cut a small slice from the uncut ends so the squash halves sit level.

**4** small (about 1 pound each) acorn squash, halved, seeds and fibers removed

**2 to 3** tablespoons unsalted butter or olive oil

**1** medium-size white onion, chopped

**2** medium-size poblano chiles, halved, seeded, chopped (or 1 poblano and 1 red or yellow bell pepper)

**3** large cloves garlic, crushed

**2** cups cooked white or brown rice OR 1 pouch (8.8 to 10.5 ounces) fully cooked rice

**1** cup frozen corn kernels, thawed

**1/2** teaspoon salt

**1/2** teaspoon each: thyme, black pepper

**1/8** teaspoon ground allspice

**1 1/3** cups shredded Chihuahua or Monterey Jack cheese

**3** green onions, trimmed, chopped

**1/4** cup chopped fresh cilantro

Lime wedges

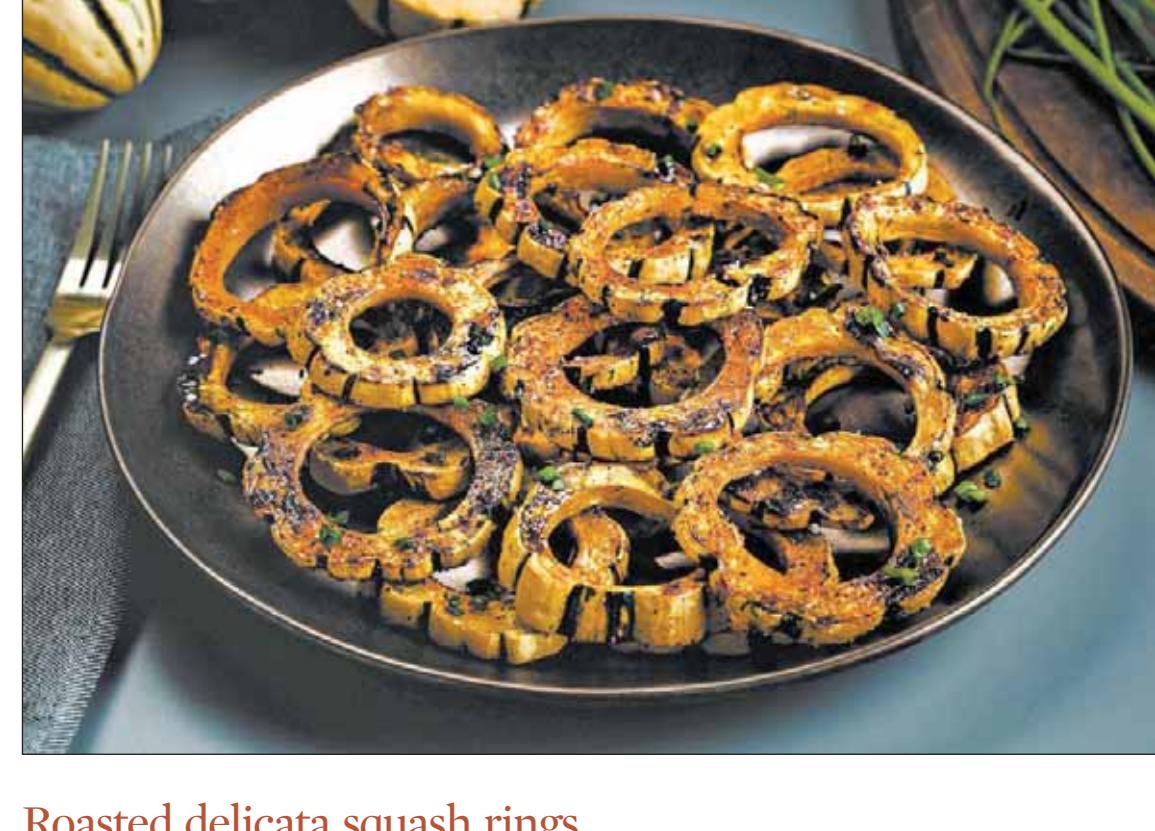
**1. Put** squash halves, cut side down, in a single layer in a microwave-safe baking dish. (Work in batches to accommodate your microwave oven). Add about 1/2 inch of water to the dish; cover with lid or plastic wrap vented at one corner. Microwave on high, turning dish if needed, until a fork can be inserted easily in the flesh of the squash, 13 to 15 minutes. Keep covered while you cook the remaining squash. (Refrigerate cooked squash halves up to 2 days.)

**2. For filling,** melt butter or heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and poblano; cook until tender, 5 to 6 minutes. Stir in garlic; cook, 1 minute. Stir in rice, corn, salt, thyme, pepper and allspice; heat thoroughly. Remove from heat. Stir in cheese, green onions and cilantro. Taste and adjust seasonings.

**3. Heat** oven to 350 degrees. Arrange cooked squash halves cut side up in oiled baking dishes. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Spoon a quarter of the filling into each squash. Cover with a sheet of oiled aluminum foil.

**4. Bake** until heated through, about 20 minutes (longer if squash has been refrigerated before stuffing). Serve hot with a squeeze of lime.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 498 calories, 18 g fat, 11 g saturated fat, 49 mg cholesterol, 74 g carbohydrates, 2 g sugar, 16 g protein, 535 mg sodium, 8 g fiber



## Roasted delicata squash rings

**Prep:** 15 minutes **Cook:** 25 minutes **Makes:** 4 servings

Vary the spice rub on the squash to suit the rest of the meal. Try everything bagel seasoning blend, Old Bay or pumpkin pie spice.

**2** medium-large delicata squash, about 1 1/2 pounds total, ends trimmed off

**2** tablespoons expeller-pressed canola oil, safflower oil or olive oil

Salt, pepper

**1 to 2** teaspoons favorite spice rub

Balsamic glaze, optional

Pumpkin seed oil (or other nut oil), optional

Chopped fresh chives or green onion tops

**1. Cut** squash crosswise into 1/2-inch thick rings. Use a serrated grapefruit spoon or clean hands to pull away and discard the fiber and seeds in the center of each ring.

**2. Put** the rings in a single layer in a microwave-safe 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Add 1/2 cup water. Cover with a lid or plastic wrap vented at one corner. Microwave on high until nearly tender when pierced with a fork, 5 to 6 minutes. Let stand, covered, a few minutes. Drain off the water. (This step can be done up to a day in advance; refrigerate covered.)

**3. Arrange** squash on a baking sheet. Brush both sides with canola oil. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and spice rub. (This can be done several hours in advance; let stand covered at room temperature.)

**4. Heat** oven to 425 degrees. Roast squash, 10 minutes. Flip the pieces over; roast until edges are golden, about 10 minutes. Transfer gently to a serving platter. Serve garnished with a drizzle of balsamic glaze, pumpkin seed oil and chives.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 103 calories, 7 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 10 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 1 g protein, 5 mg sodium, 2 g fiber



Klein's Bakery &amp; Cafe at 426 W. Diversey Parkway offers a variety of aromatic pastries.

# Kick off '20 in style

INA PINKNEY  
*Breakfast With Ina*

Can it be 2020 already? Readers, thank you for the kind feedback you offer when I see you out and about. It tells me the places I review are just what you're looking for. And as we go into the cold, gray winter, remember to visit your local eateries. They need your support.

I begin this year with a magical place, a corner cafe that has added flavors from Venezuela, and an old standby that we shouldn't forget.

## Necessary & Sufficient Coffee

I know just where to begin.

I had a date with friends to meet here, so you can imagine my surprise when we arrived and there was only one chair in this very small, bright inviting space. The lovely barista believed me when I said we would hunker in the corner if she could find two more chairs, which she did. We got cozy, and, to our delight, the owner, Kate Vrijmoet, came out from the back — from what we learned was her art studio — to greet our group.

When she took over the first floor of the building, noting the space originally had been a pharmacy, she asked the neighbors what she should do with the space. *Coffee* was the overwhelming response.

Did she just buy some coffee and figure out how to brew it? Not this Kate. She found a socially conscious company in Olympia, Washington, asked them to teach her everything she needed to know, and after designing the space, was ready. She opened in October.

We had almost every coffee and tea beverage on the menu along with an assortment of empanadas, pastries and doughnuts. Each drink was worthy of silence and then sounds of wonder.

How to explain Close Female Friendships? It's a specialty drink, featuring beetroot powder, rose and vanilla simple syrup. Or try it with white chocolate or muscovado simple syrups.

How to describe the intense hot chocolate with toasted-marshmallow whipped cream? I can't.

Everything is different here — from the walk-up window, which offers a discount on brewed coffee, to the slightly smaller cups that have a demarcation for just the right amount of espresso to exactly the right amount of frothy milk. No more pathetic coffee-flavored milk when looking for the perfect latte. Ratios matter.

So, go!

**Of note:** No seating; high step up to the front door, but there's an accessible entrance in the back, so ask for help; street parking.

**Find it:** 3624 W. Wright-



Necessary &amp; Sufficient, a coffee shop in Logan Square, is a small but welcoming space.



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The golfeados at Klein's are sticky buns with cinnamon, dark brown sugar, anise and white cheese.

CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A guava and cream cheese croissant at Klein's.

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wood Ave., necessary-coffee.com

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

## Klein's Bakery & Cafe

Since pastries and cakes are baked right behind the counter at Klein's, the aroma when I entered was homey and inviting. And when I realized the music was lovely and low, well, you know I was ready to settle in for a delightful time. And that's just what I experienced.

I bypassed the menu board with the traditional breakfast options to concentrate on the bakery case.

I've heard of golfeados,

but never had one, so that was a must. The guava and cream cheese croissant; the mushroom, spinach and cream cheese puff pastry; and the Venezuelan cachitos, filled with ham and cream cheese, filled out the order. And, yes, chef Michael Fiddler was with me.

Each pastry had a slightly different dough and was well suited to the filling. The golfeado, which we saved for last, was a sticky bun with cinnamon, dark brown sugar, anise and white cheese.

With the great company and delicious coffee, all was right with the world.

**Of note:** Metered parking; accessible.

**Find it:** 4155 N. Broadway, 773-857-0525; also

426 W. Diversey Parkway,

Sunday brunch.

773-904-8292; kleinsbakerycafe.com

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Sunday.

## Wishbone

We had a customer at Ina's who always had the same meal. She promised herself, as she drove over, that she'd try something new; but as soon as she sat down, she ordered grapefruit juice, a mocha latte and the Heavenly Hots — again. For more than 20 years, she never did have anything else — ever.

When I went to the new incarnation of Wishbone that moved a few blocks from its home corner on Washington Street after 27 years, I was surely going to have one of the Cajun dishes they are known for, like the red eggs or the jambalaya omelet.

I was really happy to see Joel Nickson that day and paid my respects for the longevity and consistency. We talked about the olden days in the West Loop, the skyrocketing rents and how Chicago has become a culinary destination. We were just old friends catching up.

Did I hear myself order the corn cakes? I did. I can still taste them from the first time I tasted them in Joel's tiny place on Grand Avenue decades ago. They are thin cornmeal pancakes made with sweet corn and scallions that come with a spicy red pepper sauce.

They were the same.

And I was so happy.

**On note:** Metered street parking; accessible; dog friendly patio in summer.

**Find it:** 161 N. Jefferson St., 312-850-2663, wishbonechicago.com

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The final texture of the dish can be soupy or stewlike, depending on how much you cook down the beans.

# When inspiration is gone, the pantry is the answer

**BY ALISON ROMAN**  
The New York Times

One of the questions I get asked most often is, "How do you stay inspired to create new recipes?"

In the movie version of my life, I tell people that inspiration hits me when I'm strolling a market overseas, or rereading old cookbooks while I sip tea on my comfortable couch. But the actual answer is, sometimes I don't stay inspired. Sometimes I have no ideas at all, and start furiously mapping out plans for a second career, Googling how long it would take to become a botanist.

In these moments, I find it most useful to do anything but try to be creative. I repot a plant, take a hot yoga class, attempt minor accounting work. But where I often land after these activities is at home, sans groceries and extremely hungry, turning to my (admittedly well-stocked) pantry. Here, I let the primal, emotional need for something delicious take over, rather than my intellect, which demands that every opportunity for making dinner somehow

relate to work.

Turns out, the primal, emotional need almost always involves beans. Probably the brothy, spicy variety, loaded with bitter greens. I will not apologize for my predictability.

Depending on how much time I've got, the beans are either dried (preferred!) or from a can (realistic!). But regardless, they are cooked in lots of olive oil with whatever combination of fried onions, shallots and garlic I have on hand. I might add some tomato paste or a few anchovy fillets, but here, I'm adding harissa, which I like to caramelized in the olive oil just as I would tomato paste, and some fresh or preserved lemon. If you want the spiciness but aren't stocking harissa paste, red-pepper flakes, a little bit of cumin and a tablespoon or two of tomato paste will get you close.

From there, I simmer everything in chicken broth because it's what I keep around. (You can use vegetable broth if you prefer.)

The final texture of this dish can be soupy or stewlike, depending on how



Add the broccoli raab leaves near the end of cooking the stew so that they just wilt.

much you cook down the beans — I like to smash them with the back of a wooden spoon, encouraging their creamy interior to thicken the broth.

Once the beans are as

soupy or stewy as I please, I add an entire bunch of broccoli raab or kale, which I always have in my refrigerator because I love my dark leafy greens in any and all applications. Whatever I'm working with, I strip

the leaves from the stems, chop the stems and add them to the beans as they simmer. I toss in the leaves at the very end, just to wilt them.

This satisfyingly creamy

bean stew is lovely and perfect all on its own, but you can also garnish it like a bowl of chili. I won't go so far as to say that it's a fridge clean-out free-for-all, but I do use this as an opportunity to use up the last of that

odd bit of feta or pecorino, whatever fresh herbs I have lingering (parsley, cilantro, mint, dill), and sometimes that last egg (fried and crispy, or medium-boiled and sliced, please).

This pot of pantry staples

might not seem like much, but it is a nice reminder that it's OK to empty yourself of ideas from time to time. The act alone might lead you to your next good one.

## Spicy white bean stew with broccoli raab

**Prep:** 20 minutes

**Cook:** 30 minutes

**Makes:** 4 servings

1 large bunch (or 2 small bunches) broccoli raab or kale, thick stems separated from the leaves

1/4 cup olive oil, plus more for drizzling

4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced

1 medium red or yellow onion, thinly sliced

Kosher salt and black pepper

2 to 3 tablespoons harissa or tomato paste

Red-pepper flakes, optional

3 cans (15 ounces each) large white beans, such as cannellini, drained, rinsed

4 cups vegetable or chicken broth

1 preserved lemon, thinly sliced, or 1 lemon, halved, for squeezing

2 ounces feta or other salty cheese, such as queso fresco or pecorino, crumbled

1 cup parsley or cilantro, leaves and tender stems Fried or medium-boiled eggs, optional

**1.** Tear broccoli raab or kale leaves into bite-size pieces; set aside. Chop the stems into about 1/4-inch pieces; set aside.

**2.** Heat 1/4 cup olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add garlic and onion; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned and sizzled at the edges, 4 to 6 minutes.

**3.** Add harissa (or tomato paste and a pinch of red-pepper flakes); stir to coat in the oil. Cook until the harissa is a nice brick red color, the sugars start to caramelize and the oil turns a vibrant orange color, about 2 minutes.

**4.** Add beans; season with salt and pepper. Crush a few beans with a wooden spoon to release their creamy interior.

**5.** Add the broth and reserved stems; season with salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer; cook to desired consistency (less time for a brothier soup, more time for a thicker stew), 15 to 20 minutes.

**6.** Add broccoli raab or kale leaves and preserved lemon or lemon juice; stir to wilt the greens. Season with salt, pepper and more red-pepper flakes if you want it spicier. Serve with feta and parsley, and with eggs, if you like.

## Vettel

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ard execution.

You'd think, after more than 30 years on the job, I'd never be wowed again by a chicken Parmesan, but Avanzare's version is terrific, highlighted by a long-simmered tomato sauce that bursts with concentrated flavor. Veal limone is another expertly executed classic, with a nicely balanced lemon-caper-butter sauce that also graces the branzino, roasted in a sea-salt crust. (The branzino, \$32.95, is one of the few dishes priced higher than \$25, but it's worth the splurge.)

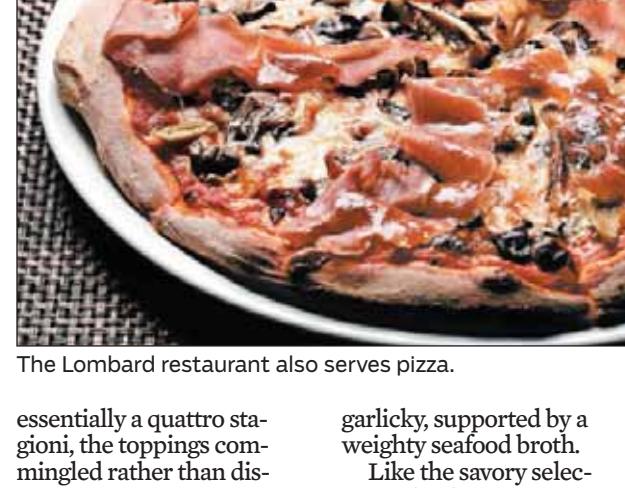
I loved the risotto, which is well textured and fleshed out with lobster and crab; pastas are house-made and excellent, particularly a *paglia e fieno* (straw and hay) of egg and spinach noodles graced with sea scallops and braised leeks.

My quibble was with the *osso buco*; the meat was tender and the vegetable reduction sauce aromatic, but no marrow or gremolata? I missed them.

One thing the partners added to the kitchen was a wood-burning oven, which produces the house breads (a good sourdough roll and yummy focaccia, served gratis) and very good pizzas; the Avanzare pizza, with olives, mushrooms, artichokes and prosciutto, is



Timballo is an Avanzare appetizer.



The Lombard restaurant also serves pizza.

essentially a quattro stazioni, the toppings commingled rather than discrete.

Appetizers include a timballo of eggplant rolled around a ricotta-spinach filling. Estrada likens it to a vegetarian and gluten-free manicotti. Frito misto offers a carefully, light-fried melange of seafood and zucchini with a light marinara sauce; clams with linguini is appropriately

garlicky, supported by a weighty seafood broth. Like the savory selections, the dessert menu abounds with familiar names. Among the options are an oozy chocolate tortino with hazelnut gelato, a classic cannoli with house-made shells, and a straightforward, two-layer tiramisu striped with chocolate sauce.

I'd direct you to the torta di mele, a tart of chopped



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Desserts include torta di mele, which features apples, a crumble topping and gelato.

## Avanzare

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**Tribune rating:** ★★

**Open:** Lunch and dinner daily

**Prices:** Entrees \$15.95-\$35.95

**Noise:** Conversation-friendly

**Other:** Free self-parking

**Ratings key:** ★★★★ outstanding; ★★★ excellent; ★ very good; ★ good; no stars: unsatisfactory. The reviewer makes every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

apples and crumble topping in a fluted shell, alongside vanilla gelato.

The beverage program includes classic cocktails and a usual-suspects beer

selection; the wine list, however, is impressive — heavily Italian and very attractively priced (plenty of bottles at \$50 or less).

Service is solid, but it

seems that a small core of workers — the principals included — are doing all the heavy lifting. Anybody looking for work in the western burbs?

Some readers might remember the old Avanzare restaurant downtown, a Lettuce Entertain You spot in Streeterville where Rick Tramonto (among others) did his first Chicago cooking. One of the partners' uncles actually worked there, but that's not the inspiration for this restaurant. Avanzare, in Italian, means "push forward," and in advancing from lifelong employees to restaurateurs, that's exactly what these partners are doing.

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## Snacks

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certain foods are painted with the "munchies" brush is because they are easily sourced and affordable, but mostly because they have the kinds of exciting flavor profiles that can cut through any fog. Which not only makes them ideal for those indulgent moments, but also surprisingly inspiring for amping up the flavors of other dishes that can be enjoyed with or without any medicinal assistance.

Carbs are always a natural with munchies food. Whether sweet or savory, it seems to be the first place we turn. So, one of my favorite things to do is to take some basic plain household favorite, like popovers or scones, and use them as a blank canvas, getting inspired with new flavor combinations. Because a lot of our most beloved snack foods have complex flavor profiles, it is fun to experiment to see if you can make something new, and maybe a bit elevated, but still have it hit that sweet spot of delicious nostalgia.

Doritos are one of the superior snacks, needing no dip or extra anointing to be at their salty, cheesy best. By breaking down the flavors of Doritos seasoning into its composite parts — cheese, tomato and spice — and combining it with my favorite popover recipe, you get a light popover with all the punch of a bag of Original Doritos, the perfect thing to serve alongside a steak or roast chicken. And a Cool Ranch version is just a packet of Hidden Valley away.

Speaking of chicken, fried chicken is one of the most crave-worthy foods of any snack attack, whether it is a crispy nugget or tender, a basket of wings, a sold-out sandwich, or a bucket of pieces with all the sides. Scones are one of the easiest and fastest things to bake, and this version takes all of the flavors of great fried chicken, not to mention some bonus crispy skin bits, and makes a bake that hits your finger-licking fried chicken button, with pinkies-up high-tea elegance.

So the next time a craving hits, at 4:20 or any other time of day, think a little outside the bag or bucket, and give one of these a try.

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Chicken fat and pieces of crispy chicken skin transform a recipe for scones.

### Fried chicken scones

**Prep:** 40 minutes   **Bake:** 12-15 minutes   **Makes:** 8 scones

**1**  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups flour  
**3** tablespoons chicken bouillon powder (or 9 bouillon cubes, finely ground)  
**1** tablespoon baking powder  
**1** teaspoon poultry seasoning  
**1** teaspoon minced fresh thyme leaves  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon ground black pepper  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon cayenne pepper  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped crispy chicken skin (optional, see note)  
**1** cup heavy cream  
**2** tablespoons rendered chicken fat, melted, cooled

**1.** Heat oven to 375 degrees; line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a large mixing bowl, whisk flour, bouillon powder, baking powder, poultry seasoning, thyme, black pepper and cayenne together. Stir in the crispy chicken skin, if using. Make a well in the dry mixture; pour in the cream and melted chicken fat. Using your fingers held in a stiff rakelike shape, blend until barely combined. Knead just enough to have a cohesive, soft dough. Overmixing will yield tough scones.

**2.** Place dough on a lightly floured surface; pat into a 7-inch round, about 1-inch thick. Cut into 8 wedges (triangles). Place them 1 inch apart on the baking sheet.

**3.** Bake until golden, 12 to 15 minutes. Transfer scones to a cooling rack. Serve hot with honey, butter and hot sauce. Or if you want to get meta, serve with fried chicken.

**Note:** To make crispy chicken skin, spread pieces of chicken skin out flat between two sheets of parchment paper; place between two baking sheets. Bake in a 400-degree oven until deeply golden and completely crispy, 15-25 minutes. Skin should shatter and break instead of bend. Cool completely; chop into pieces and store covered in the fridge for up to a week. If needed, re-crisp in a hot skillet. (Save the chicken fat to use in the scones batter.)

**Nutrition information per serving (not including optional chicken skin):** 243 calories, 15 g fat, 7 g saturated fat, 36 mg cholesterol, 24 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 3 g protein, 1,170 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

### Doritos-style popovers

**Prep:** 15 minutes   **Rest:** 1 hour

**Bake:** 65-70 minutes   **Makes:** 6 large or 12 small

You can make the popovers a day or two ahead. To reheat, place them on a wire rack over a baking sheet and bake in a 400-degree oven for 6-8 minutes until hot and crisp. The recipe also doubles fine if you are feeding a crowd. If you are a bigger fan of Cool Ranch Doritos than Original, you can brush the tops of the hot popovers with a light coating of melted butter and sprinkle with ranch powder, or serve with a ranch butter made by mixing a packet of ranch dressing powder into a stick of softened unsalted butter. Look for tomato powder and cheddar cheese powder at some spice shops and online.

**3** large eggs  
**2** cups milk, 2% or whole milk (just not skim)  
**3** tablespoons unsalted butter, melted, cooled slightly  
**1**  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups all-purpose flour  
**2** tablespoons cheddar cheese powder  
**1** tablespoon tomato powder  
**1** tablespoon chili powder  
**1** teaspoon garlic powder  
**1** teaspoon kosher salt  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon onion powder  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon ground black pepper  
Nonhydrogenated vegetable shortening

**1.** Whisk eggs until light and foamy in a medium bowl. Slowly whisk in milk and butter until incorporated.

**2.** Combine flour, cheese powder and seasonings in a large bowl. Whisk the milk mixture into the flour mixture until no lumps remain. Transfer batter to a large measuring cup, cover with plastic and let rest at room temperature, 1 hour. (Alternatively, batter can be refrigerated for 1 day. Bring fully to room temperature before proceeding with baking, at least 4 hours.)

**3.** Heat oven to 450 with the rack in the lower-middle. Generously smear shortening on the inside of a 6-cups large or 12-cups small popover pan; lightly dust the cups with flour, shaking and tapping to remove any excess. If you don't have a popover pan, you can use a muffin tin; they just won't "pop" quite as tall, but they will still be delicious.

**4.** Whisk the batter vigorously to make sure it is fully combined; pour into popover pan, filling each cup to about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from the top. (Don't overfill; you might have a small amount of batter left over.) Bake without opening the oven door until fairly well popped and just beginning to brown, 20-25 minutes, but start checking at 15 minutes. Decrease the oven temperature to 300 degrees without opening the oven door; bake until popovers are golden brown all over, 35 to 40 minutes more.

**5.** Open the oven door; using a small skewer or the tip of a paring knife, poke a small hole in the top of each popover. Turn the pan if they are not coloring evenly. Close the door; bake until deep golden brown, 5-10 minutes longer. Remove from the oven; rest the popover pan on a wire rack. Poke each popover again with a skewer or knife; let cool, 2-3 minutes. Turn out popovers. Serve hot with the spread or filling of your choice.

**Nutrition information per serving (for 6 popovers):** 314 calories, 11 g fat, 6 g saturated fat, 117 mg cholesterol, 40 g carbohydrates, 5 g sugar, 13 g protein, 571 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

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