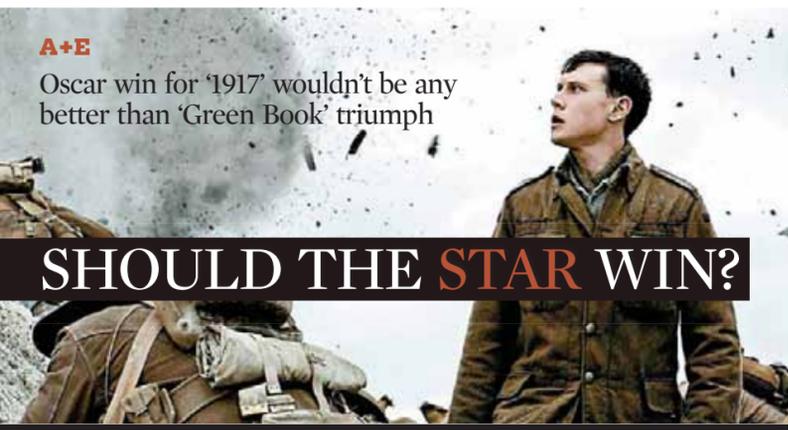




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## 'A tough year for children'

Experts say this flu season is proving to be harsh, especially for kids

BY LISA SCHENCKER

This year's flu season is shaping up as a harsh one in Chicago and across the country, particularly for children.

More than 900 lab tests in Chicago for the flu have come back positive since the end of September, compared with 240 during the same time period last year, according to the Chicago Department of Public Health. The actual number of flu cases is likely much higher because not everyone gets tested.

That's the second highest number of positive flu tests reported by the city's health department in the last five years, surpassed only by the severe flu season from two years ago.

One of the most common strains this season — a Type B influenza — is hitting children especially

hard, said Dr. Marielle Fricchione, medical director of the immunization program at the city's public health department.

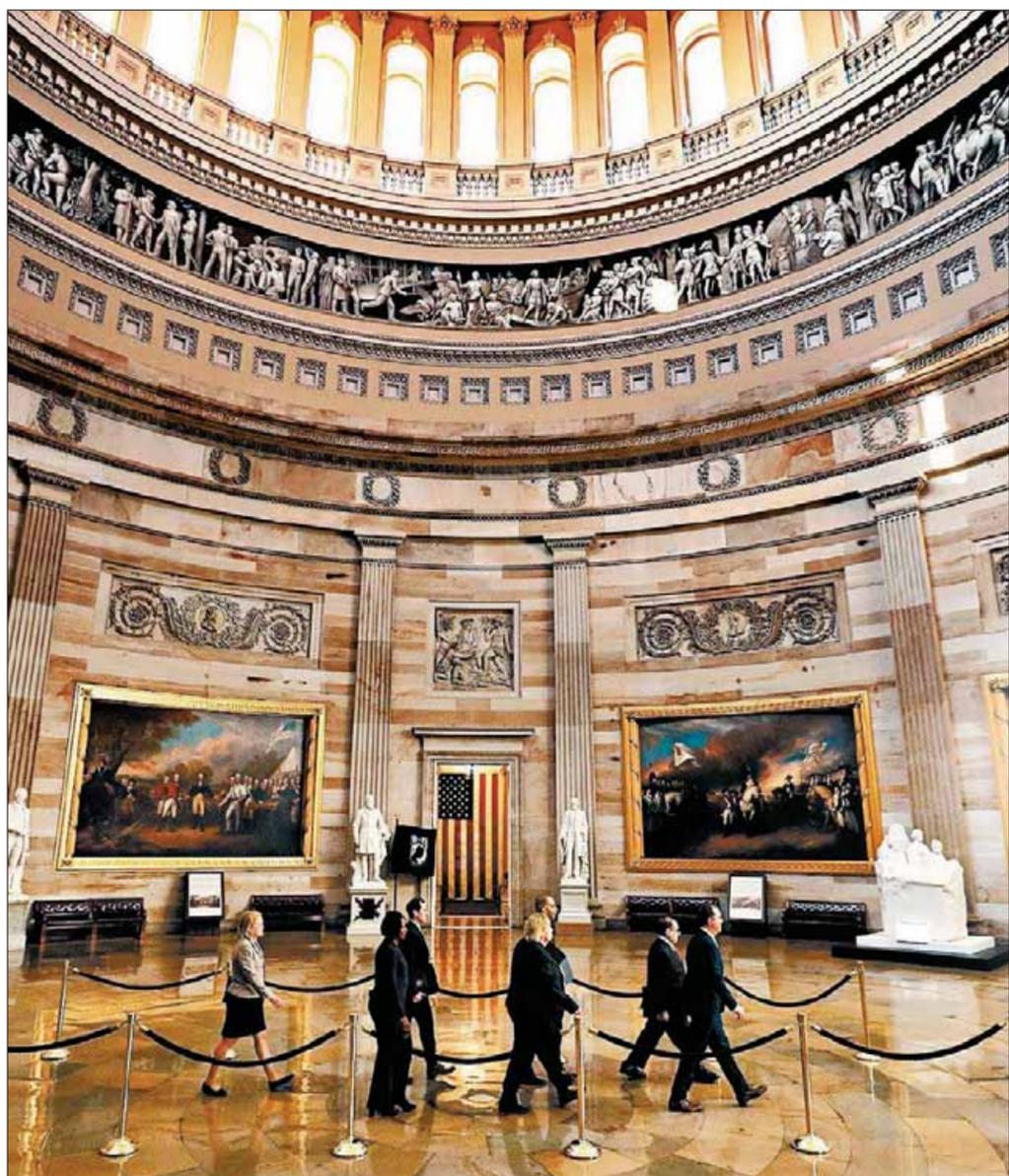
This is the first time in decades influenza B has been the most common type of flu, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Parents of young children need to take it particularly seriously this year," Fricchione said. "This is going to be a tough year for children, and making sure they've been vaccinated, if they haven't yet been, will help protect them."

Experts are urging anyone over the age of 6 months to get a flu shot. The flu season can start in October and last as long as May, though it peaks in December, January and February.

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## IMPEACHMENT OF PRESIDENT TRUMP



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House lawmakers, appointed as managers to prosecute the case, make their way across the Capitol for a second day.

# SENATE STARTS HISTORIC TRIAL

Roberts swears in senators as jurors on solemn occasion

BY LISA MASCARO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate opened the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump with quiet ceremony Thursday — senators standing at their desks to swear an oath of "impartial justice" as jurors, House prosecutors formally reciting the

charges and Chief Justice John Roberts presiding.

The trial, only the third such undertaking in American history, is unfolding at the start of the election year, a time of deep political division in the nation. Four of the senators sitting in judgment on Trump are running for the Democratic Party's nomination to challenge him in

the fall.

"Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye!" intoned the Senate's sergeant-at-arms, calling the proceedings to order at noon.

Senators filled the chamber, sitting silently under strict rules that prohibit talking or cellphones, for a trial that will test not only Trump's presidency but also the nation's three

branches of power and its system of checks and balances.

The Constitution mandates the chief justice of the United States serve as the presiding officer, and Roberts made the short trip across the street from the Supreme Court to the Capitol. He has long in-

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## Suburban mayor in red-light cam probe

Feds said to be eyeing Oakbrook Terrace's Ragucci

BY JASON MEISNER  
AND DAVID HEINZMANN

Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Tony Ragucci recently paid \$30,000 from his campaign fund to a lawyer representing him amid an ongoing federal corruption probe, according to campaign finance records and sources.



Ragucci

Ragucci is among several elected officials and politically connected contractors embroiled in a federal investigation involving SafeSpeed LLC, a controversial company that operates lucrative red-light cameras at intersections in dozens of Chicago-area suburbs, including Oakbrook Terrace, two

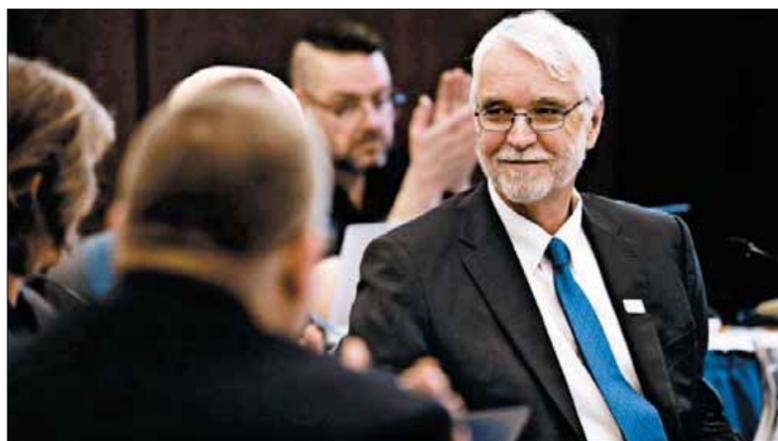
sources with knowledge of the probe told the Chicago Tribune.

The \$30,000 payment to attorney Thomas Crooks was made Nov. 29 and marked as "legal fees," according to Ragucci's quarterly campaign financing statement filed Wednesday with the Illinois Board of Elections.

Crooks could not immediately be reached Thursday but declined to comment on the ongoing investigation in a brief telephone conversation last week.

Ragucci's interest in federal investigators comes amid a much broader series of public corruption probes that have sent shock waves from City Hall to Springfield over the past 14 months, beginning with the raid of Chicago Ald.

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University of Illinois President Tim Killeen is congratulated after Thursday's meeting.

## U. of I. raising tuition as it OKs president's 40% raise

Hike will be first at flagship in 6 years

BY DAWN RHODES

For the first time in six years, tuition will be going up for in-state students attending University of Illinois schools.

Trustees on Thursday unanimously approved a proposal that will raise base tuition for Illinoisans by 1.8% at the campuses at Urbana-Champaign and

Chicago, and by 1% in Springfield.

That means tuition for Illinois freshmen in fall 2020 will be \$12,254 at Urbana-Champaign, \$10,776 at Chicago and \$9,502.50 at Springfield.

It will be the first time since 2014 that tuition for in-state students will be increased, ending the tuition freeze implemented by

President Tim Killeen. Also Thursday, university trustees unanimously voted to extend Killeen's contract for four years.

The tuition hikes do not affect currently enrolled students — only the next incoming class. Illinois' Truth in Tuition law guarantees that the price students pay in their first year of college essentially

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Tom Skilling's forecast



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Attorney L. Lin Wood represented Richard Jewell and he's one of the lawyers for Kentucky student Nicholas Sandmann.



## JOHN KASS

# Damning take on media from 'lawyer for damned'

The other day, as my friend and Tribune colleague Kristen McQueary and I were filling in as hosts on the national broadcast of The Dan Proft Show, we took a call.

The caller's name is L. Lin Wood. He's a famous libel lawyer from Atlanta who's been called "The Lawyer for the Damned."

Wood had read my weekend column about two innocent Americans wrongly shamed by the media mob — Nicholas Sandmann and the late Richard Jewell — and wanted to talk.

Wood represented Jewell. And now he's one of the lawyers for Sandmann.

"What the media did to Richard Jewell and Nicholas Sandmann did not destroy them," Wood said. "But it damaged them badly."

If you're a parent, can you imagine your child given such unfair media treatment visited upon Sandmann, a teenager, just last January?

It's unimaginable, and in this cancel culture we live in, it's something parents fear.

Sandmann was the Kentucky high school student in the MAGA cap favored by supporters of President Donald Trump. The high schooler was vilified, wrongly, as a smirking racist. The howls from the media were relentless.

And Jewell, the security guard from the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, spotted a bomb and saved lives. But he, too, was unfairly targeted and shamed by an FBI leaker and the media as the prime bombing suspect. He wasn't the bomber. The real bomber was Eric Rudolph.

I had quoted Joy Behar, a co-host of a mean-girls news talk program on ABC called "The View." She explained why the media hounded the innocent Sandmann, who wore the MAGA hat. "Cause we're desperate to get Trump out of office, that's why," said Behar.

Bingo. The message was clear: Dare support Trump, and those with media power like Behar will shame you.

Wood agreed with my assessment. Like I said, Wood was a lawyer for Jewell, the subject of a superb film, "Richard Jewell," by Clint Eastwood.

Wood is also part of the legal team representing Sandmann, who recently settled a libel suit against CNN that originally asked for \$275 million.

Many TV news networks and other news shops have avoided mention of the settlement. Wood would not discuss the terms, which have not been disclosed.

But he did talk at length about the media mob, political bias and what drives it against innocents like Jewell, and Sandmann.

Journalists set out to destroy Sandmann because the boy was perceived to be a Trump supporter, Wood said.

The boy and his classmates were at the March for Life in Washington. Afterward, they were confronted with ugly, racist slurs delivered by black protesters. Then a Native American activist, Nathan Phillips, confronted Sandmann with the drum. He was the aggressor. Sandmann did nothing.

But Sandmann was portrayed as a racist.

"The media attempted to destroy him, and in the process they badly damaged him, and I believe they did so, in the main, because of the cap he was wearing," Wood told us. "They didn't care what they said or did to Nicholas. They just saw him as an object to use to attack President Trump. Because he was wearing the red cap, they assumed he was a Trump supporter, but I've never asked Nicholas that question."

Wood invoked the term "deplorables" used by Hillary Clinton in a failed attempt to shame Trump voters in 2016.

"I guess you could say that they felt he was a 'deplorable,' and so they didn't care what happened to a 'deplorable' and they didn't care what they did to a 'deplorable,'" Wood said. "But they did it. It was a lie. And they badly damaged him and those who did that should be held accountable."

Wood said Sandmann's legal team is pursuing similar lawsuits against The Washington Post and NBC and will file suit against other news shops.

When Jewell spotted that bomb in the backpack at Olympic Park, then was depicted as the bomber, it set up an irresistible story line, Wood said.

"Richard was portrayed as a likely

bomber, someone who would intentionally create a terrorist act designed to kill and maim innocent people," Wood said.

"The truth was and is that Richard Jewell was a hero," Wood told us. "His actions that night at the (Olympic) Park saved the lives of over 100 people, because he alerted authorities about the package near the (broadcast) tower that he was responsible for."

But Jewell didn't stop there. "He didn't cut and run," Wood said. "He went into the tower that he was responsible for and he single-handedly evacuated every person from that tower."

"So, the heroism of Richard Jewell never really was fully exposed to the public, because the media couldn't resist the headline, 'Hero Turns Bomber.'"

As I mentioned in the previous column, I enjoyed Eastwood's "Richard Jewell," though the film contains a serious flaw — an unproven allegation that a now-deceased Atlanta Journal-Constitution reporter offered to trade sex to an FBI agent for a leak that Jewell was the prime suspect.

"The Richard Jewell story is a very good story," said Wood. "I lived the truth of what happened to Richard. And the truth to me is still raw."

He said he has no plans to see the film because of how it portrays the AJC reporter.

But he offers a warning for those of us in the media, in a business that has taken narrowcasting to the extreme, eagerly shaping content to appeal to this political demographic or that one, and desperate for clicks and eyeballs.

"It's not frightening as to the number of people who watch," Wood said. "What's frightening is that in today's world, they're not hearing the truth. And that's frightening."

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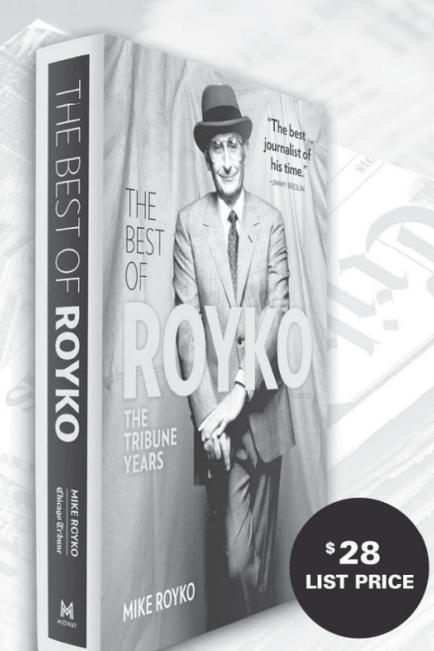
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# GOODBYE TO CITYGROUNDS

A coffeehouse that created a community



MARY SCHMICH

For the past nine years, I've spent a shocking amount of my life, mornings mostly, in a little coffeehouse in my neighborhood. It's called CityGrounds.

Parked at one of the small tables, within earshot of the hissing

espresso machine, or sitting outside on the patio, with a view of a pocket park, I've spent hours reading, writing, thinking. I've eavesdropped on first dates and failing relationships. Most important, I've met my neighbors.

Ellen. Anne. Debra. Ian. Jon. They're just a few of the cast of characters whose full names I rarely asked but with whom, for nearly a decade, I've traded talk of births, deaths, books, jobs, marriages, world events and Chicago.

In the nearly 30 years I've lived in the ever-shifting neighborhood of Lincoln Park, CityGrounds is the closest thing I, and a lot of people, have found to a community center.

And now, to the regret of many, it's closing.

"It has always been more than coffee — even though it is the best cup I have found — it is about relationships and meeting neighbors," says Anne, with whom I've had countless deep conversations but whose last name I learned only when I told her I planned to write this column.

That's one beauty of a coffeehouse community: The bonds are real, but last names and full biographies aren't necessary.

"I've had a few customers come in this week upset and crying," Steve Chang, the owner, said the other day when I joined the parade of sad customers. "I've told them it's the cycle of life."

I just learned Steve's last name this week, too, though from years of conversation I already knew that his parents were immigrants, that coffee was his escape from a life in corporate PR, that running a coffeehouse isn't easy.

Chang opened CityGrounds in January 2011, in an old brick building tucked slightly off busy Lincoln Avenue. The next day a brutal snowstorm shut down much of Chicago. Chang kept his new place open and sold a lot of hot chocolate.

"I moved into the city just a few months before Steve opened CityGrounds," says



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Steve Chang, owner of CityGrounds coffee shop in Lincoln Park, talks with customer Mimi Duginger on Thursday.

Jon Ferguson, a founding pastor at Community Christian Church in Chicago. "I was looking for a good cup of coffee, a place to get some work done and to meet my neighbors. I found that at CityGrounds. He actually provided coffee for our new church at no charge."

Last year, when Chang got married, Ferguson performed the ceremony.

In the early years, Chang, who lives in distant Glenview, worked more than 100 hours a week. He figured that was the price of being a small-business owner. His mother, a nurse, and his father, an electrical engineer, had immigrated to Chicago from South Korea with a couple of hundred dollars and a faith in hard work. He shared the faith.

He also had a faith in the power of coffee.

"Coffee is something that you look forward to drinking," he says, and he remains

a partner in Gaslight Coffee Roasters in Logan Square. "It comes with a sense of familiarity, warmth, comfort. It's a small break in the day."

But as the years passed, the hours got harder to keep. He cut back to 80 hours a week, eventually to 50. He felt the work in his knees and his back and his mind. He trimmed the shop's hours. By the end, one barista, Mat Smith, who had been with him since the beginning, staffed the counter.

Chang has never lost his belief in the power of coffee and small businesses to connect a neighborhood. But he has realized it's time to move on. The cycles of life.

Last week he emailed many of his loyal customers, inviting them for a last cappuccino this Sunday.

"I have cherished seeing your faces at the cafe," he wrote, "being a quiet witness to so much — awkward first dates, marriages, pregnancies, children growing up from infancy and into their teens, promotions, career transitions, books being authored and published, starting businesses and much more. I've learned that through it all, community plays an important part in everyone's lives. I hope that you will continue to embrace and reach out to your fellow neighbors."

All of us who have benefited from his vision owe him a thank you. And we share the question he's been asking himself, one that extends far beyond one Chicago coffeehouse: What happens to a community when the place that created the community is gone?

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## 'Maybe God can forgive y'all, but I can't'

A mom grieves as suspect gets 60 years in 7-year-old's killing

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

Ashake Banks approached the witness stand at the sentencing of her 7-year-old daughter's killer with tears in her eyes.

She held a crumpled tissue in her right hand as she raised that arm to be sworn in.

She sat down and hung her head. When she finally began to speak, her voice trembled.

"My only daughter, my beautiful butterfly ... was taken from me way too soon," she said of Heaven Sutton. "The loss has broken our family."

Moments later, her tears turned to rage.

She looked directly at Jerrell Dorsey, who was found guilty of shooting Heaven Sutton in a senseless gang attack outside the

family home on Chicago's West Side.

"Maybe God can forgive y'all," the mother told him. "But I can't.

Ever ... You're going to hell."

Judge Ursula Walowski sentenced Dorsey, 33, to 60 years in prison for the attack that also wounded one of Dorsey's alleged intended targets, a rival gang member.

A Cook County jury convicted Dorsey in April of murder, aggravated battery and aggravated discharge of a firearm in the June 2012 shooting.

Prosecutors said Dorsey and an uncharged accomplice shot at a rival gang member near one of Heaven's favorite places: the snack stand that her mother set up in the front yard of their home in the North



Dorsey

Austin neighborhood to sell candy and snow cones to neighbors.

The rival was shot in the ankle, but another bullet struck Heaven in the back as she tried to flee the gunfire. She had been playing in the yard, prosecutors said.

At the sentencing Thursday, Walowski noted the many letters sent in by Dorsey's supporters.

"You are highlighted as a great father," she said. "Yet you were found guilty of taking a child away from a mother that it doesn't seem will ever be able to recover from that."

Prosecutors argued that Dorsey, a reputed Four Corner Hustlers street gang member, could have been sentenced to as many as 109 years in prison for the slaying.

Both prosecutors and the

defense noted that Dorsey had a relatively stable upbringing and a devoted family.

"He had a lot to live for, and all he did was go out there and gangbang," Assistant State's Attorney Nina Ricci said.

But Dorsey's attorney, Michael Walsh, called his client's behavior that night an "aberration" while asking the judge for leniency.

Dorsey spoke as well, saying, "I just want to say my heart goes out to the family."

He then maintained his innocence in a voice that was nearly inaudible.

Heaven's brother, Malik Ellis, who was 15 at the time of the shooting, testified for the prosecution at trial about that night when neighbors of all ages were outside enjoying the mild summer weather before the barrage of gunfire sent everyone scrambling.

"Once I seen a gun, it all happened so fast, and all the

shots rung out," he said.

Ellis said he realized Heaven was shot, grabbed towels and tried to help Banks stop the bleeding. But his sister was pronounced dead within an hour.

Two reputed members of a gang that feuded with the Four Corner Hustlers told authorities in 2012 that they saw Dorsey at the scene with a gun. One even said he was so close he saw the muzzle flash as Dorsey fired.

But in testimony at the trial, both backed away from those statements.

In closing arguments, prosecutors characterized their backtracking as an attempt to avoid retaliation for cooperating with law enforcement.

Jurors deliberated just 2½ hours before convicting Dorsey on all counts.

On Thursday, following Dorsey's sentencing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, Heaven's mother told reporters that the 60-



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Heaven Sutton

year sentence amounted to a slap on the wrist compared with the loss of her daughter. He would be in his mid-80's if he completed the sentence.

"I wanted life," Banks told reporters. "I didn't want 60 years. I'm doing life myself. ... You kill a 7-year-old, a little girl, I rather wanted it to be spelled out. L-I-F-E."

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Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle says she wants the legalization of marijuana to reduce incarcerations.

## Cook County Board approves 3% tax on recreational weed

BY LOLLY BOWEAN

Without any discussion or debate, the Cook County Board on Thursday approved a 3% tax on recreational marijuana sales throughout the county starting this summer.

When the tax on cannabis and related products takes effect July 1, it is expected to make Cook County's marijuana sales among the highest taxed in the country, officials have said.

Still, County Board President Toni Preckwinkle said imposing the tax is in line with what some suburban municipalities have done. She was unfazed about whether the high taxes could turn off consumers from buying the drug.

"We tax alcohol and cigarettes pretty heavy too," Preckwinkle said at a news conference after the board meeting.

Preckwinkle said she wanted the legalization of recreational marijuana to reduce incarcerations.

"I have no idea what's going to happen to consumption as a result of legalization," she said. "My concern principally is, and I've always said this, is not about cannabis in terms of consumption ... (it) is about arresting young black and brown people for possession and distribution. Since we only apparently in this country can only find black and brown people who possess and distribute marijuana, I don't want anybody arrested for it."

Recreational marijuana was legalized to much fanfare and celebration on Jan. 1. Customers spent almost \$3.2 million on legal weed in Illinois on the first day of sales alone.

Illinois is the 11th state to legalize recreational weed,



Cook County Commissioner Bridget Degnen, center, voted present on the cannabis-related laws on Thursday.

and now New York is looking to follow.

Illinois' recreational cannabis taxes vary by product and are based on the marijuana's potency. There's a 10% tax for products with up to 35% THC — the component of pot that gets users high. And cannabis-infused products such as edibles are taxed at 20%. Products with more than 35% THC are taxed at 25%.

But that doesn't include sales tax and the 3% tax being levied by the city and the county tax that soon will be imposed on top of that.

In addition to the law that would implement the county sales tax, the board quickly approved legislation that will establish a commission to examine how the new industry will affect the region. And commissioners passed a zoning law that lays out where shops can set up and sell the drug.

While some have celebrated the legalization of recreational marijuana, it also has revealed a deep divide along racial and class lines.

So far, nearly all the dispensary owners are white. Meanwhile, African Americans and Latinos, who for years were stigmatized and arrested at dispropor-

tionate rates for using the drug, so far have not managed to significantly break through the ranks of dispensary ownership.

On Thursday, Commissioner Stanley Moore, 4th, voted present on all the cannabis-related laws because he said he wants to learn more about how the tax revenue will be spent to restore minority communities that were decimated by the war on drugs.

"It's not that I'm for or against it. I'm waiting to see how we are going to be more equitable," he said.

"The county is preparing to go after revenue, and I think revenue is important. But I'd like to see more information come out about where the revenue is going to be spent, how the revenue is going to be spent. Are we going to do any economic development in poor black and brown communities? All those conversations should start taking place now, instead of taking place later when it's too late."

Commissioners Bridget Degnen, 12th, Sean Morrison, 17th, and Peter Silvestri, 9th, all voted present on the cannabis-related laws. Degnen and Silvestri said they have worked with cannabis investors and didn't want to vote on the

matters for ethical reasons. Morrison was unavailable for comment.

Although the county recreational weed tax was approved, officials on Thursday didn't know how much revenue it will actually generate. And because what is collected won't make it to the county until late in the year, the 2020 budget does not count on revenue from the weed tax, officials said.

So far, the county has budgeted funding to help cover the cost of expunging the criminal records of residents who have been arrested and charged in the past for possessing small amounts of marijuana.

The county also increased resources to the state's attorney's office and the clerk's office to help fast-track residents who were caught up in the criminal justice system related to selling or carrying marijuana, Preckwinkle said.

But while board members don't know how much money the tax will bring in or how they will spend it, Preckwinkle said the conversation will have to include making amends with communities that were damaged when the drug was illegal.

"We have a cannabis commission and I know one of the things that they're going to look at is the social equity components," Preckwinkle said.

"Expungement is not enough for black and brown communities that have been so heavily impacted by the war on drugs and so we have to figure out how the financial resources are used in a way to benefit the very communities."

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## Longtime inmate lied about police abuse under Burge

Judge finds he falsified claims against detectives

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

A longtime inmate had his hopes of freedom dashed Thursday when a Cook County judge rejected his bid for a new trial, accusing him of lying for years with claims he was beaten by detectives working under notorious ex-Chicago police Cmdr. Jon Burge.

In a scathing ruling, Judge William Hooks said the inmate, George Anderson, tried to ride the coattails of legitimate police victims, comparing him to a scammer who might board a crashed bus after an accident to pretend to be a victim.

"Anderson has falsely claimed to have ridden on the Burge torture bus, and he knows it," the judge said.

Anderson, 57, who is serving life in prison after being convicted in separate 1991 killings of an 11-year-old boy and a 14-year-old girl, sat stoically through the brief hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

Anderson's attorney, David Owens, was angered by the decision and vowed to appeal, telling reporters later, "What we did hear from the judge is completely and factually inaccurate and wrong."

"The institution itself is designed to protect itself," he added.

The proceedings before Hooks have stretched on for years after the Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission found credible evidence in 2012 that Anderson was beaten into confessing.

Hooks found, though, that Anderson wasn't credible on the witness stand and even seemed to be tailoring his testimony to fit the legal standard that would win him a new trial, Hooks said.

The detectives who denied harming Anderson in testimony did not invoke their Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination as other detectives have in similar cases alleging wrongful convictions, Hooks noted.

Among those implicated by Anderson was former Detective Kenneth Boudreau, whose alleged history of obtaining dubious confessions was detailed in a 2001 Chicago Tribune series. Boudreau took the stand in Anderson's case in 2018 and flatly denied ever having harmed a single suspect.

Anderson also accused two other ex-police de-



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David Owens, attorney for George Anderson, talks to the media on Thursday.

tectives, John Halloran and Michael Kill, of beating him into confessing to the killing of the 11-year-old boy, Jeremiah Miggins. Halloran denied the allegations in testimony, while Kill, who had denied wrongdoing from the witness stand in another case, has since died.

Despite the fact that many of those detectives have been repeatedly accused of abuse, any argument that Anderson's case fits that pattern "falls on its face," Hooks said.

In addition, no medical evidence showed that Anderson sustained any physical injuries while in police custody, the judge said.

Burge and his so-called midnight crew of detectives have been accused of torturing or abusing dozens of mostly African American men into confessing to killings in the 1970s and '80s. The scandal has stained the city's reputation and cost taxpayers tens of millions of dollars in settlements, legal fees and other compensation to victims.

Burge, who was fired from the Police Department in 1993, was convicted by a federal jury of perjury and obstruction of justice in 2010 over his denials in a lawsuit of ever witnessing torture or abusing suspects. He died in 2018 after serving 4½ years in prison and home confinement.

Hooks had been holding hearings on Anthony Jakes, another alleged Burge-related victim of police torture, at the same time as Anderson, but special prosecutors dropped the charges in 2018, saying they could not meet the burden of proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

That same year, Hooks issued a lengthy ruling overturning the conviction of another Burge accuser, Jackie Wilson, who was found guilty of killing two Chicago cops, asserting that what happened in Wilson's interrogation "was not good — instead, very bad and ugly."

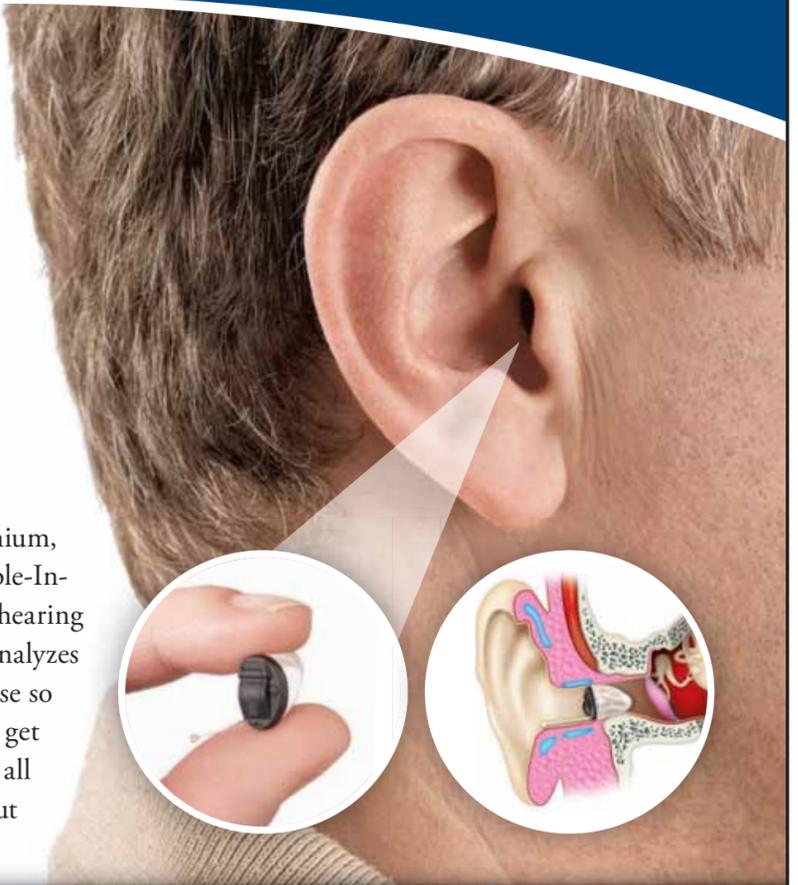
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# Probe

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Edward Burke's offices in November 2018.

The investigation of SafeSpeed first came to public light in September when the FBI and IRS agents raided the offices of then-state Sen. Martin Sandoval, Lyons Mayor Christopher Getty and Jeffrey Tobolski, the mayor of nearby McCook who doubles as a Cook County commissioner.

After those raids, Ragucci told the Tribune that he had not been questioned by agents and the city had not received any requests for information from federal authorities on the red-light camera controversy.

The mayor has since avoided all inquiries from the Tribune, including on Thursday.

On Tuesday evening, Ragucci was a no-show at the monthly City Council meeting that he typically presides over.

A clerk told a Tribune reporter that the mayor had been at City Hall earlier in the day but was not feeling well.

SafeSpeed and its owners and officers have been among Ragucci's heaviest political donors over the years, election records show.

Earlier this month, the

Chicago Sun-Times reported that the FBI seized \$60,000 from a safe in Ragucci's home in October, although the reason for the seizure was not disclosed.

No one involved in the SafeSpeed investigation has been charged with any wrongdoing.

Ragucci, 64, was a police officer in Oakbrook Terrace for 25 years before being elected mayor in 2009. He won a third term in 2017 and would be up for reelection again in 2021.

In his biography on the city's website, Ragucci touted his quarter century with a badge as prepping him for life as an Illinois mayor.

"There are few experiences better than law enforcement for learning about politics, the issues, the local businesses and what needs to be done," he was quoted as saying.

There are indications, however, that Ragucci is not planning on running again. Earlier this month, he filed an amendment changing his campaign committee's status from a candidate-supporting fund to an "independent expenditure committee," according to state election records.

The amended committee now states its purpose as simply to "Promote Good Government," according to the filing.

Ragucci's campaign filing this week stated his

committee has just over \$75,000 in funds.

Ragucci's relationship with SafeSpeed has long been controversial.

A 2017 Chicago Tribune investigation documented how, as chairman of the powerful Senate Transportation Committee, Sandoval intervened on SafeSpeed's behalf to push state transportation officials to change their stance and allow the company's cameras to be installed at the relatively safe intersection of Illinois 83 at 22nd Street in Oakbrook Terrace.

The push came even though IDOT's policies required that cameras target dangerous corners to improve safety.

Meanwhile, SafeSpeed and its owners collectively donated tens of thousands of dollars to Sandoval's campaign coffers, including one contribution for \$10,000 in September 2016 that at the time was the largest single donation the firm had given anyone.

Oakbrook Terrace's 2020 budget projects the two red-light cameras in operation there — both provided by SafeSpeed — will bring in \$5 million in revenue over the current fiscal year.

SafeSpeed in turn charges Oakbrook Terrace about \$2.3 million to operate the cameras, plus an additional \$2,000 a month in "service fees," according to the budget posted on the

city's website.

The site also features a link to information touting the red-light cameras as a boon to safety, not blatant cash grabs as they're often criticized.

"Red Light Cameras are only a cost to those who break the law so please respect the rules of the road!" the site says.

The search warrants served on Sandoval's office as well as Lyons and McCook showed agents seized evidence on SafeSpeed founder Omar Maani and his development firm, Presidio Capital, which has built government-subsidized housing in Summit and Cicero.

SafeSpeed's owner, Nikki Zollar has said the company does "not tolerate wrongdoing or public corruption and we support efforts to root it out."

"We base our culture on safety and partnering with law enforcement and we conduct our business ethically and with integrity. We do not condone any departure from these core values," said the statement sent last year by company spokesman Dennis Culloton.

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# Flu

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The flu usually comes on suddenly and can include symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, vomiting and diarrhea. Young children, adults ages 65 and older, and people with certain health issues, such as diabetes, asthma and cancer, are especially at risk of developing complications.

One child in Chicago has died from the flu this season.

Nationally, 32 children have died, and 21 of those deaths were associated with influenza B viruses, the CDC said. A year ago at this time, 16 children had died.

Across the country, levels of patients visiting doctors with flu-like illnesses remain high, and so far there have been about 4,800 flu deaths, according to the CDC.

But even though a high number of people are reporting flu-like symptoms, the number of hospitalizations and deaths has been relatively low, the CDC said. That's likely because most hospitalizations and deaths are among people over age 65, and some of the most common flu strains this year are more likely to affect children.

Vaccines are developed in advance of flu season, and severe flu seasons often occur when strains that emerge don't match the ones that vaccines protect against, said Dr. Julie Holland, vice president of pediatric primary care for the Chicagoland Children's Health Alliance. The alliance is a pediatric partnership between Advocate Aurora Health, NorthShore University HealthSystem and University of Chicago Medicine.

It's too early to predict how effective this year's vaccines are, but they might not be a great match for the most common B strain now circulating, the CDC has said.

Experts predicted this year's flu season in the U.S. might be particularly rough because it was a difficult flu season in Australia and the Southern Hemisphere, where the season starts six months earlier. But the predominant virus in the Southern Hemisphere was H3N2, which has not been one of the most common strains in the U.S., Fricchione said.

Still, medical experts say it's important to get vaccinated.

"It is not perfect," said Dr. Allison Bartlett, associate professor of pediatric infectious diseases at the University of Chicago Medical Center, of the vaccine. "It does not completely prevent disease, but it does often lead to an illness that is less severe."

**"It does not completely prevent disease, but it does often lead to an illness that is less severe."**

— Dr. Allison Bartlett

It's crucial to get vaccinated to help protect others at greater risk of complications from the illness, such as the elderly, and those who can't get vaccinated, such as babies younger than 6 months, experts say.

Area hospitals have witnessed the effects of the elevated flu season. In December, the University of Chicago Medical Center had 163 patients test positive for the flu, compared with 63 last year, Bartlett said.

So far this month, Lurie Children's Hospital has seen a 28% increase in emergency room visits, mostly from patients coming in with flu-like symptoms, compared with the same time frame last year.

Between Dec. 28 and Jan. 11, Rush University Medical Center's ER tested 459 people for the flu, and 22% tested positive. The ER administered half as many tests during the same period last season with a 12% positive rate.

RSV, a common virus in children, is also now circulating, Fricchione said. Children who've had RSV recently might be more at risk for complications from the flu.

Sixty-three Chicago residents have been admitted to hospital intensive care units with the flu this season, compared with 32 at about the same time last year, according to the city's Department of Public Health.

People who feel ill should contact their doctors as soon as possible. Some may be prescribed certain medications, such as Tamiflu, that can lessen the severity of the illness, but Tamiflu generally must be given in the first few days of sickness to be effective, Holland said.

Those who have the flu should stay home to recover and avoid spreading it.

"If you are sick, stay home," Bartlett said. "It's a tough thing to abide by. No one wants to disappoint their colleagues at work or miss out on school, but really, if you've got the flu, you need to be resting up for your own recovery and limiting the spread of infection to others."

Chicagoans can visit [chicagoflushots.org](http://chicagoflushots.org) to find locations to get flu shots. Those who are uninsured or underinsured may get free shots at the city's walk-in immunization clinics.

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# What you need to know about the Women's March

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS

When Women's March Chicago kicks off at Grant Park on Saturday, Eric Tenfelde plans to march alongside his wife and daughters to be "part of humanity and making history," he said.

This will be his third Women's March, and he describes the event as a visceral experience.

"Being outside in January and feeling warm on the inside from energy and people around me expressing their American freedom. Expressing myself with costume and signage and witnessing and celebrating everyone else's expressions. Praising others and being praised. Leading chants and shouting the chants of others."

Among the crowd at every Women's March are the many men and boys who attend as allies, supporting the movement's many causes including gender equality, climate change and access to health care.

Andrew Clancey also plans to march Saturday. The 30-year-old from the Rogers Park neighborhood recalled attending the first Women's March at Grant Park in 2017. Clancey said he held a sign with the slogan "I (heart) Nasty Women," and one of his favorite march memories was taking a picture with a woman wearing a shirt that said "Nasty Woman" on it.

"I felt so connected with everyone else who was marching," he said. "Many of us were angry about the results of the 2016 election, and we wanted the world to know. Everyone at the march treated one another with a tremendous amount of respect, and although it was wildly busy and energetic, it felt like an incredibly safe environment."

Women's March Chicago organizers have planned a revival of the January march at Grant Park after a hiatus in 2019. The event has attracted hundreds of thousands and shut down parts of the Loop in the past. The march will be held in concert with similar events and rallies across the nation and globe.

March organizers predict that many supporters will be inspired to attend this weekend's march by "just about anything you hear on the news."

"Immigration, separating children from parents, children dying at the borders, tariffs affecting small family-owned farms, sexual predators in government, business (and) entertainment," said Women's March Chicago organizer Ann Scholhamer. "There is a long list."

This year's local event will honor marchers with disabilities, who will lead the procession to Federal Plaza. Volunteers will help marchers needing assistance by clearing paths, walking alongside participants with disabilities and escorting them to transportation hubs or meeting points, organizers said.

The march will also be led by many elected female politicians, including Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Illinois Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Illinois Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford.

Unlike past Women's March events, the one on Saturday won't include a rally or any scheduled programming before the march at Grant Park.

The 2020 march will feature a new format, which organizers call the "Gallery of Issues." Women's March Chicago selected five major topics to focus on this year: the 2020 census, climate change, gun violence prevention, health care access and encouraging voting in the 2020 elections. Organizers say each block of the march route will be dedicated to a different cause.

"As marchers move block by block through the route, they will learn more

## Women's March Chicago 2020

**When:** Saturday. Grant Park opens for the event at 9 a.m. and the march begins at 11 a.m. (This year's event is a march-only format, with no formal rally or other programming preceding the march.)

**Where:** Main entrance at Ida B. Wells and Columbus drives. Accessible entrance at Columbus Drive and Monroe Street.

**March route:** The march will begin at Columbus Drive and Jackson Street, ending at Federal Plaza. The city has asked that marchers disperse immediately afterward.

**Social media:** #WomensMarchChicago2020, #WomensMarchChi2020, #MakeltCount

**Weather:** Forecasts say several inches of snow accumulation is possible Friday. On Saturday, the high temperature is expected to be 37 degrees, with rain possibly mixed with snow showers before 2 p.m., according to the National Weather Service.

**Public transportation:** Metra isn't adding any service but conductors have been notified that more patrons with disabilities might be traveling. The Chicago Transit Authority will have longer trains on the Brown, Blue, Orange, Green and Purple lines, as well as more frequent service on the Red Line. There will be additional bus service on the 147 Outer Drive Express route. **For more information:** www.womensmarchchicago.org

about these key issues and ways they can effect change," according to the Women's March Chicago website. "During this lively and interactive 'Gallery of Issues' experience, our partner organizations will cheer on marchers, display banners and signage, engage in text message campaigns, hand out branded swag and more."

The first local Women's March in January 2017 unexpectedly brought an estimated 250,000 supporters to Grant Park, shutting down parts of downtown, following the inauguration of President Donald Trump. The event was held in solidarity with other women's marches internationally.

An anniversary march in January 2018 — at the height of the #MeToo movement — topped attendance with some 300,000 marchers in Chicago.

Then Women's March Chicago organizers hosted a solely local march in October 2018, to encourage midterm election voting, and opted to forego the traditional January march at Grant Park in 2019, citing the high costs of crafting two events so close together. Instead, supporters were encouraged to host their own community-based events dispersed around Chicagoland.

Local organizers say they don't believe the absence of a 2019 march in Chicago — or the national controversy — will dampen enthusiasm for the event this weekend.

"Our marchers know that we are an independent organization, solely dedicated to the issues in our communities, and supported by organization and marchers locally," Scholhamer said.

Women's March Chicago also plans to host another local event in mid-October to encourage voting.

As for Clancey, he said he's excited for this weekend's event.

"I want to support the women and all of their allies and advocates who are marching," he said, "and voice my frustrations with the way we vote and how it can leave so many people feeling left behind and unrepresented."

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# 'You may be able to save a life'

Deaths from falls at Water Tower Place raise questions about suicide prevention

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY AND PAIGE FRY

After a man fell to his death at Water Tower Place the night before, a security guard stood on the seventh floor of the busy mall Thursday morning and shooed away shoppers who stepped too close to the railing.

The deceased man was the second person killed in a fall in the past two months at the popular Magnificent Mile shopping center, which appeared to prompt a stepped-up security presence on the mall's upper floors.

But the deaths, ruled suicides by the Cook County medical examiner's office, raise questions about whether businesses and building owners should take more permanent precautions to prevent suicide deaths. Such measures are in place at some other public sites.

In San Francisco, officials are working on building a net under the Golden Gate Bridge, where hundreds of people have died of suicide since it opened in 1937. Large plastic signs displaying a suicide preven-

tion hotline phone number are a common site at Chicago CTA stations, where some people have died after jumping in front of trains.

Such measures, though, are less common in private buildings than in public ways, experts say. A request for comment sent to Brookfield Properties, which owns Water Tower Place, went unanswered.

"It's kind of up to the architects to find something that fits with the design and has some discouragement to it," said Steve Moore, co-chair of the Illinois chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. "For Water Tower Place, they have to look at what they currently have, and what can they do to make it difficult for people."

Deterrents are especially important, experts say, because research shows that most suicides are impulsive in a moment of crisis. Most people who survive an attempt do not try again, studies show.

"If you take away an easy way, you may save a life," Moore said.

The latest incident happened about 5 p.m.

Wednesday when a 25-year-old man fell from the seventh floor of the mall in the 800 block of North Michigan Avenue, a Chicago police spokesman said. Paramedics took the man to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 5:42 p.m., according to information from Chicago police and the medical examiner's office. He lived in West Rogers Park.

A 65-year-old woman died Nov. 24 when she also fell from the seventh floor of the mall. The woman was pronounced dead at the scene.

Mark Heyrman, a retired University of Chicago Law School professor and a board member of Mental Health America of Illinois, said building owners can install netting to prevent deaths from falls, but many are reluctant to do so because of aesthetic issues. He noted that years of fighting and controversy preceded the official decision to install a net below the Golden Gate Bridge.

"People will think it looks horrible," he said, adding that the government couldn't legally compel owners to do it.

Heyrman also said signs like those in CTA stations can be cheap and effective

for building owners to use, but he said there isn't much research about how many people may be deterred by the signage.

He emphasized, though, that most people do not try again after a suicide is prevented.

That's why Moore said it's especially important to work to prevent falling deaths because there is less of a chance in such instances that life-saving attempts from first responders will be successful. A report on suicide lethality from the Harvard School of Public Health notes that "jumping from a great height shares two elements in common with firearms as a suicide method: it is a highly lethal method and once the attempt is begun (the person jumps or pulls the trigger) it cannot be stopped."

"Reducing access to lethal means is one very effective method of suicide prevention," Moore said. "You may be able to save life permanently."

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# Nora Leonard died from liver cancer at 17

Andersonville park will honor the daughter of Second City execs



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Kelly Leonard and Anne Libera wanted a place that would capture and honor the spirit of their daughter, Nora. A place that can live and breathe and grow, even as their daughter no longer gets to. Nora died in August from liver cancer. She was 17.

Chicago Waldorf School, where Nora spent all of her school days, wanted a spirit around which to shape and build a new outdoor classroom and playground on the cement-covered space that sits west of their turn-of-the-century building. The space, equivalent to six city lots, used to serve as a parking lot and playground when the building housed Lyman Trumbull Elementary, a Chicago Public School that closed in 2013. The lot was a large part of what attracted Chicago Waldorf to the Andersonville property it bought in 2018.

On Wednesday, the two visions came together. The school held a small, beautiful assembly and announced the creation of Nora's Sun and Moon Park. It will have climbing structures and swings and an herb garden and a fire pit and room to run and lots of little moon shapes — a special love of Nora's — hidden throughout.

"We were already in the process of planning what the space could be," Dana Hegedorn, senior operations director at Chicago Waldorf School, said. "This brought a soul into it."

In November, Leonard and his friend Mark Miller spoke to me for an article about their ongoing conversations around death and memorializing. Leonard said Nora's ashes sat, four months after she died, in a box on her bed. A cemetery seemed all wrong. He wanted to visit her and commune with her at a place that was loud and

joyful and full of life. Miller, an architect, told me he's working on plans to create a "spirit park" — or a series of them — where others who feel similarly at odds with the cemetery experience can honor their loved ones who've passed away.

Hegedorn said she read the article, and so did some of Nora's teachers. They knew, instantly, their outdoor space needed to be dedicated to Nora.

"I could just feel Nora," Hegedorn said. "She is meant to be unicycling and rolling and somersaulting and falling down and being silly out there. Taking risks and exploring and navigating and getting into things — that's so much of who Nora was."

The planners, Hegedorn said, see the park as a place to honor other members of the Waldorf community and neighborhood community who've passed away. Cynthia Trevillion, a long-time teacher at the school, was killed in 2017 when she was caught in the gunfire of a drive-by shooting. Her spirit will live in Nora's park as well.

The school hopes to start construction on the park by late spring and complete it by fall, in time for the 2020-2021 school year. Once it's complete, it will be open to the community. No fences or barriers are planned. The neighborhood will be welcomed in, not locked out.

"Nora had a way of bringing people in and together," Hegedorn said. "This space will do that too."

Leonard and Libera are creative executives at Second City. When Nora was diagnosed with cancer, celebrities and artists the world over rallied around the family, posing for selfies with #TeamNora signs. Her August memorial, held at Second City, was a celebration of laughter and music and memories, woven together with the deepest sort of grief and missing. Hundreds attended.

At Wednesday's assembly, Carol Triggiano, one of Nora's teachers, stood at a podium and fought back tears.

"Nora Leonard took up a lot of space," Triggiano said. "She was a huge spirit. Full of energy, enthusiasm, determination, hard work. That spirit needs a big space to remember it, to remember her."

Libera talked about how much her daughter treasured every Waldorf ritual and festival, even before she was old enough to be a student there — when she was just tagging along as the younger sister of Nick Leonard, who attended the school through 12th grade.

"Now she will always be a part of those rituals, big and small," Libera said.

Leonard spoke next. "We don't need to pretend this isn't hard and we don't need to pretend we don't feel the deepest of pains for not having her physically with us," he said. "But I think it's important to express the gratitude that she was here. That she was a gift to all of us and she will continue to be a gift if we remember to live our lives with kindness, resolve and play. Nora Leonard never met a playground she didn't like, and now she gets to play on one forever."

The assembly closed with a group of two dozen students gathered on stage in a half-circle. They sang "Sweet Child of Mine" by Guns N' Roses. A harmonica, a guitar and an African drum accompanied. It was a gentle reminder that the world is full of beauty, even in the spaces where grief lives. "They're struggling," Triggiano told me when I asked her how the students are coping with Nora's death. "She's greatly missed. But I think we've all learned a lot from Kelly and Anne about grief and dignity and truth and community. We can't even imagine what they're living through, and yet they've taught us so much. I think they've inspired us and held us to a higher plane — not just in this experience, but in how we move through the world in the future."

And in that way too, Nora lives on.

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Family members of Kajuan Raye pray in Chicago after announcing a lawsuit.

## Ex-city investigator meddled in shooting

City watchdog says he hoped to profit

BY JEREMY GORNER AND TODD LIGHTY

A former investigator for a city agency that looked into Chicago police shootings sought to make money on the side by connecting a lawyer with the family of a teen fatally shot by a sergeant during a foot chase, the city's government watchdog disclosed Thursday.

The investigation by the city Inspector General Joseph Ferguson's office found that the investigator for the now-defunct Independent Police Review Authority gave the home address for the teen's family to an attorney referral service and arranged for its business owner and a lawyer to meet with the family.

The investigator sought a fee for the referral, Ferguson's office determined. Based on the alleged misconduct, Ferguson recommended the man, by then a civilian Chicago police employee, be fired and placed on the city's ineligible-for-rehire list — steps that the Police Department has taken, according to the report.

The inspector general's office did not identify the investigator in its summary report released Thurs-

day, but sources familiar with the case identified him as Kelvin Lett, who was an \$88,044-a-year public records officer for the Police Department when he was fired in November. He is fighting his firing. Lett had earlier been dismissed from his job as an investigator with IPRA in 2017.

Lett could not be reached for comment. Lett had gained attention in 2018 when he filed a federal lawsuit alleging that when he was working for IPRA, the agency's top boss had forced him to find an officer's actions unjustified in a shooting, contrary to the findings of Lett's investigation. However, a judge threw out that suit. Lett's appeal of that decision was rejected last week by the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

While still with IPRA, Lett obtained "sensitive information" from an officer who'd responded to the scene of the November 2016 police shooting of 19-year-old Kajuan Raye. Though Lett was not assigned to investigate that shooting, he failed to promptly disclose any of the information — including the potential location of a gun — to IPRA.

Raye's death marked the second fatal shooting involving Sgt. John Poulos in three years.

No gun was initially found in Raye's possession. But about three months later, a handgun was found along the path of the foot chase in the South Side's West Englewood neighborhood. IPRA's successor, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, cleared Poulos of wrongdoing last year.

"The then-investigator never informed anyone at IPRA of contact with the attorney referral service or the victim's family, waited four days to inform IPRA of the information received from the CPD officer, and repeatedly called members of the victim's family after their meeting," Ferguson's report said.

Ferguson's office also found that Lett lied or omitted pertinent information in interviews with his bosses as well as investigators for Ferguson's office and the FBI.

Raye's mother ended up filing a federal lawsuit but did not choose the attorneys Lett tried to line her up with, the sources said.

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## Raises

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locked in for four years.

Room, board and mandatory fees can at least double the total cost of college, absent financial aid.

For instance, the posted tuition and fees for an Illinois resident at Urbana-Champaign this year ranges from \$16,000 to \$21,000. Once you add room and board, course materials and other expenses, the total cost is \$31,000 to about \$36,000.

Room, board and mandatory fees also will go up in the 2020-21 school year, as will tuition for out-of-state and international students, officials said.

Though trustees supported the increase, several said they were concerned about what it would mean for affordability, particularly for middle-class families. Trustee Edward L. McMillan speculated about the impact on families making more than \$61,000, meaning they would not qualify for U. of I.'s free tuition program.

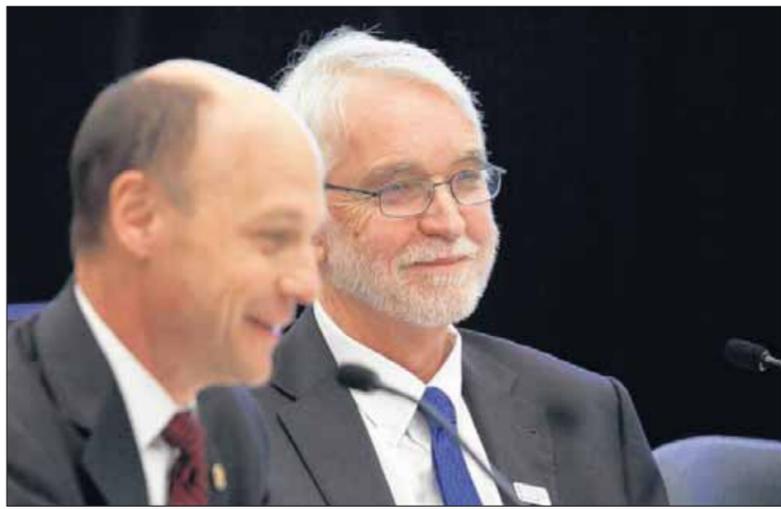
"Those families that are above that level struggle to attend UIUC, UIS and UIC," McMillan said.

Susan Panek, the student trustee representing UIC, urged trustees to consider the impact of the tuition hikes on students financing their own education.

"It may seem like \$5 here, \$10 here," Panek said. "But if you add those dollars up, that's a textbook for a course you can take in a semester."

The move to raise prices reflects a constant, complicated battle for university leaders to balance affordability, competitiveness and fiscal security.

In-state tuition was unchanged for several years under Killeen, though fees regularly increased at the



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University of Illinois President Tim Killeen smiles Thursday after his raise was approved.

Urbana-Champaign and Chicago campuses. The freeze, the longest in university history, overlapped the state's historic budget impasse and a time when local schools were battling to attract Illinoisans.

Residents long have complained that U. of I., the state's flagship, is too expensive and does not offer enough financial aid. University data show all three University of Illinois schools remain among the priciest in their peer groups, even though other schools raised their prices during Illinois' tuition freeze.

Officials also point out that the university has invested heavily in financial aid in the past decade. About half of all new U. of I. students receive some kind of financial assistance from the school, according to federal data. About two-thirds of new students get monetary support from UIC and about 90% of first-time students in Springfield get aid from the school.

However, schools throughout the country have also vastly increased financial aid and schol-

arships available to Illinois students, enabling them to attend a comparable out-of-state school for the same price — or less — than enrolling closer to home.

State data show thousands of Illinois high school graduates migrate out of state for college. The majority land in the Midwest, but schools such as University of Alabama also have successfully attracted high-achieving Illinoisans.

Despite that, the U. of I. system has logged record enrollment for several years. Since 2016, following Killeen's first full year at the helm, enrollment has grown 9.5%, from 81,499 to 89,270 last fall.

Much of that increase has come at UIC, where burgeoning freshmen 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.

It is not just students who are lured by better offers. Killeen has said an overlooked problem is difficulty hiring and retaining top

faculty. While enrollment has spiked, the number of tenure-track faculty has fallen by 2.6% in the past decade, a dynamic that can lead to larger class sizes.

That, he hopes, is what the tuition increase will help address.

"Our faculty are the key reason for the quality of the academic programs available at our universities, and for the increasing numbers of students enrolling at our campuses," Killeen said in a statement. "These increases in tuition will allow us to attract more innovative educators and researchers and reward those already here."

Trustees agreed but told leaders they expect to see the boosted income properly invested into faculty and improving student experience.

"I remain concerned about the accessory costs that are beyond the pure academic mission of our beloved university," trustee Stuart C. King said. "I want us to do all we can to make sure these costs are contained, and the students and their families are being required to pay only for those

services which they require as they pursue their education."

Fees, which help pay for various student and campus services, will increase as follows:

- 2.5% in Urbana-Champaign, totaling \$3,162 per year
  - 1% in Chicago, totaling \$3,340 per year
  - Fees in Springfield will remain \$2,426 a year.
- Undergraduate room and board will increase as such:
- 3.65%, or by \$394, to \$11,168 per year in Urbana-Champaign
  - 2.6%, or by \$293, to \$11,553 per year in Chicago.
  - Rates will not change at Springfield. A double-occupancy room in Lincoln Avenue Residence Hall with a gold meal plan still will cost \$10,810 per year.

For out-of-state and international freshmen, tuition would increase by 1.8% next fall in Urbana-Champaign, 1% in Springfield and 3.5% in Chicago. Tuition for multiple graduate, professional and online programs also will be higher, officials said, with increases up to 2%.

Also Thursday, university trustees extended Killeen's tenure as president until July 2024.

His base pay would jump from \$600,000 to \$835,000, according to a summary of the contract, giving him a 40% raise in his salary. University officials have contested that calculation, saying Killeen's salary increase is about 19%. The Tribune calculated the difference by comparing Killeen's guaranteed salary in both contracts: \$835,000 versus \$600,000.

Killeen assumed the job in 2015. Each year since then, Killeen has received a \$100,000 performance bonus, bringing his regular pay to \$700,000. University officials said that extra compensation now will be folded into his base salary

instead of being paid separately.

The move to keep Killeen in the top job for such a long term is a significant one. The three-school system has not retained a president for this length of time since B. Joseph White served from 2005 to 2009.

Turnover among upper administration has been a problem both at University of Illinois and throughout state universities over the past 15 years. Killeen — approaching five years of service, which is average among college presidents — now is among the longest-serving top administrators in the state.

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 Killeen 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 database maintained by the Chronicle of Higher Education, putting him behind the leaders of Penn State, Ohio State, Indiana University and University of 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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## Soldier with roots in Chicago area killed in training accident

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

A soldier who grew up near Chicago died during a free-fall parachute training exercise in Arizona, according to military officials. Master Sgt. Nathan Goodman, 36, is the third service member from the Chicago area who has died in the last two weeks.

Goodman died Tuesday during a "routine military free-fall training exercise" near Eloy, Arizona, Col. Nathan Prussian, a U.S. Army Special Operations

Command spokesman said in a statement. "Nathan was a beloved member of 3rd Special Forces Group and an exceptional leader in the Special Operations community," Prussian said.

Goodman lived in Hope Mills, North Carolina, and grew up near Chicago, officials said. He enlisted in 2002 and completed eight deployments, according to an Army news release. Goodman is survived by his wife and two children. "Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family during this

difficult time and our priority now rests with taking care of them and our soldiers," Prussian added. The incident is under investigation. Henry Mayfield Jr., of Hazel Crest, 23, died in a Jan. 5 attack at an airfield in Kenya. On Jan. 11, officials confirmed Miguel Villalon, 21, of Aurora, was one of two service members killed in a roadside bombing in Afghanistan's Kandahar province.

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## Cop charged with beating grandmother

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

A Dixmoor police commander dragged a 66-year-old grandmother, her feet dangling off the ground at times, into the suburb's police station and repeatedly slammed her face into a wall before charging her with resisting an officer, Cook County prosecutors said Wednesday.

But that case was dropped — and now Cmdr. Ronald Burge Jr. faces charges of aggravated battery and official misconduct for the alleged attack last October on the woman who weighed 100 pounds less and stood a foot shorter than Burge, prosecutors said.

Burge, 31, a son and namesake of Dixmoor's longtime police chief, turned himself in Wednesday after county investigators obtained a warrant for his arrest. He was ordered held on \$20,000 bond by Judge Mary Marubio, records show.

The incident — captured on surveillance video in and around the station — began after the undisclosed woman and her family went there following the arrest of her grandson, a juvenile, prosecutors said.

After "an encounter" with Burge in the station

lobby, prosecutors said, the boy's father took cellphone photos. Burge demanded the father's phone and took him into custody when he refused, the charges alleged. The grandmother then tried to take photos as well, prompting Burge to demand she hand over her cellphone, according to prosecutors.

As the grandmother fled from the station, Burge chased her into a parking lot, grabbed her with one arm across her chest as he held his gun in his other hand, prosecutors said. He dragged her back to the station, with her feet dangling above the ground at times, they said.

Inside the station, Burge slammed the woman's face into a hallway wall three times and then "violently" shoved her into a nearby counter even though the woman gave no resistance, prosecutors said. She reported suffering a scrape to her mouth and pain in her neck and elbow.

Prosecutors said the woman was 5-foot-3 and weighed about 125 pounds compared with Burge, who weighed at least 230 pounds and is 6-foot-3.

She was charged with resisting an officer, a misdemeanor, but prosecutors dropped the charge about a

month later, court records show.

Burge, who lives in Hazel Crest, joined the Dixmoor police as a part-time officer in June 2017, took on full-time responsibilities that November and was promoted to commander just one month later.

Reached by telephone Wednesday evening, Burge's father, Dixmoor police Chief Ronald Burge Sr., said he believed the charges against his son were brought only for political reasons.

The chief said he had viewed the video and disputed that his son slammed the woman into a wall. He also said she assaulted him first, grabbing his groin as she tried to flee.

The elder Burge has himself had a controversial, decadeslong career in law enforcement, especially during several stints as Harvey's police chief. After resigning in 1995, he was charged with official misconduct after golf clubs that had been confiscated by Harvey police were found in the trunk of his car and he was found with a blank check from the department's drug forfeiture account, authorities said. A judge later quashed his arrest, saying Harvey officers didn't have cause to stop and search his car.

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## US broke law freezing Ukraine aid

Watchdog says OMB withheld funding for 'a policy reason'

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WASHINGTON — The Trump administration violated the law in withholding security assistance aid to Ukraine, a nonpartisan federal watchdog agency said, weighing in on a decision by President Donald Trump that is at the heart of the impeachment case presented to the Senate on Thursday.

In another development that touched on the impeachment case, a close associate of Trump's personal lawyer and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani is asserting the president was directly involved in the effort to pressure Ukraine to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden and his son Hunter Biden, who was a board member of the Ukrainian energy company Burisma.

The watchdog agency, the Government Accountability Office, said the White House's Office of Management and Budget violated the Impoundment Control Act when it withheld nearly \$400 million this summer for "a policy reason," even though the funds had been allocated by Congress.

The decision to freeze the aid was directed by Trump, and during the House impeachment inquiry, administration officials testified they had raised concerns about its legality to no avail.



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The allegation that President Trump withheld military aid as part of a campaign to press Ukraine to launch an investigation into Joe Biden is key to the impeachment investigation.

"Faithful execution of the law does not permit the president to substitute his own policy priorities for those that Congress has enacted into law," the accountability office wrote in an opinion released Thursday. "The withholding was not a programmatic delay."

The impoundment law, first enacted in 1974 over the veto of President Richard Nixon, limits a president's power to withhold money that has been allocated by Congress, requiring approval from the legislative branch to do so.

The allegation that

Trump withheld the security assistance as part of a campaign to pressure Ukraine to launch investigations of his political rivals is at the heart of the impeachment investigation.

Giuliani's associate Lev Parnas has said he delivered an ultimatum in May, at the former New York mayor's behest, to the incoming president of Ukraine that no senior U.S. officials would attend his inauguration and U.S. aid would be withheld if an investigation into Biden wasn't announced.

Parnas made several po-

tentially explosive claims in a televised interview Wednesday night with MSNBC's Rachel Maddow.

"President Trump knew exactly what was going on," said Parnas, a Soviet-born Florida businessman facing a raft of criminal charges related to campaign finance violations. "He was aware of all my movements. I wouldn't do anything without the consent of Rudy Giuliani, or the president."

The day after Parnas said he delivered the message, the State Department announced that Vice Presi-

dent Mike Pence would no longer be attending the inauguration of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Parnas alleged that Trump ordered Pence to stay away at the behest of Giuliani to send a message to the incoming Ukrainian administration that they needed to take seriously the demand for an investigation into Joe Biden, a potential threat to Trump's 2020 reelection.

For his part, Trump on Thursday repeated denials that he is acquainted with Parnas, despite numerous

photos that have emerged of the two men together, including a May 2018 dinner at the White House.

"I meet thousands and thousands of people as president. I take thousands of pictures," Trump said, speaking to reporters in the Oval Office. "I don't know him, I never had a conversation that I remember with him."

Parnas said he also heard Giuliani and another Trump-aligned defense lawyer, Victoria Toensing, briefing Attorney General William Barr by phone about their efforts to pressure the Ukrainian government to announce the investigation into the Bidens.

"Barr was basically on the team," Parnas said.

The Justice Department said in September that Trump had not spoken to Barr about having Ukraine investigate the Bidens and that the attorney general had not discussed Ukraine with Giuliani. Justice Department spokeswoman Kerri Kupec said Wednesday that Parnas' claims were "100% false."

GAO officials said Thursday that the timing of the agency's ruling, as the impeachment trial was getting underway, was coincidental.

"Our legal decisions are issued when we have completed all our legal research and are ready to come to a sound conclusion," Thomas Armstrong, the GAO's general counsel, said in a statement.

The White House budget office rejected the report's conclusions.

Associated Press contributed.



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U.S. military personnel fly over Helmand province in Afghanistan. The Taliban's willingness to reduce violence is likely to lead to the signing of a deal with the United States.

## In US talks, Taliban offer to curb violence in Afghanistan

BY MUJIB MASHAL  
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The New York Times

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban have offered a brief period of reducing violence in Afghanistan during ongoing negotiations with U.S. diplomats, three officials familiar with the talks said Thursday, a concession seen as important to finalizing a preliminary peace deal between the insurgents and the United States to end their 18-year war.

If the U.S. side accepts the offer, it could amount to the most significant development in the yearlong negotiations since talks resumed after President Donald Trump had scuttled the peace process on the eve of a deal in September.

Though the pledge to reduce violence falls short of the overarching long-term cease-fire sought by the Afghan government, Western diplomats had said getting the Taliban to agree to more than a modest reduction in attacks would be difficult before the withdrawal of foreign forces gets underway.

Details of the offer, confirmed by Western and

Taliban officials familiar with the negotiations, were unclear, though the Taliban have said in the past that a reduction in violence would mean scaling back attacks on major cities and highways.

Also unclear was the duration of any reduction — though one Taliban official suggested it was from seven to 10 days — and whether the American side had agreed to the Taliban proposal, which was made on Wednesday. The two sides continued to talk on Thursday.

In a sign that the talks may have reached an important stage, the top commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, Gen. Austin Miller, joined the U.S. negotiating team in Doha, Qatar, officials said.

The issue of whether to agree to a cease-fire before the departure of the roughly 13,000 U.S. forces and thousands more NATO troops has been an existential one for the Taliban, who see violence as their most important leverage. The insurgents spent more than a month deliberating Washington's demand.

Members of the Taliban negotiating team repeatedly traveled from Doha,

where the talks are taking place, to consult with the group's leaders and commanders in Pakistan, where they enjoy havens. In the end, they came back to the Americans with a proposal of reducing violence for a brief period.

Some officials suggested the arrangement could essentially amount to a cease-fire — in which no attacks are carried out — without explicitly using the term, which some Taliban leaders believe would divide their ranks.

The Taliban's willingness to reduce violence is likely to lead to the signing of the deal between the insurgents and the United States that includes a gradual withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan in return for a Taliban pledge that Afghan soil will not be used by international terrorist groups to launch attacks against the United States and its allies.

The signing of a deal would then move the peace process to its next stage, in which the insurgents would sit with the Afghan government, so far excluded in the talks and other political factions to negotiate future power-sharing.

## Trump boosts school prayer, faith groups as he rallies base

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In a bid to solidify his evangelical base, President Donald Trump took steps Thursday to give religious organizations easier access to federal programs and he reaffirmed students' rights to pray in public schools.

Under orders from Trump, nine Cabinet departments proposed rules intended to remove "regulatory burdens" on religious organizations participating in federal programs by eliminating a requirement that they refer people to alternative providers upon request. Much of that follows through on an executive order by Trump from 2018 that aims to put religious groups on equal footing when competing for federal grants and other funding.

At the same time, the Education Department issued its first updated guidance on school prayer since 2003. While Trump promised "big action" this month, the new guidance appears to make few major changes.

The expansion of faith-based groups' ability to participate in government programs is a significant show of support for an evangelical constituency long a vital part of Trump's base, and it follows a Christian magazine's call for his removal from office.

Trump announced the guidance on school prayer at a White House event Thursday. A directive orders states to verify that school districts have no policies limiting constitutionally protected prayer and to refer violators to the Education Department. That's much like the 2003 guidance, but the directive goes further in requiring states to provide ways for making complaints against schools.

Students can pray on their own or together dur-



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Participants get emotional as President Donald Trump announces the guidance on school prayer Thursday.

ing lunch or other free times, for example, and student speakers can pray at assemblies or sports games as long as they weren't chosen to speak based on their religious perspectives, according to the guidance.

"Our actions today will protect the constitutional rights of students, teachers, and faith-based institutions," Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said in a statement.

Hours before Trump's event, federal agencies announced moves to bolster faith-based organizations. For example, a proposal from the Department of Health and Human Services would eliminate a requirement that religious-based social service organizations inform clients that they can also receive services from groups without connection to a particular religion.

Civil rights advocates said the administration risked empowering discriminatory behavior in the name of religious freedom.

The regulations "will make it more difficult to access critical social services, just because someone is LGBTQ or a different faith," the American Civil Liberties Union tweeted. "It's 2020 and religious freedom is STILL not a license to harm others."

But Johnnie Moore, a

member of Trump's evangelical advisory board, lauded the moves as a fresh sign of Trump's commitment to religious freedom.

"The White House isn't saying whether one should pray or to whom or what they should pray to," Moore said by email. He added that "they are simply making it clear that in the United States students have First Amendment rights also, and our 'separation of church and state' wasn't intended to suppress a vibrant religious life in America but to facilitate it."

About 8 in 10 self-identified white evangelical Protestants approved of Trump's performance, according to AP-NORC polling last month. But the president has nonetheless moved to shore up his already strong connection to this bloc since an editorial in the magazine Christianity Today called for his removal from office.

By returning attention to school prayer, Trump could revive a debate that had largely fallen to the periphery of national politics in recent years.

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# Trump pick: 'Strong, silent type'

Lead counsel has little experience in courtroom trials

By **AAMER MADHANI**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pat Cipollone doesn't seem like Donald Trump's kind of fixer.

His manner is unassuming. He hasn't spent much time playing a lawyer in court or on TV.

But the president has turned to Cipollone, his White House counsel, when it matters most — to lead his defense in his impeachment trial.

Cipollone, 53, spent most of his career in commercial litigation and doesn't have extensive experience with trials. The son of Italian immigrants, devout Catholic and father of 10 is more likely to be caught on the edge of a camera's frame than behind the mic.

"He's the strong, silent type," Trump said of Cipollone at a recent White House event marking the 150th judicial appointment of his presidency.

The White House declined to make Cipollone as well as other administration officials available to comment for this story.

In correspondence with House Democrats during the impeachment saga, Cipollone has shown a knack for channeling the president's provocative rhetoric.

Cipollone has forcefully defended Trump's right to executive privilege and argued that congressional in-



White House Counsel Pat Cipollone, right, will lead President Trump's defense team.

vestigators have no right to question White House advisers about conversations with the president on withholding military aid from Ukraine.

Democrats say Trump withheld the military aid to pressure Ukrainian officials to investigate his political rival, former Vice President Joe Biden.

One former GOP congressional attorney was so taken aback by the over-the-top tone of an eight-page letter that Cipollone sent to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in October that he described the approach as "bananas."

In the letter, Cipollone refused to allow White House cooperation with the House impeachment probe.

Other critics say the letter deepened Democrats' case that Trump had committed an abuse of

power and obstructed justice in his pursuit of dirt on Biden.

"Pat's approach has essentially led to Article 2 (obstruction of justice) of the articles of impeachment," said Neil Eggleston, who served as White House counsel during the Obama administration and briefly worked with Cipollone at a law firm. "I suspect his style is driven by his client."

But Cipollone's backers counter that he's proven a capable defender of Trump's view on executive power.

"Pat Cipollone will be defending executive power from time to time during the Senate proceedings, which will be swimming upstream from certain segments of the media," said Leonard Leo, a conservative attorney and co-chairman of The Federalist So-

ciety who has consulted with the Trump administration on judicial nominations and was among those who recommended Cipollone for the White House counsel post.

Cipollone has been involved in plenty of high-profile cases in private practice, building a career around complex litigation. He was among the lawyers who sued credit reporting company Equifax in 2017 on behalf of consumers affected by a massive data breach.

Early in his career, Cipollone worked with Attorney General William Barr during the George H.W. Bush administration.

Barr was appointed by Trump last year to again serve as attorney general, soon after Cipollone was tapped to be White House counsel.

Trump has also chosen

Jay Sekulow, a Trump personal attorney, to have a major role on his defense team. Sekulow has argued before the Supreme Court at least a dozen times and represented the president during special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

Leo, the conservative legal advocate, and Cipollone have worked together at influential Washington-based Catholic organizations, including as founders of National Catholic Prayer Breakfast and on the board of the Catholic Information Center. The latter group calls itself an "intellectual hub" of Catholic thinkers and is affiliated with the ultraconservative order Opus Dei.

Melanie Sloan, an attorney with the liberal group American Oversight who attended the University of Chicago Law School with Cipollone, said they agree on little politically. But Sloan called him a person of integrity and generosity.

Sloan reconnected with Cipollone a few years ago, when she called him to ask for assistance on a legal matter and he was eager to help.

She called to congratulate Cipollone not long after Trump picked him to serve as his White House counsel. Sloan said she told Cipollone that she was surprised that he would want to take a job with Trump, someone she saw as out-of-step with Cipollone's character.

"He told me that he saw the president differently than I did," Sloan recalled.

## 'Deport' plate fuels a review in Utah

Reported tags to get extra attention, lawmakers are told

By **LINDSAY WHITEHURST**  
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Personalized license plates that spark multiple complaints will get extra scrutiny in Utah amid questions about how a plate emblazoned with the phrase "DEPORTM" could be on the road despite strict state rules and previous objections.

If more than one person reports a particular plate, it will now be flagged for extra attention and reviewed by the attorney general's office, said Scott Smith, who oversees the motor vehicles division as executive director of the Utah Tax Commission.

"The safety net here is the general public," Smith told lawmakers at a hearing this week that came after a photo of the "deport" plate gained widespread attention online.

Among other rules, Utah prohibits vanity plates that express contempt for any race, religion or political opinion.

License plates don't carry unlimited freedom of speech rights, he said.

Most states have restrictions regarding vehicle tags, and Utah has denied messages ranging from "STRIPPN" to "REDWINE" to "JEWELZZ," according to a list provided to The Associated Press.

Even if approved, plates can be recalled if they are found to break the rules.

In the case of the "deport" plate, it's unclear how it was approved in 2015. Since then, complaints from the public have been taken properly, but higher-ups halted the recall process, Smith said.

The plate is now under review. The owner has not been identified.

The issue came to the forefront after a photo of the plate gained attention online this month. English teacher Matt Pacenza spotted it in Salt Lake City during his drive home, snapped a quick photo and posted it on Twitter and Facebook.

"It did jump out at me. I was surprised by it," he said. So, he did a quick search online. "What you find out right away is they do reject all kinds of plates."

The state, which gets about 450 requests a month for vanity plates, also bars messages that are vulgar, reference drugs or sex acts or suggest something dangerous.

Still, the process can be challenging and is inherently somewhat subjective, Smith said.

With that in mind, Democratic Sen. Luz Escamilla and Republican Rep. Marc Roberts said they'll weigh sponsoring a proposal to put more objective requirements into law. Utah is deeply conservative, but tends to be welcoming to immigrants and refugees.

"We're all humans, and we don't always get it right," Republican Sen. Jacob Anderson said. "The license plate all over the news, DEPORTM, I think does not reflect the society's opinion at large, despite where we may have political differences and concerns over aspects of our immigration laws."

## Senate

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sisted judges are not politicians and is expected to serve as a referee for the proceedings. Senators rose quickly when he appeared in his plain black robe.

"Will all senators now stand, and remain standing and raise their right hand," Roberts said.

"Do you solemnly swear that in all things appertaining to the trial of Donald John Trump, president of the United States, now pending, you will do impartial justice according to the Constitution and laws, so help you God?"

The senators responded they would, and then they lined up to sign an oath book.

Trump faces two charges after the House voted to impeach him last month. One, that he abused his presidential power by pressuring Ukraine to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden, using military aid to the country as leverage. Trump is also charged with obstructing Congress' ensuing probe.

Trump insists he did nothing wrong, and he dismissed the trial anew Thursday at the White House.

Eventual acquittal is expected in the Republican-controlled Senate. However, new revelations are mounting about Trump's actions toward Ukraine.

The Government Accountability Office said Thursday that the White House violated federal law in withholding the security assistance to Ukraine, which shares a border with hostile Russia.

At the same time, an indicted associate of Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani, Lev Parnas,



Chief Justice John Roberts walks behind Sens. Lindsey Graham, from left, Roy Blunt and Patrick Leahy at the Capitol.

has turned over to prosecutors new documents linking the president to the shadow foreign policy being run by Giuliani.

The developments applied fresh pressure to senators to call more witnesses for the trial, a main bone of contention that is still to be resolved. The White House has instructed officials not to comply with subpoenas from Congress requesting witnesses or other information.

"What is the president hiding? What is he afraid of?" asked Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer.

"The gravity of these charges is self-evident," he

said. "The House of Representatives has accused the president of trying to shake down a foreign leader for personal gain."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the new information from Parnas demands an investigation, which she doesn't expect from Trump's attorney general. "This is an example of all of the president's henchmen, and I hope that the senators do not become part of the president's henchmen."

Before the swearing-in, House Democrats prosecuting the case stood before the Senate, and Rep. Adam Schiff of the Intelligence Committee formally read the articles of im-

peachment.

Seven lawmakers, led by Schiff and Rep. Jerry Nadler of the Judiciary Committee, made the solemn walk across the Capitol for a second day.

All eyes were on Schiff as he stood at a lectern in the well of the chamber, a space usually reserved for senators.

"House Resolution 755, Impeaching Donald John Trump, president of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors," he began, reading the nine pages.

The other House prosecutors stood to his side.

Senators said later that when Roberts appeared the solemnity of the occa-

sion took hold. Security was tight at the Capitol.

"I thought this is a historic moment, and you could have heard a pin drop," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas. "And so I think the gravity of what are undertaking I think was sinking in for all of us."

GOP Sen. James Inhofe was absent, home in Oklahoma for a family medical issue, but plans to take the oath when he returns as the full trial begins next week, his office said.

The Senate will issue a formal summons to the White House to appear, with the president's legal team expected to respond by Saturday. Opening arguments begin Tuesday.

## Ukraine opens probe of possible tracking of US envoy

By **YURAS KARMANAU**  
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Police in Ukraine are investigating whether the U.S. ambassador came under illegal surveillance by an unknown party before the Trump administration recalled her from Kyiv, Ukrainian authorities said Thursday.

The announcement came two days after Democratic lawmakers in the United States released documents and text messages that showed an asso-

ciate of President Donald Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, communicating with another of Giuliani's associates about Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch's removal.

In announcing the investigation, the Ukrainian Interior Ministry said the country's police "are not interfering in the internal political affairs of the United States" by conducting the probe.

The ambassador's firing last spring was at the center of the inquiry launched by House Democrats that led

to the president's impeachment. But it was the trove of newly released information from smartphones belonging to Giuliani associate Lev Parnas that prompted the Ukrainian police investigation.

In text messages to Parnas, Republican congressional candidate Robert Hyde gave updates on Yovanovitch's location and cellphone use. Hyde suggested in a tweet this week that the messages were a joke.

Parnas has said Hyde's

texts shouldn't be taken seriously, but officials in Ukraine indicated they have a legal obligation to determine if the former ambassador was subject to surveillance by an unknown party.

There was no comment from the State Department, and its silence on the matter has alarmed a number of current and former diplomats who are demanding action from an administration that says security of its personnel overseas is a paramount concern.

In another move touch-

ing on the Trump impeachment, Ukraine said it was opening an investigation into reports that Russian hackers gained access to computers of the Ukrainian gas company Burisma.

Hunter Biden, the son of Trump opponent Joe Biden, was on the board of that company. The impeachment inquiry began with allegations that Trump had tried to pressure Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy into investigating Burisma by withholding promised military aid.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

The Trump administration recalled former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch last spring.

# Lawyer embraces contrarian role

Weinstein defender earns scorn of some on the #MeToo side

BY JAN RANSOM  
The New York Times

It was about an hour into Harvey Weinstein's rape trial when his lead defense lawyer came under attack. The prosecutor called a recent media blitz intended to discredit Weinstein's accusers "an abomination" and asked the judge to put an end to it with a gag order.

But the defense lawyer, Donna Rotunno, lashed back at the prosecutor, Joan Illuzzi.

"Ms. Illuzzi stands in this courtroom and calls my client a predator and then has the nerve to say I shouldn't go out and discuss this case," Rotunno said. "She wants everyone out there to convict Mr. Weinstein before one piece of evidence comes before this court."

Long before an avalanche of allegations against Weinstein set off a global reckoning over sexual harassment, Rotunno was steadily building a career as a criminal lawyer in Chicago with an unusual specialty: defending men accused of sex crimes.

As the #MeToo movement grew, she embraced the role of contrarian, arguing that a public rush to condemn men accused of sexual misconduct and assault was shredding reputations and careers without due process. Even if the movement had helped the feminist cause, she said, it came at too high a price.

"If we have 500 positives that come from a movement, but the one negative is that it strips you of your right to due process and a fair trial, and the presumption of innocence, then to me, not one of those things can outweigh the one bad," she said in an interview. "We can't have movements that strip us of our fundamental rights."



Attorney Donna Rotunno leads Harvey Weinstein from court Jan. 7 in New York City. Weinstein is accused of rape.

Weinstein, who made no secret of wanting to cast a woman as his courtroom champion, asked Rotunno to lead his defense team in May, after parting ways with two sets of lawyers led by men.

Since then, Rotunno has emerged as a paradoxical and polemical figure, who has decided to defend a man reviled by many women as the embodiment of chauvinism and sexual misconduct.

That has earned her the scorn of some women's rights advocates, who have suggested she may be motivated as much by the recognition and future work the case will bring her as by her legal principles.

"Her willingness to claim that #MeToo has gone too far is attached to a steady stream of big paychecks, but is not supported by the facts," said Jane Manning, an advocate for rape victims and a former New York City sex crimes prosecutor.

While the movement has encouraged women to speak up about sexual assault and has highlighted the failures of law enforcement to hold some men responsible for sexual crimes, in Rotunno's opinion, the cultural pendulum has swung too far. Many of her clients are considered guilty until proven innocent, she said.

While women should never be forced to do things they do not want to do, she said, she thinks they also must bear responsibility for their decisions.

"You can't just have it both ways and say, 'I should be able to do whatever I want without consequences. I should put myself in any situation I want and play victim,'" Rotunno said. "Having voluntary sex with someone even if it is a begrudging act is not a crime after the fact."

She added: "What happens with #BelieveAllWomen is that we're just

supposed to believe you without any pushback, or questioning, or cross-examination. I think that's dangerous."

Rotunno grew up in the Chicago suburbs, the granddaughter of a police officer and the daughter of a businessman in the grocery industry and a teacher.

Even as a child, Rotunno became fascinated with practicing law while watching the television series "The Paper Chase," which was about a first-year Harvard Law School student.

She went to a local Catholic college, graduated from the Chicago-Kent College of Law, then landed a job as a clerk with the Cook County state's attorney's office in 1997. Three years later, she became an assistant state's attorney in Illinois, working on domestic violence cases and felony crimes.

By 2003, she had gone into private practice with a defense lawyer, and two

years later, at age 29, she started her own firm.

"She decided to do something a lot of women don't do," said David Erickson, a retired judge who had once been her supervisor in the state's attorney's office. "Strike out on her own."

In Chicago, she became known for her personal style and for winning criminal trials and specializing in sex crimes.

Rotunno, who describes herself as "a reasonable-minded independent" said she finds it disheartening that the #MeToo movement has affected routine exchanges between men and women.

"It's sad," she said, "that men have to worry about being complimentary and pleasant to women."

When it comes to sex crimes cases, Rotunno has lost only once at trial. She keeps a courtroom sketch from that case taped to a wall in her office.

Her client Demarco

Whitley, then 19, a former high school football player, was convicted of raping a 15-year-old girl and sentenced to 16 years in prison. Rotunno believes the "real perpetrator" was Whitley's cousin, who was also accused of participating in the attack but who died in a car crash before trial. Her client, she said, was "the follower."

She put the teenage girl through a brutal cross-examination, because "her story was not great." Afterward, she asked the prosecutor to pass a message on to the girl: "Tell her I had a job to do. I don't want this to define what happens to her."

Rotunno's skill at undermining accusers on the witness stand will be put to the test in the Weinstein trial.

The Manhattan District Attorney's Office plans to call six women to testify about their allegations that Weinstein sexually assaulted them, though many of those incidents are too old to be charged as separate crimes.

The prosecution's case hinges almost entirely on the jury believing the women's accounts, since there is little or no physical evidence. Weinstein is charged with raping one woman in a Manhattan hotel room in 2013 and forcing oral sex on a second woman in his apartment in 2006. The other women will be called to show a pattern of behavior.

As a woman, Rotunno anticipates that she can take a harder line against Weinstein's accusers without looking like a bully. Jurors, she said, will simply see two women having a conversation.

Gloria Allred, a lawyer who represents two of Weinstein's accusers, disagreed.

"A bully is a bully, regardless of their gender," Allred said. "I don't believe it is appropriate to go after a victim on the stand with venom."

## Obamacare still alive despite loss of penalty

Mandate gone, but sign-ups show no signs of tailing off

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The repeal of an unpopular fine for people without health insurance has had little impact on Obamacare sign-ups or premiums, a gap between the real world and legal arguments from conservatives again challenging the Affordable Care Act.

The 10-year-old law has proved more resilient than its creators or detractors imagined, even as the Supreme Court considers whether to take up the latest effort to roll it back.

Opponents argue that the constitutionality of the entire 900-page law hinges on the now-toothless penalty for not having health insurance. Collected as a tax by the IRS, the penalty was intended to enforce the law's "individual mandate" that Americans be insured. A previous set the fines to \$0, effective last year.

"We've gotten a lot of evidence by now about what the market looks like without a mandate penalty,

and on the whole it looks pretty stable, which is surprising because that's not what most people would have expected when the ACA was being written," said Cynthia Cox, who directs research on the health law for the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation.

A recently released Kaiser study found that removal of the penalty pushed premiums up about 5% going into 2019, but the bottom line was a wash because of other factors. Insurers appeared to be making healthy profits.

The penalty was thought to be critical when the law was being written in 2009-10. The idea was to nudge healthy people to sign up, helping keep premiums in check. But Cox said there's no indication that healthy people have dropped out in droves.

In one telling statistic, the Kaiser study found that average hospital days per 1,000 people enrolled dipped slightly in 2019, even after the penalty was eliminated.

Partial sign-up numbers for 2020 released Wednesday by the government point to stability. Nearly 8.3 million people enrolled in the 38 states served by the

federal HealthCare.gov website. That's down only about 2% from last year, when one additional state was using HealthCare.gov. A final count including that state — Nevada — and others that run their own sign-up efforts is expected by the spring.

The insurance mandate was the central issue when the Supreme Court first upheld the health care law in 2012, over a year before HealthCare.gov opened for business.

Chief Justice John Roberts cast the key vote in that 5-4 decision. He found that Congress lacked constitutional authority to require that Americans have health insurance. But because Congress has broad powers to levy taxes, Roberts ruled that a tax on people who did not purchase coverage offered them was constitutional. That allowed the law to survive what's still seen as its most serious legal challenge.

Kathleen Sebelius, health secretary for President Barack Obama, said in 2012 that it was generally accepted that the insurance mandate was part of a three-legged stool key to stable markets. The other two legs were taxpayer-



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A screen grab from the website HealthCare.gov, where nearly 8.3 million people in 38 states enrolled in 2020 coverage, according to partial numbers released Wednesday.

provided subsidies for premiums and a guarantee that patients with preexisting medical conditions could no longer be turned down or charged more.

"It was thought that the trade-off for changing the rules on preexisting conditions would have to be some penalty incentive so you would get healthy people in the pool, along with not-healthy people," Sebelius said. "What became clear when the law went into effect (in 2014) is that the subsidies in many ways provided a greater incentive for people to get health insurance."

Those subsidies are designed so that low- and

moderate-income households only spend a fixed percentage of their incomes on premiums, shielding consumers from high sticker prices.

Cox agreed that the law's "carrots" seem to have made more of a difference than its "stick."

Fast-forward to 2018 and a coalition of conservative states led by Texas won a lower court decision that the insurance mandate was still critical, in a legal and constitutional sense.

U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor in Texas ruled that by zeroing out the tax penalty, Congress rendered the insurance mandate unconstitutional, and without

it the entire health law must fall. President Donald Trump agreed.

Recently, a federal appeals court in New Orleans agreed with O'Connor that an unenforceable insurance mandate is unconstitutional. But the appeals court sent the case back to him to see whether other parts of the law can stand.

Defending the law, a coalition of Democratic-led states, along with the U.S. House, appealed to the Supreme Court, seeking a fast-track decision amid this year's presidential election. The court had asked lawyers for the conservative states to respond by Friday on the timing question.



Supporters of gun laws hold photos of gun victims Monday in Richmond. A pro-gun rally is scheduled next week.

## Judge upholds firearms ban at Va. gun rally

BY DENISE LAVOIE  
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — A judge Thursday upheld a ban on firearms at a pro-gun rally scheduled next week in Virginia, rejecting a request from gun rights groups who had sued to overturn it.

The Virginia Citizens Defense League and Gunowners of America filed a lawsuit Thursday seeking an injunction against the ban, which Gov. Ralph Northam had imposed for a rally

scheduled to take place Monday on the grounds of the Virginia Capitol.

In her written ruling, Richmond Circuit Court Judge Joi Taylor said the governor has the authority under state law to take action related to "the safety and welfare" of the state.

Taylor cited rulings from the U.S. Supreme Court and other courts that found the Second Amendment right to bear arms is not unlimited. Because of that, she wrote, the gun rights groups would not "suffer an irrepa-

rable harm" sufficient to justify the injunction.

The judge's ruling came hours after the FBI announced the arrest of three alleged white supremacists in Maryland, two of whom authorities said had built an assault rifle and purchased large quantities of ammunition.

Virginia's solicitor general, Toby Heytens had argued during Thursday's hearing that the governor was well within his authority to declare the state of emergency and ban weap-

ons after law enforcement identified "credible evidence" that armed out-of-state groups planned to come to Virginia with the possible intention of participating in a "violent insurrection."

David Browne, an attorney for the gun rights groups, argued prohibiting rallies from carrying guns would violate their Second Amendment and First Amendment rights.

Browne said that carrying a gun is a form of symbolic speech.

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## FBI plans to notify states about election breaches at local level

WASHINGTON — The FBI, in a change of policy, is committing to inform state officials if local election systems have been breached, federal officials said Thursday.

In the past, the FBI would alert local governments about attacks on their electoral systems without automatically sharing that information with the state. That meant state officials, left in the dark, might be in a position of certifying the accu-

racy of election results without realizing there had been problems in individual counties. Alerting local governments about breaches, but not the states, was in keeping with FBI policy of protecting the privacy and identities of actual hacking victims.

Now, though, the FBI will notify both counties victimized by breaches as well as the state's chief election official, and the notification is to be done in person.

## Guatemala sweeps up migrants, returns them to the border

EL CINCHADO, Guatemala — Guatemalan police accompanied by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents swept up the majority of a group of about 300 migrants Thursday, loaded them on buses and took them back to the Honduran border, effectively dashing their plans to travel together in a "caravan" with hopes of reaching the United States.

Praying and singing

songs, the group of adults, teens and young children had set out from a shelter in Entre Rios under rainy skies before dawn and walked about six hours before stopping in the town of Morales to eat and rest.

There they were challenged by police who asked for their entry documents, and nearly all had crossed into Guatemala irregularly and didn't have such documentation.

## Prince Harry takes on first duties since royal crisis talks

LONDON — Prince Harry went back to work Thursday, mixing with children playing rugby and offering no hint of the days of turmoil that followed his recent announcement that he wished to step back from royal duties and become financially independent.

It was a fairly standard event for Harry, who watched as children from a local school offer a rugby demonstration on the

Buckingham Palace grounds. It marked the first time Harry had taken on a public engagement since announcing last week that he and his wife, Meghan, needed a change.

He joked with the kids and shook hands, but ignored a journalist's question about his future.

Queen Elizabeth II brokered a deal Monday for "a period of transition" to sort out how to be a part-time royal.



ARASH KHAMOOSHI/THE NEW YORK TIMES

During a funeral Thursday in Tehran, people mourn victims who were on board the Ukrainian passenger jet that was shot down last week.

## Nations of Iran crash victims seek compensation for families

LONDON — The governments of five countries that lost citizens when Iran shot down a Ukrainian airliner demanded Thursday that Tehran accept "full responsibility" and pay compensation to the victims' families — though they had little to offer besides moral pressure to get Iran to comply.

After a meeting in London, foreign ministers from Canada, the U.K., Afghanistan, Sweden and Ukraine urged Iran to allow a "thorough, independent and transparent international investigation," as well as a criminal probe

and "impartial" judicial proceedings against those found responsible for downing the plane.

All 176 people aboard the Ukraine International Airlines aircraft died when it was brought down by ballistic missiles shortly after taking off from Tehran's Imam Khomeini International Airport on Jan. 8.

The victims included 57 Canadian citizens as well as 11 Ukrainians, 17 people from Sweden, four Afghans and four British citizens, as well as Iranians.

Before the meeting at the Canadian High Commission, ministers from the

five nations lit candles at a vigil in memory of the dead passengers and crew members.

Iran initially blamed a technical fault for the plane crash, before acknowledging in the face of mounting evidence that its paramilitary Revolutionary Guard had accidentally brought down the jetliner.

In keeping with international norms, Iran has invited Ukraine, Canada, the United States and France to take part in the crash investigation. But it's unclear whether Iran will share all key details or give the countries full access.

## Iran's president says 'no limit' to nuke enrichment

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's President Hassan Rouhani said Thursday that there is "no limit" to the country's enrichment of uranium after its decision to abandon its commitments under the 2015 nuclear deal in response to the killing of its top general by the U.S.

In a speech, Rouhani

said the nuclear program is in a "better situation" than it was before the agreement with world powers.

President Donald Trump withdrew from the nuclear agreement in May 2018 and has since imposed "maximum" sanctions on Iran's economy.

Iran abided by the agree-

ment until last summer, when it began openly breaching some of its limits. Thus far, however, it has only modestly increased its nuclear activity. After the Jan. 3 airstrike that killed Gen. Qassem Soleimani, Iran said it would abandon all restrictions in the nuclear deal.

## Pope names 1st woman manager in top office

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis has tapped an Italian lawyer to be the first woman to hold a management position in the Vatican's most important office, the Secretariat of State.

Francis named Francesca Di Giovanni, a 27-year veteran of the Vatican, as undersecretary for multilateral affairs. She will be responsible for running a division that coordinates the Holy See's relations with the U.N. and other intergovernmental organizations.

Francis has called for women in decision-making roles in the Vatican and Catholic Church at large, though none heads a Vatican congregation or other key office, positions reserved for priests, bishops or cardinals.

Di Giovanni, 66, told the Vatican's in-house media that Francis' appointment Wednesday showed his attention to women.

**In Oregon:** A teenager who was taken out of state by her mother to avoid surgery for a rare type of liver cancer has had the operation after state welfare officials took her into custody, several Portland, Oregon, TV outlets reported Thursday.

Kylee Dixon, 13, was recovering in an intensive care unit after surgery Tuesday to remove liver tumors.

The Dixons traveled to Las Vegas in June after prosecutors say Christine Dixon refused to turn her daughter over to the state for the surgery. Christine Dixon has said months of chemotherapy debilitated her daughter and that she did much better on CBD oil, a non-psychoactive compound extracted from cannabis plants and other alternative therapies.



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## EDITORIALS

### LOOKING BACK 100 YEARS

# WHY THE TRIBUNE OPPOSED PROHIBITION

The 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect 100 years ago Friday, on Jan. 17, 1920. It banned "the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes." ¶

The Tribune published some 1,100 editorials condemning Prohibition: It was an unwarranted government intrusion into people's lives. It was a futile exercise in legislating morality. And it primarily benefited bootlegging mobsters and the corrupt public officials whose pockets they lined with bribes. ¶ The Tribune's campaign began well before the amendment was enacted, and continued until the 21st Amendment repealed the 18th on Dec. 5, 1933. Today we observe a sorry anniversary with this excerpt from a March 27, 1919, editorial explaining the Tribune's opposition to the nation's so-called "noble experiment":

We readily concede the truth of much that the prohibitionists say against the liquor business, against the use of alcoholic drinks, against stimulation by alcohol, against the adoption of alcohol as a habit of life.

It can be destructive. It can be economically obstructive. It can lower the productivity of a community, increase the number of its dependents and the number of its criminals. It can make women take in washing and policemen take in violent men. ...

Our protest against prohibition does not proceed from any indifference to or any ignorance of the excessive consequences of the use of alcohol. If it ignores these as secondary to the real principles involved in prohibition, it is only because the real principles are so important in human life. ...

Prohibition is the imposition of a community order upon a mass which, if the individuals of the mass were sufficiently intelligent, would not be needed as an order. As such it is abhorrent to people who believe that character arises from the possibility of decisions made to affect the individual.

There must be wastage in this. Some characters must be too pliable to temptation to stand the test. Some tragedies



must follow. But the scheme of making the individual stand up on his own two feet is right. Its faults are the faults of human nature. Its faults are the faults which we constantly try to correct by discipline and education. They are faults which are best corrected by such processes.

When a community confesses the breakdown of its personnel by adopting prohibition, it confesses that it has found no other way out of a difficulty except the way which makes people behave as other people think they must behave.

We must have prohibitory laws against criminals. But drinkers are not criminals. They are not conscious assailants of the law of society, and to take away from them their privilege of selection in the matter of personal liberty and habit of life is to approach a difficult question from the side which is least open to moral justification, no matter how plausible in morals it may seem.

John Seevy, from left, John Boland and Capt. Willard L. Malone uncover a truck filled with barrels of alcohol in Chicago. CHICAGO TRIBUNE 1929

## How workplace drills can prepare employees for #MeToo moments

In the workplace, fire drills and active shooter drills are routine, but what about #MeToo drills? Sexual harassment is also a serious hazard that requires training to stop and prevent. Employees need practice so they know how to react to protect themselves and their colleagues.

**It's fair to say that, in the era of #MeToo**, perpetrators are more likely to be held accountable, yet that's only part of the battle. How much are employees being taught about how to respond and defend themselves?

As of Jan. 1, Illinois companies are required by state law to provide annual training on how to recognize and prevent sexual harassment or face hefty fines. That's a necessary step for employers. So, too, is creating and enforcing workplace conduct rules. What may be lacking, and is just as vital, is giving employees the tools to respond in real time to an attack or other inappropriate behavior. Victims often are caught off-guard and have no mental map for what to do next. Think again about the active-shooting training many people receive. What to do in that panic-inducing instance? As many have been taught and memorized: Run, hide or fight.



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Marina Ortega, a McDonald's employee, attends a rally at the restaurant's world headquarters in the West Loop in 2018.

**The issue with sexual harassment training** is that it's typically anodyne, often in the form of a video presentation. Some experts say these exercises do little to either stop harassers or equip potential victims to handle issues on the spot. It's a dry, impractical approach to the most intimate issue workers will likely ever encounter on the job.

"I think there's a huge appetite for accountability and punishment for bad actors right now," workplace consultant Fran Sepler told Quartz. "Prevention is a lot less interesting, but it's where we should be

putting a lot more energy."

A 2018 study found that 38% of women said they'd experienced sexual harassment in the workplace. A much smaller number go so far as to file a federal complaint. Some 7,500 sexual harassment claims were filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in 2018, about 85% by women. More than 500 such charges were filed in Illinois in 2018, up from 350 in 2017.

Companies subject to the Illinois law will be required to provide interactive training. The Illinois Department of Human Rights is creating a curriculum that businesses can use or adapt, and it will eventually offer supplemental videos. The goal should be to encourage regular and realistic discussion, not exaggerated or out-of-date silliness that encourages employees to laugh the issue off.

Front-line supervisors also need to be empowered to prepare employees with advice for situations that may arise in their particular role or field. Do those employees meet privately with executives, travel frequently, work late hours or handle client entertainment? Workers need to know they will be supported if they reject advances by a customer, even if things get awkward.

**It helps if the boss takes the issue seriously.** Dozens of workers accused McDonald's of sexual harassment only to see CEO Steve Easterbrook fired after a consensual but inappropriate workplace relationship of his own. New CEO Chris Kempczinski told employees he wants to change the company's hard-partying headquarters culture, according to The Wall Street Journal. "I have to be able to look at every single one of my senior leadership team members and say, 'Do I believe that they personify the values of our company?' And if they don't, they're not on the senior leadership team."

What else? Bystander training can help co-workers who witness inappropriate behavior recognize when and how to interrupt a squirmy moment in progress and how to report it. Another idea: Parents and schools can do more to prepare young people, teaching them both how to behave as responsible adults and how to shut down or escape harassment.

The #MeToo movement has brought ugly behavior by powerful people out of the shadows. Those harassers are responsible for their misbehavior, but everyone can do more to improve workplace safety. Better, more realistic drills will help.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

In an income share agreement, or ISA, a college student borrows nothing but rather has his or her education supported by an investor, in return for a contract to pay a specified percentage of income for a fixed number of years after graduation. Rates and time vary with the discipline of the degree achieved and the amount of tuition assistance the student obtained.

An ISA is dramatically more student-friendly than a loan. All the risk shifts from the student to the investing entity; if a career starts slowly, or not at all, the student's obligation drops or goes to zero. Think of an ISA as equity instead of debt, or as working one's way through college — after college.

By contrast, student debt sits there and compounds, whether a borrower does well or poorly in the working world. Every day we read of young people — and some not so young anymore — who got behind on their loans and may never catch up.

Not surprisingly, the ISA concept has attracted plenty of interest. At Purdue, the university I lead, hundreds of students have such contracts in place, and other colleges large and small are joining the ISA movement. Beyond traditional higher education, coding academies and other skill-specific schools are making the same offer: Study for free, and pay us back after you get the good job we are confident you'll land.

**Mitch Daniels**, *The Washington Post*



# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE

## Dems should respond to the GOP threat by offering to turn Trump's trial into a witnesspalooza



ERIC ZORN

Hunter Biden? Swear him in! Grill him for hours on every last detail of his lucrative position on the board of a Ukrainian energy company.

His father, Joe Biden, the Democratic presidential hopeful and former senator and vice president? Sure! Have him raise his right hand and swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth about if and how Hunter's fat paycheck influenced acts of the Obama administration.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi? Intelligence committee Chair Adam Schiff? Why not? Put them under oath as well and demand that they come clean at President Donald Trump's impeachment trial about whatever might be even remotely relevant to the charges at hand.

The whistleblower? As long as he or she can testify anonymously about the report that kicked off the investigation that led to Trump's impeachment, of course!

Top Republicans are threatening to call the Bidens, Pelosi, Schiff, the whistleblower and anyone else they can think of if Democrats peel off enough votes in the upper chamber to prolong the impeachment trial with the testimony of former national security adviser John Bolton, acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and, among others, Soviet-born canary Lev Parnas.

"If we are going to give a platform to witnesses the Dems demand, I look for-

ward to forcing votes to call Hunter Biden and many more!" tweeted Republican Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky on Monday, echoing similar sword rattling by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and others.

The Democrats should try to turn those threats into a promise.

So far they have been resisting the idea of turning the impeachment trial into a platform for the airing of marginally relevant partisan grievances and tit-for-tat political jurisprudence.

They have pointed out, sensibly and correctly, that neither the Bidens nor the Democratic legislative leaders have any involvement in or direct knowledge of Trump's alleged effort to withhold congressionally approved military aid to Ukraine until officials there announced an investigation into the Bidens, an act intended to benefit Trump's 2020 reelection prospects.

And the whistleblower's affidavit is quite clear that the information it contains about Trump's phone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was gathered secondhand. His or her testimony is particularly irrelevant because every allegation contained in the report has since been verified by White House notes from the phone call and firsthand witness accounts. No matter!

The more witnesses the merrier, I say. Let those who are afraid of a wide-ranging search for truth stand and identify themselves.

The Democrats have nothing to lose by volunteering to produce as many witnesses as the GOP wants in exchange for the same privilege.

If Joe Biden becomes the nominee for president, he and the party might as well have a full airing of the Hunter issue



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The Democrats could benefit from having Hunter Biden, left, and Joe Biden testify at the Trump impeachment trial.

***If Joe Biden becomes the nominee for president, he and the party might as well have a full airing of the Hunter issue sooner rather than later.***

sooner rather than later.

If he doesn't become the nominee, no one will care about any of the Bidens a few short months from now.

Hunter's gig with Burisma Holdings Ltd. looks for all the world like a sleazy but perfectly legal attempt by a foreign company to purchase influence with the Obama White House. Critics of the arrangement have yet to identify any associated illegal or corrupt act by either of the Bidens, but even if they had, it wouldn't justify Trump's alleged effort to circum-

vent the conventional legal process by withholding military aid.

McConnell has said it will be "mutual assured destruction" if the floodgate of witnesses opens up, which sounds more like a dare than a threat. As it now stands, Trump's acquittal in the Senate seems like a certainty given that 67 out of 100 votes would be required to convict, so to make the best of the situation the Democrats should, at the very least, make a loud clamor for a full airing and force Republican lawmakers to cast difficult votes against hearing additional testimony.

The public is behind them on the issue of witnesses. A Quinnipiac University poll released Monday found 66% overall support for the idea that Bolton should testify. This was up from 57% who favored additional testimony at the trial in a Morning Consult poll released Jan. 8.

Perhaps members of this majority take seriously the idea that a trial is a search for the truth. Perhaps they remember the impeachment trial of Bill Clinton in 1999, when investigators were able to interview numerous White House insiders prior to the trial and three key figures offered trial testimony on video.

Or perhaps they find themselves in agreement with a highly partisan politician who argued that "there have been 15 impeachments in the history of the country. Two of them were cut short by resignations. In the other 13 impeachments there were witnesses. It's not unusual to have a witness in a trial. It's certainly not unusual to have witnesses in an impeachment trial."

That was Sen. Mitch McConnell speaking to CNN's Larry King on Jan. 28, 1999.

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Supporters of Elizabeth Warren listen as the 2020 Democratic presidential candidate speaks during a town hall event at the Broadway Armory in Edgewater in 2019.

## Let's talk about that can-a-woman-be-president thing

BY GAIL COLLINS

We've spent a remarkable amount of time this week discussing whether there's sexism in politics.

Hahahahaha.

OK, no need to be cynical. Let's look on the positive side first. If you are around Elizabeth Warren's age of 70, you've had the incredible luck to live through a period of history in which American women's rights and opportunities have been transformed. There are still people alive who were born when women couldn't vote. Now we've got Nancy Pelosi giving a herd of male leaders their marching orders in Congress.

This doesn't mean all the battles are won. We've got only nine female governors, and a lot of people of both sexes really don't believe the country will elect any female president.

How you look at this depends a lot on why you think Hillary Clinton lost. Yes, she did get 2.8 million more votes than Donald Trump. But we can't spend the day bewailing the existence of the Electoral College.

Back to the question. Why do you think she lost?

"Sexism."

"Failure to campaign in Wisconsin."

"She won! She won! She won! She —"

Sorry about that sharp elbow, but I told you we weren't going there. Next you're

going to be moaning about Al Gore.

"Al Gore won!"

That's it. Unless you have a special interest in the election of Benjamin Harrison.

"Grover Cleveland was robbed!"

You understand we need to move on here, right? Personally, I've always suspected that Clinton lost — to the degree that she lost — not so much because of her gender as because people just wanted a change. She'd been a starring player in two eight-year administrations. It was pretty clear what we were going to get in another Clinton presidency, and it wasn't going to be anything dramatically new.

(This is what happens when you get a little bit bored with life and decide you want to juice things up. You spend \$50,000 on a new sports car and then drive it into a restaurant takeover window. Or far worse, you elect Donald Trump.)

The whole can-a-woman-be-president issue came up during Tuesday's debate. Warren had one of her best moments when she pointed out that the male candidates with whom she shared the stage had collectively lost 10 elections, while the women hadn't lost a single one.

And besides, she added, she was the only person onstage who had defeated an incumbent Republican in the past 30 years. Bernie Sanders — who contributed seven of those losses — quickly volunteered that he had beaten a Republican incumbent in

1990. Which Warren, despite her career as a primary school teacher, claimed was not within the past 30 years.

Joe Biden didn't point out that he beat a Republican incumbent to win his Senate seat in 1972. This is worth mentioning since some people worry that one of the Democrats' leading candidates seems to kind of be living in the past.

About Joe Biden. This is his third run for president. Who among us could forget 2008, when he came in fifth in Iowa and dropped out? Or 1988, when he — OK, you did forget 1988. Totally understand.

Biden hasn't had any super disasters in the debates. Well, there was the time in October when he said: "I would eliminate the capital gains tax — I would raise the capital gains tax to the highest rate, of 39.5%." And that time in November when he spoke out against violence against women, adding that "we have to just change the culture ... and keep punching at it and punching at it." Details, details.

This last performance was pretty clean and Biden got fairly good reviews, many of which boiled down to how he'd gotten through the evening "without taking major damage."

Can we all agree that no female candidate could ever get away with stuff like that and then win praise for not saying anything stranger?

When it comes to gender bias, in the

past Biden agreed that Clinton faced it to an "unfair" degree. Then he added, "That's not going to happen with me."

His campaign later claimed that his statement did not, um, mean what it sort of sounded like it meant.

So, about sexism in politics. Absolutely there, especially at the highest levels. But dissolving rapidly in places where women are proving what terrific vote-getters they are. We have 26 women in the Senate now — nearly half the all-of-American-history total. Seventeen are Democrats.

This little detail gives us an opportunity to recall the days when the Republican Party was progressive enough to have serious arguments about whether a woman could win the presidency. Remember the glorious Sen. Margaret Chase Smith? She ran for the nomination in 1964, when she was 66. A columnist for the Los Angeles Times argued that she was too old and added that when women hit the ideal age for running in their late 40s or early 50s, they are utterly unfit for office, since they are undergoing the "physical changes and emotional distress" of menopause.

So you have to admit things have been getting better. For women, that is. We've still got Donald Trump. Sorry, nation.

The New York Times

Gail Collins is a New York Times columnist.

## PERSPECTIVE



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President Donald Trump speaks Jan. 9 in the White House's Roosevelt Room, where he proposed NATO expand into the Middle East.

## After stirring up the Middle East, Trump now wants NATO's help?

BY IVO DAALDER

President Donald Trump has come up with a new solution for the Middle East, a region that has embroiled the United States for decades in conflict and war. "I think that NATO should be expanded, and we should include the Middle East," he told reporters last week. "And we can come home, or largely come home and use NATO." He even had a name for it. "You call it NATOME" — NATO plus the Middle East. "What a beautiful name. I'm good at names."

There is just one problem. NATO isn't going to take over in the Middle East. White House officials were quick to clarify that the president didn't mean for NATO membership to be extended to Middle Eastern states, but they underscored that he was eager to see NATO play a much greater role in the region.

NATO is, in fact, involved in the Middle East and has been for more than 15 years. It has been training Iraqi security forces and assisting in building security institutions for more than a decade. Its early warning and surveillance aircraft are part of the U.S.-led coalition against Islamic State. And it also has partnership arrangements with states throughout the region.

But as an institution, NATO has never been involved in any combat operations in the Middle East. Its mission in Iraq is explicitly limited to noncombat training and capacity-building. Its surveillance aircraft only fly within Turkish airspace, and while they help provide an overall picture of the airspace over Syria and Iraq, they're not involved in coordinating airstrikes by coalition forces.

NATO's immediate reaction to the escalation of tensions in the region last week was to suspend its training mission in Iraq and move personnel out of the country. And after an emergency meeting of the North Atlantic Council to discuss the situation, the allies urged restraint and de-escalation. And NATO's Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg reacted cautiously to Trump's call for a larger NATO role, saying only that the allies were "looking into what more we can do" while emphasizing that NATO is not involved in any combat operations.

There is very little appetite among America's allies for NATO to deepen its engagement in the Middle East. While they have long condemned Iran for its destabilizing behavior in the region, including its support for terrorist groups, most allies blame Washington more than Tehran for the recent escalation of tensions.

To many allies, the core problem was Trump's decision in May 2018 to withdraw from the Iran nuclear deal — an agreement long championed by Britain, France, Germany and the European Union, all of whom played an essential part in its negotiations. While they were willing to do more to address Iran's regional misbehavior, they insisted on sticking with a deal that was keeping Iran from building a nuclear bomb.

What they feared most was an increase in tensions between the United States and Iran of the kind seen over the past six months — culminating in the U.S. drone and Iranian missile strikes that brought both countries to the precipice of war.

As worrying, however, was Trump's

pendant to act without consulting or even informing key allies, even though they have their own forces deployed in the region. The president's decision last October to withdraw U.S. troops from Northern Syria blindsided Britain and France, both of whom had troops deployed nearby. And his decision to target and kill Gen. Qassem Soleimani, and risk an escalation to war, also came without any notice to the allies.

So for many allies, the idea that now is the time for them to take on more of the burden of stabilizing a region that has been destabilized in good part by Trump's actions is a bit much. Add to that the fact that Trump has spent three years denigrating allies and warning that NATO risked becoming obsolete, and the appetite for doing more so the United States can do less just isn't there.

The only way Washington might convince its 28 NATO allies to take on a larger role in the Middle East would be if it starts behaving more like an ally itself. That would mean fully involving them in the deliberations on strategy, consulting closely with their leaders before making major decisions, and committing to working together to address common challenges.

That's not been the Trump way. In claiming to put America first, the president has too often put America's allies last. That makes it all the easier for the allies to ignore, if not reject, his call for them to do more.

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

### Pressure Springfield for ethics reforms

Regarding Rep. David McSweeney's commentary "End the cover-ups in the Illinois General Assembly" (Jan. 15): He has convinced me that ethics reform may be more urgent than pension reform. The culture in Springfield is corrupt and toxic. It is tolerated by both parties.

Common sense legislation, as described by McSweeney, is needed now. It is hard to believe that legislators can be lobbyists, no meaningful financial disclosure is required and ethics reports are buried to protect one legislator whose conduct leads us to speculate as to what he or she may have done. Legislators respond to emails and calls, and all of us should demand action in this legislative session.

— Jim Kranjc, Chicago

### How to survive 2020 presidential race

Dad wasn't a fan of Presidents Lyndon Johnson or Harry Truman. Mom saw things differently, which made for captivating dinner-table discussions. My parents lived with these differences for over 58 blissful years of marriage. "Compromise" was the word Mom used to describe their relationship. Those were the days.

Fifty years, a presidential resignation and two impeachments later, I'm wondering how we'll endure the 2020 presidential race without such compromise and thoughtful deliberation.

With my parents' wisdom as a guide, I humbly offer this two-part primer to enduring the current election cycle.

First, Republicans need to acknowledge that Democrats don't necessarily want to turn America into Venezuela, and Democrats have to accept that not all Republicans are juvenile MAGA-hat-wearing malcontents. Residing somewhat to the left or right of political center doesn't automatically brand one a radical or reactionary.

Second — and this is asking a lot — Republicans need to support a 2020 candidate besides President Donald Trump. This borderline "act-of-God" wish requires that Sen. Mitch McConnell and other Republican Party leaders are secretly working behind the scenes to find a nice way to advise Trump that it's time to go. Tell him whatever you want: "Mr. President, you've made American great again. Thanks."

"Good luck with that," you say? I say good luck slogging through the current campaign with the stench of impeachment and whatever Mueller report residue resurfaces between now and November. With Trump gone, we will have largely removed the Watergate-level cancer from daily discourse.

To summarize: Let's stop calling each other extremists and let's find a polite way to coax Trump out the door.

Defanged of impeachment-related blather, both Democrats and Republicans will be uncharacteristically confined to debating — yes, I'm serious — issues.

— Jim Newton, Itasca

### Dear Cubs: Make Wrigley less loud

Paul Sullivan's column ("You want a resolution? Try these 12," Jan. 12) detailing 12 initiatives the Cubs could do to improve the fan experience was right on target, especially his point about fixing the Wrigley Field sound system. Emulating the blaring sound of White Sox park so that fans can't even talk to each other is not the way to go.

But Sullivan did not go far enough. Space has to be found on the big scoreboards to post inning-by-inning runs and totals in large, readable form so that fans can follow the progress of the game, a basic now sadly lacking. They also need to sell a usable scorecard — like they used to — with the whole inside reserved for actual scorekeeping, one team on each side.

To make the game experience healthier, it would help to sell at least one non-cola, no-calorie soda like Sprite Zero to supplement the lone choice of Diet Coke. More important, it would behoove Wrigley to get ahead of the eight ball and ban its vendors from substituting slightly cheaper sulfite preservatives for natural citric acid in the food and drinks they sell. In 1986, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration banned the use of sulfites as preservatives on fresh foods after some people sensitive to them died from anaphylactic shock after inadvertently consuming them at salad bars. Considered an "unacceptable ingredient for food" by Whole Foods, its stores have long banned sulfites from their stores. I had an asthma attack last summer after consuming a craft cocktail from a Wrigley Field booth, which had been made with a sulfite-preserved drink mix, pretty much killing the rest of the game for me.

— Elizabeth Mina, Chicago

## A message for Stephen King about that Oscars tweet

BY LEONARD PITTS JR.

Dear Stephen King: I hope you'll indulge me as I try to explain something I suspect you still don't quite understand. Namely: why so many of us were so disappointed with your take on the lack of diversity in this year's Oscar nominations. As the white-dominated and male-centric list of contenders was announced and women and people of color expressed their frustration, you took to Twitter.

"As a writer," you wrote, "I am allowed to nominate in just 3 categories: Best Picture, Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Original Screenplay. For me, the diversity issue — as it applies to individual actors and directors, anyway — did not come up. That said, I would never consider diversity in matters of art. Only quality. It seems to me that to do otherwise would be wrong."

The backlash was fast and furious. Authors Roxane Gay and Sarah Weinman took you to task. But it was director Ava DuVernay who best captured the chagrin many of us felt: "When you wake up, meditate, stretch, reach for your phone to check on the world and see a tweet from someone you admire that is so backward and ignorant you want to go back to bed."

You were soon trying to tweet your way out of the hole you had dug, noting the

responsibility of artists and creative people to "make sure everyone has the same fair shot." Women and people of color, you wrote, are "badly under-represented, and not only in the arts. You can't win awards if you're shut out of the game."

These are noble sentiments. They also miss the point.

One of the things that makes you my literary North Star is your uncanny ability to get so much mileage out of each word. Well, you packed a lot into the words of that initial tweet, too, including an implicit assumption that seeking quality and seeking diversity are mutually exclusive. You seem to feel we should simply trust your good intentions in seeking the former and the latter will somehow take care of itself.

The idea that diversity will work itself out without being nudged is a common conceit, but a mistaken one. You don't create diversity by being a good person or being pure of purpose. You create diversity by creating diversity, by valuing and seeking it. Which requires you to acknowledge your biases and become intentional in rooting them out.

As an example: In 2007, a study by Cornell University professor Joseph Price and University of Pennsylvania professor Justin Wolfers found racial bias in NBA refereeing: White refs were more likely to call fouls against black players; black refs

had a mirror bias against white players, though the tendency was not as strong.

But here's the good part. When Price and Wolfers revisited the issue seven years later, they made a fascinating discovery: The disparity in foul calls had all but disappeared.

Apparently being made aware of their biases inspired the refs — absent any instruction from the NBA — to take corrective action.

We all have biases. It's how human beings are wired. But for some of us, by dint of color or gender — or a combination thereof — those biases have power to determine who gets arrested, who gets educated and, yes, who gets an Oscar nomination.

So the question is: What should we, as good people, do about it?

As a male writer, I now make it a point to seek women if, say, I'm looking for experts to interview or I'm listing civil rights heroes. Maybe that seems awkward and stilted to you, and maybe it is. But here's what I've learned: As a human being, I am a creature of implicit biases. So I can't trust my own good intentions.

Please don't ask me to trust yours.

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## Emerging concept

Mini golf venue  
Puttshack coming to  
Oakbrook Center



**RYAN ORI**  
On Real Estate

High tech mini golf concept Puttshack is coming to Oakbrook Center later this year, kicking off the company's plans for a major U.S. rollout led from a new Chicago headquarters.

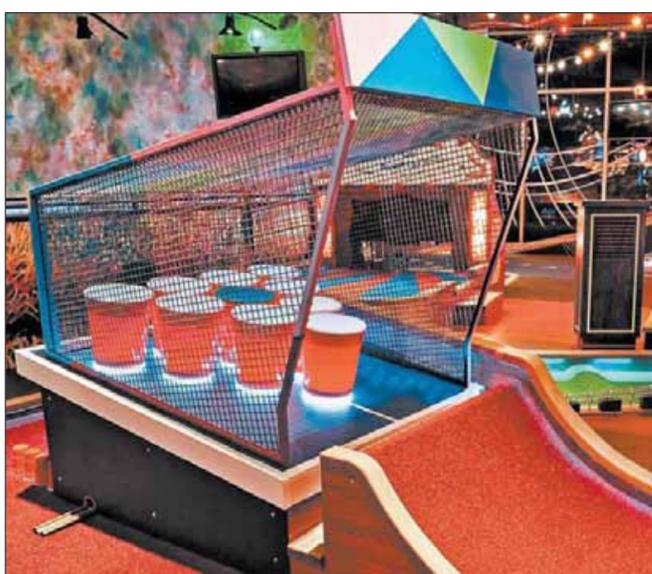
Puttshack has leased more than 25,000 square feet in the Oak Brook mall, where it plans to open in the third or fourth quarter of this year, CEO Joe Vrankin said.

The venue, in part of the former Lord & Taylor store space, will have four mini golf courses, food, drinks and private event space.

The company also expects to finalize a lease for a space in or near downtown Chicago soon, and eventually plans to expand to other suburbs, Vrankin said.

Puttshack, which opened its first London location in 2018, is a newcomer to the growing sector of entertainment venues offering meals and drinks, and activities like bowling, shuffleboard and ax throwing. Golf simulator operators Topgolf and Five Iron Golf recently have broken into Chicago.

"It's a market that has continued to grow and evolve pretty strongly



The Oak Brook location will be the first in the U.S. for Puttshack, which plans a large national expansion based out of River North.

over the past seven or eight years, and I don't expect that trend is going to change anytime soon," said Vrankin, a former CEO of Topgolf who was raised in Downers Grove and lives in Naperville.

"What we're seeing is people are looking for ways that they can be engaged in activities, as opposed to being static. If they can eat and drink and do something, that seems to be resonating."

The company has three venues in London, with a fourth set to open this year. The Oak Brook space will be the first of two expected to open in the U.S. this year, ahead of one in

Atlanta, Vrankin said.

Puttshack expects to open at least four other locations in 2021 and 10 or more in 2022, before eventually opening at least one per month throughout the country, Vrankin said.

The growth will be led from a River North loft office building at 303 W. Erie St., which Vrankin said will open in March. Vrankin said he plans to have a headquarters staff of at least 40 to lead the expansion, growing the company to more than 1,000 employees throughout the

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## Outcome Health analysts change pleas to guilty

Former employees  
now cooperating  
with investigation

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Two former Outcome Health employees pleaded guilty to charges of felony conspiracy to commit wire fraud in connection with their work at the Chicago-based company.

The former employees, Kathryn Choi and Oliver Han, are cooperating with the government's investigation. The two pleaded not guilty last month and were released on a condition of bond. They changed their pleas Thursday.

The charges against Choi, 29, and Han, 29, were filed in November and allege the purpose of the conspiracy was to defraud Outcome's pharmaceutical clients. The maximum term of imprisonment for the charge is five years if con-

victed.

If Choi and Han continue to cooperate throughout the investigation, that sentence could be shorter.

Outcome Health installs screens in doctor's offices and waiting rooms that combine health information with drug advertising. Pharmaceutical companies pay Outcome to run the ads and other content on screens.

Choi and Han served as senior analyst and analyst at the company, respectively, for about three years until Outcome placed them on leave in late 2017. They worked under Ashik Desai, who served as Outcome's executive vice president of business growth and analytics.

Desai also faces criminal charges, along with former executives Rishi Shah, Shradha Agarwal and Brad Purdy, for their alleged roles in what authorities say was a nearly

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Choi



Han

## FDA: E. coli illness linked to romaine lettuce is over

Investigation into  
cause of outbreaks  
still continues

BY ALEXIA  
ELEJALDE-RUIZ

The Food and Drug Administration said consumers no longer have to avoid romaine lettuce grown in Salinas, California, though it continues to investigate the cause of three E. coli outbreaks that sickened nearly 200 people last fall.

The agency on Wednesday lifted the consumer advisory it issued Nov. 22 because the region's growing season is over and potentially contaminated product is no longer on the market. The last reported

illness was Dec. 21.

Each of the three outbreaks involved a different strain of E. coli, a bacteria that can cause diarrhea, vomiting and in some cases leads to kidney failure and death. One strain sickened 167 people in 27 states, including Illinois. Another, linked to Fresh Express salad kits, sickened 10 people in five states plus Canada, and the third sickened 11 people in Washington state.

Lettuce implicated in all the three outbreaks was traced back to 10 fields run by a single grower in the lower Salinas Valley. Water, soil and compost samples taken at the fields so far have come back negative for all

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Before flying away, a brown creeper recovers after hitting a building near Wacker Drive and Dearborn Street in April.

## Chicago's beautiful skyline is killing birds

New York's City Council has taken action. So must we.



**BLAIR KAMIN**  
Cityscapes

I love watching the cardinals, blue jays and finches swoop around our backyard and alight on my wife's prized bird feeder. They offer action, flecks of color and a chance for aviary

anthropology — who's No. 1 in the pecking order?

Yet I also view birds in a much wider context: As victims of Chicago's glass-sheathed skyscrapers.

Especially when migrating birds travel at night, they're attracted to brightly lit buildings and smash into windows. The glass confuses them because they can't see it. Or it appears reflective, mirroring their habitat or the sky, which causes them to fly into it.

Each year, a local volunteer group, Chicago Bird Collision Monitors, collects more than 5,000 dead and

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## At White House ceremony, Trump calls out for no-show Chicago billionaire

Event was to celebrate signing of a first-round trade pact with China

BY LISA DONOVAN

During a White House ceremony Wednesday to sign a first-round trade pact with China, President Donald Trump thanked a long list of elected leaders and called out the names of U.S. business executives whose companies might benefit — including a few from Illinois.

Locals who got the nod included U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood, a Peoria Republican, whom the president offered a short: "Darin, thank you very much Darin. Good job."

But things got a little awkward when, at one point, the president name-checked Illinois' wealthiest resident. "Ken Griffin. Citadel. What a guy he is," the president said, referring to the Chicago-based hedge fund billionaire Griffin, who founded Citadel and now serves as the company's CEO.

Trump continued: "Where are you, Ken? Where the hell is he? He's

*"Where are you, Ken? Where the hell is he? He's trying to hide some of his money. Look he doesn't want to stand up. Where the hell is Ken?"*

— President Donald Trump

trying to hide some of his money. Look he doesn't want to stand up. Where the hell is Ken?" before finally adding, "He's very quiet about it. He's in here someplace, he just doesn't want to stand."

Asked whether Griffin was at the event — and how he feels about Trump's "trying to hide some of his money" comment, Citadel spokes-



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Ken Griffin, the founder and CEO of Citadel.

woman Megan Ingersoll said only that Griffin didn't attend the event.

Wednesday's trade agreement with China is expected to boost exports from U.S. farmers and manufacturers, protect American trade secrets and lower tensions in a long-running dispute between the world's two biggest economies.

Two years ago, Griffin was described by a Chicago Tribune columnist as "simpatico" with the president on some of his trade

and economic agenda, but he's also criticized Trump. In 2018, the Financial Times reported, Griffin blasted Trump's criticism of the Federal Reserve, saying it was "completely inappropriate for the president of the United States" and warning it could hurt the U.S. dollar.

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# Office of Labor Standards launches to enforce wage, paid sick leave laws

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

A new agency dedicated to enforcing Chicago's minimum wage, sick leave and predictable scheduling laws officially launched Thursday, with the city's first Director of Labor Standards at its helm.

Andy Fox, who for the past eight years has served as chief administrative law judge for the Illinois Department of Employment Security, is heading up Chicago's Office of Labor Standards, a division housed within the city's Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, the city announced Thursday.

Fox, who started in late October, is leading a team of

six tasked with educating employers and workers about their rights and responsibilities, as well as receiving and processing complaints and managing enforcement actions.

"The goal is to get people to come out of the shadows," said Fox, 52, a longtime Pilsen resident who previously served as a Cook County prosecutor. He began his career as a bilingual teacher in Chicago Public Schools.

The City Council in 2018 approved the creation of the Office of Labor Standards amid concerns by advocates and some aldermen that the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection didn't have enough resources or personnel to effectively administer new

laws meant to protect low-wage workers. The office has the power to collect and distribute backpay, and proactively investigate employers it believes could be violating the city's labor laws. Penalties range from \$500 to \$1,000 per instance.

The office has a budget of \$423,000. Fox's team includes three forensic investigators, a paralegal and an office assistant.

The city in 2019 received 108 complaints about minimum wage violations and 113 complaints about paid sick leave violations, Fox said. Complaints have increased as more workers become aware of the laws and feel protected from retaliation, and he hopes to continue that trend.

"The better job we do of

outreach, we expect more people to come forward," he said.

Over the last five years, Chicago's minimum wage gradually has increased to \$13 an hour. It will go to \$14 an hour in July and to \$15 next year. Since 2017, the city's paid sick leave law requires employers to allow workers to accrue at least 40 hours of sick time per year. And starting in July, employers will be required to give workers advance notice of their schedules and compensate them for last-minute changes.

A priority for Fox's office will be training employers on the complex fair workweek ordinance so that they don't run afoul of it.

"We want compliance," he said.



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The Blommer chocolate factory on Kinzie Street in Chicago.

## Blommer Chocolate's outlet store is closing at the end of February

BY GRACE WONG

After nearly 30 years, Blommer Outlet Store will close at the end of February. The chocolate processing factory, fans will have a little more than a month to say goodbye to the Chicago chocolate stalwart and purchase Valentine's Day chocolates for the last time.

"It's a sad day for Chicago," said Mike Toffler, general manager of the outlet store. "I can appreciate what Blommer wants to do. They want to expand and make the facility better, but it's sad for my employees."

Blommer Chocolate Co. was founded in 1939 in Chicago and has been in business for more than 80 years. It was sold to Japanese ingredient company Fuji Oil Holding, a global supplier of oil, fat and chocolate, in 2018. Blommer, with four manufacturing facilities, is the largest cocoa producer and ingredient

chocolate supplier in North America, and the third-largest industry chocolate producer in the world.

Wholesale customers can still buy Blommer products online or by walking into the factory. The chocolate company is also setting up a fulfillment center in Milwaukee from which it will ship out orders. More details on the expansion were not available.

"We will not stop taking care of our customers," Toffler said.

In the meantime, the phone number at the outlet store will switch to Toffler's (414-915-5650) and customers are encouraged to email him at toffler1@gmail.com.

Toffler also said there will be special closing sales as the end date approaches. He doesn't know if there will ever be another outlet store, but hopes that the company may find room for one someday.

"Life goes on," he said.

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three outbreak strains, and the investigation by the FDA, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and California health and agriculture authorities continues.

A low-risk strain of *E. coli* unrelated to any of the illnesses was found in a soil sample taken near a runoff point between a field where product was harvested and where cattle occasionally graze.

"This could be an important clue that will be further examined as our investigation continues," the



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Romaine lettuce grows with the Santa Lucia Mountains in the background in Salinas Valley, California, in 2014.

FDA said in a statement. "However, this clue does not explain the illnesses seen in these outbreaks."

The agency said it plans to conduct an additional

investigation into the root cause of the contamination and those findings will be shared with growers so they can prevent future outbreaks.

Romaine and leafy greens have been linked to several *E. coli* illness outbreaks in recent years. The government issued an unusually broad warning to avoid all romaine in 2018 when 62 people fell ill, though it eventually traced the contaminated lettuce to California's Central Coast. In 2006, 276 people got sick and three died in an outbreak linked to spinach.

"Everyone across the romaine supply chain must do everything possible to fully understand why and how these outbreaks keep happening and continue to aggressively implement preventive measures to further protect consumers," FDA's statement said.

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\$1 billion fraud scheme.

Desai pleaded guilty last month and is also cooperating with the government's investigation. Agarwal, Shah and Purdy

pleaded not guilty.

"Higher-ups put Mr. Han in a terrible position at Outcome," Leigh Roadman, an attorney representing Han, said after Thursday's court proceeding. "Good people sometimes make bad decisions. He's owned up to what he did."

An attorney represent-

ing Choi declined to comment.

The charges against Han and Choi were filed in a criminal information, a charging document that in a felony case typically indicates a defendant has been working with prosecutors on a plea deal.

Assistant U.S. Attorney

Matthew Madden told Judge John J. Tharp Jr. in court Thursday that Han and Choi agreed to delay sentencing until after their cooperation with the investigation concludes.

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## Kamin

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injured birds in a mile-square area of downtown it watches over, according to its director, Annette Prince. Such carnage occurs throughout North America.

A study published in the journal Science last year reported that the number of birds in the U.S. and Canada dropped by 2.9 billion, or 29%, since 1970. That means there are fewer birds to perform the vital ecological roles of eating insects, spreading seeds, pollinating flowers and regenerating forests.

So I'm 100% behind the drive to mandate bird-friendly building design in Chicago, but I'm also frustrated by the lack of progress since Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, introduced the proposed Bird Friendly Design ordinance nearly a year ago.

The legislation has yet to emerge from the City Council's zoning committee. It still requires compromises that will satisfy both bird lovers and a powerful industry group, the Building Owners and Managers Association of Chicago, which argued last year that the first version of the ordinance was vague, lacked clear scientific backing and would saddle its members with an economic burden.

Underscoring Chicago's lack of action, New York's City Council in December approved what bird advocates hailed as the nation's most broad-reaching, bird-friendly building legislation.

Hopkins remains optimistic. "We fully believe we can get this done in 2020," he told me Tuesday in a telephone interview. Mayor Lori Lightfoot backs the concept, he said, but "she wants the details ironed out before there's a hearing."

While the ordinance seeks to set "bird safe standards for new building construction and substantial building facade renovations," it fails to define "substantial."

The lack of clarity is intentional. "We punted there," Hopkins admits.

He explained he needs to work out a compromise between bird lovers wanting the rules to cover as many renovations as possible, and building owners and managers, who are just as likely to push to limit the regulation's impact. Other compromises already have been made. In

contrast to the New York City law, which applies to all of the city's five boroughs, the revised version of the Chicago ordinance would be limited to four districts or categories: downtown and the densely zoned areas around it, the land covered by the city's lakefront protection ordinance, the large-scale projects known as "planned developments," including those along the Chicago River; and lots next to a city park or open space.

That's not as good as covering all of Chicago, but it's a start, one that effectively rebuts criticism that the ordinance was not scientific. The legislation focuses on areas "where the bird monitors have been able to demonstrate with several years of data the likelihood of bird collisions," Hopkins said.

Ideally, the ordinance says, developers and architects will construct buildings where all facade materials don't present a threat to birds. If they don't meet that high bar, they'll be required to make the bottoms of their buildings bird-safe through such measures as placing shutters or sunshades in front of glass walls.

Developers also could use etched, stained or frosted glass, as well as patterns on the outer layer of glass.

Bird advocates consider glass-covered lobbies or glass-walled facades, like those of the Michigan Avenue Apple store, to be particularly unsafe. Interior landscaping, like trees, would have to be behind nontransparent walls.

Among other key measures of the legislation: Nonessential exterior building lights would be turned off between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. That would put new teeth into a voluntary, city-backed initiative, the Lights Out Chicago Program, which encourages high-rises to turn off or dim exterior lights during bird migration season.

Such standards are sure to add to construction costs, though it's unclear by how much. As more cities adopt bird-friendly design legislation, prices for the required materials will likely drop, Prince predicted. San Francisco and Toronto already have such laws on the books.

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#### How long after bankruptcy can I apply for a mortgage?

Bankruptcy is a serious financial event that can leave you feeling its impacts for years after filing. But that doesn't mean you can't ever apply for a mortgage again. You just have to understand what timing is realistic, and what smart moves to make while you wait.

The first thing to know is that there will be a waiting period, starting at your bankruptcy's discharge or dismissal date, not the filing date. But the length of that period varies according to whether you filed for Chapter 7, 11, or 13 bankruptcy, and what type of mortgage you're considering.

Depending on your situation, you'll need to wait at least one year, and usually two, but perhaps 3-4 years. If you've filed more than one bankruptcy, or have also undergone a home foreclosure, the period may be extended up to seven years.

Fortunately for some, if your bankruptcy involved extenuating circumstances, like a one-time income hit from job loss, divorce, or

medical bills, you may be able to shorten your wait.

But even after the period concludes, the mortgages you'll qualify for may not have very favorable rates. That's why it's important to play it smart during your waiting period.

First, you'll want to build up your credit history, establishing an on-time payment track record for at least 12 months and not using your full credit limit (aim for using less than 30 percent).

Second, save as much for a down payment as possible. The more funds you can put down on a new house after bankruptcy, the better the mortgage deal you'll be able to secure.

Bankruptcy can certainly complicate or delay securing a new mortgage. But focusing on your credit score and down payment savings while you wait for the green light is your best path toward a new home.

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# US-Canada-Mexico trade deal easily clears Senate

## NAFTA rewrite fulfills a Trump promise to Rust Belt

By KEVIN FREKING  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate overwhelmingly approved a new North American trade agreement Thursday that rewrites the rules of trade with Canada and Mexico and gives President Donald Trump a major policy win before senators turn their full attention to his impeachment trial.

The vote was 89-10. The measure goes to Trump for his signature. It would replace the 25-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement, known as NAFTA, which tore down most trade barriers and triggered a surge in trade. But Trump and other critics blamed that pact for encouraging U.S. companies to move their manufacturing plants south of the border to take advantage of low-wage Mexican laborers.

Passage of the trade bill came one day after Trump signed a new trade agreement with China, easing trade tensions between the economic powers.

“Quite a week of substantive accom-

plishments for the nation, for the president and for our international trade,” said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., shortly before the vote.

Trump campaigned in 2016 on ripping up trade deals that he said added to the nation’s trade deficit and cost the country manufacturing jobs. He promised he would rewrite NAFTA if elected, a pact he described as “the worst trade deal in history.” He can now go to swing states such as Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin and tell voters he followed through on that pledge.

Mexico has already approved the agreement. Canada is expected to do so in the coming months.

Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., was a rare voice in speaking against the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. “It will mean higher prices for American consumers, who will have to pay more money for a car and therefore will have less money available for any of the other things they would like to consume,” Toomey said. “It will probably lead to an increase or acceleration in the shift to automation.”

The agreement aims to have more cars produced in the United States, where workers earn an average of at least \$16 an hour. It also secured changes that require Mexico to change its laws to make it easier for workers to form independent unions, which should improve worker conditions and wages and reduce the incentive for U.S. companies to relocate their plants.

Democrats in the House insisted on changes that they said made it more likely Mexico would follow through on its commitments. As part of those negotiations, the administration agreed to drop a provision that offered expensive biologic drugs — made from living cells — 10 years of protection from cheaper knockoff competition. Democrats overwhelmingly opposed that provision.

The AFL-CIO endorsed the measure, as did scores of business and farm groups. The biggest holdouts were environmental groups, saying the deal doesn’t address climate change.

Among the senators still seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, Bernie Sanders was the lone “no” vote.

# Labor sets limits on data that’s embargoed

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Labor Department will begin restricting news organizations’ use of economic data by barring computers from the rooms where reporters receive such data before its public release, department officials announced Thursday.

The early access to embargoed data allows news services to prepare articles in advance of the public release of economic reports.

While credentialed reporters will still have early access to embargoed economic figures, the department says it’s barring their use of computers during that time. The Labor Department said this is to ensure the security of the data and to prevent anyone from benefiting from early access to the data, which can influence stock and bond markets.

Department officials said the ban will go into effect March 1. It will cover all releases that the department issues each month, including the U.S. jobs report.

For several years, reporters have had to surrender their cellphones and other electronic devices before entering the so-called lockup rooms in order to prevent early transmission of the information in the reports. But they were allowed to write stories on computers that could transmit the data once the embargo lifted.

But Labor officials said the current process still gives some news organizations a competitive edge by allowing them to transmit the data through high-speed networks to serve such clients as investment firms.

The new system raises the risk, though, of overloading the department’s websites. Many high-frequency financial firms have been relying on news agencies to provide the data via computer lines. If those firms all besiege the department’s websites for that data, it could create a logjam that might make it inaccessible to the public.



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President Donald Trump reportedly told then-Secretary of State Rex Tillerson in 2017: “I need you to get rid of that law.”

# Anti-bribery law in crosshairs?

## New book alleges Trump sought to kill ban on US companies

By JEANNA SMIALEK  
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump wanted to strike down a law that prohibits companies from bribing foreign officials, calling the ban “so unfair” to American companies, two Washington Post reporters recount in a new book.

In the spring of 2017, Trump was at a briefing with Rex Tillerson, then the secretary of state, and aides in the Oval Office. At the mention of a bribery allegation, Trump “perked up” and told Tillerson that he wanted his help in scrapping the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the authors write.

That law, enacted in 1977 and heavily enforced since around 2005, prohibits companies that operate in the United States from bribing foreign officials to obtain or retain business. It has become a major factor in corporate decision-making about operations abroad.

Trump said it was “just so unfair that American companies aren’t allowed to pay

bribes to get business overseas,” according to the book, “A Very Stable Genius,” by Philip Rucker and Carol Leonnig.

“I need you to get rid of that law,” Trump told Tillerson.

Tillerson explained that he could not repeal the legislation, according to Rucker and Leonnig. He pointed out that Congress would need to be involved in any effort to strike it down.

Undeterred, Trump told Stephen Miller, a senior policy adviser, to draft an executive action to repeal the law.

Tillerson, the authors write, later caught up with Miller in the hallway, where Miller said he had some skepticism about whether that plan for unilateral executive action could work.

The anecdote meshes with the president’s past views of the anti-corruption law.

In a 2012 CNBC appearance, he called it a horrible rule and said that “the world is laughing at us” for enforcing it.

The Securities and Exchange Commission and Justice Department began enforcing the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act more concertedly about 15 years ago. It has led to huge fines for companies, including engineering conglomerate Siemens and Brazil’s state-owned energy company, Petróbras.

Critics of the government’s pursuit of cases under the law have argued that regulators are reading its language too expansively, holding back business.

Skeptics have included Jay Clayton, chairman of the SEC, whom Trump nominated to the position in early 2017.

Clayton was an author of a 2011 paper that argued that America’s anti-bribery policies tended “to place disproportionate burdens on U.S. regulated companies in international transactions,” hurting American competitiveness.

Despite such criticisms and Trump’s misgivings, top administration officials have pledged to uphold the law.

“We will continue to strongly enforce” anti-corruption laws, Jeff Sessions, the attorney general at the time, said in a speech in April 2017.

And under the current attorney general, William Barr, who was confirmed last year, enforcement actions have continued to rapidly roll in.

“The past three years have shown that very little has changed,” said Joshua Roth, a lawyer specializing in these issues at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, despite early expectations that enforcement might fall off under the Trump administration. “What some of us were forecasting really didn’t materialize.”

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country by the end of next year.

Ambitious expansion will be backed by a recent \$40 million fundraising round led by two private equity firms, London-based Promethean Investments and Chicago’s Lagniappe Capital Partners, according to Vrankin.

Each U.S. space is expected to have annual revenue topping \$10 million, he said.

Vrankin is part of a small, closely connected group that has created many of the restaurant-bar-entertainment hybrids popping up in cities throughout the country.

Topgolf was created by twin brothers Steve and Dave Jolliffe, who founded

Puttshack along with Adam Breeden. Breeden is the creator of darts concept Flight Club, pingpong bar and restaurant AceBounce and All Star Lanes bowling alleys.

GPS technology allows Puttshack venues to keep automated scoring — no more tiny pencils and scorecards — and provide interactive experiences. Holes have themes such as beer pong and Trivial Pursuit, many of which are designed for the core demographic of young professionals, Vrankin said.

Puttshack’s other large customers bases are families and corporate events. At night, disc jockeys and nightclublike lighting are added. About half of Puttshack’s revenue comes from food and drink sales, Vrankin said.

The company plans about one-third of its U.S. venues in large malls, with the others set for urban, mixed-use devel-

opments.

Its expansion is planned at a time when mall landlords have big spaces to fill as department stores and other retailers file for bankruptcy or scale back operations. Malls such as Oakbrook Center are reinventing themselves by bringing in new tenants such as fitness centers, play spaces and entertainment to fill vacancies.

Upheaval in the retail industry provides opportunities for brands like Puttshack.

“Puttshack happens to be coming in with the right product at the right time, because from a mall perspective we are driving that 21- to 35-year-old group, which is a core demographic that malls want to reach,” Vrankin said. “Malls are looking for experiential tenants that can lift other tenants.”

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## BUSINESS BRIEFING

### US shoppers lift retail sales in Dec.

WASHINGTON — U.S. retail sales rose at a solid pace last month, evidence that Americans were willing to spend during the winter holidays after a sluggish November.

The Commerce Department said Thursday that retail sales increased 0.3% in December from the previous month. Excluding sales at car dealers and gas stations, sales rose 0.5%, the best in five months.

Low unemployment and widespread hiring are fueling consumer confidence. Shoppers have become the primary driver of the economy’s growth as businesses have reined in their investment in machinery and equipment and exports have slowed.

Still, economists said the December figures were partially offset by downward revisions to October and November sales.

### Payless emerges from bankruptcy

NEW YORK — Payless ShoeSource has emerged from bankruptcy for the second time, with a focus on international markets.

The Topeka, Kansas-based company said Thursday that it wants to reinvigorate its largest business unit, Latin America.

It will also relaunch its U.S. e-commerce site and open some stores in the U.S. but did not offer specific details.

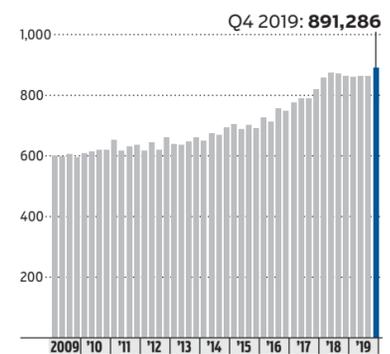
Payless filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in February 2019 and shuttered the remaining 2,000-plus stores in North America.

The latest bankruptcy filing didn’t affect its 710 franchises or stores in Latin America, Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

The chain filed for Chapter 11 for the first time in April 2017.

## Business formations

Applications for the formation of a new business per quarter, scale in thousands

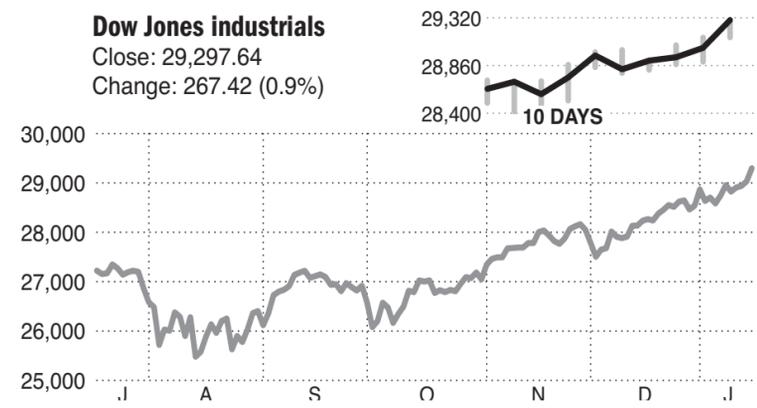


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MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 29,300.32 Low: 29,131.95 Previous: 29,030.22



**Nasdaq**  
Close: **+98.44** (+1.06%)

**S&P 500**  
Close: **+27.52** (+.84%)

**Russell 2000**  
Close: **+22.82** (+1.36%)

**Close** 9,357.13  
**High** 9,357.92  
**Low** 9,301.32  
**Previous** 9,258.69

**Close** 3,316.81  
**High** 3,317.11  
**Low** 3,302.82  
**Previous** 3,289.29

**Close** 1,705.22  
**High** 1,706.17  
**Low** 1,691.82  
**Previous** 1,682.40

**10-yr T-note**  
+0.02 to 1.80%

**Gold futures**  
-3.10 to \$1,549.00

**Yen**  
+0.22 to 110.13/\$1

**Euro**  
+0.0013 to .8981/\$1

**Crude Oil**  
+0.71 to \$58.52

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+1.18	+1.67	+1.29	+3.24	+5.29	+3.48	+20.22	+32.08	+25.83

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	573.50	573.50	560	565.25	-7.75
		May 20	574	574	561.25	566.25	-7.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	387.25	387.75	375.25	375.50	-12
		May 20	393.75	394.25	382.25	382.50	-11.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	929.75	930.25	922	924	-4.75
		May 20	943	943.25	935	937.25	-4.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 20	33.30	33.45	32.89	33.03	-0.27
		May 20	33.65	33.77	33.23	33.37	-0.27
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 20	300.20	301.10	299.00	300.60	+0.50
		May 20	304.80	305.60	303.70	305.20	+0.40
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Feb 20	58.10	58.87	57.56	58.52	+0.71
		Mar 20	58.12	58.88	57.60	58.53	+0.69
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Feb 20	2.134	2.170	2.071	2.077	-0.043
		Mar 20	2.097	2.124	2.038	2.046	-0.037
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 20	1.6499	1.6613	1.6344	1.6548	+0.0180
		Mar 20	1.6623	1.6735	1.6455	1.6670	+0.0178

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	88.28	+0.90	Envestnet Inc	N	74.45	-0.08	McDonalds Corp	N	210.85	+1.08
AbbVie Inc	N	89.26	...	Equity Commonwlt	N	32.83	+0.12	Middleby Corp	O	109.67	+0.82
Allstate Corp	N	116.15	+1.89	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	70.66	+0.23	Mondelez Intl	O	55.19	+0.45
Aptargroup Inc	N	118.22	+1.51	Equity Residential	N	82.51	+0.44	Morningstar Inc	O	159.97	+1.87
Arch Dan Mid	N	45.34	+0.95	Exelon Corp	O	46.74	+0.19	Motorola Solutions	N	172.86	+2.31
Baxter Intl	N	89.99	+0.43	First Indl RT	N	42.95	+0.38	NISource Inc	N	28.84	+0.15
Boeing Co	N	332.00	+2.20	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	69.60	+0.53	Nthn Trust Cp	O	107.93	+0.91
Brunswick Corp	N	59.29	-0.05	Gallagher AJ	N	96.05	+0.24	Old Republic	N	22.73	+1.19
CBOE Global Markets	N	117.53	+0.66	Grainger WW	N	341.14	+1.87	Packaging Corp Am	N	109.08	+0.84
CDK Global Inc	O	56.47	+0.31	GrubHub Inc	N	56.25	+1.06	Paylocity Hldg	O	139.11	+2.76
CDW Corp	O	144.20	-0.40	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	116.34	+0.66	RLI Corp	N	92.89	+1.31
CF Industries	N	45.89	+0.24	IAA Inc	N	47.26	-0.19	Stericycle Inc	O	63.89	+1.57
CME Group	O	207.15	+2.14	IDEX Corp	N	175.67	+0.25	TransUnion	N	92.56	+0.87
CNA Financial	N	45.59	+0.92	ITW	N	179.79	+1.38	US Foods Holding	N	41.40	+0.23
Cabot Microelect	O	154.19	+2.93	Ingredion Inc	N	92.88	+1.65	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	277.00	+0.80
Caterpillar Inc	N	147.87	+2.30	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	171.08	-0.13	United Airlines Hldg	O	89.54	+1.25
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	32.30	+0.37	Kemper Corp	N	79.56	+1.57	Ventas Inc	N	58.64	+0.94
Deere Co	N	175.47	+2.55	Kraft Heinz Co	O	31.73	+0.13	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	54.42	-0.01
Discover Fin Svcs	N	83.64	+0.32	LKQ Corporation	O	34.74	+0.83	Wintrust Financial	O	68.76	+0.69
Dover Corp	N	119.60	+1.99	Littelfuse Inc	O	192.33	+0.92	Zebra Tech	O	253.93	+6.13

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Aurora Cannabis Inc	2.15	+1.10
Chesapck Engy	.69	+0.01
Bank of America	34.72	+0.05
Ford Motor	9.17	-0.02
Wells Fargo & Co	49.25	+0.93
Gen Electric	11.84	-0.03
Morgan Stanley	56.44	+3.50
Qudian Inc	3.55	-0.84
Nokia Corp	4.20	+0.14
Mallinckrodt plc	5.24	+0.75
Snap Inc A	18.25	+0.06
AT&T Inc	38.03	+0.16
Signet Jewelers	30.13	+8.64
Sthwstn Energy	1.94	-0.03
Alcoa Corp	17.78	-2.40
Uber Technologies	34.68	-0.33
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.28	...
Twitter Inc	34.19	+0.96
Gerda SA	5.03	+0.02
Teva Pharm	10.62	+0.08
Pinterest Inc	22.95	+1.19
CenturyLink Inc	13.56	+0.50
Petrobras	14.89	+0.02
Freeport McMoRan	12.85	-0.13

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

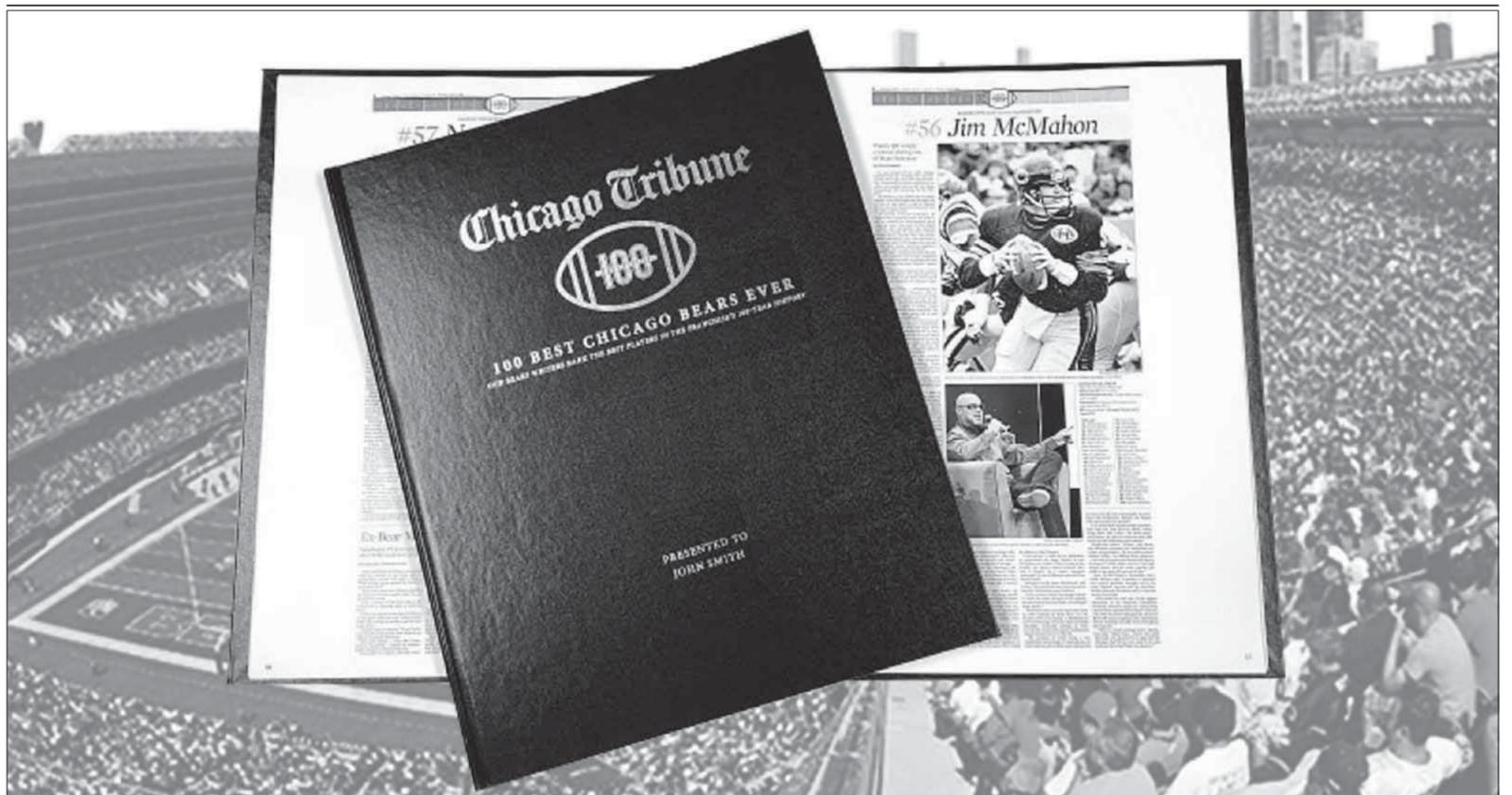
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	223.94	-1.12
Alphabet Inc C	1451.70	+12.50
Alphabet Inc A	1450.16	+10.96
Amazon.com Inc	1877.94	+15.92
Apple Inc	315.24	+3.90
Bank of America	34.72	+0.05
Berkshire Hath B	229.73	+1.38
Exxon Mobil Corp	68.82	-0.27
Facebook Inc	221.77	+0.62
HSBC Holdings prA	26.96	-0.01
JPMorgan Chase	137.25	+0.53
Johnson & Johnson	148.20	+1.19
MasterCard Inc	320.30	+0.05
Microsoft Corp	166.17	+2.99
Procter & Gamble	126.07	+0.11
Taiwan Semicon	58.75	+0.36
Unitedhealth Group	300.74	+4.33
Visa Inc	200.95	+1.15
WalMart Strs	115.90	+0.62

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMcPA m	34.70	+0.29	+24.4
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	28.98	+0.15	+18.4
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	53.22	+0.22	+22.9
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	63.98	+0.19	+16.4
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	63.52	+0.42	+25.3
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	53.01	+0.36	+25.4
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.51	+0.09	+17.7
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	40.47	+0.25	+20.8
American Funds NWSPctvA m	48.60	+0.22	+27.0
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	49.08	+0.40	+24.0
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.12	...	+9.9
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	43.76	+0.01	+16.7
Dodge & Cox Stk	198.47	+1.24	+21.1
DoubleLine TtlRetBdl	10.70	-0.01	+6.5
Fidelity 500ldxInPrm	115.10	+0.96	+29.4
Fidelity Contrafund	14.33	+0.11	+28.3
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.64	-0.01	+10.2
Fidelity TlMktldxInPrm	93.12	+0.81	+28.2
Fidelity USBDlxInPrm	11.98	-0.01	+9.2
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.36	+0.01	+12.5
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdl	10.99	-0.01	+9.5
PIMCO Inc2	12.09	...	+7.9
PIMCO IncIntl	12.09	...	+8.0
PIMCO TtlRetIns	10.39	-0.02	+8.6
Schwab SP500ldx	50.75	+0.42	+29.3
T. Rowe Price BCGR	130.57	+1.22	+28.1
T. Rowe Price GrStk	77.02	+0.71	+29.0
Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	306.32	+2.55	+29.3
Vanguard BalldxAdmrl	40.01	+0.20	+20.6
Vanguard DivGrInv	31.38	+0.21	+31.2
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	80.54	+0.52	+23.1
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	98.27	+0.97	+36.9
Vanguard HCAmrl	90.13	+0.41	+20.8
Vanguard InTRTEAdmrl	14.59	+0.01	+7.3
Vanguard InslldxInsl	298.19	+2.48	+29.3
Vanguard InslldxInslPlus	298.21	+2.48	+29.3
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	70.60	+0.61	+29.2
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	106.30	+0.32	+29.4
Vanguard MdcpldxAdmrl	227.07	+2.38	+27.4
Vanguard PrnCpAdmrl	147.86	+1.08	+25.2
Vanguard STInvMGrdAdmrl	10.75	...	+5.9
Vanguard SncpldxAdmrl	81.38	+0.93	+21.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.98	+0.10	+16.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	20.16	+0.08	+18.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	37.08	+0.16	+19.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	22.94	+0.12	+20.3
Vanguard TlBldxAdmrl	11.11	-0.01	+9.4
Vanguard TlBldxInsl	11.11	-0.01	+9.4
Vanguard TlBldxAdmrl	22.72	...	+8.0
Vanguard TlBldxInsl	34.10	...	+8.1
Vanguard TlBldxAdmrl	30.29	+0.12	+17.9
Vanguard TlBldxInsl	121.11	+0.46	+18.0
Vanguard TlBldxInslPlus	121.14	+0.46	+18.0
Vanguard TlBldxInsl	18.11	+0.07	+17.8
Vanguard TlBldxAdmrl	81.95	+0.72	+28.2
Vanguard TlBldxInsl	81.96	+0.72	+28.2
Vanguard TlBldxInsl	81.92	+0.72	+28.1
Vanguard WngtAdmrl	76.11	+0.36	+21.8
Vanguard WislyInAdmrl	66.92	+0.12	+16.4
Vanguard WndsrInAdmrl	66.12	+0.53	+26.4

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## OBITUARIES

**GLADYS BOURDAIN** 1934-2020

# Copy editor at New York Times helped son reach an audience

By **DANIEL E. SLOTNIK**  
New York Times

NEW YORK — Gladys Bourdain, a longtime copy editor at The New York Times who helped kick-start the writing career of her son Anthony, the chef who became a world-famous memoirist and television host, died Friday at a hospice facility in the Bronx. She was 85.

Her son Christopher confirmed the death. He said she had been in failing health for some time.

Gladys Bourdain began her career at The Times in 1984 and worked there until 2008, developing a reputation as a strict grammarian on the culture and metropolitan desks. She also wrote for outlets like Opera News, Musical America and The Times.

She profiled Julia Child for The Times in 1978 after a visit to Child's home in Southern France, describing her kitchen as "organized clutter."

Anthony Bourdain became a hard-living chef, and in the late 1990s he wrote an article chronicling the seamier secrets of life in the restaurant business. He was

struggling to publish it in 1999 when Gladys Bourdain mentioned to him that she knew a Times reporter, Esther Fein, who was married to David Remnick, the newly minted editor of The New Yorker magazine.

"She came over, and she said, 'You know, your husband's got this new job,'" Fein (who left The Times in 1999) said Monday. "I hate to sound like a pushy mom, but I'm telling you this with my editor's hat on, not my mother's hat on. It's really good, and it's really interesting, but nobody will look at it, nobody will call him back or give it a second look. Could you put it in your husband's hands?"

Fein persuaded Remnick to read the article, and The New Yorker published it under the title "Don't Eat Before Reading This." Anthony Bourdain later said that he had a book deal in a matter of days after that.

Expanding on the article, he wrote "Kitchen Confidential: Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly" (2000), an unflinching look at the food service industry that became a No. 1 New York Times bestseller.

The book's success pro-

pelled Anthony Bourdain from a brasserie kitchen onto television, as the host of "No Reservations" and "Parts Unknown," on which he traveled the world sampling different foods and engaging with different cultures.

Anthony Bourdain took his own life in 2018 at 61.

Gladys Bourdain memorialized her son with a tattoo of his name on her wrist — her first and only tattoo.

Gladys Sacksman was born in Manhattan on Oct. 19, 1934, to Martha and Milton Sacksman. Her father operated a small trucking company, and her mother was a homemaker.

She grew up in the University Heights neighborhood of the Bronx and attended what is now Lehman College in that borough. She worked for TV Guide, The Record of Bergen County, New Jersey, and Agence France-Presse before joining The Times.

She married Pierre Bourdain in 1954. They separated in 1980. Pierre Bourdain died in 1987. In addition to her son Christopher, she is survived by three grandchildren.

## Chicago Daily Tribune

### ON JANUARY 17 ...

**In 1781**, during the Revolutionary War, American forces defeated the British in the Battle of Cowpens, S.C.

**In 1893**, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio; he was 70. **Also in 1893** Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Lili'uokalani to abdicate.

**In 1899**, Al Capone, the gangster who dominated the Chicago mob during the prohibition era, was born Alphonse Capone in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**In 1917**, the United States paid Denmark \$25 million for the Virgin Islands.

**In 1919**, pianist and statesman Ignace Jan Paderewski became the first premier of the newly created republic of Poland.

**In 1920**, Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the Constitution took effect. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.)

**In 1929**, the cartoon character Popeye the Sailor made his debut in the "Thimble Theatre" comic strip.

**In 1945**, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II. **Also in 1945** Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in Soviet custody.

**In 1953**, a prototype of the Chevrolet Corvette was unveiled during the General Motors Motorama at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York.

**In 1961**, in his farewell address, President Dwight Eisenhower warned against the rise of "the military-industrial complex."

**In 1964**, former first lady Michelle Obama was born Michelle Robinson in Chicago.

**In 1966**, a U.S. Air Force B-52 carrying four unarmed hydrogen bombs crashed on the Spanish coast. (Three of the bombs were quickly recovered, but the fourth wasn't found until April.)

**In 1977**, convicted murderer Gary Gilmore, 36, was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. execution in a decade.

**In 1984**, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that the private use of home video cassette recorders to tape television programs did not violate federal copyright laws.

**In 1991**, in the first day of Operation Desert Storm, U.S.-led forces hammered Iraqi targets in an effort to drive Iraq out of Kuwait; a defiant Iraqi President Saddam Hussein declared that the "mother of all battles" had begun.

**In 1994**, a 6.7 magnitude earthquake struck Southern California, killing at least 61 people and causing \$20 billion worth of damage.

**In 1995**, more than 6,000 people were killed when a 7.2 magnitude earthquake devastated the city of Kobe, Japan.

**In 1996**, Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and nine followers were handed long prison sentences for plotting to blow up New York-area landmarks. **Also in 1996** former U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan died in Austin, Texas; she was 59.

**In 1997**, House Speaker Newt Gingrich agreed to submit to a reprimand by the House and pay a \$300,000 penalty as punishment for his ethics violations.

**In 1998**, President Bill Clinton gave a deposition in Paula Jones' sexual harass-

ment lawsuit against him; during the nearly six hours of sworn testimony, Clinton denied having had a sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

**In 1999**, the defending Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos defeated the New York Jets, 23-10, to win the American Football Conference title; the Atlanta Falcons upset the Minnesota Vikings, 30-27, to win the National Football Conference championship.

**In 2000**, decrying the Confederate flag as a symbol of slavery and racism, nearly 50,000 people marched to South Carolina's Statehouse on Martin Luther King Day to demand the banner be taken down. **Also in 2000** British pharmaceutical firms Glaxo Wellcome PLC and SmithKline Beecham PLC announced a merger to form the world's largest drugmaker.

**In 2001**, faced with an electricity crisis, California used rolling blackouts to cut off power to hundreds of thousands of people. Gov. Gray Davis signed an emergency order authorizing the state to buy power.

**In 2002**, Enron fired accounting firm Arthur Andersen, citing its destruction of thousands of documents and its accounting advice; for its part, Andersen said its relationship with Enron ended in early December 2001 when the company slid into the biggest corporate bankruptcy in U.S. history.

**In 2003**, on the 12th anniversary of the Gulf War, a defiant Saddam Hussein called on his people to rise up and defend the nation against a new U.S.-led attack.

**In 2005**, Iraqi expatriates in 14 countries began registering to vote in Iraq's Jan. 30 elections.

**In 2006**, the Supreme Court protected Oregon's assisted-suicide law, ruling that doctors there who helped terminally ill patients die could not be arrested under federal drug laws.

**In 2013**, former cyclist Lance Armstrong confessed to taking performance-enhancing drugs in his career during an interview with Oprah Winfrey.

**In 2017**, President Barack Obama granted clemency to Chelsea Manning, allowing the transgender Army intelligence officer convicted of leaking more than 700,000 U.S. documents to go free nearly three decades early.

**Chicago Tribune** Death Notices  
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### Death Notices

#### Beaulieu, Christopher F.

Christopher F. Beaulieu, 57, of Chicago passed into eternal life on January 15, 2020. Dearly beloved husband of Jennifer (nee Palucki); loving son of Loretta; dearest brother of Larry Jr. (Nancy). Chris earned a Bachelor of Science from Indiana University Northwest. He earned his Masters of Science in Taxation from DePaul University. For 35 years he was a CPA specializing in tax. He was the founder and CEO of Blue Money Strategy Inc. in Schaumburg, IL. Chris was a nominated board member of the IL CPA Society and won a 2019 Distinguished Service Award. He served as course reviewer and speaker for Kaplan Professional. He enjoyed networking with the Referral Experts and Networkers. He was the Treasurer of First Folio Theater in Oakbrook, IL. Chris was a huge fan of the Cubs, Blackhawks and Bears. Most of all, he loved spending time with his wife Jennifer. He was her hero. Her everything. Her Hero. Funeral services private. Memorial service details to follow at caringcremations.com.

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#### Bedore, Lorraine Janet

Lorraine Janet Bedore, 86, longtime resident of Lisle, at rest January 15, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Dear daughter of the late Clarence and Catherine Peterson. Loving mother of Bob (Joan) Bedore, Gary Bedore, Gail Jungels, and Tim Bedore. Cherished grandmother of Julianne (Adam) Mallonee, Elizabeth (Ben) Campbell, Ryan Jungels, Sean (Erin) Jungels, and Nathan Jungels. Great grandmother of Haley and Ethan Mallonee, Gabrielle, Peter, and Isabella Campbell, and Jace, Maddox, and Nico Bybee Jungels. Fond sister of Carol (Jack) Coffman and sister-in-law of Lois (the late Jack) Bedore. Many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held Sunday January 19 from 12 Noon until time of Memorial Service at 4 PM at Blake - Lamb Funeral Home 5015 Lincoln Ave., Lisle. Interment Assumption Cemetery, Wheaton. Info. (630) 964-9392 or [www.blake-lambfuneralhome.com](http://www.blake-lambfuneralhome.com).

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#### Brooks, Robert M.

Robert M. Brooks, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, January 15, 2020 in Highland Park, IL. Loving husband to Juliann Brooks, cherished father to Elizabeth (28), Robert J. (27), and Angela (21) Brooks. Dear son of Nancy and the late Robert J. Brooks. Beloved brother to Martin (Jennifer) Brooks, Peter (Jodi) Brooks, and the late Steven. Dear brother in law to Mary Brooks. Fond uncle to 20 nieces and nephews. A visitation will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2020 1-5 pm at Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home, 1787 Deerfield Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035. A funeral mass will be held on Monday, January 20, 2020 10:00 am at Holy Cross Church, 724 Elder Ln, Deerfield, IL 60015. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to American Heart Association, 300 S Riverside Plaza, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60606. For info or directions please contact Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home at 847-831-4260 or [www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com](http://www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com)

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#### DeGroot, Dirk 'Dick'

Dirk "Dick" DeGroot, age 94, of Wagenborgen, Netherlands, formerly of Hinsdale. Beloved husband of Aafke Bos-Ridder and the late Henrietta "Hank"; loving father of Derek (Joan) DeGroot and Mark (Lisa) DeGroot; step-father of Jan Willem (Yvon) Bos, Evelien (Francis) Bos, and Berthil (Helene) Bos; devoted grandfather of Mark (Tricia), Adam (Whitney), Amy (Ryan) Zmich, Dirk (Ali), Alex (Crystal), Mylena Bos, and Lianne Bos; great-grandfather of 8; fond brother of Abel (the late Louise) DeGroot, Paul (Flora) DeGroot, and the late Amelien (the late Martje) Drijver; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, January 17th, 3-8 PM, at Knollcrest Funeral Home, 1500 S. Meyers Rd. (3 Blks. S. of Roosevelt) Lombard. Memorial Service Saturday, 10:30 at The Christian Reformed Church of Western Springs, 5140 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL, 60558. Interment private. Memorials to a charity of your choice are appreciated. Funeral info: [www.knollcrest.net](http://www.knollcrest.net) or 630-932-1500.

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#### Dombro, Maureen R.

Maureen R. Dombro nee Phelan. Age 77. Longtime Evergreen Park resident. Graduate of Mother McCauley High School Class of 1960. Longtime and active member of Most Holy Redeemer Church. Wife for 54 years of Thomas "Tom" Dombro. Mother of Peg Griffiths, Tom (Lisa) Dombro, Laura Dombro and Michelle Dombro. Grandmother of Emma and Billy Griffiths, Brennan and Nicholas Dombro, Rylee Dombro, Benjamin, Jack and Ellie Threloff. Daughter of the late Margaret nee Collins and Albert Phelan. Sister of Bill (Patricia) Phelan, Patricia "Pat" (Phil) Wilson, Michael (Marge) Phelan, Kathy (Tom) Lipinski, Denis (Judy) Phelan, Richard (Jane) Phelan and Mark (Judy) Phelan. Sister-in-law of Joan (William) Mazan and the late Ron (late Pauline) Dombro. Aunt, cousin and friend of many. Resting at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 9525 S Lawndale Ave, Evergreen Park on Monday January 20, 2020 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Tuesday January 21, 2020 from 9:30 am until time of Funeral Mass 10:30 am. Interment St Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Maureen's name to Fr. Franzen Scholarship Fund, c/o Most Holy Redeemer Church, 9525 S Lawndale Ave, Evergreen Park, IL, 60805 and Society of St Vincent Depaul at <http://svdpusa.plannedgiving.org/giving/5> would be appreciated by the Dombro family. For further service information contact Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home, Chicago Heights 708-481-9230 and [panozzobros.com](http://panozzobros.com)

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#### Hoekstra Jones, Alberta

Alberta Hoekstra Jones, age 89, of Oak Brook. Beloved wife of the late Richard Jones; loving mother of Cristin Jones; Devoted grandmother of Christopher Jones; Fond sister of Greta Schutt, Thomas Hoekstra, Elizabeth Hoekstra, the late Evelyn Ottenhoff, and the late George Hoekstra; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, January 19th, 3-8 PM at Knollcrest Funeral Home, 1500 S. Meyers Rd. (3 blks. So. of Roosevelt Rd) Lombard. Funeral Monday 10:30 AM at the funeral home. Interment Private For info: [www.knollcrest.net](http://www.knollcrest.net) or 630-932-1500.

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#### Kronika, Dianne Marie Margaret

Dianne Marie Margaret Kronika, nee Schleitwiler, age 66 of Bourbonnais. Beloved wife of James Alan Kronika, fond mother of Jessica (Alexander Bregola) Kronika, Jacob (Veronica Niechajczk) Kronika and David (Nastassia Whitten) Kronika; sponsor to Christian Lacerona of the Philippines and Jatendra Kumar of India; dear grandmother of Mykaela Kronika, Kaden Kronika, Jeanette Kronika and Harold Kronika; sister of Barbara (Tony) Sakaly, Paul (Mary Nichols) Schleitwiler, Judith Schleitwiler Wolicki and the late Beverly McHugh (Thomas), Patrick (Noelle) Schleitwiler and David (Marge) Schleitwiler, great niece of Alice Schleitwiler, Phyllis Schleitwiler and Lorraine Schleitwiler. Visitation Sunday, January 19, 2020 from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. at Hitzeman Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Funeral Service Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 8 P.M. Information 708-485-2000 or [www.HitzemanFuneral.com](http://www.HitzemanFuneral.com)

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#### Kutulas, William

It is with a heavy heart and great sadness that the family of William Kutulas announce his sudden passing on Saturday January 11, 2020 in the early morning. He was 75 years of age. William was a loving husband of 44 years to Valerie and a beloved father to Ann (John), Eleni and Costa (Andrea). Papouli was adored by his two wonderful grandchildren William and Mia. William spent his early years in Chicago where he grew up with his parents Gust and Anna who have preceded him in death. Then he moved to the suburbs as he began his new life with his wife and growing family. William was proud to serve his country during the Vietnam War. He never lost his sense of patriotism as his civilian life began. William was a knowledgeable and insightful man who welcomed the opportunity to work hands on. Through his 35-year career in printing with CCH to his later years of retirement working in his workshop, William left a lasting impression with everyone who knew him. To those who knew him best, he was known as "Mr. Fixit." His childhood love of trains never passed, but only grew as his years went on. One of his greatest pleasures in life was visiting the Illinois Railway Museum, where he felt like a kid again. He would carry that love home where he would setup his model railroads for all to enjoy. Everyone who knew him would tell you what a kind hearted man he was. He was a kind man with a big heart. He was always there with a helping hand to all those in need. To all who knew him he was a gentle soul. Visitation Sunday January 19, 2020 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles, IL 60714. Funeral Monday January 20, 2020 to start at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home at 9:45 am followed by a 10:30 am service at Holy Taxiarchai and Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N. Caldwell Ave. Niles, Illinois 60714. Interment Elmwood Cemetery.

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#### Long, Gerald

Jerry Long, 86, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, January 10, 2020. Beloved husband of 59 years to Loretta "Lori" Long; father of Kevin (Sara Cox) Long, Kimberly (Brendan) Long-Cullen and Christopher (Amy) Long; cherished grandfather of Jennifer Long, Isabella Cullen, Noah Cullen and Spencer Long. Jerry proudly served his country in the U.S. Army as an SP 4, MP, Paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne, 101st Screaming Eagles. He lived a life of adventure and unwavering optimism (even for his beloved Chicago Bears). He traveled the world delighting in new experiences and regaling his friends and family with his stories. Golfing was his passion along with skiing, tennis, sailing and reading. Most important of all was his family. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than spending time with his grandchildren. A Celebration of Jerry's life will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 12 pm at the Bolingbrook Golf Club, East Room, 2001 Rodeo Drive, Bolingbrook, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in the name of Gerald Long to [www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org](http://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org).

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#### Mammas, Mary

Mary Mammas, nee Zeheralis, age 91, formerly of Gary, Indiana and Vernon Hills, Illinois, passed away on Saturday, January 11, 2020. Beloved wife of the late James E. Mammas; loving mother of Lucia Maria Greenawalt, Evan James (Marika T.) Mammas and Paula Christine (Peter) Guletsky; proud grandmother of Ryan (Kana) Greenawalt, Darrin (Sarah) Greenawalt, Nathan (Courtney) Greenawalt, Marysa Leah Greenawalt, Caidi (Steve) Vanderporten, Joanna Marie Mammas, Anastasia (Robert) Kelly, Tatiana Guletsky and the late Alexander James Guletsky; blissful great-grandmother of 10 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of the late Chris Zeheralis and sister-in-law of Mary "Becky" Zeheralis and fond aunt of many nieces and nephews and their families. Family only will gather for Private Funeral Services on Saturday, January 18, 2020, at SS Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Road, Glenview, IL 60025. Interment also private. Kindly omit flowers. Memorial tributes may be made in Mary's name to SS Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church. Arrangements made by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd. For more information please call 847-375-0095.

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#### Petell, Maureen

Maureen Anita Petell (Nee McMahon), former longtime Hinsdale resident. Beloved wife of the late Frank Petell. Devoted friend and sister in law of Daniel B. Benoit. She is preceded in death by her parents James and Mary McMahon; brothers James (Kay) and Robert McMahon and sisters Marjorie (Ron) Fraider and Marilyn Benoit. Maureen was a fond sister-in-law, cousin, friend, aunt, great-aunt, and stepmother. A visitation will be held Saturday, January 18, 2020, from 9 AM until time of funeral mass at 10 AM at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church Hinsdale, 306 W. 4th St. Hinsdale, IL 60521. Entombment to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip. Arrangements by Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale. For more information 630-703-9131 or [www.powellfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.powellfuneraldirectors.com).

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05 06 13 31 32

Pick 3 evening ..... 782 / 8  
Pick 4 evening ..... 2737 / 9  
Lucky Day Lotto evening .....  
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Jan. 16  
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Jan. 16  
Daily 3 midday ..... 113 / 1  
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Daily 3 evening ..... 040 / 6  
Daily 4 evening ..... 7024 / 6  
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**Schlotzer, Robert Josef "Bob"**  
 Robert Schlotzer, 86, died peacefully at home on January 12, 2020 in Land O' Lakes, FL.



"Bob" was Born in Sombor, Serbia on September 11, 1933. After immigrating to Southern Germany, he met his wife Anna and they were married in 1963. They came to the United States together in 1967. Bob was an electrician & machinist who opened his own business in 1978, his wife managing the office while raising their two children. He loved photography, playing the organ and was an active Ham Radio hobbyist with the call sign NV9R.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Anna Schlotzer (Gross), daughter Yvonne (Mitchell), granddaughter Arianna, of Land O' Lakes, FL and son Eric, grandchildren Evangeline, Rafe and Rook of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.

Donations may be sent in lieu of flowers for Anna's continued medical care:

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**Sobey, Michael E.**  
 Michael E. "Bubba" Sobey, age 58, of Delton, Michigan. Dear brother of Laura (Robert) Motycka and Thomas Sobey. Fond uncle of Ryan, Nathan and Tyler Sobey, and the late Bobby Motycka. Memorial Visitation Monday, January 20, 2020 from 3 to 9 p.m. with a funeral prayer service at 8:30 p.m. at the **Richard-Midway Funeral Home** 5749 Archer Ave. (Corner of Lorel). Private interment St. Mary Cemetery. 773-767-1840 or [www.richardmidwayfh.com](http://www.richardmidwayfh.com)

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**Stevens, Rita L.**  
 Rita L. Stevens nee Gaynes, 94. Beloved wife of the late Bernard Stevens. Loving mother of Andrea (James) Maxwell, Joel Stevens and Michael (Bing) Stevens. Devoted grandmother of Justin (Amy) Stevens, Mariel (Phil) Slater, Caroline (Kyle) Moore and Feng Shun. Proud great-grandmother of Evelyn Stevens, Elijah Stevens, Liam Moore and Yi Ling Tong. Dear sister of the late Chester (the late Naomi) Gaynes and the late Stanford Gaynes. Service Sunday 11AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Boulevard, (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Shalom. Memorials in her memory to ORT America, Metropolitan Chicago Region, 3701 Commercial Avenue, Suite 13, Northbrook, IL 60062, [www.ortamerica.org/regions/chicago-region/](http://www.ortamerica.org/regions/chicago-region/) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfinfo.com](http://www.cjfinfo.com)

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**Tamminga, Henrietta**  
 Henrietta Tamminga, nee Hofmeyer, age 90 of Lombard. Beloved wife of 66 years to George Tamminga; loving mother of Cindy Tamminga, Kristy (Dan) Bootsma, and Scott (Denise) Tamminga; devoted grandmother of Joshua (Charis), Joseph (Alyssa) and Matthew Bootsma, Nathaniel, Kathryn, and Micah Tamminga; fond sister of Joan (the late Marlyn) Bonnema, and the late John (the late Elma) Hofmeyer; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, January 19th, 3-8 PM at **Knollcrest Funeral Home**, 1500 S. Meyers Rd. (3 Blks. S. of Roosevelt) Lombard. In State Monday, 9 AM until time of service at 10 AM at Lombard Christian Reformed Church, 2020 S Meyers Rd, Lombard, IL 60148. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. Memorials to Timothy Christian Schools, 188 W. Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst, IL 60126 or Elim Christian Schools, 13020 Central Ave., Crestwood, IL 60418 are appreciated. Funeral info: [www.knollcrest.net](http://www.knollcrest.net) or 630-932-1500.

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**Whellan, Floyd**



Floyd Whellan, age 82. Beloved husband of Judy nee Wright. Loving father of Michael (Margaret Menicucci), David (Elizabeth Cohen) and Rebecca (Philip) Susser. Proud grandfather of Alexis, Cara, Hannah, Jane, Nathan, Julia, Allison, and Leo. Brother of Donald (Tanya). Floyd was a real mensch. He proudly graduated from The City College of New York (BA) and the University of Illinois (MA). He went on to a successful career as a human resource executive in the communications industry. Floyd proudly served as president of two synagogues and the Jewish Family Service in San Antonio. He loved people and opened his heart to family, friends, and strangers. He set an example for all of us of "a life well lived." Graveside service Friday 10AM at Waldheim, Jewish Cemetery, 1400 S. Des Plaines Ave., Forest Park, IL with a memorial service to follow, 12PM at Chicago Sinai Congregation, 15 W. Delaware Place, Chicago, IL 60610. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The City College of New York, <https://giving.cuny.edu/page.aspx?pid=298> or JUF, [www.juf.org](http://www.juf.org). Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfinfo.com](http://www.cjfinfo.com)

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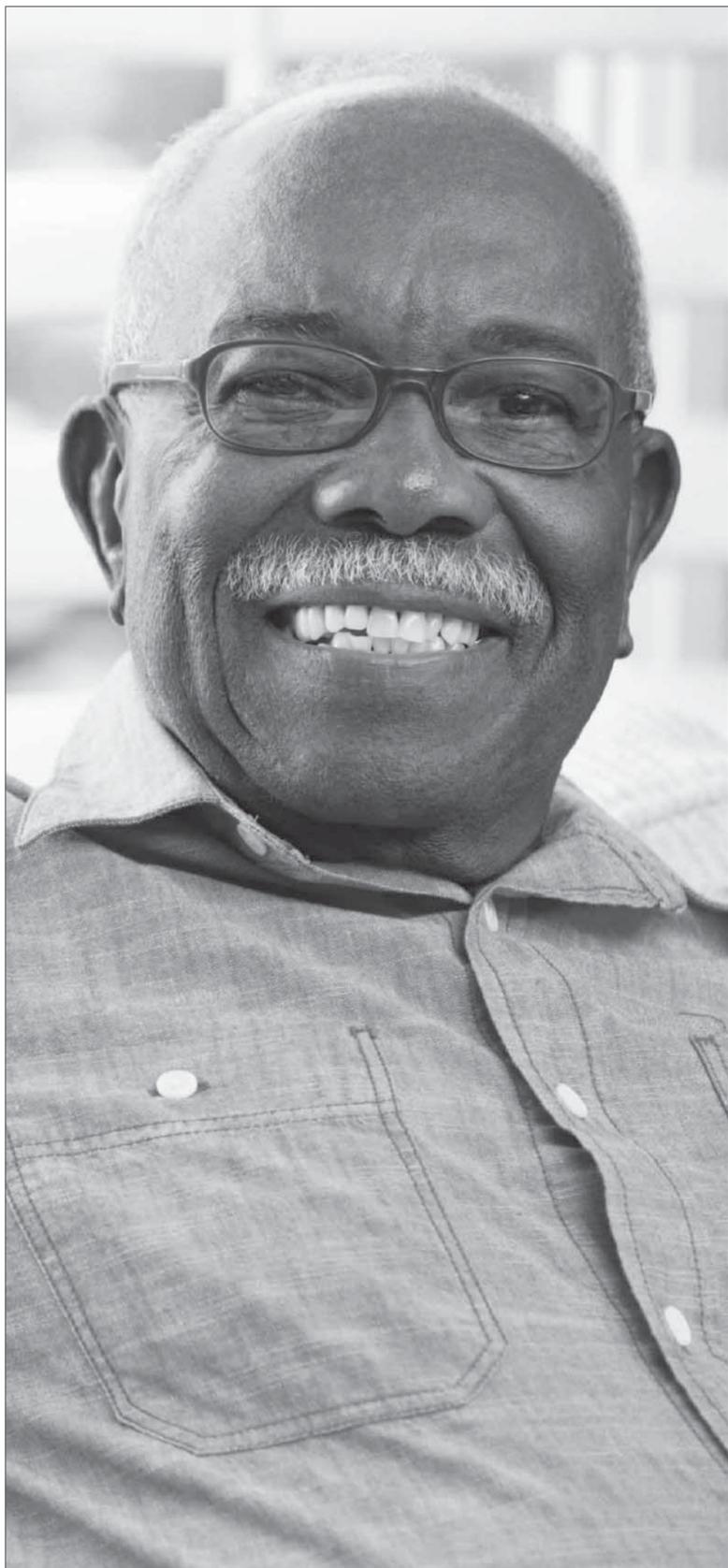
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'IT'S AS CUTTHROAT  
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NOW.WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
TRADING THE 2016 MVP'

**Anthony Rizzo** wants to stay with the Cubs long term. But as he watches what's happening around baseball, he knows he could end up elsewhere.

BY MARK GONZALES

This weekend could mark the final time slugger Kris Bryant — the center of trade speculation all offseason — participates in a Cubs Convention as a player.

And Anthony Rizzo, the thickest pillar of the franchise, didn't rule out the possibility he could end up playing elsewhere, too, before his storied career ends.

"It would be naive for me not to," Rizzo said Thursday, five weeks after he learned the Cubs wouldn't continue discussions on a contract extension.

The first baseman signed a seven-year, \$41 million deal in 2013 with team options for 2020 and 2021. The Cubs picked up the \$16.5 million option for this season; Rizzo would receive a \$2 million buyout if the Cubs decline the \$16.5 million option for next year.



It's crazy to think that cornerstones Anthony Rizzo (44) and Kris Bryant might not be Cubs for all that much longer.

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"It's something I've stated before, that I wanted to be here," Rizzo said. "Obviously that's (an extension) not in the plans right now. It doesn't mean it's not going to be. For me, it's new territory. ...

"My focus will be just be on this team winning and for (manager) David Ross because this is a dream come true. You're playing for one of your best friends. And I'm going to see him grow as a manager, and he's going to help me continue to grow in my career."

Ross, Rizzo and several other Cubs distributed sports equipment to youngsters Thursday morning at the Horner Park field house as part of their annual community service day.

Rizzo, 30, has become one of the most popular players in franchise history, based on his production — averaging 103 RBIs in his last five seasons and earning three All-Star and Gold Glove selections apiece — his community service ... and helping the Cubs end a 107-year championship drought.

Turn to **Rizzo**, Page 4Tough schedule could put  
damper on run at playoffsJIMMY GREENFIELD  
On the Blackhawks

TORONTO — Go ahead and embrace the latest Blackhawks revival.

Don't just stick your toe in and test the waters. Dive right in and enjoy the fact that the Hawks are in the playoff hunt. There's no reason not to.

Because chances are it will all be over soon enough.

The Hawks did exactly what they needed to do in their last three games in

beating the mediocre Ducks, the lowly Senators and the how-sad-is-it-that-this-Original-Six-franchise-is-rarely-any-good Canadiens.

They did all they could in taking all six points that were available to them. Now they have to be a whole lot better, and that's the problem.

Nearly 50 games worth of evidence is in and nothing about the Hawks indicates they will be able to rip off a bunch of wins in a row against the NHL's better teams. And, to be sure, those teams are out there hungrily awaiting them.

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**LaVine's star  
shining brighter  
every day**

Bulls takeaways, **Back Page**

## He pushed down barriers

NFL's first black lineman and a Chicago Cardinal, Slater is going into the Pro Football Hall of Fame

BY PHIL THOMPSON

Fred W. "Duke" Slater finally received a spot in the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Wednesday. The selection thrilled football experts familiar with the hidden history of African Americans in the earliest days of the sport.

Slater, a lineman for the Chicago Cardinals from 1926 to 1931 after stints with the Milwaukee Badgers and Rock Island Independents, was one of 10 players selected as part of the Hall of Fame's "Centennial Slate." Former Bears Jim Covert and Ed Sprinkle



Slater

were among the players who will be inducted Aug. 8 with Slater, who died in 1966.

Slater dominated as a collegian at Iowa before becoming the NFL's first black lineman, and he often was the only non-white player on the field in the 1920s. He was named All-NFL four times as a two-way player, blocking for Hall of Famers such as Ernie Nevers, Jim Thorpe and Jimmy Conzelman and terrorizing offensive backfields as a defensive end.

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# TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

## ESPN should dump Mendoza

Baseball has been rocked by a cheating scandal, and you know what ESPN analyst Jessica Mendoza said “doesn’t sit well with” her and makes her “sad for the sport”?

That former Astros pitcher Mike Fiers told The Athletic about the team’s elaborate system for stealing opposing catchers’ signs and alerting batters when a breaking ball was on the way.

Talk about a Mendoza line no one in baseball should go near. That’s crazy.

The sport’s integrity was compromised, yet Thursday on ESPN’s “Golic and Wingo,” Mendoza said what made her queasy was that Fiers discussed it on the record with reporters Ken Rosenthal (no relation) and Evan Drellich.

Their story precipitated a Major League Baseball investigation that, as of Thursday, has resulted in sanctions against the Astros and cost three managers and a general manager their jobs. But Mendoza thinks Fiers was wrong?

If ESPN was looking for one more excuse to blow up its “Sunday Night Baseball” announcing team, Mendoza gave it to them.

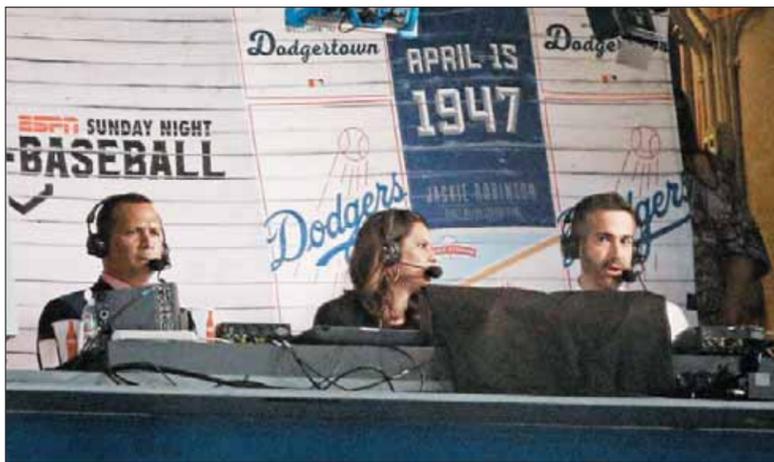
One “SNB” analyst, Alex Rodriguez, cheated as a player. The other, Mendoza, thinks telling reporters about cheating is wrong.

Hard to believe these two haven’t meshed better on telecasts. They both need to go.

This is not a corked bat or spitball we’re talking about. The 2017 World Series champion Astros broke the rules to gain an unfair edge for their batters. They stole and decoded opposing catchers’ signs to pitchers through use of a TV monitor, conveying the information to the dugout by banging on a trashcan.

“If you’re with the Oakland A’s and you’re on another team I mean, heck yeah, you better be telling your teammates, ‘Look, hey, heads-up, if you hear some noises when you’re pitching, this is what’s going on.’ For sure,” Mendoza said to Mike Golic, who merits criticism for failing to challenge her. “But to go public? Yeah, that didn’t sit well with me and, honestly, it made me sad for the sport that that’s how this all got found out.

“I mean, this wasn’t something that MLB naturally investigated or that even other teams complained about because they naturally heard about it and then investigations happened, but it came from within.



Jessica Mendoza, center, criticized Mike Fiers for stepping forward as a whistleblower.

“It was a player that was a part of it but benefited from it during the regular season when he was a part of that team. ... I totally get telling your future teammates, helping them win, letting people know. But to go public with it, call them out and start all of this, it’s hard to swallow.”

It helps not one iota that Mendoza also works for the Mets as a baseball operations adviser, as the Mets have become at least peripherally involved in this scandal through Carlos Beltran.

The commissioner’s report identified Beltran as involved in the Astros’ cheating scheme as a player. He was named the Mets manager on Nov. 4, and his departure from the team was announced Thursday not long after Mendoza’s remarks.

ESPN has never seemed to mind that its announcers have conflicts along these lines. It should. It’s nuts that someone such as David Ross was paid to both work as a supposedly neutral TV analyst and as a Cubs special assistant to baseball operations before going all-in as Cubs manager this offseason.

So ESPN has only itself to blame for feeding viewers viewpoints and suspect rationales that risk appearing compromised, whether they are or not.

Mendoza issued a statement via Twitter after Beltran’s exit in which she sought to clarify her remarks and independence.

“My advisory role with the team does not shape my opinion in any way,” she said in her statement.

Yet she simultaneously drove home even more forcefully that she has no concept what her role as a media figure should entail.

“I believe it’s very critical that this news was made public; I simply disagree with the manner in which that was done,” Mendoza tweeted. “I credit Mike Fiers for stepping forward, yet I feel that going directly through your team and/or MLB first could have been a better way to surface the information.”

ESPN already was said to be moving toward revamping “Sunday Night Baseball,” though the original New York Post report on overhauling its announcing crew curiously said Rodriguez’s job was supposedly safe. There’s no question it merits a major makeover.

Mendoza’s misguided remarks should reduce the flak ESPN executives might face for dropping her from the high-profile prime-time sportscasting gig.

Dump her from “Sunday Night Baseball.” Dump Rodriguez too. Give Matt Vasgersian new partners or blow up the whole booth and start from scratch. Whatever.

Keeping this group intact can’t sit well with viewers. It will just make everyone sad for the sport.

### LET’S PLAY 2

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<b>TENNIS</b>	
1:30 a.m. (Sat.) Adelaide	Tennis

<b>WRESTLING</b>	
8 p.m. Ohio State at Wisconsin	BTN

### RIZZO: THERE’S NO CHEATING ON NORTH SIDE

Anthony Rizzo wanted to make something clear in light of the Astros’ cheating scandal: The Cubs follow Major League Baseball rules. “It’s 100% safe to say that,” Rizzo said. “That’s for sure, on the record.” Rizzo said he supports the penalties being handed out. “(The video cheating is) something that hopefully gets nixed fast. There’s in-game stuff that’s part of the game, but there’s other stuff that seems to take it too far. The commissioner (Rob Manfred) did a good job of handling it.” — Mark Gonzales

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### Chicago Tribune

## Mets, Beltran opt to part ways amid scandal

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carlos Beltran, called out on a curveball again.

So for the second time since they last threw a pitch, the Mets are in the market for a new manager.

Sign of the times.  
Beltran’s 2½-month tenure as Mets manager ended Thursday before he spent a single game on the bench, the latest fallout from the Astros’ sign-stealing scandal that has rocked Major League Baseball.

The Mets announced the decision in a news release, saying Beltran and the team “agreed to mutually part ways.” The move came two days after the Red Sox cut ties with manager Alex Cora, who was the Astros bench coach in 2017 when Beltran played for the Astros.

A day before that, manager AJ Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow were fired by the Astros soon after they were suspended for the 2020 season by Commissioner Rob Manfred for their roles in the cheating scheme.

Next to fall was Beltran, the only Astros player mentioned by name Monday when MLB issued its findings from an investigation into the club’s conduct. No players were disciplined, but the nine-page report said Beltran was among the group involved in the team’s illicit use of electronics to pilfer signs during the Astros’ run to the 2017 World Series championship.

“Over my 20 years in the game, I’ve always taken pride in being a leader and doing things the right way, and in this situation, I failed,” Beltran said in a statement issued through agent Dan Lozano.

“As a veteran player on the team, I should’ve recognized the severity of the issue and truly regret the actions that were taken. I am a man of faith and integrity and what took place did not demonstrate those characteristics that are so very important to me and my family.

“I’m very sorry. It’s not who I am as a father, a husband, a teammate and as an educator. ... I hope that at some point in time, I’ll have the opportunity to return to this game that I love so much.”

Mets general manager Brodie Van Wagenen and Chief Operating Officer Jeff Wilpon met with MLB deputy commissioner Dan Halem and Bryan Seeley, who headed the investigation, on Wednesday morning in New York, then with Beltran at the team’s spring training complex in Florida on Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

“Considering the circumstances, it became clear to all parties that it was not in anyone’s best interest for Carlos to move forward as manager of the New York Mets,” Van Wagenen and Wilpon said in a statement.



GREGORY BULL/AP

Carlos Beltran’s first managerial job ended before it even really began.

“We believe that Carlos was honest and forthcoming with us. We are confident that this will not be the final chapter in his baseball career.”

On a later conference call, Wilpon said the team had heard in advance “from sources” that Beltran wasn’t going to be suspended by MLB.

“I think the change was when the report did come out, how prominent he was in it,” Wilpon said.

The commissioner’s office didn’t pressure the Mets to fire Beltran, Wilpon said, telling executives it was the club’s decision.

“This has been a difficult week. Make no mistake, it’s been difficult for everyone involved,” Van Wagenen said.

“When we met with Carlos, we had to make an assessment of, where do we go from here? And in Carlos’ thought process as well as ours, we both agreed that it was going to be incredibly challenging and incredibly difficult to do the job in a way in which he intended and the way in which he could utilize the best of his abilities.”

The Mets said they will consider a number of internal and external candidates to be their next manager, and they hope to choose one soon.

With spring training less than a month away, there isn’t much time to pick a successor. Options could include new bench coach Hensley Meulens and ESPN analyst Eduardo Perez, who interviewed for the job last fall.

The 42-year-old Beltran, with no managerial experience, was hired to replace Mickey Callaway as Mets skipper on Nov. 1. The former Mets slugger was given a three-year contract with a club option for 2023 and introduced three days later during a news conference at Citi Field.

■ A source confirmed Thursday night that the Cubs granted permission to the Astros to interview third-base coach Will Venable for their managerial opening. Venable, 37, served as the Cubs’ first-base and outfield coach for the last two seasons following a nine-year playing career. — Mark Gonzales

## CUBS



# Some key positions still need addressing

BY MARK GONZALES

Cubs President Theo Epstein warned as recently as five weeks ago at the winter meetings that the Cubs might not alter their roster much this offseason.

"We're not going to force anything," Epstein said. "We're not going to make change for change sake."

Nevertheless, several positions are expected to be addressed, perhaps as soon as an arbitrator rules on a Kris Bryant's service-time grievance.

In the meantime, here's a look at the positions in question:

## 1. Starting pitching

The expectation is that the Cubs will get at least one top prospect in any trade involving Bryant. For now, the rotation consists of Yu Darvish, Kyle Hendricks, Jon Lester and Jose Quintana.

Tyler Chatwood improved enough last year to earn a shot at the fifth spot, but Alec Mills, Colin Rea, Adalberto Alzola and Jharel Cotton will get extended looks.

Alzola and Cotton could be candidates for long relief.

## 2. Second base

This is a crowded position, even after the Cubs traded Tony Kemp to the Athletics on Monday.

If the Cubs don't acquire a bona fide everyday second baseman, rookie Nico Hoerner could share playing time with a productive left-handed hitter.

Daniel Descalso, 33, is coming off an injury-plagued, unproductive 2019 season and is guaranteed \$2.5 million. Epstein praised Descalso after the season for his mentoring and leadership behind the scenes, but the Cubs need him to hit.

Switch hitter Robel Garcia, who played 46 games for Aguilas in the Dominican Winter League, desperately needs to improve on his 56.6% contact rate of 2019.

David Bote is another possibility at second, but he could get more time at third if Bryant is dealt. He hit better against right-handed pitchers (.271) than left-handers (.218) last season.

Left-handed hitter Carlos Asuaje, signed to a minor-league contract, is a long shot.



Tyler Chatwood, top, will have to battle for a rotation spot. Nico Hoerner, above, is a platoon option at second base.

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## 3. Center field

The Cubs are hoping for a revival from Albert Almora Jr., who suddenly couldn't hit left-handers last year. And his average on batted balls in play dipped to .255.

Laying off pitchers' preferred pitches early in counts will be key to Almora bouncing back.

Switch hitter Ian Happ showed improvement after returning from Triple-A Iowa in late July, slightly reducing his strikeout rate to 25%. He could play a larger role if he can keep up his improved contact rate (71.1%).

Jason Heyward played center field for most of the second half, but he appears set to return to right, barring the highly unlikely re-signing of Nicholas Castellanos.

The leadoff spot could hinge on the Cubs' second-base and center-field plans.

## 4. Bullpen

The Cubs loaded up on low-cost options this offseason.

The sleeper could be Dan Winkler, who has struck out 115 in 100 1/3 innings over parts of five seasons with the Braves but has been hampered by elbow injuries.

Former closer Brandon Morrow was re-signed to a minor-league deal and could assist Rowan Wick with late-inning duties if he's fully healthy for the first time in 20 months.

Rule 5 selection Trevor Megill will get an extended look. Ryan Tepera, who pitched parts of the last five seasons with the Blue Jays, has one minor-league option. Duane Underwood prospered after a move from starter to reliever but is out of options.

From the left side, C.D. Pelham could benefit from a change of scenery after the Cubs claimed him off waivers from the Rangers.

Brad Wieck limited right-handed batters to a .183 batting average and could provide a mid-inning complement to Kyle Ryan with new rules requiring a reliever to face at least three batters.

# Rickettses won't duck questions

Bloom of 2016 championship fading after nonplayoff season



PAUL SULLIVAN  
On the Cubs

Cubs co-owner Laura Ricketts insisted she and her siblings are not ducking fans or the media by ditching their question-and-answer session at the Cubs Convention.

"No, I'm here with you," Ricketts said Thursday after a Cubs

Charities event in Ravenswood Manor. "Tom gets exposed to the media a lot."

"It's so funny when people say Tom is trying to duck the media or the fans because he walks the ballpark every single game. He has to be one of the most available owners in the league to our fans, and he'll be walking around at the convention."

Most or all of the four Ricketts siblings who own the Cubs — Laura, Tom, Pete and Todd — have held court at the convention during the first decade of the family's ownership. They gladly accepted the thanks of many Cubs fans at the '17 convention after the 2016 championship.

But that seems like eons ago now. They canceled their convention panel last year amid the Addison Russell controversy, following an offseason lacking in free-agent spending.

This year they'd probably face some of the same questions about the Cubs payroll, not to mention rumors of trading popular third baseman Kris Bryant, or Todd Ricketts' role in the reelection campaign of President Donald Trump. It's easier to just say no.

"I know a lot of people make a big deal of the fact that we don't do our panel, which we really enjoy," Laura Ricketts said. "But we were like the lowest-rated panel. A lot of people come to it, I think, because there's nothing else going on maybe."

"But I told Tom we should just do it anyway next year."

In the meantime, Laura confirmed she and Tom will make a guest appearance Friday night on Ryan Dempster's faux late-night talk show, answering questions from the former pitcher and current Cubs employee.

But whether Dempster will bring the heat remains to be seen. After all, his talk show could be a regular part of Marquee Sports Network programming, and Dempster will be interviewing his bosses. Will a front-office employee ask the owners why the front office isn't spending any money? Tune in or tune out.

Laura said they're looking forward to the appearance, adding "it seems like (fans ask) the same questions every year, largely."

That's partly true. Cubs fans have been asking about bringing back Sammy Sosa and the team not spending enough money since before the Ricketts family bought the Cubs.

First and foremost, most Cubs fans are wondering whether they'll be able to watch the games on TV, as there has been no announcement on a deal between Marquee and some local cable companies, including Comcast.

"I don't think anyone should worry at this point," she said. "There's a lot of moving parts with regards to carriage (fees). Obviously everyone wants to get the best deal they can. We don't want fans to have to pay a lot of money to be able to see the Cubs."

"We just want it to be reasonable. It'll happen. We have some time."

After decades of epic fails by the Wrigleys, Tribune Co. and Sam Zell, the Rickettses took over in 2010 and eventually put in a game plan that succeeded, thanks mostly to the hiring of President Theo Epstein in 2011. When the sale of the team was going through, I asked Tom Ricketts whether the recent owners had done enough to win.

"I really don't have anything critical to say about the Tribune (Co.), obviously," he said. "The fact is the team has won a lot of games over the past few years and that the Tribune certainly gave them enough financial flexibility to put the right team on the field. I think the Tribune worked hard in trying to make us a winner. I think family ownership is going to be a better answer for the team in the long run, but I have nothing critical to say about the Tribune."

Everyone was glad to see Tribune Co. and Zell go, and the Rickettses accomplished what they set out to do. But now they're facing the same skepticism as their predecessors.

Epstein is trying to keep the payroll under the \$208 million luxury-tax threshold after the Cubs paid around \$7 million in taxes last year. They face more substantial penalties if they exceed the threshold in back-to-back seasons. But with all the new revenue streams created over the last few years with the Wrigley renovation, why shouldn't the Cubs just bust the budget to give them a better chance to win?

"Yeah, we have some new revenue streams, but everything we make goes back into the team," Laura said.

Laura said she was optimistic about 2020 because of the returning talent and new manager David Ross, who she believes will "add an incredible dimension to the clubhouse."

Still, she and her brothers must realize there's a growing disconnect with a fan base that no longer is content with simply contending.

"Obviously everyone is disappointed about the end of last year," she said. "There's no hiding that, no sugarcoating that. But we still have a lot to be excited about, to look forward to."

# Happ ready to be as versatile as he can

Utilityman hoping to carry momentum of strong '19 finish

BY MARK GONZALES

Ian Happ left the warmth of Austin, Texas, to participate in a charity golf event Wednesday night in Chicago before attending this weekend's Cubs Convention.

While the Cubs have been largely dormant this offseason, Happ said he has prepared for any role under new manager David Ross.

"It's always how I've played, especially in Chicago," Happ said before his Fore the Kids event at Five Iron Golf in River North to support the First Tee of Greater Chicago. "My body is ready. I'm ready for whatever they want me to be and (to) be as versatile as I have to."

Happ said he hasn't dwelled on the team's lack of moves, echoing the sentiment of President Theo Epstein that the Cubs still have plenty of talent after failing to reach the playoffs for the first time since 2014.

"No matter (what the front office) does, we'll have a good product out there, and all of us are excited about it," Happ said.

Happ believes the improvements he made in the final two months of 2019 after a humbling stint at Triple-A Iowa will serve as a springboard to the success the

Cubs envisioned when they selected him in the first round of the 2015 draft.

"Strikeouts were down, the walks and power were still there," said Happ, who trimmed his strikeout rate from 36.1% to 25%, raised his contact rate from 66.5% to 71.1% and posted a career-high .564 slugging percentage.

"That's what I was searching for, that balance where I was putting the ball in play when I needed to and still being able to drive the ball and still have those on-base and (slugging) numbers. It came together, and I want to build on that."

Barring a late trade, Happ stands a chance to regain the starting center-field duties he lost in 2018 with competition from Albert Almora Jr. He also might get a look at third base if Kris Bryant is dealt or second base.

Shortly after signing with the Cubs, Happ sought an offseason residence where he could do his baseball training outside in the morning and play golf in the afternoon. The Pittsburgh native settled in Austin.

"It really doesn't get much better than that," Happ said.

The same could be said of his fundraiser's mission to provide an opportunity for more kids to play golf.



Happ

Keith Happ, Ian's late father, was a longtime USGA Green Section agronomist who served on the board of the First Tee of Pittsburgh. Happ became more determined to get involved after attending a First Tee event two years ago as the guest of Luke Donald, the former world No. 1 golfer who went to Northwestern.

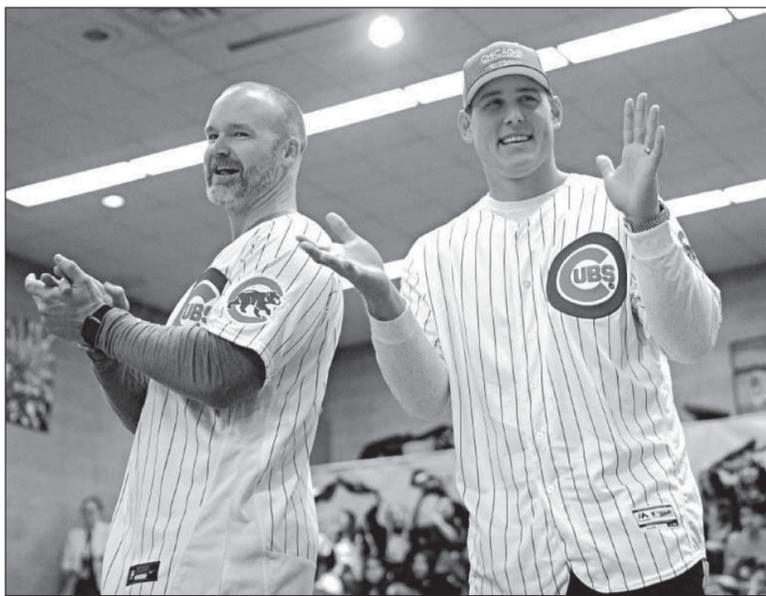
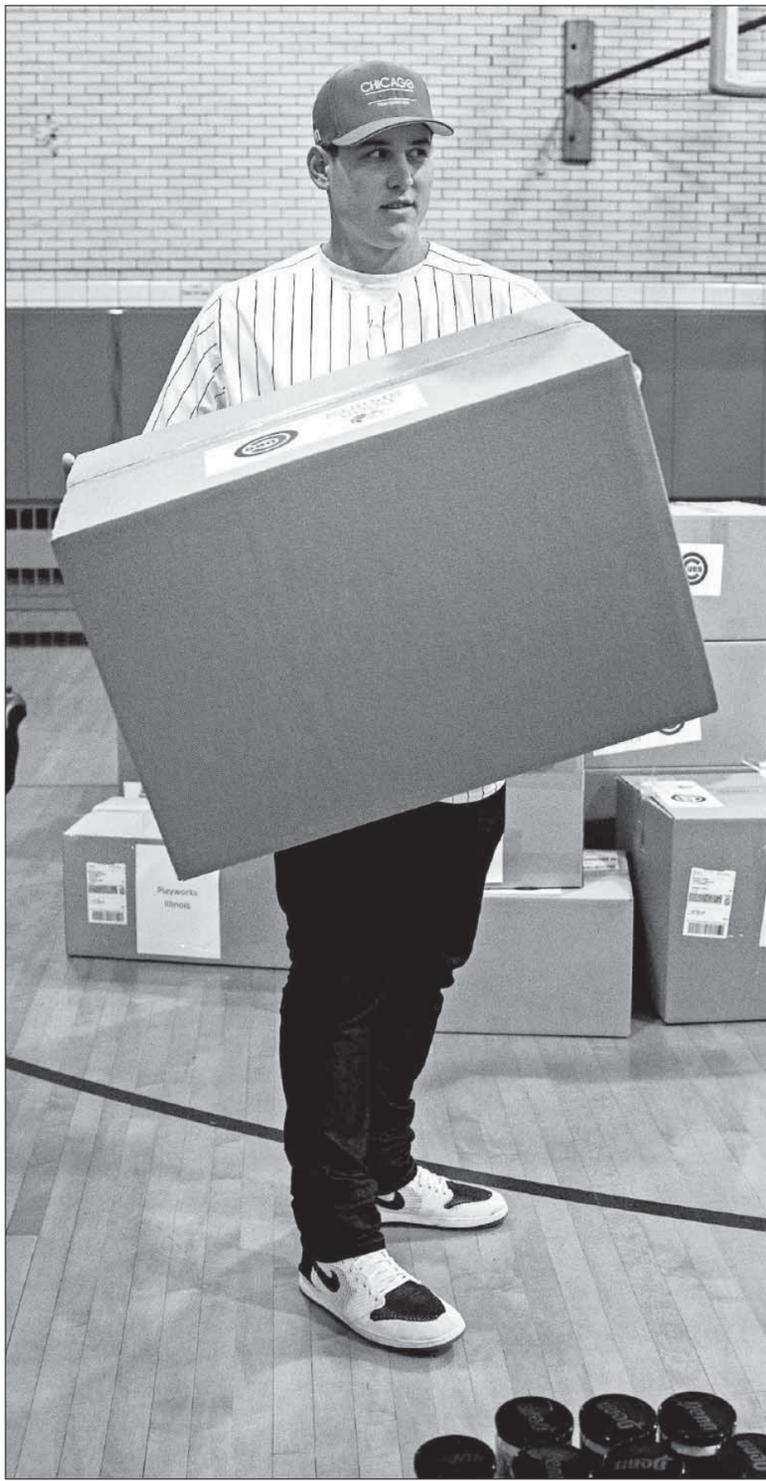
"I wanted to give back to greater Chicago, and to be able to do it through an organization that is making an impact in helping kids," said Happ, who hopes more Chicago professional athletes will get involved, especially those who have a passion for golf. "The core values I learned from my dad on the golf course about honesty, integrity and perseverance, it's something I strongly believe in."

"The two things I want to focus on with my work (are) mental health and wellness. This covers both — teaching good mental habits as well as getting kids active."

Happ drew parallels between baseball and golf.

"It takes a lot of patience and a lot of failure," said Happ, stressing that the First Tee's primary goal is to make better human beings. "It's helping kids and being able to teach them skills they can use in business and their future."

## CUBS



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## Cubs pitching in off the field to give back to community

Cubs manager David Ross, left, and first baseman Anthony Rizzo clap on stage for students during the Cubs Community Service Day on Thursday at Horace Greeley Public School in Chicago.

## Rizzo

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But Rizzo is aware of the business side of baseball, with the Cubs facing the possibility that All-Star shortstop Javier Baez, Bryant and Rizzo could become free agents after 2021 with several needs to address and currently no wiggle room to stay under the competitive-balance salary threshold unless they deal a prime player such as Bryant and his \$18.6 million salary in 2020.

After learning that the Cubs tabled extension talks, Rizzo preferred to keep his feelings "in-house."

"I've stated how much I love this place," Rizzo said. "It's like home to me and my wife and family. But this is a business. I said this in August. It's as cutthroat as ever right now. We're talking about trading the 2016 MVP (Bryant) who has done a lot for this franchise. It's a whole different ballgame we're working with right now."

The Cubs have tendered contract extensions to several young stars over the last few winters, with only pitcher Kyle Hendricks (four years, \$55.5 million) agreeing to a deal last spring.

The Cubs hold a team-friendly \$16.5 million option on Rizzo for 2021, and he understands why many of his teammates would decline signing a long-term deal.

"You're having guys who haven't seen Triple A yet getting \$60 million guaranteed," Rizzo said. "A couple good years in this league will get you a lot, a lot of money.

You block that out as a player when you get on the field, but this is our living too."

Rizzo has maintained a friendly relationship with team President Theo Epstein dating to their days with the Red Sox organization in 2007, and Rizzo understands the stalemate isn't personal.

"It would be naive of us players to not know that they have a business to run," Rizzo said. "And we're part of their business and a part of that too."

"We're players. We know this game doesn't really know any names. We're just another piece to the puzzle. If I'm not playing first base, someone else will be. That's the way it is."

Bryant is expected to meet the media before the convention's opening ceremony Friday night at the Sheraton Grand Chicago. Rizzo said the third baseman is in "a good place" after a trip to Hawaii and with his first child due in April.

Bryant's trade value will become clearer after an arbitrator rules on a grievance that will decide whether he can become a free agent after 2020 or 2021.

For now, Ross is operating as if his roster will remain intact — including Bryant.

"I'm always going to love that guy, whether he's a Cub or puts on a different uni," Ross said. "That's how baseball works sometimes. Right now he's on my team, and I'm excited about it."

"If KB gets traded, if (Kyle) Schwarber gets traded, those are things I'm not privy to in conversation. I plan on going to spring training with Anthony Rizzo, Kris Bryant, Kyle Schwarber, Jon Lester, Yu Darvish."

## NFL

## Mariota still finds ways to impact Titans' run

Former starting QB leading scout team since benching

By TERESA M. WALKER  
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Titans benched Marcus Mariota for Ryan Tannehill in mid-October after a 2-4 start. Finding the No. 2 pick overall from the 2015 draft isn't that hard during their amazing playoff run.

Just keep an eye on the field.

The Titans (11-7) have gotten Mariota into each of their last three games with him completing a pass in two games while going out for a pass just last week. Coach Mike Vrabel makes clear they plan to keep tapping him as long as he's still on the roster.

"Well, we just like to try to have a role for everybody that's active in the game," Vrabel said. "And Marcus not only had a role in the game, but will continue to have a role in the game. He helped us prepare last week. I know that he'll do the same thing this week."

"He's been very supportive of Ryan, so we'll keep finding ways for him to help us during the games."

Mariota had a 92.3 passer rating during the regular season with seven touchdown passes and only two interceptions before being pulled in the third quarter of a 16-0 road loss to the Broncos on Oct. 13.

The Titans switched to Tannehill looking for more output on offense, and they averaged 30.4 points the rest of the regular season.

That's left Mariota running the scout team, and he's helped by pretending to be Deshaun Watson, Tom Brady, Lamar Jackson and now defending NFL MVP Patrick Mahomes in practice as the Titans prepare to visit the Chiefs (13-4) on Sunday in the AFC championship game.

"I take every single day and I try to make the most of it," Mariota said Wednesday before practice.

"We have a great defense, and for me, it's an opportunity to get better. Anyway I can help this team and try to mimic or emulate what these guys are during the game, I'm going to do it. I'm just going to try to help our guys out."

That's not all Mariota has done.

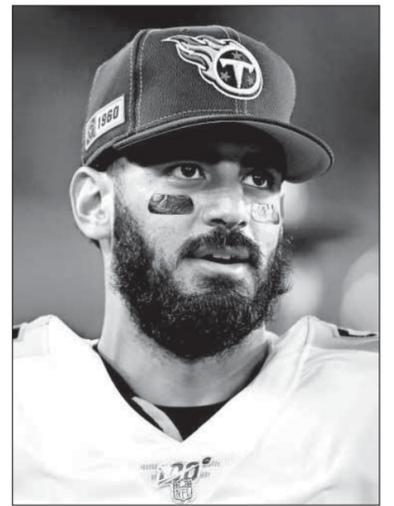
Mariota wound up on the field in the regular-season finale against the Texans, throwing a 24-yard pass to rookie A.J. Brown.

"He told me (during) the week he was going to throw me the ball if he checked it," Brown said.

"I knew the ball was coming to me. He told me to score, and I was kind of gassed at the moment. I was kind of down I didn't score on that play."

Mariota also came on the field in Foxborough, Massachusetts, during the Titans' 20-13 wild-card win over the Patriots. He completed a 4-yard pass to tight end MyCole Pruitt on the eighth play of the Titans' opening drive.

Coming in for one play and one throw isn't what Mariota had been used to having started 61 of 63 games since the 2014



MADDIE MEYER/GETTY

QB Marcus Mariota, above, was benched in favor of Ryan Tannehill in October.

### NFL PLAYOFFS: CHAMPIONSHIPS



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#2 Packers at  
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Miami Gardens, Florida  
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FOX-32

Heisman Trophy winner was drafted out of Oregon.

"It's different for me for sure, but I appreciate the fact that I get to be out there with the guys," Mariota said.

"Every single time, every single moment that you're on the field I never take it for granted."

And he might've scored against the Ravens last week in the divisional round if only Derrick Henry hadn't thrown into triple coverage to Corey Davis with his jump pass. Mariota was wide open out to the right, but Davis always was the intended target.

Chiefs coach Andy Reid remembers well Mariota leading the Titans to a 22-21 wild-card win on Jan. 6, 2018, when he even caught his own pass. So Reid is well aware that the Titans can use Mariota as another option.

"That's one of the benefits to having him there," Reid said. "He's a Heisman winner, he can run the ball, he can throw the ball. He's a good football player. You've got to be ready for that."

Mariota earned \$20.9 million this season with the Titans picking up the fifth-year option on his rookie contract. With Tannehill and the Titans thriving together, Mariota will be a free agent March 18 with a new team in his future. Mariota says he's focusing only on one day at a time.

"If I can just be present here and help our guys out, help this team out, everything else will fall into place," Mariota said.

### NFL NOTES

## Misdemeanor arrest warrant issued for Browns' Beckham

News services

A misdemeanor simple battery warrant has been issued for Browns wide receiver and former LSU star Odell Beckham Jr., police in New Orleans said Thursday.

The warrant comes as video posted on social media appears to show Beckham swatting a security officer's buttocks during LSU's locker room victory celebration after Monday night's college national championship game in the Superdome.

"We are aware of the incident and have been in touch with Odell and his representatives on the matter," the Browns said in a statement. "They are cooperating with authorities to appropriately address the situation."

LSU players were seen smoking cigars — forbidden in the Superdome — in pictures from the Monday night celebration. Authorities reportedly warned them they could face arrest.

In a 27-second video available on Twitter, a security officer is seen standing over an LSU player sitting on a locker room bench. The officer appears to be searching around the bench and pointing to the floor. He can be heard talking about a "burn mark" just before Beckham approaches him from behind and appears to swat his backside.

The arrest warrant follows another post-game controversy involving Beckham.

LSU has acknowledged contacting officials from the NCAA and SEC about Beckham apparently handing out cash to Tigers players on the field after the national championship game.

LSU athletics spokesman Michael Bonnette said initial information suggested that Beckham handed out "novelty bills" to players after LSU defeated Clemson on Monday night. However, further investigation showed that Beckham may have given away real money, Bonnette said earlier this week.

"We were in contact with the NCAA and the SEC immediately upon learning of this situation in which some of our student-

athletes may have been placed in a compromising position," Bonnette said.

**Agent cuts ties with Brown:** Drew Rosenhaus is breaking up with Antonio Brown.

The agent who's stood by the former All-Pro receiver amid his numerous off-field conflicts and incidents over the past year and change conditionally cut ties with his client, ESPN reported.

The move comes a couple of days after Brown's dispute with the mother of some of his children went viral. In a video Brown posted to Instagram, he can be heard yelling profanities at the woman and police who responded to the scene of the disturbance at his Florida residence.

It's far from the only time Brown has made news in recent months. Last March, the Steelers traded him to the Raiders after he skipped practices before the team's 2018 season finale and his relationship with teammates including quarterback Ben Roethlisberger soured.

The Raiders, likewise, cut Brown before the start of the 2019 season following his confrontation with general manager Mike Mayock.

Browns then signed with the Patriots and played one game for them before they, too, cut him after a sexual misconduct lawsuit was filed against him Sept. 10. He has been out of football since.

**Browns accelerate GM search:** With Vikings offensive coordinator Kevin Stefanski on board as their new coach, the Browns have accelerated the search for a general manager.

They will interview Patriots director of college scouting Monti Ossenfort, The AP reported.

Ossenfort, who has been with the Patriots for 15 seasons, will talk with the Browns on Friday.

The Browns will also meet Friday with Eagles VP of football operations Andrew Berry, and intend to interview Vikings VP of player personnel/assistant GM George Paton at some point.

## PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

## Karras finally gets Hall call

Ex-Lions star was greatest defensive lineman from Gary

By MIKE HUTTON  
Post-Tribune

Alex Karras finally made it the Pro Football Hall of Fame on his terms.

Karras was elected Wednesday to the Hall of Fame as one of 15 members of the Centennial Slate. A panel of voters selected 10 senior-era players to be enshrined in Canton, Ohio, this summer.

A 1954 Emerson High School graduate, Karras was the greatest defensive linemen ever from Gary.

A four-time Pro Bowler with the Lions (1960-62, 1965), Karras was selected by the NFL to the All-Decade team in the 1960s. He died in 2012.

Karras likely would've been inducted as soon as he was eligible had he publicly apologized for gambling on NFL games when he played. Karras was suspended for the 1963 season, along with the Packers' Paul Hornung, for betting.

His nephew Tony Karras said Alex Karras told him Paul Hornung "made restitution to the league. I didn't."

Ted Karras Jr., also Alex Karras' nephew,



VERNON BIEVER/GETTY

Alex Karras, who died in 2012, will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

said he got choked up when his uncle's name was called on television Wednesday.

He said Alex Karras was one that "never cared for the accolades. He just loved playing football. He would've been proud. Obviously, this is the biggest one you can get."

His brother Paul Karras told the Post-Tribune in Alex Karras' 2012 obituary that the gambling incident had kept him out of the Hall of Fame. Alex Karras refused to apologize.

"He loved to gamble," Paul Karras said in a 2012 interview. "That was part of the Greek in him. He always bet on his own team. He never would retract that. He probably should've shown some humility, but he didn't. I think anything he did after that was wrong. I'm sure that kept him out of the Hall of Fame."

Tony Karras said Alex Karras would've appreciated being inducted.

"He would've been touched," Tony Karras said. "He didn't care about awards. He didn't even pick up his Outland Trophy (which he won in 1957). He played all the time. In all those pictures, his face is bloodied. It was a tough time. He started to appreciate it when he got older."

Alex Karras' daughter Carolyn Karras told the Detroit Free Press she was overwhelmed by his induction.

"He deserved to go in," she told the Free Press. "It's just that I never thought that he'd go in. I really didn't. And I thought, yeah, this year, if he doesn't do it this year, I don't think he's probably going to go."

Earl Smith, a 1952 Gary Roosevelt graduate who played with Karras for two seasons at Iowa, said it's about time.

"He deserved to be in a long time ago," Smith said. "He was a great player and a friend. I don't know of anyone more

deserving than him."

Billy Gravel, a 1955 Hobart graduate who also played with Karras at Iowa, was happy that he was finally getting his due.

"It's well deserved," he said. "He was one of the greatest players I ever played against."

Karras was a four-time all-state selection at Emerson, where he also played basketball and threw the shot put.

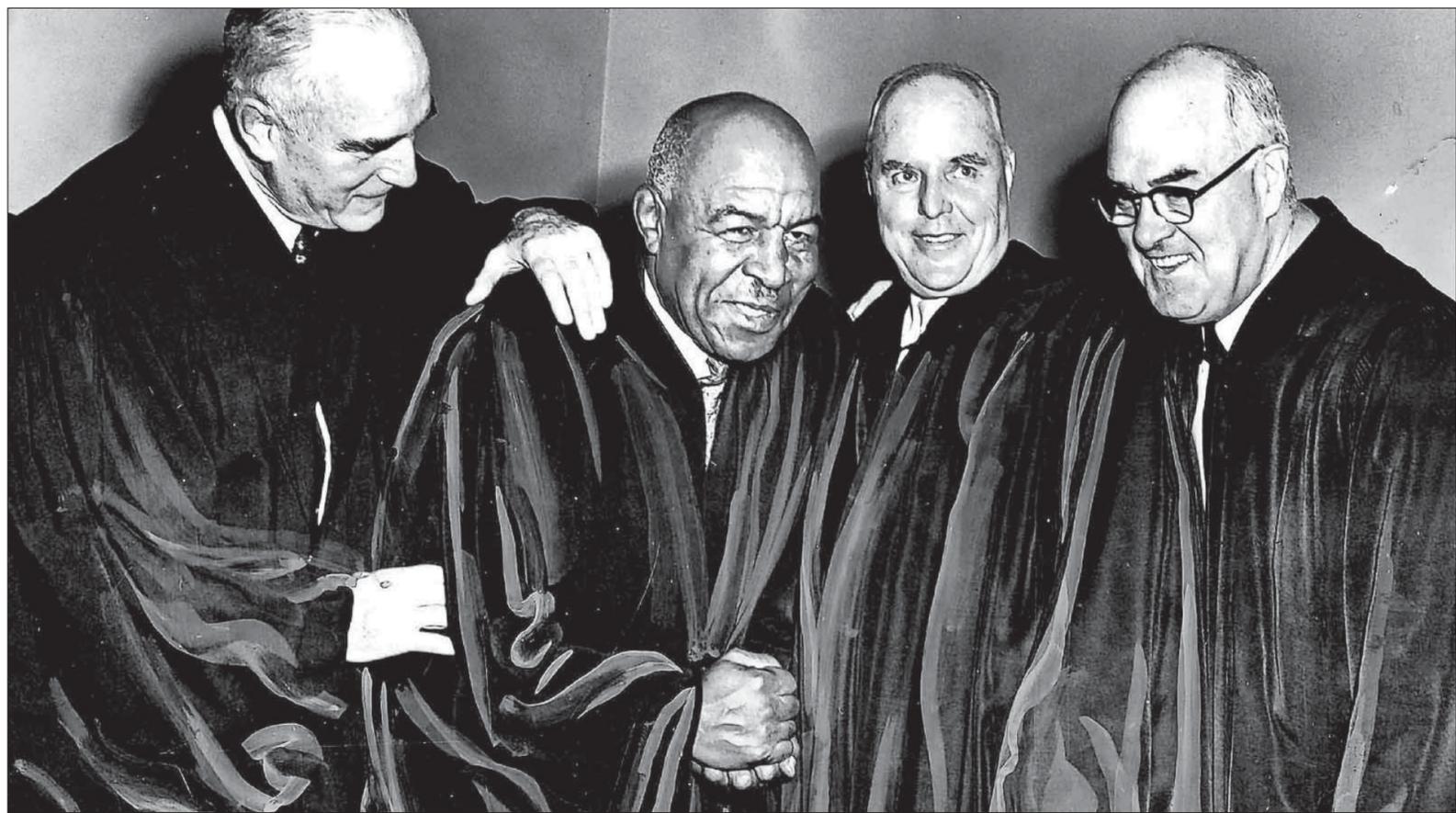
He led Iowa to the Big Ten title in 1956. The Hawkeyes beat Ohio State 6-0 to clinch first place, with Karras ending the game with a sack on the final play.

He won the Outland Trophy, awarded to the best lineman in the country, in 1957, and he finished second in the Heisman Trophy voting.

He was selected by the Lions with the 10th pick in the 1958 NFL draft. The sack didn't become an NFL statistic until 1982, but historian John Turney of Pro Football Journal estimates Karras finished with 100-110 sacks.

Karras started 153 straight games for the Lions over a 12-year period. He finished with 17 fumble recoveries, four interceptions and a safety.

After his playing days, Karras worked as a sportscaster and an actor, starring in "Blazing Saddles," and the ABC sitcom "Webster."



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Former Chicago Cardinals lineman Fred W. "Duke" Slater, second from left, who played at Iowa, poses with three other former football players who became judges.

## Slater

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After his football career, Slater became an attorney on the South Side and the first black judge to serve on the Cook County Superior Court.

Jeremi Duru, legal counsel to the Fritz Pollard Alliance advocacy group, marveled at Slater's body of work.

"To be able to play at that high of a level, last as long as he did under those hostile circumstances, and then ... while you're in the National Football League, you get a law degree, and then go on to become an attorney, and then become a judge, particularly in that pre-Civil Rights era, it's really unfathomable and extraordinary," Duru said.

"If there was an All-Around Accomplishment Hall of Fame, then Duke Slater should be in that as well."

Slater was a posthumous Pro Football Hall of Fame finalist in 1970 and '71 and was bypassed by the Seniors Committee until his 58th year of eligibility. His plight mostly was due to a general lack of awareness of lesser-known players from his era.

Pollard, the Chicago native and halfback who became the first black player in the NFL — then called the American Professional Football Association — in 1920 and its first black coach the next year, was inducted to the Hall in 2005. Several historians argued Slater's contributions as a pioneer for black football players and coaches were just as significant.

"(Pollard's) more than deserving of being in there," said Neal Rozendaal, a fellow Iowa alumnus who wrote a biography about Slater in 2012. "But when you look at their careers as a player, there's no question Duke Slater was sort of the greatest (African American) player of his era."

"You kind of hoped he would get in shortly after (Pollard), but it still took another 15 years before Duke finally got his call. But he got his call today."

John Wooten, who retired last year as chairman of the Fritz Pollard Alliance, said Slater's path was doubly difficult because black players generally weren't allowed to play on the line.

"For years and years early on, there were no (black) guards and centers in the National Football League because they thought it was a 'thinking man's position,' OK? This is where Duke Slater comes in," said Wooten, a two-time Pro Bowl guard who played for the Browns and Redskins in 1959-68.

"Not only does he have the quickness, the running ability, the physicality of the position, but he is also very bright. And this

**"They talked about Fordham's famous Seven Blocks of Granite in the mid-1930s, and what a line that was. Well, Slater was a One Man Line a decade before that. Seven Blocks of Granite? He was the Rock of Gibraltar."**

— George Halas, in 1966, on Duke Slater

is why he was so special."

Wooten estimated there may be seven offensive linemen in today's NFL who possess Slater's all-around skill set.

"Some are good straight-ahead blockers, but I'm talking about being able to pull out of there and lead and blow guys off the line of scrimmage with quickness, agility and balance," he said. "That's what Duke Slater had."

Slater excelled as a defender too.

"It would look like a ball carrier was out of reach," Rozendaal said, "and all of a sudden his arm would reach out and he would grab a player with one hand and just sling him to the ground. He was just an incredibly dominant lineman."

Slater was born in Normal, Ill., the son of a minister. His grandfather, "Big George," was a masseur at the Palmer House.

Tribune columnist Dave Condon wrote in August 1966, after Slater died at 67 of stomach cancer: "As a boy he frequently played prairie football at Racine Avenue and 61st Street. The Chicago Cardinals sprang from that neighborhood later."

It was during that time Slater had a dog named "Duke," which is where most friends and contemporaries believe he picked up his nickname.

Slater played for Iowa's Clinton High School, which at the time didn't furnish players with shoes or a helmet, and his parents could afford only one item.

He chose the shoes. A 1935 Tribune illustration noted, "Duke of Slater, who wore a 14 1/2 FF shoe, has the widest foot the Big Ten conference has known."

He kept playing without a helmet and was said to "disdain the use of the headgear," according to Tribune archives.

Former teammate Burt Ingwersen told the Tribune's Condon about a trip to Aurora, where a white crowd approached Slater after the game.

"They were going to be rough," Ingwersen said. "I guess they weren't accustomed to seeing a great Negro athlete."

"Duke backed against a big tree. He invited them at him, one at a time. You should have heard the crowd change; from howlers to cheerers. Duke could sure win friends."

Slater's father allowed him to quit school for a brief time and got him a job cutting ice on the Mississippi River in the winter, according to various reports and biographies. Soon after he returned to school with designs on going to college.

Slater played tackle for the Hawkeyes from 1918 to '21. In his final season Iowa went 7-0 and beat Knute Rockne's Notre Dame team, which was riding a 20-game winning streak. A statue was erected at Kinnick Stadium in August depicting Slater blocking three Fighting Irish players in that game, clearing the way for a Gordon Locke touchdown run. Slater was named All-Big Ten three times.

Slater split his 1922 rookie year between the Milwaukee Badgers, with Pollard and Paul Robeson as teammates, and the Rock Island Independents, with whom he played until joining the Cardinals in 1926. He stayed with the South Side team until 1931.

Back then, the Bears and Cardinals had a North Side-South Side rivalry similar to the Cubs and White Sox.

Slater was one of the blockers for Nevers when the running back obliterated the Bears, scoring six touchdowns in a 40-6 win on Nov. 28, 1929.

NFL and Bears founder George Halas paid homage to Slater in a 1966 Tribune article after Slater died.

"In the old Cardinals-Bears games, I learned it was absolutely useless to run against Slater's side of the Cardinal line. They talked about Fordham's famous Seven Blocks of Granite in the mid-1930s, and what a line that was. Well, Slater was a One Man Line a decade before that," Halas told the Tribune.

"Seven Blocks of Granite? He was the Rock of Gibraltar."

Rozendaal said: "Physically he was a dominant player. Today you say he was 215 pounds and that seems small. But in his day, he was always one of the largest players on the field."

"Obviously, with his background as an African American, to make a living, he had done a lot of hard-labor jobs hauling concrete and hauling brick and shoveling gravel. He was a chiseled, muscular force. So other teams would send two or three opposing linemen his way to try to keep him out of the play."

Slater hardly ever came off the field, playing 60 minutes the majority of games.

While Slater was recognized as a great player, NFL owners did not want black players in their league. As players such as

Slater and Pollard ended their careers, they were not being replaced by other African Americans. Finally, the owners instituted an unwritten ban on black players from 1934 to 1946.

"It took extraordinary will to hold out," Duru said. "It wasn't just that they were being excluded by a formal ban or an informal ban. In addition, they were attacked on the field. It was just a brutal existence."

"Pollard, who was of course smaller than Duke, had this way of, after being tackled, immediately flipping on his back and (putting) his feet in a way above him that would ward off people coming and trying to pile up on him and injure him."

"So you can imagine that trying to play a game, and excel at a game, while at the same time protect yourself physically from racist attacks, must have just been grueling."

Rozendaal agreed that Slater "was surely a target for some rough play given his status as an African American."

After his NFL career, Slater coached at Douglass High School in Oklahoma City and later organized barnstorming teams for black players, such as the Negro All-Stars, Chicago Brown Bombers, Chicago Comets and Chicago Panthers.

Slater played football while pursuing his law degree, which he earned in 1928 by passing the Iowa bar. He passed the Illinois bar the next year.

He started a practice in Chicago and became an assistant district attorney and assistant Illinois commerce commissioner. Slater was elected Chicago's second black judge in 1948, receiving 960,000 votes.

In a 1955 Tribune article following his reelection to the bench in 1954, it was noted that "never has a decision ... been reversed by the appellate court."

In 1960, Slater became the first black judge to serve on the Superior Court of Chicago. Four years later, he was appointed to the newly formed Circuit Court of Cook County.

Warren Wolfson, a judge and DePaul professor, said Slater was well-liked and respected in Chicago legal circles.

"My memory of him is he was a very gentle soul," Wolfson said.

Several of Slater's supporters say he evokes comparisons to another Pro Football Hall of Famer who became a judge, former Vikings defensive tackle and Minnesota Supreme Court associate justice Alan Page, who finished his career with the Bears from 1978 to '81.

"What's amazing is he used football as a springboard to other things in his life," Rozendaal said of Slater. "He wasn't remorseful or regretful about anything."

**COLLEGES**



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**LOYOLA 64, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS 48**

# Ramblers roll over SIU

Newcomers helped Loyola pull away from Southern Illinois for a 64-48 victory Thursday night at Gentile Arena, moving the Ramblers into a tie for first place in the Missouri Valley Conference. Freshman Marquise Kennedy scored 17 points off the bench, while transfers Tate Hall (16 points) and Keith Clemons (13 points) were major contributors for the Ramblers (12-6), who pulled even with idle Northern Iowa and Bradley at 4-1 in conference play. Leading by five at halftime, Loyola used an 11-0 run over seven-plus minutes for a 51-36 advantage. The Salukis fell to 8-10, 2-3. For more coverage, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

## Former Illini, Simeon forward Williams transfers to DePaul

BY SHANNON RYAN

Former Illinois forward DJ Williams has transferred from George Washington to DePaul.

Williams, a Chicago native who played at Simeon, is allowed to play immediately as a

graduate transfer. He can play the remainder of the season before exhausting his eligibility.

Williams averaged 13.7 points and 4.7 rebounds last season, his only season at George Washington, averaging 33 minutes per game. He started his career at Illinois with high expectations as a four-star recruit.

He played two seasons but averaged only 2.2 points in less than 20 minutes per game.

He was ranked as the No. 77 overall recruit by 247Sports' composite ranking as part of the 2015 class.

DePaul (12-5, 0-4 Big East) plays No. 5 Butler on Saturday at Wintrust Arena.

**SOCCER**

# Red Stars acquire Hill, draft 5 players

Plenty of happenings in trade-filled NWSL draft

BY JEREMY MIKULA

The short story is the Chicago Red Stars acquired six players during Thursday's National Women's Soccer League draft in Baltimore.

The long story includes a flurry of moves before the draft began that saw the Red Stars swap allocation money and picks in a series of trades.

The Red Stars acquired Orlando Pride forward Rachel Hill in exchange for the Nos. 3 and 26 picks. Additionally, the Red Stars landed allocation money, the No. 19 pick and the Pride's natural first-round pick in 2021 in the deal.

The Red Stars entered the draft with the Nos. 4 and 5 picks but traded them to Sky Blue FC, who acquired U.S. women's national team star Mallory Pugh in a separate deal, for the Nos. 2 and 3 picks. Then the Red Stars dealt the No. 2 pick to the Portland Thorns for allocation money.

By acquiring Hill, the Red Stars add a forward to a lineup looking to replace Sam Kerr's 19 goals. Hill, who scored 11 goals in 60 appearances with the Pride, is the second attacking player the team acquired this winter after landing Kealia Ohai from the Houston Dash.

"I am really appreciative of (coach) Rory (Dames) and the rest of the staff for bringing me in," Hill said in a statement. "I know there is a great group of girls there, so I am really excited to get going. The fans are always awesome every time we have played there... you can always hear them. They're great and I am going to work my hardest to do everything I can to help the team."

The Red Stars kept their remaining picks, selecting USC defender Julia Bingham with the No. 15 pick, Big Ten defender of the year Camryn Biegalski of Wisconsin with the No. 16 pick, Virginia midfielder/defender Zoe Morse with the No. 19 pick, Duke forward/midfielder Ella Stevens with the No. 24 pick and Yale's Aerial Chavarin with the No. 35 pick. Chavarin, who played in attack, midfield and defense, was the Ivy League defensive player of the year.

Biegalski, a Lombard native, has some familiarity with Dames from her time with youth club Eclipse Select.

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## SCOREBOARD

## NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	27	13	.675	—
Toronto	25	14	.650	1
Philadelphia	26	16	.619	2
Brooklyn	18	22	.450	9
New York	11	31	.262	17
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	28	12	.700	—
Orlando	20	22	.476	9
Charlotte	15	29	.341	15
Washington	13	27	.325	15
Atlanta	9	32	.220	19½
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	37	6	.860	—
Indiana	26	15	.634	10
Chicago	15	27	.357	21½
Detroit	15	27	.357	21½
Cleveland	12	29	.293	24

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Houston	26	14	.650	—
Dallas	26	15	.634	½
Memphis	19	22	.463	7½
San Antonio	17	22	.436	8½
New Orleans	16	26	.381	11
NORTHWEST				
Denver	29	12	.707	—
Utah	28	13	.683	1
Oklahoma City	23	18	.561	6
Portland	18	24	.429	11½
Minnesota	15	25	.375	13½
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	33	8	.805	—
L.A. Clippers	29	13	.690	4½
Phoenix	17	24	.415	16
Sacramento	15	26	.366	18
Golden State	9	34	.209	25

## THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Phoenix 121, New York 98	
Milwaukee 128, Boston 123	
New Orleans 138, Utah 132 (OT)	
L.A. Clippers 122, Orlando 95	
Denver 134, Golden State 131 (OT)	
FRIDAY'S GAMES	
Chicago at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.	
Minnesota at Indiana, 6 p.m.	
Washington at Toronto, 6 p.m.	
Cleveland at Memphis, 7 p.m.	
Miami at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.	
Atlanta at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.	
Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.	

## BUCKS 128, CELTICS 123

**BOSTON:** Hayward 1-10 4-4 7, Tatum 8-20 0-217, Thisis 5-8 1-212, Smart 6-15 7-24, Walker 14-23 8-940, Green 1-2 0-0 2, Ojeleye 2-5 0-0 6, Williams 1-4 1-2 4, Kanter 4-6 1-19, Wanamaker 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 43-98 22-123.

**MILWAUKEE:** G.Antetokounmpo 11-22 10-20 32, Middleton 8-13 4-5 23, B.Lopez 6-10 1-16, Bledsoe 2-9 4-4 9, Matthews 0-3 0-0 0, Connaughton 0-0 0-0 0, Ilyasova 3-5 2-2 8, Korver 3-5 0-0 8, R.Lopez 0-3 0-0 0, DiVincenzo 6-11 3-19, Hill 4-6 2-2 13. Totals 43-87 26-37 128.

Boston	20	38	29	36	—123
Milwaukee	36	40	30	22	—128

**3-Point Goals**—Boston 15-48 (Smart 5-10, Walker 4-11, Ojeleye 2-3, Thisis 1-4, Williams 1-4, Tatum 1-5, Hayward 1-9, Wanamaker 0-2), Milwaukee 16-31 (DiVincenzo 4-6, Hill 3-3, B.Lopez 3-5, Middleton 3-5, Korver 2-3, Bledsoe 1-3, G.Antetokounmpo 0-5). **Rebounds**—Boston 43 (Walker 11), Milwaukee 48 (G.Antetokounmpo 17). **Assists**—Boston 16 (Wanamaker 4), Milwaukee 21 (G.Antetokounmpo 7). **Total Fouls**—Boston 25, Milwaukee 22. **A**—17,873 (17,500)

## ALL STAR FAN VOTING LEADERS

**Game: Feb. 16, United Center, Chicago**

## EAST FRONT COURT

1. Giannis Antetokounmpo, MIL 4,474,107

2. Pascal Siakam, TOR 2,433,411

3. Joel Embiid, PHI 2,398,743

4. Jimmy Butler, MIA 2,046,257

## EAST BACKCOURT

1. Trae Young, ATL 2,066,924

2. Kyrie Irving, BRK 1,814,618

3. Kemba Walker, BOS 1,797,633

4. Derrick Rose, DET 1,381,934

## WEST FRONT COURT

1. LeBron James, LAL 4,747,887

2. Anthony Davis, LAC 4,412,619

3. Kawhi Leonard, LAL 2,973,076

4. Paul George, LAC 1,171,616

## WEST BACKCOURT

1. Luka Doncic, DAL 4,598,323

2. James Harden, HOU 2,934,614

3. Damian Lillard, POR 984,140

4. Alex Caruso, LAL 89A,827

## NHL

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	28	9	12	68	163	129
Tampa Bay	28	15	4	60	168	136
Toronto	25	16	7	57	174	159
Florida	25	16	5	57	170	155
Buffalo	22	19	7	51	144	150
Montreal	21	21	7	49	150	153
Ottawa	16	23	8	40	125	161
Detroit	12	32	3	27	102	183

## METRO.

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	32	11	5	69	171	140
Pittsburgh	29	13	5	63	162	129
N.Y. Islanders	28	14	4	60	134	122
Carolina	27	18	2	56	152	128
Columbus	24	16	8	56	127	126
Philadelphia	25	17	6	56	151	149
N.Y. Rangers	23	19	4	50	155	153
New Jersey	17	23	7	41	126	168

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	30	10	8	68	155	129
Colorado	26	15	6	58	168	137
Dallas	27	16	4	58	125	113
Winnipeg	25	18	4	54	145	140
Chicago	22	20	6	50	141	153
Nashville	21	18	7	49	154	153
Minnesota	21	20	6	48	141	159

PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	26	18	5	57	133	142
Arizona	26	19	5	57	143	131
Vancouver	26	18	4	56	158	148
Vegas	25	19	6	56	155	151
Edmonton	25	18	5	55	148	150
San Jose	21	24	4	46	129	163
Anaheim	18	24	5	41	120	149
Los Angeles	18	26	5	41	124	154

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

## THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Boston 4, Pittsburgh 1	
Columbus 3, Carolina 2	
Florida 3, Los Angeles 3	
N.Y. Rangers 3, N.Y. Islanders 2	
Montreal 4, Philadelphia 1	
Calgary 2, Toronto 1, 50	
Washington 5, New Jersey 2	
Vegas 4, Ottawa 2	
Minnesota 3, Tampa Bay 2	
Anaheim 4, Nashville 2	
Buffalo 4, Dallas 1	
Colorado 4, San Jose 0	
Vancouver 3, Arizona 1	
FRIDAY'S GAMES	
Anaheim at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.	
Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.	

## CAPITALS 5, DEVILS 2

New Jersey	0	1	1	—
Washington	2	1	1	—

**FIRST:** 1, Washington, Ovechkin 29 (Backstrom, Carlson), 15:17 (pp). **2,** Washington, Ovechkin 30 (Backstrom), 19:08. **Penalties:** Wilson, Was (Interference), 10:42; Zajac, NJ (Tripping), 13:39; Hayden, NJ (Holding), 15:12.

**SECOND:** 3, Washington, Hagelin 2 (Elmer, Panik), 0:16. 4, New Jersey, Simmonds 5 (Butcher, Hischer), 1:08. **Penalties:** Panik, Was (Hooking), 3:16; Panik, Was (Cross Checking), 13:56; Vatanen, NJ (High Sticking), 14:36.

**THIRD:** 5, New Jersey, Coleman 19 (Zajac), 3:34 (sh). 6, Washington, Vrana 21, 6:42. 7, Washington, Ovechkin 31 (Wilson, Carlson), 15:42. **Penalties:** Butcher, NJ (Holding), 2:11; Backstrom, Was (Hooking), 8:06. **SHOTS ON GOAL:** New Jersey 9-13-12-34. Washington 15-15-8-38.

**POWER PLAYS:** New Jersey 0 of 4; Washington 1 of 5. **GOALIES:** New Jersey, Schneider 0-5-1 (23 shots-20 saves), New Jersey, Domingue 3-5-0 (15-13). Washington, Samsonov 14-2-1 (34-32).

## NFL

## CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## SUNDAY'S GAMES

**AFC:** Tennessee (11-7) at Kansas City (13-4), 2:05 p.m. (CBS)

**NFC:** Green Bay (14-3) at San Francisco (14-3), 5:40 p.m. (FOX)

## PRO BOWL

**Sunday, Jan. 26 in Orlando, Fla.**

AFC vs. NFC, 2 p.m. (ESPN)

## SUPER BOWL

**Sunday, Feb. 2 in Miami Gardens, Fla.**

AFC vs. NFC champs, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

**1. Gonzaga** (19-1) beat Santa Clara 104-54. Next: vs. BYU, Saturday.

**2. Baylor** (14-1) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday.

**3. Duke** (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Louisville, Saturday.

**4. Auburn** (15-1) did not play. Next: at Florida, Saturday.

**5. Butler** (15-2) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Saturday.

**6. Kansas** (13-3) did not play. Next: at Texas, Saturday.

**7. San Diego State** (18-0) did not play. Next: vs. Nevada, Saturday.

**8. Oregon** (14-4) lost to Washington State 72-68. Next: at Washington, Sat.

**9. Florida State** (15-2) did not play. Next: at Miami, Saturday.

**10. Kentucky** (12-4) did not play. Next: at Arkansas, Saturday.

**11. Louisville** (14-3) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Duke, Saturday.

**12. West Virginia** (14-2) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.

**13. Dayton** (15-2) did not play. Next: at Saint Louis, Friday.

**14. Villanova** (13-3) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Saturday.

**15. Michigan State** (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Friday.

**16. Wichita State** (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Houston, Saturday.

**17. Maryland** (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Saturday.

**18. Seton Hall** (13-4) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Saturday.

**19. Michigan** (11-5) did not play. Next: at Iowa, Friday.

**20. Colorado** (14-3) beat Arizona State 68-61. Next: at Arizona, Saturday.

**21. Ohio State** (12-5) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Saturday.

**22. Memphis** (14-3) beat Cincinnati 60-49. Next: at Tulsa, Wednesday.

**23. Texas Tech** (11-5) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Saturday.

**24. Illinois** (12-5) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Saturday.

**25. Creighton** (13-5) did not play. Next: vs. Providence, Saturday.

## THURSDAY'S SCORES

## EAST

Army 79, Holy Cross 67

Drexel 63, Elon 41

Farmingdale 92, St. Joseph's (LI) 83

Manhattan 69, Quinnipiac 57

Monmouth (NJ) 74, Marist 66

NIJT 75, Lipscomb 57

William & Mary 77, Delaware 68

## SOUTH

Appalachian St. 83, Arkansas St. 80, OT

Charleston S. 77, Campbell 62

Charlotte 77, Marshall 75

FAU 97, Middle Tenn. 94

FIU 93, UAB 68

Georgia S. 82, Troy 66

High Point 68, UNC Asheville 66

Hofstra 63, UNC Wilmington 61

La. Tech 72, Rice 56

N. Kentucky 88, Youngstown St. 63

N. Florida 75, Jacksonville 68

N. Texas 72, S. Mississippi 52

Northeastern 79, Coll. of Charleston 76

Presbyterian 74, Longwood 67

Radford 63, SC-Upstate 59

Stetson 54, N. Alabama 49

Texas-Arlington 81, La.-Lafayette 65

Texas St. 64, La. Monroe 63

UALR 71, Coastal Carolina 55

Winthrop 116, Hampton 95

W. Kentucky 71, Old Dominion 69

## MIDWEST

Austin Peay 84, SE Missouri 59

CS Bakersfield 74, UMKC 64, OT

Detroit 90, Milwaukee 84

Drake 84, Illinois St. 74

E. Illinois 70, Jacksonville St. 69

Grand Canyon 78, Chicago St. 64

Green Bay 73, Oakland 69

Loyola (Chi) 64, S. Illinois 46

Oral Roberts 87, W. Illinois 70

Wright St. 75, Cleveland St. 62

## WEST

Arizona 93

## BULLS &amp; BLACKHAWKS



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Zach LaVine is making a case for an All-Star spot after scoring at least 25 points in each of his last five games.

## BULLS TAKEAWAYS

# LaVine riding serious heat wave

BY JAMAL COLLIER

The halftime show at the United Center during the Bulls' 115-106 victory over the Wizards featured a performance to popular Disney songs and it left behind several red streamers hanging from the new scoreboard as the two teams prepared to take the court for the second half.

The officials attempted to delay the game to get those streamers taken down, but Bulls coach Jim Boylen wasn't having it.

"What are we worried about streamers for?" Boylen said. "We got a game to play. They got to get home. They got to travel. What are we doing?"

So, Boylen brought over Wizards coach Scott Brooks, who also didn't have an issue with it, and the two teams played as streamers hung down over the court. It made for a strange scene for this matchup between two teams near the bottom of the Eastern conference, neither of whom have had much reason to celebrate this season.

A 22-6 run to begin the third quarter helped the Bulls come away with the victory for just the second time in the past nine games — streamers might be present at every halftime show at the United Center for the rest of the season — but the win was also clouded by more trouble with the injury bug.

Here are three takeaways from Wednesday's win.

### 1. Zach LaVine is playing like an All-Star.

Zach LaVine deserves serious consideration to make the All-Star team next month.

He had proven to be capable of the elite scoring performances few players in the league can match, but lately he's also showing the consistency that players at the All-Star level can match — and that the Bulls desperately need.

LaVine has scored at least 25 points in five consecutive games, the best streak of his career, capped off with his stellar performance Wednesday night, scoring 30 points to go along with seven rebounds and seven assists to help the Bulls to victory over the Wizards and their two-time All-Star Bradley Beal, who played despite a shoulder injury that made him a game-time decision.

"I expect myself to play this way," LaVine said. "I put a lot of work in for it. And it's good, doesn't mean a lot to me unless it ends in a win."

"You have to be consistent. I think I have in the past and I got to continue to do it going forward. I'm in a nice little groove right now, but I got the same mindset every time I step on the floor."

The case for LaVine to make next month's All-Star Game at the United Center rests largely on his scoring ability. He is averaging 24.6 points per game, which is tied for 15th in the NBA and sixth in the Eastern Conference. He's scored 30 points in 13 games this season, often tasked with carrying the Bulls offense almost singlehandedly.



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Bulls forward Luke Kornet, left, helps forward Chandler Hutchison off the floor during the second half Wednesday against the Wizards.

LaVine has competition in the backcourt for the Eastern Conference, with the Celtics' Kemba Walker and Beal likely to earn the nod. Kyrie Irving of the Nets and Trae Young of the Hawks are leading the fan voting, which accounts for 50% of the vote for starters, and a few other guards on more successful teams will have strong cases as well. But LaVine will have the advantage of the game being in Chicago, which should give him strong consideration from the coaches or if an injury replacement is needed.

But judging by the scoring tear LaVine has been on since the start of December, he's making a strong case himself to earn his first All-Star nod.

"He should be in the game," Boylen said. "He's an All-Star-caliber player. He's an All-Star-caliber person. He's worked very hard. It's an unbelievable story too — wins the dunk contest twice, tears the ACL, comes back, becoming a two-way player. He's leading more. He's communicating more. He's developing."

"And then you look at his crunch-time numbers and the big shots that he makes in winning time, I think it's all right there for him. He's done a great job."

### 2. With Daniel Gafford out, the Bulls may have to go small more often.

The Bulls were already awfully thin in the frontcourt before the injury to rookie Daniel Gafford, who will be out two to four weeks with a dislocated thumb.

Without Gafford, Luke Kornet played a game-high 35 minutes and Cristiano Felicio returned from exile to receive his first non-garbage-time minutes of the season. It worked against the Wizards, but that's not a recipe for success if the Bulls hope to compete with the rest of the league going forward.

So, the Bulls are going to have to get creative to make up for the loss of Gafford and it will be interesting to see how Boylen adjusts.

"You may see some guys that haven't been playing start playing more," he said. "And you may see us play small, but we're not going to change what we do, but we'll play small out of necessity maybe."

The small lineup for the Bulls could include more time with Lauri Markkanen starting at center while Thaddeus Young, who came off the bench with 18 points on 7-for-9 shooting, matching a season high, slides in at the four. Boylen has not played Markkanen and Young together very often this year, preferring to keep a more traditional center on the floor in his scheme, but with his options limited, those two should see more minutes together in the coming games.

### 3. Injuries continue to mount.

The Bulls haven't been able to catch a break with injuries lately.

Otto Porter hasn't played since November and Jim Boylen didn't have much clarity on when he'd be back. Wendell Carter is out for at least a month. They lost Gafford in the first quarter and they may also be without forward Chandler Hutchison, who reinjured his right shoulder after he fell to the ground hard on a dunk attempt in the fourth quarter.

Hutchison, who is scheduled to be re-evaluated Thursday, had been bothered by a right shoulder injury throughout the month of December. The Bulls are already short on players in their rotation and their schedule this month is unforgiving with back-to-back games on the horizon this weekend, Friday in Philadelphia and at home Saturday against the Cavs, so they can hardly afford more extended absences.

"Next man will step up," Boylen said.

## HAWKS TAKEAWAYS

# Unlikely heroes are coming up huge

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

MONTREAL — Brandon Saad and Dylan Strome weren't in Montreal for Wednesday's 4-1 win over the Canadiens but it's possible they will join the team in Toronto.

Will they play on Saturday against the Maple Leafs? That's a different story.

Saad has been out nearly a month with a right ankle injury, and Saad has missed the last four games with a similar injury though not as severe.

After the Hawks beat the Canadiens, coach Jeremy Colliton said the duo may catch up with the team before Saturday's game but would still need to prove they're ready by practicing on Friday.

Here are three takeaways from Wednesday's win.

### 1. These aren't the players you normally hear about. And that's OK.

Zack Smith's two goals against the Canadiens will be remembered as the story of this game but he was not the only player who doesn't normally get much publicity to have a nice game.

Matthew Highmore was running into corners all night to try and win puck battles, and he drew a penalty in the second period that led to Alex DeBrincat's power-play goal that restored the Hawks' two-goal lead.

Slater Koekoek had a solid game, and his pass — or, rather, a "shot-pass" as Smith called it — that Smith redirected for his second goal gave him a modest two-game scoring streak.

Drake Caggiula assisted on Smith's first goal and had a fantastic unassisted goal in the third period.

But it was Smith who had the best game, and he was pretty excited about it. Well, about as excited as a mild-mannered hockey player can be.

"I was just jacked after the first one," Smith said. "And after the second one I was like, 'Jeez, I might have to pinch myself here. Might still be pregame napping.'"

### 2. Don't get too excited: The Canadiens are better than the Senators and Ducks but still aren't very good.

The schedule over the last three games seemed to favor the Hawks with the Ducks, Senators and Canadiens coming up. But then again, the scheduled seemed to favor the Hawks before losing games to the Devils, Kings and two the Sharks.

This time around, the Hawks took care of business even if none of the victories over the Ducks, Senators and Canadiens resembled a blowout. But a win is a win, two points are two points and now the Hawks can move to the next part of the schedule.

Which is pretty dangerous.

### 3. Alex DeBrincat needs to start scoring even-strength goals.

Enough time has passed in the season that there isn't an expectation Alex DeBrincat will turn things around. It could happen because he's gone on heaters before but with 12 goals this season — including Wednesday's power-play goal — and just 34 games remaining there seems to be little chance he'll equal last season's 41 goals.

It also doesn't seem likely he'll reach the 28 goals he scored as a rookie, which not many expected heading into this season. And it's all because he just can't score at even strength.

DeBrincat scored plenty of power-play goals the first two seasons of his career but he also scored far more at even-strength. As a rookie, he had 22 even-strength goals and six on the power play. Last season, he had 28 even-strength goals and 13 on the power play.

A nice ratio that indicates effectiveness in both situations.

This year? DeBrincat has eight power-play goals and just four at even strength. The problems seem to be a combination of bad luck and missed opportunities. DeBrincat is on pace for a career-high 234 shots on goal and has had plenty of pucks bounce off his stick or just not go in.

## Greenfield

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Remember how you looked at the schedule and salivated at the thought of the Red Wings, Ducks, Senators and Canadiens on the horizon? Well, that tender piece of meat is what the Hawks are to the Bruins, Oilers, Blues and Lightning, just a few of the teams they'll face over the next few weeks.

That doesn't mean the Hawks can't win some of those games, but they aren't in a position to just win a select few. They have to win a ridiculous amount of their remaining 34 games.

To get to 95 points, the likely magic number to get into the playoffs, the Hawks need another 45 points. So even with their three-game winning streak, the Hawks need to go 20-9-5 just to get the minimum point total the postseason likely will require.

Being just four games out of the final Western Conference wild-card spot, which is where the Hawks stood heading into Thursday's games, is dandy, but it's also fool's gold. They still have to jump two teams, not including the Predators, who have a better points percentage than the Hawks despite having fewer points.

The Maple Leafs are next up Saturday in what should be an incredibly entertaining game. The last seven meetings have been decided by one goal with five ending in overtime or a shootout. In their last three games against each other, they've combined for 31 goals.

So prepare for a slugfest and expect Patrick Kane to get the two points he needs to hit 1,000 for his career. With his jersey being retired Friday night in a ceremony being held by his junior team, the London Knights, this could be a memorable weekend for Kane.

Brandon Saad and Dylan Strome have been sidelined by right ankle injuries. Saad could return Saturday, but Strome was placed on injured reserve Thursday. For those expecting them to give the Hawks a boost when they return, consider that they are 7-4 since losing Saad and 3-1 since losing Strome.

They're good players the Hawks will gladly welcome back. But they aren't the difference-makers the Hawks need to go on a sustained run over the next 2 1/2 months.

There is a wild card to the Hawks' bid for a wild-card berth, and that's the roughly \$11 million in cap space created by season-ending injuries to Brent Seabrook and Calvin de Haan. Last week, general manager Stan Bowman said no trades were close, but that can change in an instant.

The question will be whether Bowman is willing to part with anything resembling a short-term asset to try to drag the Hawks into the playoffs. Would it be worth giving up a decent prospect or a second-round draft pick — don't worry, Bowman isn't trading a first-round pick — just to get blown out in the first round?

Yes, it would. Not because of a first-round loss but because with Robin Lehner in goal the Hawks would have a chance to steal any playoff series. To be clear, the Hawks aren't in the same situation as last season when the Blues went from worst to first and won the Stanley Cup.

The Hawks haven't been underachievers. They're an average team that has dealt with a bunch of injuries. That's who they are.

And to the "Let's Tank For A Better Shot At The No. 1 Overall Pick" crowd, did you learn nothing from last year's draft? Put that opinion away and don't ever take it out again.

Even the worst team in the league only has an 18.5% chance of winning the top pick in the draft, which next year appears to be Canadian forward Alexis Lafreniere. He looks like a franchise player, but is he a generational talent like Sidney Crosby or Connor McDavid? No, he seems more in the mold of a Kane or Nathan MacKinnon.

The Hawks would love to have Lafreniere, but sacrificing whole seasons and angering your fan base just to slightly increase your chances at getting him is a ridiculous way to run a franchise.

One thing you can count: The Hawks aren't going to stop trying to get to the playoffs. Kane, Jonathan Toews and Duncan Keith want to return to what seemed to be their birthright, and Connor Murphy, Alex DeBrincat, Dylan Strome and others desperately want to experience the postseason for the first time.

It still could happen, which is why these next few games — starting Saturday against the Maple Leafs — are so important.

So buckle up and enjoy the ride — but keep a box of hankies handy. You're going to need them sooner or later.

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

## TWILIGHT TIME

Roger Federer figures that Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic will pass him after he retires

DANIEL POCKETT/GETTY-AFP

Roger Federer knows that Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic will pass his record total of Grand Slam tournament victories, and as it turns out, he's just fine with that.

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Roger Federer, for one, figures questions about whether Rafael Nadal or Novak Djokovic — or both? — will surpass his men's record for most Grand Slam singles titles are moot.

That's because he's sure it's going to happen. And he's OK with that. Ending up in third place, Federer insists, would be just fine.

"I think the way it's going, obviously, Rafa and Novak will win more," Federer said matter-of-factly during a recent interview with The Associated Press in the city he uses as his preseason training base, "because they're that good. And the season they had (in 2019), again, shows that there is more to come for them."

He didn't say this with a wistful sigh or a disappointed glance at the floor or a trace of regret. That's just the way he sees things at the moment. Entering the Australian Open, scheduled to begin Monday in Melbourne (Sunday EST), Federer leads the list with 20 majors, followed by Nadal with 19, then Djokovic with 16.

So as soon as the end of this tournament, Nadal could pull even with Federer for the first time. Whether or not it truly matters who comes out on top when all is said and done, everyone is going to be paying attention to how it shakes out.

Including Federer, who surpassed Pete Sampras' old standard of 14 a decade ago.

Don't mistake an honest outlook for disinterest.

"I guess you do care, to some extent, just because it's normal," Federer said, then mentioned how much it meant to him that Sampras was sitting in the Centre Court stands for No. 15.

"I looked up to him so much that I felt, also, uncomfortable maybe, sometimes, breaking his records. It's not something I ever wanted to do. It just happened to be like this. But of course I knew it was a big, big-time moment in our sport. And I think those are the moments you will remember," Federer said.

"Now, at the end, if somebody else would pass you, I mean, I guess it's OK, because that's what sports is all about. It's a lot about numbers. It's a lot about records.



CAPUCINE BAILLY/AP

Rafael Nadal lies on the court after defeating Roger Federer in the men's final of the the 2006 French Open. Federer tells The Associated Press that he figures Nadal and Novak Djokovic both will surpass his men's record for Grand Slam titles.

But I had my moment and I always said everything that comes after 15 was, anyway, a bonus. And especially after the knee injury (in 2016), everything that came after that was a bonus. I would have taken one more Slam, and I was able to get three more — and three amazing ones."

Nadal, currently No. 1 in the ATP rankings, and Djokovic, who is No. 2 ahead of Federer, each took home two major trophies last season.

Djokovic won the Australian Open (beating Nadal in the final) and Wimbledon (beating Federer in the final after saving two championship points).

Nadal won at Roland Garros (beating Federer in the semifinals) and the U.S. Open (facing neither of the other two).

"I always say the same: I would love to be the one who wins more," Nadal said, "but I am not thinking (about it) and I'm not going to practice every day ... for it."

After his seventh championship in Australia a year ago, Djokovic said: "I do want to definitely focus myself on continuing to improve my game and

maintaining the overall well-being that I have — mental, physical, emotional — so I would be able to compete at such a high level for the years to come, and have a shot at eventually getting closer to Roger's record."

Federer's most recent Grand Slam triumph arrived at Melbourne Park in 2018.

He is 38, an age at which no one has won a Slam title in the professional era; he doesn't feel compelled to quit anytime soon. Still, time is certainly on the side of Nadal, 33, and Djokovic, 32.

"I honestly think it's going to be quite exciting to see how much longer can they go. How much more can they win? They might have some more incredible years ahead of them. That's my assumption," Federer said. "It's a bit of a golden time for tennis right now, no doubt."

Also of particular interest, of course, is when a new face will emerge from the crop of 20-somethings who have been rising in the rankings. There hasn't been a first-time male champ at a major since 2014.

Ask Federer to name names,

and he offers several, calling them "that whole group of guys."

Among them, he said: Felix Auger-Aliassime. Denis Shapovalov. Stefanos Tsitsipas, who upset Federer at the Australian Open last year. Alexander Zverev. Daniil Medvedev. Karen Khachanov.

"It's an elite group of 10 now, which is nice. It's not just maybe one or two that we thought were pretty good," Federer said. "So I think it's changed a little bit in the last, sort of, 18 months. It's just really, really hard to predict who's going to win."

Here's something Federer is certain of, though: One day, someone will come along and accumulate majors the way no one ever had until he, Nadal and Djokovic rewrote the record book.

"It's going to happen, inevitably," Federer said, shaking his head. "And it's almost not going to be that hard, maybe, anymore, later on, for some reason, I just feel like, because the players will have seen what we did. And they didn't see just one guy doing it, once every 30 years. They saw like three guys doing it, in the shortest period of time, right after 'Pistol'

(Sampras). So I just think players are going to believe more. I think maybe the surfaces in some ways also allow you, maybe, if you're on a hot streak, just to run through more years of domination, like what Novak, Rafa and me, we've all done."

Impossible to know who, though. Or when.

After all, Federer never saw the magnitude of his own success — or those of his rivals — coming.

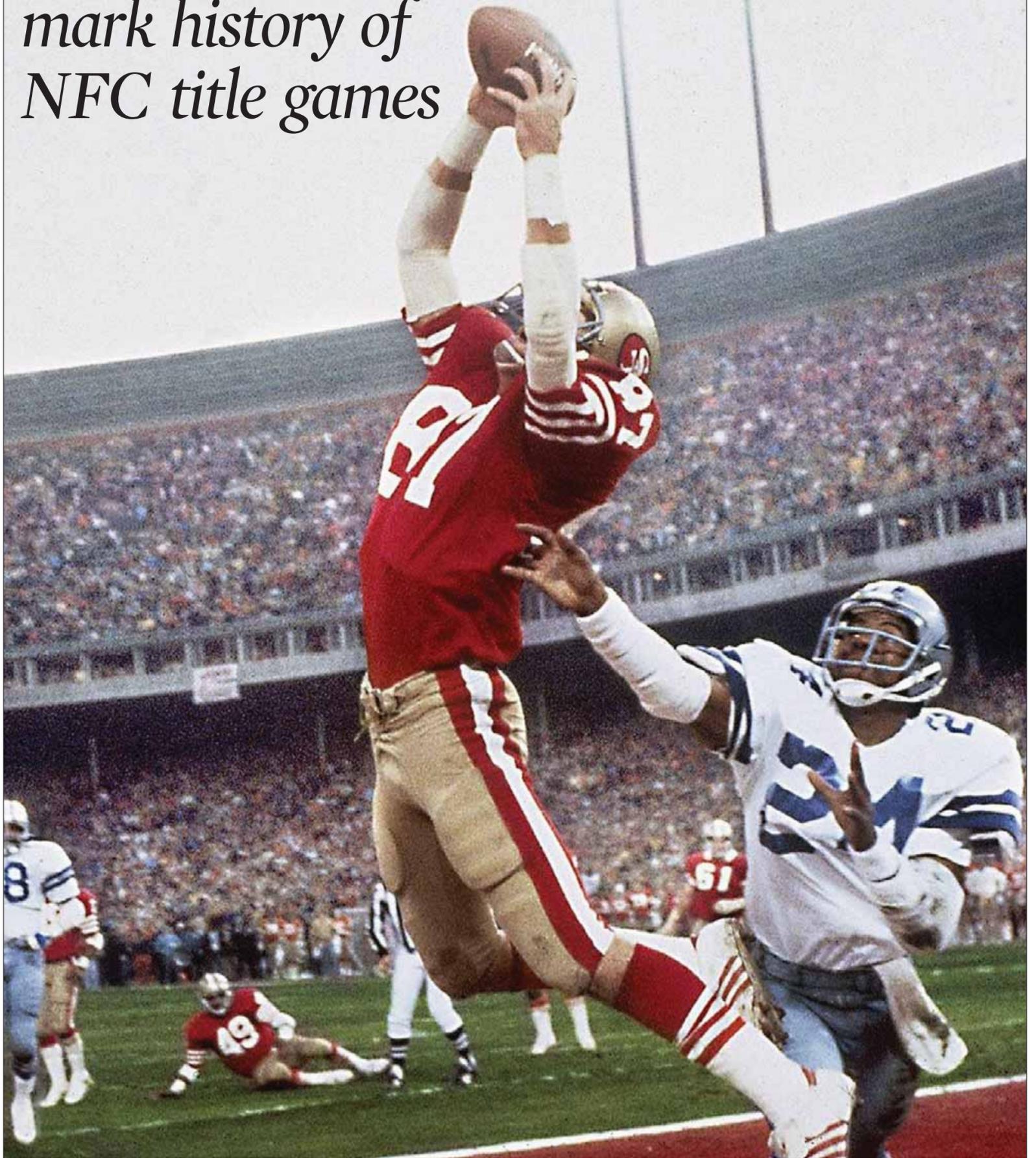
"I didn't predict I was going to have this many majors. I was hoping to maybe have one, to be quite honest, at the very beginning of my career. When I played Novak, I thought, 'Yeah, he's good. He might win a major.' You know? 'Rafa, he's probably going to win the French. Maybe once. Or a few times.' But you don't go 12 times there. Or, you know, streaks of not having lost matches on hard or clay for, I don't know, nine months. It's just stuff that eventually builds," he said. "So, hard to tell, but there's a ... group of guys that I see now probably winning at least, like, four or five majors — which then can lead to 15 or more, of course."

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## Iconic moments mark history of NFC title games



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The late Dwight Clark scores the game-winning TD known as "The Catch" during the 49ers' win over the Cowboys in the NFC championship game on Jan. 10, 1982.

**BY SCHUYLER DIXON**

Associated Press

With "The Catch" that sent San Francisco to its first Super Bowl and "The Blown Call" that kept New Orleans at home, NFC championship games have two seminal moments that rank with just about any in postseason history.

There's plenty to remember from the 37 years separating those plays, and don't forget one other thing about the 49ers: They are the team that has played in the most NFC title games, making a 16th appearance, facing Green Bay on Sunday in the NFL's 100th season.

San Francisco played for the first two conference titles after the merger, losing both times to Dallas in the 1970-71 seasons before facing the Cowboys three straight times in the 1990s in arguably the best NFC championship rivalry.

And that's not even counting the 1981 season, when Joe Montana's famous throw was improbably caught by a leaping Dwight Clark in the back of the end zone in the final minute of the 49ers' 28-27 victory over Dallas.

"Start of a dynasty. I don't let myself go down the road of, 'What would have happened if he doesn't make that catch?'" former 49ers executive Carmen Policy said on the day the club paid tribute to Clark after he died in 2018 at age 61.

"As Joe Montana says, 'What would have happened if I didn't throw that pinpoint pass perfectly angled to be in the only spot where he should catch it and no one else would be able to interfere with it?' But without that play, I wonder where we would have been. And I stopped thinking about it, because so much happened after that."

Like eight more trips to the NFC title game since winning the championship in their only trip to the Super Bowl 10 years ago. There's probably not a person in New

Orleans who doesn't think they were robbed of another trip last season, when Rams cornerback Nickell Robey-Coleman wasn't called for pass interference when he flattened Saints receiver Tommylee Lewis on an incomplete pass.

A first down would have allowed the Saints to run the clock all the way down and kick a winning field goal in regulation. Instead, Los Angeles had time to get a tying field goal and won in overtime.

The missed call was so egregious, the NFL added pass interference to the list of reviewable plays in the offseason. The move proved wildly unpopular because so few decisions were overturned, when coaches thought so many of them were obvious. But none was as obvious as the call the Saints didn't get.

"Came to the sideline, looked at the football gods and was like, 'Thank you,'" Robey-Coleman said after the game. "I got away with one tonight."

### Hype train

The 49ers beat the Cowboys in perhaps the most-hyped NFC championship game during the 1994 season. It was billed as the Super Bowl, and pretty much ended up that way, with San Francisco later blowing out San Diego for the title. It was also only the third consecutive meeting of the same teams for the NFC title.

San Francisco led from the opening moments in the 38-28 victory, thanks to a 21-0 lead built off three straight Dallas turnovers. There were nine eventual Hall of Famers in that game. One of them, Michael Irvin, still holds the championship game record for yards receiving with 192.

It was the only loss in four title-game appearances for "The Triplets" of Irvin, quarterback Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith, the NFL's all-time leading rusher. All are in the Hall of Fame.

### Coughlin's cheeks

The coldest NFC championship game was the Giants' 23-20 overtime victory at the Packers during the 2007 season. Tom Coughlin's crew had knocked off the

top-seeded Cowboys in the divisional round, and his bright red cheeks in the minus-1 temperature with minus-23 wind chill at Lambeau Field provided the image many remember from that game.

For all the struggles in the precursor to the NFC championship game — the Giants were 3-11 in NFL title games — New York has the most appearances without a loss since the merger at 5-0. That 2007 team beat the 18-0 Patriots in the Super Bowl.

### Kicking down the door

The Rams lost their first four NFC title games before finally breaking through as the first team in either conference to win a title game without scoring a touchdown. LA beat Tampa Bay 9-0 on Frank Corral's three field goals before losing to Pittsburgh in the Super Bowl. All five of those NFC championship appearances were in a span of six seasons.

LA wasn't the only NFC champion that didn't score a touchdown in the title game. The Giants did it 11 years later in a 15-13 win over San Francisco that ended the 49ers' hopes for a three-peat in the Super Bowl, which still hasn't happened. Matt Bahr's fifth field goal came on the final play of one of the biggest upsets in an NFC title game.

### Wind-blown win

Teams are never supposed to choose to kick off after winning the coin toss because it means they won't get the ball to start either half. But games rarely have wind gusts of 25 mph and beyond. That was the case when the Giants beat the Redskins 17-0 for the 1986 NFC title.

Coach Bill Parcells broke conventional wisdom by electing to kick off after winning the toss to make sure the host Giants had the wind to start the game. It was so unusual, the typewritten play by play had to "x" out "receive" and type "kick off" above where it read, "Giants won toss, elected to kick off."

With the Redskins punting into the wind, New York started at the Washington 47-yard line and drove 17 yards to a field goal. Then the Giants got the ball at the 38,

and Phil Simms' 11-yard pass to Lionel Manuel made it 10-0. It never mattered that the Redskins got the ball to start both halves.

### Always the bridesmaids

Minnesota won its first three NFC championship games but lost in the Super Bowl each time. The Vikings haven't been back to the biggest stage, losing six consecutive conference title games in a skid that started with the 1977 season. Two of the losses sent the opponent to its first Super Bowl.

During the 1998 season, Gary Anderson's first missed field goal of the season, from just 38 yards, gave Atlanta a chance to tie on a touchdown in the final minute of regulation. The Falcons, big underdogs, won in overtime.

In Brett Favre's last good chance to win his second title in the 2009 season, the former Green Bay star threw an interception with the Vikings closing in on a field goal with the score tied in the final seconds. The Saints secured their only Super Bowl trip with a field goal on the first possession of overtime.

During the following offseason, the NFL changed OT rules to prevent playoff games from ending with a field goal to start the extra period. Those rules eventually were added in the regular season.

### Four-fer

Aikman and Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb are the only quarterbacks to start four straight NFC title games. While Aikman led the first team to win three Super Bowls in a span of four seasons, the Eagles lost their first three appearances with McNabb. Philly finally broke through the fourth time, then lost the 2005 championship to Tom Brady and the Patriots.

The Cowboys and Rams were the other two teams to lose three straight title games. Dallas' skid defined the legacy of quarterback Danny White because those were the first three seasons (1980-82) after two-time Super Bowl winner Roger Staubach retired. "The Catch" came in the middle of that stretch.

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CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

Peter Farrelly, center, and the cast and crew of "Green Book" accept the 2019 Oscar for best picture last February at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

# Not really any difference

Why an Oscar win for '1917' wouldn't be any better than last year's 'Green Book' triumph



**MICHAEL PHILLIPS**  
*Talking Pictures*

Please disregard this column if anything besides the World War I drama "1917" wins the Producers Guild of America award Saturday.

If "1917" does win, there's a strong statistical likelihood that director Sam Mendes' flamboyantly austere paradox — a morally simple, technically complex depiction of two soldiers going through all kinds of hell, from trench warfare to temporary blindness to deadly river rapids — will win the 92nd Academy Award for best picture Feb. 9.

Ifs are cheap. So is the average Oscar prognosticator's crystal ball. Nonetheless



FRANÇOIS DUHAMEL/UNIVERSAL PICTURES

George MacKay portrays a British soldier in the Academy Award-nominated "1917"

here we are, and here I am arguing why a win for "1917" wouldn't be surprising but would be, for me, as disappointing as last year's win for "Green Book," for vastly different reasons.

First some numbers, then some

thoughts. Since 1989, the PGA winner has gone on to take the top Oscar 21 out of 30 times. (In early 2014 "12 Years a Slave" and "Gravity" tied at the PGAs; "12 Years a Slave" won the Oscar a few weeks later.)

As many have noted, including Glenn

Whipp of the Los Angeles Times, there's a striking link between best picture Oscar winners and the Oscar winners for best editing. Only 10 out of 91 movies since the first Academy Awards presentation in 1929 managed to win best picture without a correlating win in the editing category.

Neither "1917" nor another strong contender for both the PGA and the Oscars this year, "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood," made the Oscar nominations cut for editing. As Whipp notes, the last time the top Oscar winner managed a win in similar circumstances was "Birdman" (2014).

Like "Birdman," "1917" rolls along in what has been staged, photographed and digitally stitched to resemble a single, two-hour line of unbroken action. To most Academy voters, that'd be reason enough not to favor it with an editing nomination.

The one-shot aesthetic confers a built-in sense of filmmaking risk, even if "1917" is made up of several separate long sequences. Mendes and the true hero of "1917" the master cinematographer Roger Deakins, deploy that strategy to tell the story of two British soldiers, played by George MacKay and Dean Charles Chapman, ordered across enemy lines to deliver a message in time for 1,600 fellow soldiers to avoid a trap set by German forces.

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Will Smith and Martin Lawrence return as Miami heat in "Bad Boys for Life."

**'BAD BOYS FOR LIFE' ★★**

## Will Smith, Martin Lawrence are along for nostalgic ride

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

So much has happened since Martin Lawrence and Will Smith, in that order of billing, struck gold with director Michael Bay's feature debut "Bad Boys" (1995) and its sequel, "Bad Boys II" (2003). Presidents came and went. "Green Book" won the Oscar. Our dog turned 14.

A lot goes on in between the natural life cycle of a two-movie phenomenon from another time, and an attempt to tack on a

third and get it going again, this time with Smith getting top billing and Martin second.

"Bad Boys for Life" is that attempt. While I don't like to guess financial outcomes, this time I think the financial outcome is pretty clear and pretty rosy. Aside from the bit about Lawrence being able to beat Smith in a foot race, the movie has very few unintentional laughs. It

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## Naperville resident gets her Disney wish fulfilled on TV

Erin Feeney's script for 'Doc McStuffins' aired Monday

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

Naperville resident Erin Feeney, 28, wants to have a career in fairy tales.

And so far, the College of DuPage student has already paved a path to one of the known entities of fairy tales — Disney.

Feeney just saw her first script for the Disney animated show "Doc McStuffins" come to fruition in a cartoon titled "Ultimate Safari: Tail Spin." The animated short premiered Monday on the Disney Channel and Disney Junior. (For those not familiar, "Doc McStuffins" is a children's series about a girl who fixes toys with the aid of her toy friends.)

Feeney's two-minute interstitial shows Doc and her toy team helping a whirly bird named Topsy get back to her flock and perform the "Sunrise Spin." The spot was also available in the DisneyNOW app and on the Disney Junior YouTube page.

"I can hardly believe it," said Feeney who expressed her enthusiasm via her communication board attached to her wheelchair.

Feeney was born with cerebral palsy and is unable to speak. She communicates by pointing to words and letters on her board. Her father, Kevin, is her translator and is quick to spell out her messages by



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College of DuPage student Erin Feeney saw her first script for the animated show "Doc McStuffins" premiere Monday on the Disney Channel and Disney Junior.

watching where she points.

He remembers Erin's path to writing for the small screen started a few years ago after her short stories turned into a short film with actors who were people with disabilities, he said. That film grew into a feature that played in the Naperville Independent Film Festival in 2016, where some people who worked with Disney on Ice noticed. Shea Fontana, the writer of the Disney on Ice script, also wrote for "Doc McStuffins."

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## CELEBRITIES

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Gigi Hadid arrives Thursday at a Manhattan courthouse for jury selection in Harvey Weinstein's rape trial.

## Supermodel nixed from Weinstein juror list

NEW YORK — The list of potential jurors in Harvey Weinstein's rape trial narrowed Thursday, including the dismissal of supermodel Gigi Hadid.

Hadid, 24, was spotted shortly before 9 a.m. walking into the courthouse trailed by a person resembling a bodyguard. Holding a black handbag in one hand and a cup of coffee in the other, Hadid didn't say anything as she disappeared into a room.

A few minutes later, she left the courthouse. Court officials confirmed Hadid was cut from the list of potential jurors. She caused a stir Monday when she emerged as a potential juror, telling the judge she had met Weinstein but could be impartial. She also said she had met actress Salma Hayek, a potential witness.

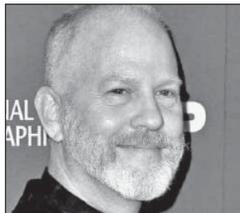
Despite Hadid's insistence that she could "keep an open mind on the facts," the defense and prosecutors later agreed that having her on the jury would be too much of a commotion.

Weinstein, 67, is accused of raping a woman in a Manhattan hotel room in 2013 and sexually assaulting another in 2006. He has said any sexual activity was consensual.

By lunchtime Thursday, five jurors had been selected — three men and two women. Judge James Burke has said he expects a full jury, including alternates, to be seated in time for opening statements and testimony on Jan. 22.

— Associated Press

**Jan. 17 birthdays:** Actress Betty White is 98. Actor James Earl Jones is 89. Talk show host Maury Povich is 81. Singer Steve Earle is 65. Comedian-game show host Steve Harvey is 63. Actor Jim Carrey is 58. Actor Denis O'Hare is 58. Actor Joshua Malina is 54. Actor Naveen Andrews is 51. Musician Kid Rock is 49. Actor Freddy Rodriguez is 45. Actress Zooey Deschanel is 40. Singer Ray J is 39. Actress Kelly Marie Tran is 31.



JERROLD HARRIS/GETTY

**GLAAD for Murphy:** TV producer Ryan Murphy will be honored by GLAAD this year for making "a significant difference in accelerating LGBTQ acceptance." The media watchdog announced "The Politician" director will be this year's recipient of its Vito Russo Award. Murphy's other projects include "The Normal Heart," "Nip/Tuck," "Scream Queens," "Glee" and the anthologies "American Horror Story," "American Crime Story" and "Feud." He's won six Emmy Awards, a BAFTA, a 2019 Tony Award for his revival of "The Boys in the Band" and a Peabody Award over the course of his career. Murphy, 54, previously donated all profits from "Pose" and a benefit performance of "The Prom" to charitable organizations working with the LGBTQ community.

**Hall of famers:** It's one sweet day for Mariah Carey: the pop diva, who has co-written 18 of her 19 No. 1 hit songs, will be inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame. Joining Carey for the 2020 class are the Neptunes (the duo of Pharrell Williams and Chad Hugo), former Eurythmics members Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart, the Isley Brothers, Rick Nowels, William "Mickey" Stephenson and Steve Miller.

**Super-Demi:** Grammy-nominated pop singer Demi Lovato will perform the national anthem at the Super Bowl. NFL and Fox announced the performance, which will take place ahead of the Feb. 2 game at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami. Jennifer Lopez and Shakira will headline the halftime show.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## In-laws seek favor, but shown door

**Dear Amy:** This Christmas, my husband's parents and their baby daughter came to stay with us.

The plan was that they would stay with us for three days and leave on Friday morning, as my husband and I both had to return to work on Monday.

On Christmas night, they asked if I wouldn't mind babysitting their infant on Saturday, so they could make some personal visits in town.

This plan would have extended their stay for two more days and nights. I looked at my husband and (on my behalf) he offered to put them up in a hotel for those nights. Instead of agreeing, they left Thursday night instead of Friday.

The truth is that I wasn't in the mood to host them in the first place. I didn't want visitors over Christmas, but we made sure it was nice for them.

I get the side-eye when I tell this story. Was I wrong? How should I have handled this?

— Side-eyed

**Dear Side-eyed:** You need to realize that anyone can ask anything of you. But you shouldn't punish them for asking, when you have the option to respond with a respectful "no."

This request was a major one on your in-laws' part. Even though it seems that you and your husband did agree to babysit, you could have handled it differently by offering a truthful and respectful response: "Oh, I'm sorry, but we have to pivot toward our work week and won't be able to do that. I wish you had asked earlier; we might have been able to work something out."

Or you could have declined to sit on Saturday but offered to sit on Friday until noon, so they could see some friends and then leave in the afternoon.

You present the offer of a hotel as a kindness of sorts, but it really was a tacit invitation for your in-laws to leave, and they took the hint.

You have definitely established yourself as someone who is not to be trifled with.

**Dear Amy:** My daughter recently got engaged and is planning her wedding. Her future in-laws recently divorced and are not really speaking.

We have no relatives in this country, so it's just the three of us. They come from a large, European background with many distant and local relatives.

We are supporting whatever they want. Both families will be pitching in, and the future father-in-law is happy letting them make their choices.

However, the groom's mother wants a spreadsheet with comparisons of what they have already investigated, as well as a day looking at other venues with her son. She has decided that since they have the larger family, they should have the say.

The groom is trying hard to manage the middle ground, but it is creating a huge void, and I fear losing loving relationships going forward.

We have decided to have a meeting (with us, the couple and the father-in-law). We will invite the mother-in-law.

Any suggestions on how to tackle this challenge? — Worried Parents

**Dear Worried:** Calling a meeting sounds like a good idea, and yet ... what you are actually doing is inviting yourselves — and these other parents — into a process that should be controlled by the marrying couple. Ask yourselves, very seriously, what you hope to achieve and then ponder, very frankly, the likely outcome.

There might be cultural issues or traditions you want to honor, but, generally speaking, modern marrying couples should make all of the major decisions regarding the wedding together, as a couple. Both sets of parents can be involved — sometimes very involved — but this should be at the behest of the couple.

The groom should never agree to look at venues without the bride. This young man is going to have to do more than try to plow middle ground. Letting his mother run the show, and cutting his fiancée out of this process, establishes a terrible precedence.

**Dear Amy:** "K in Colorado" was upset because, at the age of 68, some people assume he is his young son's grandfather.

Thank you for pointing out that many grand-parents are raising young children. My husband and I are in that group. We are tired, lonely, and we feel invisible.

— Gram

**Dear Gram:** I see you. You are heroes to your family.

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## 'LES MISÉRABLES' ★★★

## Cops, corruption and gang warfare near Paris

By GUY LODGE  
Variety

"C'est moi, la loi!" screams a bent cop midway through "Les Misérables."

If he's trying to emulate the comic-book indomitability of Judge "I am the law" Dredd, his shrill, panicked delivery is a dead giveaway to the contrary. In both a practical and moral sense, being the law counts for less and less as French docmaker Ladj Ly's first fiction feature unfolds: A buzzing street thriller, it pits a nervous, trigger-happy police force against an aggravated urban underclass in a battle of wills and weaponry that is all too universally recognizable.

Exploring the worn-out housing projects of the director's own home turf — the outlying Parisian commune of Montfermeil — with a keen eye and an antsy gait, it's a furious work of social geography that satisfies slightly less as a character piece. In its ambitious attempt to dramatize the violent anxieties of men on both sides of the law, "Les Misérables" risks selling some victims a little short.

A certain other "Les



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Damien Bonnard, Alexis Manenti and Djibril Zonga star in French director Ladj Ly's "Les Misérables."

Misérables" also took Montfermeil as its setting, of course: Ly's choice of title is a brash, audacious one, but its invocation of Victor Hugo's 1862 opus is no empty gesture.

As a statement of new-generation intent, symbolically reclaiming a national-treasure text to reflect the more diverse reality of contemporary France, it makes its point immediately. The title appears over introductory documentary footage of reveling masses in the wake of France's 2018 World Cup victory, a more positive demonstration of the patriotic brio

that powered the 19th century tome.

It's the last time you'll hear the people sing in Ly's film, which otherwise makes wholly grave references to Hugo's work: "There are no bad plants or bad men; there are only bad cultivators," runs a choice onscreen quote.

Viewers may be inclined to disagree after spending some time in the cop car that literally drives Ly's film through the concrete wilds of Les Bosquets, Montfermeil's most notorious and crime-ridden social estate: It would take an especially generous judge of character

**MPAA rating:** R (for language throughout, some disturbing/violent content, and sexual references)

**Running time:** 1:44

**Opens:** Friday at the Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport Ave., musicboxtheatre.com/. In French with English subtitles.

to identify no bad men inside it.

Ly's screenplay, co-written with Giordano Gederlini and Alexis Manenti, takes a rookie's-first-day structure familiar from "Training Day" and countless others of its ilk, introducing a mediating conscience of sorts in the form of Stéphane (Damien Bonnard), a level-headed, by-the-book policeman newly transferred to Les Bosquets from a less-fraught precinct. Though he's taken off guard by the volatile nature of everyday life in the area, he's even less prepared for the extreme corruption of the two Anti-Crime Squad officers he's assigned to shadow.

Chris (played by Manenti) is a nakedly racist, short-fused bully, given to harassing or actively

assaulting teenagers for sport. His black partner Gwada (compelling model-turned-actor Djibril Zonga) occasionally balks at Chris' behavior but recklessly abuses his own power. In just a single day, this close-quarters complicity threatens to infect the horrified Stéphane too.

Ly and editor Flora Volpelière begin proceedings at a surprisingly leisurely but nonetheless engrossing pace, taking nearly an hour to observe and absorb the intricately conflicting power dynamics of the estate, where the shady local mayor Steve Tientcheu enjoys a brittle, mutual look-the-other-way pact with Chris and Gwada, while an assortment of restive gangs — Muslim Brotherhood members, Romany circus workers and, perhaps most powerfully, overlapping factions of seething teenagers — clash and chafe in their shadow.

When the debatably named Anti-Crime Squad gets roped into one of these initially minor disputes, tensions on a hot, irritable day boil over to near-riot levels, culminating in a breath-suspending cops-

versus-kids standoff.

"Les Misérables" is aptly galling as a study of everyday power structures tested and exploited to breaking point; its best scenes are combative in the discomfort they raise, prodding viewers to ask if, when and how they would intervene in various ugly displays of unchecked authority.

Ly's film has little in the way of sympathy for the police, yet it's surprising the bulk of its action is viewed through their alternately jaded and terrified eyes. We are given far less internal access to the various oppressed groups under their crooked thumb. The film winds up grouping them in hurried, imprecise strokes.

That's a disappointing oversight since Ly's debut otherwise bristles auspiciously with life and wit at the fringes of an already-frayed society.

Expanded from a César-nominated short film of the same name, "Les Misérables" has been shaped from — per the film's press notes — over 100 hours of rushes. Perhaps, however, it could use a little more of its literary namesake's vast, sociable sprawl.

## Phillips

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The film unfolds as a series of gamer-style episodes to be conquered before moving on to the next level. The results play like a first-person war scenario, as if produced by Merchant Ivory.

Strike that: It's less a first-person gaming experience than it is the experience of watching someone else at the controls: "Ready Player World War One."

The chief drawback of Mendes' visual approach, neatly allied with its stripped-down, functional

screenplay, relates to what level of seriousness audiences are willing to buy in their big-screen war games.

The horrors of war in "1917" are, at heart, exciting, in the exhilarating cinematic sense. They don't dare tell you much of the truth of what trench warfare and ungodly adversity under fire must've felt like.

Many disagree with that and still adore the picture. PGA voters, I suspect, admire, respect and will vote for it, partly because it's traditional in its setting and themes yet obviously, even flagrantly, contemporary in its filmmaking and storytelling sensibility.

Nobody, including the

people who made "Green Book" could make a reasonable argument against "1917" being a better-crafted experience than last year's PGA and Oscar winner. But movies about war have their own standards to uphold and histories to honor.

On a first viewing (I'll see it again before Oscar time), the characters felt perfunctory and marginalized in their own story. The human complexities of wartime are lost in the dazzle. Like "The Revenant," another long-take showcase from "Birdman" director Alejandro González Iñárritu, "1917" settles for dramatically

palatable sensory overload.

Producers, I suspect, will vote for "1917" in part because it reminds them of another recent and unfashionable success in the same genre: Christopher Nolan's "Dunkirk." The "1917" production cost estimates run in the \$90 million range. "Dunkirk" cost more (estimates run between \$100-\$150 million), but Nolan's structurally elaborate gambit paid off with a worldwide gross of more than \$500 million. Producers like that too, of course. And they may see similar risk/reward formulas at work with "1917."

Now if Quentin Tarantino's ode to 1969 Hollywood

and slick, durable machismo wins with the PGA on Saturday, there goes that theory. Tarantino's budget on "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood" was comparable to Mendes' budget on "1917."

With Tarantino, the priorities were practical, expensive period re-creation, without much digital anything. His movie was a hit too, and even people who don't love or even hate the ending like the movie anyway. (I'm in that camp.)

Whatever comes to pass Saturday, you know what I'm rooting for come Feb. 9? My favorite film from 2019, that's what.

I love "Parasite" because

it's so infernally crafty and because the people inside Bong Joon Ho's story remain at the helm of the storytelling.

It gives you something to think about when it's over, unlike "1917," which is really over when it's over and which makes for an enveloping two hours — until you realize how little is in the envelope.

"1917" is currently in theaters.

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'JEZEBEL' ★★★ 1/2

# A Vegas story unlike any other

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Last August, Chicago movie audiences got an early look at a beautiful feature debut. "Jezebel," set in 1998 Las Vegas, a long way from the casinos and the Strip, played the Black Harvest Film Festival at the Gene Siskel Film Center. Now writer-director Numa Perrier's semi-autobiographical drama has returned to town, this time for a weeklong run at Facets. It's also available on Netflix, starting Jan. 16. See it either way, but see it.

It's a rewarding small-screen experience as well as a ripely visualized large-screen one, made on a plainly tiny budget. "Jezebel" travels between two locations. One is a cramped Budget Suites studio apartment, where Sabrina (played by Perrier) lives

with her toddler, her older son (Stephen Barrington), her boyfriend (Bobby Field) and the film's primary character, Sabrina's 19-year-old sister.

The sister's real name is Tiffany, a wide-eyed, warm-hearted kid adrift in difficult circumstances. She is portrayed by DePaul University graduate Tiffany Tenille, whose first smile in close-up, around 10 minutes into this 85-minute picture, reveals a face and an actress born for the camera. Tiffany has moved in with her sister's crew while their unseen mother lies dying in a hospital. The teenager, meantime, lies awake on the couch at night, listening to Sabrina conduct her phone sex work on the other side of a paper-thin wall. One day the sisters discuss a help-wanted ad Sabrina thinks is



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DePaul University graduate Tiffany Tenille stars as an unlikely Las Vegas sex worker in "Jezebel," opening at Facets.

worth considering: "Internet models. Nudity required. Great pay." This was a generation ago, remember — a time, as director Perrier told Women-andHollywood.com, when "the world wide web was very new (and) work as a phone sex operator was shifting into the digital space."

Tiffany takes on the persona of Jezebel. Her on-the-job mentor (Zoe Tyson) schools her in the on-camera job's advan-

tages. "The guys can't touch you, and you don't have to see how gross they are in person." One, however, doesn't seem gross; when Tiffany live-chats with "Bobby\_823," the talk becomes personal in a different way. From there "Jezebel" follows its title character through various, acutely observed developments as she starts bending the rules and becoming a new version of herself.

Ever on the lookout for terrific new talent, Perrier

found a champion in Ava DuVernay, whose Array Releasing company picked up "Jezebel" following its premiere nearly a year ago at South by Southwest. Like director Sean Baker's "The Florida Project," Perrier's film saturates the screen with pink, mauve and purple, a defiance of the gray economic circumstances and all that eternal Vegas sunshine. Also like Baker's films, this one pays attention to a handful of the millions in this country

**No MPAA rating** (sexual material, nudity, language)

**Running time:** 1:28

**Opens:** Friday, continuing through Jan. 23, at Facets Cinematheque, 1517 W. Fullerton Ave.; facets.org.

living just above the poverty line, one step ahead of eviction.

It's not straight-up realism; nor is it the usual moralizing, candy-coated melodrama.

## LA's George Lucas museum adds to its big collection

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

The Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, the billion-dollar brainchild of "Star Wars" creator George Lucas and Ariel Investments co-CEO and president Melody Hobson, has acquired a vast collection known as the Separate Cinema Archive, comprising more than 37,000 film posters, scripts and exhibition and promotion relics dating back more than a century.

The LA museum, sched-

uled to open in 2022, will come to fruition after a lengthy, contentious and ultimately thwarted attempt on behalf of Lucas and Hobson to build a museum in San Francisco, followed by a similar impasse in Chicago.

Last year Mayor Lori Lightfoot appointed Chicago native Hobson vice chair of World Business Chicago, a public-private agency advocating for local job growth and corporate relocations.

Lucas attended film

school at the University of Southern California, a geographical neighbor of Exposition Park, where the museum is under construction. It's one of several museums and buildings, including the LA Memorial Coliseum, neighboring the USC campus.

The Lucas Museum's newly acquired film African-American film archive showcases artifacts featuring early black cinema pioneers, such as filmmaker Oscar Micheaux, and later stars ranging from



AP

Rendering of the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, scheduled to open in LA's Exposition Park in 2022.

Dorothy Dandridge to Sidney Poitier, along with musical giants such as Duke Ellington.

On Feb. 8, during Black History Month, the Lucas

Museum and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art will present two South LA screenings: a matinee of "The Wiz," and a screening of Spike Lee's "Do the Right

Thing." The Lee film will be followed by a conversation with Jacqueline Stewart, the University of Chicago professor and recently appointed host of Turner Classic Movies' "Silent Sunday Nights" series. Lucas Museum film curator Ryan Linkof will moderate.

The screenings will take place at Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza's Cinemark Theater. For more information on the museum's progress and plans, go to lucasmuseum.org.

## Disney

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Erin attended that ice show and met Fontana, who subsequently invited Erin to submit some script ideas for "Doc McStuffins." Erin submitted 10 ideas and two made the cut.

One of them is "Tail Spin," which took a few hours to write initially, Erin said. After some back-and-forth with producers and about five edits, the script was complete in two or three weeks, her father added. The result:

"Since it's animation, it takes a long time to do all that stuff," Kevin said.

After the process, Disney invited the Feeneys to Los Angeles for four days in August 2017, where they met some of the voice artists in a recording session. The Feeneys also made a visit to Disneyland.

"They were really nice," Kevin said. "When we were eating lunch, Henry Winkler was recording in the building for another cartoon show, so we got to meet him. (He's) a real nice guy."

After that, it was just a waiting game for the cartoon to be produced. And this week, the family was up extra early to see the premiere live.

"Erin has always had talent (and) a huge imagination," Kevin said. "She loves the Disney stories,



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Kevin Feeny and his daughter Erin Feeny, a 28-year-old writer who specializes in fairy tales, at home in Naperville.

Grimms' Fairy Tales and Hans Christian Andersen, those types of things. We're reading the biography of Andersen, and she's listening to the audio book of the life of Helen Keller."

"I was a lonely kid, so I started watching the Disney movies and fell in love with the princesses," Erin said. Her favorites are Snow White, Thumbelina and Cinderella, but she laughs, saying "Elsa and Anna are cool." (Both princesses are, appropriately, from "Frozen.")

"Erin's dream has been to write fairy tales for kids and in particular Disney stories, so we're hoping one of these days she can

make a career of that," Kevin said. "But Erin wants to finish college first."

Erin is an English major at College of DuPage. According to Kevin, she has three courses left before she hopes to transfer to Elmhurst College. In the meantime, Erin keeps writing her stories — all fiction, many of them original fairy tales, she says. The next thing on the horizon: sending her work to publishers and moving to Los Angeles.

When asked if she's tired of winters, Erin nods emphatically.

"She saw the ocean in Santa Monica and I think

that did it," her dad said. "But first she has to finish college."

Her next class is Introduction to Visual Arts that begins Jan. 21 at College of DuPage. She's on the lookout for aides to work with her when she transitions to a four-year school. Until then her resume is filling out nicely.

Kevin said she's already received some emails about her "McStuffins" debut. And he says about additional Disney work for Erin, "We hope there's some more in the not-so-distant future."

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## Thai architect wins Driehaus Prize for traditional design

BY BLAIR KAMIN

A Thai architect is the winner of the 2020 Richard H. Driehaus Prize for traditional architecture, the University of Notre Dame, which administers the prize, announced Thursday.

Ong-ard Satrabhandhu, whose designs range from tropical houses to a bank and hotel, will receive the \$200,000 award in a March 28 ceremony in Chicago.

The winner's projects "have a unique beauty that results from incorporating lessons gleaned from years of study across diverse cultures. The resulting buildings seamlessly blend with the vernacular traditions of Thailand," said Michael Lykoudis, the Driehaus Prize jury chair and dean of Notre Dame's

architecture school.

Sponsored by Chicago investor Richard H. Driehaus and awarded annually to a living architect, the Driehaus Prize was established in 2003 to honor traditional and classical architecture. Previous recipients include the American architects Robert A.M. Stern and Michael Graves.

As part of the Driehaus Prize awards, it was announced that Clem Labine, founder of Old-House Journal and Traditional Building magazines, is the winner of this year's \$50,000 Henry Hope Reed Award.

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Melonie Diaz

**“Charmed”** (7 p.m., CW): In a new episode called “Guess Who’s Coming to SafeSpace Seattle,” Mel and Maggie (Melonie Diaz, Sarah Jeffery) stumble across a startling discovery that turns their world topsy turvy. Elsewhere, Macy (Madeleine Mantock) has a chance encounter with an investor (guest star Eric Balfour) in SafeSpace that takes a wildly unexpected turn. Rupert Evans, Jordan Donica and Poppy Drayton also star.

**“Donnybrook”** (8:05 p.m., Showtime): Adapted from a novel of the same title by Frank Bill, writer-director Tim Sutton’s character-driven 2018 American-French drama stars Jamie Bell (“Billy Elliot”) as a former Marine living in a trailer park with a wife and two children. Earl is desperate to get his family out of this dead-end existence and make a fresh start, but the only way he sees to finance such a move is to win the Donnybrook, a brutal bare-knuckle fight.

**“Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives”** (9 p.m., 12 a.m., Food): Host Guy Fieri has never tried to hide his status as an enthusiastic carnivore, and in the new episode “Meat Sampler,” he’s hitting the road and digging into all kinds of meats. He starts out in Ottawa, Canada, where a haven for foodies like him is stacking sandwiches with duck and a pork trifecta. In Richmond, Va., a taco joint has customers lining up for oxtail.

**“Hopelessly in Love”** (9 p.m., 11:03 p.m., 12:59 a.m., Lifetime): “Anna Nicole Smith and Larry Birkhead” chronicles the doomed union of the tabloid-ready scandal magnet and a celebrity photographer who was able to see beyond her admittedly checkered past. Smith died of an accidental drug overdose in 2007 at age 39, but Birkhead provides a firsthand account of their tumultuous years together.

**“Real Time With Bill Maher”** (10 p.m., 12 a.m., HBO; 3:45 a.m., HBO2): Maher, a gadfly to many conservatives, returns to launch the 18th season of his edgy, often polarizing talk show at a time when there’s definitely no dearth of viable topics ... particularly when it involves U.S. politics. Maher has assembled quite a guest roster for his first show back tonight, led by Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives. Also scheduled are Democratic presidential candidate Andrew Yang, Republican presidential challenger Joe Walsh, journalist Kara Swisher and historian Jon Meacham.

## TALK SHOWS

**“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (11:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Matthew McConaughey; actor Hugh Grant; actress Vanessa Hudgens; Ashley McBryde performs.\*

**“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (11:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.\*

**“Jimmy Kimmel Live!”** (11:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Michael B. Jordan; actress January Jones; Cigarettes After Sex performs.\*

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	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b>	2	Hawaii Five-0: “Ho’opio ‘ia e ka noho all’i a ka ua.” ©	Magnum P.I.: “Black Is the Widow.” ©	Blue Bloods: “Handcuffs.” ©	News (N) ♦			
	<b>NBC</b>	5	Lincoln Rhyme: Hunt for the Bone Collector (N) ©	Dateline NBC (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦			
	<b>ABC</b>	7	American Housewife	Fresh Off the Boat	20/20: “Overboard.” (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦		
	<b>WGN</b>	9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©	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	Chi. Tonight: Washington Review (N)	Washington Week (N)	Check, Please! (N)	The Interview Show	Country Music: “Hillbilly Shakespeare (1945-1953).” © ♦		
	<b>CW</b>	26.1	Charmed (N) ©		Dynasty (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	<b>The U</b>	26.2	Dr. Phil (N) ©		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	Edison (R,’05) ♦♦	Morgan Freeman, Kevin Spacey. ©			The Last Witch Hunter ♦		
	<b>FOX</b>	32	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live) ©				Fox 32 News (N)	Flannery Fired Up	Modern Family ©
	<b>Ion</b>	38	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: LA ♦
	<b>TeleM</b>	44	Decisiones: unos (N)		La Doña (N) ©		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)
<b>MNT</b>	50	Chicago P.D. ©		CSI: Miami ©		CSI: Miami ©		Chicago ♦	
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<b>WJYS</b>	62	Kenneth Cox Ministries		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Billy Graham	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
<b>Univ</b>	66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno		El dragón (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	<b>AE</b>		Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: “Live PD -- 01.17.20.” (N) (Live) © ♦				
	<b>AMC</b>		The Hunger Games (PG-13,’12) ♦♦♦	Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. ©				Catch Fire ♦	
	<b>ANIM</b>		(7:01) Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition (N)			(9:01) Tanked ©		Tanked ♦	
	<b>BBCA</b>		Planet Earth: Blue II		Planet Earth: Blue II		Planet Earth: Blue II	Norton (N) ♦	
	<b>BET</b>		Friday (R,’95) ♦♦♦	Ice Cube, Chris Tucker. ©			(9:27) Next Friday ♦♦♦		
	<b>BIGTEN</b>		♦ Hockey (N)	Break (N)	College Wrestling: Ohio State at Wisconsin. (N) ©			BTN Live (N)	
	<b>BRAVO</b>		♦ Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	
	<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	The Comedy Central Roast: “Alec Baldwin.” ©			Bill Burr (N)	
	<b>DISC</b>		Gold Rush: “End of the Rainbow.” (N) ©					Outback	
	<b>DISN</b>		Bunk’d (N)	Gabby (N)	Bunk’d ©	Gabby	Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk’d ©
	<b>E!</b>		♦ (6:30) Fifty Shades Darker (R,’17) ♦♦♦				Fifty Shades of Grey (R,’15) ♦♦♦		
	<b>ESPN</b>		♦ NBA Basketball: Bulls at 76ers (N)				NBA Basketball: Trail Blazers at Mavericks (N) ♦		
	<b>ESPN2</b>		♦ College Basketball (N)		Women’s College Gymnastics (N)		UFC	SportCtr (N)	
	<b>FNC</b>		Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News	
	<b>FOOD</b>		Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	
	<b>FREE</b>		Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	
	<b>FX</b>		♦ (6) Furious 7 (PG-13,’15) ♦♦♦	Vin Diesel. ©			Men in Black 3 (PG-13,’12) ♦♦♦		
	<b>HALL</b>		Winter Castle (NR,’19)	Emilie Ullerup. ©			Christmas Town (NR,’19)	Tim Rozon. ♦	
	<b>HGTV</b>		Dream	Dream	Dream (N)	Dream	Dream	Dream	
	<b>HIST</b>		Ancient Aliens ©		Ancient Aliens ©		Ancient Aliens ©	Aliens ♦	
	<b>HLN</b>		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	<b>IFC</b>		Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
	<b>LIFE</b>		♦ (6) Hopelessly in Love				Hopelessly in Love (N) © (Part 3 of 3)	Love ♦	
<b>MSNBC</b>		All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)		
<b>MTV</b>		♦ (5:30) The Hangover ♦♦♦	Ridiculous. ♦	Ridiculous. ♦	Ridiculous. ♦	Ridiculousness ©			
<b>NBCSCH</b>		♦ NBA Basketball: Bulls at 76ers (N)		Postgame		Bulls (N)	Football		
<b>NICK</b>		Most Musical Family (Season Finale) (N)	All That ©	SpongeBob		Friends ©	Friends ©		
<b>OVATION</b>		♦ (6) The Karate Kid (PG,’84)	♦♦♦	Ralph Macchio.		The Karate Kid Part II (PG,’86)	♦♦♦		
<b>OWN</b>		20/20 on OWN ©		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence	Homicide ♦		
<b>OXY</b>		Dateline: Secrets (N)		Snapped: “William Dennis.”		Snapped ©	Snapped ♦		
<b>PARMT</b>		The Green Mile (R,’99) ♦♦♦	Tom Hanks, David Morse. © ♦						
<b>SYFY</b>		♦ (5:30) Star Trek Beyond		Star Trek (PG-13,’09) ♦♦♦	Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto. © ♦				
<b>TBS</b>		♦ (6) Red 2 (PG-13,’13) ♦♦	Bruce Willis.	Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13,’14) ♦♦♦					
<b>TCM</b>		Whisky Galore! (NR,’49) ♦♦♦♦				(8:45) Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? (’66) ♦♦♦♦♦			
<b>TLC</b>		Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		Feet-Killing Me (N)		My 600-Lb. Life (N) ♦			
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<b>TNT</b>		The Legend of Tarzan (PG-13,’16) ♦♦	Alexander Skarsgard.			Kong: Skull Island ♦♦♦♦			
<b>TOON</b>		Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy		
<b>TRAV</b>		Kindred Spirits (N) ©		Kindred Spirits (N) ©		Ghost Loop (N) ©	Tren. Fear		
<b>TVL</b>		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King		
<b>USA</b>		♦ Law & Order	Bad Boys (R,’95) ♦♦	Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. ©			Mod Fam		
<b>VH1</b>		Good Deeds (PG-13,’12) ♦♦	Tyler Perry, Thandie Newton. ©			Meet the Browns ♦♦♦			
<b>WE</b>		Love After Lockup ©		Love After Lockup (N) ©		(9:01) Extreme Love (N)	Love- Loc. ♦		
<b>WGN America</b>		Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man		
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>		♦ (6:50) Long Shot (R,’19) ♦♦♦	Seth Rogen. ©		Real Time, Bill Maher (Season Premiere) (N)	Outsider ♦		
	<b>HBO2</b>		The Outsider ©		The Outsider: “Roanoke.”	Spanglish (PG-13,’04) ♦♦♦			
	<b>MAX</b>		(7:10) Halloween (R,’18) ♦♦	Jamie Lee Curtis.		Strike Back ©	Strike ♦		
	<b>SHO</b>		(7:05) Donnybrook (R,’18) ♦♦	Jamie Bell. ©		Boxing (N) ♦			
	<b>STARZ</b>		♦ (6:12) Saint Judy (’18)		Power: “He Always Wins.”		(9:01) Notorious (R,’09) ♦♦		
<b>STZENC</b>		♦ Born-4th July		Lethal Weapon 4 (R,’98) ♦♦	Mel Gibson. ©		Girl ♦		

# Boys

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boasts a handful of cheap intentional ones, lots and lots of automatic gunfire and bleeding, and a nutty pileup of influences, from late-period “Fast & Furious” to “Mission: Impossible” to “21 Jump Street.”

Through it all, as directed by the Moroccan-born Belgian filmmakers Adil El Arbi and Bilall Fallah, “Bad Boys for Life” may be a frantic visual blur but it’s razor-sharp thematically. Its mission, should

you choose to accept it, is to make a jaded 2020 audience glad to see these guys again. The movie’s not the point. The boys are the point.

“Original” being relative, the original “Bad Boys” told the story of how Tea Leoni nearly swiped a Martin Lawrence/Will Smith vehicle away from the headliners. “Bad Boys II,” a callous low point for early 21st century studio movies, told the story of how Jackie Chan’s far superior “Police Story” managed to wreck a hillside village inhabited by poverty-stricken extras for laughs, and succeeded.

This led to director Bay ripping off the “Police Story” melee for his movie. Watching the destruction, all you could think about was the meanness of the joke’s premise.

“Bad Boys for Life” finds Lawrence’s Detective Marcus Burnett a proud grandpa and an eager retiree-to-be. The script’s main joke for his character involves Marcus still finding the prospect of “quality time” from his shrewish wife (Theresa Randle) a persistent drag on his ego. Who says they don’t write decent women’s roles in stuff like this?

In fact, there are other major female roles here, and only one of them is a ruthless drug lord she-beast *bruja* (Kate del Castillo, bringing it). She busts out of prison; assigns her ruthless yet vaguely conflicted assassin son (Jacob Scipio) to eliminate all the Miami bigwigs who made life difficult for her and her late drug lord husband. Detective Mike Lowery heads that list.

The veteran Bad Boys struggle with new rules of conduct and cooperative policing, albeit policing with a delirious body count. Paola Nunez plays

Rita, Lowery’s former lover and head of an elite special Miami police unit taking charge of the case involving the murdered Miami adversaries of the drug lords. But there’s all this sexual tension between Rita and Mike, at least we’re told there is. Mike mutters about the love of his life, once upon a time, which ended badly and closed him off emotionally. This figures into the plot, if you care about plot.

At one point, Marcus finds a huge cache of weapons in a storage compartment. The throwaway line “It’s like an angry white

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**Running time:** 2:04

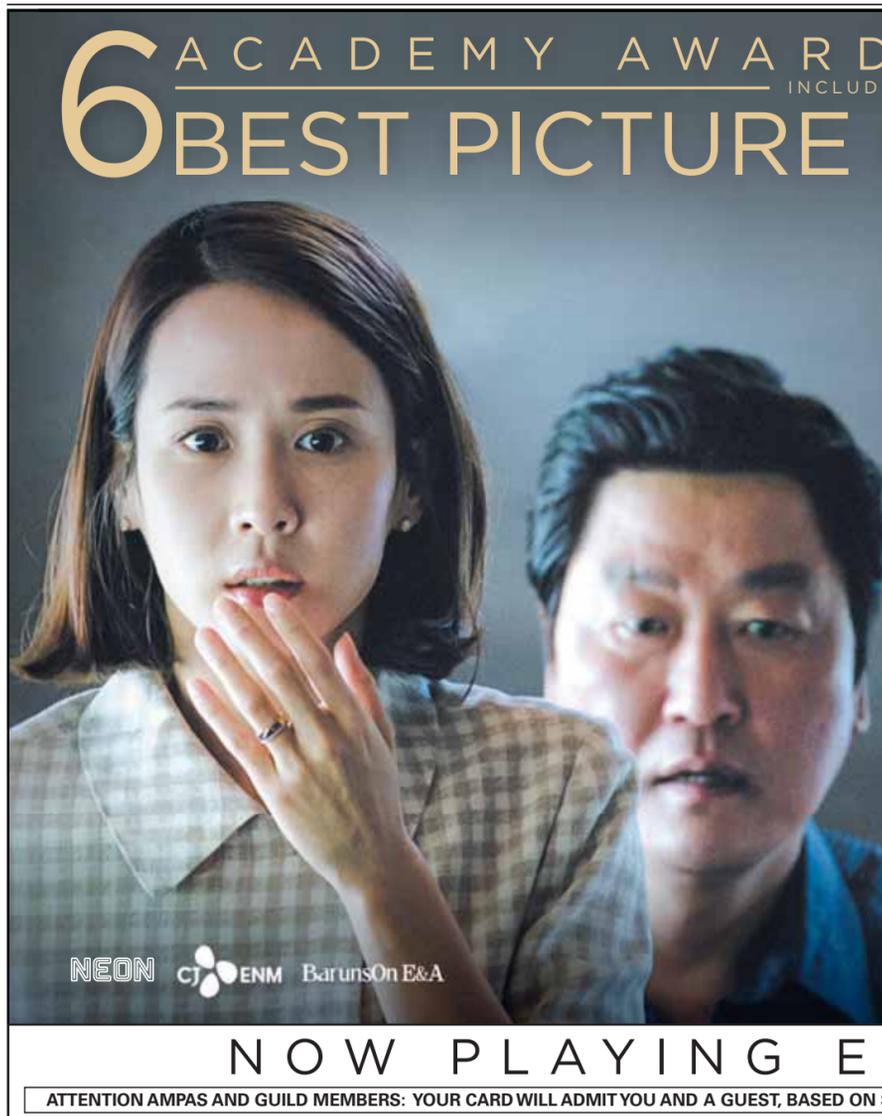
man’s basement in here!” got a nice juicy laugh, one that even angry white men with basements full of weapons should appreciate. And if they liked the old “Bad Boy” movies, they’ll probably like this one too.

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Jan. 17): Thoughtful planning and organization provide results this year. Consistent, dedicated action can realize dreams. Attain personal wins this winter before resolving a partnership challenge. Adapt to changing plans next summer before you and a partner reach new levels of collaboration and romance.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Focus on practical priorities with family finances. Decrease obligations and consumption. Turned unused lights off. Review resources for painless ways to save.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 7. You can see what wasn't working. Slowly untangle things. Practice gentle kindness, especially with your partner. Handle practical priorities.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Don't get distracted by idle talk; steady, consistent action gets results. Practice your moves. Strengthen your performance through a mastery of basic elements.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Prioritize family rest and recreation. Put your money where your mouth is. Action gets you farther than talk. Have fun with someone sweet.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. The gentle approach works best at home with family. Misunderstandings could trip you up. Take time to untangle different interpretations.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. When words seem twisted, get out for some fresh air. Meditate on a response. Avoid immediate reactions. Let go of preconceptions or assumptions. Clarify.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Focus on funding. Despite setbacks or delays, that money should arrive. Keep your deadlines, agreements and patience. Review work and edit with care.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Dress for the part you want. Words could fail you. Transportation delays or misunderstandings could frustrate your plans. It all works out. Show up.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 6. Wait to launch your plans. Stay sensitive to the unspoken undercurrent. You won't need to defer gratification forever. Give away old stuff you no longer need.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Your friends are your inspiration. Unexpected words could disrupt or delay advancement of a group project. Keep your promises and deadlines and avoid miscommunication.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. You can figure out a professional puzzle. Old assumptions get challenged. Experiment and test your theories without great expense. Get an outside view.

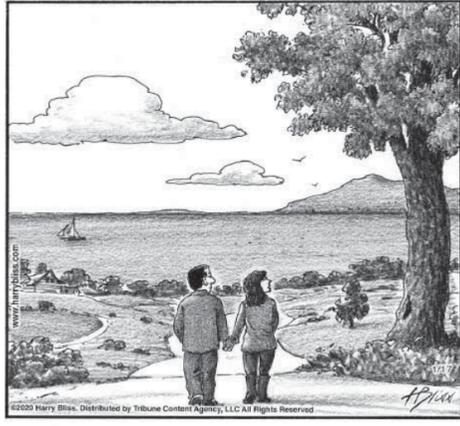
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Strike out with an adventurous heart. Clarify misunderstandings. Delays or traffic could disrupt the flow. Explore and feel the wind on your face.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



### Bliss By Harry Bliss



### Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ K 10 8 3	♥ Q J 9	♠ 7 6 5 2	♥ 7 5 3
♦ 9 5 4	♣ K 8 4	♦ J 8 6	♣ 9 6 3
<b>West</b>		<b>South</b>	
♠ A 9 4	♥ A K 8 6	♠ Q J	♥ A 10 4 2
♦ 10 2	♣ A Q 10 5 2	♦ A K Q 7 3	♣ J 7

Not everyone would choose to open the South hand with one no trump, but we would expect the final contract to be the same after any opening bid.

West knows that he holds almost all the high cards for his side. The only card partner might have to help the defense is the jack of clubs, and West can't base his defense on that hope. Clubs is certainly the right suit to lead, but which club?

**The bidding:**

<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
1NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

**Opening lead: ?**

Any club is fine if partner holds the jack, but what if the one of the opponents holds that card? Leading the queen would work fine on the given layout. Dummy's king will win the first trick, but West will be able to run four club tricks when he regains the lead. But what if dummy held a doubleton king and declarer three to the jack? The lead of the queen would be a disaster! Any lower club would defeat the contract.

The answer is to lead the ace of clubs to get a look at dummy before deciding how to continue. Seeing three clubs to the king in dummy would see West continue with the queen of clubs hoping partner has the jack or declarer started with jack doubleton. Should South have started with three to the jack, so what? No defense would have succeeded in that case. Should a doubleton king of clubs come down in dummy, West has an easy continuation of a low club. There are similar options when the jack appears in dummy. Nice defense!

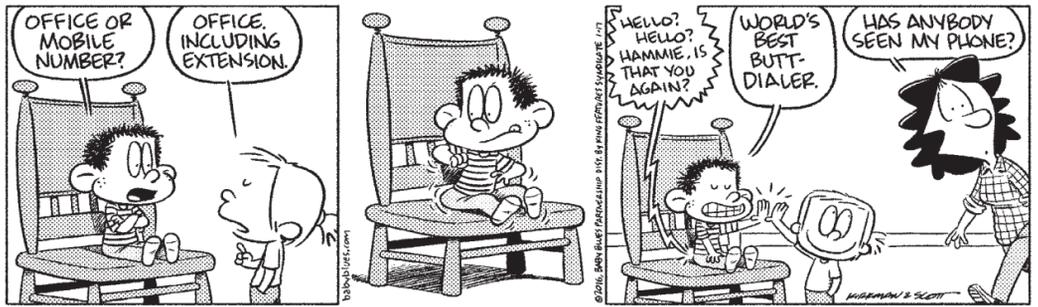
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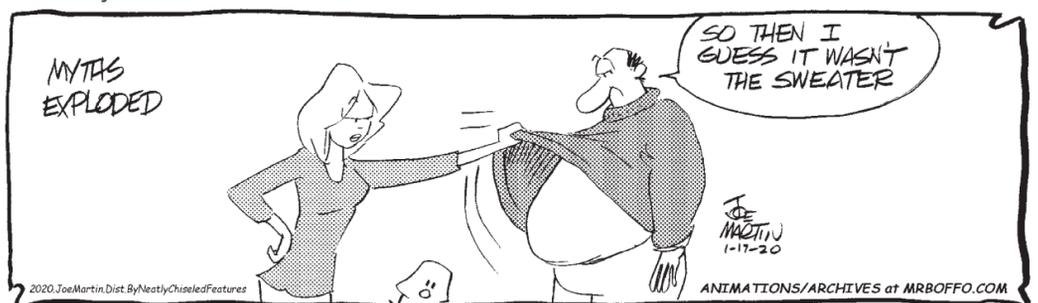
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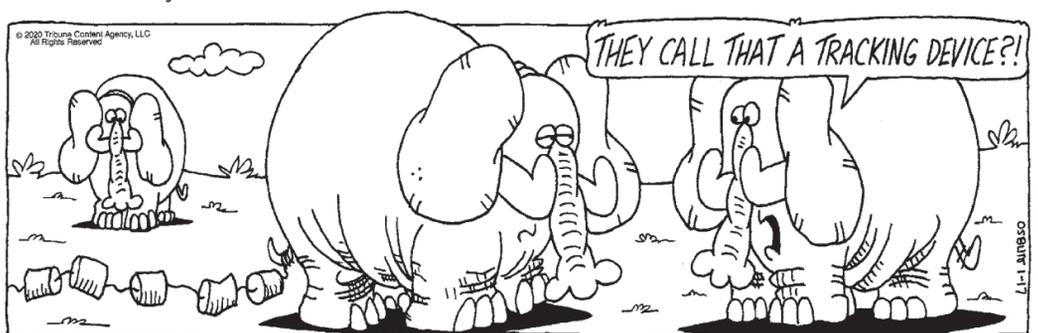
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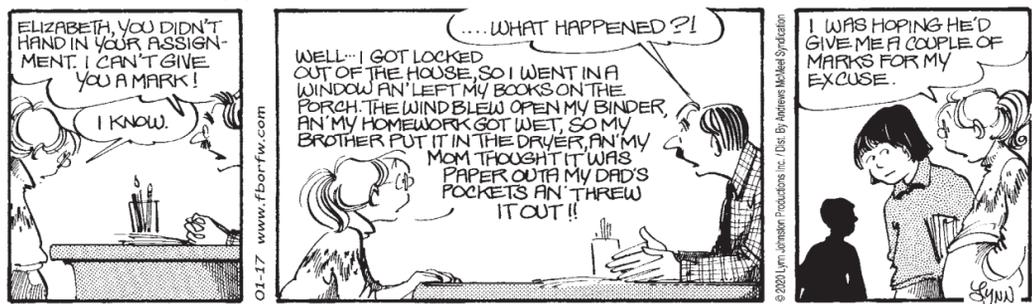
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**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall



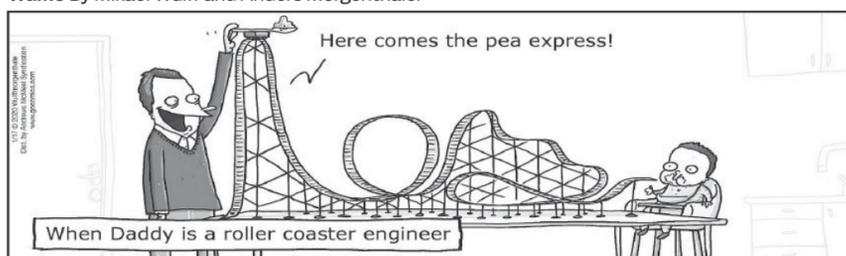
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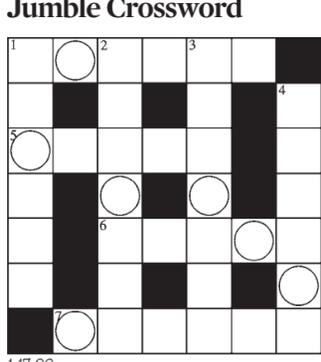
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**Trivia Bits**

**Stone Library** houses the books and archives of which two American presidents?  
 A) John Adams and John Quincy Adams  
 B) George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush  
 C) Benjamin Harrison and William Henry Harrison  
 D) Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Baines Johnson  
 Thursday's answer: "Under a Blood Red Sky" was a 1983 live album from U2.  
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**Jumble Crossword**



**CLUE ACROSS**  
 1. Sent along a path  
 5. Walked back and forth  
 6. Stanza  
 7. Walk heavily

**CLUE DOWN**  
 1. Restfulness, calm  
 2. Reveal, disclose  
 3. Withstood  
 4. Swindle

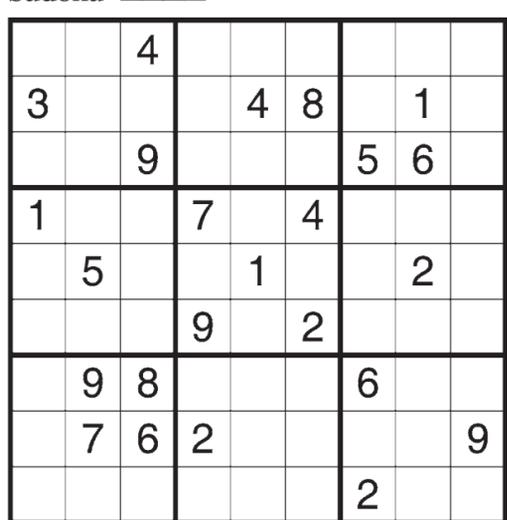
**ANSWER**  
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 CEPAD  
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 DGTURE

**ANSWER**  
 ROESPE  
 NERVCOU  
 UNEEDRD  
 CEFELE

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 By David L. Hoyt.

**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.

**Thursday's solutions**  
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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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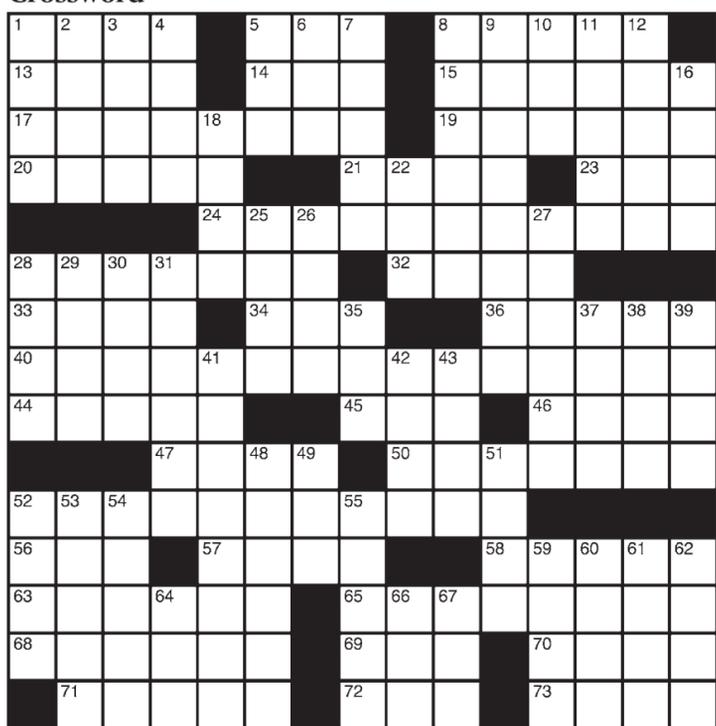
THE STORE WAS CLOSING, AND LOYAL CUSTOMERS CAME IN ON THE FINAL DAY FOR THE ---

Answer here  
 O O O O - " O O O O "

**Thursday's answers**  
 Jumbles: GUEST SENSE HIPPIE FIGURE  
 Answer: In order to attract customers, the astrologer — PUT UP SIGNS  
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**Crossword**

1/17



**Across**  
 1 "\_\_\_ Is Better Than Evvah!": 1976 R&B album  
 5 "Disgusting!"  
 8 "The Real Housewives" series airt  
 13 Sprat's choice  
 14 Slice of pizza?  
 15 Consuming  
 17 What dogs do to set a tempo?  
 19 One making amends  
 20 \_\_\_ dog  
 21 Uproars  
 23 Miller Sebastian  
 24 Bartender's lager-serving skill?  
 28 "Just \_\_\_"  
 32 Creepy glance  
 33 Word said with a sigh  
 34 School subj.  
 36 Self-service bar offering

40 Convenience for a fish traveling around the city?  
 44 Join  
 45 Excavation  
 46 Green subj.  
 47 Barflies  
 50 Works free  
 52 Annoyed answer to "How's your jobless roommate working out?"  
 56 Beer choice  
 57 Prefix with byte  
 58 Name on Re-Nutriv cosmetics  
 63 Sport played on a variety of surfaces  
 65 Malady that accounts for four Across puzzle answers  
 68 V-8, for example  
 69 1979 Hockey Hall of Fame inductee  
 70 Best beastie  
 71 Mild oaths  
 72 Feed bit  
 73 Coffee \_\_\_

11 Leonardo's birthplace  
 12 Situation after a leadoff double  
 16 One of the Bradys  
 18 House of Dana fragrance  
 22 Down (with)  
 25 Old map abbr.  
 26 Octa- plus two  
 27 Sour \_\_\_  
 28 1995 Oscar-nominated animatronics film  
 29 Pizazz  
 30 Credits heading  
 31 Rate  
 35 Like Brahms' Symphony No. 2  
 37 Tie (up)  
 38 "... \_\_\_ is given": Isaiah  
 39 PC connections  
 41 Palomino pace  
 42 Missile site  
 43 Hunchbacked assistant  
 48 Dissertations  
 49 Preacher's msg.  
 51 Binged (on)  
 52 Quick meal  
 53 Capsize  
 54 Japanese comics  
 55 Large mackerel  
 59 Union member's nemesis  
 60 Groom work  
 61 Academy award-winning director Kazan  
 62 Fall site  
 64 Diarist Anaïs  
 66 History book chapter  
 67 Fine print, say

**Thursday's solution**  
 CORN ITSMETUMS  
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 BEEFEATERS MUNI  
 ENTER REO BERGS  
 CIGARS ESPYS  
 ROCOCO EYES  
 ONO HOAG ASITIS  
 URNS FLANK GROK  
 NYEET STEAK NOTII  
 DESILU TETIA PAR  
 COPA NLWEST  
 SULKSDOGGIE  
 TTPPS FRO SIZER  
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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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FRIDAY, JAN. 17 NORMAL HIGH: 31° NORMAL LOW: 16° RECORD HIGH: 60° (1894) RECORD LOW: -23° (1982)

## From snow to rain and ice to more snow, cold

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 32 **LOW** 30

■ **Winter Weather Advisory for accumulating snow begins at 5 p.m.**

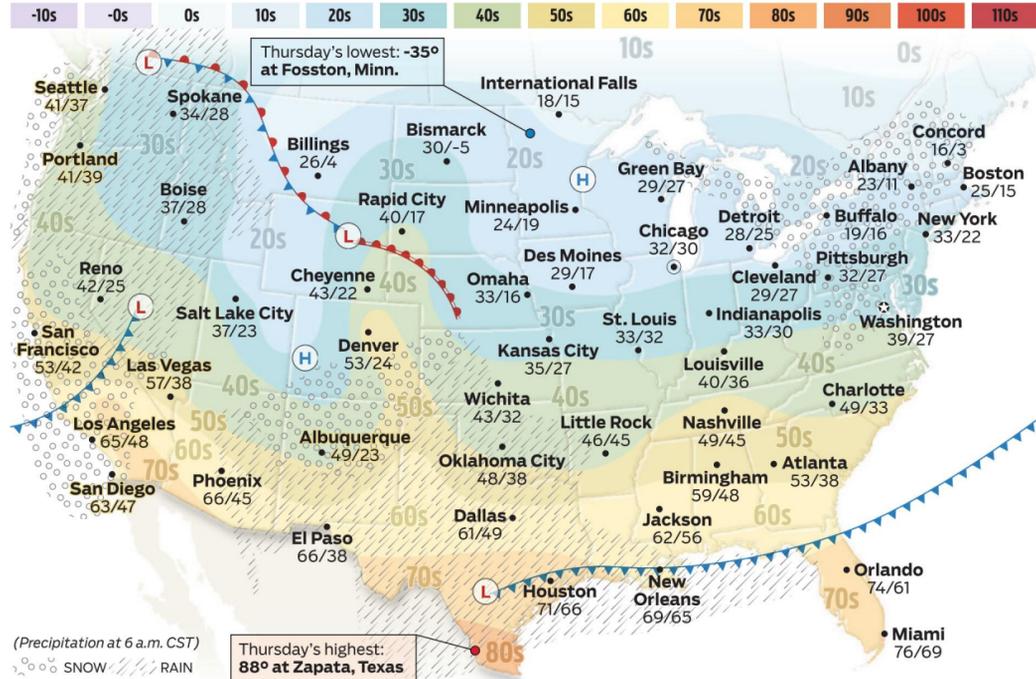
■ Some peeks of sun possible beyond daybreak but clouds increase and thicken by afternoon.

■ Light snow develops mid-afternoon, first across the far western suburbs, overspreading the city between 5 and 6 p.m.

■ Highs in the lower 30s with southeast winds increasing 12-24 mph.

■ Windy, snowy Friday night. Precipitation is likely to mix with sleet/freezing rain across the south suburbs, gradually spreading north by daybreak.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



The latest winter storm to strike the Chicago area is due to arrive Friday afternoon. It begins as snow in the mid or late afternoon, spreading from west to east across the area.

Snow intensities may become heavy at times Friday evening. Snow continues Friday night, but changes to rain, sleet and freezing rain late at night as temperatures climb into the lower and middle 30s on Saturday.

Rain changes back to a brief period of snow Saturday as colder air moves into the area. Much colder air surges into the area Saturday night and then persists for a few days. Sunday and Monday will be genuinely cold — the coldest of the winter season thus far.

Temperatures begin a gradual moderation Tuesday, and the moderation continues for a couple days beyond that.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 18

**HIGH** 38 **LOW** 7

Cloudy, rain or a rain/snow mix changes to a few snow showers before precipitation ends early afternoon. Blustery and turning sharply colder. Morning high in the upper 30s but temps crash to near 20 degrees by evening.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 19

**HIGH** 14 **LOW** 0

Bitterly cold air arrives. The coldest daytime high temps in over 10 months since last March. Sunshine and mixed fair weather clouds, biting winds chills range from -5° to -20°. Lake snows likely in the Michiana snowbelt.

### MONDAY, JAN. 20

**HIGH** 16 **LOW** 4

Arctic air continues. Partly sunny, quite cold with highs in the mid teens. Lake effect snow showers continue to pile up in the Michiana snow belt. Wind chills as low as -20 early to near 0 in the afternoon. NW winds 8-18 mph.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 21

**HIGH** 20 **LOW** 10

Continued cold but peak readings inch a few degrees higher than yesterday. Afternoon highs in the low 20s. Wind chills: -10 to +10.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

**HIGH** 33 **LOW** 21

Sunshine through increasing high and mid-level clouds. Turning breezy from the south, noticeably milder. Highs in the lower 30s, more typical of late January.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 23

**HIGH** 40 **LOW** 21

Partly sunny. A burst of mild, Pacific air arrives. Gusty south to southwest winds help push afternoon highs close to 40 degrees, about 8 degrees warmer than normal.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
I see children in my neighborhood sometimes eating snow. Is this a safe thing to do?  
Dolores Macintyre, Chicago

Dear Dolores,  
It is not a good practice. It's not that snow would prove to be immediately toxic, but it is possible that the snow might contain traces of chemicals you really don't want to eat. This is especially true in and around urban areas (like Chicago).

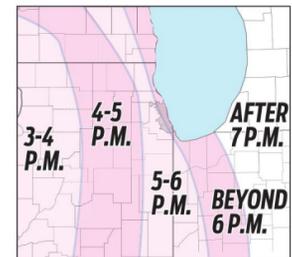
Snowflakes can contain many of the chemicals that fall in acid rain. Using fresh fallen snow as your dessert might introduce sulfates, nitrates, acids, various types of particulates, lead and possibly even traces of naturally radioactive beryllium; even bacteria can be found in snow. And in countries that still burn coal, the snow might also include fly ash (airborne bits of unburnable ash). To repeat: Eating snow is not recommended.

Write to: ASK TOM  
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Chicago, IL 60618  
asktomwhy@wgntv.com

Hear Demetrius  
Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

## Accumulating snow to arrive in time for Friday p.m. rush hour

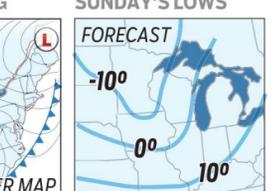
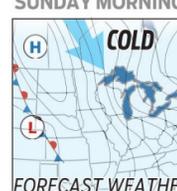
**ONSET OF FRIDAY SNOW—START TIMES VARY BY REGION**  
Forecast snowfall timeline



**PREDICTED SNOWFALL TOTALS**  
Friday evening through Saturday morning



**SUNDAY-MONDAY**  
Frigid, arctic air follows Fri/Sat system  
Frigid air flows into Midwest



**SUNDAY'S LAKE MICHIGAN WIND AND WAVES**



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

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### MIDWEST CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	sh	38	36	sh	51	20
Carbondale	sn	29	28	sh	40	5
Champaign	sn	31	29	sh	40	5
Decatur	sn	31	29	sh	42	8
Moline	sn	28	27	ss	37	1
Peoria	sn	26	23	sn	33	1
Quincy	rs	30	29	pc	37	9
Rockford	sn	26	25	sn	35	1
Springfield	rs	31	29	sh	42	7
Sterling	sn	26	25	rs	36	0
Indiana						
Bloomington	sh	35	31	rn	47	14
Evansville	sh	37	36	rn	51	19
Fort Wayne	cl	30	28	rn	42	8
Indianapolis	sh	33	30	rn	46	11
Lafayette	sh	34	31	rn	43	7
South Bend	cl	31	28	rs	39	11
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	ss	29	27	sn	33	7
Kenosha	ss	31	29	rs	37	5
La Crosse	sn	26	24	ss	28	-1
Madison	sn	26	23	sn	33	1
Milwaukee	sn	30	28	sn	35	1
Wausau	sn	23	21	sn	27	1
Michigan						
Detroit	cl	28	25	rs	40	17
Grand Rapids	cl	29	26	rs	37	16
Marquette	cl	24	22	sn	30	21
St. Ste. Marie	cl	17	15	sn	24	14
Traverse City	cl	22	17	sn	24	14
Iowa						
Ames	sn	27	15	pc	20	-5
Cedar Rapids	sn	26	24	pc	31	-3
Des Moines	sn	29	17	pc	22	-2
Dubuque	sn	26	24	ss	32	-1

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	su	23	11	sn	28	27
Albuquerque	pc	49	23	ss	46	28
Amarillo	pc	56	25	ss	46	26
Anchorage	pc	7	2	pc	7	2
Asheville	cl	46	29	sh	48	28
Aspen	sn	29	6	pc	32	11
Atlanta	pc	53	38	rn	53	37
Atlantic City	su	36	21	rn	44	39
Austin	sh	70	61	sh	64	39
Baltimore	pc	37	26	rs	38	36
Billings	ss	26	4	pc	26	13
Birmingham	cl	59	48	pc	58	34
Bismarck	ss	30	-5	pc	0	-11
Boise	pc	37	28	cl	39	28
Boston	pc	25	15	sn	30	29
Brownsville	cl	81	67	ts	78	60
Buffalo	pc	19	16	rs	39	24
Burlington	pc	8	-3	sn	20	19
Charlotte	pc	49	33	sh	46	41
Charltn SC	su	52	43	sh	64	58
Charltn WV	cl	40	32	rs	52	24
Chattanooga	cl	53	42	rs	53	30
Cheyenne	cl	43	22	pc	39	25
Cincinnati	cl	37	30	rn	49	16
Cleveland	sh	29	27	rs	43	20
Colorado Spgs	pc	52	19	pc	39	23
Columbia MO	rs	32	32	pc	38	16
Columbia SC	pc	52	35	sh	56	51
Columbus	cl	32	29	rn	44	15
Concord	su	16	3	ss	23	19
Corps Christi	sh	77	65	sh	74	49
Dallas	rn	61	49	ss	55	35
Daytona Bch.	pc	70	60	cl	74	59
Denver	pc	53	24	pc	45	26
Des Moines	sn	20	19	ss	23	3
El Paso	pc	66	38	ss	62	39

### FRI./SAT. FC HI LO FC HI LO

Fairbanks	su	-10	-21	su	-16	-25
Fargo	sn	24	1	ss	5	-7
Flagstaff	pc	40	18	pc	44	20
Fort Myers	pc	81	62	pc	83	61
Fort Smith	sh	44	43	su	49	29
Fresno	rs	37	15	cl	35	15
Grand Junct.	ss	10	-5	cl	9	4
Great Falls	pc	33	21	sn	35	32
Harrisburg	su	26	14	sn	32	30
Hartford	su	26	14	sn	32	30
Helena	pc	27	15	cl	30	21
Honolulu	pc	79	68	pc	78	70
Houston	sh	71	66	sh	70	47
Int'l Falls	ss	18	15	ss	18	-4
Jackson	pc	65	56	ts	69	52
Jacksonville	pc	64	59	pc	76	63
Jamez	rs	15	12	pc	20	18
Kansas City	rs	35	27	su	34	18
Las Vegas	pc	57	38	pc	60	41
Lincoln	rs	36	19	pc	52	21
Little Rock	sh	46	45	pc	57	30
Los Angeles	pc	65	48	pc	72	52
Louisville	su	40	36	pc	53	20
Lubbock	pc	55	39	rn	58	30
Madison	sh	50	49	rn	58	30
Manila	sh	76	69	pc	75	50
Memphis	sh	60	49	rn	60	45
Miami	pc	65	48	pc	72	52
Minneapolis	sn	24	19	ss	22	2
Mobile	sh	66	60	rn	69	48
Montgomery	cl	62	49	sh	62	41
Nashville	pc	65	49	sn	58	26
New Orleans	sh	69	65	ts	75	50
New York	su	33	22	sn	36	37
Norfolk	su	41	28	sh	52	46
Norwich	rs	48	38	su	48	31
Oklahoma City	pc	53	38	su	48	31
Omaha	rs	33	16	pc	21	1
Orlando	pc	74	61	pc	78	61

### FRI./SAT. FC HI LO FC HI LO

Palm Beach	sh	78	69	pc	77	66
Palm Springs	pc	68	48	pc	72	50
Philadelphia	su	33	20	sn	37	35
Phoenix	pc	66	45	pc	71	48
Pittsburgh	pc	32	27	rs	45	22
Portland, ME	su	20	3	ss	23	3
Portland, OR	rs	41	39	sh	50	45
Providence	su	27	12	sn	30	30
Raleigh	pc	45	30	sh	51	46
Rapid City	pc	40	17	pc	29	7
Reno	pc	42	25	pc	50	26
Richmond	pc	42	26	rn	45	40
Rochester	pc	18	15	sn	34	27
Sacramento	pc	55	37	pc	57	34
Salem, Ore.	sh	42	41	sh	50	45
Salt Lake City	ss	37	23	pc	39	25
San Antonio	sh	73	62	pc	65	40
San Diego	pc	63	47	pc	68	48
San Francisco	pc	53	42	pc	54	43
San Juan	su	84	74	su	81	74
Santa Fe	ss	37	16	su	38	23
Savannah	su	56	45	sh	68	58
Seattle	cl	41	37	sh	49	44
Shreveport	sh	60	59	sh	63	36
Sioux Falls	sn	28	6	pc	10	-7
Spokane	sh	34	28	sn	37	35
St. Louis	rs	33	32	sh	46	16
Tucson	su	66	39	pc	73	44
Tulsa	su	45	39	sn	48	30
Tallahassee	pc	69	52	pc	71	60
Tampa	pc	78	61	pc	80	63
Topeka	rs	38				

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# ON THE TOWN

# MUST LOVE CATS

Jackson Galaxy wanted to be a rock star, but now he makes bad cats good

BY ALLISON STEWART

Let's get it out of the way: Jackson Galaxy has not seen, nor does he intend to see, the movie "Cats." Galaxy, the star of the Animal Planet series "My Cat From Hell," is basically the world's premier cat enthusiast, but even he has his limits.

In his previous life, Galaxy, born Richard Kirschner, wanted to be a rock star. But during a stint working in a Colorado animal shelter, in the midst of a harrowing addiction battle, Galaxy realized he had a unique affinity for cats, and they for him.

He has since carved out a career as a cat behaviorist, motivational speaker, and bestselling author. His latest book, "Total Cat Mojo," contains "everything I know in one place," Galaxy, who lives in Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley, says in a phone interview.

Turn to *Cats*, Page 5



Cat behaviorist Jackson Galaxy can tame even the most cantankerous cats.

ANDREW MARTTILA PHOTO

## Take 10

BY ADAM LUKACH

**1. Soul celebration:** Soul Summit is one of Chicago's popular soul-music dance parties, popular enough that it will celebrate 10 years of cutting up the dance floor this weekend. The occasion's special guest is Breakbeat Lou, a Bronx DJ who's one of those "they don't make 'em like this anymore" crate-diggers. Early arrival (and comfortable shoes) recommended. 9 p.m. *Saturday*-2:30 a.m. *Sunday*, *Empty Bottle*, 1035 N. Western Ave., free before 11 p.m., \$5 cover after 11; [soulsummitchicago.com](http://soulsummitchicago.com)

**2. In the neighborhood:** Do a little "Shop Small" spending this weekend at the Winter Fair in Pilsen, featuring a lineup of local

artists, vendors, food and drink, plus Chicago musicians serenading guests throughout the event. You'll find jewelry, artwork, clothing, grilled cheese and more. *Donations are requested for the bands.* 3-7 p.m. *Saturday*, *Pilsen Art House*, 1756 W. 19th St., free; [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

**3. Weekend of Trucks:** Jam-band maestro and self-named band extraordinaire Derek Trucks comes to Chicago this weekend with fellow guitar ace Susan Tedeschi, who is also his wife. Together, the pair front the Tedeschi-Trucks Band, which will play evening shows on two dates this weekend. TTB specializes in blues and blues-style rock, and it dropped its most recent LP "Signs" last year. 7:30 p.m. *Friday and Saturday*, *Chicago Theatre*, 175 N. State St., \$19.50-\$253.50; [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com)

**4. Knuckles up ...** House music legend Frankie Knuckles would have turned 65 this weekend, so his native city celebrates his life with "Frankie Knuckles and the Power of Liberatory Space" — a talk with DJ Duane Powell about house music as safe spaces, followed by a Sunday Service dance party with Powell. *Discussion* 1:30-3 p.m. *Saturday and Sunday Service* 3-7 p.m. *Saturday*, *Stony Island Arts Bank*, 6760 S. Stony Island Ave., early arrival recommended for discussion, free; [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

**5. ... and then get down:** The Knuckles birthday afterparty keeps going later at SmartBar with a full lineup of DJs and hosts, led by Michael Serafini and Garrett David. 9 p.m. *Saturday*-2:30 a.m. *Sunday*, *SmartBar*, 3730 N. Clark St., \$20 advance, \$25 door; [etix.com](http://etix.com)

**6. Brass in your ...** The award-winning Revival Brass Band brings some New Orleans spirit to Chicago for the weekend, with a warm, booming brass sound that will take you there — if only for a sec. *Doors* 7:30 p.m., *show* 8:30 p.m., *Thalia Hall*, 1807 S. Allport St., \$25-\$70; [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

**7. 'Eh, what's up, maestro?'** Take in an afternoon at the theater with a pairing of classics: Bugs Bunny and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The bill includes classic cartoons and a couple new shorts. 3-5 p.m. *Saturday*, *Chicago Symphony Orchestra*, 220 S. Michigan Ave., \$34-\$109; [order.cso.org](http://order.cso.org)

**8. Better in threes:** Three local favorites — Kuma's Corner, Half Acre and Dark Matter — will celebrate Half Acre's annual Big Hugs imperial coffee stout with

Big Hugs pours, Big Hugs Espresso drinks from Dark Matter and swag, all while supplies last. 11:15 a.m.-11 p.m. *Saturday*, *Kuma's Corner*, 2900 W. Belmont Ave., free; [facebook.com](http://facebook.com)

**9. 'City' tours:** You've read — or heard of — "Devil in the White City," the famous history of the World's Colombian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. Now see famous sites on a guided tour. *Noon Saturdays*, *Congress Plaza Hotel*, 520 S. Michigan Ave., \$40; [chicagohauntings.com](http://chicagohauntings.com)

**10. Smooth serenades:** Malaysian musician Yuna brings her international brand of R&B-inspired pop music to the states for an "acoustic evening" to promote her 2019 album "Rogue." 8 p.m. *Friday*, 7 and 10 p.m. *Saturday*, *City Winery*, 1200 W. Randolph St., \$35-\$55; [citywinery.com](http://citywinery.com)

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# TURN IT UP

## Zen-like approach to musical craft

Whether as Phish's bassist or leader of his own band, Mike Gordon approaches his work as a process of 'letting go'

BY DAN HYMAN

Much in the way his best-known and monolithic band Phish has been known to get all dreamlike and downright mesmerizing in the midst of their notoriously epic jams, Mike Gordon takes a similarly Zen-like approach to his musical craft.

"Sometimes it's about surrendering," the bassist said of what serves as a principal inspiration to him after more than three decades in music.

Phish fans say, "Surrender to the flow, and that's big," he said. "But there's a surrender to the emotion. To surrender your clasp on trying to always make it sound good and applying a gentleness toward letting go and trusting that the muse will take over if you humble yourself."

Lately, the 54-year old intellectual and heady conversationalist, who plays Thalia Hall on Wednesday, has been finding new ways to achieve this sort of nirvana. In addition to his Phish duties, which recently included a three-night residency at Madison Square Garden that culminated with an epic New Year's Eve performance, he's also the leader of his own five-piece band.

"And I love the idea that we can still morph our sound, discover new overall textures to the music," he said of himself and his four bandmates. Despite having played with his own band for 11 years now, "the stage becomes a playground where it's like, 'OK, we tried new things, we tried old things, but now we're just going to have fun because this is what it's about.'"

"Anything can really go," the longtime Vermont resident added when calling one afternoon during a family vacation in Florida. "We can be really silly; we can be really serious and dark and see how it all feels and just meld it on the spot and let the moment and let the audience mold the experience as much as we are. It's just deep fun for me."

Phish has a more tried-and-true method of songwriting, where they'll typically retire to their rehearsal space in Burlington, Vermont, and cook up a new batch of funky, jazzy tunes. But when it comes to his solo work, Gordon said he's become fascinated by the myriad other means of creative inspiration. To that end, he and his



RENE HUEMER

Phish bassist Mike Gordon is intent on surrendering to the music — whether in his best-known band or via his solo work.

**When:** 8:00 p.m., January 22

**Where:** Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St.

**Tickets:** \$32-\$50; 312-526-3851 or [www.thaliahallchicago.com](http://www.thaliahallchicago.com)

bandmates have what they've dubbed a "Groove" email chain, where they toss musical, lyrical or any other artistic inspirations of the moment back and forth.

"And it might be some inspirations from playing with Phish or seeing other bands, or a new kind of songwriting or a new kind of gear or experimenting with electronics," he explained. "I really love that feeling of being a conduit not just in the middle of a long jam onstage, where the music is playing itself, but also in the songwriting room or other creative pursuits where it's a slower process."

Lately, as Gordon's been knee-deep in writing material for the follow-up album to 2017's proggy and delightful wacky "OGOGO," he's drawn inspiration from unexpected sources including David

Lynch's autobiography, "Room To Dream" and "The Tao of Bill Murray."

"They bring all different kinds of inspiration," Gordon noted. "But there is a commonality. It's people not afraid to be themselves."

This is something Gordon has rarely had an issue accomplishing. Along with his Phish bandmates, he has long indulged his musical eccentricities with an enviable fervor, and his solo career is no different.

"I'm really just fascinated by how the universe sort of reforms its elements through people in new creative ways," he said. "That's the story of my life."

While his new batch of material is not yet in finished form, Gordon said he plans to debut some of it on his current winter tour of clubs and venues. While technically he's the leader of his band, this proposition isn't exactly an ideal one for him.

"I'm kind of the leader," he said with a laugh. "I do enjoy it, but I don't like being an authoritarian. As with any good leader, bringing out the absolute best in others is the single most important trait."

"I'm not perfect at it, but I like to feel like I'm pretty good. Whether encouraging the other guys to bring material, ideas about cover songs (or) just ideas about the set, I try to encourage that."

"I wish my name wasn't on the marquee, honestly. I'm proud of the fact that it's up there, but I've long been fascinated about having a band name instead of using my own. It's just not felt right so far."

What he's found, however, is that by fading into the textures of the music, he's far more effective as both a leader and musician.

"If I'm trying to impress other bass players or impress myself, that can get in the way," he said. "You sort of take a step back and say, 'I can just play one note for a while,' and usually it ends up being rewarding. Because now I'm saying it's not about how cool I am, it's about an experience of flying through the air with music."

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Chris Collins, from left, Matt Tidmarsh, Rama Kolesnikow, James Terris, Randy Cordeiro and Vince Littleton of Super Diamond.

## Super Diamond is an almost 30-year-old dream come true

BY STEVE KNOPPER

Because of Neil Diamond, in 1998, Randy Cordeiro left his six-year position as an electrical-mechanical engineer. Because of Neil Diamond, he no longer had to commute three hours daily between his San Francisco home and Silicon Valley. Because of Neil Diamond, he could stop designing membrane switches all day. "That was one of the happiest days of my life, I have to admit, quitting my day job," says Cordeiro, who has performed as "The Surreal Neil" in tribute band Super Diamond for 27 years.

Super Diamond is one of the longest-running and most stable bands devoted to covering a pop star's songs — in addition to 54-year-old, spangle-shirted Cordeiro, the founding frontman, keyboardists Rama Kolesnikow and James Terris and bassist Matt Tidmarsh have been on board since the beginning. On stage, they're able to roll out varying interpretations of Diamond classics.

A mashup of Diamond's "Desiree" with Boston's "Foreplay/Long Time" came to Cordeiro five years ago at 3 a.m. "I was so excited I couldn't sleep," he says, by phone outside a Costco parking lot after a yoga class near his San Francisco home. "I got up and e-mailed the idea to the band."

The idea of performing Diamond songs came to Cordeiro in the late '80s, when he was struggling to build an audience with his original music. He was at a party, someone passed around a guitar and guests began to hammer out Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl" and Beatles and Doors classics. Cordeiro chose "Sweet Caroline." He was living in Tempe, Arizona, at the time, and took the concept

**When:** 8 p.m., Jan. 22

**Where:** Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St.

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into open-mike acoustic nights. Someone invited him to dress up as Diamond for a party, and although Cordeiro wasn't willing to go all the way, he settled on The Surreal Neil.

"When I started doing it, it was uncool to sing Neil Diamond songs — this was before he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. ... It seemed like there was a lot of making fun of Neil Diamond between '89 and '93," he says. "But we don't hear that a lot anymore. Neil Diamond started becoming cool."

Super Diamond contributed to the trend, as the band started filling bigger and bigger venues and appeared on "The Late Show with David Letterman" and in Rolling Stone magazine. Diamond sang with the band on two occasions, at the House of Blues in Hollywood, California, in 2000, and at the "Saving Silverman" premiere party. Since Diamond was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2018 and stopped performing, the band hasn't reached out, although it did a benefit for Northwest Parkinson's Foundation.

"We're kind of shy. ... We don't want to bother him," Cordeiro says. "We just wish the best for Neil and hope it's going to be a mild case — and maybe some new cure could help him get better."

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# Celebrating revered legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



**HOWARD REICH**  
On Music

Chicago embraces the holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., with several major musical tributes on the calendar.

## Among the highlights

### “Too Hot to Handel: The Jazz-Gospel Messiah”

This celebration marks its 15th anniversary, its staying power a testament to the quality of the production. As its title suggests, “Too Hot to Handel” re-conceives the composer’s oratorio through the lens of African American musical tradition. To hear Handel’s score fueled by swing rhythm, blues-tinged melody, high-flying jazz improvisation, stride-piano virtuosity and the like is to understand both the durability of the original and the ingenuity of its transformation. Returning from previous performances are singers Rodrick Dixon, Alfreda Burke and Karen Marie Richardson, each adept at finessing the convergence of classical, jazz and gospel music. Pianist Alvin Waddles provides all-over-the-keyboard virtuosity, suggesting that Handel and Eubie Blake aren’t so far apart after all. The epic also features orchestra, chorus and jazz band, all designed to spotlight “the transformational

powers of the performing arts and uplift King’s vision of a ‘beloved community,’” as the Auditorium Theatre puts it. 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive; \$29-\$80; 312-341-2300 or [www.auditoriumtheatre.org](http://www.auditoriumtheatre.org)

### “MLK Tribute Concert”

Each year the Chicago Sinfonietta presents a reflection on King’s life and work, and this one stands among its more ambitious offerings. The centerpiece looks to be “The Seven Last Words of the Unarmed,” Joel Thompson’s contemplation of “those lost to police violence,” according to the Sinfonietta. Also on the program: John Legend and Common’s “Glory,” from the film “Selma”; and Patty Griffin’s “Up to the Mountain,” performed by Sinfonietta assistant conductor Jonathan Rush and singer Kymberli Joye, his sister. The concert will culminate with the fifth movement of Mahler’s Symphony No. 2, “Resurrection,” Sinfonietta music director Mei-Ann Chen conducting. The evening’s personnel will include the Adrian Dunn Singers, mezzo-soprano Leah Dexter, soprano Summer Hassan, the North Central College Concert Choir and the Roosevelt University Conservatory Chorus. 3 p.m. Sunday at North Central College’s Wentz Concert Hall, 171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville; and 7:30 p.m. Monday in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; \$10-\$62; 312-284-1554 or [chicagosinfonietta.org](http://chicagosinfonietta.org).



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Mike Reed leads his ensemble at the 41st annual Chicago Jazz Fest at Pritzker Pavilion in 2019.

**“Embracing the Spirit — The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.”** Several of Chicago’s leading contemporary composers will join forces for this tribute to Dr. King, which also will pay homage to other cultural heroes. Janice Misurell-Mitchell’s “Mamiwata,” for solo marimba, references an array of African songs. Kyong Mee Choi’s “Resilience” features two voices with harp. And Regina Harris Baiocchi’s “Sometimes I Hear Voices” unfolds as a gospel suite for singers and piano. The evening, which also will include works remembering musician Ann E. Ward and writer Ted Shen, will culminate with performers and audience members joining forces in “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing.” The event has been organized by 6Degrees Composers, which Baiocchi founded in 2010 “to inspire and promote music by women of many different traditions,”

according to the company. 7 p.m. Monday at Grace Place Episcopal Church, 637 S. Dearborn St.; free; 773-510-5448 or 312-922-1426 or [gracechicago.org](http://gracechicago.org).

### Mike Reed

It would be difficult to chronicle everything that drummer-clubowner-impresario Mike Reed does for music in Chicago, but many of his most valuable contributions occur onstage. His widely admired ensemble People, Places & Things has toured the world widely but has been absent from our clubs and concert halls for the past two years. Reed addresses that void with this performance, in which he’ll be joined by saxophonists Greg Ward and Tim Haldeman, and bassist Jason Roebke. 8:30 p.m. Friday at Constellation, 3111 N. Western Ave.; \$15; [constellation-chicago.com](http://constellation-chicago.com)

### Winter Chamber Music

Northwestern University’s Winter Chamber Music Festival continues with the Aizuri Quartet, which stands at the forefront of commissioning and performing contemporary music for an age-old format. Its eclectic program will include Conlon Nancarrow’s String Quartet No. 3, arrangements of music by Hildegard von Bingen and Carlo Gesualdo, as well as Haydn’s String Quartet in B Minor, Op. 64, No. 2, and Beethoven’s String Quartet No. 14 in C-Sharp Minor, Op. 131. 7:30 p.m. Friday. The festival continues with the Dudok Quartet Amsterdam, which will perform Haydn’s Quartet in C Major, Op. 20, No. 2; music of Messiaen and Rameau; and Ravel’s String Quartet in F Major; 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50

Arts Circle Drive, Evanston; \$30 general; \$10 students; 847-467-4000 or [music.northwestern.edu](http://music.northwestern.edu)

### Ba(SH) celebration

Chicago drummer Clark Sommers made impact in 2013 with the debut recording of his band’s eponymous recording, “Ba(SH),” featuring fellow Chicagoans Geof Bradfield playing reeds and Dana Hall on drums. In March, the band will release its followup, “Peninsula,” featuring Sommers’ original compositions. Here’s an early chance to hear this music. 9 p.m. Friday and 8 p.m. Saturday at the Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; 773-878-5552 or [www.greenmilljazz.com](http://www.greenmilljazz.com).

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# Tremendous change

Links Hall, a dance survivor in Chicago, is put to the test with loss of founder; turnover in staff



**LAUREN WARNECKE**  
Dance Card

Change is the status quo for Links Hall, the anything-goes dance and performance art venue founded in 1978 when a group of dance artists — Bob Eisen, Carol Bobrow and Charles “Charlie” Vernon — needed space to hold improvisation jams and present their choreography.

For 35 years, Links Hall was contained in a rinky dink space above a Wrigleyville bar at the junction of Clark, Newport and Sheffield. They called it Link’s Hall after the sign on the building’s facade, “Link’s Hall,” so-named for the dentist who owned the building.

In more recent years, the scrappy dance venue has seen a period of tremendous change, spearheaded in large part by director Roell Schmidt. Links Hall moved from the heart of Lakeview to its outskirts, developing a partnership with music presenter Mike Reed’s listening room, Constellation. Together, Links Hall and Constellation transformed the shuttered Viaduct Theatre on Western Avenue, moving in just as the city began construction tearing down the street’s overpass.

“Other, larger efforts to provide dance and performance art have largely come and gone,” Tribune critic Sid Smith wrote in 1994. “Link’s Hall, largely unsung, survives.” In 2020, these words still hold up.

“The whole landscape of the dance world in Chicago is much different,” Eisen said in a recent phone interview from New York. “(Links) was folksy for a long time with me, and Charlie, and Carol.”

In addition to choreographing, Vernon was the first to pen dance reviews at the Chicago Reader. He left Links Hall in 1983 to pursue a career in real estate, but remained involved as a board member, supporter and audience member. Last year, he wrote an essay in tribute to the 40th anniversary of the place he helped create. Vernon died Dec. 20, 2019, at age 66.

On Vernon’s impact, Jenai Cutcher, director of the Chicago Dance History Project, said: “Charlie Vernon, with his founding partners at Links Hall, created a venue and a spirit that substantially guides today’s flourishing independent Chicago dance scene.”

“Charlie was, indeed, a major player in the Chicago dance world, even before Links Hall,” Eisen said. “It’s really hard to imagine Charlie not in the world. His presence was rather big; he knew how to take up space.”

The core of Links Hall as a



Stephanie Pacheco, executive director of Links Hall, relaxes by the bar between her nonprofit dance space and the Constellation music venue.

studio space and rental venue for self-producing dance and performance artists remains, however the last decade has seen a tremendous uptick in the number of shows, the audience experience — the “new Links” space came with a lobby bar, fewer plumbing problems, easier parking and, the piece de resistance, air conditioning — and the organizational capacity to commission and present larger, more ambitious works. Links’ flagship residency program called Co-Missions, developed in 2017 by associate director Anna Trier, evolved from the decades-old LinkUp residency. And Links Hall is now part of the National Performance Network and has facilitated artist touring, and national and international artistic exchanges.

“For whatever reason, Links Hall kept on keeping on,” Eisen said. “There’s no explaining some of that. We didn’t have any more funding than some of the other places. ... it just kept going.”

As of last summer, after an exhausting season which fully subsidized dozens of performances as part of a yearlong 40th anniversary celebration, Schmidt was gone. So was Trier, and the rest of the staff — Felicia Holman and Brett Swinney — too. Board president Paul Teruel stepped in as interim director, and a nationwide search brought Stephanie Pacheco as Links Hall’s newest leader in August.

“It’s a new everything, in some ways, and in some ways it’s the

same old Links,” Pacheco said in an interview. “It’s interesting to hold space for those two realities at the same time.”

Pacheco is a career administrator, unlike the working artists who founded the place, and spent a decade at the Hopkins Center for the Arts at Dartmouth College before accepting the job at Links Hall. Before Dartmouth, she worked in Brooklyn and New York City, with a brief period as an arts management fellow at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington.

“I became a stage manager as soon as I knew that job existed,” she said. “My career sprouted out from there into producing. I like to be a convener, and to build partnerships and make connections between artists, communities and organizations.”

Itching to get back to a large city, Pacheco targeted her search on Chicago.

“The energy of the Chicago arts and culture community was always really appealing,” Pacheco said. “I think Chicago has the best of the small town and the best of the big city, and it has a gorgeous artistic tradition and legacy.”

Arriving at Links Hall, Pacheco’s first steps were to assess immediate needs and put temporary staff in place to ensure operations could continue. Aaliyah Christina, Keisha Janae and Kelly Anderson have filled in in the office, and Giao Truong has kept things going in production. Truong was recently appointed as production manager, a permanent

part-time position at the venue. “We’ve had some amazing folks who have been part of the Links family for a long time really step up, even before I walked in the door, to say: What do you need? How can we help? What can we do? Let’s just roll up our sleeves,” Pacheco said. “This community is so deeply committed to Links that I never once felt like I was walking into an empty office or an empty organization.”

Pacheco’s vision tracks with the forward progress Links Hall was making in becoming a more inclusive space that wholly embraces the artistic diversity of Chicago, which last year included a track record of half the shows created by artists of color. “If Links is here to support the creative community of Chicago, then that means the entire creative community, and it’s important that the work that’s being done in these studios really reflects the gorgeous diversity that is Chicago,” she said. “We’re a hub for the creative community, we’re an incubator of new work, and increasingly, we’ve become this commissioner of artists of color. We’re all still committed to continuing that work.”

What that means in terms of programming is still an ongoing question, and Links Hall’s offerings have been scaled back significantly as the organization re-groups. “This current iteration of the staff has been here five months,” Pacheco said, “and a lot of what we’ve been doing is, let’s just make sure the show goes on. I

feel very grateful that we’ve been able to do that.”

Ongoing series such as the puppet cabaret Nasty, Brutish and Short and Poonie’s Cabaret will continue on a revolving basis. Running Feb. 7-9, musician Tatsu Aoki and puppeteer Myra Su team up for “String of Echoes,” an original story about a young boy’s journey on the high seas which incorporates digital and analog puppetry techniques set to live experimental music.

The current cohort of six-month Co-Missions fellows just started working. The current round includes Darling Shear and Chloe Johnston, who’s exploring artificial intelligence and video games. “It comes from this personal experience she had in her life many years ago, voicing a fictional video game character that became wildly popular,” Pacheco said. “As a theater artist, she’s looking at this line between art and reality.” Shear’s project examines the Beat Generation, and its impact on movement, fashion and poetry. Their work will be presented in-progress in March and fully produced for a two-week run in June.

And, of course, one night in May is reserved for a performance by Bob Eisen, who still dances at age 73 and returns periodically to give shows in the space he, Carol and Charlie made.

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## Cats

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Galaxy, who has a Friday night show at the Genesee Theatre in Waukegan, also discussed rival cat lover Taylor Swift, the one thing you should never say to him, and why cats are the zen masters of love.

The following is an edited transcript of that conversation:

**Q: What’s your show like?**

A: I can tell you what it’s not. People are expecting me to just get up there and speak about cats, and that’s the last thing it is. It’s a show, it’s me doing a lot of the stuff I’ve been wanting to do for so long. It’s entertainment, it’s a lot of graphics and cartoons and puppetry, and me playing music. A lot of it is improvised, there’s audience participation.

**Q: You started off wanting to be a musician, and there’s an element of rock stardom to (your career). You go out there to screaming crowds, people love you. You’re kind of doing it anyway.**

A: Honestly, the first time I stepped foot in front of one of these audiences, I thought, “Well, now, isn’t this perfect?” It makes sense now that it would happen with cats, because it’s just so much more satisfying than it was when I was out there making a living playing music. I’ve got a higher purpose now

**Q: I imagine that when you go to airports and Starbucks, you’ve got people asking you questions about their cats, just like a doctor (at a cocktail party) being asked to give diagnoses.**

**“If there was one thing cats don’t understand about humans and humans don’t understand about cats, it’s how they love. Cats are not attached to storylines. They’re not attached to anything that doesn’t happen in moments. They are in essence the zen masters when it comes to love.”**



ANDREW MARTILA

Cat behavioralist Jackson Galaxy has a Friday night show at the Genesee Theatre in Waukegan.

A: Yeah, exactly. On line at the bank or the supermarket, in doctor’s offices, it doesn’t matter where I am, but that’s the point of the show and the books, is being able to give somebody a book and say, “Here you go.”

**Q: Is that what you do?**

A: Usually I wind up saying, “I talk about that in the book.” I can’t really answer questions that are incredibly personal, anyway. What I do on the show is how I work. I need to meet the cat, in their territory. The book is usually the best way around that. Even when I do Q&As during the show, I start by saying, “If this question

starts with, ‘I have a cat who ...’ don’t bother. I have to come to your house.”

**Q: One of the first questions you usually get asked is, “Do your cats travel with you?” Why would they travel with you? That sounds awful.**

A: I know. My cats would never forgive me.

**Q: But look at Taylor Swift, who takes her cats everywhere: backstage, on planes. Do you find that cats generally mind that kind of thing?**

A: Taylor started doing that when they were small kittens. I

think you can be okay with that, (but) there are cats, just like people, who are genetically programmed not to want to do certain things, and that needs to be respected. I’m sure she’s a sensitive enough person that if her cats were miserable, she would leave them home. But she flies private, she has a whole crew of people to take care of these cats, so they’re probably pretty spoiled, and that’s how it should be.

**Q: You’re always asked what people should understand about cats, but what would you want cats to know about us, if**

**When:** 8 p.m. Friday

**Where:** Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan, IL

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**you could communicate with them and tell them anything?**

A: If there was one thing cats don’t understand about humans and humans don’t understand about cats, it’s how they love. Cats are not attached to storylines. They’re not attached to anything that doesn’t happen in moments. They are in essence the zen masters when it comes to love. Humans are very attached to stories, and who we love, we love with a sense of ownership. Cats don’t get that. We get insulted if we’re in the middle of a loving petting session with our cats, and the cat sees something else and walks away. We’re like, “Are you kidding me right now?” That’s an insult.

**Q: If your own cats at home aren’t getting along, do you see that as a personal failure?**

A: You know, yeah. I don’t expect a whole house full of kumbaya. I have eight cats and three dogs, and if there isn’t a little something happening every day, it wouldn’t be normal. ... But when it’s something that is deeply ingrained, I can’t help but see it as a failure on my part. I think my wife and I both think that, and take it personally. We spend our lives in pursuit of the happiness of cats, and if they’re not happy, then we’re not happy.

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# WEEKEND DINING

## JUST OPENED



STEVEN COOK PHOTOS

The Grail Cafe is open in the South Loop, serving up light dishes, coffee and pastries.

## 'Where goodness can be found'

BY GRACE WONG

After years of working and living in the South Loop, Sheldrick Holmes and Steven Cook have opened The Grail Cafe, a restaurant where the dishes are light, coffee is fresh and pastries are plentiful.

"I've always had a love for food," Holmes said. "I'm humbled and honored to serve people food. It's one of the greatest gifts and responsibilities to do that: giving something that someone puts in their body to live and nurture them."

Holmes spent the past four years in culinary school, at the Four Seasons hotel and at Dietz & Watson, where he helped with menu development and culinary training. He and Cook had often talked about opening their own cafe one day.

The menu is "uncomplicated with a little bit of surprise," Holmes said. He's generously utilizing herbs, and many ingredients show up in more than one dish.

For breakfast, there's a farro risotto with Greek yogurt, granola, apple-apricot chutney, honeycomb and mint served with a ginger biscotti, and a



The Grail Cafe serves toasts like this rustic orchard toast topped with marscarpone cheese, apple thyme and cranberry compote.

number of toasts from 3D Baking served with jam and butter. Grab a pastry from PHlour to pair with coffee from Hexe

Coffee Co. or get nostalgic with the grilled peanut-and-jam sandwich on challah for lunch. Although the chickpea

chicken couscous salad has been very popular among guests, Holmes' favorite salad is the The Golden Halo, made with kale, golden lentils, quinoa, golden raisins, red pepper, Persian cucumber and pepitas, and dressed with a fennel vinaigrette. He also recommends the rosemary ham and Emmental sandwich, with a fig-apple spread, arugula and a dill dressing on ciabatta.

For dinner, choose from one of three papillotes — vegetables and proteins cooked in parchment paper that's opened up tableside — or go for something smaller, like a crudite or cheese board, to pair with a glass of French wine or local beer.

"The Grail Cafe is a place where goodness can be found, meaning that when you come in we hope that you get a good experience," Holmes said. "When you leave, you have been filled up with a little goodness from good food, good service and good conversation. When you walk out those doors, you can spread a little of that goodness throughout your day."

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"Chewing" podcast hosts Monica Eng, left, and Louisa Chu.

## EAT

Journalists Monica Eng of WBEZ and the Tribune's own Louisa Chu — also hosts of the "Chewing" food podcast — will appear at a live discussion titled Legacy and Legitimacy of Chinese Food in America. In an event hosted by Culinary Historians of Chicago, the two will discuss their own experiences with their families' respective Chinese restaurants in Chicago, as well as debate their differing opinions regarding the talk's title topic. Free. 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Bethany Retirement Community, 4950 N. Ashland Ave.



JOSH NOEL

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**Omakase Takeya** Dining at this hidden treasure is like visiting a speak-easy; you enter Ramen Takeya and take a perilous-looking flight of stairs down to a pretty, seven-seat basement bar (reservations are required). Seasonality and market availability greatly influence in your experience, but chances are good that Tokyo-trained chef Hiromichi Sasaki will offer a tuna progression, from bright-red akami to otoro, glazed ever so slightly with soy. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 16-course tasting menu \$130; optional courses \$6-\$12. 819 W. Fulton Market, 312-666-7710. — Phil Vettel

**Omakase Yume** After logging time at two of Chicago's best Japanese restaurants (Japonais, Mirai), Sangtae Park opened a so-small-you-could-miss-it spot in the West Loop that offers quality, complexity and innovation at an irresistible price. The dining room is pretty and minimalist, with an L-shaped bar that accommodates eight guests (seats are available by reservation only). One might expect an omakase to start slowly, with simple tastes teasing of the complexity to come; Park, however, has different ideas, offering opening courses that tell the guests: Buckle in. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 15- to 17-course tasting menu \$125. 651 W. Washington Blvd., 312-265-1610. — Phil Vettel

**Pacific Standard Time** PST was one of the most eagerly anticipated openings of 2018, largely because of its impressive pedigree: Chef Erling Wu-Bower delighted palates as chef at Nico Osteria, and Joshua Tilden, who was former director of strategic operations at One Off Hospitality. California cuisine inform Wu-Bower's vision; what helps him

execute that vision are twin wood-burning hearth ovens, which produce one delight after another. The duck is destined for stardom, an abundance of sliced breast meat with pickled vegetables. Adding to the fun are dipping sauces of seasoned yogurt and muhammara, a pepper and walnut spread, and wonderful pita. Open: Dinner daily, brunch Sunday. Entrees \$20-\$35. 141 W. Erie St., 312-736-1778. — Phil Vettel

**Passerotto** Cute as a button and loaded with charm, Passerotto serves up "fun Korean fare" with a smidgen of Italian from chef-owner Jennifer Kim. The dining room cozily seats 42, and intact are the worn brick walls, tiled floor and pressed-tin ceiling. Well-composed small plates are consistently interesting, approachable with a touch of the unexpected. Prices are low enough to encourage multiple tastes. And the large plates are family-style platters that add a communal element to dining. Kim does nice work with raw fish, seasoning them sparingly and highlighting their pristine flavor. Star large plates include traditional kalbi. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Small plates \$9-\$16; shared entrees \$32-\$38. 5420 N. Clark St., 708-607-2102. — Phil Vettel

**Phodega** Pho fanatics in Chicago know that most of the city's best pho comes from a small stretch of Argyle Street in Uptown, where dozens of Vietnamese restaurants crowd around the Red Line station. Ordering the dish from a restaurant south of that street almost always ends in disappointment. Phodega in Wicker Park changes all that. It's competing admirably with the Argyle crew and, most important, crushing the nearby competition. Phodega's menu is blissfully simple. The pho is made from scratch, and you can tell. Each sip of the beef-based pho bo is deeply meaty and comforting, but also clean and unfussy. This isn't some chef-y take



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**Robert's Pizza & Dough Co.** After self-taught pizzaiolo Robert Garvey's first restaurant, Robert's Pizza Co., closed in 2017, he and his wife, Dana Hokin, are back with Robert's Pizza & Dough Co., in a space overlooking the River East Art Center promenade and Ogden Slip. Garvey's crust combines a thin, charcoaled base that cracks when folded, with a blistered heel that reminds me of a French baguette. To that exceptional crust, Garvey adds winning topping combinations, including a shellfish-loaded seafood pizza (shrimp, clams, calamari) and duck prosciutto with Calabrian peppers. Garvey also has a chef de cuisine, Michael Luth, who has improved the pizzeria's side offerings tremendously. He contributed a giardiniera to Garvey's classic veal-beef meatballs, moving the dish from respectable to memorable, and the arancini, made with mushroom risotto, is boosted with arrabbiata sauce. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday, lunch Friday-Sunday. Prices: Pizzas \$18-\$25. 465 N. McClurg Court, 312-265-1328. — Phil Vettel

on pho; instead, it's a straightforward version of the classic, which nonetheless still requires hours of simmering to make the broth. Each bowl comes loaded with bouncy meatballs and thin slices of brisket and rib-eye, along with crunchy beans sprouts, a few lime wedges and aromatic basil and cilantro. The other main entree option is Hainan-style chicken rice. Each order consists of unsauced sliced chicken set on a pile of white rice with a bowl of broth. But the dish has much more going on than you might think. The chicken is poached in a liquid with lots of aromatic ginger and scallions, while the rice is sauteed with chicken fat and cooked with some of the poaching liquid. That makes each bite taste extra meaty and complex. Open: 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: \$3.50 appetizers, \$10 to \$13 en-

tees. 1547 N. Ashland Ave., 773-687-8187. — Nick Kindelsperger

**Pizzeria Portofino** Lettuce Entertain You's latest pizzeria has been wildly successful. Everything about the place is pleasant, really. The open-air interior is done in stone and natural wood and includes an artificial arbor at ceiling height. There isn't an unattractive view anywhere. The pies have thin, light and crispy crusts, and the heels, aggressively charred by the wood grill, deliver a satisfying chew. Pies to try include the charred pepperoni, which has a lively but not overbearing spice presence, and the Pugliese with fennel sausage, rapini and pecorino. But the best thin-crust creation might not be a pizza at all; the focaccia, a Ligurian-style creation of super-light dough stuffed with stracchino

cheese is an addictive creation, suitable as a shareable snack. For those who don't dine on pizza alone, Pizzeria Portofino has plenty of pleasant distractions. Spicy tuna bruschetta is a nice appetizer mashup, and the watermelon and feta salad, bolstered by red onion, grape tomatoes and torn basil, is a refreshing starter. Pastas, in half and whole portions, include classic cacio e pepe, albeit one with a four-peppercorn blend, and trofie noodles with pesto. Spot-on service is a big plus, and the beverage program offers interesting cocktails and spritzes, and an all-Italian treasure-filled wine list by Richard Hanauer. Open: Lunch and dinner daily; brunch weekends. Prices: Pizzas and pastas \$15-\$22. 317 N. Clark St., 312-900-9018. — Phil Vettel

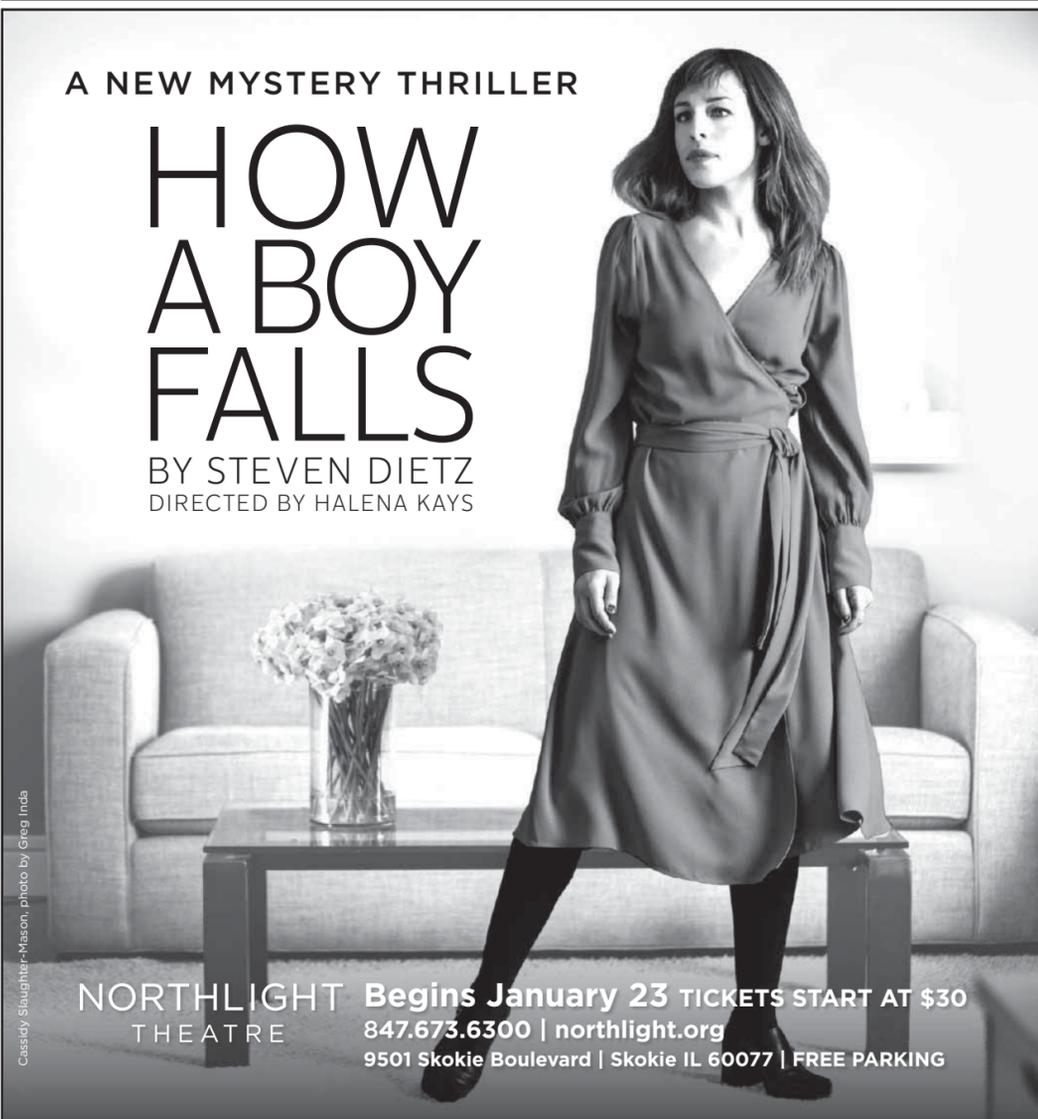
**Portsmouth** The Dana Hotel in River North has been home to a few shrunken-worth restaurants over the years, but in Portsmouth, a restaurant operated by the Fifty/50 group, the Dana has a restaurant worthy of attention. New England native Nate Hensler offers seafood dishes that are thoughtful and delicious, skirting the usual clichés; there's no lobster roll on the menu, for instance, but there's a crabmeat-stuffed bao with herbed mayo. Pastry chef Chris Teixeira follows the fishy theme with desserts inspired by coastal cities worldwide, and a bread program that offers nori ciabatta and bonito-flake sourdough. Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily. Entrees \$29-\$62. 660 N. State St., 312-202-6050. — Phil Vettel

**Prime & Provisions** This steakhouse ages and cuts its Black Angus steaks in-house and augments its excellent beef with impressive side dishes and appetizers (the thick-cut bacon and the crab-lobster cake in particular). The star dessert is the "tableside s'mores," Amy Arnold's smoking (literally) take on a campfire classic. Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$29-\$72. 222 N. LaSalle St., 312-726-7777. — Phil Vettel

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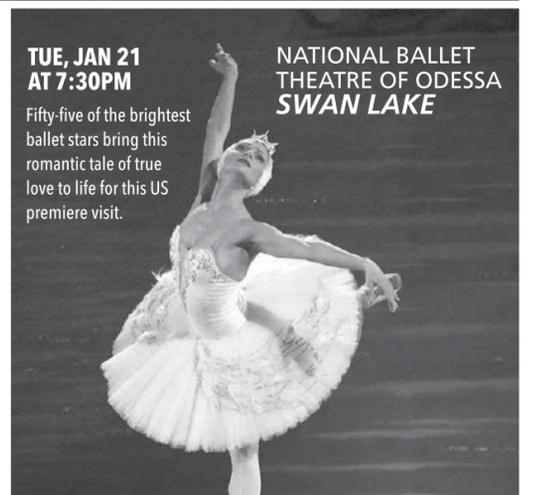
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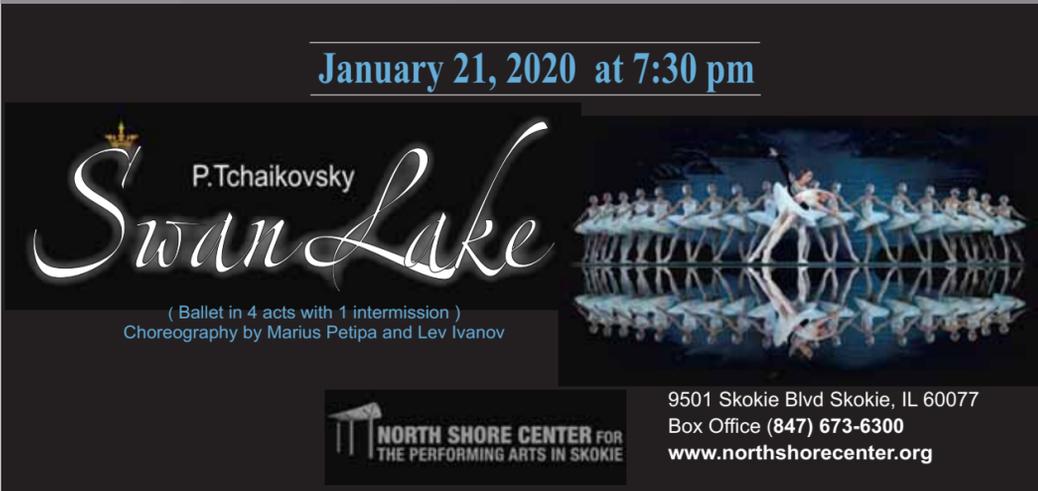
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## Children's theater isn't easy to run

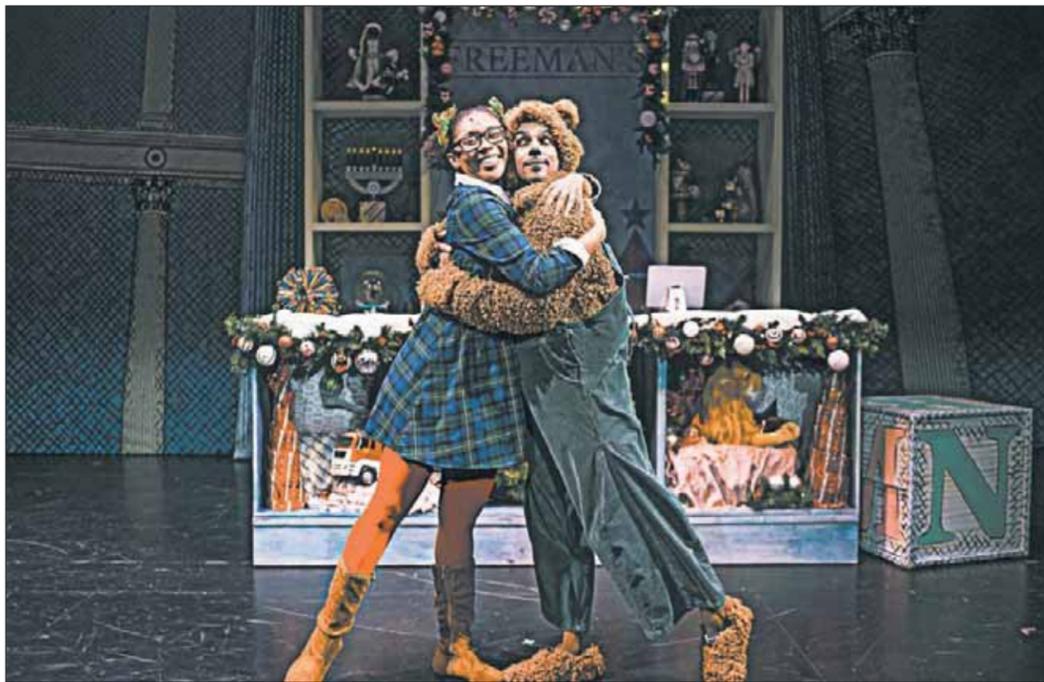
The news went out quietly the Friday before Christmas, late in the afternoon: Emerald City Theatre, one of Chicago's best-known children's theaters, had run out of money and was going out of business.

Upcoming productions were canceled, the phones were not answered and parents who had prepaid for its popular summer theater camp were told that any decisions about refunds would only be made "after the holidays."

As of Jan. 14, parents such as Korey Huyler of Lakeview were still out more than \$650, the cost of next summer's "Addams Family Performance Camp" for her daughter. Huyler (who works in marketing for a unit of Tribune Publishing, which publishes this newspaper) said her most recent communication from a "patron services manager" had said: "We shall be make (sic) every best effort to issue refunds as funds allow and will follow up on more communication in late January."

So what went wrong at Emerald City?

Interviews with those involved point to a combination of space issues, lingering debt, programming difficulties, growing too quickly without a cohesive plan, a competitive market in Chicago, founders unwilling to fully empower their successors and the problems endemic to all children's theaters: the difficulty of selling tickets at a price that actually covers costs.



Tia Pinson and Jean Claudio in Emerald City Theatre's recent holiday run of "Corduroy" at Broadway Playhouse in Chicago. AUSTIN D. OLIE PHOTO

The collapse of Emerald City was especially surprising, though, since the theater had announced a major gift of \$500,000 in 2017. The money, a formidable amount for a non-Equity theater with an annual budget only of about \$2 million, was presented by Nina Gonzalez and David May, members of the board of directors of the closing North Avenue Day Nursery.

Former co-founder and executive director Karen Cardarelli now a program officer at the Illinois Arts Council after leaving Emerald City in October, just a

few weeks before the announcement, declined to answer specific questions about Emerald City's demise, pointing instead to a lengthy statement she had posted to Facebook in December. The statement praised the company's artists, staffers and board members, thanked its audiences and recounted its achievements and influence on the lives of Chicago-area children since its founding in 1996.

"Upon the announcement of Emerald City Theatre's closure, I was mentally prepared to be sad

these past days," Cardarelli wrote. "But I am finding feelings of gratitude and pride far outweigh my sadness."

"To be frank," said the board chair Heike Spahn, "the decision to close came because the board was uncomfortable taking on any additional debt without a viable understanding of how that debt would be paid off."

Spahn said the systemic problem at Emerald City was, in essence, a lack of revenue.

"The model didn't really work without a lot of con-

tributed income," she said. "Our mission was to remain affordable for families and that meant we were unable to charge ticket prices that covered all our costs, especially since we were committed to paying our staff members and artists at least minimum wage."

Spahn said the annual show produced downtown at the Broadway Playhouse, in partnership with Broadway in Chicago, generally broke even but that other productions had begun to lose large sums of money.

One issue the theater faced, she said, was that

most of its shows were aimed at young children. So once kids reached about 10, they "aged out" of the content, meaning that their potential donor parents also likely lost interest.

This made it harder to raise money than, say, an adult theater, which can coax supporters over a much longer time frame than a handful of early-childhood years.

The solution to that, says Ernie Nolan, a former artistic director at Emerald City who now runs the highly successful Nashville Children's Theatre, is to focus on schools.

"Eighty percent of my audience in Nashville is school groups," he said in a recent interview. "And if schools are not interested in a show, then I know I have a problem."

But in Chicago, Emerald City tended to target individual families, partly because it faced steep competition for school audiences from other children's theater companies.

Spahn allowed that the theater, in hindsight, probably had grown too quickly, given that it "lacked a runway" to raise the contributions it needed to support its coterie of staffers and mostly young artists.

"There will be a huge void," she said.

Of course, there also is a hole in some parents' summer budgets that has yet to be plugged.

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## CHRIS JONES RECOMMENDS

### "Always ... Patsy Cline" ★★★

By many accounts, singer Patsy Cline was as nice a person as she was a successful crossover artist. So there is something apropos about "Always ... Patsy Cline," the simple biographical revue by Ted Swindley that's now being revived by the Firebrand Theatre Company in an intimate setting at the Den Theatre. Unlike many overblown jukebox shows, this one dispenses with the ubiquitous record company suits and needs just two performers: one to play Patsy Cline and the other to essay the role of a real-life fan who becomes her pal. This work is sincere, rich, heartfelt and, well, an ideal gift for anybody who loves these songs. *Through Jan. 25 at the Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave.; \$40-50 at [www.firebrandtheatre.org](http://www.firebrandtheatre.org)*

### "Beauty and the Beast" ★★★ 1/2

You really have to see director Amber Mak's spectacular new production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" with the mindset that this homegrown Paramount musical is giving families just what they desire for the holidays, a big night out. It's nothing revelatory, but I was surrounded by young theatergoers whose mouths fell open at Jeffrey D. Kmiec's fairytale set design. This is far and away the best local staging of "Beauty and the Beast" to date, thanks also to be some very experienced artists in its cast. It is beautifully sung, and Beth Stafford Laird is all-in as Belle, all night long. *Through Jan. 19 at the Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora; \$36-\$77 at 630-896-6666 and [www.paramountaurora.com](http://www.paramountaurora.com)*

### "Blue Man Group" ★★★ 1/2

"Blue Man Group" has been playing at Briar Street since 1997, a remarkable run of 20-plus years. The Blue Men still chomp marshmallows, bang drums and paint up audience members — but this remains a fine gateway for the young into the arts. If you've never had

the pleasure, go. *Open run at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St.; \$49-\$69 at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)*

### "Do You Believe in Madness?" ★★★

Tired of Brexit? The Second City's 108th mainstage revue brings you Flexit, a divorce plan for Florida. See ya! You certainly sense that the young, activist cast of "Do You Believe in Madness?" would be happy to live in a world apart from the Sunshine State. And from Republicans. In one joyous hoedown, the name of every exiting member of the Trump administration is read out. There are a lot of names. These fresh-faced cast members will only improve with experience, so keep an eye on Andrew Knox, the anchor of the show and a guy with a lovely shirt from UNTUCKit. *Open run on the Second City mainstage, 1616 N. Wells St.; \$31-\$108 at 312-337-3992 and [www.seconddcity.com](http://www.seconddcity.com)*

### "Grinning From Fear to Fear" ★★★ 1/2

Despite the title — or maybe because of the title — there's a real warmth to "Grinning From Fear to Fear," the revue from Second City's e.t.c. company and director Anneliese Toft. This show is both funny and forgiving, understanding the delicate art of optimistic comedy and the political power of empathy. *Open run at Second City e.t.c. Stage, 1608 N. Wells St. in Piper's Alley; \$21-\$58 at 312-337-3992 and [www.seconddcity.com](http://www.seconddcity.com)*

### "I Am Not a Comedian ... I'm Lenny Bruce" ★★★ 1/2

The comedian Lenny Bruce once wisely observed, "the truth is what is, and what should be is a fantasy." Good advice. The truth of Bruce, of course, is that he was found naked and dead on a bathroom floor in 1966. In Ronnie Marmo's unconventional solo show, Bruce's undignified demise is the uncensored start of the evening and has the effect of turning Bruce into a sacrificial figure. Marmo and his



Magician Trent James presents "Pure Lies" at Chicago Magic Lounge. PROVIDED BY CHICAGO MAGIC LOUNGE

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### "Pure Lies" ★★★

In the space of barely an hour at the Chicago Magic Lounge, Trent James does card tricks, quick-changes and shadow puppetry. He holds a seance. He reads a couple of minds. He makes a flute disappear. He does all of this at the age of 22. "Pure Lies," as James calls his act (a nod to his youth?), is a very impressive show from a smart and gifted Chicago magician, nicely straggling old schools and new — impressive for its panache as well as for its packed contents. James quickly has figure out how to do a whole lot of things that people spend lifetimes mastering. *Wednesdays through March 25 at the Chicago Magic Lounge, 5050 N. Clark St.; \$35-\$45 at 312-366-4500 or [www.chicagomagiclounge.com](http://www.chicagomagiclounge.com)*

celebrity director Joe Mantegna clearly are arguing here that without Bruce's work, and the charges against him of obscenity, there would be no Richard Pryor. But Marmo's great achievement is his ability to replicate not just Bruce's essential vulnerability but his furious mind, forever fated to rail about the lack of intellectual honesty in America. *Through Feb. 16 at the Royal George Cabaret Theatre, 1641 N. Halsted St.; \$69-\$79 at 312-988-9000 and [lennybruceonstage.com](http://lennybruceonstage.com)*

### "Love, Chaos and Dinner" ★★★ 1/2

Teatro ZinZanni's "Love, Chaos and Dinner" delivers an approachable, PG-13 rated Big Loop Night Out in the heart of Chicago's theater district. You eat a bit, talk a bit, watch some circus acts up-close. The cast has changed since the show first opened; in Version 2.0, a much tighter show, the grand drag artist Kevin

Kent is its new emcee. A Seattle ZinZanni veteran, Kent excels at winning over those Friday night crowds of worn-out bankers and frazzled teachers. He knows that in moments of spontaneous interaction, job one is to listen. He's reason enough to return for a second visit. *Open run at the Cambria Hotel, 32 W. Randolph St.; \$19-\$184 (includes dinner) at 312-488-0900 and [www.zinzanni.com](http://www.zinzanni.com)*

### "Mary Poppins" ★★★

You can't do a decent "Mary Poppins" without a tip-top chief nanny and Drury Lane has found an immaculate lead in Emilie Lynn. She not only sings the role as well as you will ever hear, she excels as the complicated role of family therapist and dances, as Mary must, on the edge of Eros with Bert (James T. Lane). Not everything works in director Marcia

Milgrom Dodge's sometimes clunky production, and be aware if you have young kids that "Mary Poppins" is a long musical. But this is still a fine choice for a family holiday outing. *Through Jan. 19 at Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace; \$60-\$75 at 800-530-0111 or [www.drurylanetheatre.com](http://www.drurylanetheatre.com)*

### "Mean Girls" ★★★

Tina Fey's "Mean Girls" is a comic dissection of the tribal doings in her lightly fictional North Shore high school and walks many of the same streets as the great John Hughes films. But "Mean Girls," first the movie and now the musical, comes with a moral message. Fey wanted to tell girls not to pretend to fail math to get a boy, to not sell your insecure sisters down the river for a seat among the Plastics at lunch. And when you first see the lead performer in this new

touring cast, Danielle Wade, you'd swear the casting directors were told to find a young Fey type, as close as possible to the real thing. Wade also has a fabulously supple voice and a potent emotional presence — she actually sounds a lot like a young Jessie Mueller, and that really deepens the musical element of this show. *Through Jan. 26 at the Nederlander Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St.; \$30-\$131.50 at 800-775-2000 or [www.broadwayinchicago.com](http://www.broadwayinchicago.com)*

### "The Steadfast Tin Soldier" ★★★

The tin hero of this gorgeous holiday show, back for another season at Lookingglass Theatre, is tormented by a big baby, chased by a rat and incinerated. Mary Zimmerman's adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Steadfast Tin Soldier" is barely more than an hour long and does not use a lick of human speech. But this is a major new work, with the message that we don't die, we merely change shape. It's one holiday experience you don't want to miss. *Through Jan. 26 at Lookingglass Theatre in the Water Tower Water Works, 821 N. Michigan Ave.; \$35-\$85 at 312-337-0665 or [www.lookingglasstheatre.org](http://www.lookingglasstheatre.org)*

### "Working" ★★★

"This is Howard, as far as this train goes." So sayeth the CTA prophet at the top of Theo Ubique's new production of "Working," the musical celebration of Studs Terkel's book about everyday folks, from housewives to venture capitalists to industrial cleaners. In this show, directed by Christopher Chase Carter, "Working" is very much a Chicago story. Carter has put tables for his audience all around the space with different staging areas for his working actors. Kirsten Frumkin does a lovely job with "Just a Housewife," the most famous song in the show, and I especially liked Stephen Blu Allen's treatment of "A Very Good Day," written by Lin-Manuel Miranda. *Through Jan. 26 at Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre, 721 Howard St., Evanston; \$42-\$57 (dinner optional) at [www.theo-u.com](http://www.theo-u.com)*

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Project Name: Eviction Services Specification Number: 2020-100-003 Questions/Deadline: January 30, 2020 Time: 2:00 P.M.

Proposal Due Date: February 20, 2020 Time: 2:00 P.M.

Contact Person: Deborah O'Donnell Telephone Number: (312) 542-4725 E-mail Address: dodonnell@thehacc.org

The RFP Package, specifications and architectural drawings may be downloaded by registering on our website which lists a complete list of all current bid opportunities with the HACC: www.thehacc.org/e-procurement-services

Proposals that are not properly submitted will be considered non-responsive and be disqualified from consideration. Proposals submitted late will not be accepted. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the best interest of the Housing Authority of Cook County.

Richard Monocchio, Executive Director 01/17, 01/24/20 6574471

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Aliyah Pate AKA Aaliyah Pate

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Dawn Pate (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00962

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 30, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Kristal Royce Rivers in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/07/2020, at 11:00 AM in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS December 6, 2019 6562110

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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 Armani Wrice

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Keisha Frommelt (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00946

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Deandre Wrice (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 26, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Shannon O'Malley in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/07/2020, at 1:30 PM in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS December 24, 2019 6565548

NOTICE

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PROVISO TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOLS DISTRICT 209 IS ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR PROVISO EAST HIGH SCHOOL BAND UNIFORMS. THESE UNIFORMS MUST BE FULLY CONSTRUCTED PER THE BID DOCUMENT. SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE AT 8601 WEST ROOSEVELT RD. OR WWW.FHS209.ORG SEALED BIDS ARE DUE AT 11:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020. 1/17/2020 6574535

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Deontae I Wilson AKA Deonte Wilson

A MINOR NO. 2019JD01782

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Darrell Wilson (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 08, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Kristal Royce Rivers in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on 02/03/2020 at 9:00 AM in CALENDAR 56 COURTROOM 10, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT January 8, 2020

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: S.David, C.Castro ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS January 8, 2020 6572359

Assumed Name

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was registered by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County.

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Julian Jackson

A MINOR NO. 2019JD02008

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Willie Jackson (Father), respondents, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on December 23, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Patricia Mendoza in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on 01/31/2020 at 9:00 AM in CALENDAR 53 COURTROOM 4, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT January 6, 2020

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: J. Ruggieri, S. Sammel ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS January 6, 2020 6569441

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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 Kalayni Johnson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Rachel Johnson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00551

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Davia Gilmore (Father), AKA Dave Gilmore, AKA David Gilmore, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on May 24, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Shannon O'Malley in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/07/2020, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 6 COURTROOM F, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS December 23, 2019 6565683

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Dolton Public Library District is seeking proposals from qualified Contractors to provide uniformed security services for the library facilities at 14037 Lincoln Avenue; Dolton, IL 60419. The document is a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the security services described in the link that can be found on the library's website. RFP for Security Services at Dolton Public Library District We have the entire RFP posted on our library website which is: https://www.doltonpubliclibrary.org/1/17/2020 6574153

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Sofia Delatorre AKA Sofia Delatorre AKA Sophia Delatorre AKA Sophia Ana Delatorre

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Luz Delatorre (Mother) AKA Luz Delatorre-Estrada

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01156

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Abel Hernandez (Father), Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 11, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Niura Gonzalez in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/06/2020, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS December 24, 2019 6564461

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

IN THE INTEREST OF TaShara Nicole Lynn Brown AKA Tashay Brown

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Sondra Nicole Mitchell (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00478

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 02, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/07/2020, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS December 12, 2019 6562250

NOTICE TO ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK

OFFICIAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT at the Primary Election, to be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 in election precincts under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Clerk, touch screen voting machines with audio ballots will be available to any voter who has difficulty reading or vision impairment. Formal assistance will be given to those voters who qualify after the appropriate affidavits have been completed. In addition, any disabled voter who is unable to enter his or her paper ballot may have the judges of election bring an optical scan ballot outside to the voter. Applications for this service are available from the Cook County Clerk's office by calling (312) 603-0929 or by emailing Accessibility@cookcountyil.gov. Visit cookcountyclerk.com for additional information.

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Attn: Mail Voting Unit KAREN A. YARBROUGH Cook County Clerk cookcountyclerk.com 1/17/2020 6566256

LEGAL NOTICES

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND COUNSELING SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHICAGO AND SOUTH SUBURBS RFQ NO.: 19S3-17892

RFQ Document: The RFQ document is available for download at: https://legacy.cookcountytill.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php

Contact Person: if you are not able to download the RFQ or if you have other questions, please contact Kevin Casey, Specifications Engineer, at (312) 603-6830 or kevin.casey@cookcountytill.gov

Non-Mandatory Pre-Submittal Conference Date, Time, and Location: Friday, January 24, 2020 at 11:00 AM (CST) Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Cook County Building 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 5:00 PM (CST) on Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Submittal Due Date, Time, and Location: Friday, February 14, 2020 at 3:00 PM (CST) Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Cook County Building 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Toni Preckwinkle President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

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Late Submittals Will Not Be Accepted 1/17/2020 6574278

FORECLOSURES

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff vs- TRACEY M. IVERSEN, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant NO. 19 CH 13104 Property Address 4637 N. LEAMINGTON CHICAGO, IL 60630 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, TRACEY M. IVERSEN, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s) in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the First Judicial Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, by the Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT 19 IN BLOCK 4 IN SUNNYSIDE ADDITION TO JEFFERSON PARK A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF LOTS 2 TO 5 OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE'S SUBDIVISION SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 4637 N. Leamington, Chicago, IL 60630 Permanent Index No.: 13-16-209-02-0000 and which said Mortgage was made by TRACEY M. IVERSEN, Mortgagee and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois as Document No. 0021087916. And for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the said Circuit Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendant(s), file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Cook County, Illinois, on or before February 10, 2020, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. Dated: , at Chicago, Illinois. Dorothy Brown Clerk of the Circuit Court Cook County, Illinois. HAUSELMAN & RAPPIN, LTD. ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF - Atty #: 04452 29 E. Madison St., Chicago, IL 60602 (312)372 2020 1/10, 17, 24/2020 6567632

F19110086 LCARE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Loan Care, LLC Plaintiff vs. Richard L. Mandich aka Richard Mandich; First American Bank; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendant NO. 19 CH 13617 5334 West School Street Chicago, Illinois 60641 Curry, J. Calendar 57 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Richard L. Mandich aka Richard Mandich and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT 39 IN STOLTZNER'S CENTRAL AVENUE SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 4 (EXCEPT THE WEST 33 FEET) IN THE SUBDIVISION OF LOTS D, E AND F IN THE PARTITION OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 13-21-319-029-0000 Said property is commonly known as 5534 West School Street, Chicago, Illinois 60641, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Richard L. Mandich and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0625120009 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 10, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/fag/gethelp.asp or contact the Clerk of this Court, Shara A. Netherstrom (6294999) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: self-sanetrestrom@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys 1/10, 17, 24/2020 6566277

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO USA HOLDINGS INC., Plaintiff, v. SUZ

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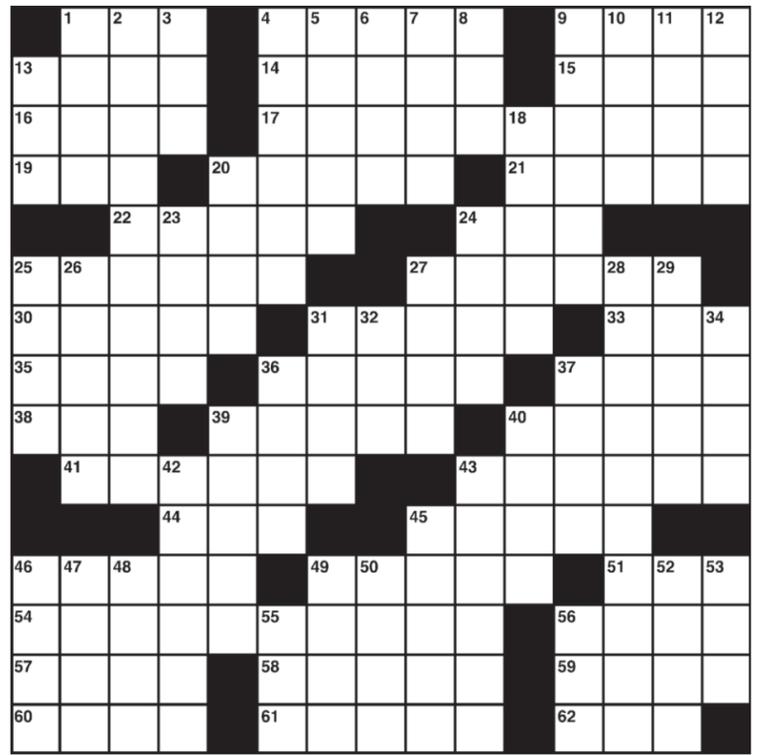
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**ACROSS**

- 1 \_\_\_ Moines
- 4 Prose writing
- 9 Musial or Laurel
- 13 The Bee Gees, e.g.
- 14 VP Agnew
- 15 Round flatbread
- 16 As \_\_\_ as pie
- 17 Accountant's need
- 19 Cake candles' indication
- 20 Abbot's charges
- 21 Wry literary style
- 22 Creeps up on
- 24 Scale divisions: abbr.
- 25 Horrified
- 27 Most uncommon
- 30 Miniseries based on Alex Haley's book
- 31 Steam bath
- 33 Caress
- 35 Does an outdoor chore
- 36 Famed
- 37 Perry, who sang "Catch a Falling Star"
- 38 Girl's nickname
- 39 Made a solemn promise
- 40 Angry uproar
- 41 Characteristics
- 43 Tennyson's specialty
- 44 Unknown John
- 45 Stir from sleep

- 46 Thread holder
- 49 Go bad
- 51 Org. for Knicks & Nets
- 54 Fearless
- 56 False witness
- 57 Flow out slowly
- 58 Spend foolishly
- 59 All at \_\_\_; suddenly
- 60 \_\_\_ on; crushed underfoot
- 61 Lose vital fluid
- 62 "Yuck!"

**DOWN**

- 1 Boring event
- 2 Truman's successor
- 3 \_\_\_ sauce; stir-fry ingredient, often
- 4 Accompany
- 5 Reaches across
- 6 Obi fabric
- 7 Curved paths
- 8 "Are \_\_\_ Lonesome Tonight?"
- 9 Few and far between
- 10 Brother of Michael Jackson
- 11 "Well, that went over like \_\_\_ of bricks!"
- 12 \_\_\_ a soul; nobody
- 13 Soothing drink
- 18 Zodiac sign
- 20 Church service
- 23 \_\_\_ one's words; recants

**Solutions**



- 24 Come to shore
- 25 Upper limbs
- 26 \_\_\_ with; date
- 27 Had regrets about
- 28 Solid cooking fat
- 29 MRI detection
- 31 Moms of piglets
- 32 Suffix for consider or decor
- 34 Gruesome, as a horror film
- 36 C-sharp or A-flat
- 37 Signals to actors
- 39 String quartet instrument
- 40 Umpire's shout
- 42 Thought the world of
- 43 Self-confident
- 45 Mailman's beat
- 46 Falkirk native
- 47 Penniless
- 48 Greek liqueur
- 49 Barking marine mammal
- 50 Sit for a portrait
- 52 Renowned German composer
- 53 "\_\_\_ you kidding me?"
- 55 Clinton's successor, for short
- 56 Baseball's Gehrig

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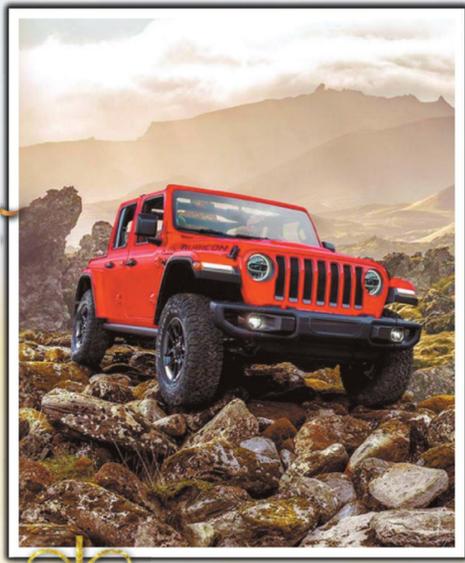
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